

the **networker** Rotary District 9800



Blazer Presentation for 2018
Rotary Youth Exchange students.

From Essendon to Peru—
more than just distance.

Annual Paul Harris breakfast

Opening of the Sir John Monash
Centre at Villers Brettoneux

From Essendon to Peru—more than just distance

What do you do when you travel to a country just to meet up with a friend, but end up meeting families just barely surviving in an environment which is commonly described as a shanty town, perpetually in drought, where their homes are made of whatever they can find locally. A place where family domestic violence is rife, where children with disabilities have very little support and when girls and women are violated there is no-one who wants to listen. What I did was come home with a dream to help these people.

When in 2014 as the Rotary Club of Essendon President, I met another like-minded person and coincidentally another Rotary Club President, Gerard Mahoney of the Rotary Club of Keilor East - who also knew of these needy families and The Columban Mission priests who are helping them - the dream began to become a reality. We had the same vision and both dreamt big and both had a fabulous team of Rotarians in their clubs who make things happen.

The Columban Mission base in Melbourne is the magnificent historical North Park Mansion in Essendon – a stone's throw from both Rotary Clubs. The three organisations joined forces to hold the inaugural Moonee Valley Art Show at Nth Park Mansion to raise funds specifically to assist the St. Bernadette's Children's Centres.

The first two Art Shows raised over \$38,000.00 which has enabled the clubs to start working with Fr Tony Coney of the St Bernadette's Children's Centres in Lima to help the children and families in need.

13 members and family of the Rotary Club of Essendon delegation travelled in October 2017 to Lima to meet with Fr Tony and see firsthand the conditions and hear the issues facing the families. We presented Father Tony with 14 computers and all associated items to fit out a computer room for the children to learn and advance their prospects of completing school and attaining future employment. We are now in discussion for further projects with the Centres.



Most of the families don't even have electricity in their homes so the idea of a computer at home is impossible. Many of the children in the Home are there for their own safety, escaping domestic violence. If the children fail a year they are dismissed from school so the requirement to continue and succeed at every level of education is essential.

The St Bernadette's Children's Centres have a remedial school to help children to stay in school, a safe home for those escaping domestic violence and a drop in centre complete with everything children need to be safe and supported. The centres also provide counselling to families, advocate for the children and provide physical and psychological medical services for the children. <http://santabernardita.com.pe/>

The clubs connected with the Rotary Club of La Molina in Lima, Peru who facilitated the purchase of the computers in Lima, have them installed and provide all training and back up as necessary. The members of RC La Molina hosted the delegation every day of the trip in Lima and we are all keen to continue this relationship in to the future.

The delegation also met with the Australian Deputy Head of Mission to Peru, James Yeoman, at the Australian Embassy in Lima, who made an excellent presentation to the delegation detailing the developing relationship between our countries and informing us of ways the Embassy and the clubs can work together in the future.



Lisa Lowcock, PP Rotary Club of Essendon is pictured left in this photo.

The next Moonee Valley Art Show will be 23-25 March 2018. Check out the website at mooneevalleyartshow.com.au

2018 Rotary Youth Exchange Blazer Presentation

Seven teenagers, their parents, representatives from sponsoring clubs, Rotexers and the Youth Exchange Committee came together for the final event in the preparation for the 2018 exchange year.

Excited, anxious with perhaps a few second thoughts the parents sat and waited for the program to start while the youth exchange students gathered together and chatted as old friends do. They have already formed a close bond and that will only strengthen as they support each other through the joys and tribulations of being a student in a country where they don't speak the language and where they will live with three or four different families.

The day brought insights from Lucy, who completed her exchange in France. Lucy spoke with poise and confidence about her year giving a frank and honest description of the ups and downs experienced at school and with the host families. Her parents, who provided their lessons from the year gave parents a head start on what is to come and some ideas on how to cope when there is a problem and your child is thousands of kilometres away. They expressed great pride in Lucy's development as a confident and thoughtful young person.

