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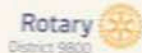
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MARCH IS CLEAN WATER & SANITATION MONTH

DG Neville John's Message



Rotary's Area of Focus for March: Clean water and sanitation

March Area of Focus: Water and Sanitation

Clean water and sanitation is a human right. When people, especially children, have access to clean water, sanitation, and hygiene, they lead healthier and more successful lives. We don't just build wells and walk away. Rotary members integrate water, sanitation, and hygiene into education projects. When children learn about disease transmission and practice good hygiene, they miss less school. And they can take those lessons home to their families, expanding our impact.

'WASH' in Schools Target Challenge

Clean water, better sanitation, teacher training, and hygiene education in schools can improve the health and education of children by creating a cycle of opportunity: improved education, increased school attendance, and improved academic performance. The WASH in Schools Target Challenge is a pilot program created to motivate Rotary clubs to develop sustainable water, sanitation, hygiene (collectively referred to as WASH), and education projects using the expertise and resources available through two of Rotary's areas of focus: basic education and literacy and water and sanitation.

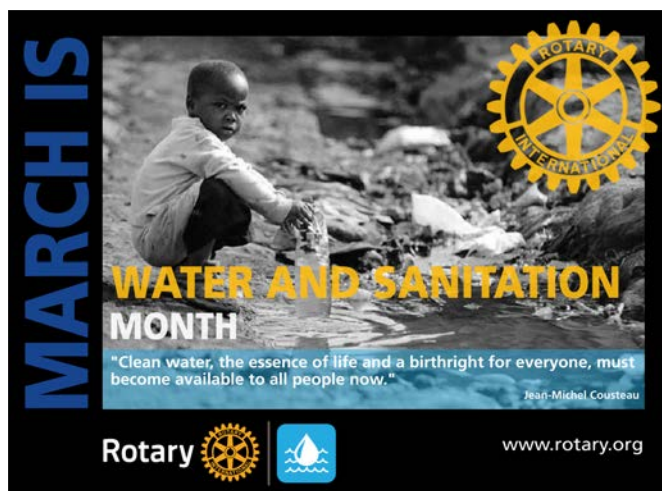
The program will focus on measuring the impact that WASH and basic education and literacy initiatives have on school attendance. Rotary and UNICEF will recognize Rotary clubs and schools whose WASH in Schools projects achieve the benchmarks outlined below. During the pilot phase, the program will run through to July 2018 in five countries, all chosen for their strong, active involvement in school sanitation efforts: Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, India, and Kenya.

If a club or district isn't in a pilot country, you can still support a project as an international sponsor. Sponsors collaborate with a host club or district in the countries listed to support projects in the pilot country. Contact aof@rotary.org to learn more.

Many Rotary clubs in D9800 have been involved in water and sanitation projects locally and overseas in places like Western Uganda, PNG, East Timor, Philippines, Cambodia. Back in Australia, the 'End Trachoma 2020' project initiated by Melbourne Rotary aims to end trachoma in indigenous communities and this will include projects related to education in sanitation and hygiene. **Continued: -**



DG Neville John and Rebecca



We forget that the water cycle and the life cycle are one - Jacques Cousteau

DG Neville John's Message – continued

Rotary Showcase – Federation Square

I would like to convey my sincere appreciation to the Showcase Committee on what was an extremely well executed showcase last Saturday. Thank you also to all Rotarians that attended on the day and promoted the event.

Rowan McClean summarized it so well that I will quote his feedback: "The two key objectives of the Showcase were to impress non-Rotarians with the scope and quality of what we achieve and to interest them in membership of their local club. I met:

- One school staff representative with items being replaced that I referred to DIK.
- One definite membership prospect for my club, and one other potential member who plans to visit.
- A school that has not yet, but could, participate in the Boroondara Rotary Gardens Project.
- Visitors from Perth, Denmark, Chile and Netherlands that said they would Google their local club and attend a meeting.
- Quite a few young people to whom I explained the new, more flexible attendance requirements that might better meet their lifestyle commitments.

This was a well-planned, well-managed display well attended by Rotarians. The Rotarians **did** interact, and there were some very good cross-fertilisation outcomes and synergies achieved on the day.

I am proud of what we have created but, of course, disappointed with the attendance on this occasion. I remain confident that the concept is excellent and worth pursuing using the experiences we have had to date. In summary, full marks for the supply side. Now let's attend to the demand!"

Thank you Rowan and its now on to Echuca for the Steam Rally on the Queen's Birthday weekend in June.



Looking through the Facebook Window



Celebration of 112 years of Rotary

As part of the planning for the Rotary Showcases, we held the Federation Square Showcase in the week of Rotary's 112th Anniversary. Those present gathered for a group photo as we celebrated 'Doing Good in the World' with 29 Rotary projects on display.

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***"Happy Birthday, Rotary"
say the crowd at Federation
Square.***

DG Neville John's Message – continued

Group Vocational Exchange – District 3820

The GVE team from D3820 has had a weekend break in the beautiful border town of Echuca Moama and is headed to Bendigo this week. Sometimes it is difficult to know who benefits most from these visits, the hosts or the team members. Team Leader Lzl made this fairly clear on her Facebook page as she wrote:

The best part of GVE is not the place we been to, or the place we are going, It's ALL ABOUT THE PEOPLE. I love it. It made the experience both unforgettable and beautiful. Just want to share some of the things my team members said to me about the exchange:

- Leny - 'this is the best month of my life'.
- Mafe – 'I don't know what I did good in my life to deserve this blessing'.
- Nikki – 'Surreal but real'.
- As for me – 'this is the best experience a Rotarian can ever have'.

