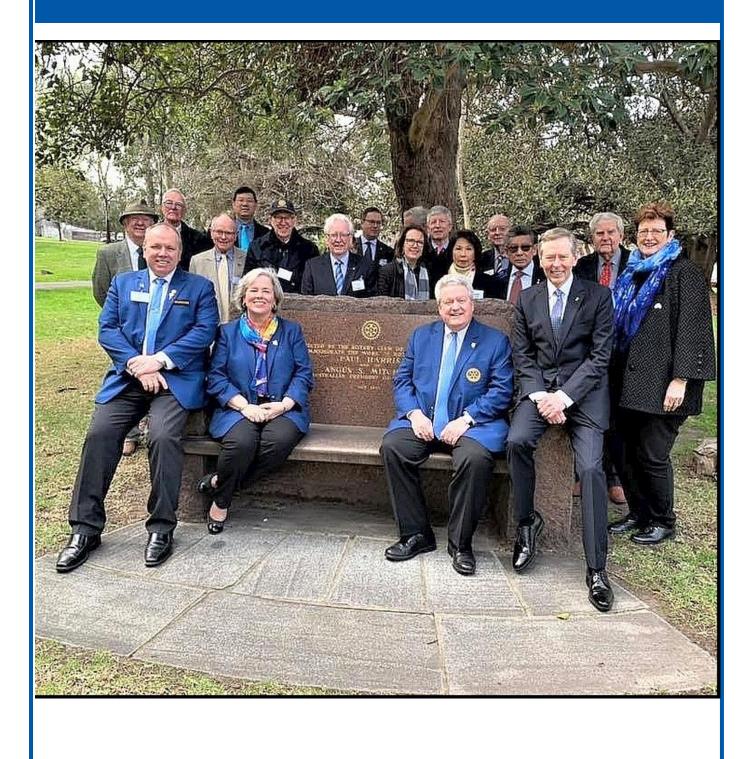
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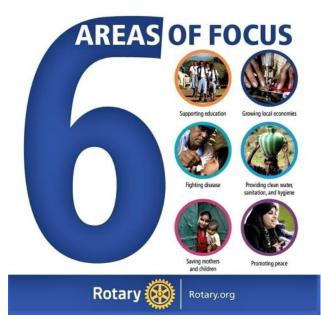


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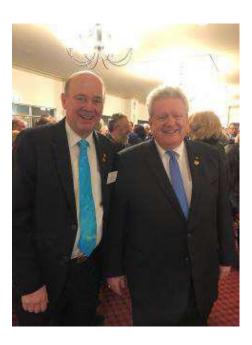
District Conference Earlybird ends November 30th. <u>https://rotarydistrict9800.org.au/sitepage/conference2020</u> Accommodation is filling fast so don't be sorry, book your place today!

Rotary International President Mark Maloney Downunder



Rotary International President Mark Maloney and Gay at the tree planting with District Governor Grant Hocking and Melbourne Rotary President Kevin Sheehan.

With Assistant Governor Jonathan Shepherd in Ballarat.





With Gabe Hau in Christchurch.



At the Zone Conference in Christchurch,

Past District Governor Murray Verso and Irene were recognised as Major Donors to the Rotary Foundation by Rotary

International President Mark Maloney and Foundation Trustee Per Hoyen from Denmark.

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District Governor Grant Hocking

Last month I mentioned how much enjoyment Melissa and I were getting from visiting the clubs and seeing what clubs and Rotarians are doing to support their communities but also reinforce the message that the District is here to support clubs.

September was no exception with many club visits but has also included attending the **National Youth Science** Forum orientation day and a visit to Christchurch New Zealand for the **Rotary Zone Conference -Regeneration** NZ/Aus Conference.

This yearly conference (formerly called Zone Institute) is preceded by the Governor Elect and Nominee training. For Melissa and I, this included meeting with our counterpart District Governors from across Australia and NZ and attending Annual General Meetings for RDU, ROMAC, Interplast and RAWCS.



