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The Rotarian — https://rotarianmagazine-us.rotary.org/rotarian/august_2018/

Rotarians Against Malaria—July Newsletter <http://ram.rawcs.com.au/newsletters/>

End Trachoma Newsletter— http://media.wix.com/ugd/157318_2fc7aac0a1dd4b7eb23423bcc5e21196.pdf

Rotary Radio

Recordings from The Rotary Community Services Radio Show broadcast on 3WBC 94.1 FM Fridays between 6PM and 8 PM are now available on the District 9800 website where you can hear interviews by Ian Salek and others

<https://rotarydistrict9800.org.au/.../ro.../podcasts-2018---2019>

The District 9800 website is now on ClubRunner.

Download the ClubRunner App for your smartphone here

<https://site.clubrunner.ca/page/mobile>



Sumba Eye Program transforming lives

The surgical camp was conducted during the week commencing August 4th at the Rumah Sakit Umum (Public Hospital), Central Sumba, Nusa Tenggara Timur, Indonesia. The program has conducted this main clinic once a year since 2007, with a screening clinic every other 6 months. So, on this tour, we provided surgery for cataracts and screening, refraction and the provision of glasses. The program has matured into a joint effort with the Ophthalmic Department of the Hasanuddin University, Makassar Sulawesi attending the surgical camps. We were also supported by our sponsored Eye Care Nurses from the Sumba Foundation, working with us and getting one on one continued training.

This year the Ophthalmologists from Udayana University, Bali came to observe. We are hoping that they will join the program since the Island of Sumba is in their zone to support. They were impressed but will need funding to join us next year.

The 15 member Australian team consisted of 3 Ophthalmic surgeons, 4 optometrists, 2 nurses and self funded volunteers including our Immediate Past President Richard. Richard was lucky to be able to explore the island as well as work within the program. He will have many a tale to tell.

We were fortunate to have Dr. Ellis's Indonesian contacts transport all 40 to 50 boxes ahead of time to Sumba, so this made our trip much more comfortable, without the excess luggage and the constant problems with Garuda and customs. Garuda provided most of the luggage transport gratis.

This year we had a new laser to transport there, obtained through donations from Kew Rotary and private funding. This laser was capable of the capsulotomies post cataract but also to treat glaucoma with SLT (Selective Laser Trabeculotomy). So, for once we were able to offer some treatment for glaucoma since eye drops are difficult to procure and use there.

The rest of our equipment is on the Island and kept by the Sumba Foundation. We achieved a personal best of 128 cases including 94 cataract operations and the optometrists screened and provided glasses for 1,200.

The Sumba Eye Program acknowledges the participation of Rotary and this is pointed out by myself to the Indonesian Melbourne Consulate and the Governor (Bupati) in whose district we work. We were visited for the second year in a row by dignitaries flying in on a personal jet to view the program thanks to Dr. Ellis's Indonesian sponsors.

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The Sumba Eye Program is now on Facebook : www.facebook.com/sumbaeyeprogram

Web Site : www.sumbaeyeprogram.org-



The queues were steady all week. Smiles and greetings for everyone who passed, such smiles! Selamat pagi



How many surgeons does it take to assemble an optical laser? Drs. Ben, David and Mark at work.



District Governor Bronwyn Stephens

Its fascinating the diversity in our Clubs and all of the opportunities for sharing. Again here are a few of your bright ideas with permission to share.

Thanks Adrian Mitchell from Rotary Melton for a very interactive sergeant session and your thoughts on the whole process.



Last Tuesday I had by chance 3 cut fruit of *Monstera deliciosa* in my car. I had forgotten to give them to a friend. I presented them to members for examination and suggested I might juggle with them or that they were ornamental war clubs from the Island of Kirabati. I encouraged members to feel, sniff and squeeze them and wondered whether they might be plastic or some light metal.



We bantered around the room but only one member, Olga Hilton, wife of Past District Governor Vance was correct in naming them as a fruit and getting the genus right. It was engaging, harmless, mildly amusing and a bit informative.

Something like this helps SAA from getting stale and too predictable.



A week ago was my 40th. anniversary of joining Melton Rotary. I have been SAA on my own and with partners for 20 plus years. For various reasons I am not able to attend as often and I was asked to help with advice for a newer member who is taking over. I have written a job description for her and I trust our Board will formally adopt this.

I do think each Club should do this as SAA is difficult and there are many pitfalls. It is a session that members should look forward to and enjoy. If there are a lot of external guests, a brief explanation is helpful. I don't believe joke sessions are very helpful as they may offend some. Avoid anything religious, racist or sexist. There are still plenty of topics. Remember what is OK for one member eg. clothing or new hairdo may be OK for one but not another. The session should be amusing and engaging rather than just funny. It helps to have variety, eg. quiz sessions of general or Rotary knowledge, maybe with a prize, and some nights each member has to fine someone. Cross fines at the end by members are also useful.

Adrian Mitchell.

The Rotary Club of Richmond have a different meeting structure during the month that they are trialling

1st Monday in the month;

Rotary focus; including reports from committees, district reports, presentations by students who have received support and such things as short talks by members.

2nd Monday

Guest speaker presentation

3rd Monday

Part one will be social and then followed by the board meeting. Members welcome to stay. This will reduce the cost and time commitment of people.

4th Monday .

Guest speaker presentation

5th Monday

These occur a few times a year and will be a "different" meeting such as a cluster meeting or special event.





Trevor Pang shared a template for project plans and then follow up reporting that all committee chairs use for their projects. Every project has a plan which is a blue print for success and forms the foundation for the year's activities. An annual report at the end of the year reflects the initial plan.

An example of the template can be found here and Trevor is willing to assist any club with information. His contact details are tpang@premiertrading.com.au.

The Rotary Club of Laverton Point Cook also are trialling a different meeting structure of interest



1st meeting of the month is a behind the badge / project & events update. It's the meeting that will focus internally on the club and give voice to project and event ideas that members might have and to also learn more about our membership. The keynote speakers for this night will be the members. This is a night for members to shine.

