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MUNA Team Success in Canberra

District 9800 has again performed strongly in the National MUNA debate in Canberra. Twenty six teams competed in this year's event and our team of Lilian Gonzales, Lachlan Phan & Catherine Zhou achieved second place and were unlucky not to win.



Lilian is a year 11 student at Melbourne's Girls College sponsored by Richmond Rotary Club ; Catherine Zhou and Lachlan Pham are Year 12 students from Balwyn High School Sponsored by the North Balwyn Rotary Club.

At the Saturday night semi-formal dinner hosted by ANU, Lilian Gonzales was the student chosen to speak and summarize the event up to that stage, selected based on her performance during that day.

On the Friday I was able to get the students into the Israeli Embassy where they had a meeting for almost 90 minutes. Our students represented Iran but we were not going to get a meeting with them

District 9800 have been running a Model United Nations Assembly program for many years with the event being held at Camp Getaway in Axedale. The program runs over a weekend at the end of May each year and is designed for students usually in senior classes of secondary schools. Over the years, they have primarily come from year 11 students but occasionally we have had some from year 10 and sometimes from year 12. The students usually work in teams of 2 and are allocated a country that they are to represent on the weekend and they are required to wear the national dress.

The aim of the program is to simulate the workings of the UN Assembly by having teams of two senior students from each of a number of schools represent a particular UN country in debates on matters of world political and social concern. It is a Rotary International program and enthusiastically supported by the United Nations.

During the weekend they will also learn about the workings of the United Nations, the Security Council and general rules of debate. MUNA also aims to enable students improve their public speaking and debating skills; and to encourage them to make sympathetic and informed comments on world problems and share their opinions and friendship with students from other schools.

Each year at the end of our Assembly we select the best 2 or 3 students to represent the District at the National Assembly in Canberra. This is held mid August each year and is held at the Old Parliament House which now operates as the Museum of Australian Democracy. **The students debate in the old House of Representatives Room where so many of Australia's iconic politicians have debated over many years.** Each team is also required to have an adult counsellor to be responsible for them and I have had that role for quite a few years including this year.

In Canberra the students basically have 2 separate experiences. The first is the one that I organize for them on behalf of our District. which usually commences at about 7.15am on the Friday morning when we all meet at the Virgin check in lounge at Melbourne Airport. We take the 8.35am flight to Canberra where we arrive at about 9.45am.

We grab our bags head straight to the rental car office, get in the car and drive straight to Duntroon Royal Military College where we are met by a Duntroon Chaplain, Air Commodore Royce Thompson. He is one of the most senior officers at Duntroon and always delights in telling the students that as a paratrooper he has taken off on many more flights than he has landed on. He shows them around the complex including the actual Changi Chapel, which has been reconstructed there. He also shows them through the main Chapel Building, which has a separate Anglican and Catholic section both served by a common foyer. **The students usually end up for lunch in the officer's mess.**

We are then straight off to an Embassy, preferably the one of the country they are representing. This year our students represented Iran who as expected did not respond to our approaches and so I was able to organize a meeting inside the Israeli Embassy where the student have a question and answer session for about 90 minutes.

From there we are straight off the main Student Camp site where they register for the Assembly and the next phase starts all sun by the Canberra Sunrise Rotary Club. They are straight on a bus for a tour of the Australian National University.

MUNA Team Success in Canberra

This is an incredibly valuable insight for them to see - the University ranked only behind Melbourne in Australia and, depending on the course they choose, could easily be the chosen university for many of our MUNA students. Certainly some have gone on to study there and for them to get a chance to have an in depth tour of the whole university is very valuable aid in their selection process.

The students come back from the university settle in and then off to dinner at the camp. Then straight after that the students get into the country blocs and begin a negotiation process of going through the 15 draft resolutions to come up with the 6 that will **be debated for the weekend. After that it is "free time" to prepare their strategy for the weekend ahead.**

Saturday morning it is breakfast and into their costumes and then off to the Old Parliament House. Then the debating begins with 1 resolution in each of the coming 6 sessions. This year there are 26 teams. 4 From Victoria, 1 from Tasmania, 2 from Queensland, 3 from ACT and the other 16 from NSW. Of the 26 teams, only 12 are as ours being sponsored by a Rotary District and they are from 9 different Districts. The other 14 teams are either sponsored directly by an individual Rotary Club or directly by a school and by far the majority of team Counsellors are school teachers. Most of the ACT and NSW teams drive to the venue.

On Saturday night there is a semi-formal dinner sponsored by ANU with a high profile guest speaker. At that dinner they ask one of the students to thank the guest speaker and another to summarize the whole event thus far. Lilian Gonzales was given that honour.

On Sunday they continue with the debating all morning and at lunch time the judges depart while the students are all given Certificates of Appreciation.

The judges then returned and the team representing Japan was judged 1st followed by our own team of Catherine, Lachlan and Lilian judged 2nd.

After receiving more Certificates and prize vouchers, we are then straight off to the Airport to return the hire car, check in and return back home.

It is an exhausting but stimulating weekend that is an amazing experience for the students and a rewarding one for the counsellor as well especially when they perform so well.



Neville Page

My MUNA experience: Reflections 4 years on- Peggy Gusah

Looking back on my time doing MUNA in 2013 I have nothing but fond memories. I loved the experience of in debating at Camp Getaway in Axedale representing Germany. I remember making an accusation to the delegation of the US that they were "sacrificing the rights of children on the altar of material gain" or something equally as dramatic. Classic semantic choices of an 18-year-old.

