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Special Friendship Exchange Visit A Success

At the International Assembly for then District Governors Elect in San Diego in January this year our District 9800 Governor Peter Frueh took the initiative to invite the upcoming District Governor of District 3232 in Chennai India, Radhakrishnan Srinivasan to visit Melbourne along with his fellow District Rotarians for a Friendship Exchange.

District Governor Peter asked International Service Chair Ian Salek to organise an event to welcome them to Melbourne and at the same time liaise mainly with District 9800 Rotarians.

And so it transpired that on Monday 13th November 88 Rotarians including partners from District 3232 in Chennai India visited the MCG along with 20 Australian based Rotarians from Districts 9800, 9820 and 9685. Rotarians and MCG Tour Guides Michael Berry, Wayne Worlidge and Ian Salek took visitors for a tour of the Stadium followed by a specially arranged Dinner within the famous Long Room itself.

With a Sheffield Shield match between Victoria and Tasmania still in progress on their arrival and historic cricket memorabilia sighted on the Tour, including a photo of Sir Donald Bradman and Sachin Tendulkar, it would be fair to say our Indian Rotarian guests were enamoured with the venue.

Speeches by District Governor Peter Frueh and District Governor Radhakrishnan Srinivasan spoke of the internationality and great friendships created in Rotary. Importantly Haran Ramachandran the Sydney based Rotarian from District 9685 who helped coordinate the Indian visit encouraged discussion on 'Sister Club' arrangements.



To that effect the Rotary Clubs of Chadstone-East Malvern and North Melbourne commenced meaningful discussions.

Banners were exchanged by both District Governors. The Rotary Club of Melbourne has subsequently exchanged banners. District 3232 has the capability and could well partner Rotary projects being considered by District 9800 Clubs.



The District 3232 Rotarians went on to visit the Great Ocean Road, Phillip Island and then Sydney. Nevertheless with their love of cricket and the friendships formed in Melbourne it would be expected that this part of their Tour remains indelibly printed on their minds. It is hoped that the visit augurs well for future useful contact.

District Governor Peter Frueh suggests that if there are any District Clubs out there who might want to become involved with District 3232 in Chennai India, or in particular with a return friendship visit (of lesser scale) to Chennai in late 2018 or early 2019 they should e-mail Ian Salek at isalek@bigpond.net.au

Assistant Governor Gateway East Cluster Dr Ejanul Haque was one of many Rotarians in District 9800 who welcomed and hosted visiting Rotarians from India (District 3232, Chennai).



District 9800 Governor Peter Frueh and District 3232 Governor Radhakrishnan Srinivasan with their wives and AG Ejanul Haque.



The Long Room. Guests in saris.



Above: Manjula Pragasam, President RC North Melbourne exchanging banners with DG 3232 District Governor from Chennai, Radhakrishnan Srinivasan



Thank you to Manjula Pragasam from Rotary North Melbourne, AG Ejanul Haque, Chris Don and Alan Seale for these images.

Annual Paul Harris Society Lunch



The Annual Paul Harris lunch was held at Graduate House in Carlton on November 2nd with a large group in attendance. Past District Governors Gordon McKern and Dennis Shore lead the proceedings ably supported by Roger Thornton.

The audience heard from 3 excellent speakers, reflecting on the projects undertaken through the Rotary Foundation.

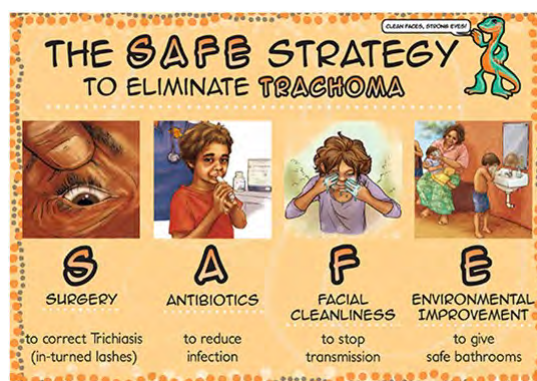
District Global Grant Scholar Lien Trinh reflected on her personal journey from the child of Vietnamese refugees to an Ophthalmology student at Melbourne University; and her selection as the **first Rotary District 9800 Foundation Global Grant Scholar**.

With that support she studied for a Master's Degree in public health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. This course section was based on her belief that she could do more good by influencing public health policy than seeing individuals for eye care.

Lien spoke of her work in developing countries and her selection as the face of the **End Trachoma 2020 Project** focussing on eliminating Trachoma from Australia. She spoke of the **SAFE** strategy whereby our focus is on the F and the E.

End Trachoma 2020 is a project endorsed by RI President Ian Riseley and adopted by all Rotary Districts in Australia.

Funding has been obtained for 3 years enabling her to work on the project and also a part time administrator to be employed.



