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people.



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District 9800



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District Governor Bronwyn Stephens

It was a long time ago that Paul Harris was born – 19th April 1868. Thank you Paul and Happy birthday even today. He would be very pleased at the birthday presents we would be celebrating with him in District 9800 Clubs. Some of his gifts I was so happy to enjoy.

Shine On....when people are dealt rough circumstances they rise above it and shout “I’m going to be the best self I can be”. We celebrate that together and recognize them. The Rotary Club of Hoppers Crossing led by Victorian representative Louise Bugeja, congratulations on hosting a magnificent event.

All District 9800 Clubs were offered a gift by “**Herald Sun**” Journalist **Keith Moor** who shared tips and tricks for getting their stories into the media. This fun and Interactive workshop was full of tall tales and true. Kerry Kornhauser and Julie Mason, thank you for your creativity and generosity.



Five **global scholar candidates** presented themselves for interview. All with great intentions for far reaching humanitarian altruism. It was so difficult to select one, and, with \$60,000 of Rotary Foundation funds to allocate we made the decision to divide the funds. The Menzies Scholarship had been awarded already to one, so \$30,000 to him achieved his 2 year study plan at Harvard. The remaining funds was what the other successful candidate requires to further her legal studies in specialised refugee law. A win— win for 2 very impressive stars who are firmly aligned with Rotary.

The three **National Youth Science Forum** students sponsored by 3 Clubs – Footscray, Keilor East and Richmond who have been selected to advance to the **London Youth Science Forum**. What excitement! What a huge cost. Rotarians are known for creativity so Maria Silber, Mark Stephens and the Clubs together have come up with a solution to assist. District, Foundation and Club funds are leveraging what the families can afford. The students will get there.

All Clubs work tirelessly and do great things. This month the **Rotary Club of Point Gellibrand** quietly put on a great turn for kids with cancer.

challenge.org.au/avast-ye-hearties-the-challenge-voyage-has-begun/

For over 20 years, Williamstown Boat Day has annually called upon Challenge’s finest pirates to join its crew and set sail to find the treasure and never-ending glory. President Mick continued this tradition into 2019 with more than 100 Challenge lads and lasses embarking on a swashbuckling voyage like no other.



Congratulating a Paul Harris Society Member as a major donor is significant. \$US1000 donation each year allows the work of the Foundation to continue – polio eradication, safe water, care for mothers and babies, education for children, preventing disease, economic opportunities in developing countries, positive peace outcomes. **Beth Foley of the Rotary Club of Kew** has been donating this amount for ten years so she has been contributing so much to our wider world. It was privilege to recognise her on behalf of us all with a pin and crystal.



Then the icing on the cake. The charter of a new Rotary Club which welcomed 28 new Rotarians to our patch. Welcome to the **Rotary Club of Wyndham Harbour**.

May you enjoy great fellowship and have fun while you serve your community in Rotary’s name.

Bronwyn

Rotary Club of Wyndham Harbour charters

On February 23rd, 2019, the Rotary Club of Wyndham Harbour was chartered. 114 years after (on the same day) since Paul P. Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram E. Shorey met in Loehr's Chicago office, on 23rd February 1905, for now, what's recorded as the first Rotary club meeting.

We are delighted to announce the formation of the Rotary Club of Wyndham Harbour, the 5th club in the Wyndham cluster. On Saturday 6th of April 2019, we held our inaugural event at the Seasons 5 resort; a ground-breaking ceremony to mark the club's charter. This grand celebration was well-attended by visiting Rotarians, community members, as well as Rotary & community leaders.

A club charter certificate was presented to the charter president Rosemary Kinyua by District Governor Bronwyn Stephens. Guest speakers delivered important and worthy messages about the virtues of being a Rotarian, truly brilliant and genuine key messages inspiring the audience to greater heights. Those who lent their gifts and talents to a beautiful evening really outdid themselves. It is people that make Rotary, and this was on full display on the night.



The guests were pleasantly surprised by a colourful treat of African rhythmic dancers; guests' creative attempts to keep up with the quick-steps of the West African drumming sounds was met with all-round cheer. And the musical spectacle was topped off by the magic of Mitz bringing everyone into the gyrations of the Congo dance-line.

Although this was its commencement occasion, the Rotary Club of Wyndham Harbour (RCWH) membership stands ready to engage with noble projects across the community. With over 50 years of accumulated knowledge of its founding members' (Domenic Cichello, Rosemary G. Kinyua & Chris Egger), with the support of the club's board, members, district leaders, friends and family, the Charter Night marked the beginning of a beautiful journey ahead of us. We are grateful.



With the club now fully operational, our immediate focus now is club planning, fundraising and membership training, prior to commencing our new Rotary year in July 2019. If you would like to learn more about the Rotary Club of Wyndham Harbour or how to become a member, please contact our club secretary, Chris Egger at chrisegger771@gmail.com.

We look forward to meeting with more of our community members in service, teamwork and fellowship. These historical moments were captured from our charter night celebrations by our friend Imran Abul Kashem from Westend Photography - <http://www.westendphotography.com.au>
facebook.com/pg/Rotary-Club-of-Wyndham-Harbour-336383287093707/photos/?tab=album&album_id=403728713692497



Rosemary G. Kinyua
Rotary Club of Wyndham Harbour
Charter President



Point Gellibrand Pirates—avast ye hearties!