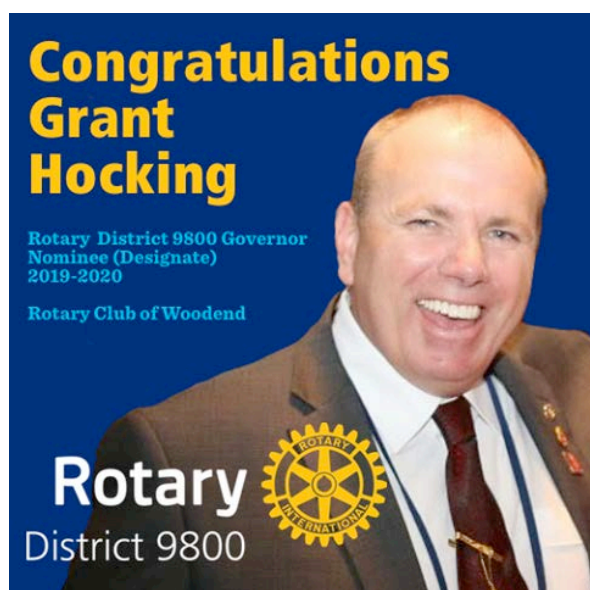
The team will attend the Bendigo South meeting on Thursday 2 March at the Bendigo Club, and then return to Melbourne next weekend. In their last week they will be attending Canterbury Rotary meeting on Monday 6 March and their final appearance will be at Camberwell Rotary on Wednesday 8 March. Please let the clubs know if you plan to visit.



DG Neville and Rebecca with the incoming and outgoing GVE Teams.



"Showtime" for the incoming team.



District Governor for 2019-2020

It is with great pleasure I advise that our District Governor for 2019-2020 will be Past President of Woodend Rotary, Grant Hocking. This will be confirmed after a 14 day appeal period, ending on 12 March 2017. Grant will join the DGEN as the District Governor Nominee from 1st July, and up until then will be known as the Designate. The DGEN works together on a three-year plan, sharing ideas and discussing strategies. The structure provides continuity and alignment in the support provided to clubs. In my time on the DGEN, I have had the benefit of working with three PDG's, as well as DGE Peter Frueh, DGN Bronwyn Stephens and soon, Grant. We, along with the Assistant Governors and

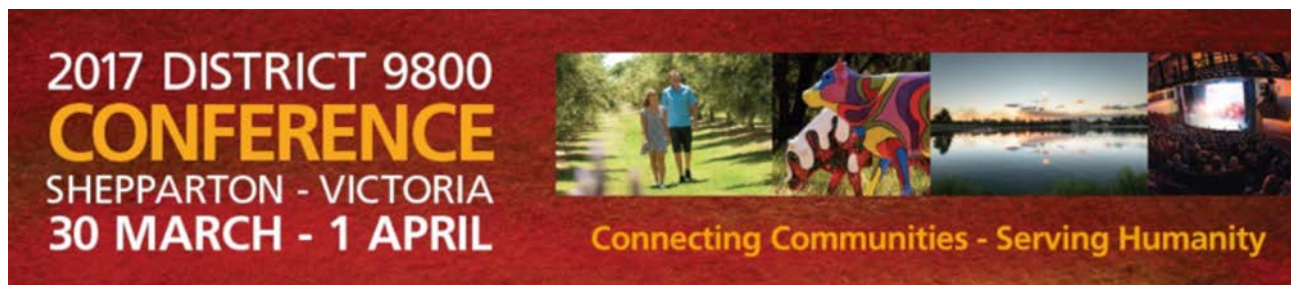
Avenues of Service Committees, are your Support

Team. It has occurred to me that clubs could also benefit from having a similar structure with three years of Presidents working together in the same way. *Continued: -*

DG Neville John's Message – continued

District Conference

There are only 4 weeks left until the Rotary District 9800 Conference in Shepparton. Here is an update:



Program and Speakers - The full program now appears on the website:

www.rotaryconference.org.au. You can find it under the "Sessions" tab. Recent additions to the speakers list are Minister for Finance and Minister for Multicultural Affairs, the Hon. Robin Scott MP; the CEO of the Scanlon Foundation, Anthea Hancocks; and Tasneem Chopra a cross-cultural specialist. There are still places available for the leadership lunch with Deputy Commissioner Andrew Crisp. [Email us](#) if you would like to attend.

Registration - Registrations are still open till Tuesday February the 28th. Go to www.rotaryconference.org.au to register.

Pre Conference Activities - There are only a few spots left for the pre-conference activities, "The Settlement Journey" and the Shepparton Historic Walk. Please [email](#) if you would like to attend. More details are on the website. The Golf Day still has some vacancies, but once again there is a good amount of interest so it would pay to sign up soon. [Email us](#) if you would like to play.

The Rotary Foundation Centennial Celebration – 31 May 2017

Last edition I asked you to please save the date and help promote the opportunity to support The Rotary Foundation at this Centennial Celebration. I also mentioned supporting Foundation beyond our lifetime through The Bequest Society.

I would like to share with you that it is my hope that by the time we get to celebrate this event, and with your help that we will sign up more than \$1 million in bequest pledges. I am amazed by the support being expressed so far, from corporates, non-Rotarians and Rotarians that have indicated their intention to either attend, donate funds or by advising of their intention to register or increase a bequest. Based on this support, I am confident that we are well on the way to achieving the objective and with your help, it will become a reality.

There won't be another centennial any time soon and this will be an occasion we should all want to remember.

Neville John

District Governor 2016-2017



Water and Sanitation Facilitate Education

By PP Benjie Liboro, Rotary Club of Ortigas Center

Who would have thought that giving clean water will also facilitate education ?

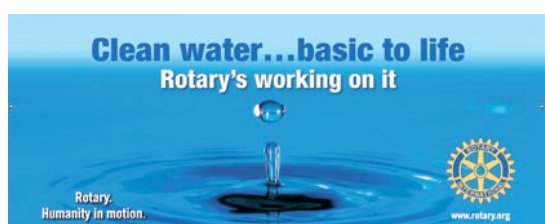
Sitio Malasa, situated in the foothills of Zambales mountains, is populated by the indigeneous Aeta community that live in the province of Tarlac, Philippines, 150 kilometers north of Metropolitan Manila. It is a depressed community, of Aetas displaced by the cataclysmic Mt. Pinatubo eruption of 1991, and lowland homesteaders.

The community's potable water needs had been served by twelve deep wells, drilled to a depth of approximately 100 feet. Through the years, however, most of the wells had fallen into disrepair or have run dry, as their shallow aquifers gradually depleted. In March 14, 2015, tribal and community leaders voiced their critical need for clean, potable water to Rotary Club of Ortigas Center's, Rtn Everita de Leon, as there is only one functioning well and pump remaining, forcing the community to rely on rainfall and on water from a polluted nearby creek for most of their personal and farming needs. This resulted in outbreaks of diarrhea and gastroenteritis, outbreak of numerous skin lesions, affecting adults and children alike. Children could not focus on their studies because the Malasa Elementary School itself had no water or functional toilets, and because the children either do not attend classes or take time off from school to line up at the only well to fill containers for their families' potable water needs. The womenfolk of other families would also have to walk a kilometer a day, half of that uphill, just to be able to fill their containers from the single well.