The project aims to provide clean water, washing facilities, community pools, soap and mirrors and personal care kits to help stop the spread of this preventable disease which is the leading cause of preventable blindness.

www.endtrachoma2020.org.au

Samantha Dunne-Turner, Past President of the Rotary Club of Gisborne and a District 9800 Royce Abbey Champion of Change spoke of her involvement in a Foundation Grant Vocational Training Team project providing childbirth education in Mongolia and Tanzania.

Accompanied by several visuals, Sam spoke of the difficulties in communicating, the desperately poor quality of hospital and medical care and the conditions under which she and her team of midwives operated under.

While the project in Mongolia has been successful and a repeat visit and manual completed, Tanzania was more a fact finding mission and presented more complex issues including being arrested.

Sam is also a long time supporter of Youth Exchange, being a regular host mum. She commented that she wanted to bring some of these babies home but her husband wouldn't let her!



The third speaker was **Stuart McIntyre, International Director** of the **Rotary Club of Brighton** speaking on the club's ongoing project to bring clean water and wells to rural Cambodia. The focus was on the Prey-Nhor Villages, Anlong Veng district, Siem-Reap Province, where the people suffered from no access to safe drinking water and lack of food sources.

In the wet season the area floods but the most pressing was that during the dry season when streams revert to muddy stagnant and contaminated water, people are consistently getting sick with serious gastrointestinal illnesses, as a result some even dying.

The initial project was a combination of Biosand Filters and concrete tanks for harvesting rainwater in the wet season, for use in the dry season. Stuart showed images of the area, the stagnant water supply and then the concrete tanks and biosand filters. This project has made a huge difference to the lives of the people in this area, and the project has been extended to other villages.



Another project was to clear a heavily silted dam to make a viable water storage for fish, agricultural use and as a source of potable water. A focus on sustainable farming of crops as well as pigs and cattle has also been implemented, making another major difference for the community.



District Governor Peter Frueh, Stuart McIntyre, Past District Governor Dennis Shore, Sam Dunne-Turner, Lien Trinh, Past District Governor Gordon McKern.



Kay Ledson—Rotary Club of Southbank

Up until the 25th June 2000, Kay ran a successful Financial Services Consultancy; from the moment her phone rang advising her of Josh's accident, her life changed forever.

On hearing the devastating news that her only child, Josh (18 1/2 years) was now a complete quadriplegic C5/T1, his medical prognosis "Josh would spend the rest of his life, if he lived confined to his bed, so catastrophic were his injuries".

Kay knew if her son was to live, she had to find another way to help him regain his independence, so began their inspirational journey.



Kay realized in those first 9 hours the doctors had "labelled" her son saying there was less than a 3% chance of any recovery; his medical team had pigeon holed him into the world of those suffering this catastrophic injury, a world they referred to as the "Silent Epidemic."

Kay had total faith in Josh's medical team, as far as mending him, but in those crazy early hours she knew if Josh was to live, she would have to work out how to heal him.

Working with a committed team of alternative healers, Josh walked out of hospital 4 1/2 months later. Within 2 1/2 years he did not use his wheelchair. For 11 years Kay and Josh stayed under the radar – Josh focusing on his recovery, Kay working to pay the never ending costs of therapy.

In 2011 Josh attended a facility in the USA to help him with his gait. In 2012 Kay moved to the USA to work with the facility in the area of PR, Marketing & Fundraising. The move was never for Josh, it was solely to help families dealing with this horrific, cruel injury, and to mentor and educate them to the possibilities for recovery.

Sadly activity based therapy is not usually supported by Insurance companies' Health insurance plans, leaving the ongoing funding expenses for recovery, to families, who have to resort to endless fund raising which adds levels of stress to an already stressful situation.

In 2013 Kay established a Facebook page Warrior Momz – in an effort to spread the "good news" stories, and offer support to families living with this injury.

In 2016 Kay launched her book Warrior Mom, a book written from her heart – an account of her 16 year journey with her son. After the book's completion Kay was wondering "what was next?" She had been contacted by 4 American families asking her to meet with them, this was proving to be impossible! Kay was struck with a powerful thought **"YOU NEED TO WALK ACROSS AMERICA!"**

The Warrior Momz Walk – 4sci recovery was formed.



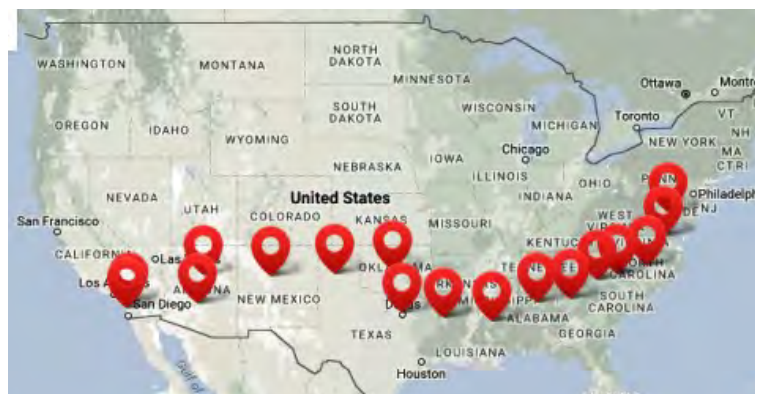
**Sponsor our Warrior Momz Walk across America
September 22 2017 – March 18 2018**

Warrior Momz Walk Across America

When Kay Ledson's son Josh was injured in a snowboarding accident in June 2000, doctors said that he would never walk again. What has transpired since, through sheer persistence, determination and incredible passion from his "warrior mom" is that Josh is not only able to walk again, but continues to inspire others to pursue activity based rehabilitation for people who face similar debilitating lives.