For over 20 years, **Williamstown Boat Day** has annually called upon Challenge's finest pirates to join its crew and set sail to find the treasure and never-ending glory. We continued this tradition into 2019 with more than 100 Challenge lads and lasses embarking on a swashbuckling voyage like no other.



The expedition was separated into two, 1-hour tours with the first one in the morning, and the second in the afternoon. On each tour, we welcomed aboard a new crew of pirates, whilst those from the previous voyage rested their weary limbs.

Once the ship and crew were in tow, the quest for the hidden treasure had begun! Navigating our way through the calm waters of Port Phillip Bay, our ship came to a halt when the Captain cried: "Sail Ho!". We were not alone.

Traversing these waters was another ship with a crew of scallywags, all vying for the same treasure we had set our hearts to find. Our enemy had approached and fixed in their eyes was the intent of war. But we were ready, we knew this was coming.

With our ship bilged on her anchor, we readied for the battle of all battles, the most primitive of its kind – a water balloon fight (only ecofriendly balloons of course!). Hundreds and hundreds of water balloons were being launched left, right and centre – Captain Bligh would have been proud! Our enemies went down one by one, every moment inching us closer to glory.



At last, we overhauled our enemy and within minutes, we found our treasure. But at the end of the day, the greatest treasure we found was not at sea or buried miles deep in sand; it was in each other.

The camaraderie we all shared was truly something special and something that no amount of gold or riches can possibly compare. Upon returning to land, we were welcomed by our dear mateys who had cooked up a he-ARR-ty barbeque to celebrate our triumph. With delicious food and live music thanks to #BellandBrowning, it was the perfect way to finish what was a fantastic, but long, long day.

A mighty big thank you to everyone involved, but particularly to our volunteers, Mick Trezise, the Williamstown Charter, Point Gellibrand Rotary Club and the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria. Without all ye, at sea we would be lost!

<https://www.challenge.org.au/avast-ye-hearties-the-challenge-voyage-has-begun/>

Rotary Club of Hawthorn and the Road to Nhill

If you want to see Rotary's motto '**Be the Inspiration**' in action, go no further than the Rotarians of the Rotary Club of Nhill. It was indeed a privilege and inspiration to spend time with President John Millington, the Nhill Rotarians and the Karen refugees who are making a new life in the town and in so doing, giving Nhill a new life.

A group of twenty-eight Rotarians and partners spent the weekend representing the Rotary Club of Hawthorn (and don't forget Glenferrie and Endeavour Hills!) on a club visit to the Rotary Club of Nhill. This was a follow-up to Nhill Rotarian John Millington's talk to the club, when he told us about the Karen Community in Nhill.

The town of Nhill is now home to 200 Karen refugees from Myanmar. Far from dividing locals, the huge influx of newcomers – many of whom arrived traumatised, unfamiliar with western society – has brought new life to the community.

What an extraordinary couple John and Margaret Millington are: John's talk, is a story is beautifully told as "The Karen road to Nhill": <https://www.sbs.com.au/topics/life/culture/feature/karen-road-nhill>

The Rotary Club of Nhill proved to be wonderful hosts, bussing us from venue to venue, showing us the various interesting sites, and feeding us frequently.

After morning coffee in Beaufort and lunch in Horsham, the group had barely time to settle in at the Zero Inn at Nhill before being taken to the Paw Po Centre, one of the previously closed up shops in the main street. It is now full of chatter as the women weave, sew and work their way through the complexities of erecting Ikea flat packs.

They have called the business Paw Po, meaning "little flower" in Karen. The window is full of handmade products using traditional fabrics. There are cushions, oven gloves, mats and little rope baskets. They also produce beautiful flower arrangements. Several members bought souvenirs and gifts to take home.



Then on to Nhill Aerodrome, which had been a refuelling stop-over on early flights between Adelaide and Melbourne, and a training facility during World War 11. It was difficult to imagine the bare paddocks with 2,000 troops stationed there.

We received an interesting talk in The Nhill Aviation Heritage Centre, which is home to four aircraft; an Avro Anson (almost completely rebuilt), a fully rebuilt Wirraway, a flying Tiger Moth and an operating Link Trainer (flight simulator). Their website is also worth a visit: <https://www.nhillaviationheritagecentre.com.au>



Adjacent to the Aerodrome is the Ambulance Patient Transfer Station, the first in Victoria, which was designed and built by Rotarians. Patients have a safe controlled atmosphere while waiting to be transferred to and from air and land ambulances.



Another fine Rotary and Community story:

We passed The Luv-a-Duck Farm on the way to The Community Garden, where we heard how the Karen people have developed their own food production, with considerable assistance from The Luv-a-Duck Farm in the form of duck manure.



After a short break, we were driven to Nhill Lake for pre-dinner drinks and to meet more Nhill Rotarians, and then (after a brief stop at the IGA to purchase essential supplies) to St Patrick's for dinner and entertainment.

The dancers were skilled and enthralling, and the audience showed their appreciation of the time and effort they had put in for their performance. We also heard from a RYLA attendee, and a student who hopes to go the National Youth Science Forum, before studying medicine as a career.