2nd meeting of the month is a mini-meeting. This meeting is going to be a shorter meeting focusing on director & chair updates with a board meeting to follow.

3rd meeting of the month is our Health & Wellness night. This series is open to all Rotarians – clubs and friends alike. This will focus on Health and wellness techniques to help everyone all in busy lives.

4th meeting of the month will be Friends and Associates Night. This night is specifically designed to engage with our community by inviting inspirational Key Note Speakers and getting our friends and families along.

5th meeting of the month is a scatter meeting. This means that instead of our club having a meeting, it's your chance to enjoy fellowship at another club or simply have nice relaxing night with the family.

Thank you again Rotarians for your hospitality and willingness to share your great ideas wider. Please also share them via the district discussion facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=rotary%20district%209800%20discussion%20group>

Rotary District 9800 website (contact Mark Stephens

webmaster@rotarydistrict9800.org.au) and of course our District Bulletin.

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

Bronwyn



Welcome to our new Youth Exchange students



Pol is 16 years old and he comes from **Barcelona, Spain**. He is being hosted by **Bendigo Rotary**.

Pol takes 13 subjects at school one of which is English that he has now has studied for 7 years. He enjoys going out with friends, watching movies, playing videogames and going to the beach. He likes to practise surfing even though the waves aren't great. Pol enjoys sports and plays football in a federated team each Thursday and Friday.

He likes all types of food and enjoys discovering new dishes. One thing he doesn't like is spiders. Pol's goal for exchange is to learn a new culture, personally grow up and improve his English

Luisa is 16 years old and she comes from **Essen in Germany**. She is being hosted by the **Rotary Clubs of Eaglehawk and Bendigo South**.

Luisa's favourite subjects at school are physics and physical education. When she is finished school she would like to study astronomy.

Luisa enjoys music, singing and has played the piano for 7 years. She enjoys going out with friends and watching movies.

Vaulting (gymnastics on horseback) is her sport. She is part of a team that practises two or three times a week. You need to put a lot of trust in your team members and your horse. Luis'a goals for exchange are meeting new people and experiencing other cultures



Florisse is 17 years old and she comes from **Lomme in France**. She is being hosted by **Footscray Rotary**. Florisse's favorite subjects at school are Spanish and English and she has started studying Russian this year.

When she has finished school she would like to become either a midwife or a physiotherapist. Horse riding is a passion and Florisse has been riding since she was 6. She enjoys hanging out with friends, takes dance classes, plays the drums and practises with an orchestra. She has her own drums and piano at home.

Forisse's goals for exchange are to meet new people, discover another country and culture. She would also like to improve her English and to truly fit into and become part of the community.



Tina (Jyun Ti) is 16 years old and comes from **Taipei City, Taiwan**. She is being hosted by the **Rotary Club of Caroline Springs**.

At school each day Tina has 8 classes of 50 minutes. After school there is lots of homework in preparation for the next morning's tests so she doesn't get to bed until around 11:00pm. After school Tina would like to become a lawyer.

Tina enjoys playing badminton, has learned piano for 6 years and is currently learning to play the flute. She likes to cook and to make desserts. She finds singing Taiwanese songs with her grandmother, reading and painting bring peace. Her goal for exchange is to share Taiwanese culture and make friends from other countries. She would like to fit in as soon as possible, enjoy the local life and learn more English.

Rasmus is 17 years old and comes from **Espoo, Finland**. He is hosted by the **Rotary Club of Bacchus Marsh**.

At school Rasmus has studied English for 8 years, Swedish for 7 years and French for 2 years.

Rasmus is not sure what he wants to do once he finishes school but thinks it will be something to do with the law, medicine or technology.

Rasmus is interested in martial arts and has a blue belt. He enjoys flying radio-controlled planes, photography and sailing.

His goals for exchange are to meet new people, get to know new cultures, nature and everyday life by living and travelling in his new country.



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Rotary International Convention Rocks!

The **Rotary International Convention** once again showcased the power and effectiveness of our great organisation. 25,000 Rotarians from 160 countries travelled to Toronto for a week of joining leaders, sharing ideas and taking action.

District 9800 was well represented with 60 Rotarians and partners not only enjoying the convention but also some spectacular pre and post convention travel! Toronto was a great host-city, perfectly summed up in the opening ceremony when it was acknowledged that it is rare to find as much diversity outside the walls of a convention as there is inside!

Notable guest speakers were HRH Princess Anne, Former First Lady of the United States Laura Bush, Former Prime Minister of New Zealand Helen Clark and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, all of whom praised the work of Rotary especially in respect to our polio eradication efforts. There were also some standout young Rotarian speakers such as Rebecca Fry from Australia (Rotaract Panel Presentation) and Xavier Ramey. General session presentations are available to view via <https://vimeo.com/rotary/toronto-convention/>.

Some personal highlights included participating in three breakout panels, one of which was with Rotary International President Barry Rassin on engaging young professionals. I always relish the chance to represent District 9800 at International events.

From the Rotary Club of Melbourne Park's Passion Projects initiative, to Southbank and North Melbourne's Millennial Boards, the renowned Victoria Police Mentoring Program and also the District's sponsorship of four emerging leaders to their first convention in Seoul two years ago, the opportunity to share our District's leadership to the world was amazing.

I also had the opportunity to participate in host hospitality, which was sensational - Canadians really know how to throw a party!

Once again, I met some brilliant Rotarians and captured on-the-ground interviews. My focus this year was on telling the stories of passionate emerging leaders and these videos can be viewed on my youtube channel <https://bit.ly/2iFKkSW>

There really is nothing like an international convention, in fact it's hard not to catch the 'convention bug'! Next year's convention is being held in Hamburg (hello European summer!) with registration numbers already sky-rocketing! I encourage every Rotarian to attend at least one international convention to experience the phenomenal internationality of our organisation.

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Rotary Club of Melbourne presents the 2018 Monash Medal

Tim Fischer AC was awarded the Monash Medal for 2018 at Rotary Club of Melbourne's luncheon meeting at the Sofitel on 8 August.

