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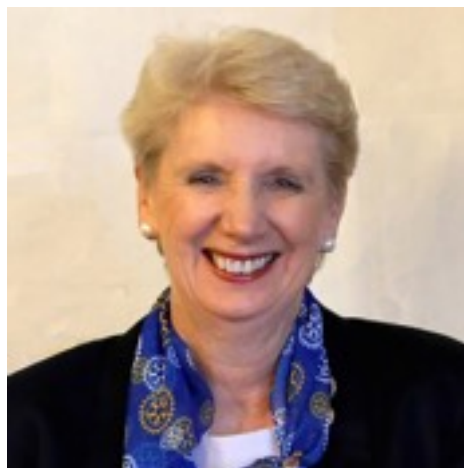


August is Membership Development and Extension Month

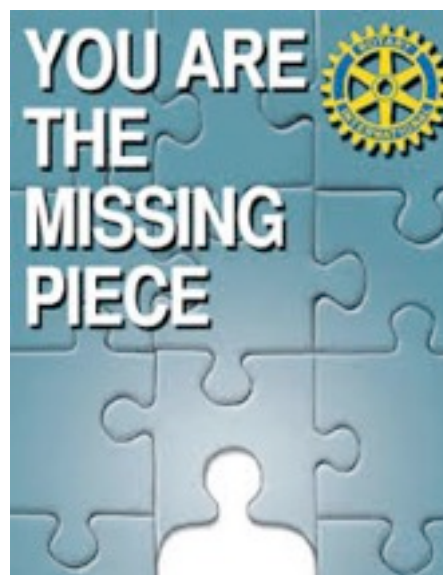


So as we embrace this new Rotary year together, you may be wondering what aspirations I have as your District Governor. No doubt your club President has spoken about future goals and every Rotarian that I have ever met has personal reasons for being and staying in Rotary. I have found that goals shared are more likely to be achieved and as we often say great projects have usually commenced with the idea and passion of one person. The projects have been successful and sustainable though with the work of many!

So for me, and using the words of Paul Harris, where he spoke of Rotary enabling us to have a kindly, tolerant approach to seeing the best in others, my goal is to provide visible, timely, practical support to you in the pursuit of your personal and club goals in 2015/16. The District Leadership Team has as our mantra, "It's all about the clubs" and I encourage you to test this culture of servant leaders to see if it is working. As I visit clubs and represent you I will share the Rotary story as I see it unfold, and share new projects, successful outcomes of existing projects, brave new ideas and innovative thinking especially in relation to membership.



I plan to have 3000 members in our District at the first of July 2016 and I know that you see the need for a rapid increase in membership to help achieve the club goals that you have set. Philip Archer and his District Membership Team have some ideas, and can assist you with speakers, tools to develop a club data base of potential members and a template to develop a Club Membership, retention and recruitment plan. Philip will be pleased to hear from you as he really wants to work hard for his Rotary pay cheque!



We have some fabulous signature events planned and each one is a “new member moment” opportunity! Adrian Nelson and his team will help you raise the profile and public image of your club in your community and across our great District. If you have not done so yet I want you to search for... facebook.com/rotarydistrict9800 and “like” this page. The world of Rotary in our District awaits you! Again, Adrian and his team are ready to come to Clusters and clubs to help you to develop successful marketing and communication strategies. They can assist with the club bulletin, website, signage, social media and image.



Rotary Super Star, District Chair Rowan McClean organised a fabulous showcase of District International Projects and programs at Shed 1 at the Victoria Market last Sunday the 12th of July. Hundreds of people braved the conditions to shop and then as a bonus, see a little of what Rotary does in both the local and international community. Well done to Rowan and his team for this outstanding effort! Thank you to Peter Shepherd and all involved from the Vic Market, and I hope that this can be an annual event to show even more Rotary success stories!

Don't forget to check out the Rotary District 9800 Governor Facebook page where you can see lots of activities that I have been involved in over the past two weeks. The life of a District Governor is far from dull but I still have time for you!

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

Ubuntu: I am, because you are.

Julie Mason

District Governor 2015-2016



Does DG Julie like chicken dinners? We certainly hope she does. This one looks particularly delightful.



