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Quarter Time District Governor Peter Frueh



Anne and I have now completed 50 of our 65 club visits and the 2017-18 Rotary year has passed the first quarter. As I reflect on those visits the following observations come to mind:

- Every Rotarian is unique and so are their interests and passion
- Every Club is unique and has its own history, rituals and personality
- The range of community, youth, vocational and international projects they do is amazing.

There are some common aspects:

- Most clubs understand that membership needs to be a major focus, but some are running on hope rather than an actionable plan
- Whatever size they are, clubs seem to have a “membership thermostat” or range, below which they take action and above which they don’t aspire to be
- There is more turnover of membership than people recognise.
At the District level we have had 2,400 members over the last three years. Yet we have had over 800 new members join in those three years. This means 800 people have left also.
- 50% of Rotarians who leave do so in their second or third year, so member engagement and mentoring is critical.

Some clubs are innovating to extend their community reach, public image and hands on projects.

Clubs are

encouraged to make necessary changes in:

- Meeting formats, location, times and meals to reduce cost and better suit potential members
- Create satellites of 8 or more new members which are more nimble and better able to focus on new projects
- Consider new club membership categories such as corporate membership, family membership or student membership.

One of the changes made in the 2016 Manual of Procedure is in the category of honorary membership, which now reads: “Persons who have distinguished themselves by meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals **and those persons considered friends of Rotary for their support of Rotary’s cause** may be elected to honorary membership”

So as well as the traditional role for distinguished Rotarians, it can now be used to include significant supporters of Rotary such as:

- Local councillors and politicians (this was widely the case, but not strictly included in the 2013 definition)
- Strong club friends or project supporters
- Those transitioning into Rotary, for example students with limited financial means, first year trials before active membership, etc.

Honorary members:

- Are Rotarians, are inducted and can proudly wear the Rotary pin and visit any Rotary club
- Are included in the RI database and can access all resources in My Rotary
- Can fully participate in club events and projects

However, honorary members:

- Do not pay any RI, District or RDU dues and hence do not count in membership numbers
- Cannot hold any club office or vote
- Are appointed at the discretion of the Board, so this can be for a limited period or reviewed annually or periodically.

Clubs are encouraged to think about the potential use of honorary memberships for their wider circle of supporters.

In all cases of change, Club Presidents and Boards should use their Assistant Governors as a sounding board or to seek specialist assistance. Sadly, our ageing demographic and size means that some clubs are dealing with the passing of outstanding Rotarians and partners. This is where the support of the club members comes in to support those grieving.

The Power of Partnerships in Rotary

I'd like to talk to you about the power of partnerships. While we are motivated to do good in our local and global communities and have the resources to do so, joining forces with like-minded organizations helps strengthen Rotary's presence around the world. The greatest impact can be achieved by working together.



We recently entered a strategic partnership with the ***Institute for Economics and Peace***. Together, we'll work to create an online learning portal for Rotarians and Peace Fellows to build on their current expertise, apply new methods and mobilize communities to address the underlying issues behind conflicts. We'll also be creating workshops around the world that will provide person-to-person training on the insights of the Institute

We also have signed a one-year partnership with the ***International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness*** (IAPB) to help promote eye health to needy communities. Rotary clubs can now partner with IAPB member agencies to provide access to much-needed eye care and blindness prevention services. You can learn more about this partnership at rotary.org.

And of course, our many partners in the fight against polio have made all the difference. This month, I'd like to highlight one of these partners: the ***Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation***. In February, Bill and Melinda Gates emphasized Rotary's leadership in polio eradication in their annual letter:

"And we're inspired by the infinite persistence of Rotary International. They were leading this fight long before we joined it, and they've just kept moving forward. They know that going from 350,000 cases to 37 is amazing, but success is zero."

In June, Bill joined us at our convention in Atlanta, where he announced an expanded match agreement with Rotary. His foundation will match our contributions, up to US\$50 million on a 2 for 1 basis, each year for the next three years. This will effectively triple the amount of money raised for polio eradication.

And on 24 October, the Gates Foundation will cohost our **World Polio Day** event at their headquarters in Seattle, Washington, USA. World Polio Day is an annual occasion for us to celebrate our progress, as well as raise awareness and funds. I hope that you'll join us via our livestream at 2:30 p.m. Pacific time and that you'll take the opportunity to donate as well. If you haven't already done so, be sure to [register your World Polio Day event](#)

To stop polio for good, we need everyone's help and involvement. Together, we can make a difference on **World Polio Day** and help **End Polio Now**.

Sincerely,

Ian Riseley
Rotary International President, 2017-18

Southbank Millennial Board Opportunity

Born in the 80's & 90's –

Want to really make a difference in your community?

Rotary Club of Southbank are looking to recruit people who were born in the 80's and 90's to join a new millennial board of 9-15 people to develop two initiatives that will benefit the community of Southbank under the leadership and support of member James Piplos who is an alumni of the Williamson group. James is experienced in training people to become board members and directors.



As a companion board to our own club board, this opportunity will not only inspire the next generation of leaders in our community, but will also benefit the club to explore new ideas / create leadership opportunities within our community and complement and support membership in our own club.

Philip Archer, a member of Southbank Rotary, through his Public Image role with the Rotary Australia Zone Leadership Team, is a key player in changing the way Rotarians think and is helping to create lasting change across Rotary internationally and is instrumental in leading the initiative. The initiative of piloting millennial boards in Rotary follows a trend throughout business to develop the next generation of leaders this ensuring continuity of leadership and service.

Southbank Rotary is very fortunate to have a diverse range of members of all ages, business skills and leadership styles and inspires men and women of many background to develop leadership skills and support their local and international communities and to solve pressing problems that face their communities.

In association with Rotary Australia we are also working towards a vision where all clubs, districts and ancillary Rotary organisations throughout Australia are able to share a single unified website and communication portal in order to ensure that we all speak with one voice and own brand.

We aim to do this by:

1. Creating **one common website** for all of Rotary Australia Foundation, Rotary Australia World Community Service, Australian Rotary Health, Rotary Down Under and Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC) that brings all the good news from across Australia under one common banner.
2. Introducing a **Community Engagement App** (Blong Pro) which will allow clubs to connect with club members and their communities through an app on their Smartphone.
3. Challenge 6 other clubs to trial a millennium board with the view to expanding the initiative throughout the other 1100 other clubs in Australia.

Enquiries regarding the initiative can be directed to:

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Ron Devereaux reflects on 50 Years of Rotary Service

Ron Devereaux, a well respected member of the Rotary Club of Bendigo South reflects on his 50 years of Service to Rotary.

Ron arrived in Warracknabeal in 1964 to take over his first business, the Warracknabeal Bakeries.

In 1966, I was approached to join the Rotary Club of Warracknabeal, and was inducted on January 4, 1967. My sponsor was Peter De Vries, my next door neighbour. The Rotary Club was chartered in 1934, the number 19 Club in Victoria and went on to charter St. Arnaud, Nhill, Charlton and Kaniva Rotary clubs. The club had 38 members, the President at that time was Des Hewitt and my classification 'Bread Manufacturing'.

I went on to hold every position in the club except Secretary, attaining President in 1974 when the District Governor was PP Ray Graetz from our club. Our major project for the year was collecting scrap iron (in high demand), raising over \$1,000 for Woodbine, a Centre for Disabled children. It was also the year that Darwin was hit by Cyclone Tracey and the club contributed \$256 to the appeal. Subs were \$22 per annum and dinner fee \$2.20.

My interest in FAIM (**Fourth Avenue in Motion**) began after we had as guest speaker PP John Parsons from the Rotary Club of Bendigo South outlining a project in New Guinea. My first trips to Papua New Guinea were to Kesivaka (a medical centre) in 1979 then Nuporoo (hospital and two houses) and in 1980 Ubigoobie (medical centre). From 1993 through to 1996 the trips were to Samoa to build cyclone proof shelters and schools. In 2000 I traveled to Tonga with the Rotary Club of Maffra to install water tanks in schools.

