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NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH



## DG Julie Mason's Message



*November is  
Rotary Foundation Month*



The Rotary Foundation **can** be seen as the most magnificent means to an end. Such foresight was shown at the 1917 Rotary convention, by the outgoing Rotary International President Arch C. Klumph when he proposed to set up an endowment for the purpose of "doing good in the world", with money that was unspent. In 1928, this endowment fund was renamed The Rotary Foundation, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International. In 1929, the Foundation made its first gift of \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children. When Rotary founder Paul Harris died in 1947, significant contributions were made by people from all around the Rotary world and so began an organisation that continues to fund scholarships and projects at a global and local level. Opportunities for Rotarians like me to make the Foundation my charity of choice with regards personal giving, and Rotary Clubs to secure District and Global funds to do the work that is deemed so important in the community is provided by **our** Foundation. Let's always look for opportunities to use the Foundation District funds! I have an idea as to how this could happen.

During the month of November we recognise **Social Inclusion Week**, which runs from **Saturday 21 to Sunday 29 November 2015**. Our own Dr Jonathon Welch AM promoted this concept which is about encouraging communities to reconnect and be inclusive of all cultures, age groups, nationalities and the disadvantaged. Key social inclusion target groups include, young people 12-25 years of age, jobless families with children,

disadvantaged Australians, people with a disability or mental illness, people who are homeless, older people and Indigenous Australians. The theme of Social Inclusion week, **Collaborate, Connect and Celebrate** got me thinking about the notion of Rotary clubs being **Refugee Ready**. We know that we can expect to have many people coming to our country as refugees in the near future and I believe that the leadership that we show as Rotarians may well be measured by the level of social inclusion shown during this Year of **Being a Gift to the World**. Should we be making contact with local agencies to ascertain how we can help. What about connecting with local schools to see if a donation of "Welcome to Australia Books" would be seen as valuable. Do we partner with local sports clubs to make sure that children from a refugee background receive support for uniforms and equipment. Will we make use of Foundation **District Grants** to partner with such organisations to make our ideas a reality?



*Jonathon Welch with the Choir of Hard Knocks.*



*Finger-painting brought lots of smiles at Baden-Powell College, and the Dogs' Brunch at Kyneton was enjoyed by PDG John Wigley and all participants.*



#### **World Polio Day Activities**

Thank so much to the Clubs who took the opportunity to shine a spotlight on the End Polio Now Campaign by a little fun fundraising on and around the 24<sup>th</sup> of October. Lots of action on Facebook indicated to thousands of people that we are proud of the work that Rotary has done over thirty years on this Global Campaign. Lots of smiling faces as fingers were painted purple!

The Rotary Club of Kyneton decided to use the first ever **The Dogs' Brunch Project** as an opportunity to showcase Rotary and our role in ending Polio. The Kyneton club invited local dog owners and their pooches to a fun morning to socialise, share a snag, enjoy dog friendly activities.

The **Interact** Club of Baden Powell College spent time sharing the Rotary End Polio story with the College community and have donated \$400 to Rotary to accomplish the challenge of eliminating Polio. Club members showed their support by painting their pinkie fingernail purple.

*As a school we should stand together to prevent the disease and support this organisation in the hope to end Polio. (Belinda Dawson, Baden Powell College Interact President)*



#### **Brighton Rotary Club**

Over the past few weeks the President and members of the Rotary Club of Brighton have been reviewing their status as a male only club. President Barry Hickman has lead a respectful, comprehensive and collaborative process culminating in a vote by members. The result is that females will be inducted and welcomed as Rotarians into this club with a proud history of extensive service to the local and international community. The family of Rotary will be significantly enhanced by the outcome of the inclusive, thoughtful and resilient leadership shown by Barry.

**"A lot of different flowers make a bouquet."** Origin unknown but this seems to sum up the themes in this article.

*Julie Mason*

**District Governor**

**Enjoy Rotary as you are..... a Gift to the World.**

**Ubuntu: I am, because you are.**



## How our Clubs celebrated World Polio Day

*By Adrian Nelson, District 9800 Director Public Image & Communications*

As we inch closer to eradicate polio, this year's World Polio Day on 24<sup>th</sup> October was as important as ever. Clubs across our District were involved in a variety of events, from a Dog's Brunch to a Movie Night to painting fingers and toes purple.

Inspired by how those immunised by the polio vaccine dip their fingers into purple paint, District Governor Julie called upon clubs to "Give Polio The Finger" and to engage with local schools, businesses and community organisations to paint their pinkies purple.

The Rotary Club of Prahran embraced the challenge, featuring in the local Stonnington Leader, with President Peter Schneider calling on others to join them at their weekly Woolworths BBQ and to get purple! Susie Cole was interviewed on 3MP by Glenn Ridge to talk about it.

At Woodend Rotary, the club joined in for one big selfie, with pinkies raised high. At Chadstone-East Malvern's 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations, our District Governor elect, vowed to "finish the job" with his purple nails, encouraging past exchange student Shirin Giesel back in Germany to go one better.

The Rotary Club of Canterbury were a bit confused, as members gave polio "the toe" rather than "the finger", but nonetheless joined in the fun, as did Rotarians in Wyndham and Williamstown. We are still to determine the identity of the well-glittered purple finger at Essendon North!