DG Julie has started a round of Club Visits, meeting the superstars of her team. This photo shows her with President George Verginis of RC Kew.

Fitzroy Crossing Project Gets Results

By Tony Thomas, RC Central Melbourne Sunrise

It's hard to imagine a tougher logistical challenge than for a Rotary club in Melbourne to get to Fitzroy Crossing, WA and complete hands-on projects there.

Central Melbourne-Sunrise Rotary Club combined with The CEO Circle (a top networking group for CEOs) on the project.

Team leader Rob Hines says the goal was to work with indigenous men and women there to improve skills in commercialising their arts and crafts. For cultural reasons, helping the women was the job of the Melbourne women in the 18-strong party.

The Rotarians and partners got to Fitzroy Crossing, five hours drive east of Broome, using four hired four-wheel-drives. The visit was from June 17 to 23.

The small town is epicentre of a great many social challenges which the local Men's Shed and Women's Resource Centre (called Marninwarntikura) are helping to tackle.

About \$5000 worth of sewing machines, overlockers and materials was involved, financed by The CEO Circle. Our women demonstrated their sewing and quilting skills. The local women showed their own skills in design and screen printing, and painting of boab nuts. By the week's end they'd all finished a quilt and got started on a product range of cushion covers and carry-bags.

Toll Ltd had donated the freighting of our pallet-load of wood-equipment and donations to the op-shop there for the Child Centre. Our party collected other tools pre-ordered through Fitzroy Hardware. The men showed the Men's Shed people how to use tools band-saws, drills and bench sanders. The week's outputs included wooden toys, shelves, security screen maintenance, sewing machine repairs and a start on a disabled access ramp.

The party helped advise local leaders on government grants and potential for a Kimberley cultural hike using Bunuba guides. The CEO Circle and the club plan for on-going support.

It was not all hard work and social highlights included barbecued Scotch fillet from a nearby cattle station and a barramundi fishing expedition.

The only vertebrate to take a lure was leader Rob Hines, who was unhooked at the local clinic's emergency room.



***Photos: A Fitzroy Crossing men's shed participant gets some experience with donated workshop equipment
Visiting women meet local women at the Women's Centre
A local woman demonstrates screen printing***

Saving mothers and children

Areas of Focus: The Rotarian, July 2015

District 9800 participated in the pioneering of the Vocational Training Team concept of The Rotary Foundation during the 3 year Future Visions Pilot Program, in Maternal and Child Health – one of the Foundations Six Areas of Focus .



In 2009, PDG Ian Knight learned that one in every 35 mothers in the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste died in childbirth. Appalled by that statistic, the past governor of District 9800 (Australia) decided to do something about it. In 2010, he formed a district committee to address the dearth of medical expertise in the nation. The multiyear, \$114,000 effort started in 2011, with Timor-Leste clubs in District 9550 serving as hosts, as a part of the new grant model pilot. The project will conclude this year with its eighth global grant-funded VTT visit. Each one has included two-day workshops that have provided hands-on training for midwives and health workers, focusing on the primary causes of maternal death, such as haemorrhaging, infection, premature birth, and obstructed labour.

Knight estimates that most of the participating health workers had not received any new training in about seven years.

Their workload is enormous, and they do not have the capacity to take time out for training, says team leader Jeremy Oats, of the Rotary Club of Melbourne, a leading obstetrician in Australia. "So far we've trained over 200 midwives and doctors," Oats says. They, in turn, train other midwives and obstetricians.



Photos: Midwives in training, and Professor Jeremy Oats, Rotary Club of Melbourne with Professor Susan McDonald, Rotary Club of North Balwyn

Hoppers Crossing Antiques Fair

Every one of Hoppers Crossing Rotary Club's 22 members put their shoulders to the wheel to stage the club's 23rd annual Antiques Fair last month. Since its inception the fair has raised more than \$250,000 for the club.

The Antiques Fair on the weekend of July 18-19 attracted nearly 30 exhibitors selling everything from antique furniture to fine pottery, glassware and jewellery and old woodworking tools.

President Alan Makin says close to 1000 people came to check out the dealers' goods at the Wyndham Civic Centre. The net result is still being tallied, involving considerable expense for the hall hire, partitioning, tables, lighting and signage/marketing of the event.

