

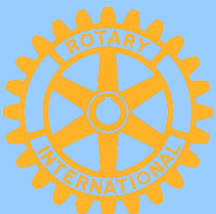
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Zone 8 Humanitarian of the Year

The inaugural **Humanitarian of the Year** award recognises a person who, through their actions, is exemplary in his/her leadership, caring, and commitment to the welfare of humanity, either within Zone 8 or globally.

It is to be awarded to a person who inspires others to action, and who selflessly improves and enriches the lives of both individuals, and the greater society.

Ruth Carlos Martinez is that person in 2018 and has won this prestigious award for Rotary Zone 8* which encompasses Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Islands and 25 districts.

Ruth volunteers tirelessly for Filipinos through Rotary. She has served in many capacities in Club roles back home, led a **Group Study Exchange team** and been recognised by the Philippines Government with a **Kapawa Pilipino Award**.

At any one time Ruth will be juggling 6-10 major projects over a number of Districts in the Philippines on behalf of different Clubs whom she has convinced to support one of the many project opportunities she has identified.

For example, in 2008 Ruth started the year by visiting typhoon prone and devastated Sorsogon province Philippines, resulting in a site review, donations and a pilot project to provide Bio Sand Water Filter (BSWF) units for water sanitation in the municipalities of Camarines Sur and Sorsogon. Ruth set up a program for the water filter units to be locally manufactured to provide employment for "out of school" youths. In the phase 1 installation (completed September 2008), municipalities in Magallanes, Sorsogon City, and Juban, Sorsogon were recipients of 90 filters. Part of the project was to train and promote awareness to the public of the use and misuse of the filters.

Later that year, Ruth launched her Rotary Club's **Aid to Municipalities** project by organising the construction of a major water distribution system to supply clean filtered water to over 6000 people. The project also included the donation of an ultra sound machine to a provincial hospital and medical supplies to a health centre in Sorsogon.

Although water and sanitation programs are significant, Ruth works across The Foundation's areas of Focus. Examples of other programs include: emergency relief programs; feeding programs for malnourished orphans; review of livelihood; dressmaking programs and other skills training; assistance to victims of human trafficking; maternal and child care; literacy programs; community libraries and book supplies; peacebuilding programs; hospital programs; provision of wheel chairs; provision of hospital equipment and services, environmental programs (including "Biodry" briquette making, solid wastes management, and pollution control programs, riverbank stabilisation).

Ruth Carlos-Martinez is highly respected by her fellow Rotarians who are inspired by her selfless dedication and commitment to make a difference for the impoverished. Ruth is reticent to discuss her motivation and her life philosophy and shuns receiving publicity for herself - but she seeks publicity for her programs at every opportunity. She expresses her feelings this way:

"We make a living by what we get, but it is through hard work, effort and wilful tenacity to help the underprivileged that we make a life by what we give".

Apart from her tireless hands on contributions Ruth is also an active donor to The Rotary Foundation a wonderful ambassador for Rotary. Ruth will be honoured at The Australia New Zealand Rotary Conference in Hobart during September. *There are 34 Rotary zones in the world.

(with acknowledgement to RC Brighton Rotarian Anthony Langley for authoring parts of this article)

Bronwyn Stevens

District Governor 2018-2019



District Governor Bronwyn Stephens

Thank you

Sometimes there is a frame of mind for calling it as it is...I need to do that today.

Please could we acknowledge each other and thank each other in our service. We are so busy trying to increase membership, get the Rotary brand out there in community, have the Rotary Foundation known for the Charity recognition that it absolutely should be, and promote polio eradication that I wonder if we forget to take care of each other.

Two days ago I spent a few hours with the 2019 National Youth Science Forum candidates.

The Program Chair Stuart Cardell quietly goes about his business running that program year in and year out. There were so many Clubs and students there. It was a mountain of work. I suspect I only know the tip of what is involved. ***Thank you, Stuart.***

Today I was contacted by Gabrielle Morgan. She spent time with Victorian Youth Exchange Australia in Hobart really knuckling down and making sure we are on top of the rigorous compliance issues. In fact, she was at the forefront and a presenter. ***Thank you, Gabrielle.***

Who could miss the fact that over \$10million has been raised for drought stricken farmers through Rotary partnering with Channel 9 and the National Farmers Federation? That was through a phone call from District Governor Nominee Phillip Archer and several weeks of continual hard work that he has put in since. ***Thank you, Phillip.***

Mark Stephens has put together a wonderful website for us and I hope you are finding it easy to navigate, with all the resources you need at your fingertips. I know for a fact that he spends many, many hours a week on this and it costs clubs and our district nothing. ***Thank you, Mark.***

Lesley is our District Bulletin Editor. She is Rotary Flemington President but so passionate about sharing your news she continued in the role of District Bulletin editor of our behalf. ***Thank you, Lesley*** for sharing our news.

Rotarians who step up or go that extra mile inside or outside their Clubs don't look for thanks or recognition. We are uplifted and encouraged by a word of thanks though and it is so easy to give.

Please say ***thanks*** to Rotarians who are putting days, weeks and months of hard slog into helping us and our Clubs in a wider sense.

And give a thanks to the person who stands besides us and helps us be the inspiration each day.

Rotary for me allows a person to take an idea to help another person, a community or the whole world... and for like minded people to join them to make it happen.



Highlights from the ANZ Zone Conference



Rotary sand sculpture welcomes attendees.

PDG Peter Frueh accepting the Certificate of Achievement for our District 9800 contribution to End Polio.



Pictured: Mary Beth Grownsey Selene, Rotary Foundation Trustee, RC Madison West Towne-Middleton, Wisconsin presents Pete Frueh with the Foundation Certificate, with PRIP Ian Riseley.

Busyfeet opened the Australia and New Zealand Rotary conference in front of almost 600 people to a standing ovation. You were all stars. Congratulations.



Future Leaders Seminar facilitated by PDGs Murray Verso and David Anderson, With Dale Hoy, Caroline Ord, Josephine Fazzolaro and Jonathan Shephard.



2018 Youth Exchange Orientation Camp

On the weekend of the 17th to 19th August a weekend camp was held at Camp Getaway for all the Youth Exchange Students both inbound and outbound. The camp was filled with hard work, meeting new people and finding out more about Rotary and the supports in place to help provide a successful year on Exchange.

