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# District Governor Grant Hocking, ASM

Hello Rotarians

As I sit and write these few words Melissa and I are sitting in a lovely café in North Melbourne. Together in the past 6 weeks we have attended 21 changeover functions and commenced our visits to clubs (DG visits) having completed 12 so far. It's a busy time but so enjoyable and interesting learning more about Rotarians and clubs in our district.

During the DG visit I am updating clubs on the new district committees and club formats being explored. The opportunity to meet with the board members and Rotarians before and after the meeting is a great opportunity to answer questions and support. We are getting lots of wonderful feedback which is appreciated.

The other opportunity for discussion and access to the District team is occurring at the 'Morning Tea with the DG' events. The first was held at Bendigo last week and 20 people turned up and stayed for 2 hours enjoying the opportunity to chat. The aim is to allow an opportunity for every Rotarian to chat with the DG, AG and DST members in a more relaxed setting to seek support, advice, or just to get to know each other better. Already at this first opportunity connections were made between clubs on a joint project and questions were answered.



More dates for 'Morning Tea with the DG' will be announced a few weeks before the date so the venue and AG/DST involvement can occur. Clubs will be notified via the AG or keep your eyes on the District facebook page

[\(Rotary District 9800 Discussion Group\)](#)

We have also been out and about at events including Rotaract GOT (Game of Thrones) trivia night, a walk in Trentham and have plans for the coming few weeks.



You should have noticed that registrations for the **District Conference 2020** have opened and there is a Conference page on the District website ([rotaryconference.org.au](http://rotaryconference.org.au))

Registrations are now being accepted. The early bird price available until 31<sup>st</sup> November 2019 is \$300 which includes the entire conference, welcome reception and Saturday dinner. This is very competitive when compared to previous conferences.

The committee is organising some amazing entertainment, guest speakers and activities planned for the weekend (keep your eyes on our District 9800 Conference [Facebook page](#) or webpage for announcements!). We've drawn inspiration from the 19/20 motto Rotary Connects the World, and can't wait to share the weekend with you.

Finally let me highlight the District Bulletin opportunities for clubs to advertise events, programs, and fundraisers. Your contributions are vital to ensure that all activities are sent to the District bulletin editor Lesley McCarthy well ahead of time. The District bulletin is published at the beginning of each month so plan ahead and get your stories in early. It's a great way to promote your club and celebrate the great work being done. Word documents are required and high-quality photos attached separately (not embedded in the word document).

We are planning a Polio walk, and train ride in October with more information available soon.

Melissa and I are looking forward to seeing you all during the DG visits and also at your club events.

**[Remember - Rotary Connects the World!](#)**

# Gimme 5 Campaign



## Here's an explanation.

- The goal is to have every District 9800 Rotarian give a personal \$5 donation to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) this year.
- Most Rotarians **don't donate** to The Rotary Foundation and this needs to change.
- Rotarians already donating money each year should keep doing it and know that it is appreciated.

It is our charity and helps fund all the wonderful projects of Rotary and Rotary clubs locally and globally.



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It is tax deductible.

**It would be wonderful if you could give more than \$5.00 - imagine how much good that money could do!!**

For "How to Donate" go to:

<https://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/page/gimme-5-campaign>

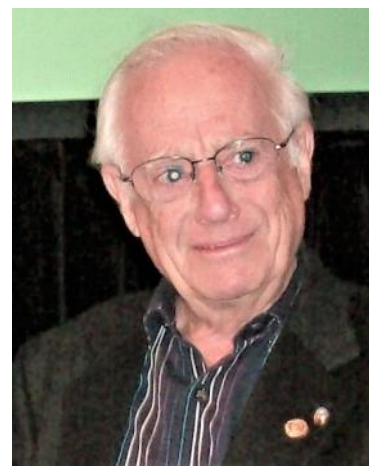


# VALE: *Past District Governor Des Jones*

District 9800 Rotarians mourn the passing of their friend and colleague, Past President and Past District Governor Des Jones.

Des became a member of the Rotary Club of Prahran in July 1988. He was District Governor of District 9800 in the year 2000-2001. As District Governor, Des held the District Conference at Darling Harbour in Sydney. It was a magical occasion.

The opening ceremony was held in the Entertainment Centre and at the conclusion we all exited and boarded ships to sail around the harbour. Beautiful moonlight, great food and drink, and lots of friendly banter made for a glorious evening.



The theme for Des's year was **"Create Awareness, Take Action"** and this conference did just that.



It featured fabulous keynote speakers including the grandson of Sherpa Tenzing. It also highlighted the fabulous work of clubs locally, nationally and internationally. This quite often meant there wasn't a dry eye in the house.

Des transferred to the Rotary Club of Carlton in 2008 and was club President 2011-2012. He provided significant support to PDG Keith Ryall for the District Conference in Melbourne in March 2012.

Des was also a Director of Australian Rotary Health having been appointed to the Board in November 2003 -2007. He received a Life Membership Award in 2009

In most recent years, he was one of the driving forces behind Carlton Rotary's very successful Book Fair as well as authoring a pamphlet called ""What is Rotary"" used in the club's membership recruitment campaigns.

Des was married to Beryl for 61 years and has a son and daughter and 3 grandchildren.



He will be sadly missed by all those who had the privilege to know him; he certainly made District 9800 proud. Rest in Peace Des. You will be sadly missed. Our condolences to Beryl and Family.

District Governor Des Jones and Beryl



# *Rotary International President Mark D Maloney*

Rotarians and members of the family of Rotary,

I love to travel!

I even enjoy the mundane process of getting from here to there. But last year, my wife, Gay, and I had one of those experiences that would strain the optimism of even the most cheerful traveller. We found ourselves with six hours to wait, at an airport where we were not scheduled to be, on a day we had not planned still to be traveling, having woken up that morning at a hotel unknown to us the night before. It was one of those days.



