

The District 9800 Foundation Giving Tree



Three Years of District 9800 Foundation 2016-2019

In the Rotary world most positions have a term of one year. Some other positions such as Foundation roles have a three year term and it is time for the current team to move on. Some will be continuing on as part of the new team who will be capably led by **PDG Murray Verso**, who I know will fill that role with distinction.

It is a privilege in Rotary to be a President of a Rotary Club and then to be fortunate to be endorsed by their fellow Rotarians to be their District Governor. I have been honoured to have another privilege and that has been to be the Chair of the District 9800 Foundation Committee from the Rotary year of 2016-17. In that role I have been hugely supported by a team of dedicated and enthusiastic Rotarians who share a passion for our Foundation – The Rotary Foundation. I have thanked them individually but I do want to also publicly acknowledge and thank them.

A major part of what the Committee does is to lead and provide oversight for our Grants Program. Our Humanitarian Grants Chair **Mark Stephens** has done a mammoth and outstanding job in not only leading our Grants' Committee but also providing a first class on-line repository for grants as well as developing the supporting information. **Richard Blakeman** will take on this role but Mark will assist in the background as required. **Don Heath** has served as our Stewardship Chair for 2 years and **Philip Rowell** before him. We have been very well served by Don and Phil. **Katrina Flinn** will be our Stewardship Chair going forward.

Our Global Grant Scholarship program has been managed very effectively by **PDG Keith Ryall**, who will continue in that role and has selected outstanding Scholars. As we all know District 9800 has been the Black Caviar of the Peace Fellows program and **Rob Helme** has worked assiduously to maintain and grow that status and will continue to do so. Thank you Rob.

Our successful Vocational training Team Global Grants program is chaired by **PDG Julie Mason** who has led by example as a Team member for our education training team in Cambodia. Julie will continue in that role. **Jeremy Oates** and **Sue McDonald** deserve special mention as they have each visited Timor Leste more than 17 times as part of extended VTT for maternal and child health in that country.

On page 8 there is a detailed report on the amazing and generous support for the PolioPlus program. This has been driven by our **DG Bronwyn** with the enthusiastic support of our Polio Ambassador **Susie Cole** and before her **PDG Don Jago**. Susie is taking a well-earned rest and will be succeeded by **Kitty O'Connor**. And **YES! Prance in the Park** will return later this year.



More ...

The Royce and Jean Abbey Endowment Fund has been well represented on the Committee by **PDG Don Jago** and the awards program by **Roger Leask**. This important program under the Chairmanship of **David Abbey** continues to provide an outstanding vocational scholarship for people from developing countries.

None of these programs are possible without giving and I thank **Chris Don** for his leadership of club Annual Giving, which is the role I will assume next year. Personal EREY/ Centurion giving has been in the safe hands of **Gabe Hau** who will continue to provide this support next year. Thank you Chris and Gabe. I also thank **PDG Ian Knight** who has served on the Committee for more years than anyone can determine but keeps on making a significant contribution, most recently with responsibility for Endowments. Last year he was recipient of the PolioPlus Pioneer award. Thank you for your always wise advice Ian.

Local Legend **Bob Fels** is also stepping down from the Committee after many years in the Peace fellowship role and more recently as Chair for Foundation Alumni. Bob has been an outstanding contributor in so many ways and I am sure his influence will continue long into the future. Our very first Peace Fellow, **Tania Militec** will be the new Chair.

PDG Gordon McKern has been our Paul Harris Society and Major Donor Chair for the last 6 years and will now pass the baton to **PDG Julie Mason** (see picture on the previous page "handing over of the baton"). Gordon's leadership of this program has been legendary and we now have more than 135 Paul Harris Society members, a significant growth from the 35 members when he commenced in this role. He has been magnificently supported by **Roger Thornton** and **Cheryl Pisterman** over that journey and they will both join Gordon basking in the afterglow of a job well done. Below we see Gordon recently receiving his real recognitions for his Service Above Self award. We had to provide some replicas at the District Conference and it has taken until now to receive them.

This nicely segues to **Cheryl Pisterman** who provided me and PDG John Wigley before me with huge support and expertise as our communications and Administration Coordinator. Thank you Cheryl for your outstanding contribution. **Bec Heitbaum** has been in harness with Cheryl to take over the role from 01 July.



... and still more!!

But there is more.....

There are several other Foundation champions that liaised with our clubs. Currently our Club Foundation Ambassadors are **Austen Burleigh, Kate Strain, Vijay Susarla, John Krakowiak, Bec Heitbaum and Peter Shephard. Thanks go also to Grant Hocking, Roger Leask, Pam Baker, Graeme Newton, Garry Willson, Gabe Hau, Roger Thornton, Anne Peace and Mandi Wendt** who have served in this role. I'm sure the others will not mind if I single out **Peter Shephard** to recognise him for many other contributions, most of which happened quietly behind the scenes.