Immediate Past District Secretary D3800 Luz Cotoco, prepared and submitted a proposal to visiting Ruth Carlos Martinez of the Rotary Club of Brighton Beach, District 9800, in the hope of soliciting possible project partners. The Rotary Club of Brighton Beach, Rotary Club of Altona City and D9800 Foundation expressed interest in supporting the project. **Continued -**



Child with two 10 liter containers - collecting or rather caught "stealing" water from tapstand at construction site. I wonder, how she carries back those containers home.



Water and Sanitation - continued

Next, a full project assessment was conducted and Water Mineral Resource Engineer Glaiza Lee Diao was engaged to conduct a technical site analysis and the resulting “Technical Scoping Study” was duly submitted to the participating Rotary Clubs for review. Glaiza Diao later became a Group Vocational Exchange 2015-2016 team member of D3800 to D9800. Key conclusions drawn from the results of the study were:

- That none of the existing twelve wells could be considered viable for rehabilitation and long-term operation; hence, a new well or wells would have to be drilled in order to gain access to a deeper, larger aquifer.
- That the most ideal location for a new well would be in the vicinity of the Malasa Elementary School, to provide a reliable source of clean, potable water for drinking and sanitation for its students, as well as a tapping point for the community. The well being at a relatively high point of Sitio Malasa, families could walk uphill to the well with their empty containers, and after filling these with water, would have an easier time walking downhill back to their homes.

Construction work, site visits, coordinating with the local government, and purchasing of supplies were efficiently managed by the local partner, RC of Ortigas Center. The project, with a total cost of Php364,500 (A\$10,414) was faced with construction issues of delays due to two typhoons that caused mudslides and difficulty in drilling due to the hard rocky formation.

To ensure regular supply of water, Greenco Water Tank (Australia) donated one water Pak Flat tank for the school while another tank was purchased by RC of Ortigas Center for the community. The tanks serve as catchment for the collection of rainwater and also from the deep well.

Last October 2016, Ruth with Luz, conducted a post evaluation site visit and provided training on sanitation and water conservation to the students, teachers and community. This was supported by Sanitation Operating Manuals on water conservation, recycling and hygiene. Further, the community leaders were informed that the last remaining functioning well of the original deep wells provided to the community had been found to yield water unfit for drinking, and that today, the new well is the community's sole source of potable water. Water from the old well can now only be used for washing and for irrigation. Furthermore, school children are now able to attend classes and focus more on their studies.

The Sitio Malasa Water & Sanitation Project clearly demonstrates how Rotarians from clubs and countries far and near can work together to address Rotary's six areas of focus, and most particularly access to one of man's most basic needs – clean drinking water.



Letters of thanks from the community.



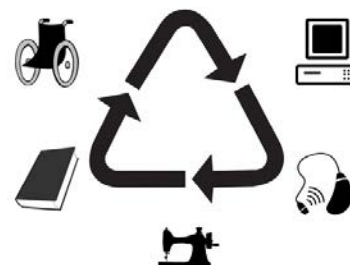
Rotary Community Recycling

By DGN Bronwyn Stephens, District 9800 Community Services Chair

Rotary Clubs have so many projects that Recycle goods. Now we have a way to let the public know how to get their goods to some of those projects.

The Donations-in-Kind Shed 50 in the old wood stores in Somerville Road is a favourite hangout for some of us Rotarians and others. It is my preferred place to be every Tuesday. Most times you will find me in the book aisle sorting and readying them for offshore or community projects.

While in this happy space David Dippie (RC Keilor) often visits the “DIK resident librarian” and shares his many ideas with me. Sometimes they hit my wall of “overloaded brain” but sometimes they embed. This one is a beauty. A flier for clubs to use at their BBQs and events to share the word about a little what Rotary is doing in the Recycle Space.



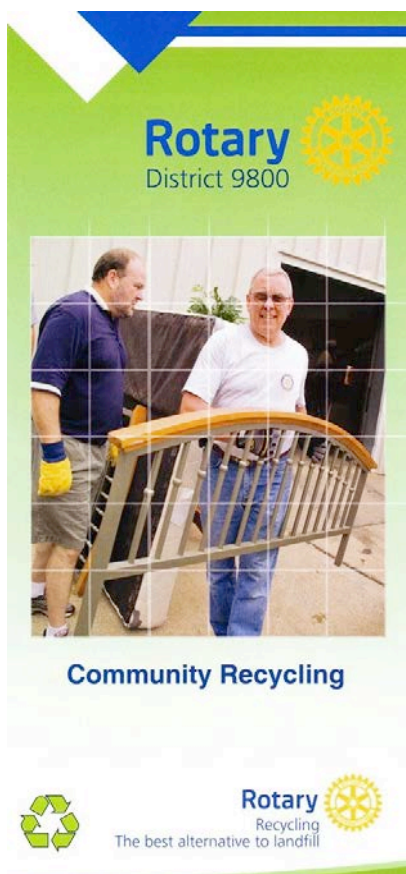
Recycling is a ‘win win’ situation for Clubs *and* the Community with many programs being undertaken by Rotarians ranging from recycling hearing aids to sewing machines to books, the variety is endless. We haven’t captured all the projects but this is only version 1. It can expand with reprints.

Let your Community know about these programs by contacting us for copies of a brochure listing details of what we are after and who to contact.

Brochures are great to use at Bunnings BBQ’s or other Club events – they are designed to inform the public of what we are after and how to get any goods to where it will do good in our Community.

Come and see us at District Assembly.