The Rotary Down Under District Governors in Christchurch.

The Zone Conference is open to all Rotarians to attend and was a wonderful opportunity to learn more about what is going on in Rotary. Rotary International President Mark Daniel Maloney and Gay were present to participate in the activities with 21 Rotarians from District 9800. Music, Rotary updates, and inspirational speakers made it a wonderful event.



Photos: The Disaster Aid Team and RYLA Oceania.



A highlight was Ludovic Grosjean (Melbourne City Rotaract) who received recognition at the United Nations Rotary Day in 2018 as a Person of Action. Ludovic is a passionate campaigner for the environment and encouraged us all to think about what we can do to support.

Hugh Bucknall also presented on the Centenary of Rotary Down Under in 2021 and encouraging clubs to develop a community centenary project or join an existing project.

Janet Hay from Canterbury was on hand to receive recognition as the winner of the video competition with a video on the For a Meal project.

Gabe Hau from Melbourne E-club also represented Peace and has been supporting the development of Rotary clubs becoming Peace clubs across Australia and NZ. Well done to them all. Our District has made a commitment to financially support **Rotary Peace Centres** as a Peacebuilder District and the next step is to create a District Peacebuilding Committee. This is especially



helpful in supporting clubs and facilitating district and multi-district peacebuilding projects. I will work with Rotarians over the next few months to establish this committee.

Peacebuilder Clubs

I have discussed plans with Gabe Hau to provide information to all clubs on the process of becoming a Peacebuilder club. Basically, it requires a club to have a Peace committee of 2 people who learn more about Rotary peace efforts, inform other club members, engage with Peace fellows, conducting at least one peace activity each year and raise public awareness. The specific information will be placed on the District Website and I encourage all Rotary clubs to review the material and consider making your club a Peacebuilder club.

Rotary International President visits Melbourne

Following the Conference, the Rotary International President Mark Maloney and Gay attended a function in Sydney on Monday night and then one in Ballarat on Tuesday night 23rd September. On Wednesday Mark and Gay came to Melbourne to unveil a plaque at Rotary Park (Botanical Gardens) with many Rotarians from Melbourne Rotary and across the District. Following this they both attended lunch at Melbourne Rotary before leaving early to catch a flight to Poland for another conference. The role of the World President is very demanding.

MORNING TEA WITH THE DG

This is your invitation to meet and talk to me and others within the District Support Team. Chat and hear the latest news about Rotary. Each Morning Tea starts at 10.30am. Put a date in your diary now and plan to be there. Upcoming dates are:

Wednesday 2 October - Hoppers Club, Pannam Drive, Hoppers Crossing Tuesday 8 October - Cirno Café, Nelson Place, Williamstown

Wed 23 October - Sandbar Café, 175B Beaconsfield Parade, Middle Park

Upcoming events

Foundation dinner -A Celebration of The Rotary Foundation

Past Rotary International President and Chair Elect of The Rotary Foundation, K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran will be our special guest at a dinner on Wednesday 13th November at the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club. Registrations are available at <u>trybooking.com/book/event?eid=543871&</u>, and more details are available on the attached flyer.

District 9800 Rotary Walk to End Polio will be held on Saturday, 19th October at two locations in our District. You can support us by making a donation to the cause or joining us 10.00am at either Albert Park Lake or in Bendigo at Lake Neangar, Eaglehawk on for the Walk Your Way - Rotary Walk to End Polio. **Two Locations, One Focus, Ending Polio.** Register or donate via this link - <u>https://rotarywalk.raisley.com</u>

The End Polio Train ride will be held on **World Polio Day**, Thursday 24th October. The planning is nearly completed and will include travelling in from 4 (or more) locations (Bendigo, Brighton, Werribee, Caufield) in our district to arrive at Federation Square Melbourne at 2.30pm.

Both events will ensure more people gain an awareness of the important role Rotary has played in ridding the world of Polio. Rotary was there at the beginning and we will be there at the end.