In Kyneton, rather than fingers, it was dogs that were purple, with the big Dog's Brunch held on World Polio Day.

Meanwhile, a fundraising movie night at Classic Cinema Elsternwick was held by the Rotary Club of Glen Eira with the support of the Rotary Foundation and 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox Australia.

At Rotary International's World Polio Day event in New York City, we were reminded that in August, Africa had gone one year without a case. Afghanistan has dropped from 28 cases in 2014 to 13 so far this year, and transmission of the disease dropped from 306 cases to 38. We are indeed "this close".



***Prahran, Williamstown and Woodend Rotary Clubs all took up DG Julie's challenge.***



## Rotary Hospital Bed Bank

*By Ricardo Krauskopf, RC Port Melbourne*

The 'Rotary Hospital-Bed Bank' project for Southern Chile was developed jointly between RC Valdivia-Ainil (R.I. District 4335) and RC Port Melbourne (R.I. District 9800) in 2013. To date 204 beds have been provided with another 60 to be shipped very soon.

Chile is a country in transition, from very poor to one of the leading economies in Latin America. This translates into more car ownership, more mechanization of farms and factories and more unhealthy foods, resulting in more accidents and lesser health.

The public health system does not stretch to palliative care and in any case, end-of-life care, is traditionally done by the family in the family home. The problem is acute, just one example illustrates it well; car fatalities in Chile are 11.1 per 100,000 inhabitants, compared with 5 per 100,000 in Australia, more than double.

Rotary is uniquely positioned to help address the problem in both a practical and inexpensive manner. It works as follows; Victorian hospitals donate their old beds to Rotary's *Donation in Kind* (DIK) which operates a warehouse in West Footscray. Then R.C. Port Melbourne and DIK donate the beds to Rotary clubs in Chile.

Hospitals contact a local Rotary club to advise them of a patient being returned to the family for palliative care. The club then loans, a bed, a walker, a shower chair and commode to the stricken family.

The equipment is returned to Rotary once the family no longer requires it. It is then cleaned and made ready for delivery to the next unfortunate palliative case. Hence the project being named a 'bank'.

The participating clubs estimate a need to operate with 400 beds to help around 1,200 patients per year. We are confident this can be reached by end of 2017 and much, much earlier if there are any other D9800 clubs looking for a great international project to get involved with! If so, please contact President Paul Kildea at RC Port Melbourne on [pres@rcpm.org.au](mailto:pres@rcpm.org.au).

The project costs so far total approximately US\$30,000 with the majority of this being raised by RC Port Melbourne, Chilean Rotarians, R.I. District 4355 and Chilean corporate donors via the Chilean Consulate General in Melbourne.



### **Photos:**

***Aussie beds helping in Valdivia.***

***Aussie walker (burrito) being delivered by RC Valdivia***

***RC Port Melbourne & RC Valdivia Ainil, a great partnership!***



## Servants Community Housing and Rotary Club of Hawthorn team up to help vulnerable locals

*By Greg Gliddon, Progress Leader*

**A Community project is not only bringing newly cultivated plants to the region, but also giving one man a chance to get back on his feet.**

Having spent more than 30 years battling a drug addiction and clinical depression, Servants Community Housing resident Paul Beagley is putting his green thumb to work by selling plants throughout Boroondara.

And now, with the help of the Rotary Club of Hawthorn, he and fellow Servants residents have two new greenhouses to grow plants all year round.

The club has raised about \$6500 for the construction of the greenhouses, while its volunteers provided time and resources to get the project up and running.

Servants manager Matt Maudlin said he was thrilled at the community support for Mr Beagley's work.

"Paul is someone who's had some troubles and now he's getting his life back together," Mr Maudlin said.

"He's set up a microbusiness in propagating plants and selling them around at cafes.

"It really is a significant investment on behalf of Rotary and the greenhouses just look terrific."

Mr Beagley said Servants had "changed his life" and he was determined to help others.

"One of Matt's friends has a coffee shop in Hawthorn and asked me about cultivating plants to sell at the coffee shop, so I started doing it and it grew from there," Mr Beagley said.

"I've been doing it for the past 12-16 months. But having these greenhouses here is very cool. I can propagate all year round now.



**Rotary Club of Hawthorn members Sheridan Brown and Ngaire Cannon flank Servants Community Housing resident Paul Beagley at one of the community's hot houses.**

**Picture: Janine Eastgate**

"We've got another cafe that's come on board and we're hoping to get a few others."

Mr Beagley said he wanted to give something back to the community, with the money raised going back into the garden.

"There's three Servants houses and there's a young guy who comes up here a couple of times a week who's never worked before," he said.

"He was lacking in a bit of confidence, so I got him to do some gardening projects with me, really just get him used to working.

"I try and encourage other residents to come out and give me a hand and I've got a couple of close friends and who always come out to help.

"Servants is just such a great place if you're prepared to embrace everything they have on offer, they save your life."

Rotary spokeswoman Jill Weeks said the greenhouses would provide much needed occupational therapy for residents of Servants housing.

"The Greenhouse Project has taken six months to complete and has been built by the tireless efforts of volunteers," Ms Weeks said.