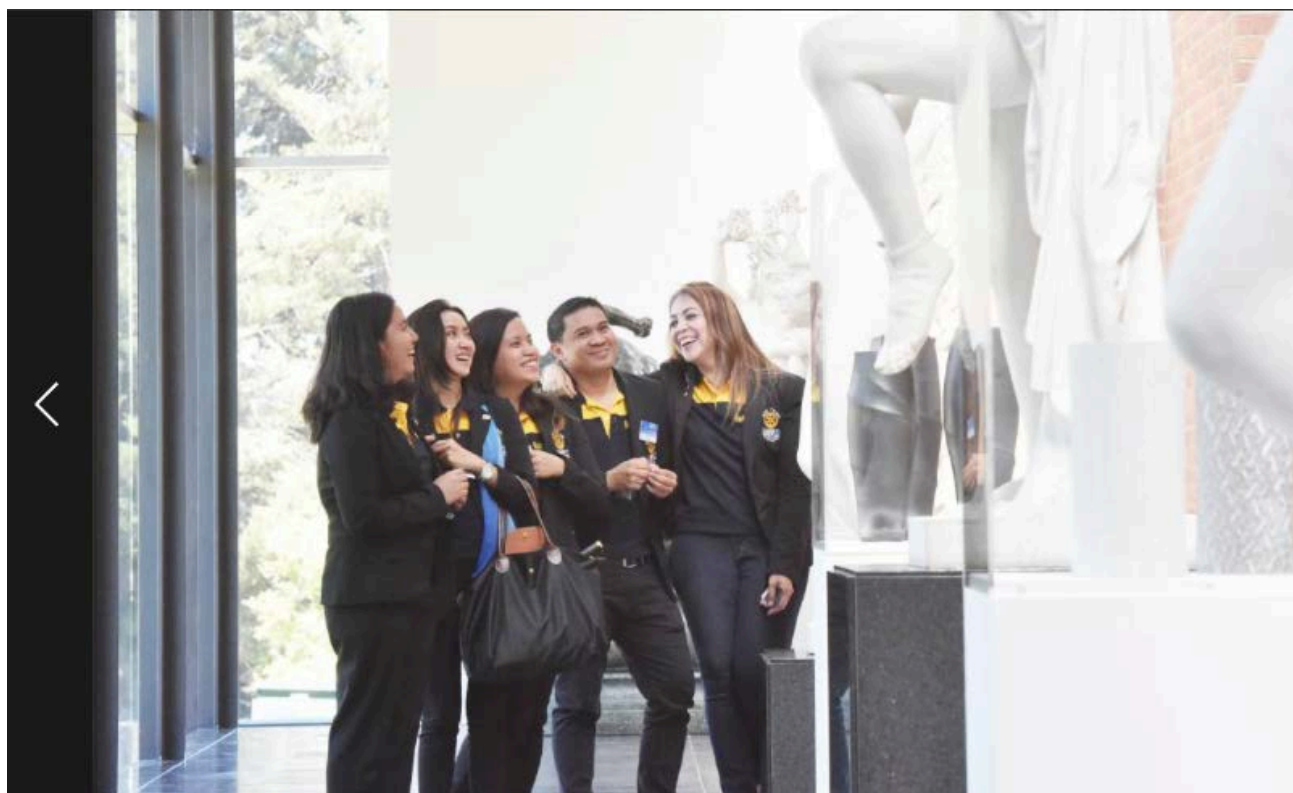
To obtain brochures for your events contact community@rotarydistrict9800.org.au



Schoolchildren volunteering at the Donations-in-Kind store, West Footscray

Rotary Exchange Group from Philippines

The Bendigo Advertiser, Feb 2017



Marife Barral Dapito, Nicole Angelique Lit-Sanchez, Leny Altiche-Arcenas, Jerick P. Pecaso and Flordeliza Manalo Castro-Ampatuan visit Bendigo Art Gallery on their Rotary exchange.

Picture: DARREN HOWE

FIVE visitors from the Philippines will spend this week in Bendigo as part of a Rotary exchange program that aims to facilitate the sharing of ideas and knowledge.

The group, which includes nurses Flordeliza Manalo Castro Ampatuan and Leny Altiche-Arcenas, microbiologist Nicole Angelique Lit-Sanchez, community water and sanitation worker Marife Barral Dapito, and sanitation engineer Jerick P. Pecaso, are visiting Bendigo, Castlemaine, Daylesford, Echuca and Melbourne during their four-week stay in Australia.

They arrived in Bendigo yesterday and toured the city's new hospital and art gallery.

During the remainder of their stay, they will spend time at several local businesses and organisations relevant to their respective professions to learn and share vocational skills.

But it is hoped that the visitors' hosts, who are local Rotarians, will also benefit from the exchange of information and ideas during their time in the city.

The Rotary district to which Bendigo's clubs belong has also sent a team to the Philippines.

The Bendigo visit has been co-ordinated by the Rotary Club of Bendigo and the Rotary Club of Bendigo South.



Chairs and Desks for Fiji

By Peter Malden, Rotary Club of Boronia

If any school furniture donors wonder where the furniture goes, this is a great example. A total of 45 desks and chairs were delivered in two boat loads to Dreketi Village for Laucala Primary School.

The project, to sort and deliver to the landing at Vuni Vasa on Taveuni Island, Fiji, was coordinated by Claude Prevost of Fiji Pearl fame. The Rotary Club of Boronia in Melbourne is a sister club to the Rotary Club of Taveuni Island and they work very closely together on many projects.

Claude says "Just before Xmas, Dreketi Village near our farm in Qamea was destroyed by floods and landslides. 17 houses, the hall, health center and the school were completely demolished.

"Today (Monday 16th January) was school delivery day. I would like to thank all who helped us today like the Rotary Club of Taveuni, the Loloma foundation and all the private donors who dug deep in their pockets to make sure that the 45 students of this village would get a desk, a chair, a school bag, all their textbooks, stationary, dictionary and geometry sets."



The desks and chairs came from DIK West Footscray and two more containers leave DIK on the 7th March bound for Taveuni. DIK have been marvelous with helping us deliver the goods to Fiji.

RC Boronia and RAWCS have sent two containers both of which contained building materials to rebuild schools after cyclone Winston and school desks and chairs. New Zealand Rotary is doing similar things.

So far since Cyclone Winston - RC Taveuni (a club of 10 members.) has :-

- Housed students in temporary school rooms
- Made temporary and permanent repairs to teachers houses
- Fixed the Hospital roof
- A number of water projects
- Donated a complete ambulance to the hospital
- Completely rebuild one whole school – Lavena
- Built 4 Teachers Houses at Niusawa
- Almost completed 2 Teachers Houses at South Taveuni
- Assisted with temporary repairs at Vunikavikaloa



RC Boronia is assisting with medical equipment, general funding and completing all the paperwork for Import/Export Agents, Freight, RAWCS, Donations-in-Kind, and others to ensure that supplies get through.