In 1972 I opened the first hot bread kitchen in Bath Lane, Bendigo and traveled between the two businesses for the next 8 years until I finally moved down to live in Bendigo in 1980. My accountants were Ashman and Treadale both members of the Rotary Club of Bendigo South so I became a member in January 1981. The club met at the ANA Motel in View Street, since demolished.

Rotary was rezoned the following year and the new District was 9800. I served on the District RYLA committee for the years 1982-1990 being Chairman in 1986/87 which involved a lot of traveling with committee meetings being held in Melbourne.

Changes to Rotary over the years have been ground breaking, the biggest of course being women in Rotary. There was a bit of opposition from some quarters but general acceptance as time passed. Our first female President was Kaye Branson who had a wonderful year. Rotary could not afford to ignore 50% of the population and the result has been fantastic with new ideas and projects undertaken. Others are:

- Relaxation of the fourteen steps to join Rotary made membership easier.
- Relaxation of one member per occupation widened the scope of members.
- Streamlining meetings, less formality, shorter projects, more outside help on projects, greater publicity but always keeping traditional projects such as Youth Exchange have been positive changes.

Some highlights of my time in Rotary.

- My Presidential year
- Being awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship
- Being part of overseas work parties
- Making up at No 1 club Chicago and No 2 club San Francisco
- Friendships and the feeling that I have helped to make the world a better place
- Pet Project – long term, Camp Getaway

Rotary will change a lot more over the next years with E-Clubs and technologies but will always be '**Service above Self**'.



by Ron Devereaux as told to Anne Peace and Matthew Scott, Rotary Club of Bendigo South

Prahran Homework Club in the News

Off-Duty Cops Help Bridge Language-Divide For Kids From Migrant Families

This was the headline in the Huffington Post (online), highlighting the Rotary Club of Prahran's relationship with VicPol at Homework Club

Rotary Prahran Homework Club is a treasured local initiative providing assistance for kids who are having a hard time with their school work. For children whose parents are unable to help with the homework load due to a lack of English language skills or issues ranging from domestic violence to drug abuse, the [Rotary Club of Prahran](#) has a great solution.

It has developed a special Homework Club at a local housing estate, where off-duty police officers, high school students and rotary volunteers give up their spare time to help the students. Whether it's maths, reading or science projects, Homework Club is a treasured local initiative to provide assistance for kids who are having a hard time with their school work.

Volunteers include Rotarians, police officers, high school students from Melbourne High and Robertson Girls High, as well as a few university students involved in community service.

Prahran Rotarian Susie Cole told HuffPost Australia they're building a strong relationship with the local police officers who are keen to build community mindfulness, rather than only being seen in a law enforcement role. "It's great for the kids to feel like they have a friend in the police force, especially if they're subject to bullying. They now see a human side of policing rather than the enforcer side," Cole said.



"The kids can bring their set homework or they can use some of our provided books and practice their reading, or whatever they need help with."

"When the police officers come to help out, the kids are a bit competitive over who gets them to help, they are very popular! It's also great to do community service where you can actually look somebody in the eye and see the results for yourself."

Many of the children in Homework Club are originally from Tibet, Somali and Fiji as well as many local kids from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Rotary Club of Prahran Homework Club is always keen for more volunteers, so if you'd like to help out, here's where you can [get more information](#).

Libby-Jane Charleston Associate Editor, HuffPost Australia

STEPS OUTREACH SERVICE

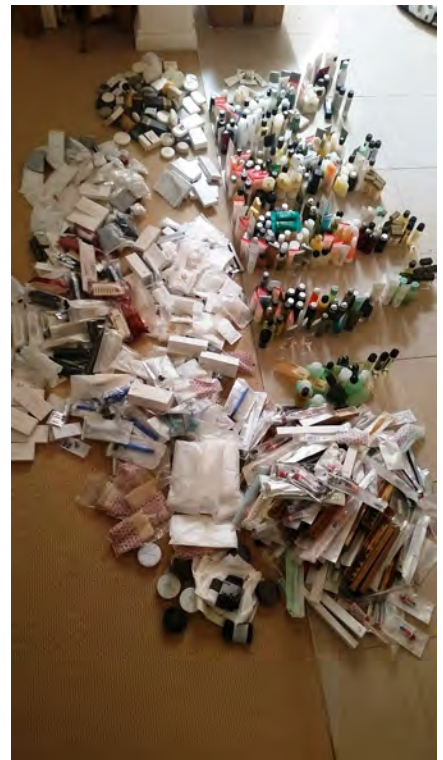
Steps Outreach Service (<https://www.concernaustralia.org.au/steps/>) has been running for over 30 years. The program provides a social worker to get in touch with young homeless persons who hang around the steps in front of Flinders Street Station. Steps' social workers support those young people where they can. Many young people's lives have changed for the better through this amazing program. The program manager, Anne Mitchell, started as a volunteer with the program in 1985 and has made a significant contribution ever since.

Homelessness comes in various forms: living rough, couch-surfing or temporary housing (boarding house, caravan parks). Young people who are experiencing homelessness may be able to find temporary places to stay such as crashing at a friend's home for a while (couch-surfing), or finding crisis accommodation that are usually available for a maximum of 6 to 8 weeks (temporary housing). Whilst they have a roof over their heads, it is not home and sometimes simple things are missing, such as your own soap, shampoo or towel.

This is where the Rotary E-Club of Melbourne's members and friends come in. Whenever we travel and stay at a hotel, we collect unused toiletries and bring them home. The E-Club collects them from our members and friends and delivers them to Steps where Anne and her team distributes them to the young people who need them. This year we collected and delivered nearly 1,200 items of toiletries to Steps including:

Toothbrush and toothpaste, soap, combs and hairbrushes, shower caps and hair ties, sanitary bags, sewing kits, vanity sets, nail filers, cotton pads, razors and shaving cream, shampoo, conditioner, body lotion and moisturiser, shower gel, bath gel & bath foam, eye masks and towels.

You too can get involved by telling your friends and family that collecting toiletries can help young people experiencing homelessness, get in touch with the Rotary E-Club of Melbourne and we can collect the toiletries for Steps. Contact the E-Club now and get involved!



Rotary  E-Club of Melbourne
Connected, Collaborative, Community

Who's for an omelette?

It's not like we need any reminding, but if Rotary's membership in Australia continues to decline at the current rate, we'll be in serious strife within 5 years. We are being buffeted by a perfect storm of ageing and declining membership, questionable relevance and a platform that venerates meetings over service. As it stands, I feel our chances of turning things around are slim, but not impossible. But the chances of turning things around AND keeping everyone happy are somewhere between Buckley's and none. When faced with a choice between comfort and progress, too many Rotarians are choosing comfort. And for those who refuse to choose, comfort (and therefore, inaction) wins by default. How many times, not just in our Rotary journeys, have we really wanted to be bold and give something a try, but we've either not been prepared to speak up, or we've been beaten into submission by proponents of the status quo?



For a fair part of my own Rotary journey, I was one of those who wasn't prepared to raise my head above the parapet, and then something changed. It was circa 2008, and I decided it was time to get something off my chest. I had recently read an article in Rotary Down Under Magazine about two newly chartered Rotary clubs in Perth, who were doing things differently. Their meetings dared to omit the then ubiquitous Rotary rituals and compulsory (expensive) meals, and no-one seemed to miss them. Of course many clubs are still hell bent on singing, praying, fining and toasting their way to oblivion, but at least we've now evolved to the point that it is not considered heresy if they are missing from the agenda. But ten years ago, it was stuff of a brave, new world.

I had recently completed a very satisfying and productive year as club president, and had been growing increasingly uncomfortable with these weekly embarrassments. It came to a head when I brought some colleagues along to a meeting with a high profile speaker. I have no doubt they really enjoyed his presentation, but when we ended the night singing the national anthem (badly), I just wanted to climb under the table. The awkward look on the faces of my friends as the generally 70+ aged crowd bumbled through the national anthem made me cringe. Enough was enough.