There are many highlights from the past three years, in particular the many wonderful District and Global Grants funded by our Foundation. Thank you to the Rotarians and friends of Rotary, who through their clubs and individually have financially supported The Foundation and those heroes who actually go off to work on these projects often in very difficult circumstances. There have been some special fundraising activities that stand out. Our huge celebration for The Foundation Centennial with Foundation Trustee Chair Elect **Paul Netzel** was a special occasion as was the visit by PRID **Jennifer Jones** for world polio day last year. The reincarnation of PRIP Arch Klumph was also memorable as was our recent Peacebuilding Symposium supported by Peace Centers Chair, **Bryn Styles**. Our recent support for PolioPlus has been nothing short of sensational. Thank you everyone for supporting our charity – The Rotary Foundation – to do good in the world.

Thank you District 9800 Rotarians for your support.

Dennis Shore

D9800 District Foundation Committee Chair 2016-2019



Meet Our New Global Grant Scholars

Dr Alistair Quinn will be studying for a M.Sc in Computational Biology and Quantitative Genomics at Harvard University and is one of only 16 admitted to this quite fascinating field of study. In layman's terms, computer science in artificial intelligence (AI), as applied to healthcare, to predict the onset and prevention of cancerous cells. Alistair's host club near Harvard will be the Rotary Club of Cambridge.

This is a two-year program involving 18 months of rigorous coursework in computational methods, followed by a 6 month research project to apply those methods to medical data. Alistair will have the opportunity to take electives in machine learning at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), learning from the world's leading computer science researchers.

Alistair is a medical doctor, biomedical scientist and aspiring computational biologist. He has had a wide range of experiences working in hospitals in country Victoria. For the last two years he has been working as a home doctor, providing urgent overnight care to young children and infants, the disabled and the elderly in their homes.

In 2017, Alistair was a leader in a team of five launching the global poverty charity *Effective Altruism Australia (EAA)*, which grants funds to the most effective interventions fighting disease. EAA is focusing on malaria and other tropical diseases that disproportionately affect vulnerable children and mothers.

He has also volunteered at Smileyscope – a leading Australian medical technology startup providing children suffering from cancer and other chronic diseases with a calming virtual-reality headset experience while they undergo blood-tests.

Alistair's short-term goal is to return to Melbourne and collaborate with other scientists and clinicians to research and develop medical AI, developing partnerships with local universities and hospitals, and navigating the regulatory landscape to integrate discoveries into healthcare.

Genevieve Auld will undertake a Master of Law at the University of Chicago, which is acknowledged universally as a leader in the field of refugee and asylum law as well as having subjects that address practical needs such as adequate food, healthcare, education and employment. Genevieve graduated from the Australian National University in 2012 with First Class Honours in Law and a Bachelor of Arts (Political Science and French). Her focus was on refugee law and policy and she received a High Distinction for her Honours Thesis on Refugee Law.

The course at Chicago will equip Genevieve with a whole new set of skills in the field of refugee and asylum law and on the underlying causes of conflict.

In the short-term, immediately after finishing the scholarship Genevieve would like to work in an American based organisation specialising in refugee law and



Genevieve Auld (next to Global Grant Scholarship Chair, PDG Keith Ryall on the left) Dr Alistair Quinn (top right) and Katie Wilford, scholar from the USA who leaves us soon after a brilliant year at the University of Melbourne

advocacy. Similarities with Australian refugee policy on detention and expulsion and the experience will be beneficial to later working in Australia in the area of refugee law.

We are certain that Alistair and Genevieve will make every post a winner during their time at Harvard and Chicago and beyond.



Scott Bolton

Scott has written to his sponsor club (RC Hawthorn) to update his experience at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. He has been studying for a Master of Education (School Leadership) but arrived early to get an

intense summer training in US Educational Law and Race, equity and leadership. As part of the Master's program Scott opted for the Principal Licensure path which, upon graduation, awards him a Massachusetts State Principal Licence allowing him to work as a registered Principal in the majority of the fifty USA states as a school leader.

While completing the degree, Scott also undertook two 6-month residencies in public school districts in the greater Boston area. During the Fall term, he was Principal in residence at the John D O'Bryant School for Mathematics and Science – one of the three selective schools in the Boston Public school district. His second residence was at Arlington High School in the Arlington Public School district.

As part of his course Scott has had amazing academic and practical experiences that will equip him well for the future. Scott is looking forward to moving back to Melbourne and applying these skills in a school straight away and we are sure that Scott will make his mark in a significant way.

Where are our Peace Scholars?