As we waited at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York City, Gay and I took a walk to people watch. We went from one end of the terminal to the other and back, looking at every gate, every destination, every group of people waiting for their flights.

Each gate was its own island of humanity. When we walked down the centre of the concourse, we were in New York, moving along with everyone in one river. But when you veered off into those seats, you left that current and landed on an island. You were already in Delhi or Paris or Tel Aviv.

As we started our walk, I thought:

“All these different people, all these different countries, all in one place. This is like Rotary!”

But as we walked past gate after gate, I realized something. It was not like Rotary at all. Because everyone in that river was heading for an island. And every island stayed an island. The people heading to Taipei might be talking to one another, but they were not talking to the people heading to Cairo or Lagos.

Contrast that with Rotary. Rotary allows us to connect with one another, in deep and meaningful ways, across our differences. It connects us with people we would never otherwise have met, who are more like us than we ever could have known. It connects us with our communities, to professional opportunities, and to the people who need our help.

Connection is what makes the experience of Rotary so very different from walking along that concourse at JFK Airport. In Rotary, none of us is an island. All of us are in Rotary together, whoever we are, wherever we are from, whatever language we speak or traditions we follow. We are all connected to one another — part of our communities and members not only of our clubs, but also of the global community to which we all belong.

This connection is what lies at the heart of the Rotary experience. It is what brings us to Rotary. It is why we stay. Please join your fellow Rotarians on this journey as **Rotary Connects the World**.

Yours in Rotary,  
Mark Daniel Maloney  
President, Rotary International 2019-2020





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# **DISTRICT 9780 WELCOMES ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT MARK DANIEL MALONEY TO BALLARAT**

**Rotary**  
District 9780



**PEOPLE OF ACTION:** [www.rotary9780.org](http://www.rotary9780.org)

## **PRESIDENTIAL DINNER**

Tuesday,  
24 September 2019

6.30pm pre dinner drink  
7.00pm dinner

The Mercure Ballarat  
613 Main Road,  
Ballarat VIC

**COST:** \$60/person (incl. booking fee)  
Includes 2 course meal  
& pre dinner drink.  
Drinks at bar prices.

**Tickets** available at  
<http://www.trybooking.com/BDVLG>



# Apply to serve on a Rotary International Committee

Would you like to contribute further to Rotary by serving on a committee? Each of Rotary's committees, made up of Rotarians and Rotaractors from around the world, works with the organization's leadership to ensure efficiency and promote the goals and priorities of the strategic plan.

The following committees are searching for qualified candidates for openings in 2020-21. All committees correspond via email, teleconference, or webinars as needed, and some involve at least one mandatory in-person meeting per year. Most committee business is conducted in English. To be considered for committee membership or recommend someone for an appointment, visit [on.rotary.org/application2019](https://on.rotary.org/application2019).

Applicants must be registered on My Rotary at [my.rotary.org/user/register](https://my.rotary.org/user/register) and ensure that their [My Rotary profile](#) includes current contact details. **The application deadline is 12 August.**

## **Communications committee**

*Function:* Advises the Board on communication with key audiences

*Prerequisites:* Professional background and experience in a communications-related field

*Commitment:* One three-year term; multiple conference calls; annual meeting in Evanston.

## **Finance committee**

*Function:* Advises the Board on Rotary's finances, including budgets, investment policy, and sustainability measures

*Prerequisites:* Professional background in a finance-related field; nonprofit experience preferred. Candidates should have experience at the club and district level in financial matters.

*Commitment:* One three-year term; two meetings a year in Evanston

## **Leadership development and training committee**

*Function:* Advises the Board on Rotary's leadership training program for Rotarians, clubs, and districts, with a special emphasis on training for district governors

*Prerequisites:* Must have significant training or education experience with a preference for leadership development

*Commitment:* One three-year term; annual meeting in Evanston

## **Operations review committee**

*Function:* Monitors the effectiveness, efficiency, and implementation of operations and all internal systems, advises the Executive Committee on compensation matters, and performs other oversight functions as requested by the Board

*Prerequisites:* Experience in management, leadership development, or financial management, and a thorough knowledge of Rotary's operations. Appointments will be limited to past RI directors.

*Commitment:* One six-year term; typically meets in Evanston twice a year

## **Rotaract committee**

*Function:* Advises the Board on Rotaract; develops the Rotaract Preconvention program

*Prerequisites Rotarians:* Experience working with Rotaract; direct experience as a mentor or Rotaract adviser or district chair. Rotaract alumni are strong candidates.

*Prerequisites Rotaractors:* Leadership at the club, district, or international level. Strong candidates have served as a district Rotaract representative, organized projects, or attended a Rotaract Preconvention. *Commitment Rotarians:* One three-year term; annual meeting in Evanston

*Commitment Rotaractors:* One one-year term; annual meeting in Evanston

## **Strategic planning committee**

*Function:* Reviews Rotary's strategic plan and associated measures; advises leadership on other matters of long-term significance

*Prerequisites:* 10+ years of experience in strategy development, monitoring, and implementation, and strong understanding of RI and Foundation programs and services

*Commitment:* One four-year term; up to four meetings in Evanston



# Charter of the Rotary Club of Tarawa, Kiribati



Right on the cusp of the new Rotary year, on 30 June 2019, the Rotary Club of Tarawa was Chartered as the newest Rotary club in District 9920 and further boosted the Rotary presence to a large area of the Pacific. The story of their formation and how Rotary is now represented in Kiribati is compelling reading.

Ruth Cross, a member of the Rotary Club of Melton and former President of the Victorian Kiribati Association has returned home to Kiribati after many years in Melbourne. She has been a familiar face at Donations in Kind and at the Moonee Valley Next Rotary Generation group meetings.

She has been keen to re-establish Rotary in Tarawa, and has been strongly supported by Assistant Governor Jenny Foster and Stephanie Woollard.