At our next club assembly, I read out the aforementioned article verbatim, and then with clenched fist thumped the lectern as I let out a vicious tirade on how I was embarrassed by these completely irrelevant and outdated rituals, and how I was desperately keen to drag my club into the 21st century – kicking and screaming if necessary. This had been brewing for a long time, and I had really prepared myself for the worst possible reaction.

Who was I as a 30 something upstart that didn't respect the more traditional elements of the club? I was prepared for the tomatoes, but was instead pleasantly surprised to get a standing ovation. You see, I had just articulated what 90+ percent of the club had been thinking for many years, but weren't prepared to say.

I didn't realise it at the time, but I can now define that moment, the moment I threw caution to the wind and spoke my mind, as one of those pivotal moments of my Rotary journey. It wasn't just about getting something off my chest. It wasn't even about coming to the realisation that other Rotarians thought like me. It was the revelation that there is indeed a role in clubs and across our organisation for those who would crack the change whip. It was a role I was destined for.

There's nothing quite as liberating as being able to say what you think without fear of recrimination. That's not to suggest there has never been any recrimination, just that I no longer feared it. I was genuinely amazed at how quickly my Rotary horizons started to expand at the time. I was suddenly asked to share my thoughts at other clubs. I was sponsored to attend a National Membership Conference in Canberra, and then a Future Leaders Seminar in Brisbane. I was speaking at leadership events, district assemblies, even an Institute. I was even asked to be guest editor for Rotary Down Under magazine. Before I knew it I was asked to be our district membership chair and empowered to run the district's membership program the way I wanted to. And I can trace it all back to that one moment at a club assembly where I called a spade a spade.

The journey hasn't been entirely free of frustration. You can't make an omelette without breaking a few eggs. I most certainly have had some detractors, and I would suggest my strong views have had me scratched from a few Christmas card lists, but these days my attitude is pretty simple, and probably a bit coarse: **I just don't give a shit.**

The biggest mistake you can make is to try and please everyone. When it comes down to a choice between plotting a path for membership growth or keeping everyone happy, guess what? Not everyone is going to be happy. In fact, people will be downright pissed off, and people will leave. If we really want to turn around our membership fortunes, we have to make difficult decisions and we have to accept that not everyone will like them.



Colin Powell once said, ***“Good leadership involves responsibility to the welfare of the group, which means that some people will get angry at your actions and decisions. Trying to get everyone to like you is a sign of mediocrity... you'll simply ensure that the only people you'll wind up angering are the most creative and productive people in the organisation”***

We need more people who are prepared to make a stand and blaze the trails. There are many innovative Rotarians out there with great ideas that just seem to get crushed at every turn, and we need to give them a voice. So many times I see progress in clubs stifled by a vocal few who ride roughshod and rule the roost. I have just convened an extremely successful regional membership conference here in Adelaide, and I doubt there has ever been a more comprehensive portfolio of membership solutions rolled out at one event before. But I still fear that the charged up delegates who attended will be stonewalled when they get back to club land with their ideas.

I have only this week been in communication with one of those delegates who attended the conference and has asked me to work with his club. Together we suggested a first step to promote change, but he reported back to me that some of the board were not “comfortable” with that idea. Imagine my surprise... Rotarians not comfortable with progress! I have heard from another district leader who offered to work with clubs to take advantage of the conference outcomes, but none wanted to take him up on his offer. This is the point where we often drop the ball, but we just have to knock these walls down. Now, more than ever, the organisation desperately needs those who will rock the boat, poke the bear, rattle the cage and stir the pot.

These membership challenges are **not** insurmountable. I think we actually have solutions at hand to all of our problems except one – indifference. What we need is a sustained and dedicated campaign from those of us who genuinely care about the future of the organisation beyond five years to **MAKE CHANGE HAPPEN**. It's time to turn up the heat and demand action. It's time for all responsible Rotarians to rise up and take off the kid gloves.

The late, great Christopher Hitchens once said, ***“Never be a spectator of unfairness or stupidity. The grave will supply plenty of time for silence.”*** If you're one of those Rotarians who is concerned about the future, but more concerned about what people will think if you speak out, guess what? **You're part of the problem!**

Mark Huddleston is the Membership and Public Relation Chair in District 9520

What is happening in the world of....

Stephanie Woollard (Founder & CEO of Seven Women) at the age of just 22, met seven disabled women in Nepal, living in a tin shed and learnt of the harsh stigma they were facing. **Seven Women** has skilled, educated and enabled the employment of over 5000 marginalised Women.



Stephanie received in 2013 a Rotary Peace Fellowship and in 2016, and presented at the United Nations in New York, received one of only six 'Rotary Responsible Business Awards' presented globally. Last year a documentary was made focussing on the power of Seven Women's education programs and its impact in the remote villages of Nepal.



To enquire about hosting a documentary screening of '**Bringing the Light – the story of Seven Women**', or to have Stephanie speak at your Cluster Meeting, please contact Sandi Fulcher on email sevenwomenea@outlook.com or mobile 0416 063 434.



Exciting news: Seven Women's New Cooking School is nearing completion

Construction of the new Seven Women Cooking School began back on the 25th April 2017 with the demolition of the building on the property. Work then began to replace it with a fit for purpose building to enable Seven Women to cater for the ever growing number of class sizes.

Local architects, labour and materials, where possible, were sourced from within Nepal. The stainless steel work surfaces had to be imported from China, which is the first time equipment of this international standard has been in Nepal! Thank you to all who have joined us on the journey of fundraising \$30,000 to enable us to build our Cooking School.

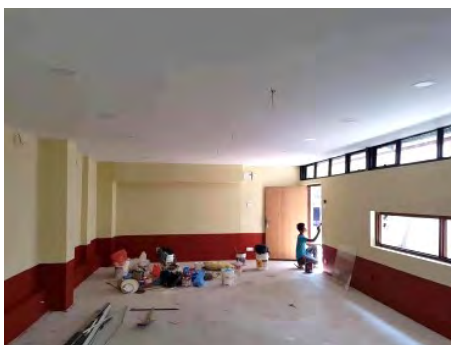
The Cooking School will generate income for our Seven Women programs, create jobs and train marginalised women in hospitality skills. This cooking school will be supported by Stephanie's '**Hands On Development**' Tours that brings groups to Nepal to get hands on with their skills and support the growth of our projects, and visiting other inspiring examples of projects that bring about real and lasting change.

During the tour we will visit Rotary and Rotaract clubs, share fellowship and brainstorm collaborations. If you would like to join us on next years Hands On Development -Rotary tour to Nepal to see our projects and contribute your skills, please email steph.w@seven-women.com to find out more.

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Further funds needed to equip our Cooking School:

The next step is to obtain donations so that we can purchase various items to fit out the Cooking School.

A sample of the items needed are listed below:

Item	Price	Item	Price	Item	Price
Air Conditioner	\$1,125	Refrigerator	\$625	Solar Power System	\$3,720
Benches	\$1,088	Kitchen Chairs (6)	\$150	Cutlery Sets (40)	\$650
Food Processor	\$150	Wooden Chopping Boards (15)	\$280	Frypans (20)	\$1,125
Saucepans (10)	\$440	Mixing Bowls Set of 20 (20)	\$220	Timber Tables (2)	\$1,125

If you or your Club, would like to assist financially with the fitting out costs, please email Sandi at sevenwomene@outlook.com We would love to hear from you.

All Donations for the Cooking School can be made to RAWCS via the [Seven Women website](http://sevenwomen.org/) and will be tax deductible. <http://sevenwomen.org/>

Philippines Eye and Ear Project

President Rob Simpson from Rotary Club of Canterbury has reported back to the club on the current visit to Palawan where he is working with 4 ENT students to screen children for eye and ear problems.

This is a project supported by a District Foundation Grant with the opportunity for further grant support.

Rob reports:

"We have just completed 2 days of screening with over 800 screened for eyes.

On the first day, the students, Han, Maria, Nevena and Jenny said it was the best day of the lives.

So far we have completed over 100 cataract and pterygium operations and over 3400 children screened for ears with approximately 30% requiring treatment.



