# The Networker

A publication for Rotarians and all community minded people.





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#### VALE:

**The Rotary Club of Melton** mourns the death of Past President and Paul Harris Fellow Daryl Leonard after a long illness. Sympathies are offered to his wife and current President Lyn Leonard.

**The Rotary Club of Melbourne** mourns the passing of Dr Brian Rawlings, Past Secretary, Paul Harris Fellow Sapphire and Rotarian for over 42 years, Barry's service to the Club was recognised and commended. His thoughtful counsel, leadership, intelligence and friendship will be missed.

## DG Bronwyn —out and about in October

Thank you District 9800 Rotarians for what you offer your community, our areas of focus and avenues of service. "Be the Inspiration" is a perfect theme in 2018.

During Foundation month showcasing our projects that are leveraged upwards through Foundation funds is inspiring. Some of the photos below highlight Foundation projects and endeavours. In this role I have lots of conversations with other charities and organisations. It is always a privilege to discuss Rotary's ability to connect Rotarians, Government, key stakeholders and Our Rotary Foundation.

The fact that we allow our members achieve their dreams by our contributions to The Rotary Foundation without unnecessary overheads...it makes perfect sense. The Rotary Foundation is Charity Navigators one of top 2 charities Worldwide, and that is astounding. It has a 4 star rating and has had that continuously for 11 years. I always consider that when choosing what Charity to donate to. That's why Our Foundation is my charity of choice.

A Positive Peace Event is being hosted in our patch on 26th November at Graduate House 6pm. This and the Peace Scholars we are funding are contributing to this vital area of focus.

At Conference in February we will have a District 9800 breakout Conference on Sunday morning. This will be our own time together to celebrate unique achievements. RC Melbourne Ambassadorial Scholar Katie Wilford, Rotary Zone 8 Humanitarian of the Year Ruth Carloz-Martinez and others will showcase their experiences of The Rotary Foundation in action.

Please consider Club contributions during the next period and be prepared to bring them to Conference as is the tradition. Lets celebrate OUR Rotary Foundation.

Shalom



Lift The Lid with Sam at RC Flemington



Rotary House conversation with PDG Gordon McKern, Eric Wright and Pam Baker



Such a pleasure meeting PDG Colin Gibbons at the sad occasion of PDG Vance Hilton's memorial



Lift The Lid with friends at RC Yarraville



Raising funds in Del's honour, RC Flemington thank-you



Victorian Police mentoring opening celebration. RC Flemington thank-you! Robert Fisher, Neville Taylor, Rosemary Waghorne You did D9800 proud.



RC Footscray was a lot of fun. have your own caravan now Thank you RC Daylesford Rotarian David Stagg for taking me to sample your apple cider

Past International Vice President and RI Foundation Trustee Jennifer Jones and some other Rotary friends thoroughly enjoyed a little drop or two.



Thank you David Whiting for all you assist in helping us understand legislation and governance



Jennifer Jones is a Rotarian like you and me. Vice President of Rotary International at one stage and now a trustee of Rotary Foundation. She spent her time with me wanting to support Interact, Projects and Rotarians. I was honoured to take her to Donations in Kind and Baden Powell College.





Thank you PDG Julie Mason for a wonderful day educating students at Baden Powell College That End Polio is important, we will continue this endeavour for the children of tomorrow

RC Bendigo enjoyed a twilight.fair. Painting gnomes was fun.



PDG Des and Andrew bringing medical supplies to DIK—thank you RC Essendon North welcoming a new member Claire. Thank you Mary for welcoming me—we had a lot to discuss being members of Rotarian Action Group against Slavery

The most beautiful hat at RC Keilor East went to....



Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children celebrating 30 years at RC Kangaroo Flat where it all started by Barry Cooper, Dr Murray Stapleton, Jenny Penno and more. Secretary Jim Prokhovnik ensured that the evening was a wonderful success.



Les Porter, it was an honour to be able to celebrate the start of this year's journey for you. 1000 kms raising \$10,000 for the Salvos. RC Wyndham all around you...well done you lot.



Matthew Scott thank you for teaching your students social responsibility. Loved being part of it. Thanks for the invitation



Rotary Hoppers Crossing—George you were very funny! Thank you for telling your happy story. You earned that happy dollar!







President Ginny, what a pleasure it was being present when you welcomed Michael and Helen into your team at RC Keilor East. What a special evening





Spending 2 hours at Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) I observed an incredible space where the 15-16 year olds were totally in the moment, wanting to soak up every opportunity and enjoying the multidimensional experiences. They were connecting with each other and when it came time to say goodbye they were genuinely sad. It was fascinating observing the support team interact. The program was clearly structured but was very much fun and there were choices offered in each module. It is very impressive and I congratulate the RYPEN team.

# World Polio Day Celebrations in District 9800

**World Polio Day**, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October this year, was a very special day in Melbourne this year. Many clubs found unique ways to share the day and many clubs made special efforts for fund raising to support Rotary's efforts to end polio.

For some Rotarians and their partners it was a very special day indeed as they had the opportunity to participate in a very special function at Level 89 in Eureka Tower with Past Rotary International Vice President, Jennifer Jones, who travelled from Canada for this event. In case you are wondering, the trip took 39 hours and it was not at the front of the plane, so we are deeply indebted to Jennifer for making this trip. She was home-hosted by DG Bronwyn and Mark for her stay.



The function was arranged on behalf of and hosted by Past District Governor Jennifer Scott who is Vice Chair, **End Polio Now: Countdown to History Committee.** 

Jennifer Jones is well-known to many Rotarians by name if not by direct acquaintance. In her day job she is president and CEO of Media Street Productions Inc. She actively participates on many boards in her community, including as chair of the Board of Governors of the University of Windsor in Canada.

Apart from her role as a previous RI Director (and Vice-President) Jennifer has served Rotary as RI president's representative; Rotary International training leader; committee adviser, member, and vice chair Rotary public image and zone coordinator; leaders' seminar trainer; moderator; and District Governor.