The photos tell the story of the mode of transport and the local help at the Qamea Island end.

SecondBite – Harvest for Hunger

By Amanda Bailey, SecondBite

We would love to invite and make you aware of a great volunteer opportunity we have coming up and helping us to recruit some volunteers for a day of picking apples.

Overall I need to secure 75 SecondBite volunteers for the day's picking. We are of course sending this to all our corporate partners and some individuals who have been wanting a volunteer experience.

So the back story is that Montague is a massive supporter of ours donating thousands and thousands of apples, pears and stone fruit every week for our distribution to people in need across Victoria.

On Monday 3rd April one of Montague's suppliers is opening up his orchard to SecondBite volunteers to harvest apples as a donation and engagement opportunity for SecondBite supporters. Gold!

It will be a day of hard work as the estimate is that each volunteer will pick 400 kilograms of apples. That said, it will be fun, provide a great insight into the surplus that defines a farmers world and spotlight the huge opportunity that exists to redirect surplus for good cause i.e. feeding those in need. All of these harvested apples will be donated to SecondBite for distribution to people in need nationally.

It would be a great team volunteering opportunity for those members (1) who might be up for the challenge and (2) have the opportunity to volunteer on a work day.

For more details, e-mail eliza.b@secondbite.org

Monday 3rd April from 10am-3pm. Vernview Orchard, 75 Gembrook Road, Launching Place (60 min drive from CBD Melbourne)



BED LINEN RECYCLING PROJECT

By Chris Herrmann For Rotary Club of Mill Point, W.A.

The purpose of the project was to recycle used Linen from Rio Tinto in the Pilbara to overseas charities through Rotary International Donations-In-Kind, Melbourne.

Sixty-two pallet cartons were transported free of charge by LinFox, from Perth to Melbourne over December 2016 and January 2017. The material was laundered and much of it was in an as-new condition. DIK have been coordinating with Linfox to hold the cartons as required pending space in the DIK store.

The beneficiaries are the many hospital patients in impoverished countries who currently have nothing or very little in their hospitals. This linen will be of great value to them.

Some quantities have already been despatched to the Helping Hand Hospital in Nepal. More is designated for three hospitals in the Philippines. Additional quantities will be despatched to Chile with a container of beds that will be sent towards the middle of the year.

The Dili National Hospital in Timor Leste and a Rotary project in Fiji will also be a recipient from DIK's container next month in March. Several more are being arranged to Cambodia for April/May.

Some of the linen will be stored by DIK waiting for containers that are despatched to hospitals throughout the year. It should however also be noted that from experience it is a reality that some of this will eventually be "borrowed" by the patients when they leave. However it is a reality of life in these locations.

On behalf of all the receiving charities, the Mill Point Rotary Club would like to thank:

- LinFox for their generous assistance transporting these goods to Melbourne and in particular for their cooperation and assistance in coordinating the despatch of items with DIK.
- Rio Tinto for generously supplying these goods to enable them to be used for the above beneficiaries. and for coordinating the supply of these goods.
- Special acknowledgement to The Compass Group and Atlas Linen for coordinating the supply of these goods.
- Rotary International Donations In Kind for managing the final distribution.
- And finally the members of the Mill Point Rotary Club. It was their initial resourcefulness and voluntary efforts that made the initial stage of this Line project back in August 2016 happen, that consequently led to this stage.



A long haul from the Pilbara to West Footscray



Membership Minute

How flexible are your membership options?

Do you know Rotaractors who could bring new perspectives, ideas, and energy to your club? Have your members asked for a more flexible attendance policy or different membership types? Here are five ways to implement the new options for membership flexibility approved during the 2016 Council on Legislation.

- **Change your meeting schedule** — you can change the day and time your club meets, as long as your club meets at least twice a month.
- **Vary the meeting format** — you can meet in person or online, or have a combination of both. [Read how the Rotary Club of New York](#) is teaming with the UN to host monthly breakfast meetings online.
- **Relax attendance requirements** — while attendance is important, you can encourage members to give their time in different ways.
- **Offer different membership types** — alternative types include family, junior, or corporate memberships. These members will only be considered active and counted toward your membership total if they pay RI dues.
- [Invite Rotaractors to be members of your club](#) — you can reduce fees or relax the attendance policy for these members, as long as your bylaws reflect this.

Visit www.rotary.org/flexibility to learn more and to access resources to help your club start applying these changes. If you've already made changes to help your club membership become more flexible, tell your story to fellow Rotarians on the [Membership Best Practices Discussion Group](#).

Welcome New Members

Leelee Tran was inducted to Hawthorn Rotary on Valentines Day with the classification of Finance Broking – Mortgages. Lelee is also a fantastic cook, and to celebrate the day she provided two lovely macaroons to each member. She also brought along two lovely cakes, which Simon O'Donoghue promptly auctioned as gifts for members' sweethearts (their spouses, we hope)



President Meredith Hayes inducting Lelee Tran, with her sponsor Ian Gillies and mentor Richard Logan. Lelee with cakes, (right)

MODERN SLAVERY

By Malcolm Baird, RC Brighton North

What Can Rotarians Do to Help Alleviate Modern Slavery ? Part 1

A good and common question among Rotarian colleagues particularly after advising them, “THERE ARE MORE SLAVES ON EARTH NOW THAN AT ANY TIME IN HUMAN HISTORY”.

The Global Slavery Index 2016 www.globallslaveryindex.org estimates 45.8 million in some form of modern slavery. The analysis covers 167 countries and includes an assessment and rating of Government responses to the issue. There can be different definitions of Modern Slavery, with the Index report covering situations of exploitation and control, inability to leave because of threats, violence, coercion, abuse of power or deception, with treatment akin to a farm animal, refer Appendix 1. 58% of those living in modern slavery are in 5 countries. An introduction to Modern Slavery (short video Sept 2015) assists our understanding.

<https://vimeo.com/140641794>

The Free The Slaves analysis is 78% are in industries where manual labour is needed, such as farming, ranching, logging, mining, fishing, brick making and in service industries, dish washers, janitors, gardeners and house maids and then 22% trapped in forced prostitution or Sex slavery. It is estimated of those in slavery, 55% are Women and girls and 45% Men and Boys, with approx 26% under the age of 18yrs.