The following morning we were picked up at 8.15 am for a walk on the boardwalk on the swamp, before breakfast on the lake. Once again Nhill Rotarians produced the goods: bacon and egg for brekkie!

Then on to church, where the service was enchanting with a strong Karen culture to it.

After a few more sights around town, to Oliver's Café for lunch: Oliver's is essentially a community house but also an interesting concept as it provides training for the locals in hospitality. CEO Annette Creek told us the story of the rebirth of Oliver's as a "Social Enterprise" and her other programs with the Karen community.



Before we finally hit the road for home, tired but happy, President Ian Bentley acknowledged the work of Noel Halford and John Millington in making the visit such an enjoyable event.

Gordon Cheyne
Rotary Club of Hawthorn

The Shine On Awards

Rotary Southern District 'Shine On' recognition program is an outstanding annual recognition program acknowledging exceptional service by people with disability to their local and wider community.

The Southern Districts covers five Rotary districts: 9780, 9790, 9800, 9810 and 9820 and they were all represented at this year's presentations..

The award ceremony was held this year at the Italian Sports Club of Werribee and was hosted by the Rotary Club of Hoppers Crossing.

With a number of distinguished guests in attendance, the opening address was by Joanne Ryan, MP for Lalor. Linda Scott from RC Hoppers Crossing was an excellent Mistress of Ceremonies and was ably supported by a number of Rotarians. It was wonderful to see so many proud family, friends and supporters accompany the nominees, together with Rotarians from all districts.

An independent judging panel reviews each application and recommends the winners. Sr Angela Wall, Dr Thomas Barrett and Dr David Price comprised this year's expert panel and are thanked for their time and expertise. Reading through the nominations, they had a very tough task. This year for the first time there were shared winners.



Nominees were:

Youth aged 18-25:

District 9800	Jake Tynan	Samuel Egger		
District 9810	Katie Spencer	Maddi Spencer	Jack Lew Kee	



Adult:

District 9780	Buffy Harrison	Dave Waters	Maurice Oates	Cheryl McLaren
	PP Bob Osborne	Trevor McLaren		
District 9790	Ian Hewitt	Jenna Elms Smith	Sharon Sellick	
District 9800	Ayman Barbaresco	Clement Baade	Louise Bugeja	Peter Thomson
	Tracey Farnsworth			
District 9810	Amir Abdi	Jack Watson	Jordie Howell	Warren O'Brien
District 9820	Claire Wilson	Phillip Chalker		

The winner in the Youth category was Sam Egger from the new Rotary Club of Wyndham Harbour who was nominated by Frances Farrugia of the Rotary Club of Hoppers Crossing.

In the adult section, there was a tie between Tracey Farnsworth nominated by Mark Perree from the Rotary Club of Chadstone East Malvern, and Ayman Barbaresco, nominated by David Clark from the Rotary Club of Prahran.



There were also a number of Highly Commended presented this year.

Louise Bugeja from the Rotary Club of Hoppers Crossing did a magnificent job coordinating this year's event.

Members of the Bridge Choir entertained us all between presentations and had everyone singing along and swinging to the music.

Guest Speaker Brooke Parsons, a previous award winner, assured us that it was possible to live a rich and rewarding life with a disability.

Brooke suffered her first stroke age 25 and has had over 80 operations! Despite this, she works as an integration aide, speaks to groups about stroke and volunteers.



The Shine On Awards are a wonderful celebration of the amazing talents and achievements of people who contribute to the community in so many different ways – despite their disabilities. They are all to be congratulated on their nominations.

Docklands container paints a picture

The Rotary Clubs of **Docklands**, **Central Melbourne**, **Donations in Kind (DIK)** and **Educaring Africa** will transport donated medical equipment to complete a new medical clinic in Malawi. The 40 ft container will also send much needed school supplies to local Malawian schools.



A team of artists led by **Tamirat Gebremariam** has transformed the container into a giant African-themed mural on Harbour Esplanade, Docklands.

Tamirat is an Ethiopian-born Australia living in Melbourne's west. He has completed a Masters of Fine Art at the VCA in 2012 and received the Martin Foley MP Award for his work. He explores portraiture through the lens of his own migrant experience, bringing light and strength to his stories of Australians from all walks of life.



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mycause.com.au/page/198782/medical-for-malawi.



Risen Jesus School & Pre School Buturu

Sister Hermine and the Sisters of the Resurrection in Buturu, Tanzania have forwarded this report of the opening of the pre school. Which has been supplied from Donations in Kind.

On 28th February 2019 the long-awaited celebration of Blessing the Risen Jesus Pre-school occurred. For this occasion, Mother General Dorota Zygmunt arrived from Rome with Sr Maria Budnik, General Counsellor.

We began the celebration with for everyone who contributed to the establishment of this enterprise, for our Benefactors, entrusting our pre-schoolers to God's protection.

Mass was celebrated by Rev Michael Msonganzila, Bishop of the Musoma Diocese assisted by several local priests. The church was filled with the parents and families of our students, guests and students from our first foundation, the Chief Wanzagi Secondary School for Girls.

At the entry to the preschool building Bishop Michael and Mother Dorota cut the ribbon. We then gathered on the assembly quadrangle and sang the national anthem of Tanzania, and then Bishop Michael Msonganzila blessed each building.