Jennifer is a recipient of RI's highest award, the Service Above Self Award. Jennifer is Chair of the Hamburg RI Convention Promotional Committee and from 2019 will be a Trustee of The Rotary Foundation. It was indeed an honour to have Jennifer as a special guest for this very special function.

Guests at this function came from most Victorian Districts and were invited because of their previous generosity in supporting **The Rotary Foundation** and because of their influence and passion to keep supporting "fighting polio to the finish".

Whilst the ticket price was in keeping with the elevation of the 89<sup>th</sup> floor, all those attending agreed it was worth every penny and they were treated to an outstanding address by Jennifer Jones.

She has an amazing capacity for sharing her message and reminding us why we need to keep fighting the fight. Well known broadcaster David Mann contributed his services to inspirationally emcee the evening.



Polio eradication is of course the number one priority of The Rotary Foundation and Bill and Melinda Gates have motivated us to continue our contributions and focus through their two for one matching grant - and in D9800 we have done so. Events like this really help the cause but clubs and Rotarians can also really help in many ways.

A good number have helped and been entertained at the same time by attending the special Rotary screenings of the movie, Bohemian Rhapsody at Yarraville, Bendigo and Echuca. The profits will be matched by District DDF and through extra matches from The Rotary Foundation and the Gates Foundation. Every dollar raised will generate \$7.50 for polio eradication. How magical is that! The same applies to funds raised through DG Bronwyn's Smartie jars and support for **Prance in the Park** on 17<sup>th</sup> November. You still have time to support these events.

Not everyone who would have like to have been at the Eureka Tower function could be there so Jennifer also met a number of those Rotarians at other smaller functions. No visit to Melbourne would be complete without a visit to DIK and Jennifer gladly obliged. She also visited Baden Powell College where she met Interactors and Teachers who all had their pinkies painted purple for the occasion.

The Eureka Tower function was not the end of Polio Day acknowledgment and about half of those at the function made their way to Melbourne Town Hall, which had been specially lit up for the occasion, for what has become an iconic photo opportunity that has been a big hit on social media.



Past District Governor Dennis Shore Chair, District 9800 Foundation Committee <u>djshore@bigpond.net.au</u>

## Melbourne Town Hall Lit Up in Red for World Polio Day

"End Polio Now" Day ended in Melbourne with the Melbourne Town Hall ablaze in red signifying our World Polio Day. Young people visiting the city were happily photographed with our banner ..... Melbourne tram in the background rumbling along Swanston Street!



Melbourne Rotary and Rotarians from Melbourne clubs were among millions reaching out on "End Polio Now" Day to raise awareness, funds and support to end polio – a vaccine preventable disease that still threatens children in parts of the world today. Rotary Club of Melbourne is a proud supporter of the *"One Day. One Focus: Ending Polio 24 October".* 

Robert Fisher, President, Rotary Club of Melbourne commented on End Polio Now Day: "We're pleased to continue supporting Rotary's primary global campaign which has gone so far towards eradicating this insidious disease.

But we have to keep up the momentum until at least three polio free years are declared."

Rotary Club of Melbourne members leverage their networks and create partnerships to help build a better world. As a Club, this means using the skills and passions of members to make a positive difference in local, national and international communities. The Club (100 years young in 2021) meets for lunch weekly on Wednesdays at 12.30pm at the Sofitel in Collins Street and at monthly evening meetings at Old Treasury Building and visitors are welcome.

Since Rotary and its partners launched the Global Polio Eradication Initiative 30 years ago, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent, from about 350,000 cases a year to just 22 cases in 2017. To sustain this progress, and protect all children from polio, Rotary has committed to raising US\$50 million per year in support of global polio eradication efforts.

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation matches Rotary's commitment 2:1. Without full funding and political commitment, this paralyzing disease could return to previously polio-free countries, putting children everywhere at risk.

Rotary has contributed more than US\$1.8 billion to ending polio since 1985, including contributions by the Rotary Club of Melbourne.

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# 'POSITIVE PEACE

DATE: Monday 26 November 2018 at 6:00pm - 9.15 pm
LOCATION: Graduate House, 220 Leicester Street, Carlton
BOOKINGS: Bookings through Trybooking: <u>https://www.trybooking.com/442797</u>



You have heard plenty of talk about building peace as our Rotary District maintained its Black Caviar record of identifying Peace Fellows. Peace means different things to different people. But what does PEACE mean to you?

The Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) – an Australian based organisation – has partnered with The Rotary Foundation in Evanston to establish the Rotary Peace Academy, an interactive program which explains "Positive Peace". Again, Australia leads the way.

At the seminar, experience and learn about "Positive Peace"; bring a laptop or if you do not have a laptop, there will be projected information on the practicalities of peace. So, rather than sitting passively in an audience, come and be actively involved in the program.

Rotary Peace Fellow, Charlie Allen, has been appointed to launch the program for IEP and has already run successful sessions in Mexico where it is backed by the government and in Uganda. This will be its Australian launch; facilitated by Charlie Allen and another IEP staff member, both of whom are travelling from Sydney to conduct the launch.

It is aimed to have District 9800 lead the way for all Australian Districts in getting the Rotary Peace Academy's program into all Clubs. This Australian initiative is adding extra "*oomph*" into one of Rotary International's Areas of Focus – Peace and Conflict/Prevention/Resolution.

Some of our Peace Fellows will be at the Seminar and the break for light refreshments will provide an opportunity for networking and socialising. We guarantee that this Seminar will definitely be different and interactive.

Cost: \$30.00 per person

Enquiries: Bob Fels, 9417 6550 or email robertmfels@gmail.com

## Flemington's Festival of Arts and Ideas connects community

The inaugural **Flem-Ken Festival of Arts and Ide**as has ended with several thousand people participating in almost 100 free events during October. Past District Governor Julie Mason was Patron of the Festval.

Organised by the Rotary Club of Flemington and connecting visual and creative artists from the wider Flemington and Kensington areas, the festival showcased the talents of local residents. The event arose from a Community Connects forum held by the club last year where residents and community groups expressed a desire to work together to showcase and connect across the municipality.