The regional competition was so much fun, and having the opportunity to meet other young people from around the State was reward enough. To then get the opportunity to be selected for the national finals in Canberra was just fantastic. I got to travel with two wonderful girls, Farah and Jenny from Mac.Robertsons' Girls School and experience the excitement of the city of roundabouts and politics! The trip gave us wonderful insights; into life as a diplomat at the New Zealand High Commission, Australia's military history, with a lunch at the Royal Military College, Duntroon, and a guided tour and dinner at ANU.

It was so well timed with all three of us thinking about our next steps after high school to get exposure to the big and bright university campus. Getting to compete in Old Parliament House was also a unique and cherished experience. I can't help but think that the public speaking experience and confidence that the trip gave me has continued to help me through my political studies at Melbourne during my Arts degree, and even now as I study law through the Juris Doctor.

MUNA was by far one of the highlights of my time at high school and a rewarding and fun activity to participate in outside of school. I can't thank District 9800, especially the clubs of Laverton Point Cook and North Melbourne, enough for the opportunity.

WERN and the Rotary Reach

By PP David Ursic

Since January this year, Bill, one of the long serving staff members from Fredrick's Restaurant had been living with us in Bendigo after being told to vacate the motel that had housed him since 1992.

Bill had been an employee with our family, and successive owners of the motel, since 1991 hence Bill was more of a family member than an employee. Unfortunately, the country life didn't quite suit Bill's lifestyle hence, since April, we had been applying for numerous rental units in the Essendon/Moonee Ponds area with little success.

Nobody wanted to rent a unit to an aged pensioner who survives solely on the pension.

Our luck changed recently when Pennisi Real Estate listed a rental unit in Hall Street, Moonee Ponds that suited Bill superbly. It was opposite Moonee Ponds Central with literally everything at his doorstep. Through Sam putting in a personal recommendation, Bill secured the unit and his life is tracking smoothly. Thanks Sam !

Bill then needed furniture and electrical items. Through an introduction to WERN, via PP Rosa Pereira, Bill was able to choose a great selection of start-up items and yesterday Sue and I moved him into the unit.

What a great organization is WERN!

Rotary Essendon North should be proud to be associated with it. Also, a very big thank-you to PDG Ross Butterworth in seeing Bill for his needs.

Isn't it great to be part of such a great organization and being able to stretch out when a helping hand is needed?

Do you know about WERN?

The Western Emergency Relief Network WERN is a non-profit Incorporated Association based on the Eastern suburbs model.

It comprises interested Rotary Clubs, and supplies good quality second hand furniture, electronics and whitegoods, to people in need.

{unemployment, loss of home and belongings through fire, flood, long-term illness, domestic violence, lack of family support, homelessness, or refugee status}

WERN is run and staffed by volunteers and is dependent upon individuals, organizations, businesses and local government to fund its operations.

WERN operates across **Brimbank; Hobson's Bay; Hume; Maribyrnong; Melton; Moonee Valley; Moorabool; Moreland and Wyndham.**

PDG Ross Butterworth is keen to speak to clubs who may be interested in joining or supporting the work of WERN.

[See more](#)



From singing in Bendigo to WASPS in New York thanks to Rotary

The Rotary Club of Bendigo have provided practical and financial support to enable the Bendigo Youth Choir to achieve once-in-a-lifetime experience of singing in Carnegie Hall, New York.

It is really quite a story, starting with a completely unexpected, out of the blue, invitation asking if the Bendigo Youth Choir would like to sing in Carnegie Hall, New York, on 17th June, 2017. When they realised that it was not a hoax, a massive fund-raising campaign commenced kick started by the Rotary Club of Bendigo's generous donation of \$10,000 which assisted in raising the necessary \$52,000 to get 15 excited young choristers to the USA.

Because of the donation of \$10,000 from the Rotary Club of Bendigo, the Club was able to make a successful application for a Local Community District Grant from the Rotary Foundation Humanitarian Grants Programs which attracted a further \$2,500 contribution from Rotary – making a total contribution of \$12,500. All members of the Bendigo Youth Choir were overwhelmed with gratitude by this generous donation.

Associate Artistic Director/Conductor, Gail Godber and RC Bendigo's

President Valerie Broad reported back to the members on the trip and the effect it had on the lives of the young participants.

The young singers joined other youngsters from Colombo, Venezuela, Indonesia, and several choirs from across the States, to present the **Premiere performance of 'La Avispa Brava'** (the Angry Wasp) to a packed house. Some of the children were barely 10 years old and the performance was electric, vibrant and joyous. Dressed in wasp costumes with bobbing antennae and quivering wings, the children sang in fluent Spanish, whilst at the same time performing synchronised eurhythmic choreography involving body percussion.



We discovered that there is a difference in the pronunciation of South American Spanish and European Spanish! The 25-minute work was composed by Venezuelan Composer, Alberto Grau – a quiet, humble man – to celebrate his 80th birthday and was conducted by Maria Guinand, an extremely vivacious Venezuelan Conductor who turned out to be his wife. Both are internationally renowned, highly respected musicians.

In four days of intense rehearsal, our children worked very hard and we were proud of their efforts. They were wonderful ambassadors for Australia, Bendigo, Rotary, the choir and their families – and they grew as we watched. The performance elicited a standing ovation such as we have never experienced before and are unlikely to ever experience again. As one, the capacity audience rose to its feet with a roar, somewhat resembling the roar at a football grand final, and they clapped, whistled and shouted 'Bravo' for a very long time.

It was totally overwhelming when Gail and Valerie walked out on the stage of Carnegie Hall in the middle of that euphoria, along with the Directors of the other choirs, to accept and acknowledge the acclamation. A never to be forgotten moment. The entire group – choirs, organisers and special guests were then treated to a magnificent banquet at an extremely high-class restaurant where we were entertained with a delightful, impromptu performance from the Indonesian Choir.