## Melissa Hocking honoured with Rotary International's Spouse Award

*By IPDG Murray Verso*

**Melissa Hocking, the wife of Grant, the current president of the Woodend Club has been awarded Rotary International's Spouse/Partner Service Award. This prestigious Award recognizes spouses and partners of Rotarians who have demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service through Rotary.**

No more than 100 individuals worldwide are selected to receive the award annually and Districts can only nominate one person per year. Melissa was District 9800's nominee for the 2014-2015 Rotary year.

Candidates are considered solely on the basis of the humanitarian service they have rendered through Rotary, with an emphasis on personal volunteer efforts and active involvement in helping others. Personal financial contributions to Rotary, its Foundation, or any individual project are not relevant considerations for this award

Melissa has been an active supporter of Rotary and the Rotary Club of Woodend since Grant was inducted as a member in 2004. She routinely attends most club social functions, community barbecues, hands on projects and other activities. She supports the clubs fundraising efforts by visiting local businesses to seek donations for raffles and silent auctions.

Melissa also supports the club in its production of the local community newspaper published each month. This activity has raised over \$100,000 since its inception and remains an active source of club income.

When Grant first became club president (2007-2008), Melissa organized a fundraising luncheon for a local charity. It was such a success that she has organized at least one every year since. Groups that have benefited from Melissa's luncheons have included the Woodend Library, Land-Care, the SES, drought relief, the Scouts, the Woodend youth music collective, the Woodend exercise track, solar panels for the Woodend Primary and Rotary projects in Nepal and Cambodia. The eleven lunches have raised a total of \$19,281.00. Melissa takes charge of promoting the lunches within the local community, organizes the raffle for the lunch and selects and prepares most of the gourmet food served. These Rotary luncheons are now an eagerly awaited event in the Woodend community's social calendar.



***IPDG Murray Verso with Grant and Melissa Hocking***

Following the 2009 Victorian bush-fires, Melissa joined the Woodend branch of Red Cross and is now the team leader for the unit's Emergency Response Team and its catering unit.

In December 2013, Melissa and Grant travelled on a World of Difference tour to Cambodia. They visited villages supported by Rotary. Melissa provided donations of needed items to schools and orphanages.

Melissa has not only supported Grant in his roles in the Woodend Club but also in his District roles as Director of Community Service for two years as an Assistant Governor for the Goldfields cluster. She has attended numerous club, cluster and district meetings and events and formed many friendships with Rotarians and partners.

Melissa was presented with her award at a special evening at the Rotary Club of Woodend on 24<sup>th</sup> September. Immediate Past District Governor Murray Verso presented her with a plaque, lapel badge and letter from Rotary International on behalf of 2104-15 Rotary International President Gary Huang. *(Continued)*

*(RI Spouse Award Continued)*

Also present were District Governor Julie Mason, Past DG Ross Butterworth and Annette, Assistant Governor David Bourke and Carmel, AG Bronwyn Stephens, District Secretary Mark Stephens, Murray's wife Irene, Kyneton President Bob Eadie and several members of the Kyneton Club.

The presentation had been kept secret from Melissa who was surprised and honoured to be recognised in such a way. She is one of only 17 Australians to have received this award since its inception 3 years ago.

Congratulations to Melissa on being such a very worthy recipient of this little known but highly meritorious RI Award.

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## The Anatomy of Lions

*By Tony Thomas, RC Central Melbourne-Sunrise*

**Lions and Rotary are similar in size and structure but don't know much about each other. Hence we've interviewed Lions executive officer Rob Oerlemans on his recent visit from Newcastle HQ to Melbourne. As a preamble, the two groups, including their affiliates such as Leo, Lioness and Rotaract Clubs, are almost identical in global membership (1.38m each). In 2009-14 Lions membership trend has outpaced Rotary's (3.5% vs minus 1.8%) and in Australia, Lions has done significantly better (-0.5% vs -9.8%).**

Lions members in Australia total about 27,000 in 1400 clubs vs 31,000 Rotarians in 1100 clubs. This puts average Lions clubs size as much smaller, about 19 vs 28 members for Rotary.

There are 150,000 Leos worldwide (ages 12-30) vs 184,000 in Rotaract (ages 18-35). Lions' global centenary year is 2017. Lions' goal is to be of service to 100m people from 2014-18 in the fields of Youth, Vision, Hunger & Environment. The centenary slogan is, "Where there's a need, there's a Lion".

Rob Oerlemans has administered Lions for more than 9 years, after a 12-year career in local government and earlier, in not-for-profits.

Surprisingly, from 2012-14 the Lions National Office concurrently administered Apex Australia. Apex had put its secretariat function out to tender and Lions won the two year contract. Apex last year took it back in-house.

Key points from Rob's interview:

*# He sees few examples of the two groups competing for members, but sees many instances of cooperation, especially in country towns.*

*# Lions in Australia has 31% women members, up from 25% five years ago. (This significantly beats Rotary's current 24% in Australia and about 20% globally).*

*# While encouraging women into Lions clubs, Lions continues to maintain its Lioness clubs involving no-subscription women's auxiliaries. There are about 102 Australasian Lioness Clubs with 1500 members.*

*# While Rotary's flagship global program is polio prevention, Lions has focused on blindness prevention and cure, with more than \$US400m raised for the main program since 2012. Currently Lions is running a major measles vaccination program with assistance from the Bill Gates Foundations.*

*# Lions membership is weighted to the 60+ demographic but this has many positive aspects, such as retirees' availability of time and skills*

*# Lions clubs are encouraged to meet fortnightly as weekly meetings pose a challenge in this time-poor modern economy.*

As with Rotary, Lions clubs are strongly independent and HQ can only influence, not direct.