This was the first time our newly arrived inbound students had met as a group, so it was an important event for them as they can provide support for each other during some of the hard times that lie ahead for each student in the coming months. Exchange will provide the best times of their young lives and also possibly the most testing time to date.

The students also had the opportunity to spend some time with their country counterparts, for example Florisse was able to provide information and answer questions for Hamish who is headed to France in 2019 and he was able to help her with her questions about Australia.

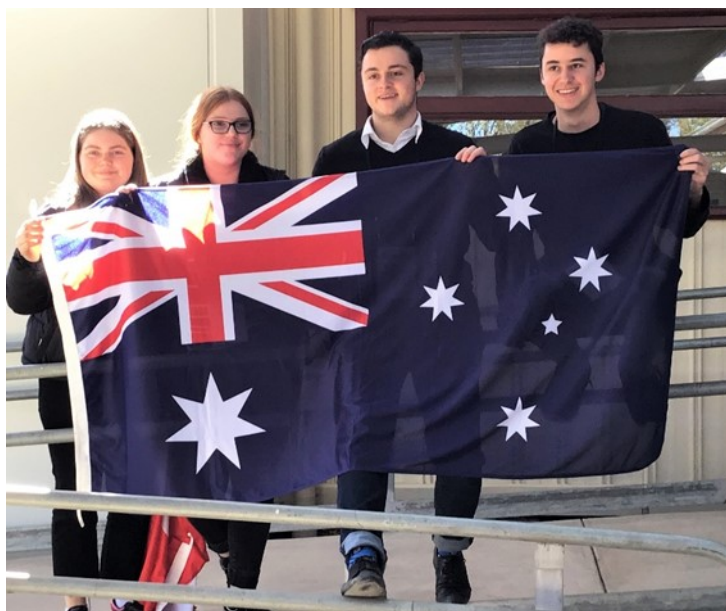
On Saturday night everyone dressed up for a Rotary meeting. There were no fines instead there was a trivia session where the students won a lolly for correct answers about the countries involved in exchange for 2018 and 2019.

At lunchtime on Sunday, parents, host parents and counsellors arrived to share the BBQ lunch. Everyone including the students were part of a session on student safety and the support structures in place to ensure the student's well-being. Then the parents of the outbound students had a session with "Anywhere Travel" and got down to the nitty-gritty of when and how their students were going to get to their countries in 2019.

The camp was run by a dedicated Youth Exchange Committee and Rotexers (Returned Exchange Students) who gave up their weekend to help prepare these students to have the very best exchange possible.

The Rotexers are able to provide advice and support. They know what lies ahead.

Pictured from left:
Maddi Collis {Germany},



*Filling in important forms - making sure each student has the names and phone numbers of their country coordinators, counsellors and host families.
Emmanuel is an old hand at this - makes sure they get it right.
Next step was adding the information to their phones.*

Florisse with Hamish, inbound and outbound student from/to **France**.



Sabine (outbound to Spain) and Florisse (inbound from France) are the Rotary Club of Footscray's students.

Hamish trying on jackets to get the right size.



The newly arrived inbound students all dressed up for dinner.
From left: Tina, Luisa, Florisse, Pol and Rasmus.

Inbound and outbound students.
The two students from Brazil were at school events and unable to attend.



Inbound Students —

Florisse - France - RC of Footscray

Rasmus - Finland - RC Bacchus Marsh

Luisa - Germany - RC Eaglehawk

Outbound Students -

Sabine - to Spain - RC Footscray

Lara -to Germany - RC Prahran

Amanda – to Finland - RC Glen Eira

Bianca – to Austria - RC Glenferrie

Tina - Taiwan - RC Club of Caroline Springs

Pol - Spain - RC Bendigo

Olavo - Brazil - RC Gisborne Luisa - Brazil - RC Brighton

Noah – to Brazil - E-club Melbourne

Grace – to Sweden - RC west Footscray

Hamish – to France - RC Gisborne

Annabelle – to Switzerland - RC Bendigo

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End Polio ... Prance in the Park

Save the Date! 17th November if your Club is looking for an event to get involved in around World Polio Day on 24th October, here it is!

District 9800 End Polio Now Ambassador Susie Cole and Club presidents Amritpal Singh (Southbank) & Kitty O'Connor (Laverton/Point Cook) are organising a major fundraiser for End Polio Now and they need 20 Rotary Clubs to send 5 walkers/prancers to participate in the inaugural **End Polio Prance in the Park**, featuring punks, princes & princesses! at Albert Park Lake on Saturday 17th November.

This year only 100 walkers can participate as more than that will require Parks Victoria permits, more complicated infrastructure & time to plan, but if this year is a success it will grow to a major event in 2019 & beyond.

Every Club's Team representatives are being asked to raise at least \$1,000 in sponsorship, wear a **District 9800 End Polio Now T-shirt** (made famous at the Rotary International Convention in Toronto recently!) & dress as a punk, prince or princess at this fun event!

All teams' sponsorships will be attributed to their respective clubs as part of their annual contribution to Foundation and End Polio Now and if the event raises the hoped for \$100,000, with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation contribution of 2:1 it will be \$300,000 towards the final push to end polio in the world!

The registration/sponsorship website is coming soon, so meanwhile, who's in?

Susie will be there in her gold shorts helping to run the day, we need 17 more clubs to register & join the Prahran Prancers, Southbank Strutters & Laverton/Point Cook Lopers (working titles – may change) with 5 more prancers apiece!

Let Susie (scole16@hotmail.com) or Kitty (catherine@champagnethursday.org) know if you're up for prancing (or even just walking sedately)?

If not prancing, for an extra charge you can be part of the "End Polio Push".... where you'll be pushed around the 5km course in a DIK loaner wheelchair!

Save the date & NOMINATE!!

Susie Cole
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District 9800 Foundation Newsletter

2016-17 was a huge year for The Rotary Foundation, a year in which we celebrated the centennial of our Foundation.

Coming off The Foundation Centennial year, which was capped with our memorable Foundation dinner function on 31 May, we knew that we would still be looking back perhaps more than we were looking ahead so the challenge was to keep the momentum going. An additional challenge was the lower amount of District Designated Funds (DDF) that was available as a consequence of lower club and personal contributions three years earlier.



Nevertheless, it was a very positive year for Foundation related activities in D9800. Within the funding available we completed slightly fewer District grants, but they were stronger and of higher impact. A new schools' scholarship program was very popular and effective. Five significant Global Grants were approved as well as two Global Grant Scholarships.