There were talks on insurance, participation in school, the monthly report to the country coordinator, and the forms to fill in when you want to travel until finally the time came for the blazer presentation. Each student was accompanied to the stage by the country coordinator and a representative from the sponsoring Rotary club. The student made a presentation in two languages, first in the language of their new host country and then the same talk was given in English. At the end of the talk the student was presented with his/her green blazer, was congratulated by DG Peter Frueh and posed for photos and then more photos individually and in groups. Imagine the badges those blazers will display when they return in 13 months.

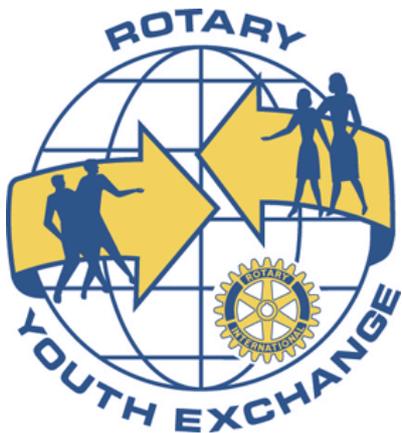
From now until Saturday the 13th January the students have time for family, friends and final preparations. There will probably be a few sleepless nights leading up to the flight and then tears for some at Tullamarine, before they head off for what will be both the best and most challenging year in their young lives.

Congratulations to the students and their sponsoring clubs!

Student	Host Country	Sponsoring Rotary Club
Maeve Emmerson	SPAIN	Laverton Point Cook
Ada Epskamp	FRANCE	Eaglehawk
Aden Gartly	FINLAND	Glen Eira
Taylor Jones-Wilson	SWITZERLAND	Bacchus Marsh
Alexander (AJ) McConville	GERMANY	Flemington
Tahlia Rogerson	TAIWAN	Melton
Matthew Woolley	DENMARK	Bacchus Marsh



Pictured from Left to right are: Mathew, AJ, Taylor, Aden, Ada, Maeve and Tahlia



Letters From Abroad 2017

LETTERS FROM ABROAD 2017

A Message from the District Governor



US President Franklin Roosevelt said “We cannot always build a future for our youth, but we can always build our youth for the future.” It was with this objective that Rotary International commenced its first short term exchanges in the 1920s. The year long exchanges of the modern Youth Exchange program commenced in 1958 between Australia and the USA. Today 80 countries regularly participate and 9,000 exchanges take place each year.

There is probably no greater program to promote peace than Rotary International’s Youth Exchange. The students involved grow personally by living in other families, in another culture and often speaking another language. Their development of confidence, public speaking, resilience and a world view are often dramatic and many go on to achieve great things in their life. Often they will then point back to that exchange year as the point where they built their life perspective. The ripple effect of the youth exchanges spread through their schoolmates, host and home families and the host Rotary club members. It is a great example of Rotary “Investing in People” in this case youth.

The current World Rotary International President Ian Riseley (who is from Melbourne) has said “If every youth got a chance to do youth exchange, there would be no wars”. You can’t make war with people you know, understand, value and grow to love.

Long before international travel became accessible for the average person, Rotary was investing in Youth Exchange. Even today where travel is more accessible, we only go as “tourists” and don’t get the deep cultural appreciation and person connections possible with home hosting, international schooling and often language immersion.

The Youth Exchange aims of fostering goodwill, friendships, peace and understanding between countries of the world is as relevant today as it has ever been.

We wish our outbound students all the best as they face their many challenges but gain from the support and opportunities they receive. We welcome our inbound students and try and provide them the best of experiences they can have and the support they need. The Youth Exchange committee do a wonderful job as do the host clubs, families and other supporters.

Peter Frueh

District Governor - District 9800 2017-18
Rotary International

The 2017 edition of *Letters from Abroad* is available on the District 9800 Youth Exchange webpage at <http://rotaryyouthexchangedistrict9800.com.au/blog/>

President Elect Leadership Development

Just in case you haven't caught up with the news....

President Elect Leadership Development was enjoyed over the last 2 Sundays – metro and rural.

Julie Mason (Rotary Wyndham) and Warwick Cavell (Rotary Central Melbourne) are such amazing educators, bringing complimentary but quite different and sensational skills to help develop our leadership and success skills. This was done in an atmosphere of fun, conversation and group activities. Apprehensions were diminished through a focus on process. A sense of responsibility while still present understands there is a team, and I have strategies to engage us better.