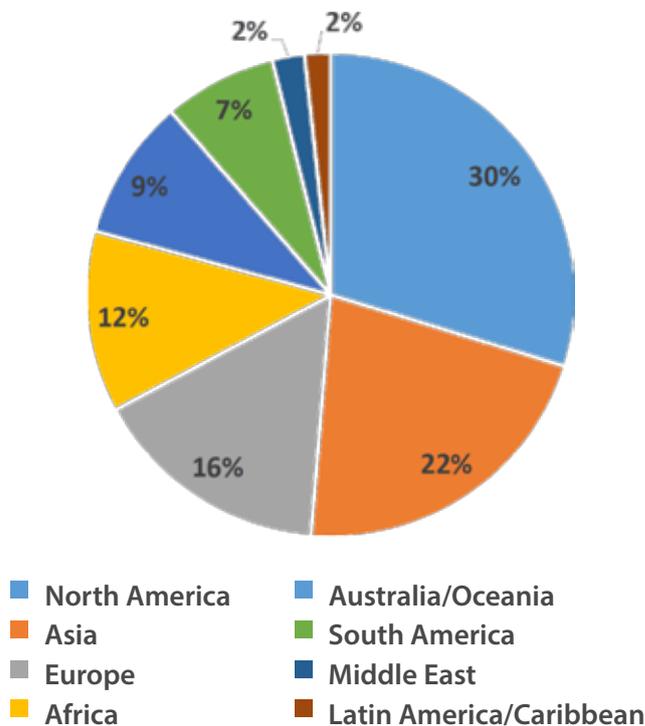
The question is often asked, what do we know about Fellows from the Peace Fellowship program. Of course we know quite a lot about the Fellows nominated through our District but it is of real interest to have an insight into alumni from around the world. Here are details of peace fellows as of April 2019:

- 1,258 total number of alumni
- 1,243 total number of living alumni
- 485 total number of living certificate program alumni
- 767 total number of living master's program alumni
- 9 alumni who have completed both certificate and master's
- 109 total currently studying
- 87 total currently studying for master's
- 22 total currently studying for certificate

Of these 1,166 peace fellows who have communicated with Rotary:

- ▶ 447 (38%) work for NGOs or other peace-related organizations
- ▶ 166 (14%) work for a government agency or the military
- ▶ 115 (10%) are teachers/professors
- ▶ 82 (7%) work in research or academic support positions
- ▶ 62 (5%) work for United Nations agencies
- ▶ 61 (5%) are pursuing additional advanced degrees in peace-related fields
- ▶ 37 (3%) are lawyers

Locations of Peace Scholar Alumni



- ▶ 37 (3%) work for police or are involved in law enforcement
- ▶ 24 (2%) are journalists
- ▶ 9 (1%) work for the World Bank
- ▶ 74 (6%) defy easy categorization; these include: bankers, human resource professionals, business owners, and people on leave from regular positions.
- ▶ 52 (4%) reported they are actively looking for work in the field

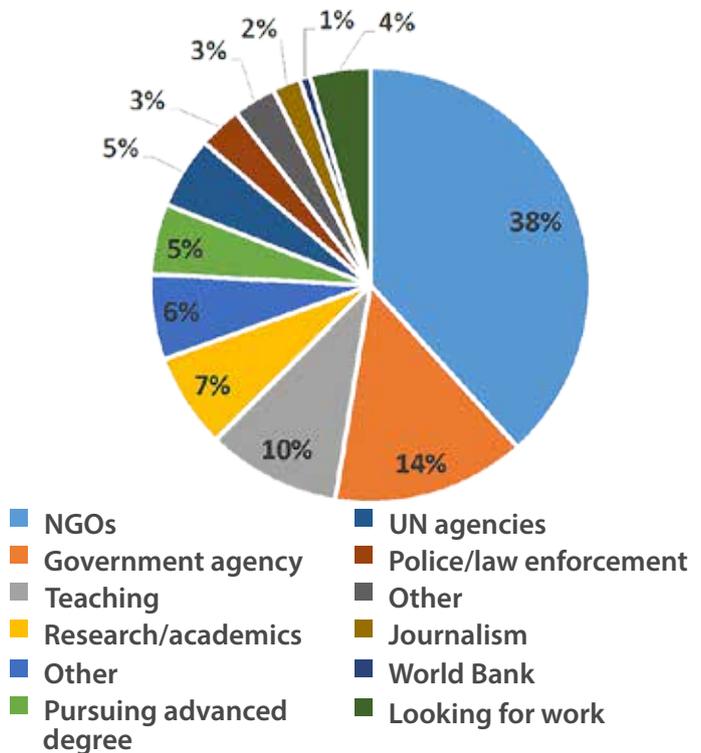
Alumni find work around the world:

- ▶ 347 (30%) reside in North America
- ▶ 251 (22%) reside in Asia
- ▶ 185 (16%) reside in Europe
- ▶ 141 (12%) reside in Africa
- ▶ 110 (9%) reside in Australia and Oceania
- ▶ 87 (7%) reside in South America
- ▶ 25 (2%) reside in the Middle East
- ▶ 20 (2%) reside in Latin America/Caribbean

As we all know (but we will remind you) District 9800 is the Black Caviar of the Peace Fellowship program having successfully nominated one or more Peace Fellows every year since the first intake in 2002 and we have successfully nominated 35 Fellows in all.

Just recently the District 9800 selection committee interviewed six outstanding candidates, all of whom have been positively endorsed. The final selection will be made by The Rotary Foundation.

Activities of Peace Scholar Alumni



Royce and Jean Abbey Vocational Scholarship

Visit by 'AJ' and Mary Ann Slaggert

Alfred 'AJ' Slaggert, from the Rotary Club of Clare, Michigan, was a District Governor in 1988-89, the year of Royce Abbey's Rotary International Presidency. He and his wife Mary Ann now spend half of their year in Michigan and the other half near Las Vegas to escape the cold. They also spend a lot of time travelling and in particular cruising.