Together with the children, the group then had 2 days to 'see New York' and packed in as much as was physically possible. Highlights included a visit (by subway) to the 9/11 Memorial and The World Trade Centre – and seeing Tim Minchin's latest musical, 'Ground Hog Day'.

Thank you so much Rotary. Without you, this would not have been possible!



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www.dciny.org/



District Governor's Report on Zone Institute

In the same way that our 65 clubs are in clusters to make up the District, the 540 Districts are grouped into 34 Zones.

Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands are in the new Zone 8. This is made up of 21 Australian Districts and 6 New Zealand Districts, with 15 other Pacific countries included such as PNG, Timor Leste, Fiji, Vanuatu, etc.

Each Zone is expected to organise a Zone Institute between August and December which is where:

- Past officers, the DGEN team and future leaders meet (400 in Darwin)
- AGMs are held of ROMAC, ARH, RDU and RAWCS
- Resolutions are decided on various cross district matters
- Training is conducted for DGE, DGN, Future Leaders, etc
- Rotary focussed speakers present and share information



ABOVE: DG Peter enjoying the cultural aspects of the Zone Institute.
LEFT: RI General Secretary John Hewko with RI Foundation Trustee Mike Webb.



The Zone Institutes are normally attended by the World President Elect and Sam Owori was due to attend. With his sudden death and Barry Rassin taking on the role, he was unable to attend. However RI General Secretary John Hewko did attend as did Rotary Foundation Trustee Mike Webb, RI Director Noel Trevaskis and a range of speakers and RI staff.

RI Director Noel Trevaskis has been undertaking a minor redistricting, reducing **21 Australian Districts to 16 or 17 without impact on D9800. However, last year's** drop of 1,264 members in Australia has caused a rethink and a more radical re-structure is likely down to 11-13 Districts (1 WA, 1 SA, 2 QLD, 3 or 4 NSW, 3 or 4 Victoria and possibly 1 in Tasmania or incorporated into VIC). This would avoid duplication, lack of skills, reduce costs and ensure all Districts were in the 2,000 to 4,000 preferred range (Average internationally is 3,500).



Currently 4 Districts are below 1,100 members and will be redistricted. Another 5 are just above 1,100. History shows **Districts don't recover from this threshold generally. The results of this are apparent in many ways.**

For example 9 Australian Districts don't have a District International Chair or support team. This impacts on the ability of clubs to initiate or coordinate larger sustainable international projects. This issue framed the discussion on modernising Rotary to fit a changed world. Would Paul Harris structure up Rotary as we are if he were designing Rotary today? Of course all meaningful change must take place at the club level. Most Rotarians are barely aware of the District and focus mainly within the club.

So why is this important? RI General Secretary John Hewko, now in his seventh year in office, made the following points:

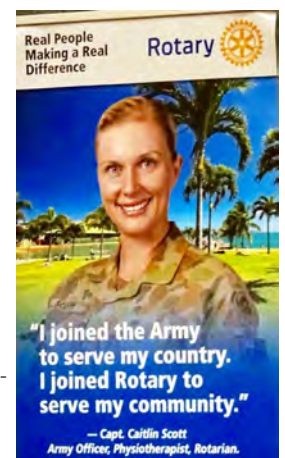
- ◇ All significant change takes 5-10 years of consistent leadership
- ◇ **Rotary's change of all leadership roles annually does generate energy and focus in the short term. However,** it can look like a Zig/Zag at Club/District/World levels unless leaders adopt a longer term strategy and stick it out together.
- ◇ **Rotary has now formed a thirty year vision** " Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves. "
- ◇ **A team is now developing variations on the standard "product" of a Rotary club, to seek different solutions** which are attractive to the wide diversity of new Rotarians, ways of working and cultural aspects.

Once this plan is worked out it will be implemented over a 5-10 year period. The current model is not working very well in developed countries like USA, Britain, Australia, Europe and Japan. However the current model **is** working well in developing countries like India, Philip-pines, Taiwan, etc.

- ◇ **John Hewko sees Australia as an ideal “laboratory” for finding a way forward for developed countries with similar issues, because:**
 - * We have the same burning demographic issue as our average age is 71
 - * We have been trying incremental approaches with limited impact
 - * **There is a unity of purpose to “have a go” at doing things differently (the frog jumping out of the hot water rather than going to sleep)**
- ◇ As part of this change, the Australian/New Zealand Zone 8 Institute will grow to be a major conference open **to all Rotarians. Once each three years it will be held in New Zealand. Next year’s conference will be held in Hobart from 14-16th Sept 2018.** This will be an historic opportunity to participate so please consider it. Significant training opportunities will take place around the event. Noel Trevaskis sees the District conferences being significantly reduced in scope to perhaps one day which will reduce cost and volunteer effort involved.
- ◇ Some other takeouts for your thoughts:
 - * **Clubs can fashion their own “product” to suit their own marketplace** - John Hewko
 - * Language is important.
 - * **It is not “my year” but “our plan”** - John Hewko
 - * **50% of the world’s population is under 30** - does Rotary offer what they want? - John Hewko
 - * Rotary success would be 2-3 million members, not the 1.2 million we have had for 15 years - John Hewko
 - * Regarding the Rotary Foundation, according to Mike Webb, we have:
 - ~ Wishbones - who wish others would do it
 - ~ Jawbones - who talk about doing something
 - ~ Knucklebones - who knock the Foundation
 - ~ Backbones - who always give
- ◇ Volunteering Australia has identified the emerging trends as:
 - * Rise in digital volunteering, where people seek out opportunities online
 - * **Skills being used “beyond borders”**
 - * Workplace volunteering
 - * Cause based volunteering eg focus on drinking water quality
 - * Episodic volunteering eg go and build a school
- ◇ One Rotary approach for Australia, led by Philip Archer, launch 1 July 2018
- ◇ Joe Otin from Kenya paraphrased Daniel Burnham **“Make no small plans, as small plans don’t stir the blood”**
- ◇ Rotaract was started in 1968 so 2018 will mark 50 years - perhaps clubs can support some Rotaract leaders to get to the Toronto Convention?
- ◇ Toronto is hosting a Gay Pride parade (15,000 visitors) at the same time as the RI con-vention, so get on and make your hotel bookings.