There followed the artistic component. The children showcased their skills, learned during their attendance in our preschool – naming colours, fruit and shapes in English, counting from 1-10, reciting nursery rhymes and dancing. The parents were proud of their children, and we with great joy at how much the children were able to learn in their short (1 ½ months) at our preschool.

Mother Dorota brought special medals from Rome for the children, with the image of the Risen Jesus blessed by Pope Francis. The children also received backpacks containing candy surprises.

In Tanzania, the celebration would not be valid without food, so our festivities ended with a feast. After the meal, everyone helped themselves to a piece of cake cut by the Bishop and Mother General.

So our gratitude for your goodness, help and love that we can rejoice today, that the children from the poor village of Buturu, running about daily barefoot, in dirty ragged clothes, are able to learn in a colourful, well-equipped preschool.

They can eat their fill, dress in beautiful uniforms and in the hours spent with us learn and play. We are happy to mark the progress of our pre-schoolers, small steps that for us are great achievements - and we thank with grateful hearts those who supported us during the building of the preschool and continue to do so.

Apart from the Lowther Hall uniforms, please note that all the curtain fabric, all furniture and, although you don't see much of it, all the books, stationery, art paper, toys, staffroom and office furniture – in short, everything in the pre-school is there thanks to Rotary.

Sisters of the Resurrection in Buturu
Sister Hermina Widlarz CR



World of Difference Tour to Cambodia & Laos

Cambodia is a country located in the southeast of the Indochina Peninsula in Southeast Asia, it shares borders with Vietnam to the east, Laos in the northeast, Thailand in west/northwest, and the Gulf of Thailand is in south-west. The area of Cambodia is about $\frac{1}{4}$ the size of Victoria. It has a population of about 13.4 million inhabitants. The capital city is Phnom Penh. Spoken languages are, predominantly (90%) Khmer.

Cambodia is one of the world's poorest economies with development being hindered by the loss of an estimated \$2.5m or 25% of the then population at the time who were killed during the Pol Pot regime including the vast majority of the nation's educated people.

The Cambodian Genocide was the result of a social engineering project by the Khmer Rouge, attempting to create a classless agrarian society. The regime would ultimately collapse when the neighboring country of Vietnam invaded, establishing an occupation that would last more than a decade.

The government of Cambodia is set up as a multi-party democracy under a constitutional monarchy. The general consensus is that the government is corrupt. Elections are compromised so the result is a one party state. Hun Sen³ has been the Prime Minister since 1985. Private newspapers have been shut down by the State.

A dark past...From 1975 to 79 the Khmer Rouge led by Pol Pot was driven by a determination to return Cambodia to an agrarian socialist republic



What is World of Difference?

- District 9800 Managed Program - running since November 2011
- Combined cultural, donating & volunteering trips
- Encompasses Rotary's International, Vocational & Youth Avenues of Service
- Enabled more than 14 Rotary Clubs to have projects in Cambodia
- Works with Rotary Club of Phnom Penh & Battambang
- Facilitated \$400,000+ in donations to Cambodia
- Built a school (Bosala) and donated bicycles, uniforms and books to the students
- Provided water & sanitation to several villages
- Provided crops & livestock to give villagers food and an income
- Later expanded to incorporate Rotary projects in Laos



World of Difference Tours is a Rotary endorsed program started by DG Bronwyn Stephens. It combines tourism with cultural, volunteering and projects, and it has assisted over 14 Rotary clubs to undertake projects in Cambodia and later expanded to Laos. It also runs tours for secondary school students for cultural experience as well as hands-on projects.

World of Difference works closely with Rithy An, a local who is tour guide for many of the tours. Some of you will have heard Rithy speak at Conference. His story is incredibly moving having survived Pol Pot and being raised by monks in pagoda and when he is not looking after his own family & business he is working as the man on the ground with World of Difference.

Whilst each tour is different, our tour was focused on re-visiting past projects and also researching potential new projects.

At Chress Village (Rithy's village) we viewed water filters & drilling for water and started to understand the importance of water to these villagers and their quality of life.

We donated bikes to 2 schools Sreivbloker primary school in remote area 35km NE of Siem reap (& later in Laos near Luang Prabang) , we rode the last 10kms with the donated bikes with students to the school and watched the presentation of the bikes to the excited students

In each of the school visits we interacted with the students, listened to reading, played word games, ball games, provided dental hygiene etc lessons.

The novice monks in Luang Prabang took the prize for having the best English & for being the cheekiest.

We visited many villages and sometimes got to ask questions via our guide and tried to understand their challenges. In a village in Laos occupied by Hmong people We found the young daughters were not in school as they were selling handicrafts to tourists, so we are looking for a solution to this issue.

We also saw work from NGOs which perhaps and best of intentions but without maintenance the pumps etc had fallen into disrepair.

We also visited Krouser Thmey Deaf Blind School and played some games with the students and heard from the director about the challenges of the school and I am hoping to start a relationship with the school and Vision Australia and at very east Vision will assist with donation of surplus product.