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*The Anatomy of Lions - Continued -*

Rob says Lions Clubs don't generally compete with Rotary but both service clubs are competing with a host of other not-for-profits for the community's attention, time and donations. Moreover, donations to Lions and Rotary fund projects, whereas donations to many groups such as Oxfam, Salvos and Red Cross also fund their internal administration.



There's not a level playing field in charity.

After women were admitted to Lions from 1987, Lions in some countries ceased supporting the Lioness auxiliaries. Australia chose to maintain them, feeling it was impolite to shut them down and nudge the members into dues-paying Lions clubs. Nonetheless the women's percentage in Lions in Australia at 31% is well above the international Lions level of 25-26%. "Actually Lions in Indonesia has 51% women," he says.

Lions members remain enthusiastic about anti-blindness work, which was packaged internationally as SightFirst in 2012. SightFirst especially targets trachoma and has raised more than \$US415m for its programs.

Disaster relief is another strength with Lions. For example, Lions were among the first NGOs into Darwin after Cyclone Tracey in 1974, he says.

Other important Lions foundations involve kids-and-cancer research and mobility aids for children with palsy. Rob says, "Entrepreneur Dick Smith in 2013 gave us a \$1m grant to our foundation's Compassionate Grants Program, which targets everyday Australians in crisis."

A unique Lions achievement was throwing its weight behind Professor Ian Frazer, the Qld researcher behind the successful Gardasil cervical cancer product. "Clubs backed him for 20 years and he appreciates that – he's a Lions member now. He did a lot of his work in the [Lions](#) Human Immunology Laboratories at the Queensland University and one of our foundations raised \$170,000 for him."

Rob is encouraging Lions clubs to consolidate their charity activities: "It's great to start new projects but harder to let go projects that have matured or lost significance."

On demographics, he says, "The issue is not age of members but their capacity to help. Apex has an age cut-off at 45 and that made me appreciate how valuable Lions' over-45s and retirees are. We couldn't survive without their big input – and volunteering keeps us young at heart."

"We are growing well in the 18-30 age group but from a very small base. Part of my job is working out how much of central resources we should use to encourage recruiting of young people, compared with retention of the broad membership."

He doesn't have data on occupations of Lions members, but thinks they are no more trades-based than Rotary members. Lions' strength is in the country areas where people aren't as stratified as in the cities. "You can't be anonymous in a small town, and if you get asked to be Lions treasurer or whatever, it's harder to say no. Everyone pitches in."

A classic Lions fund-raiser is the sausage-sizzle outside the hardware store. It may lack sophistication but anyone can man the griller on a Sunday, whereas organizing dinner dances and auctions is complex and time-consuming, he says.

Lions have more modest international youth exchanges than Rotary. The exchange is normally only for six weeks, with kids taking part in reciprocal camps while billeted with Lions families. The kids targeted are those from families with low incomes.

Lions clubs have many old traditions, like Rotary. While some people argue for modernization, Rob likes a balance between acknowledging the traditional culture and making room for more modern clubs. Rob's very relaxed about maintaining a traditional culture.

Lions is growing fast in developing countries, where the market for such groups is almost untapped. Once formed, members seem to put their personal reputation on the line in ensuring the clubs grow and prosper, Rob says.

## Sourdough in the City – and much more

*By Tony Thomas, RC Central Melbourne-Sunrise*

**Office workers by the hundreds are now collecting farm fresh food from Melbourne's first-ever CBD based farmers' market.**

The market's managed by RC Central Melbourne-Sunrise for charity projects. It's in Goldsbrough Lane by the corner of Bourke & William Streets in the middle of Melbourne's CBD office precinct.

A typical shopper might emerge from the Lane with fresh-ground nut butters, organic chocolate, Chai Mix, fresh berries, macaroons, artisan biscuits, a bottle of cool climate Victorian wine, free-range pork and pasta sauce.

As one worker posted on the market's Facebook: "It's worth visiting on your way home. The cheese and jam -- yum!"

Says Rotary's organizer Greg Cuthbert: "We're open when office workers can duck in for a few minutes or homeward bound. They pick up produce for dinner and chat with the growers. It's quite different from the weekend-only markets all around Melbourne."

It operates 4.30-7.30pm fortnightly on first and third Thursdays. The club provides five volunteers for setting up and packing up. There's an all-round push to make it weekly. Cuthbert is talking to other Rotary clubs about labour and profit sharing from a weekly market in 2016.