After he was awarded the medal, Tim gave a stirring address which touched on issues of leadership, including congratulations to Rotary Club Melbourne for the leadership it is showing in the community.

He also talked about the qualities of the leadership shown in Sir John Monash himself, and touched on a passionate interest of his, being the posthumous promotion of Sir John Monash to Brigadier.

Tim finished the meeting by mentioning the opportunity to acquire Sir John's childhood home in Jerilderie. The presentation of the Medal and Tim's address was immensely enjoyed.



Photo: Chair Peter Davis, Michael Bennett (Great Grandson of Sir John Monash), President Robert Fisher, Tim Fischer AC with Citation and Medal.

Earlier in the day, the Rotary 0808 Committee gathered at The Shrine of Remembrance Visitors Centre to honour the Battle of Amiens - World War I by the Australian Forces united for the first time under Australian Command.

Photo:

From Left: Robert Fisher (President, Rotary Club of Melbourne), Danièle Ney-Kemp, Conseillère Consulaire; Guest Speaker, The Hon. Ted Baillieu, Madame Boisbouvier-Wylie, French Consul General, Dr David Kram, Chair, Arts Committee and member, 0808 Committee, Rotary Club of Melbourne.



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Donations in Kind and Rotary Essendon send a little magic to students at Seven Women

Jenny Foster and the Rotary Club of Essendon have provided **magic** for girls in Nepal supported through the Stephanie Woollard and the Seven Women Foundation.

Jenny provided 3 laptops to students who Seven Women are supporting to finish their education. All have left home due to various reasons including being forced into marriage. She could not fully express the delight and how overwhelmed these girls were with this gift. The girls are hard-working, kind & very polite. It was so exciting to know that we all will be assisting these girls to improve their lives.

Anita Kerr, President of Seven Women, {pictured left} told me she has been trying everywhere to get laptops for these young girls was extremely grateful for the support.

Bimala, the taller girl in the centre, comes from the Nuwakot village where Seven Women have developed a program to assist marginalised women of this area.

Bimala's mother died when she was 3 months old and her father worked far away so she has been raised by her grandparents.

We met Bimala as the local women referred us to her because of her literacy skills. This was important as we couldn't find anyone that could teach the women literacy skills in the area. Even though she was only 17, we met with her and asked if she wanted to be a part of our literacy program. She did – so she came to Kathmandu to complete some more literacy training to be able to successfully teach the women in her village.

Her training was successful, and she returned to her village where she taught literacy classes to 55 women for two hours per day before she went to school.

With the money she was earning through our centre, she was able to support herself to finish high school (her school was a four hour walk away from where she stayed with her grandparents).

After she completed her final exam, her family started to plan her arranged marriage, this was not what Bimala wanted as she wanted to attend College to study further and assist in the future development of her village.

Now, Bimala is living at Seven Women in Kathmandu and attending College nearby where she is studying to become a social worker. When she is not at College, she works as a cooking instructor at the centre and also helps to look after all the women who stay at the centre.



Mina, standing in front of Jenny, has joined the centre as she comes from a very low socio economic and marginalised family. Her father was an alcoholic and very sick therefore could not support the family and couldn't financially assist her with her education.

Her mother works in heavy labour on construction sites, so any money she does earn goes to feeding the family. She was only 17 when she joined the centre and was desperate to learn skills from the centre.

We have encouraged and assisted her to finish high school, and she is now attending College where she is studying Business Management. When she isn't at College, she is helping out at the centre with the cooking school.

Jenny was also able to provide recycled reading glasses & red glasses holders which were also donated to Seven Women from Donations In Kind.

Stephanie Woollard, Founder & CEO of Seven Women is pictured here with Sandhya next to her, who is one of the original Seven Women who now assists in running the project & teaches literacy classes at the Centre.

Well done to the team at Donations in Kind!

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Donations in Kind and Rotary Footscray supporting Medical care in Somalia

Last Thursday evening, Jama Farah (Footscray Rotarian) and Laurie Fisher and Bob Glindemann (such dedicated Donations in Kind workers and organisers) created a wonderful evening at Donations in Kind for Footscray Rotary.

Jama supplied a delicious feast of Ethiopian and Somali food, while Bob and Laurie turned the DIK kitchen into a dining room fit for enthusiastic Rotarians. We seated 33 people in the kitchen.

After dinner they showed the Rotarians and guests through Donations in Kind.

Jama has already packed and sent two containers of hospital supplies to Ethiopia where they were very much appreciated. He has now filled a third shipping container with Dr Jamal Yusef's wish list of hospital supplies and it is now ready for Dr Jamal to send to Somalia

Dr Jamal Yusef shared his passion for making a difference in the lives of the Somali people, who are unable afford medical care. He has already made several trips to Somalia to treat hundreds of people with eye problems.

It was an honour to be present at such an inspiring warm hearted event.

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Pictured from top: Jama Farah and Bob Glindemann addressing the group. Dr Jamal Yusef and Jama Farah.

"What is the real work to be done on this planet?"

It's to make people more aware, to remind people that their essential nature is a nonviolent spiritual being, and to increase the amount of compassion and cooperation on the planet." — Harry Palmer, author of the Avatar® materials.



Pictured above: Laurie Fisher looks on as Dr Jamal Yusef and Jama Farah speak about conditions in Somalia.

Donations in Kind and Rotary Williamstown helping mothers and babies in Papua New Guinea



The Rotary club of Williamstown has been involved with the Highlands Foundation for around 4 years now, collecting Mother and baby clothes, helping pack bundles and loading them into containers ready for dispatch.

The Highlands Foundation is a Not For Profit organisation that has been providing equipment and training for hospitals and health care centres in the highlands since 2004. The foundation was established by a number of Australian health care professionals in response to the poorly resourced health systems in PNG. The focus has been on developing partnerships with hospitals in 5 major provinces and utilising their knowledge of local health care needs in their regions and providing supplies and education for health staff.. Main regions of aid so far have been the Eastern, Western and Southern Highlands, Sepik and Central Province.