**"This is too much!" Then he said "well Mum, we can't give up now.
If I can't beat this problem I will never be able to continue to improve!" And the rest is history!**

Josh is also not alone in his suffering and efforts to recover. The family and Southbank Rotary have discovered over the years since, that there are many others across the world who struggle to recover. Kay has managed to build hundreds of connections with other moms, particularly across America, which drove the "inspired" idea of walking across the entire breadth of America to not only meet other moms in a similar situation but connect with Rotary Clubs and raise money through the Quad Foundation for the cause.



To find out more to donate
to the cause go to:

<http://quadfoundation.org/warrior-momz/>



Canterbury's FORaMEAL food packaging event

The Rotary Club of Canterbury together with great participation and assistance from the Rotary Clubs of Camberwell, Balwyn and Balwyn North held a FORaMEAL food packaging event with 95 attendees. Camberwell Rotary alone contributed 15 members, and the youngest member of Canterbury, Sarah Prossor, brought along a group of six Rover Scouts.

Doug Hawley, with many others, organised the event which attracted great participation and assistance from Rotarians together with many Friends of Rotary. The 95 people who attended exceeded expectations and meant that the 2,500 food pouches were packed in a record time of only 1 hour 20 minutes! This food packing evening was a really fun night and I have had feedback from many people that they would like to participate in similar future 'hands on' events.

This event was a trial run for the activity which will be held on the final day of the 2018 District Conference, which will be organised by RC Canterbury.

The FORaMEAL pouches contained rice, oats, lentils and a sachet of vitamins and minerals. The contents of the pouch are cooked the same way as rice and provide highly nutritious food which can be supplemented with any available meat, fish, vegetables, spices and even sugar so as to meet local tastes.



FORaMEAL pouches from a previous packing event were distributed to four Rotary Clubs in the Philippines. Two of the Clubs who received the packs distributed them to evacuees from towns that were under siege from insurgents on the island of Mindanao.

It is planned to send the food packed on Monday evening to the Rotary Club of Cianta who will distribute it to evacuees from Marawi City. The food packed on Monday night equates to about 15,000 meals.



Anyone who would to participate in a future event is invited to contact Rob Simpson on rob.simpson@canterburyrotary.org.

Max Holland

Brighton Rotary's Sustainable Community Cambodia Project

Brighton Rotary's Sustainable Community Cambodia committee, in conjunction with Sangke Battambang Rotary Club (Cambodia) have managed to raise \$52,750 USD and nearly doubled this to \$99,000 USD (\$125,000 AUD) - with a Rotary Foundation International Global Grant.

The funds will be invested in the Preh Nohr community, North of Siem Reip - over a 4-year period - to create a sustainable future for the 4,000 villagers who live across three villages.

This exciting humanitarian project will fund: -

- The clearing of an ancient dam of sediment that had built up over the last 800 years. The dam will be a source of clean water for drinking, agriculture and fish farming.
- Provide the adult population with access to education so that they may be given basic numeracy and literacy skills. Teaching villagers better farming techniques including best choice of crops, and numeracy will facilitate them when dealing in the markets.
- Provide micro finance loans for farming of: -
 - Pigs and cattle will be provided mainly as an income source for the Villages but will also serve as a source of meat for personal consumption.
 - Crops & Bamboo farms



A hand up not a hand out...

This project is about providing a hand up not a hand out, and getting local villagers (Khmer-speaking Cambodians) to engage in the development of a sustainable future that will not only help this generation but future generations. One of the local villagers, Rithy has acted as our Cambodian Advisor and on the ground Project Manager.

So that the villagers do not develop a sense of entitlement, the project is being rolled out on a microfinance loan basis so that the locals are investing in their own future rather than waiting for handouts. The plan is to roll the repaid funds into the next group of villages.

The funds were raised through a crowd funding campaign, with the **Rotary Club of Brighton** funding the major part of the project, and the **Rotary Club of Balwyn** have agreed to fund the clearing of the dam.

"We know that we can do more together than we could ever hope to do alone."



Historic Courthouse hosts Melt the Ice Forum

Members of the Rotary Club of Rochester recently stepped up to the bench to accept the role of hosting a community forum titled **"Melt the Ice / Drugs of any sort in the Community."**

As part of their ongoing concerns and efforts to address this ever increasing problem in the community, the local health service under the auspices of Rochester and Elmore District Health Service sought expressions of interest for a local body to conduct such a forum.