A Poster Competition to identify the focus on the festival was won by Kent Allamby whose poster became the "face" of the event. Runners up were Stella Burzkueven and Jesse Birch. <u>https://www.flem-kenfestival.com/poster/</u>

Over the month long Festival, people from far and wide experienced the displays of visual arts, participated in a range of craft events, music, song, dance, theatre and the spoken word in events run by the various groups and coordinated by the work of festival chair Dr Anne McMahon and a dedicated team.

Supported by sponsorship from Moonee Valley Council through a Community Grant and with additional funding from Nelson Alexander, Bendigo Bank, McManus Lawyers and Pepper Café, a Festival HUB at the old Bendigo Bank building enabled a drop in space for events, bookings and showcasing the work of artists Stella Hyde, David Muir, John Elston, Sam Nicol, Gwendoline Krumins and William Makepeace Arnold. Jake, a student from Ascot Vale Special School displayed a series of his 'anime' works, one of which was sold.

**Spoken Word** events drew record audiences, especially the presentation by Professor Jenny Hocking on the Whitlam Dismissal and the discussion by local authors Helen Garner and Margaret Symons on Crime and the Law.

Children and students from Mount Alexander College, Kensington Community High School and Kensington Community Children's Co-operative, were involved in art, craft and music events while the presentation of "Coco" in Pin Oak Crescent drew almost 1000 children and their parents on Saturday night.

A focus was the **Gallery Walk** featuring artists at Flemington Library, Flem-Ken RSL, Crown Street Stables, Kensington Town Hall, Café 1565, Pin Oak Beer & Wine, and the Festival HUB.

MVCC Cr Jim Cusack expressed his delight at the participation in events and was very pleased at the resulting community connectedness which was evident throughout the month.

Lesley McCarthy President Rotary Club of Flemington http://rotaryflemington.org.au/







# Four Rotary Clubs combined to sort and load the cargo into three containers destined to help the poor in the third world.

At 9.00 am on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October we teamed up with the Rotary Clubs of Belgrave, Ringwood and Wandin at Clayton to pack a container of goods (mainly medical) destined for Cambodia. The history of the container is complex, but in a nutshell we have bought it (and contents) from RC Belgrave, after it had been declared seaworthy.

After a briefing from Belgrave's Wayne McKenzie, we emptied out three containers, and sorted the goods according to their destinations: Cambodia, Fiji and elsewhere. Wayne proved to be an expert at stacking, as we started re-loading the containers: first the heavy stuff: hospital beds.

There were 80 metal bed frames that easily stood on end, and ten large electrically powered beds already stacked on top of each other. Fortunately most of the latter were safely in place, and did not need to be re-loaded. Bed heads and ends were squeezed in wherever they could fit: as we pay transport per cubic foot, spare space is a waste.

Russell Hayes (RC Wandin) of "**Wheelchairs for Kids**" had a couple of trailer-loads of wheelchairs to be added, and there were several boxes of "Days for Girls" goods added, before the upper space was filled with bags of hospital linen and of course several mattresses for the beds.

For the record and the manifest the items we included were:

- 36 new adult wheelchairs in cartons for Russian Hospital Phnom Penh
- 25 new Wheelchairs for Kids children's wheelchairs in cartons for two disability centres.

• 200 new Days for Girls kits within ten cartons for AusCam in Phnom Penh (which is an NGO established by an Australian woman for prevention of female child trafficking in Cambodia).

What else? Better ask Peter Lugg, who was kept busy with pen and paper keeping track of the goods as they were loaded. An X-Ray machine, an operating theatre table, an ultrasound, BP and data trolleys, examination couches, and some mysterious boxes of technical equipment, Peter logged it

By 2.00 pm the work was over, and our container locked up. It will be sent to the Donations-in-Kind Warehouse in West Footscray for final topping up, and then to the Khmer-Soviet Friendship Hospital in Phnom Penh, where Peter will meet it and supervise distribution of the goods. The cost of our project is around \$6,000, and the benefit to Cambodia is approximately \$200,000 of goods.

Special thanks to Wayne McKenzie of Belgrave RC for organising the container, workers and goods, and especially the refreshments that kept us going on a warm day. Thanks also to David Rush's International Committee volunteers for all the heavy lifting. (or rather their clever footwork that ensured the younger members of Belgrave and Wandin RCs got an opportunity to show their provess) From Hawthorn: President Ian Bentley,



David Rush, Katrina Flinn & Mick Tyrrell, John Perry, David Pisterman, Peter Lugg and Gordon Cheyne.

Gordon Cheyne, Rotary Club of Hawthorn <u>gcheyne@bigpond.net.au</u>

# Focus on Homelessness

A group of Rotarians from District 9800 have been meeting for the last few months to discuss the issue of Homelessness. The District 9800 Homelessness Working group is chaired by PDG Peter Frueh and includes Rotarians form several clubs within the district.

This working group formed following a District 9800 forum held last year where dozens of clubs and organisations working in the Homelessness space shared projects, ideas and discussed this vital issue that is affecting all communities in our district, Victoria and Australia.

District 9800 already has many clubs are involved in the homelessness space with many great projects supporting homeless people in many areas across our communities.

The District 9800 Homelessness working group has a number of recommendations with one being to increase the knowledge of Rotarians, and the community on the facts of the homelessness situation.

As a starting point we recommend every Rotarian follow the link below and take the homeless quiz.

https://www.sbs.com.au/learn/filthy-rich-and-homeless/guiz?cx\_cid=edm:myweek:19

Other clubs have shown interest and are looking for information and connections with current projects to get their own projects started.

To support this connection and increase the knowledge of homelessness the working group are currently in early planning stages for;

- A session at the Multi District conference in February 15-17, 2019
- Developing a brochure to increase awareness
- More details will be made available as the planning develops.

For further information contact D9800 Secretary Jane Pennington (<u>secretary@rotarydistrict9800.org.au</u>) or PDG Peter Frueh (<u>peter.frueh@gmail.com</u>).