Along with the assistance of Donations in Kind, we have been able to help source many medical items that were needed for the hospitals in this region. Our club along with other volunteers donate time some Saturday mornings sorting the clothes into sizes and type. We also provide BBQ lunch for the volunteers.

Each bundle contains

Baby blanket, Nappies

2nd outfit for a larger child

Sanitary napkin, underwear for Mother

Baby grow suit small, jacket, booties or socks, hat

T-shirt/ Nightie for Mother.

Baby toy

towel and soap for Mother

The club has also provided storage for the goods collected at our Warehouse in Footscray. This is also where the packing takes place. We have also tried to help with funding the containers and finding a Rotary club in PNG to help with the receipt of the container and transportation of the goods to the right area. This has proven to be a difficult task in this area.

The PNG Foundation are changing their focus this year due to the difficulty of getting containers to their destinations and the devastating earthquakes. Money and resources will now be dedicated to collecting, purchasing and putting together midwifery packs to go directly to midwives working in the field.

Packing Days at DiK



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Fitzroy Rotary connecting with local sportspeople

The Rotary Club of Fitzroy's Annual Sports Scholarship Dinner was a most successful night with 14 new recipients receiving recognition. They were chosen because they displayed the qualities of dedication, initiative, leadership and selflessness. In return the recipients will undertake some form of community activity with the Rotary Club in the future.



Recipients from Collingwood Allstars Basketball Club: Athiaan Manyiel and Daniella Nagda with President Tony Corr.

Edinburgh Cricket Club recipients: Mickaela Kennedy and Felix Sharkey with President Stuart Whiley. Miles Fricke also received a scholarship but was not present.



The four Under 19's recipients from the Fitzroy Football Club: from left Ethan Carswell, Alex Prokos, Donald Bryce and Jack Walter accompanied by Joan Eddy, President and coach Greg Coleman.

Recipients from the Fitzroy Junior Football Club: from left Georgina David Hanna, Maeve Barton, Ned Long, Tom Bishop and Clancy Morris-Dalton with President Phil Murdoch



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Welcome to our new Rotarians

The **Rotary Club of Eaglehawk** is delighted to welcome 2 new Rotarians: Robert Hansford and Seamus Haugh who were inducted on 1st August.

Both Robert and Seamus bring to the club a wealth of knowledge in their respective fields and President Allison Bacon said it was indeed an honour to be the lucky President who happened to be in the right place at the right time and asked them to join. Seamus continues the family name in the club and it was wonderful to have Mary Haugh in attendance to witness her son carrying on the family tradition.



Rotarian Robert Hansford, Mary Haugh, Rotarian Seamus Haugh



President Anne Hawthorne from the **Rotary Club of Camberwell** had the pleasure of inducting a new member during the District Governor's visit last week.

Patty Laufenberg, was inducted following her membership enquiry via the Club website in early June.

Her Rotary classification is Local Government- Admin. which is hardly surprising given her 11 years at the City of Boroondara as well as senior administrative positions at several other councils previously.

The **Rotary Club of Woodend** welcomed new member Michael Deviny, pictured here with President Peter Willmott and President Elect Tony Waters.

The **Rotary Club of Melton** has welcomed two new members, Paul Blacker and Malcolm Peacock, pictured here with President Lyn Leonard.



Sushil Kumar Gupta selected to be 2020-21 Rotary President

Sushil Kumar Gupta, of the Rotary Club of Delhi Midwest, Delhi, India, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2020-21. He will be declared the president-nominee on 1 October if no challenging candidates have been suggested. Gupta wants to increase Rotary's humanitarian impact as well as the diversity of its membership.

"As individuals, we can only do so much," Gupta said in a statement. "But when 1.2 million Rotarians work together, there is no limit to what we can achieve, and in the process, we can truly change the world."

Gupta has been a Rotarian since 1977 and has served Rotary as district governor, training leader, and resource group adviser, and as a member, vice chair, or chair of several committees. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science degree by the IIS University, Jaipur, in recognition of his contributions to water conservation.

He has also received the coveted Padma Shri Award, the fourth-highest civilian award in India, conferred by the president of India for distinguished service to tourism and social work.

Gupta has also received the Distinguished Service Award from The Rotary Foundation for his support of its humanitarian and educational programs. He and his wife, Vinita, are Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation and members of the Arch Klumph Society.

Gupta is chair and managing director of Asian Hotels (West) Ltd., and owner of Hyatt Regency Mumbai and JW Marriott Hotel New Delhi Aerocity. He has served as president of the Federation of Hotel and Restaurant Associations of India and on the board of directors of Tourism Finance Corporation of India Ltd. He is the president of Experience India Society, a public-private partnership between the tourism industry and the government of India that promotes India as a tourist destination. He is also vice chair of the Himalayan Environment Trust and serves on the board of Operation Eyesight Universal in India.

The members of the Nominating Committee for the 2020-21 President of Rotary International are Kazuhiko Ozawa, Rotary Club of Yokosuka, Kanagawa, Japan; Manoj D. Desai, Rotary Club of Baroda Metro, Gujarat, India; Shekhar Mehta, Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, West Bengal, India; **John G. Thorne, Rotary Club of North Hobart, Tasmania, Australia**; Guiller E. Tumangan, Rotary Club of Makati West, Makati City, Philippines; Juin Park, Rotary Club of Suncheon, Jeonnam, Korea; Elio Cerini, Rotary Club of Milano Duomo, Italy; Gideon M. Peiper, Rotary Club of Ramat Hasharon, Israel; Per Høyen, Rotary Club of Aarup, Denmark; Paul Knijff, Rotary Club of Weesp (Vechtstreek-Noord), Netherlands; Sam Okudzeto, Rotary Club of Accra, Ghana; José Ubiracy Silva, Rotary Club of Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil; Bradford R. Howard, Rotary Club of Oakland Uptown, California, USA; Michael D. McCullough, Rotary Club of Trenton, Michigan, USA; Karen K. Wentz, Rotary Club of Maryville, Tennessee, USA; Michael K. McGovern, Rotary Club of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth, Maine, USA; and John C. Smarge, Rotary Club of Naples, Florida, USA.