District 9800 returned to its status as a Peace Builder District with a DDF contribution of US\$25,000 to the Rotary Peace program. Importantly, our "Black Caviar" status was retained with 4 successful nominations to the Peace and Conflict Resolution program.

Photo: District 9800 Foundation Chairman, PDG Dennis Shore, celebrating another great year for The Rotary Foundation.

As a District we contributed US\$38,000 to the PolioPlus program from our DDF as part of a challenge program with clubs for a total of US\$79,000. We plan to extend the challenge program again this year. Annual giving was below that of the Centennial year but more than 18% above the period 3 years prior and more than 21% ahead on a per capita basis. and new major donors.

The year ahead will see a lot more effort to **"fight polio to the finish"**.

District Governor Bronwyn has her **Smartie Campaign**, there will be our annual **Foundation movie**, and the opportunity for clubs to support **Prance in the Park**.

It would be great if clubs could also support **World Polio Day** on **24th October** and consider ways of helping the fight.

November is **Foundation Month** and clubs are encouraged to provide focus and support for **OUR Foundation**.

Read the District 9800 Foundation Newsletter, with goals, grants, reflections of a conference-goer, and the Paul Harris breakfast at:

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/154713a404a5f24c010420601/files/b5a111d8-1351-4dfe-8e5d-0f90abeafe45/Lower_Res.pdf

The Rotary Foundation Goals



Rotary and Gardens – A Winning Combination!

Rotary's Garden DesignFest 2018, to be held over two weekends in November, will give garden lovers the chance to indulge their passion and help raise money for End Trachoma by 2020.

Gardens in rural Victoria (Ballarat and Macedon Ranges) will be open on 10 and 11 November and gardens in the Melbourne Metropolitan area and the Mornington Peninsula will be open on 17th and 18th November. The professionally designed, private gardens will be open to the public from 10am to 5pm. The designers will be at the gardens when they are open and are happy to share their expertise and planting notes with visitors.



Garden DesignFest is a biennial event organised by the **Rotary Clubs of Kew, Brighton North and Central Melbourne**. **Garden DesignFest** has raised \$530 000 for Rotary and other charities since it began in 2004. More than 20 Rotary clubs (from Districts 9780 and 9800) will be involved in presenting the event in November. This year's main charity is **End Trachoma by 2020**. Australia is the world's only developed country with trachoma, an infectious eye disease that can be prevented with good hygiene practices.

You might like to join us on a one-day **Garden DesignFest** organised bus tour to selected gardens. Going on a bus tour is a great way to see several gardens in one day with lunch, garden notes and a **Garden DesignFest** ticket if you want to visit other gardens the next day, included!

To whet your appetite, below are brief descriptions of three of the gardens that will be open during **Garden DesignFest**.

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Lal Lal Estate Ballarat (Jennifer Clancy, open 10 & 11 November)

Lal Lal Estate was established in the 1850s on the banks of the Lal Lal Creek south of Ballarat by the Fiskens family. Over six generations the family developed one of Victoria's finest merino sheep properties (2000 ha) and established wonderful homestead gardens.

In 2014 the stewardship of Lal Lal (aboriginal word for water) passed to Tianyu Wool who have been equally as passionate about the property and its gardens. Since then, the gardens, under the guidance of landscape designer Jennifer Clancy, have been replenished and renovated to meet the changing needs of a new generation of owners. The centrepiece of the existing garden has always been the mesmerising lake views with foreground of sweeping tranquil lawns and the background of Eucalyptus mirrored in the still water.

Visiting Lal Lal is a wonderful opportunity to see a heritage garden with significant completed renovations, and continuing development works underway. This is an opportunity to enjoy a garden still unfolding.



Malmsbury, Macedon Ranges (Deborah Hambleton open 10 & 11 November)

“Melrose” is a circa 1860s bluestone cottage. When acquired in 2005 by the current owner it had been derelict for some time.

The garden was developed gradually as building works and pool construction permitted, with the final areas landscaped and planted during 2011. Accordingly, much of the development of the garden took place during years of drought, and then during extreme wet.

This influenced the design, with a view to creating an environment that would provide sanctuary and protection from the harsh climatic conditions and working with robust plantings.



The garden has been designed with a mix of elements – with some formality and symmetry, some romance and wildness, a mingling of ornamentals and productive plants and the use of local recycled materials and artefacts from overseas.

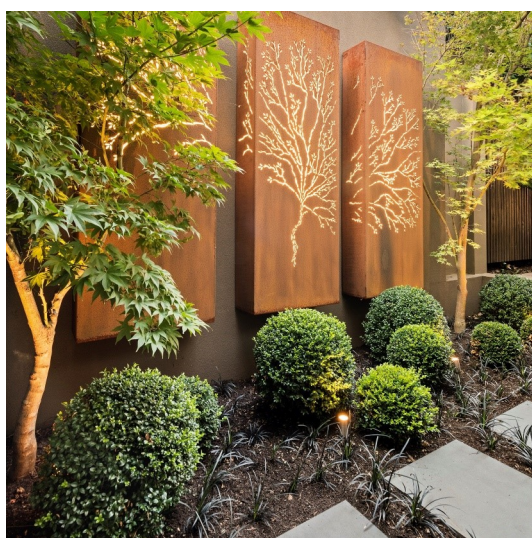
A courtyard around the living and dining areas provides shade from the western and northern sun in summer, and light in winter.

A pergola covered in grape stretches across the courtyard. The garden also includes a vegetable garden and a chicken house.

Canterbury (Steve Taylor open 17 & 18 November)

The home owners wanted to completely renovate the tired, run down and poorly built rear garden and sideways. Designer Steve Taylor transformed the rear space into a modern, highly functional outdoor living zone.

An undercover alfresco area was created off the boundary and features a built-in fire place, built-in bar-style dining table and bar with a featured recycled timber post.



Connecting to the covered entertaining space is an ingenious design feature – a laser cut black steel arbour that extends across the garden and folds over into a bench seat framed by a tapestry of green. A pool was gutted and refurbished and features a stylish three-spout contemporary water fountain as a focal point for the internal dining room.

The narrow sideways was completely renovated and features a three panelled light box opposite the formal sitting room and the existing Japanese maples were retained to keep the sense of green. The existing Pittosporum hedge was maintained while new plants were added throughout the remaining spaces.