Always keen to show support for health concerns in the community, Rochester Rotary accepted the role of supplying a venue to hold such a forum, along with promotion before the event and catering on the night which was held at the historic Rochester Courthouse.



Advertising before the event even including President Bryan being contacted for interview by ABC Regional radio.



Attendees on the night ranged from emergency services, health service workers, community groups, through to concerned members of the community.

Lead by a experienced facilitator, everyone had an opportunity to express their concerns and ideas in which way to go forward in a progressive mode that would be of benefit to all affected by this problem. Breakout sessions, with before and after polls taken as to the benefit of attending, were a great contributor to the success of the night.

With the Campaspe Shire having a higher than state average for the number of incidents involving people affected by mind altering substances, all in attendance were in full agreement that full support of all services in the community must become united more than ever to help stem this issue in our local and greater community.

Club members look forward to helping make a Difference in our Community along with looking forward to seeing a decrease in reported issues under the state average.

Bryan Griffiths.
President
Rochester Rotary

See the stories in the local newspapers:

campaspenews.com.au/2017/10/24/2257/ice-on-the-agenda

riverineherald.com.au/2017/10/25/10644/lockington-and-rochester-now-searching-for-an-ice-breakthrough

An online community is uniting knitters for a great cause.

The group, 5000 Poppies, has put a call out for Australians to help knit or crochet over 60,000 poppies to commemorate the end of the First World War.

"This project is a community tribute of respect and remembrance to our servicemen and women, their families, and their communities, and is closely aligned with the Centenary of Anzac 2014 to 2018,"

How many poppies are needed? 5000 Poppies currently have two projects running.

Firstly, there's the Australian War Memorial installation for Remembrance Day 2018. "We are making somewhere in the vicinity of 62,000 knitted and crocheted poppies on stems. We currently have around 18,000 to 20,000 completed stems... So there's still around 40,000 plus poppies and stems to make,"
The deadline for the poppies is August 2018.

The second project involves creating 50,000 lapel poppies for the Victorian RSL Club's 2018 Poppy Appeal. "We currently have packed 20,000 poppies so still 30,000 to make by April 2018."

What pattern should I use?

Anyone interested in joining the project should head to the 5000 Poppies Facebook page for information.

"Poppies should be made in RED YARN as the major colour. However, you can decorate them how you like ... our makers are very creative with their beautiful centres."

Where can I send my poppies?

Australian War Memorial poppies can be delivered directly to the War Memorial in Canberra or posted to **5000 Poppies, P.O. Box 115 Ashburton Vic 3147.**

The RSL Poppies can be sent to **5000 Poppies, P.O. Box 115, Ashburton Vic 3147**, RSL Victoria, or Anzac House, 4 Collins Street, Melbourne.

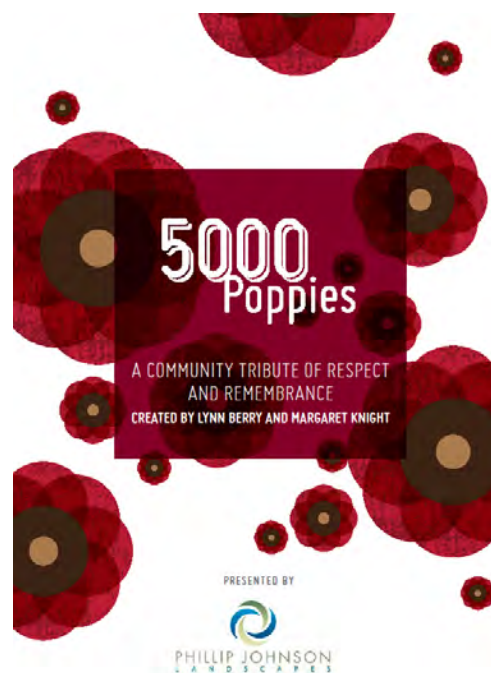
What to know more?

<https://5000poppies.wordpress.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/5000Poppies/>

<https://www.bhg.com.au/knitted-poppies-war-memorial-remembrance-day>

Thank you to DGE Bronwyn Stephens for forwarding on this article from DGE Russell Gurney from District 9810



The power of volun-telling

I awoke early on a Saturday morning to the sound of my mother's voice. "Good morning Sarah, I signed us up for a Rotary service project. You should put on old clothes. We are painting a map on the Alamo Elementary School playground. Quick, we need to leave in 15 minutes"

A form of this conversation occurred more times than I can remember when I was growing up. My mother, Katheryn Tuberty, has been a member of the Vacaville Rotary Club in California, USA, since 1998. Someone recommended to her that as the new administrator of the local assisted living center, it would be a great way to get to know the community. She was hooked from the first meeting. She loved the club, the people, and the community. She is an engaged person of action, a prominent figure in town, and a "mover and shaker." She is also the queen of "volun-telling."



Katheryn and Sarah Tuberty,

"Volun-telling" is when you are volunteered for a role before you even ask. I learned all about taking part in service projects when I was young because I was frequently volun-told. Annoying as it was to be woken up on a Saturday morning, I always went. I was able to work next to my mom and develop friendships with other Rotarian families. I believed in the Rotary mission. I felt connected, welcomed, and supported by my Rotary club. At the age of eight, I knew I was going to be a future Rotarian.