To learn more about Sushil Gupta, read this interview and vision statement outlining his goals for Rotary.
www.rotary.org



The Natalia Project

MEET NATALIA

Natalia is from West Papua, Indonesia. She is 25 years old and lives with her family near the township of Jayapura. She has lived with the condition known as Neurofibromatosis since the age of two.

We understand there was an attempt to kill her when she was very young because of her appearance, and as a result of this attempt, she has been left with a terrible leg deformity.

Natalia's plight has inspired Rotarians in Australia and Overseas, including Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC), which will then help her to lead a more normal life.

We have been liaising with a prominent Thoracic Surgeon in Sydney with a view to having specialists undertake surgery to help Natalia.

At the moment, the Liverpool Hospital in Sydney along with specialist Plastic Surgeons, have generously agreed to help Natalia as a humanitarian aid patient, with treatment and hospitalization free of charge.

Their offer includes removing the growth and then reconstruct her face. These are two of the very best Plastic Surgeons in the country. A decision regarding her leg deformity will be taken after her facial reconstruction is completed and she is on her way to recovery.

It is expected that Natalia will be in the country for at least three months and that her surgeries will occur, in the early part of 2019. However, there is now an urgent need to raise \$20,000 to cover the costs of return airfares for Natalia and her Carer, internal transport costs, visas, support for home hosting families, and interpreter costs.

CAN YOU HELP US PLEASE?

This surgery cannot take place unless we can raise sufficient funds to cover these costs.

This is now a project of... **Rotary Australia World Community Service.**

Donations can be made to....

RAWCS.org.au The Natalia Project No.23, of 2018/19.

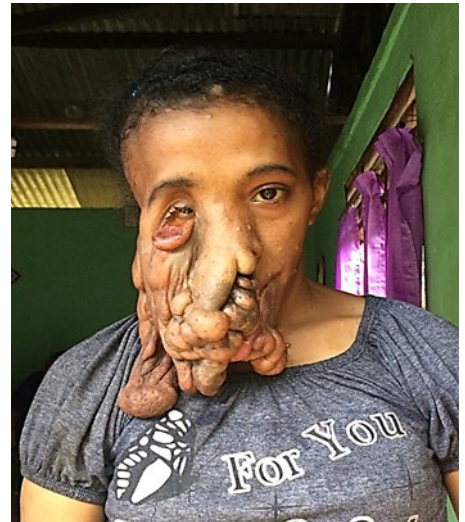
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In Rotary service,

Greg Penno, PHF, President, Rotary Club of Bendigo Strathdale, District 9800, Victoria. AUSTRALIA.

Peter Gray, PHF, Past President, Rotary Club of Phnom Penh, District 3350, CAMBODIA.

Jim Rudling, PHF, President, Rotary Club Liverpool West, District 9675, New South Wales. AUSTRALIA.



Growth Invigorates the Rotary Club of Central Melbourne

The membership growth by Rotary Central Melbourne (RCM) has been a hard-won and dedicated process. The result: net gain of eight in each of the past two years, taking the club from a previously stable 45 members to 61.

Gross recruitment since 2016 now totals 24, from walk-ins off the website (8), about the same from member referrals and the rest miscellaneous.

Growth has increased younger members and women members. Seventeen are now under 50 years (in 2015, 10) and 17 or 28% are female (in 2015, 10). All up, 46% of members are now under 60.

A bonus is that the new members include emerging leaders in the corporate, government and not-for-profit sector, creating a healthy dynamism.

The member drive began with a focus on search engines and making the website inviting.

A google search of "Rotary Melbourne" now throws up the Rotary Club of Melbourne first and Rotary Club of Central Melbourne second. But thanks to some IT nous, the results page has a right-hand sidebar featuring Rotary Club of Central Melbourne and its contacts. The club's complex URL itself was swapped to simple words.

<https://www.rotaryclubcentralmelbourne.org.au/>

"Action beats any amount of strategy sessions," says President Neville Taylor.

"When a prospective member turns up at our weekly meeting, we respond actively. We skip the \$31 Tuesday meeting fee for two visits. We ensure they're surrounded by friends at their table, and next time we put them with a different table.

"More ever, senior members are assigned to meet the visitor twice over coffee during the following weeks. We get to know the person and find out what they're seeking. They're assured they don't have to turn up every week – engagement's the key thing."

The club last year polled members on engagement. With two-thirds responding, half (16) were happily engaged, 13 under-engaged and 5 over-committed. This guidance will be repeated to help reduce attrition.

Taylor says communications by directors about club projects' needs and successes are good for recruitment and retention. The home page and Facebook also carry the messages.

Top-class weekly speakers are another way to bond.

Many Rotary Club of Central Melbourne executives have District roles, and newcomers are shown broader Rotary's work. At one Donations In Kind roster last month, eight of 20 from the club were its new members.

Now Taylor foresees 65-70 members by next June, with a growing cohort from the Docklands. "The diversity among members is what really pleases us," he says.

Tony Thomas
Rotary Club of Central Melbourne
tthomas061@gmail.com

Past District Governor Neville John and District Facilitator Warwick Cavell are running Membership Seminars in August at 3 locations. <https://rotarydistrict9800.org.au/page/district-workshops>

RSVP to: Marjorie Gerlinger, marbern@bigpond.net.au, 0419 302 109

Rotary Days

In an effort to increase membership and highlight Rotary's inspiring work, RI President Barry Rassin is urging clubs and districts to organize fun, informal community events called Rotary Days.

"Rotary Days events will offer you the chance to have an impact in your community, build long-term partnerships, increase interest in membership, and improve Rotary's image," Rassin said.

Any club, big or small, can host a Rotary Day. Neighboring clubs can pool their resources and co-host an event, and entire districts can come together for a largescale Rotary Day.