After the previous two Rotary clubs in Kiribati (Bairiki and Kiritimati) closed in 2015 and 2016 respectively, there had been no Rotary presence.

However the initiation of a Global Grant to Kiribati by the Rotary Club of Richfield, District 5420 in Utah USA, was the catalyst for a visit to Tarawa, Kiribati in May 2018 by DGE Ingrid Waugh and PDG Jennie Herring.

Ruth was instrumental in engaging with many different sectors of the community and running several interest meetings. Even before the official number was reached, the future club has a very impressive list of projects underway and planned.

Upcoming projects (confirmed and proposed):

- Delivery and distribution of hospital donations (June 20)
- Delivery of birthing kits from Country Women's Association (Australia) to outer island medical centres.
- Provide storage facility for rehabilitation centre at hospital, assist with centre clean up and procure rehabilitation equipment needed.
- Train and deliver of "Days for Girls" menstruation kits to outer island school age girls.
- Develop training curriculum for all 348 communities on South Tarawa to provide sound leadership, consistent governance and collective efforts towards agreed goals (sanitation, education, peace, access to clean water).
- Running water to each household.
- Community toilet builds.
- Community rain water tank installations.
- Community sanitation programs.
- South Tarawa waste clean-up and ongoing management. Collective efforts and changing narratives.

Well done Ruth, congratulations on continuing your Rotary journey.



# Foundation Trustee PRIP Gary C. K. Huang



July 2019



I am so excited to have this opportunity to communicate with you every month in my new role as chair of The Rotary Foundation Trustees. When I look at the amazing work that the Foundation has ahead of it this year, I'm astonished. We are making such an enormous, lasting impact on the world. In the near future, polio will be wiped off the face of the earth — all because of you.

I see my role as chair much like the position I played on my high school basketball team. I was the point guard. It was my job to bring the ball up court and make sure my teammates received the ball when they were open. Nothing made me happier than to see them make shots.

We didn't have the **high-five** back when I played, but I would have loved to give out **high-fives** for every basket. Now I'm eager to give them to you. Think about it: There is so much you can do to give a **high-five** to the Foundation. I started out by getting all five members of the Huang family in Rotary — my wife, three children, and myself — and keeping us donating year after year to the Foundation.

Now, let's see how many **high-fives** all of us can give in the next year. Whether you write five more checks, hold five more fundraisers, find five new donors, or simply give five more dollars, every high-five counts.

This year, I am going to fill my Social media accounts with all the Rotary Foundation **high-fives** I give around the world and tell the stories of the generous people who are bringing us closer to our goals. Join me on Facebook ([@garyckhuang](https://www.facebook.com/garyckhuang)) and share your stories. And feel free to give your own **high-fives**.

Let's reach our goals and keep going. Clubs have great projects — they are counting on us. And the children of the world are counting on us. Right now — you're open! Take the shot! Let's make this the Foundation's greatest year yet.

Gary C. K. Huang  
Past Rotary International President  
Foundation Trustee Chair



# Maternity bag distribution in Sri Lanka

A simple curry night organised by the Rotary club of Essendon on the 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019 in an Indian Restaurant called Magic Mint in Moonee Ponds in Melbourne and an accompanying American auction yielded \$2,666.

With a District 9800 grant of \$1,334 a total of \$4,000 was sent over to the Rotary club of Battaramulla Sri Lanka who were able to purchase 83 maternity bags for underprivileged and impoverished expectant mothers.

There is no better example than this project to exemplify the true internationality of Rotary.

The distribution took place on the 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at the Thalangama divisional hospital where the would-be mothers received maternity bags with grateful thanks to the Rotarians of Essendon for their magnanimous gesture.

Due to the tough economic conditions most of these mothers cannot afford these bags which contain the bare minimum for the new baby & the mother to enter hospital for a safe delivery.

In the past most would shy away from admission and suffer undue stress and mental strain and even resort to non-hospitalised deliveries which sometimes adds to the infant mortality numbers.

Hence the Rotarians of Battaramulla are indeed very committed to continuing this programme in the Battaramulla area in the years to come and look forward to support from like-minded persons, corporates and partner clubs overseas.

The Rotary Club of Battaramulla extend their gratitude to the Rotarians club of Essendon for supporting this project and look forward to partner in similar programmes in the future.

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# Rotary Melbourne's 0808 Committee

## 101st Commemoration of the Battle of Amiens

On 8 August 1918 the Allied forces secured an extraordinary victory in the Battle of Amiens. The strategy and planning for the battle was conceived and designed by Sir John Monash and subsequently adopted by the British High Command. The battle was the first in a sequence which forced the Germans onto the "back foot" from which they were not able to recover. In recognition of the success Monash was knighted for his efforts.

After the war Monash returned to civilian life and was instrumental in the establishment of the Rotary Club of Melbourne becoming its second President.

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At 0745 hrs you are invited to gather at The Shrine of Remembrance Visitors Centre to honour the detailed planning and marvellous execution of the great battle and victory in the Battle of Amiens - WWI by the Australian Forces united for the first time under Australian Command.



At 0800 we will witness the overflight (weather permitting) by the Sopwith Pup (RAAF Museum) in recognition of the significant new role of the Australian Air Corps in the Battle of Amiens, followed by an official welcome, wreath laying, and short addresses related to Monash leadership.

### Historians may enjoy the brief note below:

British war correspondent Philip Gibbs noted Amiens' effect on the war's tempo, saying on 27 August that "the enemy...is on the defensive" and "the initiative of attack is so completely in our hands that we are able to strike him at many different places." Gibbs also credits Amiens with a shift in troop morale, saying "the change has been greater in the minds of men than in the taking of territory. On our side the army seems to be buoyed up with the enormous hope of getting on with this business quickly" and that "there is a change also in the enemy's mind. They no longer have even a dim hope of victory on this western front. All they hope for now is to defend themselves long enough to gain peace by negotiation."