The first day here at Palawan, we had a most enjoyable day at the turtle sanctuary with the students releasing 4 week old turtles into the ocean. We also did some snorkelling and swimming. The food has been some of the best on any mission, and this first resort, Crystal Paradise, has to be one of the best in accommodation in the Club's 21 years of missions.

Today we move further south to Quezon.

Rob Simpson, President Rotary Canterbury



Rotary Club of Richmond support Kiva

At their meetings, the Rotary Club of Richmond takes a novel approach to thanking their Guest Speakers. They present them with a Kiva advance to a charitable cause that suits their topic. This is usually \$25 and changes lives.



Kiva was founded in October 2005 by Matt Flannery and Jessica Jackley. The couple's initial interest in microfinance was inspired by a 2003 lecture given by Muhammad Yunus at Stanford Business School. Jessica Jackley, worked at the school and invited Matt Flannery to attend the presentation; this was the first time Flannery had heard of microfinance, but it served as a "call to action" for Jackley.

Soon after, Jackley began working as a consultant for the non profit Village Enterprise, which worked to help start small businesses in East Africa. While visiting Jackley in Africa, Flannery and Jackley spent time interviewing entrepreneurs about the problems they faced in starting ventures and found the lack of access to start-up capital was a common theme.

After returning from Africa, they began developing their plan for a microfinance project that would grow into Kiva, which means "unity" in Swahili. In April 2005, Kiva's first seven loans were funded, totalling \$3,500, and the original entrepreneurs were subsequently deemed the "Dream Team." By September 2005, the entrepreneurs repaid the entirety of their original loans, and the founders realized they had developed a sustainable microcredit concept. After the success of Kiva's initial stage, Flannery and Jackley founded Kiva as a non-profit.

As of April 1, 2012, 80.46% of Kiva's loans have been made to female entrepreneurs. Kiva emphasizes supporting women because women can gain the most from microcredit. Patriarchy and a strict division of labor still dominate the societies of many developing countries, and women often suffer the most from poverty because scarce resources are often allocated to a family's males, rather than its females.

In their non-fiction book ***Half the Sky***, Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn tell stories of women whose lives were transformed through the microfinance institutions Kiva sponsors. With microloans, women gain spending power and spend less on instant gratification vices like alcohol, prostitution, and drugs. With extra income, they are able to educate their children, renovate their residences, or buy modern technologies and medicines. Along with economic power, a woman with a microloan often gains more independence and respect from her husband. Kristof and WuDunn write "microfinance has done more to bolster the status of women, and to protect them from abuse, than any laws could accomplish."

Green loans

In 2011, Kiva added a new category of loans to help borrowers move to cleaner and safer forms of energy, green agriculture, transport and recycling. Green Kiva loans help fund solar panels, organic fertilizers, high-efficiency stoves, drip irrigation systems, and biofuels.

As of December 2013, Kiva lenders had crowd-funded 4,600 green loans. Access to clean cook stoves is an environmental issue and a global health concern because 4 million people die each year from indoor pollution from burning wood, coal or animal waste to cook and warm their homes. Drip irrigation systems conserve water to increase crop yield in areas where water is scarce for agriculture. About 600 million subsistence farmers lack irrigation water worldwide. Solar lamps replace kerosene and candles used for light. The solar lamps cost about \$20 and can last several years. About 1.3 billion people on the planet have no access to electricity, and indoor use of kerosene lamps can result in respiratory illness.

Support for higher education

Getting access to university and graduate level education is extremely difficult for poor students in developing countries. Outside of the United States and a few other wealthy industrialized countries, student loans are rare, leaving families without substantial savings with few options. In low income countries, only 7% of the population received university or graduate level education, as of 2007. Higher education has been shown to play a significant role in development in a country, and UNESCO reports that "higher education makes a significant contribution to reduction in absolute as well as relative poverty," in a country.

In 2010, Kiva began a Student Microloans program that allowed lenders to help support students seeking access to higher education. Student loans are funded with the same crowd-funding approach, and typically students have 1–3 years to pay back their loans. **For more information contact Sue Bolton at Richmond Rotary.**

<https://www.kiva.org/about>

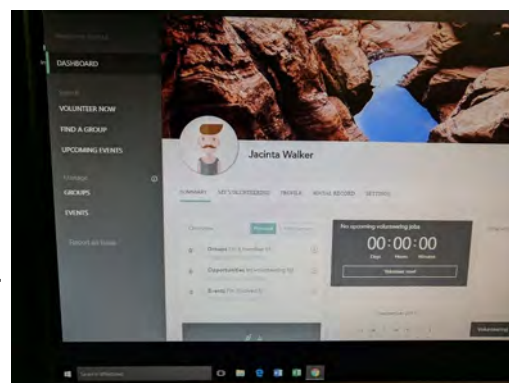
Swinburne BeCollective

The District Vocational Service team is involved with Swinburne University in a win-win collaboration. We approached Swinburne University where final year students are given the option to tackle real business problems as a final year subject. And we had such a problem - finding a low cost sustainable information management system to support our **Skillsbank** project.

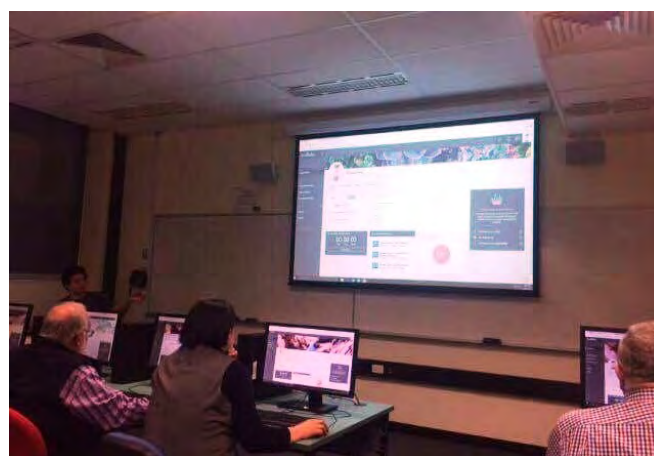
Skillsbank is a response to the oft repeated call that we should share our ideas and resources more, that Rotary has a wealth of talent and professional skills that we don't fully deploy. A start was made at the Hobart Conference with a spreadsheet of volunteers which still exists but has proved hard to maintain so the search began for an easy to use IT platform that volunteers or programs can work with 24/7. It became clear adopting an established well supported platform was smarter than building a one off system. The Swinburne team scanned the market and recommended "**BeCollective**" a social enterprise sponsored by the Wise Foundation as the best of the offerings.

Be Collective is a lot more than a communications application. It matches volunteers with service project opportunities based on their skills and interests thus supporting our community service, engaging members who are seeking to get involved in applying their skills. It facilitates sharing volunteering across multiple Rotary Clubs and partnering with non-Rotarians who share our service commitment.

Be Collective also provides for recording volunteer hours as requested by World President Ian Riseley. Trials are under-way with three clubs and a second Swinburne student team is developing recommendations on how best to implement the system more broadly. Both Swinburne teams have thoroughly enjoyed working with Rotary and got a lot out of the experience, and they learned something about us.



This is an exciting venture that has significant potential to enhance the way we apply our unique skills to meet community needs, a core value of Vocational Service. If you or our club would like to take a look at Be Collective and discuss how it might help your club's service delivery and member engagement, email Alan Seale on aseale@bigpond.net.au.



Canterbury Cyclists Around the Bay

Each week Canterbury Rotary Club members and friends who are cyclists set out for a day's ride on the off-road cycle paths of Melbourne. They catch trains to the agreed starting point and then ride for about 40km to a venue for lunch.

The rides usually take place on Tuesday with the details of the ride agreed the night before at the Monday Club meeting. Typically there are about 8 riders but there have been as many as 12. All of the riders are seniors so lunch is usually at an RSL Club or a Hotel not too far away from a railway station for the journey home. A couple of the riders have now swapped to ebikes because of health issues and this has enabled them to continue to participate in this very healthy Rotary Club activity.