Julie and Warwick will build further on our knowledge step by step in the next instalment with 4 other Victorian Rotary District President Elects and our Support Crews.

District Governor Elect Bronwyn Stevens

Right: The group at Bendigo.

Below: PDG Julie Mason and Warwick thanking **Office Max** for their generous donations.



Presidents Elect working together to explore leadership.



25th Paul Harris Breakfast packed out

About 275 guests from 31 Rotary Clubs filled the 17th Floor RACV dining room on November 21st for the Annual Paul Harris breakfast.

It was the 25th annual event and raised more than \$11,000 net for the Rotary Foundation. The guest roll was well up on the 194 in 2015 (\$8500 raised) and 209 last year (\$8000).

District Governor Peter Frueh said the district had admitted nearly 800 new Rotarians in the past three years, meaning that a third of current Rotarians are recent arrivals.



District Foundation Director and Past District Governor Dennis Shore presented certificates to the Rotary Clubs of Camberwell, Glenferrie, Melbourne, Southbank and Williamstown for donating at least USD1500 to polio eradication. Camberwell Rotary Club was the highest giver per member and Rotary Central Melbourne was runner-up.

Dennis said Foundation had immunised 2.5 billion children and cut the annual death rate from Polio from the previous rate of 300,000 just 30 years ago to 14 this year. "We will not rest until polio joins smallpox as the only extinct disease viruses," he said.

The Rotary Foundation has been a champion of peace, supporting the establishment of the United Nations where 49 Rotarians were delegates, advisers and consultants. Rotary conceived and wrote the charter for UNESCO, and five Rotarians have served as UN Assembly President. To date 1200 Rotary Peace Fellows have been trained, including 30 from D9800.

Millions in the third world enjoy clean water, health care (especially for mothers and babies) and education via the Foundation.

This year's guest speaker was Daniel Flynn, co-founder of Thankyou, a reverse consumerism company that has invested all its profit of \$5.5m to date in humanitarian work in 20 countries. Daniel gave a spell-binding account of challenges muscling his own-brand bottled water into a market dominated by retail giants.

By Tony Thomas



District 1520 Conference Amiens and Anzac Day, April 2018

An invitation is extended for the District 1520 conference and ANZAC DAY on the 24th and 25th April 2018.

The One day Conference is at Amiens – home of the new French President Macron. Accommodation has been reserved at a hotel near Amiens Railway station in the town center. Amiens is about one hour by train from Paris.

There is opportunity to attend the Dawn Service on Anzac Day at nearby Villers Bretonneux. This also coincides with the opening of the new Sir John Monash Memorial Centre. For the visit of the Sir John MONASH center the opening visitors's day will be on the 25th afternoon.

Make a visit of three days along with our International President Ian Risely.

The Opening of the Sir John Monash Centre includes a new tapestry which is being woven at Australian Tapestry Workshop, Park Street, South Melbourne. The tapestry will provide a lasting legacy commemorating the 46,000 Australian lives lost in the battles of the Western Front in World War 1 and commemorate the Centenary of ANZAC.

For more information Contact : AG Peter Rogers,

(Tel: 0412537534, email : peter.h.rogers@monash.edu)



The [Sir John Monash Centre](#) tells Australia's story of the Western Front in the words of those who served.

Set on the grounds of the Villers-Bretonneux Military Cemetery in northern France, and adjacent to the [Australian National Memorial](#), the Sir John Monash Centre is one of the key sites of the [Australian Remembrance Trail](#) along the Western Front, and establishes a lasting international legacy of Australia's Centenary of Anzac 2014-2018.

This cutting-edge multimedia centre reveals the Australian Western Front experience through a series of interactive media installations and immersive experiences. The SJMC App, downloaded on each visitor's personal mobile device, acts as a 'virtual tour guide' over the Villers-Bretonneux Military Cemetery, the Australian National Memorial and the Sir John Monash Centre.

The experience is designed so visitors gain a better understanding of the journey of ordinary Australians — told in their own voices through letters, diaries and life-size images — and connect with the places they fought and died. A visit to the Sir John Monash Centre will be a moving experience that leaves a lasting impression.