For further information please contact Bernie McIntosh at [bernie.mcintosh@vicgroup.com.au](mailto:bernie.mcintosh@vicgroup.com.au)

Rotary Melbourne's David Kram leading the Melbourne Chamber Choir at the Shrine of Remembrance ceremony last year.



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# Australian Rotary Health News

## Looking at Cognitive Decline as we Age

A new research project funded by Australian Rotary Health will look at factors associated with cognitive decline as we age.

Kayla Corney from Deakin University was awarded the Bing Taylor PhD Scholarship this year to investigate cognitive ageing and the interplay between biological, psychological and environmental factors.

“Although cognitive decline and dementia can sometimes be unavoidable, recent evidence reports there are ways in which people can modify their risk of these poor outcomes,” Kayla said.

“Despite this accumulating evidence, large population-based studies are needed to characterise cognitive ageing trajectories and to determine contributing factors and examine potential interactions and patterns.”



The aims of Kayla’s project are to determine the extent of poor cognitive function in the general population, identify biological, psychological and environmental factors associated with cognition and its decline, with the goal of creating a multi-factor model able to delineate between cognitive ageing trajectories.

Kayla will use data from the ongoing **Geelong Osteoporosis Study**, which includes extensive medical, lifestyle, socio-demographic and clinical information from a sample of 3,200 adults.

“This research will lead to improved knowledge of strategies to promote the maintenance of cognitive function, as well as better identify groups who may be more susceptible to cognitive decline and the disease progression in dementia,” Kayla said.

Not only will this have important implications for early diagnoses and informing treatment, but Kayla believes it will also improve healthcare costs, care arrangements, the burden of care giving, and generally improve the quality of life among older adults.

“The topics of ageing, health and psychology are of utmost importance in a rapidly growing ageing society.”

“Understanding the many aspects of the ageing process provides the opportunity to improve overall health, quality of life and longevity.”

We wish Kayla all the best with her research.

<https://australianrotaryhealth.org.au/looking-at-cognitive-decline-as-we-age/>

# Inaugural David Wittner Mentoring Award

Congratulations to Rotary Melbourne's Past President Mary Barry. Mary is seen here after receiving the inaugural David Wittner Mentoring Award, named in honour of Melbourne's late Past President David Wittner. His son Michael Wittner presented the award at the Rotary Melbourne Special Event Changeover Dinner.

Mary spoke from the heart about David and his interest in her idea of a Mentoring Program and how honoured she felt and how thrilled David would have been. David was loved for his quiet mentoring of so many of our Members and remembered by all with great fondness.



## In memory of Past President David Wittner AM

The Rotary Club of Melbourne Mentoring Award recognises a Rotarian who has excelled as a mentor and advocate for Rotary. The award was inaugurated this year honouring the memory of Past President David Wittner AM. The Board recognised David's extraordinary commitment to Rotary spanning 54 years until his sudden passing in 2018 and his willingness to mentor many members, and indeed beyond in the community at large. The perpetual trophy of multi-faceted design is a reminder of the breadth of character that was David Wittner.

## Citation

Mary Barry joined Melbourne Rotary in 2006 and has served on the Board as a Director and then as a Vice President. She was also a Director on the Board of District 9800 for two years and headed up the Strategic Planning and Risk portfolio. Mary was President of Rotary Melbourne in 2017-18 while also busy professionally as CEO of Our Watch.

This year Mary has single-handedly developed a Mentoring Program for all members coming into the Club for the first time, and for others who feel they would benefit from it. The purpose is to help people fully understand Rotary, to find their way around what can be a complex organisation, and to ensure that they become engaged in ways that best suit them. Mary has taken a dozen or so senior members through a mentor training program, and matches each mentee with the most suitable mentor using a questionnaire/profiling technique.

Since August 2018, 20 people have been through the Mentoring Program, and a quarter of them will have leadership positions in the 2019-20 year about to start. That alone speaks for the success of the Mentoring Program, and makes Mary a worthy recipient of the inaugural Rotary Club of Melbourne Mentoring Award in memory of David Wittner.

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# Rotary Club of Brighton visit to Vietnam

**Maurice Lichter** (RCoB International Director) and **Bruce Crossley** (RCoB Vietnam Project Leader) recently made a five day (12 to 16 July) visit to North Vietnam. The purpose of the visit was to undertake a Community Assessment of the humanitarian needs of the poor community of Chue Luu, as a prelude to making a Rotary Foundation Global Grant Application for meeting some of those needs, expected to be for clean water and sanitation.

They were accompanied by **Rowan McClean**, International Director of North Balwyn Rotary Club, who have been supporting the nearby poor community of Minh Hac for the past decade. More recently, three other District 9800 Clubs have also "adopted" a local community - RC Bacchus Marsh (Yen Luat); RC Balwyn (Bang Gai); and now RC Brighton (Chue Luu).

RC North Balwyn have established an in-country presence through the Overseas Kids Foundation (OKF), a registered NGO, to provide humanitarian aid to impoverished communities in education, health and community economic development. OKF have on-the-ground personnel in Hanoi who arranged the visit and provided interpreters and transport.

Maurice, Bruce, Rowan and OKF personnel had detailed discussions with Chue Luu Community Leaders to understand their needs and priorities. The medical clinic, kindergarten and schools were inspected. To commence our support relationship, we took the opportunity to provide some much needed equipment for the Chue Luu Medical Clinic. We also provided soccer balls and table tennis sets for the school kids and rice cookers for the kindergarten. All items were gratefully received, with happy smiles all around.

This visit to Chue Luu was part-funded by a Rotary Foundation District International Scoping Grant. The next step is to make a joint application for a Rotary Foundation Global Grant covering all four communities.



Max Martin  
Rotary Club of Brighton

The  
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# What do you do with your Playground when its time is up?