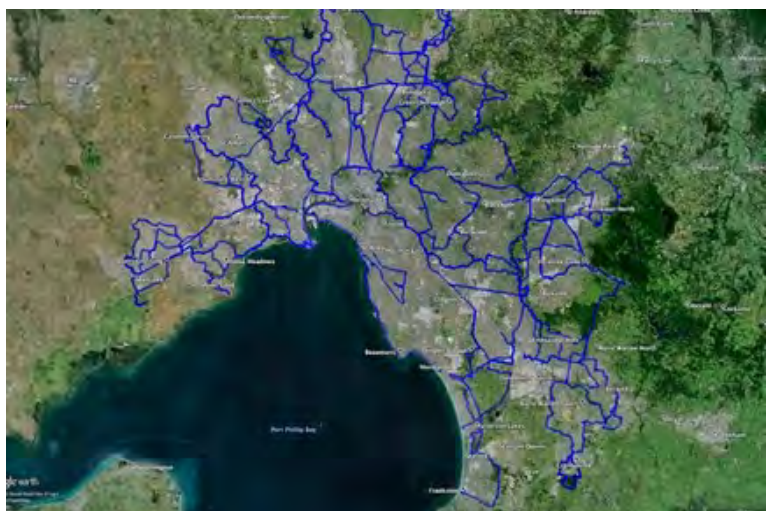
On Sunday 8th October four of the Club's bike riders took part in the **2017 Around the Bay Bike Ride** in support of The Smith Family. This event attracted more than 10,000 riders and the four Canterbury Rotary Bike Riders rode the 100km Melbourne to Frankston and return event.

Neil Williams, Claude Piccinin, Max Holland and Mal Short {pictured below} successfully completed the ride facing headwinds of 45 km/h gusting to 70 km/h on the return leg.



Over the last 12 months, the Canterbury Cyclists have ridden the paths shown on the map. (Max reports, we have been doing this for many years now and a 12 month snapshot of where we have ridden is a good time frame.)

Max Holland



Bacchus Marsh Battery Replacement Saves Lives

With the assistance of the Bacchus Marsh Fire Brigade, members of the Rotary Club of Bacchus Marsh have completed a marathon battery replacement program, visiting and replacing the batteries in smoke alarms in the town's senior citizens.

Two shifts of five teams comprising 3-4 people assembled in the Bacchus Marsh Fire Brigade meeting room for a brief orientation, to receive batteries and instruction packs as well as a safety briefing before setting out.

Each team was allocated nine sectorised addresses to visit, and then allocated CFA or private vehicles. Each shift took approximately 2-2.5 hours to complete, visiting our town's elderly to replace their smoke alarm batteries. Although most alarms worked on preliminary testing, it was found that some were either faulty or had flat batteries, proving the need for such a project.



Those who had faulty units were advised to seek further specialist assistance for unit replacement.

Upon replacement of multiple batteries, further testing, all of the elderly recipients were extremely grateful and thanked us for our service.



For many it was an opportunity for social interaction with us, as many were single occupants, living a solitary life.

Overall, we had 92 property visits, replacing approximately 180 batteries, and received \$151.00 in donations that Rotary Bacchus Marsh donated to the Brigade.

This project would not be possible without the support of :

Moorabool Shire Council

Bacchus Marsh Community Bank

Wilson's Hardware

Bacchus Marsh Fire Brigade

Rotary Club of Bacchus Marsh

Moorabool News

PP Scott Pepin

HoMie—Champion of the Homeless



Nick Pearce a 24-year-old Box Hill resident, was recently awarded for his dedication to the homeless cause by taking out the **Victorian Young Achiever Award for leadership**.

The Rotary Club of Camberwell were privileged to have this impressive young Australian present to them at this week's meeting. The former Trinity Grammar student with friends founded Streetwear clothing store, HoMie in 2015.

HoMie started with Nick and a group of his friends talking to people who were living on the streets and recognising a real need to assist. In the street vernacular a HoMie is a person who looks out for others.

Nick explained in Australia there are 105,000 homeless persons and half of these are under 25 years. Contrary to popular belief only 6% of the homelessness is due to drugs. However the real risk is the need to break the circle in youth as people older than 25 years tend to be locked into chronic homelessness.

HoMie has the goals of making donating easy for the public and to make receiving dignified for those in need. HoMie branded apparel was born and now produces HoMie beanies, t-shirts and long sleeve tops in return for much needed funds.

In June 2015 a store in Melbourne Central became the home to the first ever HoMie Street Store and it now operates out of their Fitzroy clothing store. As for its social impact, the HoMie Street Store aims to eradicate local homelessness through its retail training and employment program. This sees young people trained as retail workers who have previously, or are currently, experiencing homelessness. Trainees spend 3 to 6 months in store and obtain a Certificate 111 in Retailing. They then graduate to a position in Cotton On stores.



Nick commented he and his partners have now come full circle from their younger days of bicycling around Asia fund raising to assist in eradicating child trafficking in Cambodia and Vietnam.

"We have learnt to succeed in assisting the homeless you have to make your programs permanent, easy and meaningful. Also people learn from living, learning and earning."

He believes we need to view people living in the street in a different light. **They are not a homeless person but a person experiencing homelessness.** The plight of people experiencing homelessness on our streets has been brought to our attention in an entirely different light by Nick Pearce.

We and our community are indebted to the innovative and pioneering work of the young HoMie team who against the odds are making a real difference and are an inspiration to the young and old alike.

I. McMillan

Rotary International President's Call to End Polio Now

Some years ago in the Melbourne, Australia, museum where my daughter used to work, an iron lung was on display. For most people my age who remembered the terrifying polio epidemics of the 1950s, that iron lung was a testament to how far vaccination had brought us: to the point where that once-critical piece of medical equipment had literally become a museum piece.

For much of the world, the story of polio is a simple one: After years of fear, a vaccine was developed and a disease was conquered. But for some of the world, the story was different. In so many countries, the vaccine wasn't available, mass vaccination was too expensive, or children simply couldn't be reached.



While the rest of the world relegated polio to its museums, in these countries, the disease continued to rage – until **Rotary** stepped forward and said that all children, no matter where they lived or what their circumstances, deserved to live free of polio.

In the years since **PolioPlus** was launched, the combined efforts of **Rotary**, the governments of the world, and the **Global Polio Eradication Initiative** have brought the number of cases of polio down from an estimated 350,000 per year to just a few so far in 2017. But we must reach zero cases, and stay there, to achieve eradication. To do that, we need everyone's help.

On 24th October, we will mark **World Polio Day**. It is a day to celebrate how far we have come and an opportunity for all of us to raise awareness and funds to complete the work of eradication. I ask every Rotary club to participate in some way in **World Polio Day** activities, and I encourage you to visit endpolio.org for ideas and to register your event. Whether you host a silent auction, a virtual reality viewing, a fundraising walk, or a Purple Pinkie Day, your club can make a real difference.

This year, our World Polio Day livestream event will take place at the **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** headquarters in Seattle; you can watch it on endpolio.org beginning at 2:30 p.m. Pacific time. As many of you know, Rotary has committed to raising \$50 million a year for the next three years.

This amount will be matched 2-to-1 by the Gates Foundation – effectively tripling the value of all money Rotary raises on **World Polio Day** and throughout the year. Let's all make a difference on **World Polio Day** – and help **End Polio Now**.

Ian H.S. Riseley
President 2017-18



Reporting volunteer hours and service project contributions

Are you curious about what RI President Ian Riseley means when he talks about reporting volunteer hours and service project contributions in Rotary Club Central? Reporting service projects and volunteer service hours is one of the two required activities for achieving the Rotary Citation..

RI President Ian has put out a Frequently Asked Questions fact sheet to help you better understand what it means and why it is important. *Posted by Club and District Support Co-ordinator Barbara Mifsud on Facebook*

Understanding that there will be many options and opinions about what counts as service and what does not, club leaders are encouraged to use the four-way test to determine what they think counts.

A few guidelines from RI President Ian Riseley:

Q What kinds of hours should we track?

A Keep track of any hours that are *directly related to service*.

Time spent organizing, preparing for and participating in a service project should be tracked and counted.

Q Does time spent in club committees count?