<https://sjmc.gov.au/>

<https://www.dva.gov.au/commemorations-memorials-and-war-graves/>

Interplast Repairing Bodies and Saving Lives in Fiji

Past District Governor Dr Murray Verso is in Suva, Fiji with the latest Interplast Team.

A team of six medical personnel from Interplast Australia are currently in the country performing life-changing surgeries at the Colonial War Memorial Hospital. The team arrived on Sunday and will depart this weekend.

With the support of **Rotary International**, the Australian Government and a number of other investors, Interplast has delivered almost 130 programs in Fiji since it first commenced in 1983, providing surgery at no cost.

Interplast's close collaboration with local partner hospitals, universities and the Ministry of Health is also an invaluable opportunity to provide training and capacity building to Fijian counterparts.



Murray will provide a full report for the next edition of Networker.



ARH Adopt-a-Scientist

What is 'Adopt a Scientist'?

'Adopt a Scientist' is a campaign initiative of Lift The Lid (the fundraising brand representing Australian Rotary Health) Lift The Lid/ARH aims to raise \$20 million in Australia over the next three years to fund mental health research, increasing ARH funding of research grants fivefold.

'Adopt A Scientist' will be the ongoing public facing campaign until at least 2020. The campaign launched in October 2017 (Mental Health Month)

ADOPT

A SCIENTIST

Additional longer term aims

- Continue to promote salience of the urgency and importance of research.
- Lobby for Federal Government support eg by matching public contributions dollar for dollar.

What does 'Adopting a Scientist' mean?

People will have the opportunity to become a 'friend' of the mental health research ARH funds that are donated through Universities, other institutions and among independent researchers. Supporters can make a one-off adoption contribution or can choose to support research on a monthly basis. Adopting a Scientist is more than a 'donation'. It is playing an active part in important scientific research that makes a contribution to advancing our understanding of how the world works and how our minds work within it. Support for 'Adopt a Scientist' will also contribute to promoting careers in Science for young women, shining a light on female role models in mental health research. All contributions are tax deductible. For your convenience we will send you one receipt at the end of the financial year, for the total amount of your tax deductible contributions. 100% of every dollar pledged goes directly to funding research grants. ARH is in regular contact with researchers at the Universities and other centres and gets updates from them regularly.

What do people get when they 'Adopt a Scientist'?

Individuals can Adopt a Scientist from a number of areas of mental health research – from depression and anxiety to eating disorders and everything in between. Contributions go into a total research fund that then gets allocated to grants across the spectrum of mental health issues. Supporters will receive acknowledgement for their donation and updates from the campaign on progress of the research. Supporters can also give 'Adoption' as a gift, for birthdays, weddings or any other gifting occasions.

Why should anyone 'Adopt a Scientist'?

This kind of scientific research is among the most important work being done in the world today. By supporting this campaign you are helping to provide the necessary funding to allow us to understand and treat serious problems that affect your family, people you know and perhaps even yourself.

[See PDG Greg Ross on Youtube](#) explaining the program

The Australian Rotary Health Annual Report is available at:

https://issuu.com/australianrotaryhealth17/docs/arh_20annual_20report_202017_20fina



Suze van Meegen Rotary Peace Fellow in Yemen



I am in the thick of the Yemen blockade at the moment and can't find time for anything but work on trying to crack it.

One message though: that in my current role as Protection and Advocacy Adviser for Norwegian Refugee Council in Yemen, my understanding of the complexities, dimensions and moving parts of the conflict, has been heavily influenced by some key sessions from Chula.

The course offered more but the bits I value most were those that have helped shape my analysis of the global politics of conflict.

The 20-day blockade on Yemen's main ports represents an astounding abuse on people in Yemen and one through which I have worked with a very skilled and committed group of people. My learning is ongoing, but I am grateful to the foundation provided through key sessions when I was at Chula in 2013.

<https://reliefweb.int/report/yemen/failed-diplomacy-strangles-civilians-yemen>

Rob Helme reports that Suze was interviewed recently for ABC News and was very impressive.