#### Grant

Grant Hocking ASM (Melissa) Woodend Rotary Rotary District 9800 District 9800 Governor 2019-2020 Email: granthocking64@gmail.com Phone: 0429 802 722 Women in Rotary - International Women's Day Breakfast - 7th March

#### PUBLICITY BOARD LOCATIONS WANTED: Women in Rotary - International Women's Day Breakfast

On Thursday 7 March 2019, Rotarians, Sponsors, Colleagues and Friends will join together to celebrate difference and working together.

We are currently looking to secure strategic sites on main roads where Publicity Boards can be located during February 2019. We are keen to ensure that this event which attracts a diverse audience (800-1200 attendees) is well promoted.

If you, your Club, family, friends and/or neighbours have the capacity to 'host' a Publicity Board and raise awareness of our International Women's Day Breakfast through identifying a suitable location, please contact Judy Newgreen for more details - <u>judy.newgreen@gmail.com</u>

#### VCE STUDENT PARTICIPATION

With a commitment to investing in the next generation's understanding of the value of celebrating difference, each year we allocate 100 student tickets, and they are snapped up fast!

If your Club would like to support the attendance of a few VCE students to attend our Rotary showcase event - **International Women's Day Breakfast** on Thursday 7 March 2019, tickets can now be purchased at the special student price of \$50.

For more details and a letter of invitation, please contact Dorothy Gilmour - <u>gilmour.dorothy@gmail.com</u>

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# **Report on the 2018 Philippines Mission**

The Rotary Club of Canterbury has just completed its **22nd Medical Mission to the Philippines** with a team of 26 members participating under the Club's auspices.

This year, from Canterbury we had Doug Hawley as Team Leader, Kyle Wightman as Team Spokesman, Kate and Gerry Cross, David Chudasko with his daughter Hannah, Andrew Mastrowicz, Rob Simpson, with Tony Laycock and Lili-Ann Kriegler joining the mission for the first time. There were several of Doug's friends also participating: Rose and Brendan Birthistle, Eugene Fitzwilliam and Paul Rogers. Other participants from down under included Malu Jose and her daughter Jade, Loretta Lamb and Jason Thomas.

The Rotary Club of Canterbury again sponsored four final year orthoptic students from La Trobe University - Kalanie Gunatillake, Sophie Gutknecht, Kaitlin Rust and Rachele Stin, with a further student from Swinburne completing Media Studies, Ainsley (Annie) Oates, who filmed and will be completing a video synopsis of the Medical Mission and our FORaMEAL disaster emergency food project to present to our Club in the near future.

We again had much support of the local Rotarians, including Jim Clements, formerly a member of our Club, with Lea Clements (Alzola) and Heia Natalia, also a member of Rizal West Rotary Club.

Following a brief stopover in Manila on 5th October, our 26 member team flew out early the next morning to Puerto Princesa, the capital of the island of Palawan, to be greeted at the airport by the Puerto Princesa brass band, the Rotary Clubs of Puerto Princesa and Puerto Princesa Central, and the Eye HEAR Foundation Inc (formerly Cataract Foundation of the Philippines).



The Foundation contributed 8 additional members plus 2 Opthalmologists and an Ear, Nose & Throat Specialist to the Mission Team. Additional team members were added from the two local Rotary Clubs and from the municipal councils in the towns screened.

We then worked our way progressively north during the rest of the week in Palawan, screening in the towns of Roxas, San Vicente, Taytay and El Nido.

Patients eye screened totalled approximately 1,900. This screening resulted in approximately 300 reading glasses and 600 sun glasses being provided, and 170 cataract and pterygium eye surgeries being performed by Dr Reden Rabino to cure preventable blindness. In addition in a new initiative by the Foundation, over 400 sunglasses were given out to primary school children in an effort to prevent eye problems due to sun glare developing, and over 60 prescription glasses were distributed to high school children to significantly improve their eye sight and consequent school performance.

In the same towns, the Mission Team also gave 5,000 children ear examinations with about 35% requiring and being given corrective treatment.

After a week of hard but rewarding work, we all went on a boat ride, swimming and snorkelling amongst the many beautiful and remote tiny islands around Palawan.

Later that day, we were also privileged to see and assist the final group of locals having their eye patches removed following eye surgeries. One lady, who had not been able to see for three years due to severe cataracts, jumped up and cried, dancing with joy for being able see again. A truly emotional experience for all present.

A big thank you should go out to Doug Hawley for his tireless efforts in putting together yet another exciting and productive Medical Mission to the Philippines.

































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# Harvesting unwanted Children's Playgrounds brings Joy to children who have never seen one.

During our Port Melbourne Rotary Club meeting on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September we had great pleasure of presenting a "Certificate of Thanks" to Peter Cribb, and to celebrate the evening together with Bev, his wife. Peter is a member of The Rotary Club of Flemington and the reason for our presentation was to recognise the wonderful initiative and work undertaken by him. It involves the "rescue" of Children's Playground facilities that are regularly dismantled and taken away for scrap or put into landfill to be replaced with new equipment. However, these playgrounds are often in very good condition, being very well made of steel and solid plastic. Peter had the idea that, whilst these Play-grounds could not be reinstalled for use in Australia, they could be shipped overseas and used to help children in very poor communities.

#### How this idea started:

Recently, the Rotary Club of Flemington had a super project in Sri Lanka where they were asked to provide a girls' orphanage with a variety of equipment (computers, sewing machines, fabrics, books, toys and a container, which became a Library. To fill the container, rather than send air, a playground was requested.

The project started by a chance meeting with a special person called Dr Eshantha Ariyadasa who established and runs a home for girls in Kurunegala. The story behind this is tear jerking. Peter offered to help and RC Flemington offered support, adding to a significant private local donation.



Peter Cribb (left) with Chris Hendricks International Director from RC Port Melbourne

Eventually a 40ft container with lots of donated goodies was shipped.

It also including a complete outdoor playground sourced from the City of Geelong that was being replaced with more modern one. Despite a variety of regulatory and people blockers that needed to be overcome, the playground was eventually recovered.

The container of goods was transported via the Rotary Donations in Kind Warehouse at West Footscray and with support from a number of organisations in Sri Lanka. The playground now provides a wonderful addition to the life of the girls and the surrounding community.