By Melanie Kinsey

**Everyone looks forward to the installation of a new playground. But what do you do with the old playground? This question is faced by councils, schools, childcare centres, fast food franchises and many other places all over Australia.**

In the past, most of the redundant equipment has gone to the tip or maybe to a recycling centre, as it was seen as just too difficult to repurpose the equipment for use elsewhere. Occupational health and safety standards, risk assessments and playground safety standards presented a seemingly insurmountable obstacle to those who wished for an alternative life for their outdated play equipment.

In Australia our play equipment generally has a life between 15 and 20 years. Fashions and fads come and go and play equipment is no different in that it is subject to 'the latest trend'. In many cases the play equipment that is being removed is in pretty good condition, but it is now classified as boring or past its 'use-by' date. However in many countries, playgrounds are unknown and financially out of reach of the average school or municipal council.

The international service organisation Rotary discovered all this when giving aid to an orphanage in Sri Lanka. The orphanage had a list of things they would like donated, starting with computers and ending with 'a playground'. The Rotary Club of Flemington (Victoria) made contact with the City of Greater Geelong. To cut a long story short, they were able to help with the disassembly of a combination unit and then organise for it to be shipped to the orphanage in Sri Lanka where it was reassembled and is very much appreciated by the children of the orphanage today. Paul Cotter was the key person responsible at the COGG for enabling this to happen, and huge thanks are due to Paul for his efforts and leadership to date.

This happened due to much behind-the-scenes work by the Rotary volunteers and with the assistance and advice of Play Australia. They have now helped to

repurpose several playgrounds from a variety of locations and have refined their system in the process. Peter Cribb of the Flemington Rotary who is the driving force behind the RORP (Rotary Overseas Recycled Playgrounds) project, felt the process could be improved, he contacted fellow Rotarian Rod Greer and said "do you know anyone who can help us?" They researched the market and now use Filemaker Pro to capture all the necessary data and allow sharing. Rod explained "reassembling a playground is a cross between Ikea and Lego. The lynchpins are getting the data together and putting coding on the actual pieces which allows the end user to follow the codes."

1. An offer is made of a playground from the owner to Rotary. Steel playgrounds are preferred over timber.
2. The playground is checked and photographed from all angles by Rotary volunteers.
3. A birds eye view of the playground in situ (from Google Maps) is taken showing the current layout.
4. A plan from this photo is created.
5. The play equipment is marked with codes. Bolts are sprayed with a lubricant.
6. When the fence goes up, Rotary moves in and disassembles the play equipment. Bolts are only cut off with an angle grinder as a last resort because replacement bolts for a typical playground costs about \$600!
7. The contractor then lifts out the uprights with machinery and carefully removes the concrete before placing it to one side.
8. Rotary loads and removes the equipment and it usually goes into storage before a container can be filled to be sent overseas.
9. Rotary feel a charge of about \$500 covers the costs of disposing the playground. This cost can be built into the contract.

Rotary have now organised 'Hub' clubs across Victoria to deal with their surrounding region. "Councils and schools are wanting to do the right thing by recycling," said Peter "and an added bonus is that some schools are making contact with the school the play equipment



is being relocated to and that fosters wonderful links." Councils need to ensure that the 'non-destructive removal of the playground in consultation with the nominated charity' is written into the contract specifications.

Before the initial donation, the City of Greater Geelong created a form indemnifying the donating council and this was reviewed by MAV Insurance. This form is now available from Play Australia. "Council will not be faced with an unbelievable document – it is simple," said Peter. However each Council will need to ensure it is reviewed by their own legal advisers to ensure it suits their own needs. He went on to say "there are always issues to be addressed but they can be worked through." Many playground manufacturers have been extremely helpful supplying plans and parts to simplify the reassembly overseas.

To date playgrounds have gone to Sri Lanka and Timor Leste. The Rotary model could conceivably be used nationally by a variety of service organisations and councils to repurpose playgrounds all over the world.

For more information please contact Peter Cribb on 0410 548 543 or email [ptcribb@gmail.com](mailto:ptcribb@gmail.com)

# Rotary Leadership Institute



## 2019/20 LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

**An opportunity awaits for you to learn more about Rotary with like-minded people.**

The **Rotary Leadership Institute** is a four part program where you will learn a little more about Rotary, the early history, traditions, the Rotary Foundation, and its relevance in the world today. You will make new friends in an enjoyable environment.

This program is perfect for members who have joined Rotary in the last 12 months and indeed people who may be interested in becoming involved in Rotary activities.

**What:** Rotary Leadership Institute

**Where:** Montague School  
Montague Street, South Melbourne

**When:** Sunday 13 and 20 October from 9:30 am to 2:30pm

**Cost:** No cost to you or your Club

**Reply:** A response is needed by Monday 7 October 2019  
Please email the completed Registration Form to  
rlid9800@gmail.com

**What:** Rotary Leadership Institute

**Where:** Golden Square Primary School  
Maple Street, Golden Square, Bendigo

**When:** Sunday 27 October from 9:30 am to 5:00pm

**Cost:** No cost to you or your Club

**Reply:** A response is needed by Monday 21 October 2019

**More Information:** From Jane Pennington, RLI Administrator

**Email:** rlid9800@gmail.com

**Phone:** 0408 402 555



## DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO DESERVES A SENIORS AWARD NOMINATION?

Each year, **Rotary Melbourne's Health and Ageing Committee** presents the **Seniors Award** which is to recognise the contribution of a person of any adult age who has given outstanding service in a voluntary capacity to seniors.

The Nominees qualify if they have the following:

- 18 years or over — living and working in Australia, preferably in the greater Melbourne area;
- Committed to making a difference for seniors by their hands-on work with seniors utilising their time, knowledge, training and experience;
- Role model for volunteers working with or for seniors;
- Present a positive view and purpose on growing older;
- Volunteer in their role as an advocate for seniors.