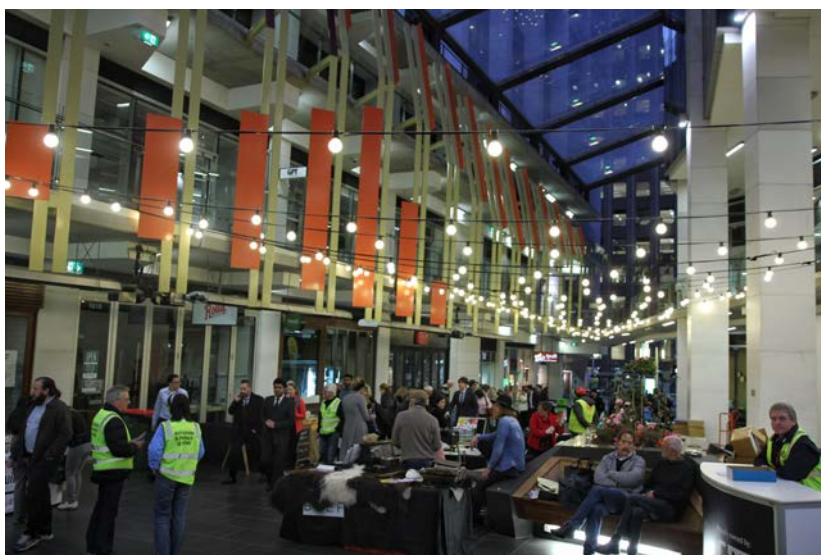
"The market could replace people's regular shop on a Saturday morning. They'll get their Saturdays back, and quality fruit and vegetables. Food tastes much better when you've met those who made it or grew it."

Cuthbert took two years and nearly lost his sanity screening 40+ potential sites across the city. "We had to find a flat space which was undercover, space for loading and unloading for stallholders, large numbers of office workers nearby and ideally a site with cafes and restaurants people can relax in after they've bought their market stuff," he said. "We finally hit pay dirt with Goldsbrough Lane. The GPT Group has two large office towers there, there's big corporate headquarters nearby like CGU

and NAB within walking distance, and the laneway already has fantastic retailers. The GPT Group are incredibly supportive by providing the Laneway for no cost and providing tables, cleaning and power. The City of Melbourne and their street trading team helped us all though the permit process."

The club's takings go to charities including deprived schools in Laos. "The club's needed a regular income like this for ages," Cuthbert says.

"We want to get accreditation from the Victorian Farmers' Market Association by our next market on November 5th – as we are committed to sustainable, slow-food grown by real Victorian farmers and produce made by food artisans – not shonky resellers of other people's food."



The market uses Instagram and Facebook social media for promotion and to help people find and share their market experience with friends. Cuthbert says, "Connecting in a meaningful way with busy office workers is challenging, and social media creates real word of mouth to extend the market's reach quickly to those near the laneway."

We've helped the stallholders create their own social media accounts and recently had a picture of the market "re-grammed" (shared) by the influential Broadsheet publication leading to nearly 800 followers on Instagram in first two months.

Market Instagram link:

<https://instagram.com/goldsbroughgourmet/>

Contact: [Greg.Cuthbert@auspost.com.au](mailto:Greg.Cuthbert@auspost.com.au)



## Rotary Foundation Global Grant Scholars

*By PDG Dennis Shore, RC Hawthorn*

Since 2011 Global Grant Scholarships have been replacing Ambassadorial Scholarships (which are now consigned to Rotary's history books) as The Rotary Foundation's way of providing opportunities for outstanding and talented graduates to make a real difference in the future by acquiring post graduate qualifications in areas of study that support the goals of the Six Areas of Focus of The Rotary Foundation.

The funds available for Global Grant Scholars are significant and able to attract the very best students who we can be confident will deliver real and tangible outcomes to change the world to make it a better place. This is another outstanding program funded by The Rotary Foundation; one which shows a direct outcome from the donations and contributions that go to The Rotary Foundation.

Since 2011 about 450 health workers, scientists, educators and other change agents have been awarded Global Grant Scholarships.

In District 9800 we believe this program is so important that every year we offer a District Scholarship worth in total up to US\$60,000 funded from our District Designated Funds and matched by The Rotary Foundation. Any person normally residing in Victoria with the necessary attributes is eligible to apply for study at an overseas university or post graduate institution. Like our annual Peace Fellow program, we are one of only a few districts world-wide that are committed to the power of learning and the subsequent application of the skills acquired to "do good in the world". In 2015 we went one better and proposed two Scholars, both of whom were endorsed by The Rotary Foundation and have now commenced their studies.

We select the very best of students from usually about 10 short-listed outstanding applicants not only because of their scholastic abilities but because of a demonstrated commitment to the ideals of Rotary and we know that they will continue to use their talents to support and grow service above self. *-continued-*



**2012 Lien Trinh** (RC Melbourne): London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine: Master of Public Health



**2013 Sarah Roache** (RV Highton, D9780): Georgetown University (USA) Graduated first in class, receiving the Thomas Bradbury Chetwood, S.J. prize for achieving the rank of distinction and the highest academic average in Global Health Law.



**2014 Tess Bright** (RC Melbourne): London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine: Master of Public Health

**Global Grant Scholars - continued.**

Your Club can be part of the opportunity to make a difference by identifying and sponsoring a potential Global Grant Scholar. We do not want your Club's money, just your time and effort to participate in a program that really will change countless lives into the future.