<https://au.pinterest.com/VeriteFairLabor/products-made-with-forced-labor>

1. Firstly, **Create Awareness** in Rotarian circles and within the wider public, of the plight of millions who are physically and mentally held in servitude as slaves for commercial gain.

This can be done with Rotarians learning more on the subject by having speakers at Rotary Club meetings, District Conferences and Rotary Conventions - Speakers covering, Slavery, Human Trafficking and Corporate Ethical Supply Chains and projects that rescue and provide protection, refuge, rehabilitation and education centres. Having booths at Conferences and Conventions, promoting such projects.

Rotary International and Foundation has geared its humanitarian work around 6 Areas of Focus and alleviating Slavery does not sit squarely under any particular one of them. Rotary International, the Foundation, Districts and their Clubs do magnificent humanitarian work under all the 6 Areas of

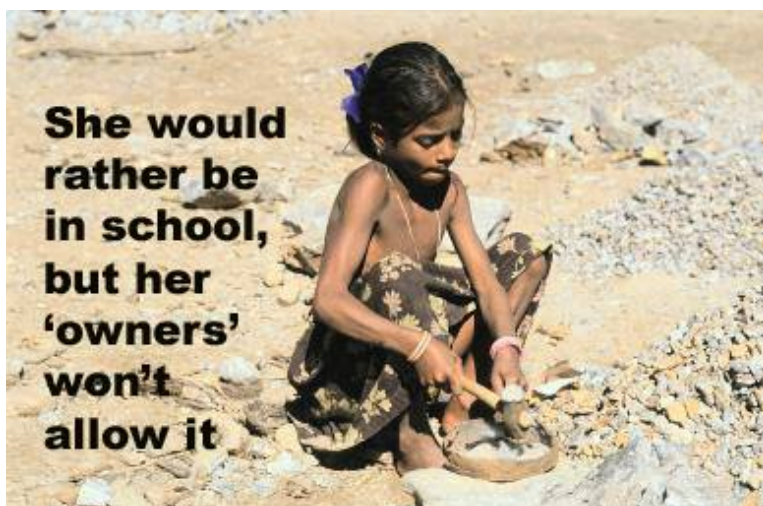
Focus. So What Can Rotarians Do to Help Alleviate Slavery, under the Areas of Focus ? Two stand out for longer term prevention:

2. Elevate, “Basic Education and Literacy”

One of the world’s biggest challenges is the extent of poverty and inequality across the globe and certainly within many developing and 3rd world countries. The common belief is that the cycle of poverty can be alleviated / broken through Education. It would be highly desirable that every child has the opportunity of some education, to be able to read and write, to solve problems, have skills, trade skills, understand health and hygiene, have ethics and become self sufficient with skills for employment so as to contribute in the local community. Education for children can assist to lead a family out of poverty and provide hope and opportunity. Through education the cycle of poverty, the need for migration and the vulnerability to human trafficking and slavery can also be broken.

There are a number of Rotary Club and District examples of supporting “Basic Education and Literacy” projects. The School of St Jude, in Tanzania –“ fighting poverty through education”, is a prime Australian Rotary success example, which may have equals from other Rotary School funding Initiatives in other parts of the world.

Continued :



MODERN SLAVERY – continued

3. Elevate – “Economic and Community Development” - Help Create and Develop more Viable Communities.

In the Rotary Foundation 2014-15 Annual Report under the Area of Focus, “Economic and Community Development” it reports The Canadian Adopt a Village in Laos projects, P18, outlines a prime example of Education Resourcing plus they include other Areas of Focus initiatives, building dams, levelling crop fields, installing water tanks, providing water purifiers, toilets, solar panels, school facilities, health and medical centres, the facilities needed by that developing community – covering many Areas of Focus. Providing long term Community facilities and thereby opportunity, growth and sustainable futures. The Rotary International publication, Areas of Focus - Project Strategies, are an excellent guide.

The Rotary International Foundation would have many many more examples of highly successful “Basic Education and Literacy” and “Economic and Community Development” projects. Publication and promotion of such projects, explaining the how and why of their success could prompt more applications, prompt other clubs funding support and / or the Foundation could offer \$2 for \$1 in grant funding to expand the impact and make a difference in these humanitarian areas of focus. This approach could over time help to alleviate modern slavery along with assisting in a number of Humanitarian Areas of Focus.

Let’s promote more projects and their funding.



In the Next Edition of The Networker. Part 2

What Can Rotarians Do to Help Alleviate Modern Slavery ?

- 4. Rotarians to Influence Corporations, Governments and Consumers – Supply Chain Ethics & Legislation Enforcement**
- 5. Put the subject of Modern Slavery on the Rotary International Agenda - and Develop a long term Strategy.**

An articulated Strategy would demonstrate and enhance the reality of what Rotary International stands for, by changing opportunity in communities in greatest need. Rotary International would truly be revitalised, enhance and retain its reputation from its actions of being the leading Humanitarian Organization in the world.

If people do nothing, if we Rotarians do nothing, there will be little change and the scale of Modern Slavery will live on. Let’s be the Rotarians that speak up and lead an abolition movement as part of our humanitarian endeavours.

Malcolm Baird is available for Club presentations.

Read about The Rotarian Action Group Against Slavery <http://ragas.online/>



***The Child Slaves of the Brick Fields
should/could be at school.
The cycle of Bonded Slavery could be broken
with education.***



Clarice's Comments



Isn't it great, than my favourite "ambo" will be District Governor?

The District 9800 Governor Nominating Committee advised us that the District 9800 Governor Nominee (Designate), to serve as District Governor in 2019-2020, will be Past President Grant Hocking, nominated by the Rotary Club of Woodend. We all extend our warmest congratulations to Grant and Melissa on this nomination, and really look forward to an exciting year in office. Go, Grant!



DGN Grant Hocking



Meanwhile, the Group Vocational Exchange Team from the Philippines are enjoying the sights of Bendigo. Thanks to Lindsay Jolley for sending this clipping from *The Bendigo Advertiser*. With a bit of effort, I looked up "*The Bendigo Advertiser*" on the Web, and managed to cut the photo and story from there.