These are girls from the Sputnik Girl's home on their playground in Kurunegula. This is the playground equipment previously in Leopold, Geelong that was donated to Rotary by Greater Geelong Council.

# Better here in Sri Lanka with the girls from Sputnik than in Landfill in Australia!!



That was a single playground to a single institution and there are lots of schools in very poor communities who could use a similar playground. It seems there are many playgrounds available here that could also be sent to needy communities in many parts of the world. It's a question of bringing the various elements into sync to see it all come together.

Peter Cribb has been out beating the drums around councils, schools, kindergartens and suppliers and has established that playgrounds are available and right now he has offers of playgrounds from Carrum Downs, Bendigo, Diamond Creek and Saltwater Creek. Local councils have also indicated that they, too, will have playgrounds coming available over the next year or so. It is clear that this program has the potential to grow into a monster undertaking. It's one that needs other people to help Peter get things moving.

**STEP 1.** Peter needs some people to join with him to form a Committee to manage the organisation and administration of the activity.

**STEP 2.** Once the playgrounds are identified assistance is required to manage the dismantling. It is hoped that Rotary Clubs in the near vicinity to the playgrounds will be involved. They have an opportunity to work with Men's sheds, Scout Groups and the like in this process which will help foster relationships with other groups in the area. Before removal, the components of the playground are marked up (guidelines supplied) so that they can be reconstructed in exactly the same way in Sri Lanka. Then they are disassembled by the Rotary team, or sometimes by the contractor. The contractor removes and cleans the footings off uprights and the playground is ready to be moved.

**STEP 3.** A Committee member or the participating Rotary Cub will then arrange delivery to DIK Footscray and into a container. It will be used to store the dismantled playgrounds until a full container can be despatched to Sri Lanka where Rotary and other groups are ready and willing to handle the reassembly.

This is a project with some good, hands on, fellowship, a strong international flavour and excellent use of the playgrounds that will otherwise go to a metal recycler or landfill. An MOU with the Rotary Club of Colombo has now been signed. This is for the next twelve-month period, with the object of sending six forty-foot containers each containing six playgrounds (approx.)

There are now similar requests for playgrounds from a consortium of Rotary Clubs building a school in Balibo, Timor Leste. One playground, also donated by the City of Greater Geelong, has now arrived onsite and is being installed. Follow-up requests are likely. Peter has met with members of the State Government Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning who are responsible for a project with Timor Leste, initiated some years ago by Steve Bracks.

They want help to obtain a playground/s. In return they will seek to have the State Government recommend the Slides into Sri Lanka (SISL) initiative throughout Victoria. We have learnt that you need to be patient! A potential playground being offered in Bendigo has been delayed until State Govt. funding comes through. A Werribee playground has been delayed due to a problem with work undertaken years ago by the original site contractors. The Marriott playground was also delayed by a challenge from a minority of members of the Body Corporate. However they will be harvested!

Barbara Champion, Executive Officer of *Play Australia*, has used the channels of her organisation to 'sell' the project to councils, contractors etc. Her work has helped the project to become more widely known. The support from a Paul Cotter and other members of the Greater Geelong Council Staff in addressing questions from counterparts in other councils has been hugely significant.

For councils, the project has wide appeal but there are blockers to overcome. All sorts of concerns that crop up that must be addressed. Council officers are being urged to think out of the square. For example, some Councils are concerned with their legal responsibility regarding removal. They can, instead, simply connect us with the contractor. Phone discussions have been held with a representative of MAV Local Government Insurance who are the liability insurers for many Councils throughout Victoria. He advised that council concerns are unfounded as their liability ceases once the playground is handed over.

A small but growing number of councils are now adding a requirement into their tender documents that the successful tenderer should work with Rotary in the playground's disposal. Many playground contractors are also initiating the connection with Rotary independent of the council. They hate to see these playgrounds going to landfill or scrap. Some are making the Rotary collaboration a feature of their tender for playground renewals.

Having sorted the procurement and shipping issues it occurred to a couple of us that we can and should send many more playgrounds. There are approx 400 playgrounds in the Greater Geelong Council Area and 80 councils/shires in Victoria. Many hundreds are upgraded every year with the old, very serviceable playground going for scrap metal and landfill! In compliance with Council Health & Safety Regulations they cannot be reused in Australia without an extensive (and expensive) safety audit.

Peter feels that we are getting towards a "tipping point" where an organisation's decision to remove a playground will be Immediately followed by the decision to contact Rotary! This might be a local club in any district in Victoria or interstate. We need that enquiry to be followed up. If you have any friends who are members of a Rotary Club, please tell them about the project and ask them to form a team to remove a playground should it become available in their area. We need to encourage even small Rotary Clubs to participate. They don't need to do the work; they just need to lead a team from an organisation in their club's community. It is a great way for the wider community to experience first hand the work of Rotary.

#### • Remember, NO digging, NO heavy lifting, NO perspiration, just generated inspiration.

Sam's the Man. Sam Nicol of the Rotary Club of Flemington is coordinating teams, tell him of your club's interest.
<u>mailto:ptcribb@gmail.com</u>
Graham Read, President, RC Port Melbourne 0423 328 340



Victorian Multi District Conference

#### "What Rotary Does" - Booth Information

The 2019 Multi District Conference Rotary Showcase (House of Friendship – Expo) will be held in 3,000 square metres of the Exhibition Centre, adjacent to the Conference. The Showcase will be open on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February. The public of Victoria will be invited in to see "What Rotary Does" and we would like you to come and show the wonderful array of projects we do and how we help.

As there are over 200 clubs across the four districts, it may be necessary to select projects from those that apply to have a booth. If there are clubs that have similar projects, we will encourage them to share a booth both to reduce costs to clubs and to allow the resourcing to be shared amongst the clubs. We will help to facilitate this.

The two types of booths outlined below are available for clubs to display their projects and are priced differently based on the cost. If you are interested in applying to have a booth at the Showcase, please contact Sue Cornelissen by email on <u>sueandwil@hotmail.com</u> or call for further information on 0425 808185.