The Nominee may be or not be a Rotarian. The service we are seeking to acclaim should not necessarily be at a senior level, such as the president or chairman of the board of the organisation providing services to older people but may be more appropriate at a lower level in the organisation. This is not to be taken as precluding those at senior levels.

The Award consists of a Citation and Certificate of Recognition which will be presented at a lunch meeting in October — Seniors Month.

The Awardee is invited to tell their story in a short address to the Club.

### Recent Awardees have been:

2017-18 John Hood  
2018-19 Nancy Hogan  
2016-17 David J Hone  
2015-16 Noel Smith

The Committee is seeking your help for nominations of the 2019 - 2020 Award.

Nominations containing full details, profile or the CV of the Nominee and how they address the above criteria, need to be received by 31 August 2019 by email or post to:



2017-18 awardee John Hood with  
President Mary Barry

**Robin Syme** on 0412 448 133 Email: [rhysyme@yahoo.com.au](mailto:rhysyme@yahoo.com.au) or  
**Rotary Melbourne** Ph: 03 9654 7242 Fax (03) 9650 7373  
Email: [office@rotaryclubofmelbourne.org.au](mailto:office@rotaryclubofmelbourne.org.au)

# Adopt - a - bed program

## **Rotary Connects the World – Victoria and Chile**

When we support the **Adopt A Bed Program** we become a partner in the project that ships the hospital beds overseas.

We can't think of a better example of this year's Rotary Theme than this project. The start could be the lead into a joke – "A Rotarian walks in a Rotary Meeting on the other side of the world", but this is how **Rotary connects**.



The Rotarian was Rotary Club of Port Melbourne PP Ricardo Krauskopf, the Rotary Club was in Chile. The topic the Club was discussing was how to raise \$500,000 to establish a "Hospital Bed Bank". Little external palliative care is available in Chile and most people die in their own home. They was an urgent need for hospital beds for many of the elderly.

We supported the ninth container load of beds shipped in August from the **Donations In Kind Store**. The 60 beds in this container will bring the number of beds shipped to 460+. Without Rotary recycling assistance many of the beds would have become landfill.



On average beds are recycled twice a year and around 700 families will receive support this year.

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Chilean Rotary Clubs

identified there was an urgent need for hospital beds for many of the elderly and the answer was to create a Bed Bank that loaned Hospital Beds to people in need. The cost to buy new beds was the prohibitive and the project was in doubt until a Rotarian from Melbourne visited and mentioned the West Footscray Rotary Donations In Kind Store. This project recycles surplus reusable goods including hospital beds for Victoria's leading hospitals. The cost to ship a container of 60 hospital beds is less than buying two new one.

The dream has become a reality and the *Banco Rotario de Catres Clinicos* Project is now exists.

Over nine years 460+ hospital beds have been shipped including the 60 we helped to sponsor in August. Without Rotary recycling assistance many of the beds would have become landfill.

On average beds are recycled twice a year and around 700 families will receive support this year.

Sterilizing recycled hospital mattresses is part of the export process required for shipping goods to Chile.

We are proud to be part of the team helping the Rotary Club of Port Melbourne to ship the 9th container of recycled hospital beds to Chile. This will take the total to 460+ where they will become part of the **Banco Rotario de Catres Clinicos Project** (Rotary Bed Bank Project) that loans the beds to disadvantage people who receive palliative care in their homes. 700 families will receive support this year.



For more information on the Chile Project contact Ricardo Krauskopf [ricardo.krauskopf@bigpond.com](mailto:ricardo.krauskopf@bigpond.com) , for information on Adopt A Bed od Donations In Kind please contact David Dippie [solatube@bigpond.com](mailto:solatube@bigpond.com)

David Dippie  
Rotary Club of Keilor  
Donations in Kind

# Winners of the Rotarian Photo contest

In this year's photo contest, we received more than 600 entries from 59 countries and geographical areas — from Argentina to Zimbabwe and many places in between. Through your photographs, we traveled to a glacial lagoon in Iceland and a mountainside in Bolivia. We saw Rotarians working on projects and met the people they encountered along the way. Taken together, the photos you sent us create a composite portrait of our world and the ways Rotarians experience it.

Our judge, George Steinmetz, brings to the task his decades of experience traveling and photographing the world. Steinmetz shoots from the elevated perspective of a paraglider, where the landscape almost becomes abstract art, so he can appreciate a photo both for its aesthetic qualities and for the story it tells. In addition to the winners and honorable mentions in this issue, you'll see photos from the contest in ***The Rotarian*** throughout the year.

<https://www.rotary.org/en/winners-2019-rotarian-magazine-photo-contest>

## First Place

Photographer: Santosh Kale  
Rotary Club of Shirol, India  
Location: Pandharpur, India



## Second Place

Photographer: Chin Fung Hou  
Spouse of Yeong Hsiou Chen, Rotary Club of Taipei  
Hwachung, Taiwan  
Location: Taipei, Taiwan



## Third Place

Photographer: Luca Venturi  
Rotary Club of Siena Est, Italy  
Location: Siena, Italy







# WESTERN EMERGENCY RELIEF NETWORK ( W.E.R.N. )

## The Story to Date:

	<u>2015-2018</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
Number of Clients	910	474
Nominal Value of Goods	\$ 576,150.00	\$351,940.00
Number of Items	17,532	12,718
No. Monthly Volunteer Hours	7,301	2,789
No. Collections	732	522

### Municipal Usage

	2017-2018 %		2018-2019 %		2018-2019
	Full Year		Full Year		Approx. Nominal Value
Brimbank	85	23	91	21	\$ 72,288
Hobsons Bay	24	7	20	5	\$ 15,872
Hume	8	2	13	3	\$ 10,311
Maribynong	70	19	79	18	\$ 62,750
Melton	43	12	66	15	\$ 52,439
Moonee Valley	18	5	53	12	\$ 42,092
Moorabool	0	0	5	1	\$ 3,976
Moreland	5	1	9	2	\$ 7,144
Wyndham	96	26	93	21	\$ 73,872
Other	18	5	14	3	\$ 11,121
Unidentified/TBA	25		31		
Totals	392	100	474	100	\$351,940

### WERN Facts to share with our Partners:

WERN has helped 1,384 families since commencement;

#### To Date:

- \* Over \$925,000.00 worth of goods have been donated;
- \* 30,250 items provided to families in need;
- \* Almost 10,100 Volunteer Hours provided; &
- \* Over 1,250 collections completed.