Keilor commits to the Community Hub for Holloway Aged Care

The Holloway Community Hub opened on November 17th after almost 2 years of planning, construction, labour and goodwill by the members of the Rotary Club of Keilor.

Rotary's involvement with Holloway Aged Care goes back many years and we were pleased to add that the good relationship continues and that with an arrangement recently put in place our working together should continue well into the future.

In 2016 the Rotary Club of Keilor, with the assistance of a small Australian Government Communities Grant, accepted the challenge of converting this, then small, cold "colorbond shed" into a high quality and fully functional Community Hub for the residents of both Holloway and the wider community.



What has been achieved over the past twenty months is a high quality, air conditioned Community Hub, considerably larger than initially planned with a fully integrated and fitted-out disabled toilet, an Integrated and fitted-out kitchenette, a hot water service, a high quality acoustic suspended ceiling, and with the north, south and west walls of the building fully fire rated, internally and externally.

The project was completed in August 2017 and was one that was the subject of Grant monies, generous material donations and discounts, the Rotary SuperSwim monies as well as in excess of 300+ construction hours volunteered by Rotary Members.



The Club thanked those who, without whose support and funding, this project would not have started and/or been as successful as it was, including:

- ▣ The office of Mr Bill Shorten for its support of our Stronger Communities Grant Application .
- ▣ Kevin from Madex Plaster Linings who were extremely generous with the many materials donated to the project
- ▣ Harold Simpson – Builder who was most generous with his time, building expertise and materials
- ▣ Simon from Astute Plumbing who was very generous with his plumbing expertise and time and also for their concreting skills that allowed the path to the Hub to be completed
- ▣ Reece Plumbing who were very generous with their discounting of the plumbing materials supplied by them.
- ▣ To our Rotarian member Paul Ryan who kindly made and donated the two plaques which were unveiled and which we encourage you to read – thank you Paul, and lastly
- ▣ To those Rotary Club members who volunteered the **300+ construction hours** to nail, screw, sand, paint, dig and insulate etc.
- ▣ At the end of meeting John Dean formally opened the Community Hub and invited Tracey Parry , Holloway's newly appointed Community Hub Coordinator to assist him

Tracey is shown thanking John Dean after removing the cover over the plaques which featured the sponsors .

Leon Llewli



“Diversity – Kodachrome”

Article by RC PDG John Prendergast

Nowadays in Rotary we hear – and talk – a lot about the need for diversity in our membership. Our communities are increasingly diverse, and our Rotary Clubs should reflect our communities; therefore, our Rotary Clubs should be diverse. Shouldn't they?

So, what does diversity look like? And how are we doing?

I went to my trusty dictionaries to find out exactly what diversity means. The Collins Dictionary defines diversity as: **quality of being different or varied; range of difference.**

And according to the Merriam Webster Dictionary, diversity is

1: the condition of having or being composed of differing elements, especially the inclusion of different types of people (such as people of different races or cultures) in a group or organization

2: being composed of differing elements or qualities: a diversity of opinion I've certainly observed a lot of diversity of opinion in our Rotary Clubs, and that's what you want. But diversity of colour? – not so much.

Of course, diversity in Rotary doesn't only mean diversity of race – gender and age diversification amongst others are also critically important. But let's focus for now on diversity of race.

If I look across our Clubs, sadly I don't see many brown faces. Where are all our indigenous Rotarians? In New Zealand how many Maori Rotarians have we got? Maori make up around 15% of New Zealand's population, which means that were our Clubs' reflective of that proportion, 1,230 of our 8,200 Rotarians would be Maori. And in Australia 3.3% of the population is Aboriginal, which would equate to 950 of the 28,500 Rotarians in Australia. Have we got 1,230 Maori and 950 Aboriginal Rotarians? I don't think so. In reality I would suggest we'd be lucky if we had 230 Maori, and 50 Aboriginal, as members of our Clubs.

Rotarian Brent Rosenthal is the Rotary Coordinator for Zone 30 in the USA – known as “The Heart of America”, the Zone covers Indiana and Ohio in the north, and then heads down through Kentucky, and also takes in states in the American South of Tennessee, parts of Mississippi, and Alabama. In recent times several of these parts of The Heart of America have been embroiled in racial tension and conflict.