The final Q & A Panel with Caitlin Scott, Noel Trevaskis, John Hewko and Mike Webb



Peter Frueh, District 9800 Governor 2017-2018

Zone Institute Darwin

I had the good fortune to be selected as Lead Facilitator for the DG's Symposium held on August 31 in the Darwin Convention Centre. This year all the Australian DG's attended (21 in total) with their Partners.

To give the Governors maximum input into Items for Discussion, we used something called Open Space Technology. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Open_Space_Technology

Key items identified for discussion were:

1. National PR and Advertising Strategies/Costs
2. The timing for the RI Convention 2018 (Poor timing!)
3. The possibility of a 2 Tier Subscription system from RI
4. The District Resource Network (with input from 2 Evanston Guests-Lauren Marquez and Kiki Melonides)
5. End Trachoma 2020 (with a great presentation from Lien Trinh to the entire Institute later).
6. Youth Exchange issues
7. The Floods in Texas-Hurricane Harvey –possible support (Input from Julie Aubry-Evanston)
8. The 4 Way Test Review; can we consider simplifying to a 3 Way Test?
9. Projects to attract Global Grants
10. Rotary Networking-Rotary Means Business
11. RDU Issues-plans for meeting with the Board.

The Governors and their Partners are to be congratulated on their willingness to participate and contribute ideas and thoughts; much useful ground was covered in the limited time available.

PDG Keith Ryall



The District Governors hard at work.



Lien Trinh telling the 300 plus audience about the End Trachoma 2020 Project. Australia is the only developed



Lien Trinh fwith her Rotary Fan Club. Rob McGuirk and Kerry Kornhauser from Melbourne Rotary and Keith Ryall from Carlton Rotary with children Torie and Baby Emmerson



Something that resonated during the many presentations enjoyed in the 6 days of Governor Elect training and The Zone Institute was a short was powerful presentation entitled “Changing landscape of membership”.

The presenter was Jessie Harman of Wendouree Breakfast in Ballarat

Jessie reflected “If Paul Harris started Rotary today how would it look?”

Volunteering Australia has done a major survey and noted 5 key trends. As she posed these trends I wondered....

The five key trends are:

- A rise in digital volunteering
If Paul Harris started Rotary today would it look more digital? Would we sit around a weekly meeting table?
- Episodic volunteering.
If Paul Harris started Rotary today would people be encouraged to dip in and out of service?
- Flexibility and more meaningful volunteering roles.
If Paul Harris started Rotary today would there be an emphasis on skills based volunteers? But there was **when he started it wasn't there?**
- Rise in workplace volunteering.
If Paul Harris started Rotary today would clubs be started in offices, businesses and in worksites?
Would meetings be held weekly around dinner tables?
- Emergence of cause based volunteering.
If Paul Harris started Rotary today would World Polio Day on October 24th **be a huge focus of Rotary's** endeavour every year. Would we mobilize as one for this day and would the whole of Australia know us for this single cause.

Jessie then reminded us of the fundamental pillars of Rotary.

Youth based programs. Vocational focus on ethics and business. Foundation is our charity.

The 4 way test. These all sit easily in the trends above and the changing nature of volunteering. She stated “We are changing too in the world to do good in the world.”

Practical examples of our own clubs responding to these changes that spring to mind readily are:

- **Rotary Prahran's Homework club** where club members go to Horace Petty Estate where the migrant children and adults have literacy issues.
- Rotary Melbourne Park where the meeting is held before the meal to keep costs down.
- Rotary Melbourne where different demographic groups meet at different times.
- Rotary Brighton RMIT Mentoring Program covering Industry experience mentoring (using RCB member experience)
- And of course our Rotary E Club of Melbourne.

The Rotary International Council of Legislation's recent changes has allowed creativity for our organisation going forward. We can address the changing climate of volunteering and keep Rotary strong and healthy for service to our communities.

DGE Bronwyn Stephens

DGE Bronwyn celebrated a birthday during Zone Institute and was serenaded by PDG Greg Ross.



Winning photo competition



The photo titled **"Winning photo competition"** won the Australia wide public Image photo competition for Rotary Zone 8.

Wendy Gaborit attended the District 9800 Membership Seminar on 13th August and presented DGE Bronwyn Stephens with a Canon EOS 1300D camera because I submitted the photo. Bronwyn has given the camera to D9800 public image chair Mandi Wendt for District use.

Wendy Gaborit said ;"Congratulations! Your images were selected because they captured the essence of Rotary International's take action campaign. Together we connect and Together we make a difference."

Pam Baker reflects on Pong. Having first met Pong at Bossala village in January 2012, a small lady crouched over her tiny garden bed in front of her scantily built house, nurturing the small seedlings straddling to survive ... a friendship has grown, as have her plants.

Bossala village was unsustainable, the nearby stream was tainted with arsenic, there was no clean drinking water, little food to feed a family and considerable sickness. With the assistance of World of Difference (WOD) the village now supports itself, a school has been built and the children are very eager to learn. A secondary school is in the planning stages.