A Most time spent in club committee meetings does not count as direct service. However, count time spent in club committee meetings for the purpose of planning service activities.

Q Do Fundraisers count?

A The hours spent planning and participating in fundraisers does not count. The funds raised will be counted when contributed to a specific service activity.

Q Does attending a club meeting count?

A Some clubs do a service project during one or more of their regular meetings. These hours count. However, a regular meeting with (or without) a meal, announcements and a speaker does not count as service.

Q How should we count hours for projects done in collaboration with other organizations?

A If a Rotary club does a service project that includes Rotaractors, Interactors, members of a Rotary Community Corps, scouts, or other community volunteers, you should count the hours of all of the volunteers because the club arranged the service opportunity.

On the other hand, if a few Rotarians volunteer at a soup kitchen that was run by the Boy Scouts, you should only count the hours of the Rotary club members that participated.

Q What if I have a question I don't see answered here?

A There are an infinite number of possible questions about how to count service hours. This endeavor is intended to be comprehensive, without being overly complicated. If your specific question is not addressed above, please use the four-way test to decide if you will include the hours in your tally.

Murder on the Orient Express raises \$ for Polio

Rotary has organised the pre-release showing of the Kenneth Branagh movie "*Murder on the Orient Express*" with a star studded cast on **November 8th** to enable clubs to hold a special fundraising event.

There are two opportunities to attend in Melbourne – cost \$20 per head with \$10 going to End Polio Now

6.30pm at the Village Jam Factory Cinemas

- book at <https://rotaryprahran.org.au/book-event/28983/murder-on-the-orient-express-for-end-polio-now>

6.30pm Sun Theatre in Yarraville

- to book contact Peter Shephard email rotaryaltona@gmail.com or text to 0498 072 784

Please promote to your members. You may like to organise a club outing.

Any question please contact Susie Cole, End Polio Now Ambassador District 9800, Email: scole16@hotmail.com

The Rotary Club of Bendigo Strathdale is hosting the event in Bendigo for the Goldfields Cluster at the *Bendigo Cinema*, on *Thursday November 9th*, at 6.45pm contact Pam Luxford mpluxford@bigpond.com

0419 798 686 or Mary Preston marypreston@impulse.net.au 0434 769 862



Shine On Recognitions 2017-2018

This is an outstanding annual Australia-wide Rotary recognition program acknowledging exceptional service to others by people with disabilities.

Clubs may nominate people who meet the criteria and all nominees will receive recognition with a Certificate of Commendation.

The 'Shine On' recognition acknowledges service to the community by people with disabilities.



Guidelines for Nomination

- Eligible Nominees are people who are actively involved in community service for the benefit of others and have demonstrated a significant level of achievement whilst managing a specific medical disorder/disability.
- A Rotary Club must endorse all nominations for the Rotary Southern Districts' 'Shine On' recognition program.
- Nominations may be made by clubs, associations or individuals aged 21 years and over. A nominee must sign a consent form and include a small or passport sized photo.

There are two categories for nomination

- Young Nominees: aged 15 years to 25 years (at closing date for nominations)
- Adult Nominees: aged 25 years and over

[Download the Application Form](#)

Nominations close on Friday 15 December 2017.

The Shine On event will be held on 22 April 2018 at Meadows Greyhound Racing Function Centre in Northgate Drive, Broadmeadows, and hosted by the Rotary Club of Moreland.

If you would like more information about the Shine On Recognition 2017 please email Louise at louise.b@internode.on.net or call 0418 597 427.

rotarydistrict9800.org.au/news/1603/shine-on-recognition-2018

VALE Claude Bury, PP and PHF

Members and friends of the Rotary Club of Williamstown were saddened to learn of the passing of our long serving member, Claude Bury, on 29th September. Claude joined the club in 2002 but prior to that he had been a member of the Rotary Club of Laverton from 1990 until 2002.

He was president of that club in the 1999-2000 Rotary year and was influential in having the club's name changed to Laverton-Point Cook to reflect the residential growth in Point Cook. The club made him a Paul Harris Fellow at its changeover dinner in June 2000. Claude was president of the Williamstown Club in 2004-2005 and our club upgraded his Paul Harris status to sapphire at our changeover dinner in July 2016.

Claude also served on the **District 9800 Communications Committee** for 6 years (1996-2002) and was the **District Communication Officer** in 2000-2001. His good friend PDG Des Hosking appointed him to be the **District Secretary** in the year Des was District Governor (2002-2003). Claude was an early adopter of the internet and the use of emails and in the late 1990's encouraged other Rotarians to do the same.

However, the role that Claude will best be remembered for, and his great legacy, is the **Heartstart** program that he started in 2004. The initial aim of the program was to provide defibrillators for children born with heart diseases that put them at risk of sudden death through cardiac arrest. Much to the relief of their parents and loved ones, Claude presented defibrillators to a number of children identified by the Royal Children's Hospital as being at risk of sudden death.



Through Claude, the Rotary Club of Williamstown became a funding partner with Australian Rotary Health in a research grant to enable paediatric cardiologist, Dr Andrew Davis, at the Royal Children's Hospital to study the benefits of genetic testing for children at risk of inherited cardiac arrhythmias. The research was carried out from 2006 until 2008. Claude developed close links with the defibrillator manufacturer, Laerdal, and was able to use the Heartstart program to place defibrillators in various workplaces. He travelled far and wide to educate people on the value of defibrillators and how to use them.

In 2006, the Premier of Victoria, Mr Steve Bracks, agreed to Claude's suggestion to share the cost of placing defibrillators in schools in Hobsons Bay. Thanks to Claude's efforts, there are now defibrillators in every school in the municipality of Hobsons Bay.

Claude's passion for the Heartstart program was inspired by his own health problems which included having a cardiac arrest, during which his heart stopped pumping blood for eight minutes. He also suffered three heart attacks and underwent two quadruple heart bypass operations.

After his cardiac arrest, which occurred in 1997, during his annual fishing holiday in Cooktown, North Queensland, Claude was fitted with a combined pacemaker/defibrillator. In the following years, this successfully restarted his heart many times when it had stopped beating. Although Claude's health had been in failing for a long time, he was always grateful that the defibrillators, for which he was such a passionate advocate, had given him an extra 20 years of life.

The president and members of the Rotary Club of Williamstown extend our sincere sympathies to Claude's lovely wife, Ann and all their family and friends. RIP Claude.

Murray Verso

VALE Christopher de Fraga

Balwyn Rotary's gentleman and motoring writer, Christopher de Fraga, died peacefully at Cabrini on 1st October 2017 after losing his battle with cancer.

Chris spent some 40 years reporting on the car industry including two years with the Melbourne Herald and 27 years with The Age moving, from print to radio, to host a weekly motoring program on 3AW.

Over those years Chris experienced and documented the improvements in safety and vehicle handling.

Chris joined Rotary in 2008 and as a member of our club Chris spoke at many Rotary meetings about car safety. Chris said: 'I mostly talk about crashing cars -they teach one to drive but not how to crash. (The one you walk away from is the important one. I have crashed as a passenger and as a driver and it was much worse as a passenger as there was nothing I could do about it).

I have attended, for more than 40 years, many car makers' safety forums in Australia, Europe and Japan going back to the first Mercedes S Class with ABS brakes in Germany and have always been interested in performance -safety and speed."

He road tested new cars every week from 1965 and attended new car launches and car shows in the USA, Europe and Japan. He was an advanced driving instructor for about eight years in the 1980s.

After leaving journalism, he joined his son Jonathon as lease-owners and managers of the iconic Richmond hotel, the Kingston and later two more hotel leases in Richmond.

With a degree in History and Philosophy of Science and Scandinavian Studies Chris wrote a book on the history of yachting in Port Phillip 100 years of yachting on Port Phillip Bay. Chris held a pilot's license, enjoyed yachting and, in his youth, coxed rowing eights.

With his first wife Margaret, Chris had two children Genevieve and Jonathon Margaret died from cancer when the children were young and Chris subsequently married his second wife, Carole.