So, it was topical, and possibly quite brave, that Brent recently offered a webinar on the topic “**Bridging the Rotary Racial Divide**”. The webinar talked about Rotary in the States being “monochromatic” i.e. only of one colour. Among other ideas, Brent's webinar highlighted the need to be intentional about seeking greater diversity.

Why should we embrace diversity? Well quite apart from the rich reservoir of potential members that we might find if we intentionally go looking, diversity brings with it a range of different world views, which brings different sets of eyes and minds with which to identify and solve the challenges present in our communities today.

We can either stick with our current monochrome Rotary, or perhaps we might listen to Paul Simon, and go for kodachrome instead?

extracted from Rotary on the Move, Zone 7b and 8 Newsletter, December 2017.

rotaryclubofmiltonadulla.org.au/ROM%20Newsletter.htm



Words of Wisdom from West Footscray

It was good to enjoy a BBQ after such a long break.

Sausage Sizzles are not just about making money. They teach many things. They teach how to count money and give the right change. They teach how to encourage one another and give each other a break. They make lovely aromas frying snags and onions. They share challenges and crises.

At one point we ran out of cooked sausages. A moment earlier everyone was buzzing along, doing their job like a well oiled machine. Then suddenly we all stopped and stared at each other like Brown's cows.

It was like driving a Formula 1 which suddenly stops dead.

There were a couple of quips, but their effect was brief. Some of the crowd shrugged their shoulders and left, others said they'd return shortly. Some were children. Their sense of smell had drawn them here and they were not leaving.

Fortunately we had some tracts. We read the tracts to the children and the parents soon caught on, reading and teaching what Rotary does.

So the dire crisis became a pleasant opportunity and suddenly the tasty sausages were ready.
So the crisis formed a captive audience.

It teaches us how to live in a team with its strength and weaknesses. There is something beautiful in every Rotary BBQ. A group of people who are busy like everyone else and have responsibilities back home like everyone else, stops thinking about itself. Here people of various vocations see the beauty of serving others, the sick, the starving, the illiterate, while sharing a joke with coke or mixing Fanta with banter.

Cecil Schmalkuche
President



Around our District in our clubs



Cecil Schmalkuche, President of the Rotary Club of West Footscray with the newly installed Mayor of Footscray, Councillor Cuc Lam, a member of the Club of West Footscray . Congratulations Cr Lam.

The Rotary Club of Kew awarded young Kew businessman, Daniel Richter, with their inaugural "Pride of Workmanship" Award. Here is Daniel receiving his certificate from President Carl and sponsor Chris Ewart



With busy weekday lives during this time of year, President of the Rotary Cub of Melbourne Park, Jacinta Walker came up with an unorthodox way to induct a brand new member...at a Bunnings BBQ! Can you think of anything more Aussie? A first for our club. Welcome to the Melbourne Park team, Vanessa Kiel.



The Rotary club of Footscray inducted Stephen Palmer at their meeting last week. Steven's late father Ron, was a Rotarian and his brother is as well. He is pictured here with PP Angus Scott Walker and President Bob Newman.



Around our District in our clubs



The Rotary Club of Albert Park celebrated their 25th Anniversary on November 25th at Emerald Hill Hotel.

Rotary Club of North Balwyn recently inducted Brian Thomas. Brian is well known to all through his support of the Solomon Islands project. Brian has recently received a Paul Harris Fellow Award in recognition of this support



It is with great sadness that we advise of the death of Franco Robles aged 34. Franco was a participant at District 9790's RYLA Camp when he became ill. We extend our condolences to the Gateway Rotaract Club who were the facilitators at the camp and to the Rotary Club of Strathmore who sponsored Marco.

***To his partner Michael Galluzzo,
Past President of Gateway Rotaract and
President Elect Nominee of Strathmore
Rotary Club our hearts go out to you.***

Maria Silber
District 9800 Youth Chair





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News from District 9800

have the time to help Marketing and Public Image with Facebook posts?



The Public Image and Communications Committee are looking to recruit a member/s who can give 1-2 hours each fortnight to schedule current Networker stories and events for the District 9800 facebook account.