To monitor all this progress WOD Tours visit 3 or 4 times a year and each time Pong is there to welcome us. Personally, after many visits, I feel a little like Royalty when I arrive ... the smiles and hugs, the escorted visit around the village to proudly 'show off' their many achievements since my last visit.

Dams have been dug, generators installed and water harvesting is in place and proving to be highly successful. A few years ago WOD established a primary school and now has 500 students all very eager to learn, and a secondary school is in the pipeline.



With each WOD Tour, the participants greeted by Pong and other villagers, experience a little of what life is like, living in an outlying village in Cambodia, where so many are starving and uneducated.

This wonderful lady, with little or no education, rises above all this with her warmth, smile and encouraging manner, encompassing all who go there in her arms. It is a humbling experience to share a friendship such as this and I look forward to reconnecting, sharing a common purpose.

The village works together to make it possible for all to survive.



Rotary International President's Message

Ian H.S. Riseley

President 2017-18

September 2017

One of the best parts of any Rotary convention is the sheer diversity of the people you see there. Whether you're heading into a breakout session, exploring the House of Friendship, or sitting down for a bite to eat, you'll meet people from every corner of the world, in all kinds of national attire, speaking just about every language.

It's a lot of fun, and it's a big part of what makes Rotary great: that we can be so different and still find ourselves so at home together. That spirit of warm community that is so central to Rotary also defines Toronto, our host city for the 2018 Rotary International Convention.

Toronto is one of my favourite cities. It's a place where half the population is from another country, where over 140 languages are spoken by 2.8 million residents, and where no one ever seems to be too busy to be helpful. In addition to being clean, safe, and friendly, Toronto is a wonderful place to visit, with its attractive Lake Ontario waterfront, great restaurants, one-of-a-kind museums, and interesting neighbourhoods to explore.

The 2018 convention already promises to be one of our best ever. Our Convention Committee and Host Organization Committee are hard at work lining up inspiring speakers, great entertainment, fascinating breakout sessions, and a wide variety of activities across the city. There will be something for everyone in Toronto, and Juliet and I encourage you to do what we'll be doing – bring your families along for the fun.

If you plan early, your convention experience will be even more affordable: The deadline for discounted early registration (there is an additional discount for registering online) is 15 December.

As much as Toronto offers to Rotarians, the true draw is, of course, the convention itself. It's a once-a-year opportunity to recharge your Rotary batteries, to see what the rest of the Rotary world is up to, and to find inspiration for the year ahead. Find out more at riconvention.org – and find Inspiration Around Every Corner at the 2018 Rotary Convention in Toronto.



THE THOMAS FISHER RARE BOOK LIBRARY

The Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library is one of Toronto's unique gems – an unusual library allowing the public to touch and flip through collections of rare books and manuscripts.

Situated within the University of Toronto campus, the library is home to medieval manuscripts, early printed books and the papers of important Canadian literary figures,

including Margaret Atwood and Leonard Cohen. Shakespeare's First Folio (1623) and Newton's *Principia* (1687), as well as an ancient Babylonian cuneiform tablet dating to 1789 BC, are among the variety of treasures on display.

It is a must-see for literature and history buffs. <https://fisher.library.utoronto.ca/>

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Parkinson's Walk a Sizzling Success

As tradition would have it, the Rotary Club of Glenferrie added their support to the Parkinson's Victoria fund raising walk held at Federation Square.

On Sunday 27th August, approximately 2800 Victorians participated in the Walk that leisurely takes place along the Yarra River.



A "Walk in the Park" is Australia's largest community event dedicated to improving the lives of people living with Parkinson's. Currently, there are 27,000 people living with Parkinson's in Victoria alone.

The day included entertainment, live music and of course the traditional "Sausage Sizzle". Our Club operated and cooked for the hungry folks on the day. Our three shifts with the help of two young volunteers helped make the day a great success. A special thanks to all who participated on the day....it was a great success!



Walkers commence their trek in the 2017 Parkinson's Walk at Federation Square last Sunday



Participants apparently came from all over the galaxy to take part in this year's event



LEFT: What a fabulous crew! Kim Andrews, Lyn Kneale, Janie Pirret and Liz Andrews with Cheryl Pisterman



RIGHT: Foundation Chair Bob Carey samples the wares. Quality control was frightened this year!



LEFT: President Blakeman and Secretary Duncan weren't big on conversation. The only thing they were heard to say all morning was "More sausages please!", and "Is that one cooked"?



RIGHT: Michael Hills and Ian Willmott - 'Keep 'em coming'

Friendship Exchange District 9800 & District 1020

District Friendship Exchange Chair Jeannette Lynch has a planned exchange between District 9800 and District 1020, Scotland for July—August 2018.

D1020 is one of three Rotary Districts in Scotland. It has 57 Rotary Clubs covering East Central and Southern Scotland and has around 1,700 Rotarians. Its Southern border lies across the entire length of the Scotland-England border. Edinburgh, the Scottish capital, lies within D1020.



In the map, District 1020 covers 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, parts of North and South Lanarkshire, Dumfries & Galloway plus the Scottish Borders – quite a geographical spread that includes busy built-up areas and remote, rural communities. The historical Scottish Borders is a rich livestock and agriculture farming area. In Scotland, the sea is never far away.



The map shown right provides details of the locations of the Clubs in District 1020. It can easily take several hours to get from one Club to another. Motorways are few and much of the road network is rural. Moving between larger towns/cities, including Edinburgh and Glasgow is via Motorway. Public transport timetables are not always customer-friendly. Shopping is good in the big cities such as Edinburgh and Glasgow. There is a popular shopping outlet mall in Livingston, West Lothian. There are many museums, galleries and cultural activities in Edinburgh and Glasgow.