Were you able to attend the Rotary Showcase at Federation Square?

I think everybody who's anybody was there.

I had a chat with Malcolm Baird of Brighton North RC, who was manning the Anti-Slavery exhibit. Malcolm is one of our regular contributors, with another informative story in this issue.

I was blown away by Jonathan Welch and the Choir of Hard Knocks: they put so much enthusiasm into their performances, making the whole Atrium reverberate with feeling.

Our co-opted (and underpaid) staff photographer Henry Drury took some lovely photos of passers by and dignitaries for your delectation:

<https://goo.gl/photos/83wet2s9SMALKhhu6>



If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame.

See you later,

Clarice

Photos: Malcolm Baird and the Anti-Slavery exhibit, Jonathan Welch with the Choir of Hard Knocks, then Rebecca and Neville.

Notices and Events

A NEW ROUND OF MEMBERSHIP GRANTS

Earn a \$1,000 grant for your new members to invest in a new **Community Project for your Club**: Simply induct four members between 1 January and 31 March 2017 and the \$1,000 grant will be presented to your New Members to use as seed funding on a project of their choice!!! A maximum of 10 grants are available.

All clubs in our District are eligible to receive this grant including those clubs that qualified for the previous \$1,000 grants in 2016-17. Full details are contained in the attached flyer. [Download Membership Grant Guidelines](#)



Celebrate with us in Atlanta

Join thousands of Rotarians at the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, **10-14 June 2017**. The celebration of The Rotary Foundation's 100th Anniversary promises to be an unforgettable experience.

- Are you coming to the The Rotary Foundation's 100th Birthday Party? Help us celebrate 100 years of doing good in the city where it all began, with cake, ice cream, and lots of fun. [Purchase tickets](#) for only \$26.50 per person.
- The Atlanta convention's Host Organization Committee is planning outstanding events for all attendees. [Visit the HOC site](#) to learn about the many events, tours, and activities available.
- Spread the word! [Download promotional materials](#) for social media, posters, and more.



Western Emergency Relief Network

accepts donations of good condition household items such as: **Bedding**: Doonas & Covers, Pillows & Covers, Linen i.e. Sheets, Towels & Blankets. **Kitchen Items**: Kettles, Toasters, Crockery, Glasses, Cutlery, Pots & Pans **Furniture**: Beds all sizes, Clean mattresses. Tallboys, Dressing Tables, Bookcases, Dining Tables and Chairs, TV's **White Goods**: Fridges, Freezers, Washing Machines, Dryers, Fans & Heaters. If you'd like to donate items call Ross as above or 0476104736 to organise a pick up.



St. Jude's Evening with Gemma Sisia

Brighton Yacht Club, 253 Espanade Middle Brighton
\$35 includes 2 course meal and coffee - **1st March** 6 for 6.30
Book by 22nd Feb on Trybooking website-Event St. Jude's Evening at Brighton north
Link-<https://www.trybooking.com/buy-tickets/>

Gemma will speak about how she established The School of St Jude in Arusha, Tanzania. She will explain how a high-quality education is out of reach for most Tanzanian children and the reality of life without an education in East Africa. The School of St Jude is a pioneering leader in East African charitable education that in 15 years has grown from one teacher and three students to provide approximately 1800 students with a free high-quality education

Contact Richard Potter-0419303545 or 95923431 or Malcolm Baird -0419644294



Manor Lakes Wyndham Rotary Fun Run/Walk

5th MARCH, CHIRNSIDE PARK WERRIBEE

The majority of proceeds will be directed to The Werribee Mercy Hospital
RUN 5KM – 8:30am, WALK 8KM – 8:35am WALK 4KM – 8:35am RUN 10KM – 9:15am

Prices and more information: wyndhamfunrun.org



Notices and Events

Albert Park Charity Golf Day & Dinner

Wednesday, 1st March, 11:15am for 12:30pm tee off

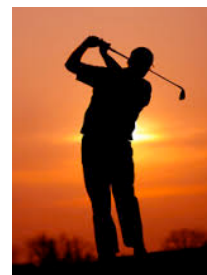
At Albert Park Golf Club

Cost: Golf and Dinner - \$150pp. Other options for sponsorship or just dinner are available

RSVP by 24th February, to chris@foodservex.com.au

for more information:

<https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000004551/en-au/files/homepage/golf-day-2017-invitation/rotary-albert-park-golf-day-invitation-2017.pdf>



International Women's Day Breakfast

WEDNESDAY 8TH MARCH 2017

THE PALLADIUM, CROWN MELBOURNE

Women Leaders - what does it take? MC – Tom Gleisner

Keynote Speaker – Kitty Chiller, 2016 Olympics Chef de Mission

Early Bird Tickets now available at rotaryiwdbreakfast.org.au



MOONEE VALLEY ART SHOW

The Rotary Clubs of Keilor East and Essendon present the third annual Moonee Valley Art Show in heritage listed North Park Mansion, built in 1888 and rarely open to the public. Buy and view art by established and emerging artists, meet our judge and Award winners at the Cocktail Party, and enjoy delicious food and wine, craft stalls, live entertainment, artists in action and a whole lot more! North Park Mansion, 69 Woodland St, Essendon

Gala Opening Cocktail Party featuring **Wendy Stapleton** and her band, plus the **Australian Women's Choir**, **Friday March 24** (6.30pm – 11.30pm), tickets available online (adults \$55).

Art Show, **Saturday 25** (11am – 6pm) **Sunday 26** (10am – 4pm) **March**, tickets at the gate (tickets from \$5). <http://www.mooneevalleyartshow.com.au/>



Open Day at Donations-in-Kind **Note the Date**

A couple of years ago, the Donations-in-Kind West Footscray Store celebrated 100,000 hours of volunteer time, saving lots of goods from landfill and sending many containers to Rotary projects overseas.

This year we will celebrate despatching container number 500 overseas. **You can't miss the big yellow box!**

Since the start of 2000 we have shipped \$49.2 millions value of goods to some 26 countries and saved almost 30million cubic meters of really good material from land fill.

Importantly we have raised some \$3.2m to cover the shipping costs and run the store.

Hospital beds and equipment, computers, clothing – both new and used, school desks and chairs and lots more have all found homes in countries where they have none (or very little).