As a Rotarian, Chris was a true gentleman. A person with a powerful sense of ethics, a phenomenal depth of knowledge across so many subjects and a remarkable story teller. Our thoughts are with Chris's wife Carole, his children Genevieve and Jonathan and their families.

As a club, we had the unique advantage of a professional journalist crafting articles for our newsletter. At each meeting Chris would enjoy the repartee—and give as much as he received—and then take his place at a table, with his laptop balanced on his knees, to record the evenings event. His company was always sought-after and his opinion respected.

Thank you, Christopher, for your major contribution to Rotary Club of Balwyn.

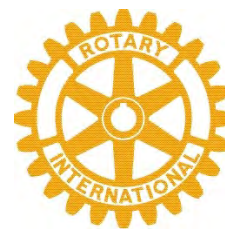
Cath Stahel and Keith Carrol
Rotary Club of Balwyn



Ridgefield Open Garden Day



Proceeds to Worawa Aboriginal Girls College.



OPEN GARDEN
11th & 12th November

2017

10 AM till 4.30 PM.

\$10 per head and under 18's free with an adult.

Ridgefield - 58 Boundary Road, Coldstream

Enjoy the garden and social event with homemade marmalades and chutneys, coffee, wine sale, BBQ and plants.



"It's a country garden of about 1.2ha in the Yarra Valley, with views in all directions. It has evolved through 18 years, with the first phase completed in early 1999.

Robert Boyle designed it for us to preserve the views as much as possible yet provide sufficient windbreaks to afford protection from north and south winds. It includes a formal garden, crabapple lawn, croquet lawn, walled garden, birch walk, rose beds, an orchard and vegetable garden".

For further information, contact John Benger, RC Richmond at jbenger@bigpond.net.au

Around the Clubs



Rotarians from **Central Melbourne** tree planting in Benalla.

"Our aim was to plant 60 trees on behalf of the club. It wasn't too long before we stopped counting the holes we dug because we reckon we dug close to 350 holes and contributed to the planting of over a thousand trees."

Brighton Rotary welcomed former Danish exchange student Laerke Ahlstrom last Thursday. They sponsored her in 2009/10. She is pictured here with Acting President Norm Thomas and Jim Hill.

Rotary Club of Hawthorn joined with cluster clubs to plant at Hays Paddock in Kew. Many volunteers turned up and Peter from Parks and Gardens kept everyone right. Down and dirty they got, and planted a couple of hundred *Poa labillardierei* and a couple of other species of native grasses. Not trees but undergrowth and ground covers to maintain the soil and habitat.



Rotarians enjoying their MCG Tour and sneak peak into Tiger zone.



Around the Clubs

Barbara McKeon and Josephine Sculli were inducted as new members of the Rotary Club of Keilor East on September 18th. The citations were given by President Ginny Billson and Marianne Potgieter presented them with a Rotary Lapel Badge, a meeting badge, and a copy of the four way test.



Daylesford Rotary played host to Rotarian Paul Hearst from the UK recently, pictured here with Danny Moynihan.



Yarra Bend Rotary inducted Duncan Elliott as a member on 4th October. Duncan is no stranger to Rotary having been a member of a Group Study Exchange journey to the USA in 2005 and a member of Rotary in Geelong from 2007 – 2010.



Deb Pace was inducted as a member of the Rotary Club of Melton last month.



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- a visit to the Royal Military College, Duntroon; and
- a function in the athletes' dining room at the Australian Institute of Sport.

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A Rotary Experience for Year 11 Students



www.raic.org.au



This is an advanced notice of the annual Anglesea / ROTEX camp.

It will commence on the evening of Friday the 17th of November and finish mid-afternoon on Sunday the 19th of November.

All students are expected to attend the camp as part of the ongoing preparation and training for both inbound and outbound students.

There will be busses leaving from Southern Cross at 6:30pm on November the 17th.

If you want to catch a bus, please notify Hamish Williams either on Facebook or through email at jghlwilli@hotmail.com before the 30th of October.

If there are any issues to do with attendance to the camp, or further queries, please notify me as per the email above.

Further details, such as what to bring, will be issued closer to the event, but we ask you to diarise these dates now.



You are invited to a special breakfast event

WITH KEYNOTE FROM MICHAEL BYRNE,
MANAGING DIRECTOR, TOLL GROUP



Where: Crown Palladium

When: 7-9am Thursday, 16th November

Hosted by: Rotary Southbank

'Developing the Millennial generation; the future of leadership'

Rapid advancements in technology, globalisation and consumer behaviour is changing not just the nature of business, but also the workforce. The millennial generation are tech natives with different expectations from their job and the world around them. Join us for a breakfast seminar with a keynote by Toll Group Managing Director, Michael Byrne, discussing global trends in transport and logistics, and how Toll mentors and taps into the potential of millennials.



MC - Rachel Johnson,
CEO Victorian Ports (VPCM)

Rachel is a highly regarded expert in Australian freight and logistics businesses. She has extensive experience in the development and operation of transport infrastructure in both the public and private sectors and took up the role of inaugural Chief Executive Officer of Victorian Ports Corporation in November 2016.



Keynote speaker: Michael Byrne,
Managing Director, Toll Group

Michael Byrne has a distinguished career spanning more than 30 years of executive positions in Australia and internationally in the logistics, supply chain, retail and property sectors. His previous roles include Chief Executive Officer of Coates Hire, Linfox and Westgate Holdings and also Non-Executive Director of Australia Post.



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Registrations are now open with the Early Bird rate effective until 30th November. First time conference attendees have been offered a significant price reduction.

<http://www.rotaryconference.org.au/register.html>

BREAKING NEWS:

We are delighted to announce that World President Ian Riseley is sending PDG Brian Hall as his representative to our D9800 conference. Brian is a Past District Governor of District 6840 in Louisiana USA and is well known to DG Peter as our two districts have, for the last 3 years, conducted a Vocational exchange.

Fifth Annual Rotary Goldfields Cluster FOUNDATION DINNER

**Come and join us as we
learn about the Rotary Foundation's
Centenary of 'Doing Good In The World.'**

When: Thursday November 30th, 2017

Where: Kangaroo Flat Sports Club

When: 6:15pm for 7pm

Cost: \$35

Payable to: Your Club's Foundation Director

RSVP by: Thursday 23rd November, 2017

**Learn more about the Rotary Foundation from those who
have experienced it, through a Q & A session of participants moderated
by PDG Julie Mason.**

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POT-POURRI 30TH ANNIVERSARY GALA CONCERT AND THE WITH ONE VOICE CHOIRS

Tuesday 5th December // Assembly Hall Scots Church // 156 Collins Street Melbourne

Doors 6pm // With One Voice Choirs 6.30pm // Supper 7:30pm // Pot-Pourri 8pm



With favourite highlights from Opera, Broadway and Song

FEATURING:
 TANIA DE JONG AM (SOPRANO) REBECCA BODE (SOPRANO) JON BODE (TENOR)
 JONATHAN MORTON (BARITONE) ANTHONY BARNHILL (PIANIST/MUSICAL DIRECTOR)

Tuesday 5th December 2017
Assembly Hall, Scots Church
156 Collins St, Melbourne

Doors 6pm // With One Voice Choirs 6:30pm //
Supper // Pot-Pourri 8pm // Finish 10pm

eventbrite.com.au/e/pot-pourri-30th-anniversary-gala-concert-supper-supported-by-the-with-one-voice-choirs-tickets-35451773208

We would love to offer your community 10% off tickets using the code "thirty". Book for 10 or more tickets and receive \$10 off each ticket!

Profits from the concert will support Creativity Australia's With One Voice program. Donations received will go towards supporting the participation of disadvantaged people.

www.creativityaustralia.org.au

25th Rotary Foundation Paul Harris Breakfast

Rotary  **Central Melbourne**

When
Tuesday
21st November 2017

Where
 The RACV Club
 Level 17
 501 Bourke Street
 Melbourne

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

RSVP
 11th November 2017

Time
 7.15 for 7.30 till 9.00am



GUEST SPEAKER



Daniel Flynn

The Thankyou journey - a blueprint for turning ideas into reality

Driven, resourceful and determined, Daniel Flynn is one of Australia's most successful entrepreneurs under the age of 30.