Find out more at: gardendesignfest.com.au

Rotary Peace Fellow Kelly Lawson reflects

When we first arrived we attended a welcoming from **Mr. Bhichai Rattakul**, past **Rotary International President** and former Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand. He is a truly inspirational man. It was such an honour to meet him. He encouraged us all to be peacemakers and to put into practice all that we would be exposed to over the coming months. I will try and send through some photos of this special occasion.

I have had the opportunity to present at two Rotary clubs over the last couple of weeks. One being the **Rotary Club of Bangkapi** which is a beautiful club with lunchtime meetings at the Grand Hyatt. It was an English speaking club which made it easier to present and the people were so lovely.



Specifically mentioned were Australia's efforts in assisting in the cave search for the missing young soccer players which they asked for me to convey to all back home. They were very grateful and spoke about how our country played a significant role in the rescue.

I also presented at an evening meeting at the **Rotary Club of Pattanakarn**. I had the pleasure when I first arrived of attending their family night which was a celebration regarding the change of President. It was a fabulous night filled with games and entertainment. The newly elected President, Tete Techapatsiri, is a 30 year old male with lots of energy and a passion for Rotary not seen in many young people. It was great to see so many of the younger generation joining Rotary and they had a significant amount of female representation which is not always seen in many clubs across Bangkok.

At both clubs I presented on my work as a Police Officer and spoke of the challenges faced with the diverse community that we represent. I specifically spoke of the issues with the Preston Mosque and used it as a case study and linked it to the Peace fellowship and how we can police through the lens of peace building. On both occasions it was a well received presentation with many questions.

They will also host an evening celebration for all the Peace Fellows on the 28th August as we come to finalising our time on the course.

This coming Friday we leave for a week field trip to Sri Lanka where we will study the conflict over many years regarding the Tamil Tigers.

On Friday 31 August, we present our studies to an open forum which is a great way to not only share our work but to highlight the significant contribution that Rotary is making to Peace building across the world. That night we have a graduation ceremony where all Rotary hosts across the various clubs come together in a night of shared celebration.

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**Rotary Peace Center
at Chulalongkorn
University**

As we are in our last week of the program it has been crazy busy. We have our public seminar tomorrow where we have the opportunity to present our work completed over the last three months. This week has been spent in preparation and attending last minute celebrations. On Tuesday evening the **Bangkapi Rotary** club held a special dinner for all the Peace Fellows which was a lovely event with many participants wearing their national dress. The evening was celebrated with a lovely dinner and Karaoke of all things!

The field trip to **Sri Lanka** was a fantastic experience. We were exposed to some amazing speakers from local community, government, the military and local clergy / religious leaders. As you would be aware the country was at war for many years with a resolution occurring in 2009. It was a very violent end to the war with the government, through its military putting an end to the Liberation Tamil Tigers by executing approximately 40,000 Tamil's over a two week period. It appears to this day that the army maintains a lot of the power within the community.

During our visit we studied the conflict and underlying root causes and possible ways for the country to move forward. Transitional Justice was proposed about four year ago and although the government agreed it has moved very slowly and really there has been no traction towards Rehabilitation or Reconciliation.

The Northern Province of Sri Lanka has a very high population of Tamil people and it has experienced a high level of military presence. The ratio is said to be 1:3 civilians. The army currently has in its possession approximately 5,000 acres of land. This land was acquired during the war and is supposed to be returned to the Tamil people however this has been a very slow process and when the land is returned the army occupies the adjacent land allowing them to keep the civilians under scrutiny which means they are never truly free.

The power that the army has is perpetuated with the support of the government who over the years have promoted army personnel who have been responsible for enforced disappearances. And although there is evidence to support Human Rights violations the government quashes the evidence and will not release the reports that detail same and instead allow the army to grow. This causes trust issues within the community and until changes are made moving forward is impossible.

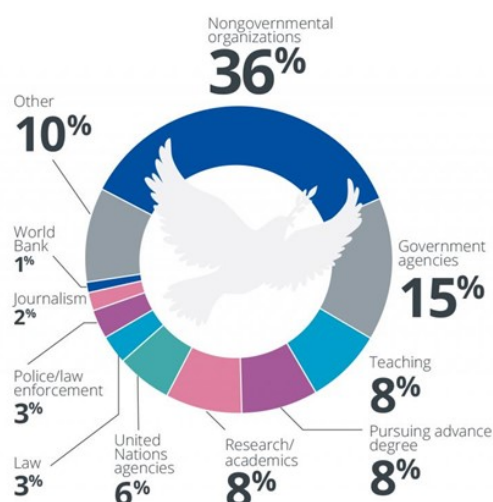
It was said during our visit that ***“reconciliation and peace starts with your heart and mind”***. The current situation with the military demonstrate they don't hold these things dear to them. There is a real lack of trust amongst the people and until this can be changed reconciliation cannot commence. What appeared clear to me is that the issue does not appear to be between the people of the different communities. They appear to live in harmony or at least that is the case in the Northern Province of Jaffna where I heard many stories of Tamil people marrying Sinhalese which only cements in my mind that the current situation is very much a matter of politics and oppression from the government.

Overall the visit to Sri Lanka was a wonderful experience and really allowed us to study all our learnings from the program.

I look forward to sharing with you further upon my return.

Kelly Lawson
Rotary District 9800 Peace Fellow in Chulalongkorn
Inspector with Victoria Police

Where Rotary Peace Center alumni work





ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 2023



LATEST UPDATE ON ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 2023

MELBOURNE has been shortlisted for 2023 RI Convention!

It has taken several years of hard work. But now the RI President and Executive have acknowledged our outstanding Bid to host the 2023 Rotary International Convention. Melbourne has been selected as a finalist. The RI Board will make their final selection at their January 2019 meeting.

This is a big deal. This would be the largest Convention held in Melbourne since the previous RI Convention in 1993. We can expect 20,000 delegates from around the world.

In the meantime, Melbourne needs to prepare for a site inspection team early in November, 2018. The Selection Panel is planning to spend 2.5 days in Melbourne with our own local Host Organising Committee and the Melbourne Convention Bureau. Our HOC has representatives with a wonderful array of talents drawn from the 2014 Sydney Convention, 5 local Rotary Districts, the Rotary Foundation and RC Melbourne.