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ROTARY DAYS PHOTOS

During and after your event, post photos and videos with the hashtag #RotaryDay to social media. We'll collect photos of Rotary Day events around the world and show them at the 2019 Rotary International Convention in Hamburg, Germany. Some may also appear in Rotary media throughout the year.

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Rotary's Vision Statement

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ROTARY
DAYS 2018-19



This year,

I urge you to *Be the Inspiration* by hosting Rotary Days. These local, community-oriented events highlight the transformational activities that our Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact clubs undertake every day. You can hold a Rotary Day anytime. It will offer you the chance to have an impact in your community, build long-term partnerships, increase interest in membership, and improve Rotary's image. Imagine the collective impact we can have if all 35,000 Rotary, 10,000 Rotaract, and 22,000 Interact clubs engage their neighbors, friends, young people, and organizations. Will you do your part by encouraging clubs and communities to unite, inspiring transformational action, and creating lasting change?

Be bold, be innovative, and show the magic of Rotary.

— Barry Rassin, President, Rotary International

HOSTING A ROTARY DAY

Any club, big or small, Rotary or Rotaract or Interact, can inspire its community by hosting a Rotary Day. Neighboring Rotary and Rotaract clubs might combine their ideas, talent, and resources to co-host an event. Even entire districts can come together to host one big Rotary Day.

Rotary Days underscore our warm and cohesive community, show others our inspirational work, introduce Rotary to the larger community, and motivate action. They can take any form, as long as they are fun and engaging. Involve young people, and are open to all. Clubs are encouraged to add innovative components to their public events.

TIPS FOR ROTARY DAY PLANNERS



Consider partnering with:

- » Nearby Interact, Rotaract, and Rotary clubs
- » Local Rotary Community Corps
- » Young professionals groups
- » Community centers
- » Other service organizations
- » Civic society leaders
- » Local businesses



- » Consider including a hands-on service project as part of the event to let visitors see for themselves how Rotary benefits the community.
- » Feature guests that appeal to a non-Rotary audience. Consider young leaders, inspirational speakers, celebrities, musicians, or other public figures.
- » If the event will offer food, keep it simple — for example, a self-service buffet rather than a formal, sit-down meal.
- » Advocate on local issues related to Rotary's areas of focus by calling attention to challenges that affect people in your area.
- » If you charge admission, keep prices low. Ask local businesses to sponsor your event.
- » Welcome families and make the event enjoyable for them.
- » Present Rotary as an appealing opportunity for potential members to make new friends, exchange ideas, and take action to improve their community and the world. Avoid using Rotary jargon or referring to club traditions.
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<http://rotaryclubofmiltonnulladulla.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/2018-08-Rotary-on-the-Move-Newsletter-Zone-7B-and-8.pdf>

What value does your club have for young professionals?

Rotary, like any business, has customers.

For us, those customers are our members and we must provide value to assure satisfied customers. The key to attracting and retaining young professional “customers” is presenting a *Value Proposition* that is attractive.



In a previous post, I discussed the Young Professional (YP) Membership Development project I took on in District 6930. I put together a survey of ten questions designed to get at the core of what brought those members into Rotary, why they stay, what they want, and what challenges they face.

From this, we learned that young professionals are looking for networking and mentorship, but have concerns about time, money, and family commitments.

Fortunately, Rotary has considerable value to offer in all of those areas.

- **Networking:** Many young professionals are looking for business, and that's OK. People do business with those they know, like, and trust. Rotary can help there, as long as expectations are set from the beginning.
- **Leadership:** Through Rotary, young professionals are able to establish themselves as leaders in the community. Their values can be made clear; they give back, and learn to work with others. “Come, join us, be a leader.” This is a strong value proposition for the young professional.
- **Mentorship:** Many of our young professionals are also interested in working with current community leaders and in being mentored. How many of your club members could provide this value?
- **Time & money:** Clubs have increasing flexibility to address the time and money issue in ways they see fit, ways that are adapted to their unique communities and challenges. Some examples include corporate memberships, and “Rule of 35” memberships which allow members under the age of 35 to pay a reduced rate that just covers dues to RI and the meals they attend.
- **Family Commitments:** Family is important, and there may be no better place for a young professional to spend quality time with their family, while teaching kids valuable life lessons in service. We say, families welcome!

Once we have identified the value our clubs have, the key is to get that message out. Again, like any business, we need to develop a coordinated marketing plan to “sell” our club to young professionals in the community. A Young Professionals Committee is a good start, but I'll save more on that topic for a future blog post.

By Michael Walstrom, president of the Rotary Club of Downtown Boca Raton, Florida

Rotary Voices August 1, 2018

VALE

The **Rotary Club of Eaglehawk** mourns the passing of their Honorary Member **Jack Taylor**. Jack was born on 26th February 1921 and has lived a lifetime in the Borough except for his four year service during World War 2 with the Australian Imperial Forces – 4th Armoured Regiment where he attained the rank of Staff Sergeant. Jack had a great love of football, playing for Eaglehawk in two Premierships in 1938 and 1941.



After retiring as a player, he joined the committee and was Treasurer for 25 years, awarded a Life Membership of both Eaglehawk Football Club and Bendigo Football League and was named a Legend of the Eaglehawk Club.

He was a Charter Member of the **Eaglehawk Probosc Club** – President in 1990. Jack has been a Justice of the Peace for the past 50 years – Life Member of Eaglehawk Citizens Band and the Eaglehawk Fire Brigade, a Distinguished Councillor and **Mayor of Eaglehawk** on five occasions during his 27 years service as a Borough Councillor. Jack had 49 years continuous service as a Trustee of the Bendigo Cemeteries Trust and has been recognized for his service with the naming of the Jack Taylor Memorial Drive. His commitment and service to Eaglehawk will never be surpassed.

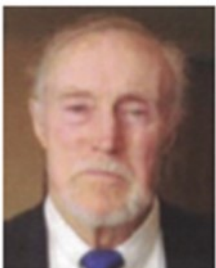
Jack was made an Honorary Member of the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk during 1989-90 Rotary year. He loved the fellowship of Rotary and was honoured to have been named a Paul Harris Fellow in June 1988 for his wonderful contribution to his community. Jack passed away last Sunday the 29th July.