**2015 Laura Schuijers:** *Through a District Grant to the Rotary Club of Carlton will also enhance her PhD studies in Climate Change Law through completing part of her studies at Columbia University in the USA*



**2015 Alexa Ridgeway** (RC Footscray): *University of Hong Kong : PhD – Sociology. Intimate Partner Violence within a Sociological Framework. Completing October 2019*



**2015 Amali Aluthgamage** (RC Melbourne): *University of Edinburgh : Master of Science – Social Anthropology*



*A polio survivor plays bocce ball at the Kien Khleang Rehabilitation Center just outside Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The center, which provides prostheses for land mine victims and physical therapy for polio survivors, is operated by Veterans International Cambodia, a program of the Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation. Funding for the Kien Khleang Rehabilitation Center came in part from the Rotary Club of Salisbury, Connecticut, USA, a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant, and District Designated Funds.*

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## Rotary Weekly - A roundup of Rotary news

### *Voices of Polio Survivors*

Stories from polio survivors remind us why we have spent three decades on the pursuit to wipe this crippling disease from the face of the earth. See a roundup of tales from polio survivors on our blog, Rotary Voices.

- [See the roundup](#)
- [Join a discussion on ending polio](#)
- [Learn more ways you can help us end polio](#)

[Kerry Jacobson](#) contracted bulb-polio at the age of seven, in 1952. He spent several weeks in a hospital ward with other children, some in iron lungs, before being released and undergoing rehab. He still suffers from Post Polio Syndrome, and donates proceeds from his [memoir](#) to support the PolioPlus effort.

[Peter Kavanagh](#) was infected at the height of polio season in August 1953, just around the time Jonas Salk began performing trials on his polio vaccine. Kavanagh's whole family was quarantined for a time, and he spent a year isolated in the hospital. The full account is captured in his book, "The Man Who Learned to Walk Three Times."

[Linda Christianson](#) was stricken with polio at the age of seven months. It took many years of corrective surgery before she could move about brace and crutch-free. She spends many World Polio Days telling her story to classrooms of children.



### *Rotary's partnerships put books into the hands of children in Ecuador*

Rotary and the United Nations have always enjoyed a special relationship. Rotarians were present at the chartering of the UN, and today, volunteer RI representatives serve as liaisons to a host of UN agencies and other international organizations. In Ecuador, connections between Rotary and the Organization of American States enhanced a literacy project that trains teachers to use technology in the classroom and also provides books for children.

- [Read more about the literacy project and RI representatives](#)
- [Learn about this year's Rotary Day at the United Nations](#)
- [Read a blog post about the Ecuador literacy project](#)

Students in Ecuador read books they received through an international project sponsored by the Rotary clubs of Annapolis, Maryland, and Quito Occidente, Ecuador. The project is part of an ongoing collaboration between Rotary and the Organization of American States.

*Photo Credit: Courtesy of the Rotary Club of Annapolis, Maryland, USA*



## Welcome New Members



Carolynne Bourne AM was inducted to Hawthorn Rotary, with a classification of Business Research and Consulting. She is an entrepreneur and strategic thinker who brings significant local and international experience as a medical laboratory scientist, businesswoman, researcher, designer and educator to the challenge of bridging the gap between turning ideas into practicable, commercial, innovative solutions. She is seen here at her induction, responding to President Lawrence Reddaway.

*Isn't it lovely when clubs send us a photo of their brilliant new members? Especially so when they add a short pen-picture!*

*Come on, Club Secretaries: it can't be that hard. Don't hide your recruits under a bushel! - Clarice*

## The Rotary Foundation



A student gets a drink of water during recess at Sainte Famille elementary school in Cayes, Haiti. The sink was installed using funds donated by the Rotary Club of Cayes and The Rotary Foundation. The school was rebuilt after the 2010 earthquake in Haiti through donations to The Rotary Foundation's Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund. The fund's advisers made education their top long-term priority, believing that returning to school after a disaster restores children's sense of stability and hope that life can return to normal.



**Photo:** Alyce Henson© Rotary International

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## Notices and Events



The Distribution Agreement with the independent supplier has been terminated so Rotary Down Under Inc will resume provision of merchandise for Rotarians throughout Australia, New Zealand and South-West Pacific Islands.

This will be handled from:  
Rotary Down Under House  
Level 3, 43 Hunter St., Parramatta  
PO Box 779 Parramatta, NSW 2124, Australia  
For any queries please contact the Rotary Down Under team for your orders:

[www.rdusupplies.com.au](http://www.rdusupplies.com.au)

Email: [sales@rdusupplies.com.au](mailto:sales@rdusupplies.com.au)

Australia: +61 2 9633 4888

New Zealand (toll free): 0800  
(287 682)

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## Marketing Situations Vacant



Donations In Kind has a great Marketing Plan which if implemented will lead to more Store activity and greater support for people in need. We need help to make it happen and there are several roles where people can make a major contribution.

Many elements can be done from home and most can be done at a time that suits you and we should be able to find a role to suit your skills. We need people with marketing or computer publishing skills and for other roles that require people to collect information.

### Project Information Gathering

The basic content for all of our promotion is a project overview and some good photos that Clubs should supply. We are going to be promoting the Clubs so they will be supportive.

### Poster Production

We have standard formats that will highlight the above information.

### Networker Articles

We get great support from the Networker (District 9800 Newsletter) and this information will also be used by other Districts.

### Conference and Assembly Promotional Material

We will be developing a standard package that any District can adopt.

### Donor Liaison

We need to thank the donors for their support and where possible provide information on where their goods go. We have the information. Each Project should have a summary sheet, we know what goes in each container and we can link photos from the recipients.

All of these roles can be shared and can be tailored to the time people have available.