One of AJ's skills is fund raising, which is why following his year as District Governor he was asked to coordinate a fund raising programme to establish a fund in Royce and Jean Abbey's name. The District Governors of 1988-89 wanted to leave a lasting reminder of the success of the 1988-90 Rotary year.

As a result of AJ's efforts USD110,000 was deposited in The Rotary Foundation's coffers to form the Royce and Jean Abbey Endowed Fund, the income from which was to be used in such a manner as Royce and Jean thought fit. The Royce and Jean Abbey Vocational Scholarship was subsequently established but AJ and Mary Ann had no knowledge of what had become of the Fund AJ helped establish. They did know that Royce had passed away in 2014 but they had lost contact with Jean.

When their latest cruise aboard the Seabourn Sojourn was to berth in Melbourne on the 18th of December for one day they hoped to visit the Rotary Club of Essendon to let Essendon members know about the establishment of the Fund and find out what use had been made of the USD110,000.

Fate being what it is meant that Essendon had a breakfast meeting on the 18th of December and so AJ and Mary Ann were unable to attend the club meeting, but they did visit Jean Abbey for an hour before sharing a meal with David Abbey, Jenny Foster, Roger Leask and Shirley and Ray Kukk, members of the Scholarship and Award Committees.

AJ was delighted to hear of the establishment and success of the Scholarship and the growth of the Fund through the Royce Abbey Award. He was moved to tears when he was presented with a Royce Abbey Award by David Abbey and Roger Leask, Roger being the man behind the Award.

AJ and Mary Ann departed that evening for ports to the west, including Fremantle, where they caught up with Terry Barritt, another District Governor from 1988-89. Terry is a member of the Scholarship Committee. More reminiscing and talk of the Endowed Fund, the Award, the Scholarship and their year as District Governors was sure to follow. The visit to Melbourne will undoubtedly be the highlight of AJ's and Mary Ann's cruise and the Award Committee is hoping it will soon receive an application from the Rotary Club of Clare for another American Royce Abbey Awardee!



Our Latest Royce and Jean Abbey Vocational Scholar



Coming from a background as a social worker, Jenny has managed a farming enterprise and self reliance program (Bahay Tuluyan Foundation) in The Philippines for ten years involving native pigs, organic rice farming, organic feeds, rice duck farming, fertilisers and pesticides, poultry and vegetables.

Through her scholarship she is looking to grow her knowledge, skills and techniques in livestock farming, rice farming, vegetable farming as well as food processing (see the picture on the left). She also wants to develop skills in marketing, branding and packaging of products and to share these skills with other farmers and future farmers.

Jenny arrived in Australia in late April and apart from finding our weather unbearably cold Jenny has impressed everyone with her capacity to learn and communicate and the clear evidence that she will do good things as a result of her scholarship, which she is confident will enable her enterprise to become self-reliant.



Rotary's Fight to Finish Polio

News that the number of new polio cases has increased this year is disappointing - 32 cases Vs 13 for the same period last year. Be assured the GPEI has clear strategy to eliminate this dreadful disease. The GPEI (Global Polio Eradication Initiative) is a public-private partnership led by national governments with five partners – Rotary International, the World Health Organization (WHO), the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Five ways Rotary is making progress to end polio

Rotary's top global initiative is polio eradication. While there is still work to be done to finish the job, we can be proud of the incredible progress we've made, working with our partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI). Here are five ways Rotary is making progress towards our top goal.

1. We've come a long, long way

When Rotary led the formation of the GPEI in 1988, the world saw 350,000 cases of polio in a total of 125 polio-endemic countries. In 2018, there were around 30 cases of wild poliovirus in just two countries – Afghanistan and Pakistan – representing a 99.9% reduction in global polio cases.

2. Nigeria still at zero

While Nigeria officially remains on the polio-endemic list, the nation is approaching the third anniversary of the last reported case of wild poliovirus. Steady scheduling of immunization days, routine surveillance, and engagement at all community levels and institutions are a few of the reasons for Nigeria's success to date.

3. Bold strategies are widening our reach

The GPEI is using new strategies aimed at reaching more children. Some approaches are high-tech, such as employing geographic information system mapping. Others are low-tech yet equally important, such as deploying boats to deliver vaccines on the remote islands of the Lake Chad region.

4. Finding solutions in Afghanistan

Rotary is doing its part to turn obstacles into opportunities in the war-torn country. Afghan Rotarians are working side-by-side with the government and GPEI partners, often in dangerous places, to meet with local leaders who can ensure community acceptance of the vaccine. Rotary-funded permanent transit points also help reach populations on the move between Afghanistan and Pakistan.