#### **Booth Prices for Club projects**



\$300.00 per booth

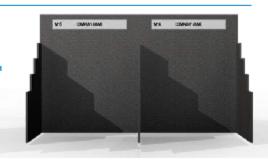
Booth is white with a sign on the fascia.

Each booth is 2mt x 3mt. Height 2.5mt

Includes:

- Lights
- Power
- 1.8mt table with 2 chairs
- Table cloth (black)

\$140.00 per booth - (This photo shows two booths.) Each booth is 2.4m wide by 1.2m deep, rear wall height is 2.4m Includes name of club / project on each booth. If power is required, please add \$60.00. Furniture not included but can be supplied at cost.



## Five Must-Do's To Get Your Event Noticed On Social Media

Social Media can support a Club event by following these five steps.

1. Create a page for your event on Facebook\

Find someone in your club to serve as page administrator, and follow the **easy steps at Facebook.com**. When creating an event page, add some news before inviting friends.

Keep the text short and snappy, bearing in mind that social media is designed to entertain.

Avoid Rotary jargon and abbreviations. You want your page to sound like what you would say to a friend who doesn't know anything about Rotary.

2. Use active photos that show people doing things.

Photos of active people having fun will generate the excitement you want to portray far better than checkpassing photos or group shots.

Get up close for compelling portraits.

Five photos provide a good start for a Facebook post or gallery. You can tag people in the photos so they appear on their timeline, but don't go overboard.

You can also download Rotary visuals for your page from the **Brand Center** (My Rotary login required).

#### 3. Get all members involved in social media.

Social media works as a public relations tool because likes, shares, and comments spread the original message beyond the creator's immediate network and into the networks of friend's friends. It's much like a stone skipping across a pond: Each bounce produces new ripples. Every member needs to play a role in sharing posts.

#### 4. Spend a little money on a Facebook ad.

Facebook has made changes over the years that limit the number of people who automatically see your posts. In the past, posts would be seen by 60 to 80 percent of the people in your network. Today, you are lucky if 8 percent of your network sees any of your posts

The good news, is that an investment of as little as \$25 to \$50 can boost your reach significantly. For example, if your club is planning a 5K race, you can take out an ad that targets people who live a certain distance from your community and who are runners, and reach several thousand people. If you want people to see your post or if you want to target people who have an interest in your event, a Facebook ad is really an inexpensive way to get result Once you have set up account information with Facebook, you need only click on the Boost Post button that appears on many of your posts to create an ad.

#### Check out Rotary on social media Read how Rotary Ideas is changing the landscape of crowdsourcing

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5. Use Twitter and hashtags often. Rotarian Rich Lalley, who manages social media campaigns for District 6440 in suburban Chicago, explains why Twitter is absolutely essential.

"Every reporter in the world uses Twitter; they are addicted to it, and use it constantly to get story ideas," he says. "Why would you not want to use it?"

Hashtags are a way to group social media posts on Twitter, Instagram, Google+, Pinterest, Facebook, and other social networking platforms. A hashtag is created by putting "#" in front of a word.

Using one or two hashtags per post makes your posts visible to anyone who shares your interest. For example, Rotary is using #ricon15 to amplify our message and generate enthusiasm about the **Rotary International Convention in São Paulo** in 2015.

And the hashtags **#endpolio** and **#WorldPolioDay** built excitement about polio eradication and **Rotary's live-streamed event** on World Polio Day, 24 October.

Find more pointers on using hashtags.

For assistance or more information contact Kerry Kornhauser, District Public Image and Communications Chair kerry.kornhauser@gmail.com 0411 597 690

# Around the Clubs ....

The Rotary Club of Werribee held a Cut, Giggle and Sew session held last Saturday. According to Mary Macaulay, there was plenty of a giggle with a bit of cutting and sewing thrown in. Barb Purdy, Ann Smith, Therese Daddy, Micki Hovey, Lyn Fava, Glenyce Deneys and Mary made 20 gift bags for Werribee Support and Housing clients. Each bag, which was created from donated fabric, was filled with lip stick, lip gloss and soap. The group will get together again soon to make another 60 packs as Christmas gifts to be handed out with food parcels.

Youth Director Caroline with Sandi from the **Rotary Club of Chadstone East Malvern** visited CBC St Kilda to present the Bert & Audrey Healy Awards to students in a very enthusiastic and inspiring music program.

Members from **Rotary Club of Southbank** ventured on a vocational excursion visiting club member David Jones in South Gippsland to learn about garlic on a cool plus windy Saturday morning on 3rd November 2018.

David explained how he and his wife Kirsten embarked this journey being garlic farmers and the obstacles they had to endure. With number of trials and errors, they found their f ormula and got going with production about eight (8) years ago. He also demonstrated the technology behind the endto-end process from when garlics are picked from the farm t o how it is sorted, quality assured and packaged for delivery. He also explained the variation of garlic which we find in the

markets and which ones are of quality for different types of dishes for cooking (mouth watering for sure).

**Members from Brighton North Rotary** assisting the 1<sup>st</sup>/14 Brighton Sea Scouts at their annual Water Activity Day at Karkarook Park. 280 people were registered for the day with kayaking; sailing and paddle boarding options for the children to experience. It was a terrific day! Thanks to the great team who cooked about 700 sausages!!!!





Congratulations to **Jenny Penno** from the **Rotary Club of Bendigo Strathdale** who was recognised at the 30th Anniversary Celebration of ROMAC, at Kangaroo Flat Rotary Club along with about 60 others.

ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children) was started in Kangaroo Flat by Rotarian Barrie Cooper in 1988 and is now an Australia wide organisation, into New Zealand, Fiji and the Pacific Islands



It was a big week for **Bendigo Strathdale** whose members also celebrated their 40 year anniversary.





#### Rotary Club of Central Melbourne members spent

Saturday 27th October at Shed 39, 400 Somerville Road where one of Rotary's best kept secrets is. It is from where the Donations In Kind venture operates, relying almost entirely on volunteers like us. Laurie Fisher was in charge, allowing Bob Glindeman to have a well earned rest.