Visiting Rotarians often move on to visit other parts of Scotland following an exchange visit. For example, a trip to the misty Island of Skye off the west coast or a trip to Inverness, the capital of the Scottish Highlands, to see Nessie, the Loch Ness monster are popular trips. Neither is really possible when resident in District 1020 as simply to get to either place involves a full day of travel, leaving no time to sight-see or get back to Edinburgh and the surrounding area. St Andrew's, the home of golf augment the wealth of places worth seeing. There are good rail, air, bus and sea links to make journeys to England or Ireland easy.

The Scottish (and UK) currency is the Pound Sterling. Given the current BREXIT negotiations, the Pound is not faring well against most foreign currencies. This will certainly suit visitors from Australia, less so Rotarians from D1020 travelling anywhere else in the world! Rotarians in District 1020 can certainly promise visitors a very warm Scottish welcome. Please make sure that we are made aware of any food intolerances/allergies, dislike of pets, significant health issues, etc so that we can take appropriate steps to cater for meeting individual needs. We look forward to welcoming you on your trip to Bonnie Scotland!

Contact Jeannette at jeanette.michael@bigpond.com

Rotarians Against Malaria Conference



The 2017 annual RAM Conference **was held at Rowers on Cook's River adjacent to Sydney International airport** over the weekend of 19th and 20th August 2017. This was the first RAM Conference to be held in Sydney and was attended by 71 delegates representing 16 Rotary Districts.

The Conference agenda included updates on progress in the countries where RAM has active programs, reports on the progress of malaria research, the RAM AGM and discussion sessions where future directions for RAM were planned.

Delegates were welcomed to the Conference by host District 9675 Governor Steven Britten and the National Chairman of RAWCS PDG Michael Perkins. **The Conference commenced with a review of RAM's progress in 2016/2017 by National RAM Manager, PP Dave Pearson, who welcomed delegates and summarised RAM's achievements over the previous twelve months including ongoing programs in PNG, Solomon Islands and Timor Leste.** He also introduced the invited speakers including representatives from the Ministry of Health in Timor Leste, Dr Merita Monteiro, and from the Solomon Islands Health Promotions Dept. Mr Ben Rickie, distinguished researchers, RAM Sponsored PhD candidate Edgar Pollard and the team of RAM Volunteers recently returned from Timor Leste.

Dave recognised the recent sad loss of past RAM National Chairman and long term RAM Funding Coordinator PDG Richmond Manyweathers whilst also reporting on the presentation of RAWCS Humanitarian Service Awards to RAM pioneers Wayne Morris and Ron Seddon. He noted that the RAM Annual report had now been printed as part of the published RAWCS 2017 Annual Report

Papua New Guinea: report from Tim Freeman RAM PNG.

Tim reported that RAM PNG is currently undertaking the third round of universal bed net distributions to households. He described the process as a three year rolling cycle with teams moving systematically from province to province. Persistent malaria still exists in West Sepik and Milne Bay Provinces and despite an overall reduction in malaria incidence of 70% there are indications that incidence is starting to increase.

Tim said that the cause of increased incidence was not clear and speculated that people might be staying up later and spending less time protected by bed nets or that perhaps it was related to persistent stock-outs of anti-malarial drugs in local clinics supplied by the NDOH. On a positive note he reported that the **Bougainville "Healthy Island" program, similar to 'Healthy Villages', appears to be helping in malaria control and that perhaps this could be a future area for RAM assistance.**

Tim also reported that Global Fund grants for PNG continue to decline and although RAM PNG will be the sole Principal Recipient for the 2018 grant the US\$4.5 M will only fund distribution costs however the Against Malaria Foundation has agreed to fund the net procurement along with local corporate funding. He described progress in **the RAM funded "Chasing Malaria" program which maps positive diagnosed malaria cases in NCD and Central province, identifies malaria case clusters and follows up with Community based interventions.** This includes more village disease education, identifying and dealing with mosquito breeding areas, ensuring all local people are using LLINs and encouraging alternate ongoing use of superseded LLINs e.g. as window screens. He also reported that the Private Sector Retail initiative, where RAM was seeking to sell LLINs and Mosbar at affordable rates, is back on track following agreement with the Government over GST treatment.



Solomon Islands: RAM report by PDG Wayne Morris presented by Dave Pearson.

Wayne reported that to date a total of 160 villages had been supplied with tools under the **RAM 'Healthy Villages'** program at a cost of AUD\$200,000. The RAM program in the Solomons has benefited from regular transfers of funds from RAM in Australia, direct contributions, e.g. a grant from RC Benalla of AUD\$8,500; as well as local corporate funding. These funds have enabled RAM to provide tools for a further 29 villages.

The provision of bed nets and spray control is continuing to be funded under the Global Fund, the funding of the program has been changed with the SI Government having to provide the funding first before being reimbursed. Malaria elimination programs are continuing in Temotu and Isabel Provinces with funding from DFAT (Australia) and a similar program is planned for Western Province.

Timor Leste: report by PDG Phil Dempster.

Phil told delegates that RAM's support for the Timor Leste NMCP was continuing and evolving. The latest bed net distribution is taking place in the Oecusse enclave with 40,000 nets funded by the Global Fund and logistical costs met by RAM. He also noted that this year RAM has commenced funding the **Rotary Club of Dili Lafaek "Healthy Villages"** project in Dili and Liquica districts. To date twelve villages have participated in this trial project which encompasses Community health and hygiene awareness training, establishing Community Committees, planning health interventions and building permanent rubbish disposal facilities, aimed at reducing mosquito breeding as well as improving village hygiene.

Mr Ben Rickie Kiokimo; Director Health Promotions Dept. Solomon Islands MOH&MS.