5. Complementary services for communities in need

Polio is not a problem in isolation. The same communities where polio thrives are also fraught with other health issues and lack clean water and proper sanitation. To respond to multiple health needs at the same time, Rotary is focusing on projects that complement polio eradication efforts – putting the "Plus" in PolioPlus. One example: in Pakistan, Rotary clubs have partnered with Coca-Cola and the United Nations Development Program to set up water filtration plants in Karachi's highest-risk areas.

With everyone's continued support, we can keep making progress. You can be a part of it by helping through fundraising, advocacy work, and raising awareness.

Key Messages:

- ▶ Rotary has been in the centre of the fight to end polio for more than three decades, and Rotarians everywhere should be proud of the work we've done.
- ▶ Rotarians have contributed \$1.9 billion dollars and countless volunteer hours to the fight to end polio.
- ▶ Since Rotary formed PolioPlus we've seen a reduction in polio cases from 350,000 a year in 125 countries, to around 30 cases of wild poliovirus in just two countries.
- ▶ We've made incredible progress and we're optimistic that we can end this disease, but getting to zero cases is going to take even more progress, perseverance and patience.
- ▶ We know that with sufficient resources, country-level commitment, and innovations to access to hard-to-reach areas, we can end polio transmission.
- ▶ It's vital that we redouble our commitment to ending polio for good, and continue progressing towards our goal of a polio-free world.

How far have we come?

When we started this journey over thirty years ago, we knew it wouldn't be easy, but together with our partners, we've brought case counts down from a thousand a day, to around 30 cases in two countries.

More than 18 million people who otherwise would have been paralyzed are walking today because of Rotary and its partners.

Polio eradication is the largest public health initiative of its kind in history. In 2018 alone, the GPEI vaccinated more than 400 million children.

Like any big initiative, we know the last mile of polio eradication will be the most difficult, but we also know eradication is achievable and we will get the job done.

Call to Action

We urge every Rotarian to get involved in the fight to end polio, and take that fight to your clubs, your communities, in cities and towns all over the world.

Continue to raise awareness of the importance of polio eradication, and Rotary's huge role in that effort. Hold events and fundraisers on World Polio Day and year-round. Continue raising \$50 million per year for polio eradication, to be matched 2:1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

And starting 1 July, DDF contributions will be matched 1:1 by the World Fund. With the 2:1 Gates Foundation match, contributions to DDF will yield a 6:1 match.

Continue advocating to world governments about the importance of supporting polio eradication.

Keep pushing forward, taking pride in Rotary's work and commitment thus far, and continue to persevere until the day that we fulfill our promise of a polio-free world.

District 9800 – Fighting Polio to the Finish

At the start of this Rotary year we gave club and individuals the challenge to support our goal on the basis that that District would match donations on a one to one basis from Foundation District Designated Funds (DDF). We did put a limit on the match but inspired by the response we have cleaned out the DDF account.

Led by our DG Bronwyn through her personal example and her *Smarties* campaign we have had a magnificent response. Last year clubs and individuals contributed the very significant amount of USD41,400 to the PolioPlus program. In Aussie dollars that worked out at about \$52,000. So how did we go this year? When we closed the books on 15 June, we had some \$99,000 – nearly twice as much as the previous year. Thank you for your fantastic support. **But the news gets even better.**

Those efforts of clubs and individuals in District 9800 to support Polio eradication has inspired others to support this cause. A generous benefactor, moved by our efforts, offered to donate AUD145,000 (USD100,000) through District 9800 on the basis that other Districts would together match that donation from their DDF. This generosity has been rewarded and USD100,000 in DDF has been allocated to PolioPlus from other Districts specifically related to the donation offer. Accordingly an additional USD100,000 has been deposited into the PolioPlus account and credited to District 9800.

Good deeds are indeed rewarded so thank you to all those individuals and clubs who together generated nearly AUD250,000 all of which will be matched by a DDF contribution and a DDF 50% bonus, all of which will be matched in turn 2:1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. This equates to USD1,830,000 going towards polio eradication. **How good is that!**

How did Clubs and individuals raise that money?

When it comes to novel ideas Rotarians demonstrate just what lurks beneath the surface. From the elegance of high teas to the penchant for dressing up we saw it all.

We are given to understand that Smarties Anonymous has been set up to deal with the addiction of District 9800 Rotarians to those little coloured confections. It needs to be said that ample supplies of those jars remain for those who are yet to beat the habit.

Many of us rocked to the beat of *Bohemian Rhapsody* and raised money to eradicate polio at the same time. So successful was this that **Peter Shephard** has set up The Foundation Film Club to continue the opportunity for fellowship, fun and fundraising for our Foundation. We also had high teas and numerous other enjoyable fundraising experiences.

Mainly we all just understood what needed to be done and we made sure, in whatever way we could, that we are getting close but we must finish the fight. **Well done District 9800 Rotarians!**



And what does \$1.8 million buy?

- About 6 million doses of polio vaccine
 - 2.5 million vests
 - 1.25 million vaccine carriers
 - 10 million purple pinkie markers
- OR a combination of all of the above!**

Feeding the Giving Tree

Over the past three years Rotary Clubs and individuals have helped to feed the Giving Tree through club donations and personal donations. As of now around 135 Rotarians and friends of Rotary contribute as Paul Harris Fellows, committing to donate at least USD1,000 annually as long as they are able to. More than twice that number are Centurions who commit to at least AUD100 annually. Others make larger or smaller donations. All donations, big or small make a difference and are warmly and gratefully received.