He will be sadly missed at our Rotary meetings and functions, but at 97 years with most of his life dedicated to his family and his community, we say - Jack – Rest In Peace and thank you for - A Life well Lived – A Rest well earned Goodbye our dear friend – Honorary Member PHF Jack Taylor – OAM JP

The **Rotary Club of Kew** acknowledge the passing of **David Bloom**. David joined the club in 1985 and was an active member until his resignation due to ill health in 2016. He was then made an Honorary Member.

He was born in 1944 in the US and was an outstanding musician. He and his wife Pamela were both members of the MSO, David as a flautist. Later he left the MSO and moved into business. He served the club in many roles including as President in 1996-1997,

David was dedicated to the community, also serving as a Booroondara Councillor 2008-2011.

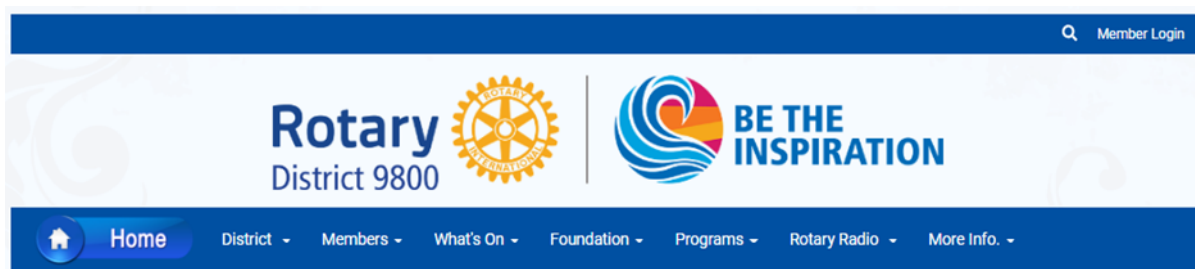


The Rotary Club of Footscray acknowledges the death of their member, Bob Long. 15/10/29-11/08/2018 Bob was inducted into the Rotary Club of Footscray in March. 1971 and over the ensuing years became one of its most loved and respected members. He served on various committees and supported with enthusiasm the Club's projects and programs. He was well supported by Shirley and they were regulars at District conferences, Ladies' nights, social events etc.

In later years he was to become one of the first "Legends" of our Club. He was a member for 47 years, an Honorary Member and Paul Harris Fellow 1996-97.

A good man, a good friend but most of all a great Rotarian, he will be sadly missed

WHATS NEW ON THE DISTRICT 9800 WEBSITE



DISTRICT DIRECTORY and CONTACT INFORMATION

(note this section is password protected and requires that you login)

District Information

The following information may be downloaded and printed or stored on your computer or phone.

District Information

FRONT SECTION OF DIRECTORY

District Support Team

LIST OF DISTRICT SUPPORT TEAM

District 9800 Clubs

District Organisation

CLUB EXECUTIVES

Downloadable files

District Directory

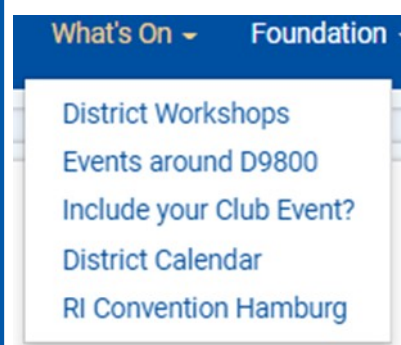
TELEPHONE LIST containing detail of District and Club Executives

District Directors and Executives

District Telephone List

Club Executives & Directors

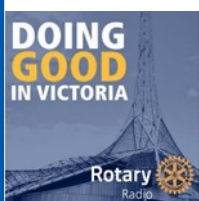
WHAT'S ON ?



This Section lists District workshops, what on around District 9800, the District Calendar and details about the RI Convention

There are also details about how Clubs can share their Events across the District

ROTARY RADIO



If listening to 3WBC 94.1FM on Fridays between 6PM and 8 PM is inconvenient then catch up with the Podcasts listed in this section.

SUGGESTIONS or COMMENTS

Let us know by email to networker@rotarydistrict9800.org.au



Registration is now Open

www.rotaryconference.org.au

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TO WIN FREE REGISTRATION & GALA DINNER FOR 2 PEOPLE PLUS ACCOMMODATION FOR TWO NIGHTS (UP TO \$500)

Early Bird Registration

Early Bird \$175,

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(joined after July 1 2016)

AFTER NOVEMBER 30TH \$225

Conference Dinner \$110

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Featuring the Baker Boys, a 9 piece band covering a wide variety of music
3 course meal, Open Bar plus surprises all night

WHAT ROTARY DOES!



As well as a fantastic Rotary Showcase there will be “three hands on projects” where you can pack emergency food for disaster relief, pack birthing kits or kits for the homeless in our communities.

Always a great fellowship opportunity

Further details www.rotaryconference.org.au

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

Family Safety, Nature or Nurture—Whose Responsibility?