**This is your opportunity to make a meaningful contribution and be part of an enthusiastic team. For more information contact David Dippie 0408 174773 [solatube@bigpond.com](mailto:solatube@bigpond.com)**



## **District 9800 Conference 11th - 14th March, 2016**

*Remember . . .you'll never never know, if you never Bendigo . . . .*

**In March 2016 Rotary District 9800 aims to provide a world class conference in Bendigo, the heart of our Rotary District.**

In beautiful Bendigo the conference will focus on inspiring international, national and local speakers. The weekend will be fun, relevant and provide insights into programs and projects that through partnerships develop resilient, harmonious communities.

Rotarians will be informed, entertained and dined whilst networking and sharing ideas to improve communities at home and abroad.

### **WHAT'S THE CONFERENCE ALL ABOUT?**

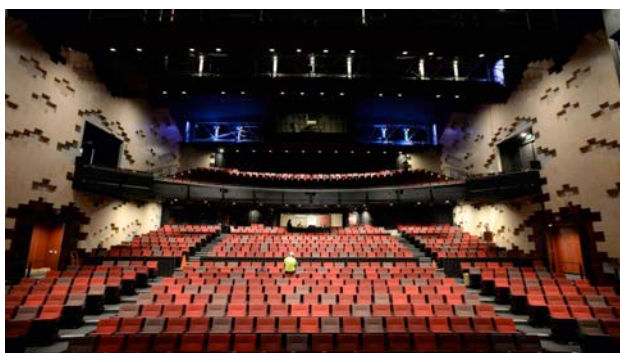
[http://rotary9800conference.org.au/news/13586/conference-update/?type\\_fr=4](http://rotary9800conference.org.au/news/13586/conference-update/?type_fr=4)

### **CONFERENCE TIMETABLE**

Friday March 11th  
7:30pm Welcome Cocktail Party \$55  
Saturday March 12th  
10 am Conference start  
Saturday March 12th  
Gala Dinner or a Taste of Bendigo (included)  
Sunday March 13th  
Foundation Breakfast \$30  
Sunday 5:30 PM Conference finish  
Sunday night  
Club Dinners  
Monday March 14th  
LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY

### **ULUMBARRA THEATRE**

The Conference will be staged in the magnificent Ulumbarra Theatre, in the heart of Bendigo. Ulumbarra was only opened early this year and has the latest in technology, a fantastic stage and seating for 1000 delegates.



**Ruth Carlos-Martinez**

## **Group Vocational Exchange Team Members wanted!**

**District 9800 will have a District Vocational Exchange to District 3800 in the Philippines in this Rotary year of Being a Gift to the World.**

The participants in this exchange have a significantly increased number of days in the pursuit of experience in their vocation whilst on exchange.

The Foundation Areas of Focus form the framework for the vocational context of this exchange. Club are asked to give consideration to nominating an applicant for our team this year.

Ruth Carlos-Martinez has been selected as the Leader of the District 9800 Group Vocational Exchange Team to go to the Philippines in February 2016. - See more at:

[Read More...](#)



## Gateway Rotaract Trivia 2015

**November 7th**, 7pm at Pascoe Vale RSL \$15 per person or a table of 8 for \$100

Contact Details: <http://rotaract9800.org.au/trivia>

More information: <http://rotaract9800.org.au/trivia>



## AN EVENING WITH JOHN GERM

Come and join Rotary International President Elect John Germ and Judy in a spectacular Melbourne setting at Etihad Stadium. A unique opportunity to meet and understand John as the man and as the Rotarian. As RI President Elect John will informally share with us his life and journey to Rotary President and give us an insight into his Rotary vision for 2016-17.

This will be a special opportunity for Club Presidents for 2016-17 but all Rotarians will enjoy the opportunity to join in this occasion.

**Wednesday 18th November** 6.30 pm reception for dinner at 7.00pm to 10.00pm

Limelight Room, Level D, Gate 4, Etihad Stadium, Docklands.

Cost: \$70 per person Two course dinner includes welcome drink on arrival

Cash Bar available for your other drinks RSVP 2nd November 2015

Book early – it is easy to book and with only 250 attendees everyone can be close to the centre of the room.

Parking at Etihad is \$15 flat rate – enter after 5pm.

Dress: Jacket and Tie preferred

Enquiries: Ian Salek 0418 176 493 or Peter Rogers 0412 537 534

Bookings [www.trybooking.com/JFYK](http://www.trybooking.com/JFYK)



## Western Health Research Week Dinner

**Thursday 19th November**. 6.00pm for 6.30pm, Western Centre for Research and Education, Sunshine Hospital, Furlong Rd, St Albans. Tickets \$125.00 per head or \$1000 for a table of 8.

**Guest Speaker:** Professor Jeremy Oats: “**Outcomes of pregnancy for mother and child - can Australia’s experience help countries like Timor Leste?**”

Professor Oats has been a leader of the Rotary Foundation Vocational Training Team project. providing obstetric emergency training courses for midwives and doctors in Timor Leste.

Proceeds from this fundraising dinner will support the purchase of continuous blood glucose monitors for the Young Adult Diabetes Service.