What happens to the money that is donated? I hear a lot of misinformation so here are the facts. Firstly, the money goes no further than Parramatta where it is deposited into one of two accounts at the St George Bank.

The Rotary Foundation: Takes in all payments from clubs that are not subject to tax deductibility plus donations from corporations or institutions who do not require tax deductibility. This account is used to fund District Grant allocations, payment for grants in developed nations and operating costs relative to The Rotary Foundation in Australia.

The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust: This is where all tax deductible contributions deposit. It also takes in contributions from corporates and organisations wanting a tax deductible receipt. This account can only be used to fund global grant payments in developing countries nominated by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) but this list covers just about every country in which our clubs operate. The rules are very tight and payments from this account cannot even be made to a club operating a grant in a developing nation if the payment is made into an Australia bank account. Sometimes clubs pay the bills from Australia but TARFT money cannot be used for this. TRF funds have to be used in these cases. Our tax deductibility comes through DFAT's Overseas Aid Fund which is why TARFT funds can only be used overseas.

In terms of the structure, TARFT is a Trust Fund set up to manage tax deductible contributions to the Rotary Foundation. As of today, it only has one Trustee and that is Rotary Foundation Australia Ltd (RFAL). This company was set up to provide a legal entity which will be useful when talking to corporates about partnerships on humanitarian projects or undertakings and while

it is the sole Trustee of TARFT, it neither receives or disperses funds. This company has nine directors each appointed for a three-year term by the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation. The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is the sole member of RFAL. All monies are retained in Australia and any unrequired funds are held in high interest bearing at call accounts to generate income to help defray the costs of administration.

The Directors of RAFL until the end of this year are Louis Johnson (Chair), Joanne Schilling (Deputy Chair), Monica Saville (Treasurer), Ron Geary, Ian Salmon, Tony Castley, Eric Wood, John Barnes and Phillip Archer. Mark Anderson is the Secretary. Approximately a third of the Board retires by rotation annually.

To make sure money from your club or from you personally goes to the right account and is properly attributed the following guidelines should be followed:

Bank Transfer Instructions

At RISPPPO, *many* deposits into the Foundation bank accounts have little or no description of the donor. This can create long delays in recording the deposits and significant expense in tracing transactions.

To ensure that you receive recognition for your contributions, please use the following descriptions in the Reference field of your bank deposits:

Polio Plus: Donorname(IDNumber)PP (for example: EastwdGla18020PP or JSmith1234567PP)

Annual Fund: Donorname(IDNumber)AF

Global Grants: Donorname(IDNumber)GG(number)

Endowment Fund: Donorname(IDNumber)EF (please note that contributions to the Endowment Fund are not tax-deductible in Australia and do not attract PHF points).

Including the club number or member number is extremely useful, especially where you need to abbreviate your name to fit the field, as in the above examples. These numbers can be found in MyRotary or from the club Secretary or Treasurer.

NOTE for multiple donors: please use the name of the club and then email the list of donors to RISPPPO: risppo@rotary.org

Bank Accounts

For Club and District Donations	For individual & business donations (or Clubs needing tax deductible receipt):
St. George Bank Account: The Rotary Foundation Acct No: 100345225 BSB No: 332 084	St. George Bank Account Name: The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust Acct No: 551038195 BSB No: 332 084

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated, it really does make an enormous difference!

Paul Harris Society and Major Donors

Over the past six years, Rotary District 9800's Paul Harris Society has gone from strength to strength. Under the guidance of **PDG Gordon McKern OAM**, with the valuable assistance of Roger Thornton, the number of Society members has risen to around 135 – the most of any District in Australia.

Recent figures show the importance of PHS membership to our District's commitment to the Foundation. For the Rotary year 2017-18 total District 9800 giving to the Annual Fund was USD421,064, of which no less than **one third** came from our 135 or so Paul Harris Society members.

Another point worth making is that of Major Donors. Today the numbers have grown significantly, in almost all cases due to the annual commitment of PHS members, to now stand at 33 Level One, 11 Level Two, 2 Level Three. That is a remarkable testimony to the generosity, and commitment, of our PHS members and Major Donors. Our most recent contributors to reach Major Donor status include **Beth Foley** and **Mike McFarlane** both of the Rotary Club of Kew, **Clive Weeks** from Rotary Club of Melbourne and, just as we went to press, **Jane Pennington** from Rotary North Balwyn.

District Governor, Bronwyn Stephens, recently used these words at a function to honour a Major Donor:

You have provided clean water for people who you will never meet, you are providing economic opportunities for the poorest of the poor, you have educated children who would have had no other chance of schooling, you have given mothers safe conditions to have their babies, you have given outstanding candidates with humanitarian intent the opportunity to pursue scholarships, and you are contributing to peace in Rotary's name. When US\$1,000 is donated to this Charity, which is rated number 1 in the world with its exemplary acquittal procedures and minimal administration expenses, you have made a wise decision. So thank you for all you do as a member of the Paul Harris Society. Your accumulated contribution of US\$10,000 over the years is outstanding.