Life changing moment

When I was 14, my mother "volun-told" me to attend the district conference with her. My whole life changed when I met an inbound [Rotary Youth Exchange](#) Student from Columbia and learned about her experiences. Two years later, I became an ambassador of the Vacaville Rotary Club as an outbound youth exchange student to Lecco, Italy.

Upon my return, I was again "volun-told" into filling a vacant position as president of my high school's Interact Club. I had an incredibly successful year with a variety of initiatives and turned the club around.

When I began an occupational therapy program at Boston University, I joined the Sargent College Boston University Rotaract Club, and now serve as president. My mom is the president of the Vacaville Rotary Club. We share stories from training sessions and conferences we've attended, as well as projects we have collaborated on. We decided for our year, we would set a fundraising goal of \$1,000 to support an ongoing initiative to create an inclusive playground for children of all abilities. It features two challenge league baseball fields, one modeled after AT&T park in San Francisco and the other coincidentally after Fenway Park in Boston.

Two lessons

I have two reasons for sharing this story. First, I was fortunate to be a child of an active Rotarian. If you have children, bring them to projects, regardless of how reluctant they may be. I can assure you, I was very reluctant at 13. Explore ways to develop new club events or alter old ones to include family members and their friends. By inviting me along, my mother very intentionally instilled values of Service Above Self, and showed me what it means to be a Person of Action and to make a difference. It became part of my identity.

Second, "volun-telling" is a great way to engage young professionals who are still navigating their way into the adult world and developing careers. Don't wait for them to ask. Let them know "we meet on Tuesdays at 12 p.m., I will put you on the roster, see you there!" This can be a very effective strategy as it breaks the ice for people. Try it out.

I know quite a few people it's worked on.

By Sarah Tuberty, president of the Rotaract Club of Sargent College Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts, USA

Artober in Daylesford—The Daylesford Art Show

The Daylesford Art Show run by the Rotary Club of Daylesford last month drew a record 270 entries with 50 paintings sold during the show. As a part ARTOBER, it is a celebration of the arts in the Hepburn Shire.

Offering a diverse range of artistic expression, ARTOBER runs during October through to mid-November. The signature event is the Daylesford Art Show held over the Melbourne Cup long weekend. Events are held throughout the shires of Hepburn Springs, Daylesford, Creswick, Trentham, Blampied and Sailors Falls. Events include local artists and galleries as well as community and neighborhood groups, school and youth groups.

The Art Show run by the Rotary Club of Daylesford was an outstanding success and President Lesley Hewitt was supported by every member of the club, with members helping with Catering {Bronwyn Scarffe}, lights, setup and pull down, preparing the catalogue, logging art in and out, liaising with artists, operating the front desk, the raffle and security, as well as a multitude of other tasks.

Opening Night crowd



The artists commented on the professionalism and organisation of the event held over the Melbourne Cup long weekend.

The People's Choice Award went to **"Under Barwon Heads Bridge"**

Other Prizes were awarded to:

Best Urban Scape won by **Life on the Ponte Vecchio** by Carolyn Marrone

Best Landscape/ Seascape awarded to **July Budding – Mount Buffalo** by Phillip Edwards

Best Abstract work won by **Nature in Blues** by Uma Barry

Best Still Life awarded to **Pot of Sun** by Susanne Graham

Best Animalia won by **Welcome Swallows** by Lyn Cooke

Best Portrait or Nude won by **Seated Nude 1** by Richard Stork.



To see all images go to:

<https://www.artober.com.au/artists-works-2017>

By Gordon Nightingale



Highlights from the September 2017 Rotary International Board of Directors Meeting

The second 2017–18 RI Board of Directors meeting was held on 25–28 September in Evanston, Illinois, USA. At this meeting the Board reviewed 11 committee reports and recorded 51 decisions.

Club and District

The Board

- received a report on membership trends that included as of 1 July 2017 the following data:
 - * membership: 1,202,937 Rotarians (down 4,969 Rotarians from 2016)
 - * clubs: 35,656 (up 257 clubs from 2016)
 - * average club size: 34 members

Programs and Awards

The Board

- received the Strategic Planning Committee's proposed updates to the process and criteria for establishing Rotary's next corporate project and requested the committee propose recommendations on this process and criteria, including a timeline, at the Board's January 2018 meeting;
- agreed to eliminate the District Leadership Seminar from Rotary's training cycle;
- selected the recipient of the 2017–18 Rotary Alumni Global Service Award and the Rotary Alumni Association of the Year Award, which will be presented at the 2018 Toronto convention;
- supported President Riseley's plan to grant the Rotary Award of Honor to President-elect Sam Otori, who passed away unexpectedly in July.