The dealers are allocated stalls based on their space requirements and are charged on a square metre basis.

Helping the dealers to "bump in" and "bump out" the hall alone involved many members, and others put in time putting out advertising signage, manning the doors and collecting the entry fees.



Squally weather cut visitor numbers somewhat, and tougher economic conditions have shrunk the profit in the past three years at the Centre. Previously, the club ran the fair at the Williamstown Town Hall, which involved more travel for members but enabled more dealers to exhibit, attracted bigger crowds and generated better profile for the club. The club is looking into returning to Williamstown now that the Town Hall renovations there are finished.

The fair's profits give the club a solid base for community and youth work, including the Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN), Youth Leadership (RYLA), MUNA, WYNSPEAK public speaking competition for students and international projects.

The club has also been running a Bridal Expo for three years, with a fourth to be held next May 1 at D'Olive Reception house in Point Cook. The club charges only a gold coin donation and the public gets to meet celebrants, photographers, florists, dress providers and reception centre owners. "We've gained a lot of expertise in fairs and expos," Alan says. "Our costs at the Bridal Expo are much lower so we do well even with a gold-coin fee to the public."

Questions and Answers about Facebook

By Adrian Nelson, Director of Public Image & Communications

Most Rotary Clubs in our District have a presence on Facebook. Facebook has over 1.4 billion users. If it were a country, it would be the most populous on earth.

Q: Facebook seems like a colossal waste of time. Why should I bother creating a profile?

A: There's no way of fully understanding Facebook without actually using it. And you need to understand it because:

- it's changing the way governments, business, cultures, community organisations and people communicate.
- when your family, friends, children, grandchildren, clients and fellow Rotarians make reference to it, you want to be able to participate in the discussion with an informed opinion
- using a company or Rotary Club (or District)'s Facebook page can get you answers when e-mail or calling fails.



Q: How did Facebook become so popular?

A: It makes sharing information incredibly easy. And you choose what you want to see and from whom.

Q: I'm confused. There seems to be different kinds of pages on Facebook. What's the difference?

A: Even long time Facebook users get confused by this. And technically, only one of them is a "page". Here are the different types of presences that Facebook offers:

1. **Personal Profiles.** This is what you would set up for yourself. It usually consists of a picture, some information about yourself, and the updates you write on your "Wall". When you're asking to be friends with someone, you're reaching out to another personal profile. Profiles are just for individual people - not businesses or community groups. You set your own security settings to determine who sees information on your Personal Profile.
2. **Page (Fan Page/Business Page/Community Page).** These are different names for the same thing: a page for a company, a brand, a celebrity, a community group, an organisation etc. Think of them as mini-websites where the organisation (or your Rotary Club!) posts updates and interacts with their customers or fans (or club members or friends of your club). For a glimpse of a Facebook page, look at Rotary District 9800 Governor on Facebook. Typically anyone on Facebook can see information on a Page. The best way for a Rotary Club to be on Facebook is to have its own Page.
3. **Groups.** These are formed by other Facebook users and is typically a discussion group for people with shared interests. Groups can be open or closed, meaning non-group members may or may not be able to see what's being discussed. Users' personal profiles are visible to others in the group. Rotary District 9800 Discussion Group has been set up for Rotarians to talk to each other about their own interests.
4. **Events.** These are simply invitations for events ranging from simple after-work drinks sent by an individual (Profile) to a large fundraising event sent out by a not-for-profit (a Page). On the District 9800 Facebook Page, the upcoming "Success Seminar" is set up as an Event.

Our Rotary District 9800 Facebook page can be found at: [facebook.com/rotarydistrict9800](https://www.facebook.com/rotarydistrict9800)

\$50 Million Reasons to Celebrate

By David Dippie - RC of Keilor

For your next Rotary toast why not congratulate yourselves on your great effort. Every Rotary Club in our District has contributed to this result. You did the work, Donations-in-Kind provided the opportunity.

In 14.5 years our DIK Store has contributed \$50,030,000 of Overseas Aid and the output continues to increase. The \$2.7million invested in Store and shipping costs shipped goods worth \$43.5 million, a 1500% return on investment and improved thousands of lives in five continents.