Neville John, Roger Thornton, Rohan Williams and Frank O'Brien were tasked with pairing crutches and assembling hundreds of "lower and upper chairs" (for that read "big and small") and desks in readiness for "forklifting" into 40 foot

containers and headed for **Zimbabwe** (neighbouring village schools in Sidinda and Lumbora), courtesy of funding from RC Alfredton (a Ballarat based Club within District 9780) and **Kiribati**, courtesy of funding from RC Melton which is in our District 9800.

Meanwhile the remaining twelve of us were busily engaged in repackaging clothing and simultaneously separating summer clothes from winter clothes. These goods will then await demand from overseas and local needs.



**Days For Girls Keilor Gateway Cluster** has had a very busy year and will wind up for the year on 28th November. This is some of their work.





St Albans Secondary College Interact Club was the recipient of a Rotary International Interact Presidential Citation. The club was originally chartered by the Rotary Club of Brimbank Central and is now sponsored by the Rotary Club of Keilor East.

Pictured: Alex Billson, John Coulson, Keilor East President Ginny Billson, Barbara Rafter {formerly Brimbank Central now Keilor East} Rotary D9800 Interact Representative Jane Watters, Principal Kerrie Dowsley with 2018/19 Interact President May and 2017/18 Interact President Vanessa.





After the major earthquake in Nepal, **Yarra Bend Rotary** donated \$3000 for a water storage facility in the community of Kopan which we have been supporting for several years now through the Bright Future Community Centre. This latest injection of funds from Yarra Bend

Rotary initially connected some 300+ houses providing water for many families. After more work by the town development committee the pipework has been extended to a number of community buildings including the Bright Future Community Centre.

The **Rotary Club of Hoppers Crossing** organised free paediatric hearing screenings at Wyndham Park Primary School. 48 children aged 3.5 years to 6 years were screened by Masters of Audiology Students from the University of Melbourne. Of those, 32 passed the test, 7 were referred to their family doctor for investigations into the health of their middle ear, and 9 children were recommended for re-testing as they were unable to be fully assessed or they had results that may suggest a permanent hearing problem. A great vocational program,



#### **CHANCES Golf Day**

On Monday 29th October, more than 80 golfers assembled at the Box Hill Golf Club to enjoy fun, friendship and a hard fought Ambrose competition. They were there to raise funds for CHANCES, a scholarship program that supports secondary and tertiary students in the Boroondara area who find themselves in difficult circumstances. The CHANCES Golf Day was organised by the **Rotary Clubs of Boroondara**.

CHANCES scholarships are awarded to talented and motivated students who need financial support for studies and extra-curricular activities. The program elevates students, giving them a hand up, not a hand out. It impacts on their self-esteem and sense of achievement.

As we did last year, the Rotary Club of Canterbury gave the event considerable support. We sponsored two holes for \$200 each and were involved in the organisation. At least 10 of our members played in the event, enjoying the golf and then a delicious dinner.

The first prize was won by a team comprising Dylan Nash, Ryan Underwood, Griffin Underwood and Jarryd Swift with an Ambrose score of 51. The second prize, was won by Canterbury'sTony Laycock, Doug Hawley and their friends Eugene Fitzwilliam and Steve Curtis with a phenomenal score of 52.3 ... golfers will know how good this was!

Pictured L-R:

Tony Laycock, Eugene Fitzwilliam, Doug Hawley and Steve Curtis



The Golf Day raised in excess of \$9,000 which is an outstanding achievement. The Raffle alone on the night raised over \$1,000. What a generous amount over and above the cost of the golf and the dinner!

The organisers Noel Halford, Robert Hogan and Clinton Sceney did a great job increasing numbers over last year and organising sponsors. They were assisted by Lili-Ann Kriegler who managed golf prizes, the raffle, displays and table settings.

Long time overseers of the CHANCES Scholarship Program, Helen and Wayne Worledge, were delighted with the outcome.

No one was accurate enough to score a hole-in-one and win the sporty Kia sedan offered by Kia Chadstone. Maybe next year?

The event sponsors were: Rotary Club of Canterbury, Rotary Club of Hawthorn, Rotary Club of Yarra Bend, Kia Chadstone, Maling Road Business Association, Bob Stewart Kew, Stylemaster Panels, Wayne & Helen Worledge, Ms Di Gillies, Bank of Melbourne, Fitness Outcomes, Ham Kerr Property, Parkes Lawyers, Bickfords, Sapphire Solar, Palace Cinemas, Ms Kim D'Arcy, Metropolitan Foods, Blue Illusion and MCC.

Max Holland Ph: 0428 477 488 bulletin@canterburyrotary.org

# Welcome to our newest Rotarians ....

**Rotary Club of Laverton Point Cook** President Catherine O'Connor welcomed their newest member CJ Wright, pictured here with his wife Marie and daughter Victoria.

The **Rotary Cub of Fitzroy** welcomed Jess Hiew as their newest member District Governor Bronwyn Stephens was visiting the Club on the night and assisted President Steve.





The **Rotary Club of Essendon North** inducted Heather Statt at a recent meeting. Heather is pictured with partner David and Club President Msrk Mott.





Adrian Nelson was inducted into the **Rotary Club of Melbourne** on 24th October 2018 with the classification of Funeral Services. Adrian transferred from the Rotary Club of Glen Eira where he was inducted in 2003.

The **Rotary Club of Keilor East** welcomed Michael Gallus as a member. Michael is the Founder of the Footys4all Charity and is a former teacher.





#### Multi District Conference Saturday 16th to Sunday 17th February PEACE FORUM Friday 15th February

#### PLEASE DO NOT LOGIN FIRST UNLESS YOU ARE CHANGING A BOOKING

**IULTI DISTRICT CONFERENCE REGISTRATION (before November 30th)** 

ONFERENCE ALONE Normal: \$175 Concession \$125 (New Rotarian -joined after Jan 2017; Rotaractor, YEX Student)

SALA DINNER \$110 PER PERSON (Saturday Night Convention Centre)

artners may book for the Dinner without registering for the conference.