Meetings

The Board

- tentatively selected Singapore for the 2024 RI Convention and Calgary, Alberta, Canada for the 2025 RI Convention;
- accepted the proposal of Districts 1800, 1850, 1890, and 1940, to host the 2019 Rotary International Convention on 1–5 June 2019 in Hamburg, Germany;
- canceled the 2018 International Institute and agreed to host instead a Rotary Peacebuilding Summit, in conjunction with the 2018 Toronto convention.

Administration and Finances

The Board

- in considering partnership matters, requested the general secretary to institute a new recognition platform for external organizations beginning at contributions of US\$100,000;
- elected John Germ, Per Høyen, Sangkoo Yun, and Gulam A. Vahanvati to be trustees of The Rotary Foundation, beginning 1 July 2018;
- recommended, at the discretion of RI committee chairs, and in consultation with the general secretary, that incoming members of those committees that have a meeting planned in the second half of the Rotary year be invited to the committee's last meeting;
- approved a new regional leader evaluation methodology to be used for annually assessing the performance of regional coordinators, Rotary public image coordinators, Rotary Foundation coordinators, and endowment/major gifts advisers;
- accepted the preliminary, draft 2016–17 audited financial statements and report on The Rotary Foundation's financial results. An annual report will be published in accordance with the RI Bylaws.



September Board Meeting—ties and scarves were mandatory!



Early bird bookings are open for a peace-building conference on economic and community development dealing with the economic implications of conflict touching every aspect of a community.



Hosted by Rotary District 9675 and the Rotary Club of Sydney, the **17 March 2018** conference will consider the link between economic development and peace.

Sydney Rotary Club's Vice President, Chris McDiven AM, is Chair of the Host Organising Committee for the 2018 Rotary International Presidential Peacebuilding Conference.

The Conference will examine root causes of conflict, such as poverty; disease; and lack of water, food security, and education as well as looking at the impact of limited human rights on economic opportunities.

Key speakers include Nobel Peace Prize Winner Muhammad Yunus, Rotary International President Ian Riseley, founder of the Institute for Economics and Peace Steve Killelea AM and the NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklean with last month's guest speaker, Hugh Riminton, as the MC.

Book now with early bird rates - and receive a complimentary copy of "A World of Three Zeroes," the latest book by Nobel Peace Prize Winner Muhammad Yunus.

SAVE THE DATE

17 MARCH 2018
Sydney Australia



Economic and Community Development, and Peace
17 March 2018 — Sydney, Australia

On behalf of the Organising Committee and local hosts Rotary District 9675 and the Rotary Club of Sydney, we are delighted to invite you to attend the Rotary International Presidential Peacebuilding Conference 2018.

The Conference will be held at Sydney Town Hall on 17 March 2018.



Website: www.RIPPC2018.com.au



Email: RIPPC2018@arinex.com.au

The Klingensmith Challenge



“Preaching to the converted” is always an easier task than convincing people new to Rotary of our organisation’s many wonderful attributes. The converted, in this case, are our Rotary alumni – those who have previously experienced first-hand the benefits of Rotary themselves. Who better to engage with when looking to recruit new members, spread the message of your club’s service successes and attract project support? Unfortunately, many clubs are missing systems to preserve these Rotary friendships, which could be of great benefit to them and our organisation as a whole. This month we put the issue on the radar and consider ways to keep your “converted” in the Rotary fold.

CONSIDER APPOINTING AN ALUMNI OFFICER

Explore the idea of appointing an Alumni Officer specifically to engage with and to keep in touch with alumni.

They can make sure contact information is up to date, and personally get in touch with each of them on a regular basis to let them know of special events, guest speakers, or a specific event related to their interests.

ALUMNI

Every Rotary club has alumni of one form or another: they could be scholarship or exchange students, participants from MUNA, RYLA, RYPEN, National Youth Science Forum or Science Experience, Rotaractors or members of Vocational Training Teams or Group Study Exchange.

Don’t forget project partners, organisations which have benefitted from your sponsorship or donations in the past, groups you have supported or sponsored.

It is often the case that we lose contact after the project or event is over, or when the sponsorship ends, but, this is a lost opportunity to recruit new members or to engage people in future club events or projects.

KEEP IN TOUCH

Make a determined effort to keep in contact, or renew contact with these people, organisations, groups. Add their contact details to your database, to preserve their information and include them in club communications.

However, emailing a club newsletter or invitation to an event is simply not enough. With inboxes clogged with emails from numerous groups, your newsletter may not make the cut. It can also be overwhelming to receive a constant stream of emails. We suggest sending only highlights or targeted and personalised emails. Remember sending a personal email or making a phone call can make a tremendous difference.

Reprinted from RDU November 2017



Rotary Water Polo Fellowship District 1911

Following the exceptional experience of the 1st Rotary Water Polo tournament we have decided to establish a water polo fellowship within Rotary.

To establish the International Water Polo Fellowship of Rotarians (IWFR), we have to provide the following documents to RI:



- Proposed bylaws or constitution consistent with RI policy,
- List of proposed officers,
- List of 25 willing members from at least five different countries.