The visit will be exploring:

- Rod Laver Arena and Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre (which also hosted the 1993 RI Convention);
- Our comprehensive transport plan developed for easy migration of delegates between hotels and venues;
- The many attractions that make Melbourne a magnet for tourists and a great place for Rotarians to live and work.

In our favour, we have successfully secured two great venues, 7000+ hotel rooms and a unique transport package. Plus we will be seeking your support engaging 8,000+ Rotarians located in 5 local Districts as volunteers or delegates. The warmth and friendliness of local Rotarians we believe is a great strength in our Bid.

Our Bid meets the "Essential & Desirable Criteria" laying the foundation for a successful, well run Convention. Melbourne has special features that make it a desirable destination with unique visitor experiences. We are fortunate to have a long history of Melbourne's ability hosting Rotary Conventions for 80 years. And Melbourne is a "Big Events City" that likes to put on great events for visitors.

Donations in Kind boosted by Student Support

Pam Baker, on of the regular Tuesday team who work to sort and pack stationery and books for shipment overseas sent through this story.

Some students from Our Lady's Primary School in Sunshine, initiated by student Jeremiah, collected some of their books to bring to Donations In Kind to send overseas to other students less fortunate than themselves.

Along with their teacher, they packed the books into boxes, were shown around the warehouse, and then were able to join us for a Somali lunch. A treat for all.



Pictured:

Volunteers at Donations in Kind including the regular Somali helpers;

left Andy, Bob and John

Standing at back left Pam Baker with students and their teacher.

Pam Baker

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Rochester Farm and Road Safety Expo

This year's Farm and Road Safety Expo was another very successful event. With just 6 members, the Rotary Club of Rochester did an amazing job.

The weather was reasonably kind as was the media with Channel 9 Bendigo and WIN television visiting and interviewing attendees that were aired on Tuesday night's news.



Our District Governor Bronwyn Stevens took photos and did interviews which she posted on Rotary District 9800 Discussion page.

Rotarians from the Goldfields Clusters and Melbourne clubs supported the event and provided solid feedback on Facebook, emails and through Club bulletins.

2019 is the Coming of Age FARSE— 21 years without a break—this must be an indication that the FARSE is a good project to keep going.

It is not too early to send in ideas and suggestions for a bigger and better Expo on 20th August 2019.



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Myanmar Literacy Project

In December 2016 my wife and I visited a village called Aru in Chin State, Myanmar. As pinion passengers on motorbikes, we saw glimpses of other villages, all perched like lonely birds on high ridges, lest they be flooded. Fortunately, we were there during the dry season. We were not the only celebrities.

A young Myanmar man from Sunshine, Melbourne accompanied us. He had not seen his family for 16 years. As there was no electricity, the villagers had lined up a generator for the celebrations. Otherwise we were given torches, lest we fall between the unnailed boards in the bathroom at night. Often, I had to frequent the toilet, negotiating chooks and the pig.

At present in Myanmar it's raining cats and dogs. The heavy rain of the Monsoons causes frequent landslides and accidents. Near village Aru a memorial shelter has been built to remember the brother of our friend in Sunshine. While felling a tree, he was killed. The isolation from medical support and education brought home to us the dire needs faced by these people.

For example, teachers need educational materials and in particular workbooks, so that education can continue during the Monsoon season.

We at the Rotary Club of West Footscray recognize this need and have received District 9800 Foundation Grant approval to purchase and supply educational materials. The grant is enabling us to fund the transport of workbooks to remote villages, New Pintia and Lung Cawi of Chin State. Chin state is the second poorest state in Myanmar, located in the mountains with poor road conditions making it difficult to travel.

638 of the books have now been printed for Prep to grade 6 and cover a curriculum of reading Burmese, English and mathematics. Delivery, however will be completed only when the Monsoons cease, in about October.

We look forward to seeing joy on the faces of teachers and families when they receive the brand new workbooks.

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Capture the moment in Hamburg

The multi-faceted port city of Hamburg invites you to the Rotary International Convention from June 1st through June 5th, 2019.

Use this opportunity to get to know Rotarians from around Germany, Europe and the world! Help shape the future of Rotary and become inspired during the conference.

During the Convention there will be many large events with interesting speakers, along with smaller Breakout Sessions that allow for active discussions amongst the attendees. You can end each day with a variety of evening activities that will include dining and cultural experiences. Visit the House of Friendship where the world of Rotary comes together to exchange ideas and showcase the diversity of projects 'doing good in the world'.

Registrations are now open and the early bird (until 15 December) cost is US\$395 per person and includes:

Admission to the convention's opening and closing ceremonies and general sessions, where you'll hear from

- ♦ inspiring and entertaining speakers, including top leaders in our organization.
- ♦ Informative breakout sessions to help you build your communication, leadership, and project management skills
- ♦ Opportunities to network and exchange ideas while browsing the project and fellowship booths in the House of Friendship
- ♦ Entertainment provided by local artists and musicians in the House of Friendship and at the general sessions
- ♦ Transportation between your hotel and the convention venue, if you booked your hotel through Rotary's official housing partner, Experient.

If you would like further information about the RI Convention please contact our District 9800 Convention Co-ordinators, Rosemary and Ted Waghorne, who will be leading our District contingent.

For Convention details visit: www.riconvention2019.org

Contact:
Rosemary and Ted Waghorne
waghorne@dcsi.net.au

Yvonne Flynn
District Chair Club Service
PP Rotary Club f Malvern
Email: yflynn23@bigpond.com
Mobile: 0418 387 339



Registration

Open July 1st 2018
EarlyBird closes November 30th 2018

Provisional Program

Friday February 15th

Evening Club Dinners
Daytime Various tours of Melbourne as well as golf and other activities

Saturday February 16th 9:30 – 4:30

Evening Gala Dinner

Sunday February 17th Conference closes 1:30 PM

Provisional Registration Costs

First Time Conference attendees \$125

EarlyBird Conference attendees \$175

Normal (after Nov 30) \$225

(note Gala Dinner is at a separate cost)