'EACE FORUM (before November 30th)

With MD Conference registration \$75 PEACE FORUM ALONE \$150



#### REGISTRATION

Before November 30th \$150 (\$75 with MultiDistrict Conference registration) After November 30th \$200





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#### This summit will help you:

- Understand Rotary's use of the areas of focus to prevent conflict
- Identify conflicts and their root causes in your own communities and worldwide
- Develop action steps toward creating peace, including strategies for your community

Connect with others interested in working toward

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Friday February 15th 2019

# What started in a tin shed?

**Featured Speaker** 



Stephanie Woollard Founder & CEO of Seven Women

Stephanie Woollard began Seven Women at age 22 after meeting seven disabled women working in a tin shed in Kathmandu. These seven women were struggling to make a living in the face of harsh discrimination. With her last \$200, Stephanie paid for trainers to teach the women how to produce products for sale locally and abroad – and Seven Women was born. In 2016, Stephanie was presented with the Rotary International Responsible Business Award at the United Nations NYC. She says 'the best way to help is to empower women through trade, not aid.

You're invited to hear Stephanie's incredible story. Book Now!



Club of Camberwell

#### WEDNESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 6.15 for 6.30pm Presented by the Rotary Club of Camberwell

Conochie Hall, 2 Rochester Rd. Canterbury Meeting includes quality spit roast dinner @ \$30 p/p. Refreshments available. RSVP Wed 7 Nov. Alan Lorenzini: alan@lorenzinigroup.com.au

# The **Rotary Caroline Springs Farmers Market** is a community market, supported by Caroline Springs Rotary.

The market will provide access to locally grown fruits, vegetables, and other farm products, while creating a sense of community within Caroline Springs establishing the Caroline Springs Lake precinct as a hub for community activity. The Market Committee is seeking to appoint a Market Manager as a part time position with primary responsibility for the day-to-day operation of the farmers market. This will include an on-site presence at the market during all market hours, as well as off-site work during non-market hours. The manager will report to the RCS Farmers Market Committee who will set all market policy as well as representing the market to the market's vendors, consumers, and to the Caroline Springs community.

As the public face of the Rotary Caroline Springs Farmers Market the Market Manager will approach this role with a passion for community engagement and support for local farmers and vendors.

The role will require the ability to think creatively, manage and resolve disputes and work with a range of stakeholders including farmer vendors, consumers, volunteers, community groups and members of the RCS Farmers Market Committee.

The person fulfilling this role will be self-motivated with previous operational management experience and be able to demonstrate strong people management skills, diplomacy in dealing with a range of stakeholders and advanced communication skills.

Initial employment will be on a three (3) month trial basis following which the appointee may be offered a 12-month part-time employment contract. It is anticipated the role will require attendance on site at each fortnightly market (Saturday) from 7.00am to 2.00pm (14 hrs per month) and an additional 2 hours per week (8 hours per month) in market administration.

The employment package will include all statutory entitlements as a part-time employee for superannuation and annual and sick leave. The rate of pay will be \$36.00 per hour at 22 hours per month.

For a copy of the Position Description and any other details contact Reg Eustace on 0412 324 831 or Ross Butterworth on 0411 228 311.

#### Quick Links:

Rotary On The Move—November

http://rotaryclubofmiltonulladulla.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/2018-11-Rotary-on-the-Move-Newsletter-Zone-7B-and-8.pdf

The Rotarian November Issue https://rotarianmagazine-us.rotary.org/rotarian/november\_2018/MobilePagedReplica.action?sub\_id=PWBAXqGCyOZj

#### Rotary Albert Park Wine Fundraiser.

the Festive Season approaches and we enjoy the company of friends and family, we have an exclusive Festive Season Peter Lehmann Wine offer for you.

Stock Up Offer from our great supporters at Peter Lehmann Wines - this offer is EXCLUSIVE to RAP members, family and friends. Check out the fabulous wines and red hot savings - great quality wines / great prices and a great opportunity for RAP to raise funds to support our programs. Send out to your friends - just do a group email to people you know and tell them about the great opportunity to enjoy great wine at value

Check out the <u>ORDER FORM</u> (which must be in by WEDNESDAY 7th November by 5.00pm to allow for processing - ALL DETAILS are on the order form so just complete and send to ME at <u>chris.catchlove@gmail.com</u> by the DUE DATE.

Delivery will be to a single drop off point as before w/c 26/11/18 and we will be in contact with you to arrange delivery. To avoid freight charges we need a minimum 40 dozen so put your orders in now. If any queries please contact me - M 0418 557 238

**The Rotary Club of Melbourne** advises of their Festive Season Wine Offer from Dolan Wines which includes the 2016 White Label Cabernet Sauvignon, awarded best Cabernet Sauvignon produced in the Yarra Valley for the 2016 vintage.

The 3 Max's enjoying the tasting last week.

To review the wines available, you can access the flyer, wine notes and order form, by clicking the attached <u>Wine\_Flyer\_2018\_f\_Editable.pdf</u> Download complete and return to Jo in the Rotary Office. Our Club's annual festive wine offer is an important part of our annual fund-raising efforts. We urge you to take this opportunity to stock up



and at the same time make a generous contribution to support the work of the Club in the community. https://rotaryclubofmelbourne.org.au/128/images/Wine\_Flyer\_2018\_f\_Editable\_1.pdf









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NEW DATES THIS YEAR: The contest is open from 1 October through 15 December 2018. For details go to on.rotary.org/photo2019.

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#### ROTARY CONVENTION 1-5 JUNE 2019 HAMBURG, GERMANY



#### CAPTURE THE MOMENT

Let new experiences energize you at the <u>Rotary International Convention</u> in Hamburg, Germany, 1-5 June 2019. Arrive early to meet Rotaractors from around the world at the <u>Rotaract Preconvention</u>, 31 May-1 June.

Connect with People of Action at the <u>3K Walk Against Polio</u>, discover new ways to bring about change in your community at engaging <u>breakout sessions</u>, and explore fresh opportunities for service in the <u>House of Friendship</u>.

Be sure to <u>share your favorite convention memory</u> with us for a chance to be featured at the convention. And don't forget to invite a friend to join you there. Use our <u>promotional</u> <u>materials</u> to get members excited about attending.

See you in Hamburg!

15 December 2018: Last day for early-registration discount