Meanwhile we have already drafted the bylaws (to be checked and approved by the members of the fellowship before submission to RI), we would need more members, preferably out of Hungary.

I kindly ask you to help us to continue the building of this fellowship and let your Rotarians know about our intention. I truly believe that all fellowships help Rotarians to make more friends, which is the principle of Rotary.

Should you need more information on the project, please feel free to contact assistant governor Robert Kolozsvari (kolozsvari@mak.co.hu; +36-30-846-4206), member of Rotary Club Budapest-Duna, who gave birth to this project and is in charge of the process.

This Rotary Water Polo Fellowship will help Rotarians to build more friendships.

Thank you for your kind assistance.

Best regards,

Zoltán Mészáros

DG 2017/2018



Visit of Ian and Juliet Riseley in Celle/Germany

Article by Michael Jess - Honorary Member and former President of Rotary Club of Brighton

On invitation of **Michael Jess** and the RC of Celle, the **RI World President Ian Riseley** and his wife **Juliet** visited Celle from 5th to 7 November, 2017.

Through the weekly bulletin of RC Brighton Michael got notice early enough that Ian Riseley would be RI President in 2017/2018. Michael knew Ian Riseley from those days, when Ian's son Andrew and Michael's daughter Christiane were head boy and deputy head girl at St. Leonards College finishing school in 1991.

The acquaintance was quickly renewed and Ian Riseley accepted the invitation to come to Celle as the only town in Germany on his official trip to Europe.

The efficient organization team of RC Celle prepared an interesting program which fully met the expectations of the RI President.

Highlights were a tree planting ceremony, meet the mayor of Celle and signing the towns guest book, a dinner party with some 150 Rotarians of both Celle Rotary Clubs, the Lady DG with her District committee, representatives of the partner Clubs from Poland and England, and the Rotary Club Presidents from District 1800. Donations amounting to Euro 27.000 were given to the Ian and Juliet Riseley Endowed Fund supporting grants in the Foundation's peace and conflict resolution.

Through the tour of several sites of the town, the Riseleys got the impression that Celle is worth another visit. Perhaps that may happen when the World Conference of RI will take place in Hamburg in 2019, just 1 hour's trip by train away. Will you then meet the Riseleys and us? We would be pleased.



Your Foundation's Giving Tree

The District 9800 Foundation Giving Tree

November 2017

The Rotary Foundation – Making a Real Difference

November is the Rotary month when we focus on The Rotary Foundation. We can think of The Foundation as a "Giving Tree" that delivers outcomes that really make a difference. This special publication for Foundation month has been named the "Giving Tree" and we hope that it provides every reader with inspiration and commitment to continue to do good in the world and really make a difference. Over the following pages you can learn more about Our Foundation.

The District 9800 Foundation Giving Tree

We are proud to announce a very special online edition of the District 9800 Foundation Newsletter which provides a lot of information on **Rotary's Giving Tree**: a tree which grows thanks to contributions from clubs and individuals in and out of Rotary and produces a bountiful crop of projects which continue to do good in the world.

If there is interest, we can also print a high quality edition for those clubs who may wish to have a permanent record of some of the work of Your Foundation. This could be handy as an introduction to the work of Rotary to new members.

To cover some of the cost of this full colour professionally printed edition, we would like to make a small charge to the club of \$5.00 each copy. Of course, if the online edition is sufficient, there will be no obligation to have a hard copy edition.

If you wish to have a local printer print it, of course we will be happy to send you a print-ready copy – just let me know on the email address below.

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Christmas Packages for our Soldiers in the Middle East

Some of our soldiers are serving in the Middle East without any family to send them Christmas packages. We, the public, can help out by sending boxes of Christmas treats to them, free of charge. (How about a Rotary Christmas Cake and/or pudding?)

Those of us with military links will appreciate how important this is for our soldiers, who are so far from home over Christmas. All the boxes are gathered in Sydney and shipped to the Middle East by the Australian Defence Force.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

1. The boxes can be mailed free of any postal charges, provided that they weigh *under* 2 kg and are addressed as below. Australia Post has a range of strong boxes for sale.

2. Boxes must be posted before 8 December to arrive in the Middle East by Christmas.

3. The mailing address is:

**An Australian Soldier
Christmas Mail
Middle East Operations
AFPO 60
Australian Defence Force
SYDNEY, NSW 2890**

Thank you to the Rotary Club of Camberwell for this initiative. If you can help out, that would be great and our soldiers will really appreciate it. Any questions, please give Chris Howell a call on 0419 207 683.

Around our District new members

The Rotary Club of Woodend has inducted 4 new members: Tim Webber, Pen and Terry Longton and Allison Kinghorn.



Above: Tim Webber Right: Alison Kinghorn

Williamstown Rotary inducted long time volunteer Stan Panton who was badged by PP John Barry.



Lea Ram and Mark Davies were inducted at the Rotary Club of Albert Park



The Rotary Club of Werribee welcomed Carlo Vimercati who was inducted at Tuesday's meeting. Carlo was born in Italy and his employment has taken him to many countries around the world including South Africa, Turkey, Spain, Germany, England, Canada and the USA. He came to Australia in 1988.