Lastly, I am going to tell you about the hospital visit. **Kampong Speu Referral Hospital** is the hospital that Mr Peter Lugg and fellow surgeon Dr Meng Sok are planning to build 3 operating rooms (a new wing). Kampong Speu town is the capital of Kampong Speu Province. It is situated 50 km south west of Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia. It is about 2 hours drive from the capital. The centre of the town hosts a market, surrounded by bicycle shops, a dispensary and small restaurants. It is not a tourist town

The Kampong Speu Referral Hospital was originally built as a school, under Pol Pot regime it was converted to a hospital. It has 200 deliveries of babies per month and 90-120 basic operations per month. The proposal is for a new building consisting 3 operating rooms in total about 10m wide about 30m long to provide for more specialised surgery to service the needs of the local community. The site is on the old maternity ward, which has been demolished (2 years ago), only the footings remain.



Approx. 20-30% patients in Phnom Penn are from Kampong Speu, many are in hospital as a result of road accidents on the busy main arterial road between Phnom Penn and Sihanoukville. The journey to Phnom Penn for surgery is long and many patients do not survive the journey.

For those that do, the families find it hard, Phnom Penn is expensive, they need to go there to look after their loved ones (provide food etc), they don't have anywhere to live, the follow up of the patients after surgery is difficult to non existent (due to the distance) and this reduces the quality of the outcome and leads to more poverty.

Rotary Hawthorn member Mr Peter Lugg and colleague Dr Meng Sok (with some help from their friends) are planning to build 3 operating rooms (a new wing) which will enable more specialised surgery to be performed to better service the needs of the local community including the road trauma victims.

Perhaps together we can make this happen and truly make a difference to the lives of the people of Kampong Speu in Cambodia?

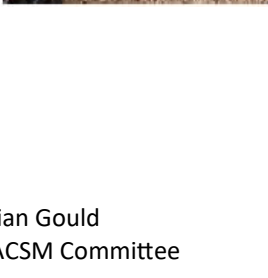
Read more about World of Difference: <https://www.wod.org.au>

Katrina Flynn, PP Rotary Club of Hawthorn

The Great Aussie Camping Swap Meet

The **Rotary Club of Eaglehawk's Great Aussie Camping Swap Meet** was another success for the town and the club with many very happy customers and stall holders singing the praises of Rotary. While the weather was not as ordered {25 degrees and sunny turned into cold and windy}.

Rotarians worked on planning, mapping prior to the showcase, publicity and social media as well as manning stalls and gates on the day. Typically, a true team effort to ensure a successful event.



Brian Gould
GACSM Committee

Five Steps For Becoming a People of Action Club

MENTOR INSPIRE
CONNECT EMPOWER
SAVE LIVES TRANSFORM
LEARN END POLIO
PROMOTE PEACE
FIGHT HUNGER

1.) PICK A HEADLINE

Choose a People of Action verb that best describes how your club makes an impact in the community.

4.) REFRESH YOUR CLUB'S WEBSITE

Need new content? Post one of the recently updated 90-second videos called "Power in our Connections" to your page and direct visitors there using social media. Find the video at the Brand Center.



2.) PUBLICIZE A RECENT PROJECT ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Now use a verb to create a shareable social media post about one of your club's recent service projects. The People of Action templates in Brand Center can help you create post.



3.) CREATE A PRINT AD

Don't forget traditional media. The Brand Center has ready made ads that you can send to your community's newspaper or magazine. Many newspapers offer discounts for charitable organizations like Rotary.

5.) KEEP SHARING

It's how you can generate community partners and gather support to make your project a success.



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ROTARY DISTRICT 5870 PUBLIC IMAGE TEAM

Malaria Vaccine Project Newsletter 4 - March 2019

PAIRINGS:
Hon Lawrence Springborg
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Graham Jones and Gold Coast Benji

Friday March 8 2019 was an epic day for the Malaria Vaccine Project, Rotarians all over Australia, and Professor Good and his scientific team. On that day almost two years after the Project was launched by the Governor General Sir Peter Cosgrove, the Minister for Health the Hon Greg Hunt MP announced that the Federal Government would match the \$500,000 that Rotary has

raised with a further \$500,000

from the Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF). This means that the total going forward to the malaria vaccine research at the Institute for Glycomics (Griffith University) is now \$1.04 million.

The Minister noted that he was impressed by the efforts of Rotary Australia in enabling the clinical trials which test the effectiveness of the new novel vaccine PlasProtect®, which commenced in August 2018. These much needed additional funds from the Federal Government will move forward the clinical trials in a non-endemic country (Australia) and take us closer to the ultimate goal of saving the lives of over 435,000 people who die from malaria every year. Most of these people are young children and pregnant women living in places like Africa, PNG, and South America.

The announcement by Minister Hunt was widely circulated in the media in most states and I was delighted to see that the efforts of Rotary were strongly highlighted. Some of the press grabs were a little bizarre but "Rotary sausage sizzles help fund new vaccine" would have touched the heart of every Rotarian. Besides appearing in the Herald Sun (Melbourne), the Courier Mail (Brisbane), the Advertiser (Adelaide), the Gold Coast Bulletin and various Australia Associated Press (AAP) outlets, there were several interviews on radio (ABC, 3AW, 91.7 Gold Coast ABC) and on Channel 7.