Don't forget to register for the **District Conference 2020.** The early bird price of \$300 is available until 31st November 2019. Registration details on the District website Conference page. <u>https://rotarydistrict9800.org.au/sitepage/conference2020</u>

Thank you for everything you do for Rotary and remember - Rotary Connects the World



Wednesday 13th November 2019

"A CELEBRATION OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION"

with

Past Rotary International President & Chair Elect of The Rotary Foundation K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran



Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club

489 Glenferrie Road, Kooyong Victoria 3144

6.30pm for 7.00pm 13th November 2019

2 COURSE DINNER

Drinks at bar prices (one drink on arrival included)

TICKETS \$60 per person

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Each of the five Victorian Rotary Districts will be represented at this special event.

Rotary International President Mark Maloney in Melbourne

Rotary International President Mark Daniel Maloney and Gay Maloney have capped off a visit to Victoria this week with a number of events.

The Rotary Club of Melbourne was delighted that Mark and Gay were able to attend the Rotary Park tree dedication ceremony prior to addressing Rotary Melbourne's luncheon meeting on Wednesday, 25 September.

Mark unveiled his own Red Gum Eucalyptus tree planted in his honour at Rotary Park along with 28 trees dedicated to Rotary International Presidents and other significant Rotarians.

At lunch, both Gay and Mark addressed a large gathering of Rotary Melbourne Members and guests and visitors from District 9800 before flying out to continue their visit of many other countries. Mark's address: "How Rotary Connects the World?" was well very well received.

Rotary Melbourne gifted one of our first Rotary 100 Year Centenary Baton which will be provided to every Rotary District in Australia ready for the Baton Relay, which is one of the many initiatives Rotary Clubs throughout Australia are preparing for the 100 Year Celebrations in 2021.







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Sumba Eye Program

Sumba is a large island of approximately 11,000 sq kms and a population of about 670,000 divided into East Sumba, 200,00, and West Sumba, 470,000. There is no Optometric or Ophthamological presence on the island. It is part of an area called Nusa Tengarra Timor which comprises East and west Timor, Sumba and Flores, and is located north west of Darwin. Although Sumba is part of Indonesia, it is a very poor island both in mineral and agricultural wealth and most people live a subsistence lifestyle, eat today and worry about tomorrow, tomorrow.

It has a unique culture with a warrior background and its religious beliefs are mainly Animist and Christian, with the Muslim population representing about 4%. The Island was often called "The Sandalwood Island" because of the sandalwood tree which was predominant there before exploitation of its wood for perfumes.

The 3 founding members of The Sumba Eye Program, Dr Mark Ellis AM, Peter Lewis OAM and Peter Stewart OAM had been going to East Timor for 7 years on another project called **The East Timor Eye Program**. In 2006 because of continuing unrest at that time, our East Timor trip was cancelled and The **Sumba Eye Program** (S



Timor trip was cancelled and The Sumba Eye Program (SEP), was born. www.sumbaeyeprogram.org.

The Royal Australian College of Surgeons (RACS) had funding for 1 year from AusAid and Dr Mark Ellis (team Leader) Peter Lewis and myself both Optometrists, organized an eye team of 3 surgeons, 3 optometrists, 2 nurses and a RACs administrator to go to the town of Waingapu, East Sumba, Indonesia.

A chance meeting on the plane with Dr Claus Bogh, a world leading expert in Malaria and the director of Health for the Sumba Foundation (local NGO) led to us establishing the SEP in West Sumba the following year. The Sumba Foundation is a philanthropic organization established by 2 American surfers, both successful businessmen, who wanted to give something back to the People of Sumba. They set up a luxury resort at Nihiwatu, a surfing mecca (best left-hand break in the world and recently voted the best ecological hotel in the world twice.) and used it as a conduit to establish their foundation which now is involved in Malaria control, malnutrition programs, sustainable farming practices, clean water, biodiesel production and independent district medical clinics. Note that the Sumba Foundation and the Sumba Eye program are completely separate entities, we just use their logistics on the ground without such, the difficulties would be significant.