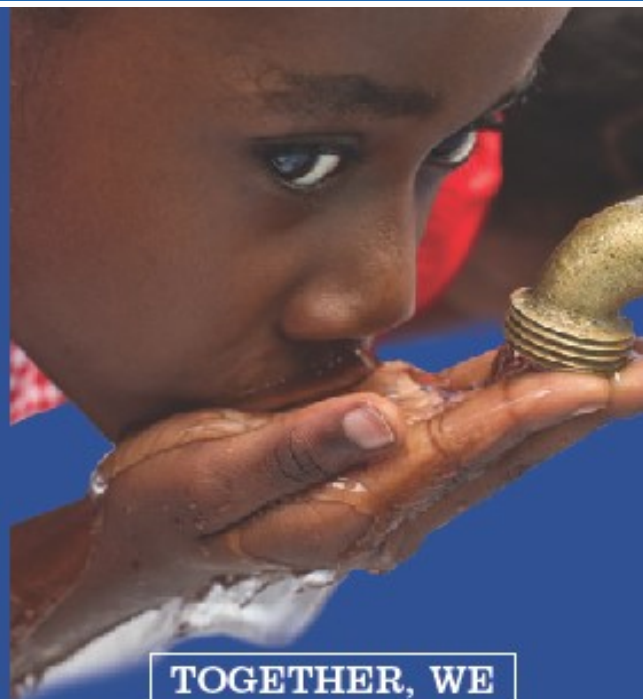
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TOGETHER, WE

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2019 Victorian Multi-District Conference

15 -17 February 2019
Melbourne Convention Centre

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Rotarians, partners and friends from four Victorian Districts will celebrate Rotary at the 2019 Multi District Conference.

Together, we will have the opportunity to hear inspirational world class speakers, listen to presentations from Rotarians and others about connecting and transforming communities.

CONNECT

Multiple breakout sessions will be offered on a variety of topics with underlying themes that will inspire Rotarians to serve their communities.

Throughout the sessions entertainment will have us laughing, singing and possibly even dancing with joy. There will be something for everyone in the innovative spaces available at the Melbourne Convention Centre.



Young people from across Victoria will gather together in a Youth Forum aimed at Engaging and Empowering Youth to strengthen Victorian Communities.

An Interact Conference will also be organised on the same weekend in the Conference centre.

Rotarians and young people will together be involved in several hands on Projects involving birthing kits, emergency meals and kits for the homeless of Melbourne.

The Conference Dinner will be a spectacular event overlooking Melbourne on the Saturday night.

This is definitely a Rotary Conference that should not be missed.

TRANSFORM



KENYA – Flooding

August has been a successful month for our response in Kenya. After initially deploying a team in May, families displaced by severe flooding have now received ShelterBox aid. By the end of August, the team had worked with the Kenya Red Cross Society to distribute aid to a total of 648 households in Kilifi county, one of the hardest hit regions. These families have each received a ShelterKit, solar lights, a kitchen set, sleeping mats, and water carriers. The response in Kenya has been complex, in part due to a single use plastic ban across the country. To address the issue, we sent teams to Belgium and Dubai to work with our suppliers to remove all plastic packaging from our aid. The next steps in Kenya are to continue working on post-distribution monitoring with the Kenya Red Cross Society and to finalise plans for distributions in Tana River, another region which was severely hit by the floods.

Distributions



LOMBOK/INDONESIA – Earthquake

On Sunday 5 August, a 6.9 magnitude earthquake struck the Indonesian island of Lombok, killing more than 460 people, and causing displacement for around 400,000. Since the earthquake hit, many people have been too scared to return home as the island has been rocked by hundreds of aftershocks, including three big tremors each reaching a magnitude of at least 6.4. By Friday 10 August, we had deployed a team to Jakarta to meet with Rotarians, assess the need and strengthen relationships with organisations in Indonesia. The team explored whether stock currently held in the region could be utilised to support this response. It was decided that the aid stocks would be beneficial and an MOU between Rotary and the National Board for Disaster Management was drawn up to provide ShelterBox tents, tarpaulins, ropes, kitchen sets and other essential items to affected families. By the end of August, with the support of Rotary in Lombok, we had distributed 160 ShelterBoxes, 50 tarpaulins, and 60 sections of rope.

Distributions



ETHIOPIA

In April 2018, inter-communal violence flared on the border of southern Ethiopia, with conflict mainly linked to longstanding political and tribal divisions. At this current time, nearly one million people have been internally displaced in the Gedeo Zone and West Guji Zone. Around 60% of the families displaced are staying in crowded and unsuitable collective centres in public buildings. We currently have a team in-country working with the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) to support 2,000 families with tarpaulins, rope, blankets, water carriers, mosquito nets, and kitchen sets. This aid will provide lifesaving protection from the cold weather, as well as protection from vector and water borne diseases. Aid is now in country at the field warehouse, distribution dates are yet to be confirmed.

Conflict displacement

ShelterBox and Rotary International are project partners in disaster relief.
ShelterBox is a charity (1096479) independent of Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation



CAMEROON

Since 2014, Boko Haram attacks in Cameroon have caused the internal displacement of more than 241,000 people. In addition, over 95,000 Nigerian refugees have fled into the country. Many of those who have been displaced relocated to Minawao camp, which now accommodates more than 70,000 people. We have been working in Cameroon with our implementing partner IEDA Relief since 2015 to support families living inside the camp. In August, we deployed a team to Cameroon to meet with IEDA Relief and review all the work that has been done over the past 12 months. As well as this, the team held 'train the trainer' sessions on the use of ShelterKits, tents, solar lights, mosquito nets, and water filters, to ensure everyone was using the kit in the correct way and passing this information on during distributions. With ShelterBox aid still in Cameroon, the IEDA team continued to distribute the remaining stock throughout August.

Conflict displacement



CHAD

More than 10 million people across the Lake Chad Region are currently in need of humanitarian assistance. Extreme poverty; the effects of climate change and growing insecurity caused by horrific Boko Haram attacks, are some of the factors that play into this crisis. In Chad, we are working with our local partner ICAHD to support vulnerable families who have been affected by the conflict. So far, we've distributed aid to over 2,300 families. In August, a team of ShelterBox staff and Response Team Volunteers deployed to Chad to carry out a supply chain capacity assessment with the ICAHD team and produce a report on their findings. The assessment included finance, logistics and procurement components. The team are now back from the response and working on the report.

Conflict displacement



SYRIA

At the start of 2018 it was estimated that over 13 million people (that's around 70% of the population) in Syria needed humanitarian assistance. ShelterBox has been working with our partners in-country to help families displaced by the conflict since 2013. Throughout August, our implementing partner Hand in Hand for Syria distributed 45 flex-3 tents and 180 Shelter and non-food item (NFI) kits, supporting a total of 180 households. These kits included kitchen sets, water carriers, tool kits, blankets, ground sheets, and solar lights. We have also been working with our partner ReliefAid on the planning stages of the winter response in Syria.