**RSVP November 10** Contact Graeme Thompson 0414736142 [gajethom@iinet.net.au](mailto:gajethom@iinet.net.au)

On line booking

<http://www.ticketebo.com.au/western-health/2015-rotary-western-health-research-week-dinner.html>



## Boroondara Trivia Evening

The Rotary Club of Boroondara in association with the Interact Club of Camberwell Grammar School presents a TRIVIA EVENING **Saturday 21 November**, 6.30pm for 7.00pm

Camberwell Grammar School, Performing Arts Complex,

55 Mont Albert Rd Canterbury

Cost: \$15.00 per person BYO: Food and Drinks

Details: Tables of 6. Quizzes, Games, Silent Action.

All proceeds raised will go to the "We Can't Wait"

Foundation, providing sanitary needs for Indian girls to enable them to go to school.

Contact: Paul Double - [pkd@cgs.vic.edu.au](mailto:pkd@cgs.vic.edu.au)



## 2015 Rotary Foundation Paul Harris Breakfast

Guest Speaker: Professor Kate Leslie

**"To sleep, perchance to dream – what's really happening during general anaesthesia?"**

Professor Kate Leslie is a specialist anaesthetist and head of anaesthesia research at the Royal Melbourne Hospital. Kate has done extensive research in awareness and dreaming during anaesthesia and sedation.

**Tuesday, 24th November** 7.15 for 7.30 till 9.00am

RC Central Melbourne Sunrise

The RACV Club, 501 Bourke Street, Melbourne.

\$ 65.00 per head or \$600 for a table of ten

**RSVP** 16th November 2015

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: Roy Garrett 0438 178 844

Email: [roy@mingrit.com.au](mailto:roy@mingrit.com.au)

BOOKINGS: [www.trybooking.com/160173](http://www.trybooking.com/160173)



## SUPER SWIM

Rotary Clubs of Keilor, Tullamarine and Keilor East Supporting Melbourne Melanoma Project and Local Charities **Sunday 29th November**, 2015 - 6am - 6pm (Registration from 5:30am)

East Keilor Leisure Centre, Quinn Grove, East Keilor

**Super Swim . . . what is it?**

The concept is simple - teams get together to swim as far as possible for 12 hours whilst raising money through sponsorships/donations. For participants, the swim is a chance to take part in an exciting team challenge and have fun competing against other teams, whilst raising money for charity.

Teams are awarded points for the most laps swam and most money donated. Team with the most points receives the huge Silver Cup to hold for one year plus a team trophy. A trophy for the fastest lap during the lunch break, presented by a well known sporting star.

A maximum of 20 members per team is suggested.

Entry fee \$25 per person, which includes free souvenir T-shirt.

East Keilor Swimming Pool is an indoor 25 metre pool, heated to 27 °C.

Also on the day . . . Refreshments, giveaways, raffle prizes and lots more!

You can help out by swimming, sponsoring a swimmer, donating cash or prizes, or volunteering for the event. For more information, contact us today:

For further information contact Dr Leon Lewi [llewi@connexus.net.au](mailto:llewi@connexus.net.au)



## Stay informed on Rotary events:

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## Melbourne Park Rotary's Birthing Kit Assembly Event

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November**, 10:00am arrival

Fitzroy Primary School hall, 319 George Street, Fitzroy

The United Nations estimates

that 385,000 women die annually in childbirth, with developing countries accounting for 99% of these deaths. The Birthing Kits we will assemble for the fantastic Birthing Kit Foundation will help reduce these statistics.

We will also be having a special guest speaker, who will discuss the impact that creating these kits and donations have, and will follow up the event with food and a little celebration!

To attend the event, you will need to purchase a ticket from our Eventbrite page

<http://rcmp-birthingkitassemblyday.eventbrite.com.au/>

The early bird tickets cost \$15 (excl fee), which is equal to 5 birthing kits, and these are available until the 31st October.

[melissa.hilton@rcmelpark.com](mailto:melissa.hilton@rcmelpark.com).

Parking is available in the area – keep an eye out for signage.



## Williamstown RC Christmas Fair

**Sunday, 29th November.**

Seaworks, 82 Nelsons Place, Williamstown between 11am -3pm.

Gold coin donation for adults and free for children.

Lots of rides, entertainment, face painting, clowns and of course Santa.



## 2016 Rotary International Convention, Seoul

**28th May to 1st June, 2016**

It's your chance to connect with Rotary members from around the world. You'll build new relationships and exchange ideas across cultures.

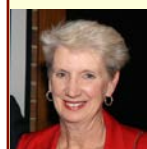
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## Our Contributors



*District Governor Julie Mason of Wyndham RC is Principal of Baden Powell College.*



*Our peripatetic philosopher, Tony Thomas certainly gets around. At present, he's in sunny Queensland.*



*David Dippie of Keilor reminds us of the great work they do at the Donations-in-Kind store.*



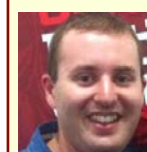
*Bronwyn Stephens loves Cambodia, and is the driving force behind "World of Difference".*



*Clarice Caricare prefers the informal job descriptor of "Girl Friday", for reasons known only to herself.*



*Photographs by Monika Lozinska frequently appear in Rotary publications.*



*Matthew Scott of RC Bendigo South is our roving reporter in the deep north.*



*Dennis Shore was DG in 2012-13, and now deals with Rotary Foundation Post Graduate Global Scholarships.*



*Ricardo Krauskopf of RC Port Melbourne is a regular volunteer at the DIK store in West Footscray.*



*David Shave is a Past-President of Yarra Bend RC: he enjoys working on the RYLA Committee.*