Gordon has earned a well-earned retirement and the new Chair of the Paul Harris Society from 01 July will be **PDG Julie Mason** who accepted the invitation to her new role with the comment:

As District Governor I remember fondly asking Gordon to set a lofty target for increasing membership in the number of Rotarians contributing to the Society. After all, I remember saying: "it is only the cost of a new handbag a month!"

So we encourage all Rotarians to support **Our Charity: Our Foundation.**



Clockwise from above: Beth Foley, Clive Weeks, Jane Pennington, Cherrie & Win Osborn, Mike & Sali McFarlane

Great-grandma (and Paul Harris Society member) Winifred Osborn

Winifred turned 102 on 31st May. Here is a short tribute to this very special person from **Cherrie Osborn.**

"Grandma Win" (Winifred K Osborn) is my mother-in-law. We live together as I am her carer and friend. We are a bit like an old married couple. When my husband (and her son John) died, I was invited to become a member of his Rotary Club of Keilor East. I did join and subsequently gained a whole extra family – and so did Win! From that time on she has supported everything I have been involved in, and all Club events. So much so that the Club has made her an Honorary Member, of which she is immensely proud. Further to that, she has often been my partner when I was AG to the then Port Phillip Cluster, and made friends with those Club members as well!

When Win reached her 100th Birthday, she chose not to receive gifts, but if anyone did want to make a donation, she wanted this to go to *Days for Girls*, supporting our Club Project in Balibo, Northern Timor Leste.

When I decided to become a Paul Harris Fellow Society Member, she decided that this would be her charity of choice as well. This way we both felt that we would be yearly helping, not only our own Projects, but many of those around the world.

Win is unique, a special and remarkable person, who is interested in everything we do, and all the people she meets. Long may she keep those birthdays coming!

District and Global Grants

District is required to report (and happy to do so) to all Rotarians annually regarding Grant expenditure. Here is a summary of our Grants expenditure for 2018-2019.

DISTRICT 9800 DISTRICT GRANTS EXPENDITURE 2018-2019

No.	District/Club	Activity type	Activity description	Activity location	Distributed amount (AUD)
1	9800	Education: scholarship	Provide Scholarships to disadvantaged youth to continue the last two years of education.	Australia	\$ 16,000.00
2	Brighton	Education: literacy	Carry out a community assessment on an isolated area in Africa to see if an education focused VTT is feasible as part of a Global Grant Application.	Lesotho	\$ 2,281.00
3	Gisborne	Health: general	Support a Community assessment Project looking at the feasibility of a possible maternal health VTT to Mongolia.	Mongolia	\$ 5,000.00
4&5	Bendigo-Strathdale	Health: general	Fund travel and surgical treatment for a Papua New Guinea woman with disfiguring.	Australia	\$ 5,000.00
6	Melton	Education: general	Provide School and hardware supplies for Kiribati School and general community and pay for shipping costs	Kiribati	\$ 5,000.00
7	Glenferrie	Community development: general	Fit out of new women's refuge in local community with bedding and other equipment.	Australia	\$ 2,500.00
8	Toorak	Health: general	Provide equipment for a community organisation to clean, test and fit second hand hearing aids to disadvantages members of the local community.	Australia	\$ 2,500.00
9	Essendon	Community development: volunteer services	Provide equipment for a Philippines based volunteer organisation that cares for street children by providing them with basic educational services.	Philippines	\$ 5,000.00
10	Melbourne South	Education: literacy	Provide laptop computers to school children in disadvantaged area in Cambodia and to renovate a room in a local school to enable it to function as a computer classroom.	Cambodia	\$ 5,000.00
11	Bendigo South	Education: literacy	Educational support in the form of books and wages for a teacher who teaches children from the slums of Phnom Penh.	Cambodia	\$ 3,000.00
12	Wyndham	Education: literacy	Translate and prepare story books to support early literacy among new arrived children of refugees who speak minimal English	Australia	\$ 1,250.00
13	Caroline Springs	Community development: general	Build a shelter in a local community park. The shelter will be used by various visiting groups from within the local community and surrounding areas to each lunch under / sit in shade.	Australia	\$ 500.00
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15	Richmond	Education: literacy	Supply books and other resources for a library at a new local High School. These books will be used in conjunction with leadership and public speaking programs to be conducted by the school and the Rotary Club.	Australia	\$ 2,500.00
16	Canterbury	Community development: disaster recovery	FORAMEAL emergency food packing of dry food supplement with vitamins for distribution and use in the Philippines during times of disaster.	Philippines	\$ 2,000.00
17	Bendigo-Strathdale	Community development: general	Construct of a small Disc Golf course in a local park for use by the community to encourage physical activity in both adults and children.	Australia	\$ 1,500.00
18	9800	Community development: volunteer services	Assist with the costs of fitting out new storage unit for the Western Emergency Relief Network. This organisation accepts donations of furniture and other household goods for distribution to members of the community in urgent need as identified by trained field workers.	Australia	\$ 9,000.00
19	Keilor	Education: general	Fund container of school furniture to Timor-Leste Primary Schools	Timor-Leste	\$ 2,750.00
20	Melbourne South	Community development: construction/renovation	Fund the renovation and refit of a local community park to be enjoyed by children who mostly live in high rise units or small houses with minimal land.	Australia	\$ 6,000.00
21	Essendon North	Community development: general	Fund the replacement of mattresses and bedding at a holiday camp by the sea that provides holidays for disadvantaged children.	Australia	\$ 2,490.00
22	Essendon	Health: general	Provide maternity bags for new mothers and babies in a disadvantaged area in Sri Lanka. The bags contain basic items for both mother and child for the first few months after childbirth.	Sri Lanka	\$ 1,334.00
23	Carlton	Education: general	Provide intervention and educational support for children and young people who are experiencing barriers to educational success, which includes poverty, homelessness and family violence	Australia	\$ 2,500.00
24	Bendigo South	Community development: general	Support with signage advertising good behavior at Junior footy matches. The signage emphasizes that sportsmanship and good behavior are important and it is hoped that this encourages more children to participate in sporting activity.	Australia	\$ 2,431.00