At about the same time as Professor Good and I made a submission to Minister Hunt and the MRFF fund in January, the Governor General Sir Peter Cosgrove surprised us with a return visit to receive an update on the malaria research and the Rotary fundraising. There is more about this in a later article but there is no doubt that Sir Peter's passion for the Project and the media his visit generated laid a very favourable foundation for our proposal to the Federal Government. I would also like to extend our thanks to Hon Karen Andrews, Minister for Industry, Science and Technology, Hon Steven Ciobo, Minister for Defence Industry, former Queensland Premier Hon Rob Borbidge and former Australian Senator Santo Santoro for supporting our submission.

I add a big thank you to our Rotarian Malaria Ambassador (D 9570) Bruce Howlett and John Nugent who grasped the initiative to inform Minister Hunt about the Malaria Vaccine Project at a function hosted by George Christensen MP in Mackay. This set off a whole chain of events that led to the Federal Government matching the incredible work that Rotarians and our sponsor Zarraffas have done all over Australia. We are over the moon with your help-THANK YOU. I also extend our special thanks to Minister Hunt and Kylie Wright from the Health Department for this wonderful grant. Hopefully Big Business will step up and pitch in alongside Rotary and Government to give this promising vaccine a much needed additional \$500,000.

That is our next frontier!!

PDG Graham Jones

Chair of the Malaria Vaccine Project Committee



Hon Greg Hunt MP, Minister for Health

Australian Rotary Health spotlight on Parkinson's

High Hopes for New Parkinson's Disease Blood Study

20 Australians are diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease every day, but in many cases, it takes years before they even receive this diagnosis.

In 2018, Jasmin Galper was awarded the **David Henning Memorial Foundation PhD Scholarship** by Australian Rotary Health, with an aim to identify biomarkers that may help patients receive an earlier and more accurate diagnosis.



"Parkinson's Disease patients often go undiagnosed for years with prodromal symptoms, at which time critical disease initiation is occurring," Jasmin said. "Clinical trials have failed to produce effective treatments, and this could be explained by the challenge of attempting to reverse or stop severe stages of disease while knowing little information on its formation."

Jasmin and her research team at the University of Sydney will study the blood of patients with Parkinson's Disease and those at high risk of developing the disease.

During this process, they will look at the blood of asymptomatic and symptomatic Parkinson's Disease risk gene carriers, to better understand the factors that are associated with carriers either converting to Parkinson's Disease or not.

"Factors found may help the generation of new biomarkers, which could lead to new therapeutic targets and an earlier disease diagnosis, at a stage where therapy may be better able to alter the course of neurodegeneration."

This study will use one of the biggest patient blood sample collections available for Parkinson's Disease research, which required an international effort to make it possible.

"Not all scientists researching Parkinson's Disease utilise patient samples, in fact, many use rodent models," Jasmin said. "Furthermore, when patient samples are used, they may be from patients with a long disease duration who have many secondary problems."

This puts this research in a good position to offer clinically relevant results to researchers in the field.

"Any changes that are found might help us in understanding what is occurring at the earliest stage of this disease."

"I am looking forward to the reveal of which samples belong to the Parkinson's or no Parkinson's and seeing the outcome of these completed experiments this year."

Jasmin and her team plan to present their findings at a Parkinson's Disease conference this year. We wish Jasmin all the best with her studies.

Australian Rotary Health News

<https://australianrotaryhealth.org.au/category/news/>

Donations in Kind Help Needed

Over the next 3 months additional assistance will be needed at Donations in Kind.

Laurie Fisher, Bob Glindemann and David Dippie will all be taking some well earned holidays and some of their dates overlap.



Laurie will be away 19th April to 21st May

David will be away 1st June to 15th June



Bob will be away from 18th April to 24th April and then 21st May to 30th June.

During this time a couple of extra people on a Tuesday or Thursday would be very useful as there are many collections to be made and a number of containers to despatch.

There are at least 6 containers to consolidate and send; large collections from Sunshine Hospital and a Caulfield Nursing Home are also scheduled. Both have multiple hospital beds which are needed for some of the forthcoming containers.

Additionally there are a number of Club Visits and Saturday Working Bees planned.

Can you help?

Give Bob a call ASAP on 0418 102 702 or Laurie on 0428 550 574

Destination	Shipper/Sponsoring Rotary Club	Contact	Phone	Estimate	Shipper
SOUTH SUDAN	RICHMOND	CHRIS HENRY	0431 408 887		
TANZANIA	WEST PERTHSHIRE	ELITE HENRY		18/5	
SOMALILAND PIRAHN - PHILIPINES	FOOTSCRAY	JOAN PIRAH			
TIMOR LESTE	CANTERBURY	GEOFF COLES	0418 100 459		
GHANA	REHOBOTH/BOB HENRY	DAVID JAMES			
SOLOMONS HENRY HOSPITAL	BEVERLY HAY (via Henry)	Ben Buchanan	0418 100 785		
PALESTINE	DONALDSON	RENEE HENRY	0418 100 459		
ETHIOPIA	GEORGE/REHOBOTH	RAY HENRY	0418 100 459		
CAMBODIA HENRY HAY	HANNOY / CHRY HENRY	CHRY HENRY	0418 100 459		
CHILE	REHOBOTH	RENEE HENRY	0418 100 459		
NEPAL SOUTH	SOUTH WARRA / DRYLEIGH	Susan Henry	0418 100 459		
SALOMON	CAROLINE SPRINGS R.C.	Frank Dill			
	SUNSHINE HENRY				
TIMOR LESTE	DR. HENRY				

Sauce for the sausages

Thanks to Jo Makris from the Rotary Club of Melbourne who has passed this offer onto us all.