Current Accredited Caseworkers – 373 &  
51 Partner Support Agencies

### Member Rotary Clubs of WERN:

Bacchus Marsh; Caroline Springs; Essendon North; Flemington-Kensington; Hoppers Crossing; Melton Valley; Werribee; Williamstown, Wyndham; & Yarraville – with room for more!

Western Emergency Relief Network (WERN)

Chair: PDG Ross Butterworth

Factory 18, 22 Makland Dve. Derrimut 3030

P. 0411 228311 E. westernemergencyreliefnetwork@outlook.com

## Around the clubs ...

**Ginny Billson, Past President of the Rotary Club of Keilor East** has received a lovely thank you letter from the parents of a severely disabled young man. Alexander, 33 years old, is severely autistic and has complex multiple physical and sensory disabilities. He cannot walk without assistance and is unable to attend to his own personal care.

Recently, he was offered his own Office of Housing property which has since been extensively modified. Donated specialised equipment from **Donations in Kind** has included hospital beds, transfer chairs, a commode and a shower chair. These daily essentials are helping to provide a high standard of care for Alexander while ensuring his security, comfort and dignity.



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### Remember Justine?

Rotary Club of Melbourne Central's PP Justine Murphy has recently been visited by some members. An update on Justine's successful relocation professionally at Scenic World and personally with land purchased was given at a recent meeting. Justine has continued her Rotary engagement and is now as President of RC of Blue Mountains Central.

## VALE

The **Rotary Club of Kew** advise with deep sadness the death of one of our Honorary Members, **Don McKinnon** who had been battling ill health in recent years. Don joined the Club in 1974, going on to become President in 1984/5. Don was a very active member for nearly 45 years until his recent illness. He was recognised for his contribution to our Club, and Rotary International, with a Paul Harris Fellow award. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Pauline and her family.

The **Rotary Club of Keilor East** announce with deep regret the passing of their Past President **Judith Chipman**. Judith was the first female to hold the role of Club President and was instrumental in bringing the Shine On wards to Victoria.. She was chosen to cut the cake on the event of the club's 25th anniversary on 10th August 2008. Judith was 80 years of age.

The **Rotary Club of Camberwell** reports the passing of their Honorary Member, **Gerry Lavender** PHF early this month. Gerry was an active member of the club for 33 years.

The **Rotary Club of Melbourne Central** reports that **Annie Garrett**, wife, partner and best friend of PP Roy Garrett passed away peacefully with her family beside her. Her greatest gift was to bring people together and share in the delights of life, love and friendship.

# Welcome to our newest Rotarians

President Glenn Madden of the **Rotary Club of Bendigo South** had the pleasure of inducting Jan Pagliaro as a new member on the evening of District Governor Grant Hocking's visit last week.



President Geoff McCormick of the **Rotary Club of Camberwell** was delighted to induct their first new member for this Rotary year, Anita Bejerano. Anita's partner is Past President Dennis Coleman.



SAVE THE DATE

## *Rotary's Longest African Dinner* *Showcasing Projects of Africa*

Friday 15 November, 2019  
Dinner 5:30PM - 9:00PM  
Shed 39, 400 Sommerville Rd  
West Footscray





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## THE BAYSIDE ART SHOW

Rotary  
Club of Brighton



A NIGHT OF ART, FOOD & FUN!!!



Thursday Evening  
15 August, 2019

6.30pm - 9.30pm.  
Sandringham Yacht Club

The Rotary Club of Brighton presents a incredible night of Art, Food & Fun for a cocktail style evening at the fabulous Sandringham Yacht Club venue overlooking the waters of Port Phillip Bay and the city lights. A wide range of original contemporary paintings will be available to purchase. Don't miss out on this great evening.

Cost: Only \$40 Per Person

- Includes \$15 entry fee to leading Art Show
- A fantastic, generous serving of award winning SYC finger food
  - Dimmatina's great coffee
  - Excellent entertainment
- Drinks available at bar prices

Purchase your tickets by 14 August as this is always a sell-out evening.

Dress Code: Smart Casual

For online purchase of tickets, go to [www.thebaysideartshow.com.au](http://www.thebaysideartshow.com.au) and click on Book Art, Food and Fun Night Tickets. Fill out the details and click once only to enter.

Enquiries:

Norm Thomas, Chairman Bayside Art Show  
M: 0418325347 E: [nortom@bigpond.net.au](mailto:nortom@bigpond.net.au)