The Foundation supports us by covering the core team's basic in country expenses (flights to and from Bali-Sumba, translators, transport, accommodation and lunch). The team is responsible for all other expenses, Australia/Bali flights, medical and equipment needs and glasses for the program. This amounts to over \$35,000-\$40,000 per trip with over half of the funds required for the 100 surgical cataract packs, drugs and ready-made glasses.

The team has been made up of Dr Mark Ellis AM-Ophthalmologist-Team Leader;

Ophthalmologists, Dr David Workman 7 trips, Dr Johnathon Ruddle 5 trips, Dr Terrence Ong, Dr Ben Clarke and Dr David Van Der Straatten, and this trip Dr Gus Clark have participated.

Peter Stewart OAM-Optometrist-Founder

Peter Lewis OAM-Optometrist-Founder

Norm Russo, Janine Hobson, Andrew Thomas and Chris Katapodis Rowena Beckinham, Liz Vidor and Alison Steer-Optometrists-funded by Optometry Giving Sight (OGS)

2 Eye theatre Nurses. Lead Nurse Alison Plain and Virginia Holloway, plus 4 others over the years.

Ancillary to this, we have taken 2-3 self-funded volunteers who are an integral part of the program and a Rotary selffunded volunteer each year, this year President Thelma Hutchinson from Rotary Glenferrie. To date over 45 people have been involved and trips are twice yearly. The SEP has seen over 25,000 people and conducted over 1,500 cataract and other procedures, and have dispensed over 20,000 pairs of glasses. Funding has come from many sources -Rotary, Optometry giving sight, private benefactors, many fundraising events and the Optical industry at large. RAWCS have provided us with free administrative assistance and tax deductibility status.

OPTOMETRYGIVING

Transforming



Equipment has been donated over time: 2 Operating microscopes, A scanner, sterilizers, a Tango laser for YAG and SLT procedures, 8 trial sets, 5 slit lamps, retinal cameras and extras, everything one would expect to see in an Australian Practice. The level of care provided is second to none in a developing environment.

The aim of the program has been to train and establish local Eye Care Nurses (ECN'S). on the Island able to conduct refractive examinations and identify and treat various diseases. Our nurses have been the recipient of training in Bali with the John Fawcett Foundation and 2 have been brought to Australia for mentoring and instruction.

We also aimed to involve local Ophthalmologists to partner with the ECN's in delivering full eyecare to Sumba. We have had the involvement of the Ophthalmology department Hasinudin University- Makassar over 7 years now and this last trip, Ophthalmologists from Udayana Uni Bali. This whole process has taken longer than we had hoped because an element of trust and respect had to be developed with the local community as well as the hurdles of dealing with a sovereign government and its own health system. This has largely been overcome now.

While the operations are free, and all sunglasses dispensed are free, we do charge a nominal fee of 20,000 rupiah to the local villagers for each pair of glasses. The reason- no one respects freebies so the "fee" gives a sense of ownership and respect. At the end of each trip the team has donated the money received back to the Community through the Sumba Foundation, to date in the form of a Nikon microscope for their clinics to detect malaria, a solar panel to power one of the district clinics, 4 motorbikes for our 4 nurses, backpacks and helmets, and I pads and computers for use on their outreach trips.

Our latest trip was in August. It was a rather eventful trip. To sum up.

On our arrival on Sunday 4th August, we were asked to meet with the local Health minister as a serious matter had arisen. We also had in attendance 2 Intelligence personnel from Jakarta. It transpired that previous to our visit, a Polish team of people had been in country, had no Authorization and proceeded to conduct surveys, data collection etc which was published without Government consent. Jakarta took a dim view of this and looked at all International teams working in Indonesia. With us they took a sledgehammer approach telling us that we could not work, teach or otherwise impart knowledge in any way with the Indonesian people and if we did so then there was the very real possibility of being arrested. We also found out that we yet again did not have the correct paperwork to be in country. This was amusing as we have continually asked about this to make sure everything was in order. Even the local Minister had no idea what was required. Apparently we found out that the local Buparti had not answered Jakarta questions to their liking so they sent down 7 Intel guys to sort this out. There was much embarrassment at local and regional level at the way we had been treated given we have been out in the open for 12 years with many visits ie twice per year.