Rosella has a number of cartons of Australian Made Tomato Sauce Sachets, that we are looking to donate to local clubs and NFPs for their canteens/events to promote our Australian product as well as our new healthier sauce option for kids (Honest Kids).



A Little bit about Honest Kids:

Our Australian grown and owned tomato sauce developed especially for Kids is naturally sweetened with fruit and vegetable juices rather than added cane sugar, it has 50% less sugar and salt than our regular Tomato Sauce. Labelled with a 3.5 Health star rating, it can be enjoyed guilt free with all of your child's favorite snacks.

Please do let us know if this would be of interest to you or your contacts. I can be contact on this email address or 9608 8744. Chelsea.Dang@sabrands.com

Rotary turns on the clean water tap

By Neville Page

How would you spend \$15,000 to help people in need? This is a decision members of the Rotary Club of North Melbourne have to make each year.

We like to help out local causes as much as we can. Sometimes that involves handing over money, sometimes it means giving people a helping hand.

One of our local projects responded to a call from Vision Australia. A client who is blind wanted to be part of a wood-working class but to do so needed the support of a volunteer with high level wood-working skills.

Our North Melbourne club found a retired expert wood-worker. He and the client got on famously, and this highlighted Rotary's ability to network successfully. We have also been involved in supporting VincentCare and its local activities,

the Huddle and local schools and disadvantaged students.

On the international stage, North Melbourne Rotary has been involved for over 50 years in many significant projects. However, none has been more effective than our current water filter program in Colombia. By recently distributing 10 water filters to Indigenous communities, the club has transformed the lives of thousands of people.

The innovative project grew from a recent visit to Melbourne by Andrea Mayorga. A member of Rotaract, Rotary's group for 18 to 29-year-olds, in her native Colombia, she developed close ties with North Melbourne Rotary and shared stories of her work at home supporting disadvantaged local Indigenous communities.

Our club saw the potential to help Andrea in her outstanding efforts. When she recently went home to visit family, she took with her ten water filters provided by

the club. She distributed them among Indigenous communities in the Guajira region and more than 2000 people have benefitted from them.

The filters are so simple to operate. Each connects into a plastic bucket and once a hole is cut and the filter connected, the bucket is filled with dirty water – and, hey presto, clean water (99.9% pure) comes out.

These simple filters have totally transformed the lives of entire local communities. Previously, the people had no access to clean water, other than what was available at an exorbitant cost. Before the filters, locals constantly suffered from water-borne diseases due to contaminated water.

North Melbourne Rotary is thrilled that the project has been such a resounding success. Andrea is planning to not only continue her work but to extend it in other areas in Colombia.



Andrea Mayorga (front left) distributed Rotary-sponsored water filters among Indigenous communities in the Guajira region. Photo: Juan Montoya

Neville Page is secretary of North Melbourne Rotary

Want to know more?

If you would like to join North Melbourne Rotary, you'd be very welcome. That's an invitation to be a guest at a meeting at 6.30pm each Thursday evening at the Mercure Hotel, North Melbourne.

Club secretary Neville Page on 0414 673611 or email on page@ghp.biz

Welcome to our newest Rotarians

The Rotary Club of Camberwell welcomed 40-year veteran John Steven's son Peter back into the club. We say back because Peter was a member in the 80's and 90's. He was a board member in 1995-97 and the Bulletin editor in 1997-99.

Pictured John Stevens, President Anne Hawthorn and Peter Stevens.



The Rotary Club of Central Melbourne welcomed three new members this month::

Ariik Mawien is the oldest of 5 siblings and the others still live in Sudan. He tries to go back to his village every year where supported a project, a medical clinic in South Sudan. Ariik attended the Rotary International Global Citizen, and met one of the presenters, Mandy Wendt, who later referred him to Neville John leading to him joining the club today.



Martin Langton met Warwick Cavell 10 years ago through Neville John. He was invited to one of the meetings and was Inspired by the stories and refreshing to hear good projects. He has 3 teenagers, 2 at university and 1 in school. He is now looking to contribute to the community.



Paul Fowler s American by birth and currently hold dual citizenship with the United States of America and New Zealand, whilst his partner Sandra holds dual citizenship with Australia and the United Kingdom.

Paul's vocation is under mining industry, however, he has gone through a variety of industries during his career. From being a US navy submarine engineer, to forestry in New Zealand, to fuel and oil, to mining, and now to being fully retired, enjoying tennis, travel, and wine, and a bit of golf in between.

Around the Clubs

The **Rotary Club of Central Melbourne** have donated a surplus trailer/caravan to the Phillip Island Landcare Group. The trailer is much more than just a trailer – a trailer-caravan that perfectly suits the needs of the group.

It will have two main purposes:

- 1: For the group's tree planting days and
 - 2: As a promotional caravan on other community days.
- The first community day to launch this new caravan is March 3 at the Phillip Island Nature Parks Open Day and will be on display from 2.00pm to 4.00pm at the Koala Conservation Centre.