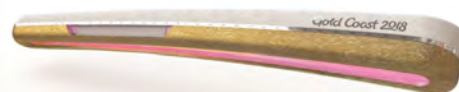


Tom Campbell has transferred from the Rotary Club of Bendigo Next Generation to Bendigo South. He is welcomed by President Bernie Young.



Around our clubs in our clubs

Congratulations to Laurie Preston from RC Bendigo Strathdale who has been selected to be part of the Queen's Baton Relay in February 2018 in the lead up to the Commonwealth Games.



The Rotary Club of North Balwyn has awarded Andrew Steinicke a Paul Harris Fellow for his contribution to the club and to Donations in Kind. Andy volunteers at DIK Tuesdays and Thursdays every week, and often on a Saturday morning as well. Congratulations Andy and thank you.



TIM FULLER AND BARRY COX - BOTH FROM THE ROTARY CLUB OF LAVERTON POINT COOK - WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE MYSTERY BOX CAR RALLY LATER THIS YEAR. PICTURE: DAMJAN JANEVSKI

Members of the Rotary Club of Fitzroy who visited Parliament House recently for lunch and a tour with Fiona Patten MLC for Northern Region

Keilor East Rotary inducted another new member this month— Jo Ryan pictured here with her husband Steve and President Ginny Bilson.



Jill and John Forsyth from the Rotary Club of Kew have very generously decided to fund a research grant in the amount of \$30,000 for investigation into food allergies through Australian Rotary Health. While they will be funding this Grant they have invited the Board to agree to the Grant being known as The Rotary Club of Kew Food Allergy Research Grant. Naturally the Board were delighted to accept.

AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH / ROTARY CLUB OF KEW
FOOD ALLERGY PhD FUNDING PARTNER SCHOLARSHIP



Prevention of Food Allergy in Childhood

<https://australianrotaryhealth.org.au/wp-content/uploads/.../FPS-App-Food-Allergy.doc>

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Follow the links to Grange raffle.

Additional information or enquiries to PP John Jones. Phone 0419113065 or email jjones@netcon.net.au

Vic raffle permit no: 10787/17. Raffle to be drawn 13 Dec 2017.
Winner notified and result published in Bendigo Advertiser 16 Dec 2017.

Rotary
Club of Eaglehawk



Penfolds



Notices and Events . .



ROTARY CLUB OF WILLIAMSTOWN
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 SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER 10AM - 3PM
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Peppa Pig

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Two Weeks Quilt Exhibition

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10am—5pm
 at the Old Court House
 Moore Street, Rochester
 \$5 entry includes Devonshire tea

While in Rochester be sure to visit the

Anglican Christmas Tree Exhibition in the Shire Hall
 Friday 24th and Saturday 25th

Treasure Market
 in the Court House grounds on Sunday 26th.
 **If you would like to sell your treasures, apply to Heather for a stall, to be the size of a trestle table, cost \$15 per table.
 email : ghwatson1@gmail.com
 Mob. 04398421177 after November 2nd

Rochester Market
 on Saturday 25th



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THE FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL HEADS TO REGIONAL VICTORIA THIS SUMMER

The Food Truck Festival heads to regional Victoria for a brand-new camping festival this January.

Australian Mobile Food Vendors Group (AMFVG) launches a brand-new, five-day festival in Echuca this January. Kicking off the regional leg of the tour, the event is part of the largest number of food truck festivals to ever hit Australia.

The community can feast on Melbourne's best food trucks, craft beer bar, family entertainment and for the first time ever on-ground camping for up to six nights. This will be the first ever food truck camping festival to hit Victoria. The exclusive campsite comes with brand new facilities for guests and easy access to the 5 day festival.

The Food Truck Park Directors, Frank Rusitovski and Dean Trpeski, are thrilled to take the trucks on the road "The food truck culture is huge part of this city, and now we want to share the love of street food in new neighbourhoods craving cultural events. Our plan is to take these events on the road and interstate over the next year" Rusitovski states.

Greg Hansford, Director of Club Services - Rotary Club Echuca Moama adds "The Rotary Club of Echuca Moama are very excited about the prospect of utilising the Rotary Community Park on the banks of the Campaspe River in Echuca Victoria for an inaugural Food Truck event. We have no doubt our local communities will embrace such an event and with your expertise and experience the Festival will be successful and the foundation for many such festivals in the future".

The Food Truck Festival Echuca will be set at the picturesque Rotary Park, Echuca one of the largest food truck lineups to hit Melbourne with over 30 operators on rotation. This beautiful park, owned by the Rotary Club of Echuca Moama, is settled on the edge of the Campaspe River. The festival will also feature the Miniature Steam Railway, Vintage Car Show, Steam Engines and displays creating fun for the whole family.

Full food truck lineup and event details to be announced closer to the event. AMFVG are excited to take The Food Truck Festival to regional areas of VIC, that have big community spirit and gorgeous landscapes.



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