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Lift the Lid for Mental Health



LIFT THE LID on mental illness

Lift the Lid on Mental Illness is Australian Rotary Health's National annual fundraising day for mental health research.

The campaign, founded by ARH Vice Chairman Greg Ross, started in 2016 in partnership with Rotary Clubs of Victoria. The event was such a success that it has now been extended to all Rotary Clubs across Australia.



Each year approximately 1-in-5 Australians will experience a mental illness and in order to help future generations of young Australians, we need to look ahead through research and find out how we can prevent this type of illness occurring.

For further information, please contact the Australian Rotary Health office on: (02) 8837 1900 or admin@arh.org.au
Download your own promotional materials at <http://hatday.com.au/host-kit>

Where do donations go?

100% of the money raised for Lift the Lid on Mental Illness goes directly to funding mental health research through Australian Rotary Health (ARH). ARH PhD and Project Grants are used to develop and trial preventions and treatments for depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, and other mental illnesses.

Sources - Black Dog Institute:

https://www.blackdoginstitute.org.au/docs/default-source/factsheets/facts_figures.pdf?sfvrsn=8

Mindframe:

<http://www.mindframe-media.info/for-mental-health-and-suicide-prevention/talking-to-media-about-mental-illness/facts-and-stats>

Mental Health Foundation Australia: <http://www.mhfa.org.au/CMS/MentalHealthExplained>

Join the conversation @LiftTheLidEvent #LiftTheLid #HatDay18



Welcome to our new Rotarians

The **Rotary Club of Essendon** inducted two new members last month, Rotarians who surely need no introduction. President Veronica O'Sullivan was delighted to welcome Aaron Leask, local Real Estate Agent and son of current member Roger Leask; and David Abbey, son of Past RI President Royce Abbey who has relocated to Melbourne.



President Pauline Clayton of the **Rotary Club of Malvern** had pleasure in welcoming a new member in August, Rachel Cassidy.

The **Rotary Club of Flemington** welcomed Lorry Rowe in front of a large group of International visitors on September 5th. Lorry manages the club's Fit4 Use Store in Werribee, leading a team of dedicated volunteers



The **Rotary Club of Balwyn** welcomes back Tim Reynolds after a 10 year break. Tim reflected on what had changed in that time?



- there had been 7 Australian PMs, with an 8th around the corner
 - the explosion of the gig economy and social media
 - the Bulldogs and Richmond achieving breakthrough premierships
 - nobody wearing a tie at Rotary
- What had not changed in that time?
- the USA and Australia were still in Afghanistan
 - the All Blacks still held the Bledisloe Cup
 - Rotary still embodies the core values of fellowship and community service

The **Rotary Club of Hawthorn** welcomed their first Mother Daughter members last week. Carole Lugassy (Dental Surgery) and Joanna Benhamou (Financial Services – Private Banking) are pictured with Rotary Hawthorn President Ian Bentley and Rotary member Noel Halford.



Around the Clubs



The **Rotary Club of Malvern** presented their International House Scholarship to Stella Brae last week.

Stella is Korean and at the age of 15 moved to New Zealand to finish her secondary school education. When she first arrived in New Zealand she found it hard to understand English as spoken in New Zealand, but gradually overcame this problem by socialising with her school friends. She then went on to become an English teaching volunteer at the local library.

Stella chose to study Commerce at the University of Melbourne, as it provided her with new challenges. She is enjoying the experience of living in International House, and takes part in the House community activities. Stella is considering joining the Rotaract Club at Melbourne University.

Sandra Poynton, Vice President
Rotary Club of Malvern
spoynton@bigpond.net.au

At the recent meeting of the **Rotary Club of Essendon North**, Past District Governor and Chair of Australian Rotary Health Greg Ross presented John Boundy with a framed Companion of ARHRF award for his support over the years. (*Companions are donors to ARHRF*)



The **Rotary Club of Hawthorn** celebrated their 65th Birthday recently.

Pictured: Dennis Shore, President Ian Bentley Katrina Flinn and Dr Tilak Disanayake



Vale

The **Rotary Club of Brighton** advises of the death of long serving member Peter Whitechurch, who passed away on September 8th. Peter joined the club in 1988 and was a well regarded and hard working Rotarian.

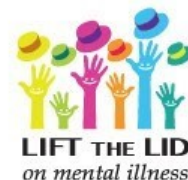


The **Rotary Club of Keilor East** mourns the death of David Gibbs who died in August. David joined the club in 2010 and was a hard working member of the club. President Ginny Billson expressed members' sympathies to his widow Liz and family.



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women



Stephanie Woollard and Seven Woman invite you on a 10-day Rotary 'Hands on Development' Cultural Immersion to Nepal 2019.

On this tour, you and your fellow Rotarians will make a difference with marginal communities.

Highlights:

- Visit the **Seven Woman Centre**: A United Nations/Rotary International award winning organisation and Rawcs project. Participate in **cooking classes**, **Nepali lessons** and **craft workshops** led by local women.
- Visit a variety of community projects and organisations such as **Maiti Nepal** (Human Trafficking), **Fred Hollows** and **Fair Trade enterprises**.
- Visit World Heritage Sites such as the ancient city of **Bhaktapur**, **Pashupatinath Hindu Temple** and **Boudhanath** Buddhist Stupa/Temple.
- Visit a **local silversmith** who employs members of the Dalit community (lower cast), enjoy a Nepalese dinner with his family and have the opportunity to buy his crafted silver.
- Visit the remote village of **Sudal** and be humbled by their simplicity of life. This is where Seven Woman have rebuilt homes and funded schools after the earthquake.
- Visit a Rotary Club for fellowship, sharing projects and explore the opportunity of collaboration. Plus there is the opportunity to do some hands on work to **make a difference**.

Details:

\$ Price: \$2,400 excluding flights
(This tour price is exclusive for Rotarians and family members.)

✈ Departure Dates: 23rd June, 16th Aug, 6th Sept (2019)

🏃 Fitness Level: Medium

Inclusions:

- 🏠 Accommodation** (3-star, twin sharing, single room available for extra charges)
- 🍴 All meals and local transport**
- 📍 Two local guides**
- 💰 Entry fees for three world heritage sites and activity costs**

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steph.w@seven-women.com

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Ride for Rotary

Rotary district 3181 is all set to organise an international event, Ride for Rotary-3, in the southern part of India.