When you are planning your projects for this year think about the difference that you could make using your DIK Store to help people. The Store exists to help you with your projects and if you are looking for a project to adopt contact David Dippie solatube@bigpond.com and he will suggest something to suit your Club.

Download your copy of the reports www.rotarydik.org (front page top right) and let people know about another great Rotary Project.

Donations In Kind West Footscray	2014-15	2000-15
Value of volunteer labour	\$330,000	\$3,830,000
Store and shipping costs	\$324,000	\$2,700,000
Value of goods shipped	\$5,460,000	\$43,500,000
Total Overseas Aid	\$6,114,000	\$50,030,000



Big award to the 'Village People'

By Tony Thomas, RC Central Melbourne Sunrise

Past Rotary International President Gary Huang has awarded RC Central Melbourne-Sunrise a Significant Achievement Award for the club's "Community Village" project.



This project, which has run for six years, typically operates from 10:30pm to 3:30am outside St Paul's Cathedral in the city, near Flinders Station. It offers a safe place, human company, advice, soup and coffee for tired and emotional people on their way home.

Clients are mostly young and worse for wear from a big night out. The club uses a purpose-built and well-lit enclosed trailer, two marquees, seats, heaters and free refreshments.

Organiser Neil Salvano says several hundred people a night grab the chance to rest up, rehydrate and get set for their trip home. The police and City of Melbourne testify that this calming environment cuts disorderly and anti-social be-

haviour and ensures safety for vulnerable people.

Neil says, "We operate on the four Friday and Saturday nights prior to Christmas, plus on other big occasions such as White Night Melbourne (6pm - 7am) and the Liverpool Football Club 'friendly' match in Melbourne two years ago. We roster our club volunteers and we get some helpers from other clubs.

"We need six people a night to staff our 'village', including an experienced Team Leader and a skilled Trailer Tow-Master. Of course, our volunteers can get a bit worse for wear themselves from this all-nighter, which only finishes when we have dismantled the 'village' and got the trailer parked back in Westgarth about 4am."

The project has fully funded by donations in cash and kind each year, including from Victoria Police, the City of Melbourne and various companies. The big trailer was supplied and fitted out by Jayco, to specifications of RCCMS member and engineer Alan Seale.

Past District Governor Murray Verso did a stint at the 'village' last December 20th and Assistant Governor Ian Salek helped on December 5th. Murray decided it was the District's best community-service project to put up for the RI award.

RI President Gary Huang wrote that the project represented the best in the District and the world of Rotary service.



Tibet - May 2015

By Jackie Jackson

A couple of weeks on it is clear to me now what my recent T.V.P.A. trip to Tibet means to me.

It is the people— end of story.

The scenery is mind numbingly gorgeous. The temples, culture, history and indeed the animals are truly fascinating but the people get into your soul the most.



I don't just mean the Tibetans we met by arrangement, be it in their homes, monasteries, clinics, schools and orphanages. I include our guides and organisers, every one of whom has such uplifting pride in their culture and integrity in their work.

If I am forced to choose people who left the biggest impact, then here we go.

At a home stay in a rural part of Tibet we met the hosting family. Not for the first time would they have been invaded by half a dozen noisy westerners and I can't imagine they ever get used to it and must surely think our ways and questions are strange.

The family comprised two gorgeous red cheeked little children (understandably shy at first), brothers, and a wife. There was also an uncle, now in his eighties, sitting smiling and cross legged on a mat, his sole focus being the two small children, their care and entertainment.

It was here we learned to make momos, Tibetan dumplings, with varying degrees of success. Our teacher who spoke little but smiled lots had such great serenity and the patience of a saint. Without doubt watching and sitting with a Tibetan family in their snug, cosy house, the focal point of which being the fire (fuelled by yak droppings) is my favourite memory.

Later in the trip, in the relative metropolis of Lhasa I bought a painting from a local artist. As she and her assistant wrapped it, I asked the best place to buy certain bits and pieces. The assistant leapt to her feet and offered to actually take me. Of course there was no need but they insisted. Her English is excellent and, as we were walking, I asked if she could or liked to paint also. She said no, as she was almost blind. I had no clue.