Ben described the Healthy Village Settings program, that he supervises, which is supported by RAM. He told delegates that to date 200 villages and 30 schools had benefited by developing and enacting self-help programs to improve the general health and wellbeing of these communities. He noted that the Solomons MoH&MS with help from RAM and the Global Fund had been so effective in controlling malaria that it was no longer rated in the top 10 dangerous diseases and that now non-communicable diseases related to metabolic and behavioural risk were the main concern.

He reported that the 658,000 population was 78% rural based and had variable access to Health Services, mostly clinics staffed by Nurse-Aids as the patient Doctor ratio was 1:5,098. Ben told us that there was competition **amongst Villages to secure "Healthy Villages" support which his Department attempted to distribute on a fair basis.** He noted that the risk of a renewed malaria epidemic was understood and that the **'Healthy Village Settings'** program was a good point of entry to discuss health and disease prevention with villages. Ben said he was open to helping to facilitate future RAM Volunteer teams to assist with the program.

Dr Merita Monteiro; Head of Communicable Disease Division Timor Leste MoH.

In her presentation Dr Merita tracked how the Timor Leste National Malaria Control Program (NMCP) had taken the country from Control to Elimination in 10 years and was now changing its name to the National Malaria Elimination Program. In 2006 malaria incidence was 1 in 4 people and the NMCP had only 2 staff. Recent statistics show an incidence of less than 1 in 10,000 and the focus is now on achieving WHO malaria free certification. She reported that 98% of recent cases occurred on or close to the borders with Indonesia.

Dr Merita reviewed the robust evidence based approach to the malaria campaign conducted by the NMCP showing how the elements of this approach as well as regular follow-up of vector control and close Government support had enabled the success. However she also noted that the Global Fund was also significantly reducing their funding now that the disease incidence was so low and so there was a worrying short fall in funding to achieve elimination.

She expressed the gratitude of the NMCP for RAM's support and expressed the hope that RAM could assist with meeting the shortfall of funds to maintain bed net protection of at risk population and vulnerable groups as well as assisting in replacing worn-out residual indoor spraying (IRS) equipment.

The full conference report is now available: <http://ram.rawcs.com.au/conference-report/>

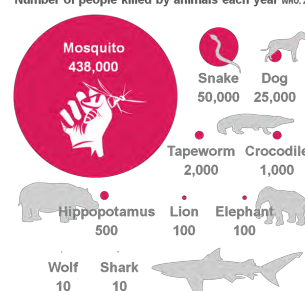
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You can visit Rotaractors Against Malaria Youtube

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDn6cmr4ph-BJfzl2iR2cwgfT32mKJV6>

Number of people killed by animals each year WHO, 2015



FLYING FOX

Jenna Fivelman Chief Operating Officer, recently addressed the Rotary Club of Caulfield about the Flying Fox organisation. **Here is what they say about themselves on their website.** “Flying Fox is a network of fun and life-changing opportunities that connect people with a disability and the community.”

Founded in 2014, Camp Sababa Melbourne proudly began by addressing the needs for a culturally specific program for children with a disability in the Melbourne Jewish community. Since then, Camp Sababa has run camps for children and young adults with special needs and has trained hundreds of year-12 graduates and young adults to volunteer on the camps and to work in disability services.

In 2015, SOCS was formed to run fun respite camps for siblings of children with special needs. The Best Bunch came next, a social enterprise florist providing a fun and meaningful employment opportunity for people with a disability. In 2016, Camp Wings began running camps for people with special needs from across the wider community.

Together this formed Flying Fox, with all projects joining forces to provide a comprehensive network of fun, life-changing and educational opportunities for people with special needs.

Jenna also mentioned this in her talk, and it was noted that children with significant disabilities tended to be isolated from most people in the community, so a few people got together and arranged a camp for some of these disabled people.

Their initial efforts were met with suspicion from the parents of these children, but the Flying Fox people still managed to get 19 young people (all 16 years or younger) together for a first camp. The camp must have been a success because they have had many further camps with young people of similar disabilities.

In 2016, the organisation had 20 camps, with about 170 campers, each with special needs. Jenna said that to run the camp properly, a large amount of time was needed to be invested to get to know each child and learn about **each one's special needs. It was also necessary to get some nurses to attend the camp.**

Jenna conceded that there are limits to the growth of the organisation due to limitations of resources needed to run their programs. She said they do school visits to teach children about acceptance of those with special needs. Jenna said they deal mainly with mental disability, but some of these children also have physical disabilities and are not rejected because of this.

<http://www.flyingfox.org.au/about>

Sophie Potasz and Heather Welsh with Jenna Fivelman



Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs)

Automatic External defibrillators (AEDs) are a crucial requirement during a cardiac arrest to help save a life. Each year, sudden cardiac arrest strikes approximately 30,000 Australians. AED devices are now mounted on walls at major shopping centres, airports and some workplaces. Many **Rotary clubs** have been involved in the purchase of AEDs and there are projects being coordinated to increase their availability in the community.



“When someone collapses an AED can dramatically increase the chance of survival and improves the potential for a successful outcome following cardiac arrest. If you can push a button you can use an AED,” states **Grant Hocking**, a member of **Woodend Rotary** with over 30 years experience with Ambulance Victoria.

An AED is a battery powered portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses potentially life threatening abnormal heart rhythms, and can deliver an electric shock that will disrupt or stop the heart's lethal chaotic electrical activity. This gives the heart a chance to spontaneously re-establish an effective rhythm on its own.

AED's have been designed to allow non-medical personnel to save lives and can be used by virtually anyone with little or no experience by audibly prompting users to apply the two pads to the victim's chest. The pads even have pictures of a chest and where the pads should be placed.

Once applied, the AED will begin to monitor the victim's heart rhythm. If a rhythm that requires being shocked is detected, the machine will charge itself and instruct the rescuer to stand clear of the victim and to press the shock button.