We want to celebrate this milestone and let everyone see what opportunities there are for the taking by opening the store for everyone to see with an open day at the store planned for **Saturday 8th April**. Come along any time between 10am and 4pm and see what we can do to assist your projects – both local and international.

Tea and coffee and a sausage sizzle (obligatory!) and lots of information to get your project juices flowing. We would love to know that you will come and see us.

Phone Bob on 0418 102 702 or Laurie on 0428 550 574 to let us know.



Notices and Events

New Members (almost) Guaranteed

Many people will visit the **Donations In Kind Store on the Open Day Saturday 8th April** to get a better understanding of the goods available for their projects in the much larger Store. By far the best way to understand what is available is to go and look at it and opening on a Saturday allows people who work during the week and who live some distance away to visit.

But have you considered it as a Membership Opportunity? If you have anyone who has shown interest in your joining your Club bring them along. Everyone who visits the Store for the first time is blown away. We will also be celebrating shipping the 500th container this century, with goods worth \$50 million shipped and 30,000m³ of goods recycled. The 500th container is part of the Rotary Foundation Centenary celebration and you can explain the works of the great organization.

We also produce a great sausage sandwich and look forward to seeing you there.



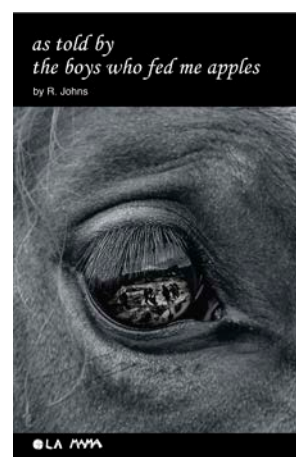
The boys who fed me apples

Sandy was the only one of 136,000 Australian World War 1 war horses to return home. Sandy's fragmented war story (and that of three soldiers who served with him) is told through physical performance which crosses over with a visceral, poetic text and a haunting, original sound design.

La Mama Courthouse, 349 Drummond St Carlton

March 22nd - April 2nd. Weds 6.30pm, Thurs- Sat 7.30 pm, Sun 4pm. Matinees Wed 1 pm and Thurs 11am. Bookings : 9347 6142 Approximately 85 mins.

Selected for the 2017 VCAA Drama Playlist. This project has been supported by the Australian Government's Anzac Centenary Arts and Culture Fund and Big West Festival. Playwright Rosemary Johns is a volunteer at the Flemington Rotary Opportunity Shop.



ARE YOU A GOLFING ROTARIAN?

Did you know there is a fellowship of golfing Rotarians who, with their partners, play a golf tournament each year at some of Australia's premium golf courses?

The great news is, the Rotary Club of Ascot is hosting the **39th Annual AGFR Golf Tournament in Perth** at The Western Australian Golf Club and Mount Lawley Golf Club from **2nd April until the 7th of April 2017**.

We provide fellowship for golf-loving Rotarians and their partners from all around Australia as part of the 4th Object of Rotary, and offer an opportunity to play at some of Australia's premier golf clubs while having lots of fun. Past events have been held in every state and territory and Rotarians come from all around Australia. It's a great way to see our beautiful country and make likeminded friends. But we are also not well known about.

For further information and a registration form visit either our dedicated website <http://agfirtournament.wixsite.com/2017> or the AGFR website <https://agfr.org>

Our dedicated email address for all queries and completed registration forms is agfirtournament@outlook.com



Ride the Bellarine

April 9, Geelong and the Bellarine Peninsula. Last year more than \$23,000 was raised for *End Polio Now*. Run by the 15 Clubs of Geelong & District, on behalf of D 9780 Website for Registrations and Donations: ridethebellarine.rotary9780.org



Notices and Events

Wedding Expo 2017 at Encore

Sunday 30 April 2017 - 10am – 4pm Gold coin donation
Encore Events Centre, 80 Derrimut Road, Hoppers Crossing.

An Expo for those planning a wedding in Melbourne's West is being held on 30 April 2017.

There will be a wide range of industry specialists in attendance including: Marriage Celebrants, Wedding Photographers, Hair and Make-Up, Bonbonnières, Fireworks, Wedding Invitations and Stationery, Wedding Reception Venues, Wedding

Cakes, Wedding Florists, Wedding Dresses, Wedding Gown Cleaning, Mother-of-the-Bride Wear, Male Formal Wear, Wedding Gifts, Decorations, and Wedding Cars and Limousines.

The event is open to potential exhibitors and details are available through the Email address above.

All proceeds raised are going towards the Rotary Club of Hoppers Crossing for use on their community and international projects.

We look forward to assisting you on the day with your wedding requirements and thank you for your support.

Find us on Facebook at

www.facebook.com/rotaryclubhopperscrossing

Visit our website at www.hopperscrossingrotary.org.au.



The Rotary Foundation's Centennial Gala Dinner – 100 Years of 'Doing Good In The World' - 31st May 2017

Since the Rotary Foundation was established in 1917, it has spent more than US\$3 billion on programs and projects to improve the lives of millions worldwide.

In conjunction with District Foundation Chair, PDG Dennis Shore, Southbank Rotary will be assisting with organising a major District event to celebrate 100 years of The Rotary Foundation. More details will be widely circulated before the end of this month but for now, **Save the**

Date: 31st May 2017 at The Atlantic, Central Pier, Docklands.



2017 DISTRICT 9800
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SHEPPARTON - VICTORIA
30 MARCH - 1 APRIL



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Our Contributors



District Governor Neville John is a member of Central Melbourne Rotary Club.



Tony Thomas frequently contributes to "The Networker", and blogs at quadrant.org.au (usually outrageously)



David Dippie of Keilor RC is a Rotarian who wants to change the world. Keep an eye on this man!



Dennis Shore was D9800 District Governor in 2012-13, and he is now District Foundation Director.



Our Glamorous Girl Friday Clarice replies to the letters we receive at "The Networker".



Matthew Scott of Bendigo South teaches Religion and Media Studies.



Lucienne Heyworth was a Rotary Peace Fellow – Uppsala, Class IV (2015-2017)



Kerry Kornhauser of Albert Park Rotary believes in "Women in Rotary" and that "Rotary is not just for blokes"



DG Nominee Bronwyn Stephens is just back from Cambodia where she supports several projects.



Malcolm Baird of Brighton North RC is passionate about ending child slavery.