The astounding motor bike ride planned for 14 days on the roads covering majority of tourist spots and nature. The ride starts from Mumbai, the commercial capital of India, on 13 January 2019, to reach the coastal city, Mangaluru on January 27, 2019.

Once in a lifetime experience!

- ♦ Just land in India, the Rotary district 3181 takes care of the Rotarians participating in Ride for Rotary 3.
- ♦ The accommodation for all the participants will be provided at the best locations throughout the journey.
- ♦ The stay arrangement will focus more on resting in the suitable environment.
- ♦ Food will be served as per the choice of participants. The menu will have the tasty foods with local flavour and also the continental selections.
- ♦ The Royal Enfield bikes, most preferred for long rides, will be provided for the 14 days long expedition.
- ♦ The fuel for the bikes will also filled based on the requirement during the travel.
- ♦ There will be personalised assistance on health care by the experienced doctors and para-medical staff, following you in well-equipped vehicles.

<https://rideforrotary.com/>



Coming Events <https://rotarydistrict9800.org.au/Events/Cards>





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2018 DROUGHT RELIEF FUND

70th Anniversary Dinner
25th September 2018
Moama Bowling Club
06.00pm for 6.30pm start
Bookings essential; treasurer@echucarotary.org
Phone: 0419 273 059 Dinner \$35.00 includes a donation

Guest Speaker: Philip Archer
Drought Relief




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Saturday 10th November 2018
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<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-flem-ken-festival-of-arts-ideas-2018-opening-gala-tickets-49276075067>

Women in STEMM Australia is hosting a special event to connect high school students, teachers and parents with PhD students and professionals in science, technology, engineering, math and medicine (STEMM)!

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/empowering-connections-in-stemm-tickets-48112494767>



Flem-Ken Festival of Arts and Ideas 2018
GALA OPENING

Come and celebrate the opening night of the first Flem-Ken Festival of Arts and Ideas
Bring your friends along and enjoy all the fun of the Auction events
Plus
Entertainment: Tim Solly and Phoebe Deklerk
Light finger food and refreshments
Thursday 11 October
6.30 to 8.30 pm
Kensington Town Hall 30-34 Bellair St, Kensington VIC 3031

PRE-BOOK TODAY

Presented by:  Club of Flemington
Sponsored by: Nelson Alexander



YOUTH SERVICES FORUM

Saturday 13th October 2018

10:00am to 12:30pm at DIK

Shed 38, 400 Somerville Road, West Footscray

Invitation to Youth Chairs, Presidents and Club Members

Are you interested in starting an Interact Club or a Rotaract Club? Find out more about the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA). Come along for a taste of RYLA. Learn about DIK and how it can support youth programs. Discover other innovative, youth programs run by our clubs in District 9800. Provide inspiration to other clubs by bringing a youth project to share - it can be a small or large project.

RSVP to Maria Silber by Monday 1st October - marzil18@tpg.com.au or 0438 023 947

Morning Tea and Light lunch provided - Cost \$15 payable on the day. Please advise of any special dietary requirements.



Monday 24 September 2018

Gordon Bennett OAM

60 Years in Melbourne Television Production

Gordon Bennett reflects that "to have spent the past 60 years in an industry for which I have so much passion has been an extraordinary experience. To have been there on the very first day of television, to have worked on the 1956 Olympics, to still be employed in the industry – what amazing good fortune!"

Over a sixty year period Gordon has had many executive roles at Channel 7 including Chief News Cameraman, The Seven Network - Executive Producer Sport, The Seven Network – Executive Producer – Sport, Network Director Sport Production, Executive Producer Current Affairs, Network Executive Producer Olympics, Deputy Director Sport and Olympics.

In these various roles he has covered 8 Olympics Games, produced World of Sport 1977-1986, TV Ringside, Annual Sport Australia Awards, and the funerals of Ron Casey and Ted Whitten. He also produced the first live televised Grand Final, weekly AFL telecasts, Davis Cup, Australian Open Tennis, World Championships in both Athletics and Swimming, Australian Masters Golf, Basketball and the Melbourne Cup Carnival.

Over the years some of his work colleagues have been: Ron Casey, Lou Richards, Bill Collins, Sandy Roberts, Brian Naylor, Mal Walden and Bruce McAvaney.

Gordon has received many awards particularly Media (VFL and Penguin) over his long career. He is a Life Member of the Australian Football Media Association, and was inducted into the MCG Media Hall of Fame in 2003. He was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia, General Division in June 2018.

DATE: Monday 24 September 2018
TIME: 6.30pm for 7.00pm
PLACE: Amora Hotel Riverwalk
CONTACT: secretary@rotaryrichmond.org.au





The Phonse Tobin Community Awards

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THE ANNUAL PHONSE TOBIN COMMUNITY AWARDS DINNER

To be held on

Thursday evening 7.00pm

11th October 2018

at The Mercure Hotel

Cnr. Flemington Road & Harker Street, North Melbourne 3051

(near the Royal Children's Hospital)

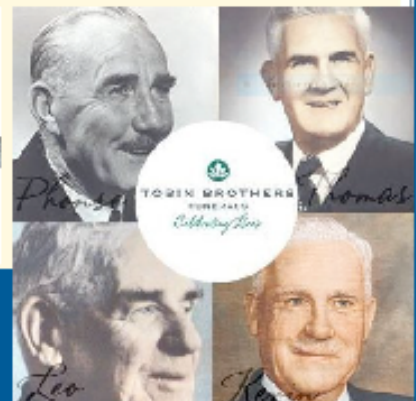
Cost :\$65.00 per person: Included Canapes, Main Course, Dessert, Tea and Coffee

Drinks at bar prices

Dress: Business attire , cocktail attire

To book use [trybooking.com](https://www.trybooking.com) or click on
this link <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=424055&>
by Monday 8th October 2018

For further information contact James Long mobile: 0400 828 688 jameslong35@hotmail.com
or Club Secretary Neville Page mobile: 0414 673 611 page@ghp.biz



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High Tea at Drusilla Mansion

ROTARY CLUB OF ESSENDON Supporting Edmund Rice programs and camps for Victorian children and families from disadvantaged background.



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