We walked and she explained that she was born sighted but lost her sight when very small and, for many years, attended the school for the blind in Lhasa. Amongst many things she learned also to speak English and she learned massage. Later in her life, a very small part of her sight returned and today she has a job and is a confident, happy young woman who told her story so matter-of-factly and with such lightness in her heart that this tourist from Melbourne felt nothing but pride for her and humility in me!



We rode up to this beautiful and incredibly old monastery called Yumbu Lhakang (First Palace), in Tibet's Autonomous Region in Yarlung county, on the little horses of Tibet.

It is believed that it was the first monastery before Samye and was built in 206 AD!

The Tibetans live their beliefs every waking hour, and every monastery, nunnery, and temple show the love and devotion that all Tibetans have.

So much history, it is hard to comprehend and get one's head around, but the memories of the gentleness, goodwill, kindness and generosity of all who we met, will never leave me.

(Jackie Jackson's husband is Ian Wells of Sandringham Rotary Club)

Meet - Australian Rotary Health

Australian Rotary Health is the only Rotary Club-established and supported independent health research fund in the world. Their life-changing research began in 1985 with a famous study into Sudden Infant Death Syndrome which led to the well-known practice of babies being laid on their backs to sleep. Since then, their research focus has spanned many health areas, including Alzheimer's Disease, Malaria, and the Environment, and many age groups too; Adolescent, Family and Elderly Health.

Health Research

In 2000 Australian Rotary Health was the first non-government funding organisation in Australia to focus research into the treatment of mental illnesses. From 2013 they were the first to commit funding into the prevention of mental illnesses. They continue to fund a broad range of research into heart disease, Motor Neurone Disease, diabetes, epilepsy and many cancers; bowel, prostate, breast, brain, ovarian and childhood cancers.

Indigenous Health

From 2000, Indigenous Health Scholarships have encouraged Indigenous students to undertake tertiary training in nursing, physiotherapy, psychology, dentistry and other health related degrees at university. Over fifteen years, 200 scholars have graduated into the workforce, and these professionals are the future of a culturally inclusive healthcare system.

Rural Health

In 2007, Rural Nursing and Medicine Scholarships were introduced to address staff shortages in country healthcare services. These Scholarships provide unique experiences and challenges for students as

they train, and encourage them to pursue a career in rural Australia when they have completed their studies.

Australian Rotary Health has a broad vision to improve the health of all Australians, and 100% of donations will support this cause. They prioritise high quality research and programs which will directly benefit communities.



Ways your Club can support Australian Rotary Health:

- Use your Club events to fundraise on our behalf;
- Encouraging members to donate – remember 100% of donations will go directly to our programs;
- Tell your local communities about us;
- Anyone can stay up to date with our news and events – email admin@australianrotaryhealth.org.au or phone 02 88371900 to join our electronic or posted mailing list.

Welcome New Members

The Rotary Club of Caulfield has introduced concert pianist Alan Kogosowski as a new member.



Pay It Forward

K.R. Ravindran's life was molded by family, country, and Rotary. Serving as Rotary president is his way of giving back to each of them.

Before he gives a speech, K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran doesn't like flowery, adulatory introductions. They make him uncomfortable. The 2015-16 Rotary president would rather keep a low profile and share the credit. If it were up to him, you probably wouldn't even be reading this article.

Negotiating Days of Tranquility during the Sri Lankan civil war so that health workers could administer drops of polio vaccine? Although it was on his desk that the agreement landed, he says, a lot of people worked to make that happen. Rebuilding 23 tsunami-damaged schools for 14,000 children? He merely led the committee. Taking a label-printing business from a small outfit operating in a space the size of a garage to a global powerhouse in the packaging business that has helped change the value-added tea industry in his country? Well, he simply happened to be in the right place at the right time.

"I'm sometimes introduced as a self-made man," says Ravindran, a member of the Rotary Club of Colombo. "You've got to be utterly egocentric to believe you are self-made. Each one of us is made because so many people helped us become who we are.



One of the reasons I work so much for Rotary is that I have been helped by so many people, and often you never have a chance to reciprocate," he explains. "The only way you can is by helping others. When the people I help ask me, 'What can I do?' I say, 'Go and help someone else in return.'"

For Ravindran, paying it forward isn't a fad, it's a way of life. His theme for this Rotary year, Be a Gift to the World, also summarizes his personal philosophy.