Our local Doctors were also in the firing line for operating outside their jurisdiction but some paperwork solved that issue. As we pointed out, the Doctor' would need us to set up as they use our equipment and that they would also need our nurses to handle the sterilising procedures otherwise they could not operate. After many phone calls this

was agreed upon. So the upshot was we had a full team who were in effect redundant as we were not allowed to proceed with teaching, training or anything else.

The upside to all this, and this must be looked at very positively, is because of our training over such a long period of time, our Eyecare nurses were able to conduct the program by themselves and saw over 1400 patients in 4 1/2 days. Our local surgeons saw 55 cataract cases. This proved to us that we have effectively achieved our aim of local people looking after local people. Despite an enforced handover we were thrilled that our nurses rose to the occasion and did a sterling job.



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What is the future now for the Sumba Eye Program? The reality is we will not be conducting further trips until the paperwork requirements are signed sealed and delivered. We are planning to go back next August if all can be completed to our satisfaction with no threat and the ability to continue in our full capacity of teaching and mentoring.



The team will be a much reduced number per visit which isn't a bad thing as if it goes correctly we can do more trips with limited personnel thereby maximising our teaching impact.

We had a very constructive meeting with an Essilor Foundation representative who run in country programs to establish optical stores and thus employment. They provide the set up and basic refraction training, provide support and equipment and then assist the recipient, with further training over 3 years to become a qualified dispenser. One of our interpreters, Franki Djarmi has been with us since inception and we recognised him as a perfect candidate for such a role. He is skilled in refraction already, is quite entrepreneurial and if the costs are not too onerous, then we will recommend him for the position. A further example of local people helping others.

We have also recognised that one of the ECN's, Sister Sani Mutiari, wanted to extend her training and we placed her under the care of our 2 theatre nurses this trip to learn the skills required to run an eye theatre from sterilizing to instrument handling to drug set up etc. She took to the role with great enthusiasm such that we are going to get her trained at Hasinudin University with Dr Adelina as her sponsor.

A lot of the facets of what we set out to achieve 12 years ago have been realised and we are grateful to all the support given so far from Rotary, the Optical industry and beyond. Do we need further support? The answer is Yes. We will still be supporting our nurses to do further training courses, We hope to continue our lecture program in Makassar and we will be continuing to service the Island of Sumba but in a very different capacity.

So, to all who have helped us, you can be immeasurably proud. In true Rotary tradition, a dollar given is a dollar 100% fully passed on

These Aid programs are not for everyone. You are taken out of your comfort zone and exposed to much that is confronting-food, living, and culture but the goodwill you engender with the locals and the satisfaction that you achieve by doing so is immense.

It's a team effort and while we don't change the world, we are privileged to be able to offer a little back to the community.

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District 9800 International Grant

Solar Smiles Update ...

4 years ago I joined Rotary!

I couldn't have imagined where it would take me and the friends I'd make. Right this minute I'm sitting in Dili with Solar Smiles!

I certainly had no idea what an MoU with the Ministry of Health ws, let alone any concept that I would present Solar Smiles Dental Charity's Program Nehan Saudavel to the Ministry of Health in Timor Leste as I did yesterday. That was a lifetime highlight for this high school dropout.

It's such a honour to be a Rotarian, to be the Project Manager & Founder of a charity that's delivered over \$252,000 of free den ta; work and as of last week has a full time prevention program running in 10 schools with 2500 students and a full time employee.

It turned my little idea of handing out toothbrushes into a meaningful cause helping to change thousands of lives, including my own. It gives us international recognition and credibility beyond my wildest expectations.

Rotarians around the world just get stuff done and it's inspiring to be a part of it. Let's see what the next 5 years brings our Rotary Solar Smiles program.