District Grants Expenditure continued

No.	District/Club	Activity type	Activity description	Activity location	Distributed amount (AUD)
25	Richmond	Education: scholarship	Support for disadvantaged student attending the London Science School who have been chosen because of the excellence at an Australian Science training program	Australia	\$ 2,500.00
26	9800	Education: general	Shipping costs to transport a container of clothes and school equipment to Somaliland.	Somaliland	\$ 2,782.00
27	Flemington Kensington	Education: scholarship	Support for disadvantaged student attending the London Science School who have been chosen because of the excellence at an Australian Science training program.	Australia	\$ 2,500.00
28	Footscray	Education: scholarship	Support for disadvantaged student attending the London Science School who have been chosen because of the excellence at an Australian Science training program.	Australia	\$ 1,000.00
29	Flemington Kensington	Education: general	Establishment of a sustainable garden in a local junior school that is mainly populated by recently arrived children of refugees who live in nearby high rise public housing.	Australia	\$ 2,500.00
				USD72,200	USD97,470
					\$ 96,818

Global Grants

The past three years have seen Rotarians in District 9800 become more actively involved in Global Grants and we can expect this trend to continue in the future as Rotarians come to understand the significant impact and the sustainability that can be achieved through Global Grants. Through the Foundation's concentration on Rotary's *Six Areas of Focus*:

- * Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
- * Disease prevention and treatment
- * Water and sanitation
- * Maternal and child health
- * Basic education and literacy
- * Economic and community development

District 9800 clubs have understood the importance of applying for a Global Grant which cover these areas of focus.

The table below outlines the outcomes of District 9800's Global Grant funding.

Transaction	Description	Amount	Balance
50% of Annual Fund Share contributions from 2015-16		\$187,009.29	\$187,009.29
50% of Available Endowment Fund Share Earnings		\$4,577.06	\$191,586.35
Carry Forward from 2017-2018		\$64,479.75	\$256,066.10
Total DDF Transferred	Rotary Center for International Studies (PeaceBuilder District)	(\$25,000.00)	\$231,066.10
Project Funding	DG1978843 (District Grant Allocation)	(\$72,200.00)	
Project Funding	GG1862419 (Brighton/Balwyn - Cambodia)	(\$7,500.00)	
Project Funding	GG1866289 (Multi-District - Malaria eradication Timor Leste)	(\$7,500.00)	
Project Funding	GG1871023 (Congenital heart surgeries India - RC Echuca-Moama contributing)	(\$1,000.00)	
Project Funding	GG1873091 (Central Melbourne - Skills development India)	(\$2,800.00)	
Project Funding	GG1874460 (Global Grant Scholar Katharine Brown - Duke)	(\$15,000.00)	
Project Funding	GG1988363 (Global Grant Scholar Alistair Quinn - Harvard)	(\$15,000.00)	
Project Funding	GG1988469 (Global grant Scholar Genevieve Auld - Chicago)	(\$15,000.00)	
Total DDF Funding		(\$136,000.00)	\$95,066.10
Returned Funds	DG1843339	\$5,076.03	
Total DDF Returned Funds		\$5,076.03	\$100,142.13
	Actual DDF Balance		\$100,142.13
Tagged	GG1982894 Submitted: Albert Park - Mentor based Teacher Training	(\$4,000.00)	
Tagged	GG1984136 Submitted: D9810 Toilets Project (RC Canterbury contributing)	(\$3,500.00)	
Total DDF Tagged		(\$7,500.00)	\$91,602.82
	DDF Balance		\$92,642.13
Committed Allocations	Rotary Give Every Child a Future (Centenary Project)	(\$30,000.00)	
	District Polio Match	(\$68,450.00)	
	Contribution from 2019-20 DDF		\$5,807.87