Rotary Club of Melbourne presents IPP Mary Barry, Thursday 23rd August 6.00pm for 6.30pm
Leadership Victoria, Old Treasury Building, 20 Spring Street, Melbourne

Bookings— <https://www.trybooking.com/411178>

Contact—Austen Burleigh 0429 882 025

Rotary International Cultural Immersion to Nepal

2019 10-day Rotary immersions:

23rd June | 16th Aug | 6th Sept

<https://www.handsondevelopment.com.au/10-day-cultural-tour>



ROMAC Charity Golf Day

Tuesday 2nd October

Registrations to Jim Prokhovnik

jimprok@iprimus.com.au



CHARITY GOLF DAY



ROMAC Mission Statement

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Tuesday 2nd October 2018
Keysborough Golf Club

* Tee Sponsor \$1400
Team of Four \$600
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11.15am Registration and Lunch in Club House
1.00pm Shotgun Start—Stableford Teams of Four
5.30pm Snacks, Auctions & Presentations

Registrations to Jim Prokhovnik
jimprok@iprimus.com.au
0417 355 627

Keysborough Golf Club 55 Mutton Road, Keysborough 3173

Fashions on the Lake

Rotary Club of Laverton Point Cook

Saturday 1st September

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6.30PM SATURDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER



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26th Rotary Foundation Paul Harris Breakfast

Wednesday, 28th November 2018



GUEST SPEAKER

Air Chief Marshal Sir Angus Houston AK, AFC (Ret'd)

Air Chief Marshal Sir Angus Houston AK, AFC (Ret'd) was awarded the Knight of the Order of Australia in January 2015 for extraordinary and pre-eminent achievement and merit in service to Australia, through distinguished service in the Australian Defence Force, continued commitment to serve the nation in leadership roles, particularly the national responses to the MH370 and MH17 disasters, and in a variety of roles in the community.

Sir Angus is Chancellor for the University of the Sunshine Coast and Chair of the Defence South Australia Advisory Board; the Sunshine Coast Mind and Neuroscience Thompson Institute; the Victorian Police Corporate Advisory Group; the University of NSW Canberra Advisory Board; the Canberra Symphony Orchestra and the Supashock Advanced Suspension Advisory Committee.

He is a Board Member of the Lowy Institute for International Policy, the Australian Cancer Research Foundation, the Anzac Centenary Public Fund Board, GreaterGood Canberra and the Victorian Police Executive Command.

Sir Angus is also a visiting fellow of the Australian National University National Security College and the South Australian Special Envoy for International Trade and Investment.

In addition, he is the Ambassador/Patron of numerous charitable organisations. These include Bravery Trust, the Bomber Command Association in Australia, the Australian American Association Canberra Chapter, the European Alliance Against Depression Australian Chapter, Griffith University's Glycomics Childhood Leukaemia Project, Soldier On, Stand Tall for PTSD, Sunnyfield Disability Services, Shelterbox Australia, Tropical Brain and Mind Research Foundation, the Centenary of Anzac Centre, Pain Australia and Waardi Limited Building Babies Brains.

In July 2014, Sir Angus was appointed as the Prime Minister's Special Envoy to lead Australia's efforts to help recover, identify and repatriate Australians killed in the Malaysia Airlines flight MH17 disaster. Sir Angus also led the Joint Agency Coordination Centre coordinating the Australian Government's support for the search into missing Malaysia Airlines flight MH370 in 2014.

In 2012 Sir Angus led the Expert Panel on Asylum Seekers.

Sir Angus was Chair of the Anzac Centenary Advisory Board from July 2011 until March 2014. The Board provided strategic advice to the Australian Government in relation to the planning and implementation of the Anzac Centenary 2014-2018.

In July 2011, Sir Angus retired as Chief of the Australian Defence Force after 41 years of service in the military.

In 2011, he was named the Australian Father of the Year and in 2012, the ACT Australian of the Year.

Sir Angus was awarded the Degree of Doctor of the University of South Australia in August 2017, Degree of Doctor of Laws honoris causa from ANU in December 2016, Degree of Doctor of the University, honoris causa from UNSW in November 2015, and Degree of Doctor of the University from Griffith University in December 2013.

Sir Angus is married to Liz and they have three sons and three granddaughters.

We look forward to welcoming all Rotarians, partners, friends and colleagues



- Charity Navigator has voted The Rotary Foundation No 3 in the Top Ten Charities around the world.
- It also received an A+ from Charity Watch, its highest rating and is rated #9 by TopNonProfits.
- The Association of American Fundraising Professionals named The Rotary Foundation as the outstanding Foundation for 2016.
- The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International has received 10 consecutive 4-star ratings from Charity Navigator as at January 2017.

Ticket Price

\$65.00 per head or \$600 for a table of ten (incl. GST)

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When Wednesday, 28th November 2018 **Time** 7.15 for 7.30 till 9.00am

Where The RACV Club, Level 17, 501 Bourke Street, Melbourne

Bookings www.trybooking.com/410919 **RSVP** 13th November 2018

For further information please contact: Frank O'Brien 0419 008 804 or Email pandfob@bigpond.com



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THOMAS BAKER ORATION 2018

‘Striving for Excellence in Health Care’

Prof Fiona Wood AM

AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR IN 2005



“The exponential growth in science and technology is awe inspiring and it will lead to great improvements in the quality of our health care. Many of the scientific advances come from controlled systems where experiments investigate single variables. However clinical medicine is more complex – it is a fusion of experience and knowledge and is focussed on an individual. The challenges we face relate not only to the individual and the health system, but to the whole community.”

Fiona Wood has been a burns surgeon and researcher for the past 20 years and is Director of the Burns Service of Western Australia. She is a Consultant Plastic Surgeon at Fiona Stanley Hospital (previously at Royal Perth Hospital) and co-founder of the Fiona Wood Foundation which continues innovative research into burns care and recovery.

Professor Wood’s greatest contribution and enduring legacy is her work pioneering the innovative ‘spray-on skin’ technique (Recell), which greatly reduces permanent scarring in burns victims. Professor Wood patented her method in 1993 and today the technique is used worldwide.

In October 2002, Fiona was propelled into the media spotlight when the largest proportion of survivors from the 2002 Bali bombings arrived at Royal Perth Hospital. She led a team working to save 28 patients suffering burn injury.

Fiona was named a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in 2003. In 2005 her contribution to burns care was recognised through Australia’s highest accolade when she was named Australian of the Year for 2005.

Rotary Club of Melbourne

Thomas Baker Oration
Hotel Windsor
Grand Ballroom,
111 Spring St Melbourne
Wednesday, 29 August
12.30 for 12.50 – 2.00 p.m.
\$50 per person 2 course lunch
Guest Bookings to Jo Mavros
Ph: 03 9654 7242 or
E: office@rotaryclubofmelbourne.org.au
www.rotaryclubofmelbourne.org.au

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