Proud member and project of Rotary Albert Park with Phil Hill of Rotary Fitzroy.

Kim Groizard with Phil Hill kim@solarsmilesdentalcharity.com 0 410 701 828





https://rotaryalbertpark.org.au/PhotoAlbums/kim-in-timor-leste-sep-19





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Rotary Police Mentoring Program



Kerry Kirk, cybersecurity businesswoman and last year's president of Sunbury Rotary Club, enjoyed a tour backstage at Broadmeadows Police Station. She was chatting as mentor to Senior Sergeant Brad Towers in the VicPol Police Leaders' Mentoring Program (VPLMP) involving D9800 and three other Victorian districts.

She told Rotary Central Melbourne's graduation breakfast on September 17 how she and Brad agreed that police arresting people wasn't going to solve community drug-addiction problems."

That's how they got thinking about a hidden group needing support – the parents of offspring who are battling addictions. These parents are often withdrawn and nervous. Support services focus on the addicted person while parents typically bear their strife and heartache unaided.

So they brought parents together on July 30 for a meeting called "**You Are Not Alone.**" They explained community resources and inspired parents with speakers confiding their own struggles and successes. Parents got answers to their distress call – "We don't know who to turn to!"

Brad, a 30-year police veteran, said they marketed the forum throughout the Macedon Ranges and from Sunbury to Broadmeadows. But up to the last minute they didn't know if any parent would show up. Police and the drug scene are not always a comfortable mix and many parents want to stay unknown. Happily, about 50 parents turned up on the Tuesday evening to hear the eight speakers. "Someone said, 'We're all parents here' and we felt the tension in the room relax because people felt they wouldn't be judged," Brad says. Two parents burst into tears afterwards and one said, "If we'd had this help ten years ago we wouldn't be in our predicament."

Speakers included Mark Eustice, a former Essendon footballer who conquered post-footie addictions, and the manager of an ice-addiction clinic who's had more than half a dozen referrals since the forum. A speaker was from the Family Drug Help group also got a good hearing. Another speaker was a policeman whose twin brother died from an overdose. He gave both police and relative's perspectives.

Kerry says, "We put about 150 hours work into it but our club's only cost was \$200 for venue hire and 100 show bags. I'm sure other clubs in Victoria and nationally could replicate what we did."

VicPol Assistant Commissioner Kevin Stacey, himself a mentoring graduate, says the program is VicPol's longest sustained leadership development course. Now in its 13th year, it links Senior Sergeants, who typically manage a suburban station, with Rotarians skilled in business and community initiatives.

Want to know more? Contact Kerry at kerry.kirk9@gmail.com

Tony Thomas Rotary Club of Central Melbourne About 78 members and visitors gathered for the Police Mentor breakfast and the raffle raised \$790 for Police Legacy. Assistant Commissioner Kevin Casey and past district governor Neville John presented certificates to 12 police graduates and 14 mentors from the latest year (two police couldn't attend).

The current cohort is 16 police with their mentors. The program involves police senior sergeants, each normally managing a police station or an equivalent front-line operational role. The senior sergeants manage 75% of VicPol's police workforce, indicating their grass-roots importance in community engagement. Some get promoted to Acting Inspector level during the course.

Assistant Commissioner Kevin told the meeting he was a one-time graduate of the program. The hugely successful mentor scheme, now in its 13th year, was VicPol's longest sustained leadership development program. He gave our club special thanks as initiator and supporter. The program has made a real difference to the communities involved, he said.

The senior sergeants had grown from the mentoring, changing their approach to community engagement and giving them better insight into community needs and expectations. They also gained stronger networks and knowledge of community resources and programs. He thanked the mentors for giving up so much time despite demanding roles and busy schedules. He also gave special thanks to retiree Commander Neville Taylor, who has been with the program since inception. He started as a mentee and become a syndicate leader supporting five cohorts over five years and later as a steering committee member.

Neville John, representing DG Grant Hocking, said that over 12 years the program had connected all five Rotary districts in Victoria.