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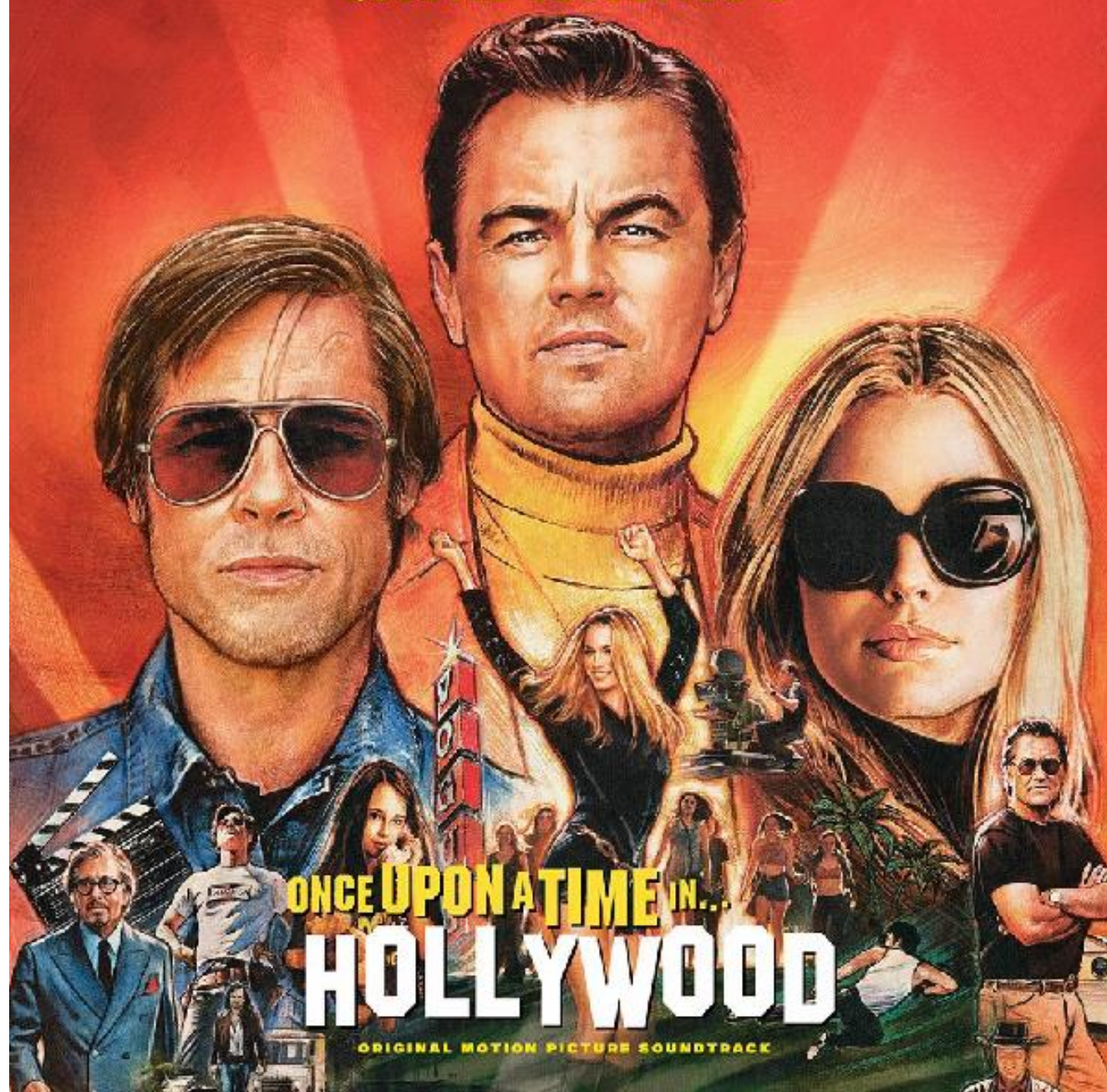
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**The Foundation Film Club presents**

**QUENTIN TARANTINO'S**



**Join us at 6.30pm on Sunday 18th August, 2019 at the Sun Theatre  
8 Ballarat Street, Yarraville, 3013**

**Tickets \$25**

**Book by emailing to [rotaryaltona@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryaltona@gmail.com)**

**Bookings close Friday 2nd August, 2019**

**Rotary**  
District 9800







# **Rotary Club of Eaglehawk Mallee Silo Bus Tour**

**When: Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> of October 2019**

**Leaving from the Mechanics Institute Cal Gully  
at 7.00am sharp and arriving back at  
approximately 6.00pm**

**\$73 per person includes a 2 course meal (choice  
of fish or chicken for main and dessert)**

**There will be Lucky prizes to be won on the day**

**Limited seats available**

**To book please contact either:**



**Leon on 0407 044 127**

**Les on 0431 740 111**

**Dean on 0429 209 555**





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# CONFERENCE 2020 BENDIGO

27-29 MARCH

Conversation, Connection, Collaboration, Celebration



Registrations for the 2020 District 9800  
Conference are now open!!

Tickets are priced as follows -

Rotarians and Partners (Early-bird Price available until 30/11/19)	\$300.00
First Time Attendees	\$250.00
Rotaractors and Exchange Students	\$200.00

We've got some amazing entertainment, guest speakers and activities planned for the weekend (keep your eyes on our Facebook page for announcements!).

We've drawn inspiration from the 19/20 motto *Rotary Connects the World*, and can't wait to share the weekend with you.

## LOCATION

Ulumbarra Theatre  
10 Gaol Road, Bendigo, Victoria 3556

# Rotary INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

6 - 10 June 2020  
HONOLULU, HAWAII, USA

1-5 June 2019  
HAMBURG, GERMANY



<http://riconvention.org/en/honolulu>

Learn about the history of the Hawaiian Islands at the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum (pictured, [bishopmuseum.org](http://bishopmuseum.org)), which boasts the world's largest collection of Polynesian cultural artifacts and natural history specimens.

View Hawaiian art, along with Japanese woodblock prints and European and American prints and drawings, at the Honolulu Museum of Art ([honolulumuseum.org](http://honolulumuseum.org)).

Tour the Iolani Palace ([iolanipalace.org](http://iolanipalace.org)), which was the royal residence of the rulers of the Kingdom of Hawaii and contains a collection of artifacts ranging from glassware to military insignia.

Remember those who sacrificed their lives in war and reflect on Rotary's commitment to peacebuilding at the Pearl Harbor National Memorial ([nps.gov/valr](http://nps.gov/valr)) and the USS Arizona Memorial. Plan your visit and reserve your tickets before you leave for Hawaii (limited walk-in tickets are also available).

## Future conventions are:

2021—Taipei, Taiwan 12-16 June

2022— Houston, Texas, USA 4-8 June