The Phillip Island Landcare Group host at least three planting days each year on the Island when up to 1000 trees are planted and a BBQ is provided for the volunteers. Everything needed can now be stored and brought out from the new trailer.



The **Rotary Club of Canterbury** recently hosted Erwin Carigiet from Zurich in Switzerland. He exchanged a club banner with Steve Wylie and spoke about his club.

PP Barry Hickman of the **Rotary Club of Brighton** was presented with a Life Membership Award and a "Making a Difference" Award for his work with **Violence Free Families** at a recent meeting. PDG Peter Frueh made the award on behalf of VFF.



The E-Club has been hard at work volunteering at Donations in Kind recently.



FOOTSCRAY ART PRIZE - FUNDRAISING DINNER

The Rotary Club of Footscray is again partnering with Victoria University (VU), Maribyrnong City Council and the Footscray Community Art Centre (FCAC), for the biennial Footscray Art Prize (FAP).

The prize has attracted 800 entries from throughout Australia in Open, Tertiary Street Art and Young Artist categories. Prize money will total \$15000 with Footscray Rotary sponsoring the Young Artist awards.

Exhibitions of the shortlisted works will be held from the 20th of June to 20 July at the FCAC, 45 Moreland Street (Open section) and VU at MetroWest, 138 Nicholson Street (Tertiary and Young Artists).

The club will hold a Fundraising Dinner and Auction on **Saturday June 22 at VenU**, Nicholson Street Campus of VU. Funds raised will support the club's local youth programs. Pre-dinner drinks will be at FCAC to enable viewing of the shortlisted art works in FAP Open section.

Mary Long of Post Industrial Design will be the after dinner speaker. Mary is director of a creative space in West Footscray, where she uses her business skills to be a curator and collaborator with artists. In establishing her business Mary wanted to create a place that made art accessible to everybody and present it in an incidental casual way. In doing so she fosters and supports artists, providing an exhibition space of carefully curated work.

Although undervalued by most businesses Mary recognises the contributions artists make to our community and economy and her presentation will appropriately be *"Business and Art -Strange Bedfellows"*.

The diverse range of items for auction will be displayed on the club's website and Facebook page in the weeks prior to the event.

Early bird bookings are now open at <http://bit.ly/2019RotaryDinner> until May 20th and regular bookings close on 10 June 2019. Further details on booking site.



Graeme Thompson
Rotary Club of Footscray

Comedy for a Cause

Friday 17 May 2019

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E: infocatering@parliament.vic.gov.au

Ph: 03 9651 8944 (Strangers Corridor)

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IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 2019

FOOTSCRAY ART PRIZE

SATURDAY 22 JUNE 2019

5:30 to 6:30pm

Pre-dinner drinks

Join us for a viewing of the Footscray Art Prize exhibition

Footscray Community Arts Centre

45 Moreland Street, Footscray

A limited shuttle bus will be available for transport to the dinner venue

7 to 10pm

Dinner and Auction

VenU

Level 1, Building D, Victoria University

Corner of Nicholson & Buckley Streets, Footscray

Parking available on campus

Guest Speaker: Mary Long, Post Industrial Design

"Business and Art - Unlikely Bedfellows"

Cost:

Early bird \$85 (prior to 20 May)

Standard \$95

Price includes a three course meal with wine, other drinks at bar prices

Dress:

Smart casual

Book online:

<http://bit.ly/2019RotaryDinner> by 10 June 2019

Auction items can be viewed on the Rotary Club of Footscray website

<http://www.rotaryfootscray.org.au> in the week prior to the event

All monies raised will fund the Rotary Club of Footscray's local youth projects



Multi Club BBQ & Presentation at the Children First Foundation Tuesday 21st May

On behalf of President Ian Dempsey and the members of the Rotary Club of Southern Mitchell, I would like to invite you to a BBQ and Presentation at the Children First Foundation, Miracle sMiles Retreat, 190 Saunders Road, Kilmore East, VIC, 3764 on Tuesday, 21st May, 2019 at 6:30pm.

2019 marks the 20 year anniversary of Children First. At the completion of the meal Noel Baker will update us on the history of Children First from the beginning 20 years ago to the current day. There have been many changes over this period and this will be of interest to many Rotarians.



100% of the Entrance Fees of \$25.00 will go as a donation to Children First with The Rotary Club of Southern Mitchell providing a sumptuous (and adequate) BBQ meal. We would love to have you along for an evening of education, information and fellowship. Bookings are via trybooking please register and pay by using this link <https://www.trybooking.com/BBKMH>

Kind regards....

Gordon Hastie (Evie)

The Rotary Club of Southern Mitchell

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BARKING DOGS



Do you need entertainment for your Changeover night?

The Barking Dogs are taking bookings for Rotary Changeover nights in June and July and look forward to helping you make the night a memorable occasion for your incoming President Elect.

The Barking Dogs are members of the **Werribee Rotary Club** and the funds we raise go back to our club

The Barking Dogs have been performing together since 2011 and won "Rotary's Got Talent" at the 2012 District Conference at Albury. Since then we have played at 2018 District Governor Changeover, Club Changeovers, Christmas Parties and Club Anniversaries.



Check us out on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/1yXb7cIDtc>

For bookings and further information call

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