<http://therotarianmagazine.com/pay-it-forward/>



PERFORMANCE ENHANCEMENT IN PROFESSIONAL SPORT IN AUSTRALIA

A Panel Discussion

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Carol Cooke Paralympic Gold Medallist
Terry Bailey Chief Steward, Racing Victoria
Marty Pask Managing Director - i50 Sports Management

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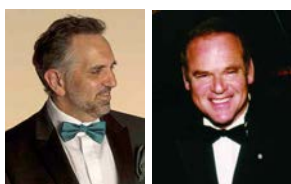
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Notices and Events

Rotary District 9800 Success Seminar

A seminar for every type of Rotarian - new, old, big or small!

Learn how to make your club even better and how to promote it!

Saturday 15th August 2015 9:30 for 10:00 until 12:30pm, followed by light lunch

The seminar will include:

- special guest speakers Dr Jonathan Welch and what success means to him
- what is a Rotary Ambassador and what does s/he do?
- what can we do better?
- how can we tell our Rotary stories?
- Multicultural Rotary, Young Rotary, Women in Rotary, and Experienced Rotarians working together - Rotary in Harmony!

Held at Trinity Grammar, Kew, arrive at 9.30am for 10am. Light lunch will conclude the day by 1pm.

This is a great opportunity to learn more about Rotary and help your club stand out in the community.

Cost is \$20 per head. Bookings made online, either individually or as a group.

For specific enquiries, e-mail publicimage@rotarydistrict9800.org.au

Access to the Probus travel insurance product had been extended to Rotarians.

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Join us to celebrate International Day for Older Persons

6 October 2015

60, there's still work to do! - tickets now on sale

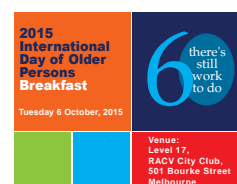
The Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission and COTA Victoria would like to invite you to hear from our distinguished panel of speakers who have made their mark before and after 65 years of age and join the conversation about the value older workers bring to our workplaces. Moderated by journalist Geraldine Doogue, this event will dispel some common myths about older workers and celebrate their experience, contribution and insights.

Date
Tuesday 6 Oct 2015
7.15am-9am, includes breakfast

Venue
RACV Club, 501 Bourke St
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Tickets
Single \$75 (\$70 early bird)
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Corporate table \$750

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FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR COUNCIL ON THE AGEING (COTA). COTA Victoria has been the voice of older Victorians for over 50 years who continually strive to ensure that the contributions of older people are proudly recognised and acknowledged within our community.

Editorial

Who reads this stuff? At "The Networker", we often wonder who (if anyone) reads our publication.



Those who do, may recall our article in June on "Handbrake Turn", which takes kids who are heading in the wrong direction, and uses the attraction of working on cars as a way to change their lives.

This week we received news that Oscar Rosa at HandbrakeTurn had advised Keilor Rotary Club that they had received donations of a Falcon Sedan and a Holden Calais: Ron Adams from the St Kilda Rotary Club and Austen Burleigh from Melbourne Rotary Club had read our article and responded generously.

So that leaves us at "the Networker" with a warm glow: someone reads it after all! - Editor.

Dates for your Diary

The 2015 Rotary Success Conference and Youth Summit will be held at the Hellenic Club, Canberra on **5 – 6 September 2015**. This conference is an affordable conference as the price of \$120 per person covers, morning teas, lunch, afternoon tea and the Saturday night dinner. It will commence at 8.30am on the Saturday morning and conclude at 12.30pm on the Sunday.

Register now at:

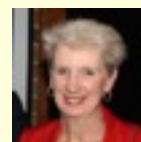
<http://www.rotaryd9710.org.au/success-conference.html>

2016 Rotary International Convention, Seoul

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<http://www.riconvention.org>

Our Contributors



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



Our peripatetic philosopher, Tony Thomas of RC Central Melbourne Sunrise, is a closet gourmet.



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



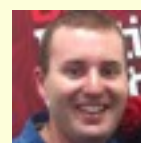
PE Bryan Griffiths, of Rochester Rotary Club, sends us some great articles from the country.



Peter Allen of Camberwell RC is Secretary of the Boroondara Cares Foundation.



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