He is the founder and managing director of the social enterprise Thankyou, which has given more than \$5.5 million to help end global poverty.

Thankyou's 50 products are stocked by major retailers in Australia and 100 per cent of profits go to funding water, sanitation, child and maternal health and food projects around the world. In nine short years, Thankyou has directly impacted the lives of 755,538 people in 20 countries, including Australia.

Daniel is also the author of best-selling book Chapter One, a story that generated \$1.4 million in sales in its first month using an unorthodox 'pay-what-you-want' model.

He is a genius at disruptive marketing and has received widespread media coverage for some truly unconventional and highly successful campaigns that led to Thankyou products being stocked by some of Australia's biggest retailers. He is an engaging and thoughtful speaker and his talks offer a blueprint for turning ideas into reality.

BOOKINGS: www.trybooking.com/309283



- Charity Navigator has voted The Rotary Foundation in the Top Ten Charities around the world.
- CNBC also named The Rotary Foundation as one of the Top Ten Charities around the world.
- The Association of American Fundraising Professionals named The Rotary Foundation as the outstanding Foundation for 2016.
- TRF has had nine successive years with a 4 star rating receiving the maximum 100 points for Financial Health and Transparency and Accountability

We look forward to welcoming all Rotarians, partners, friends and colleagues to the Paul Harris Breakfast
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: Marjorie Gerlinger 0419 302 109 Email: marjorie@bigpond.net.au

ABN: 29 402 928 051 Reg No. A00183341 Fundraiser Registration No. 10905 VCGR Declaration No. 58043

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2017 Community Charity Race Night

Friday Night 20 October at Tabcorp Park

Enjoy an exciting night of harness racing while helping out local community projects. Take part in the Rotary Clubs of Melton & Melton Valley annual charity race night to help raise funds for Combined Churches Caring Melton (Foodbank) The Gap on Graham (Melton Youth Services), Cancer Council (Melton Relay for Life).



Tickets \$45 per person - 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start
Inc: 3 course buffet and a racibook - Cash bar - Dress code: Neat Casual

SWEEPS

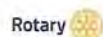
ENTERTAINMENT

EXPERT TIPS

RAFFLES

AUCTION ITEMS

FABULOUS HARNESS RACING ACTION



INVITATION

Grand Opening

Rotary Club of Bendigo Sandhurst

East Timor Project's New Home

8 School Street, California Gully

Thursday 26th October, 2017 (from 11:30am)



From 11:30 with the Official Opening at 12 noon, followed by lunch to celebrate our new home and to thank our partners:

- Our knitters from all over Victoria and NSW - without these wonderful people there would be no project
- Friends of the Bendigo Art Gallery inc. (sorting, sewing and packing the knitting)
- Quality Wool (baling the bags in preparation for shipping)
- Rotary Club of Eaglehawk (providing the use of the beautiful old Mechanic's Institute Hall for our sewing and packing days)
- Bendigo Sandhurst Rotary Club (providing our new home)



- RSVP (with exact numbers) to Patti Cotton by **Monday 23rd October**

email: cotton@vic.chariot.net.au
phone: (03) 5443 0347

- See reverse for map and further acknowledgements

The Rotary Club of
Laverton Point Cook presents

Tickets available on line at : <https://www.trybooking.com/SGHT>

TRIVIA NIGHT FOR A CAUSE

GET A CHANCE TO WIN FAB PRIZES
WHILE HELPING OTHERS!

October 21, 2017 - 7 pm
Carranballac P-9 College
Jamieson Way Campus
Point Cook
Tickets \$15 - Max Teams of 10



10th ANNUAL
Community Fund Raising
Golf Day
On behalf of the
BACCHUS MARSH ROTARY CLUB



Friday 24th November 2017
Bacchus Marsh Golf Club, Links Rd Bacchus Marsh

Included in Entry Fee
BBQ Lunch & Drinks on Course, 4 Person Ambrosia
2 Course Fund Raising Dinner 6.00pm

Entry Forms NOW Available at:
Bacchus Marsh Golf Club Pro Shop
Bacchus Marsh Visitors Information Centre, Main St, Bacchus Marsh
Contact: Glenys Kay - 0430 595632, Email - barfank@westnet.com.au

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Notices and Events . . rotarydistrict9800.com.au/content/36/club-events

ALOLA AUSTRALIA PRESENTS

Annual Fundraising Dinner

Friday 20 October 2017 at 6.30 pm
Angliss Restaurant, 550 Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne

SPEAKERS:

- Kim McGrath, author of *Crossing the Line: Australia's Secret History in the Timor Sea*
- Kirsty Sword Gusmão, AO, Chair Alola Foundation in Timor-Leste
- Alzira Reis, CEO, Alola Foundation in Timor-Leste – via video link

ART EXHIBITION:

- Lindy Yeates, artworks from her 'Mind the Gap' exhibition
- Alfeo Sanches Pereira, Timorese artist, artworks from his 'Missing Threads' collection

TICKETS:
\$105 from www.trybooking.com/RXRf
For enquiries, email friends@alola.org.au
www.alola.org.au

All proceeds go to our partner in Timor-Leste, Fundasaun Alola (Alola Foundation), for their *Our Village Loves Its Mothers and Babies Program*. Donations of \$2 or more to Alola Australia are tax deductible.

A special 3 course dinner to raise funds to expand and strengthen "Our village loves its Mothers & Babies Program" to improve health promotion, coordinated by The Alola Foundation (Fundasaun Alola) in two remote villages: Kaimauk and Manumera in sub district Turisca, Timor-Leste.

The theme of the evening is: *Walking the Line* – making the link between access to resources and women and children's development in Timor-Leste.

Each round table is set for 10, so book a full table and enter your fellow guests names. If don't have a complete table, you can register your name on any particular table.

Marita Jacobsson
Email: friends@alola.org.au
Mobile: 0437 983 070

SECOND HAND HEAVEN²

JOIN US AT SEAWORKS FOR A MONSTER GARAGE SALE!

SUNDAY OCT 29

10am - 3pm

SEAWORKS
82 NELSON PLACE, WILLIAMSTOWN

LOADS OF STALLS, SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND LIVE MUSIC.
STALLS AVAILABLE:
\$40 3m. x 3m.
\$60 6m. x 3m.
\$30 Outside Car

Public entry: Gold Coin Donation
All profits go to local and international Rotary Projects.

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secondhandheaven.com.au

Rotary
Club of Point Gellibrand

RoCan Celebrates - Life in The 70's for cancer research & wellness centre

Class Action

70's

Special Performance by Long Time ROCAN CANCER Supporters

Teresa Vee

John St. Peeters

Saturday 28th October, 2017 7-11pm
Yarraville Club - 135 Stephen St Yarraville Vic
Bookings: trybooking.com \$55pp

Our Contributors



Peter Frueh is the current District 9800 Governor.

He is a member of the Rotary Club of Balwyn.

He and Anne are busy visiting clubs.



Alan Seale is the District Vocational Chair and a member of Rotary Central Melbourne Sunrise.



Murray Verso is a member of the Rotary Club of Williamstown, District 9800 Chair Club Vision Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator Governor Rotary District 9800 2014-2015



Stuart McArthur is Secretary of Rotary Southbank and is the District webmaster.



Max Holland, PP Rotary Club of Canterbury and produces an excellent club bulletin each week. He is also a keen cyclist who competed in the Around the Bay 100km ride.



Phillip Archer is a member of Rotary Southbank, and is District 9800 Membership Director. He is also

Hamish Williams is the District 9800 ROTEX member on Youth Exchange and coordinates the annual ROTEX Camo for inbound and outbound exchange students.



Sandi Fulcher is a member of Rotary Chadstone East Malvern, and serves on the District 9800 Club Vision and Membership committees. She is Secretary and bulletin editor of her club.



Anne Peace is a member of Rotary Bendigo South and serves on the District 9800 Foundation and grants committees.



Rob Simpson is President of the Rotary Club of Canterbury