AEDs are very safe and designed to only shock a person whose heart rhythm is abnormal. It will not shock a person whose heart is beating normally.

“Of course **Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation** (CPR) also helps survival outcomes post cardiac arrest and when used in conjunction with an AED and phoning for an ambulance gives the best possible chance for a positive outcome. The beauty is that when anyone calls 000 and identifies a patient in cardiac arrest instructions will be provided over the phone for CPR and AED use,” said Grant.

AEDs can also be registered with Ambulance Victoria so the location is stored in Ambulance Victoria's Computer-Aided Dispatch system. When someone calls 000 and asks for Ambulance, the operator can access information about the AED exact location, and assist the caller and bystanders.

Grant says, “The simple message is to use one where it is available, you can't go wrong.”





Rotary Tour of India 2018

In February 2007 Janet M and Vijay Susarla arranged a sightseeing tour of India. The tour included 3 days in Delhi, a day excursion to the Taj Mahal and Red Fort in Agra, several days in Chennai and a coach tour down the east coast to Pondicherry, once a French trading post.

The tour included Karaikal, southern India, to inspect newly built homes which had been constructed by Rotary International with part funding through fund raising by CEM following the 2004 Tsunami which inundated this part of the coast.

The tour, which lasted around 2 weeks, included visits to temples and other points of interest as well as meetings with local Rotarians and their clubs at different times. The tour did much to extend international goodwill and understanding and was enjoyed by all.



2018 India Tour Proposal

The CEM International Committee is proposing a matching grant project with RC Puna, India to build 10 toilets at a school not far from Mumbai.

CEM would be providing a portion of funds, and not involved in any physical construction.

The funding proposal is still to be ratified by our Board.

The proposed 2 week tour in January or February 2018 will again be a mainly sightseeing and will include a short visit to coincide with the final opening of the project, and will take in the following cities:-

Mumbai - Financial Capital.

Pune - Project Site (about couple of hrs from Mumbai)

Jaipur - well known as Pink City

Delhi - Capital

Agra - Taj Mahal

Varanasi - The Ganges



We are seeking **Expressions of Interest** to join the tour.

Please advise either by email to

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Or Lyndon Joss lyndonjoss@optusnet.com.au or M: 0432 425 688

if you have interest and would like more information.

Closing Date for EOI – September 30, 2017

Around the clubs Rotarians in action!



RC Bendigo South members John, Paul and Tony conducting practice interviews with year 10 students at East Loddon

RC Chadstone have completed building a retaining wall at Malvern Valley Primary School.



RC Hawthorn "hard at work" at DiK—secret men's business more likely.

Caroline Springs members conducting Operation Safe Plate..



RC Melbourne Park celebrating Fathers Day at Bunnings.

Colin Metcalf and Lesley Hewitt from RC Daylesford at the Stroke Awareness table. at the Market.



RC Canterbury inducted Amir Salehi as a Rotarian. Amir has already joined the Community Service Committee.

Members of the e-Club at Second Bite



Rotary Balwyn and the Minirail engine



The Spirit of Rotary (driver Clarke Ballard)

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16-18 March / Warrnambool / Victoria



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


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A wide range of accommodation is available in Warrnambool to cater for holidaymakers and business or family visits. There are over 600 rooms in the many hotels and motels. There are three holiday parks to suit caravan visitors and they have cabins. There is also a wide range of private accommodation available on Airbnb (over 200 properties) and Stayz (over 70 properties) as well as individual Bed and Breakfast properties. Clubs may choose to cater for different delegate needs by using various options rather than seeking a single block booking. As a compact city of 35,000 people (which swells by 10,000 in school holidays), accommodation is only a few minutes drive from all three conference venues.

- For hotels and motels contact them directly or through the Warrnambool visitors centre on 1800 637 725
- www.stayz.com.au or www.airbnb.com.au

An alternative for some clubs/delegates is Port Fairy, a picturesque fishing village which is 25 min from Warrnambool. Port Fairy has a range of accommodation options.


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Rotary Club of Sandringham, Victoria, Australia**

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INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

CHARITY GOLF DAY

Korringal Golf Club

Date: Wednesday 25th October 2017 Time 12pm Shotgun Start

Presented by the Rotary Club of Williamstown

Supporting the

RoCan Cancer Wellness Centre

Funds raised will support the planned Cancer Wellness Centre for Men and Women in the Wyndham Shire to facilitate patients and families receiving treatment at the Mercy and St Vincents Hospitals.

The Cancer Wellness center will provide services such as Yoga, Music Room, Legal and Financial advice, a Men's Shed and many other services.

To date we have raised in excess of \$400,000 towards this project but will need much more to bring it to fruition.

The facility will be built in the Western suburbs of Melbourne providing accommodation for families that cannot afford to stay in the city due to the high cost of Cancer treatment.

We have all been touched by Cancer in some way and by the effects.

Together we can make a Difference

Your support of the Golf Day is appreciated as these events rely heavily on sponsorship and participation and our club is seeking the assistance of your organization in supporting this event.

Please help us raise the necessary funds to complete this essential project by either joining us on the day, Sponsoring a hole or making a donation.

Enclosed is a Registration Form and Sponsorship document.

GET YOUR TEAM TOGETHER AND REGISTER

Ring



Tony Boyd 9397 6388 or Mobile 0416 101516

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ENTRANCE:

DEPOSIT 7.00 (TAXES INCLUSIVE)

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OR 10.00 (TAXES INCLUSIVE) can be made for Charity Cause ONLY

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Any queries, please contact 0416 101516 or 0416 101516 / 0416 101516 / 0416 101516



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