You only need to be competent with facebook and not an expert. Recent examples of posts are great templates to guide post creation. The most important factor is that stories and events are scheduled regularly as we have great content and need to ensure it gets shared across all our communication channels. Please email publicrelations@rotarydistrict9800.org.au

Youth Service Committee webmaster

Do you have website skills and would like to put them to good use. The Youth Committee is looking for a webmaster. Interested in the role and would like more information please contact Maria Silber youth@rotarydistrict9800.org.au

PUBLICATIONS AND MERCHANDISE

Rotary has some excellent resources available for everyone but they are currently being underutilised. There have been a lot of enquiries from Rotarians on where/how they can access certain publications and merchandise. This often includes things like Paul Harris Fellow Medallions. The Rotary Shop Online is an easy to use ordering platform listing publications for districts and clubs to help support and grow their members. There is also Rotary merchandise available to show your support for all of the wonderful work that we do across the world. To view our current range of items please visit shop.rotary.org.

*Please note all prices are listed in USD and converted at the current Rotary exchange rate when purchased.

**All orders are shipped from our office in Parramatta

Stacey Blackman

Administrator , Rotary International, South Pacific and Philippines Office

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Economic and Community Development, and Peace
17 March 2018 — Sydney, Australia

Registration Opens: 11 September 2017

Early Bird Deadline: 13 December 2017

<http://rippc2018.com.au/>

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Your District In Peacebuilding

Adopt peace as one of the areas of focus during your term of office.

Volunteer to be your District Chair of Peacebuilder activities who will help clubs recruit Rotary Peace Fellows and support club level peace projects and activities.

Plan learning opportunities that will inspire and prepare clubs and Rotarians within your district to become effective agents and/or contributors to peace.

Become a Rotary Centers Peacebuilder District. Districts that allocate US\$25,000 per year or \$50,000 every other year from their District Designated Funds to support a Rotary Peace Fellow will be designated as a Rotary Centers Peacebuilder District.

Contact the Rotarian Action Group for Peace for more ideas or to request information and planning materials.



www.rotarianactiongroupforpeace.org

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<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/promoting-peace>



ROTARY CONVENTION
23-27 JUNE 2018
TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA

Early Bird Registrations close on 15th December

Our On to Convention Co-ordinator, Kevin Beagle is from Toronto and he has arranged for several of his Toronto Rotarian friends to help our group make the most of the city and also have a set meeting place (the Overdraft Hotel, just five minutes from the convention venue) where District 9800 delegates can catch up with each other.

Further details and registrations are available via www.riconvention.org or if you would like to have Kevin present to your Club, please contact him on kmbeagle@gmail.com

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 16-18 March / Warrnambool / Victoria



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

A calendar of major dates and events for Rotary is available here

<https://my.rotary.org/en/news-media/calendar>

Rotary 
**monthly
 themes**

- DECEMBER** Disease Prevention and Treatment month
- JANUARY** Vocational Service month
- FEBRUARY** Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution month
- MARCH** Water and Sanitation month
- APRIL** Maternal and Child Health month
- MAY** Youth Service month
- JUNE** Rotary Fellowships month
- AUGUST** Membership and New Club Development month
- SEPTEMBER** Basic Education and Literacy month
- OCTOBER** Economic and Community Development month
- NOVEMBER** Rotary Foundation month



The Rotary Club of Essendon North
Supporting the Community

CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

November 25th & 26th
& December
2nd & 3rd
9th & 10th
16th & 17th

Funds Raised Donated To Local Charities

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Rotary Club of Richmond

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Would you be interested in helping out at the event?

Contact Kerry Kornhauser at

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Tee off with us

Annual Charity Golf Day

for

Very Special Kids



and other local and International Rotary Projects Supporter Event

Friday 23rd February, 2018

Kooringal Golf Club 12.30pm

\$650* Hole Sponsorship & 4 players

\$250* Hole Sponsorship only

\$100* per player

* includes dinner/s

Many great prizes

Entries & Fees by 9th February



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Family & friends welcome to attend Presentation Dinner & mini Auction, \$30pp

Donation of items for mini Auction (\$400+ value) sought.

Donations required - cash or items - for raffle prizes &/or golf prizes.

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