It had met its goals of developing leadership skills in a community service setting; improving community engagement; and helping police apply business management to local service.







Mentors are needed for the next cohort:

Do you have a sold understanding of Rotary at Club and District level? Experience in business management and community engagement programs? Time to give to a meaningful mentor relationship?

Contact **Rosemary Waghorne** for a copy of the guidelines and application form at waghorner@gmail.com or 0402925924 or contact **Kevin Love** for further information kevin.love.rccms@gmail.com or 0408008931

Rotaractors sharing their expertise



Richard Mason President of Gateway Rotaract, and Renee Chung visited the Rotary Club of Keilor East recently and presented on Social Media management, and engaging with an audience. <u>facebook.com/gatewayrotaract/</u>

Richard and Renee explained which Social Media and platforms the icons represented and asked members which they knew and which they used.

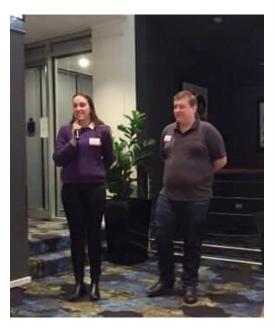
Renee said she enjoys **Good Reads** which is a way of sharing the good books you are reading, Twitter and Tumblr.

She is particularly interested in making videos and animations to promote Gateway Rotaract projects. This video promoting RUOK Day had a LOT of views. https://vimeo.com/289478471

Other points:

Instagram as a platform is used by young people more than Facebook which is often seen by the young as for older people.

www.canva.com is great for Image tools.





Richard and Renee pictured with John Walsh and President and former Rotaractor Mark Tognon.

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Rotaract Clean Up the Yarra

The Melbourne City Rotaractors were joined by Gabe Hau and Caroline Ord from the eClub and District Governor Grant Hocking and Melissa yesterday as they tackled a Yarra River Clean Up. They found a range of rubbish items including a mud covered bicycle.

Caroline really 'got down and dirty" as she clambered over the river bank and Grant put his medical skills to good use with syringe disposal. Ludovic organised everything needed and the group met at Flinders Street Station to commence the work. Well done everyone!











The Brighton Lunch

The Rotary Club of Brighton's Fundraising Chair Sylvie Birchick said that this year the Brighton Lunch celebrated it's 10th Anniversary and was Co-Chaired by it's founder, Geoff Bentley and herself with almost 550 people attending. The Major Sponsor was Mercedes-Benz Brighton as well as APT, Kay and Burton, Half Moon, Wilson's Storage, MonJon and Brighton International.

Over the last 10 years the Brighton Lunch has raised almost \$900,000 which has been directed to a great many worthy charities as well as to Rotary and Rotary Club of Brighton charities.

This year the theme was **#Stop the Bullying** and the speakers were Jelena Dokic, Constance Hall, Grace Halphen and Walter Mikac, Hosted by Ann Peacock with after party entertainment by the Chantoozies.

The theme of Bullying - a very serious problem in today's world needed to be discussed in order to raise awareness around bullying in today's social media climate.

Organisers connected with speaker Walter Mikac who was the founder of the **Alannah and Madeline Foundation** which was set up in memory of his daughters Alannah and Madeline, who were tragically killed along with their mother and 32 others at Port Arthur.

One of the Foundation's key objectives is to care for children who have experienced or witnessed serious violence, and importantly to reduce the incidences of bullying, cyber bullying and other cyber risks, and assure the well being of children. It was a perfect charity to align ourselves with and Sylvie said they were proud to be able to donate \$25,000 for the proceeds of the Brighton Lunch for them to continue their important work.

Sylvie then presented the cheque to Jacqui Molenson, General Manager of Communications and Fundraising at the Alannah & Madeleine Foundation who spoke on behalf of the Foundation and said that the money will help protect children from cyber violence and thanked us very much for our generous donation.



Pictured left: President Keith Cameron, Sylvie Berchick Director of Fundraising with Jacqui Molensen General Manager of Communications and Fundraising, Alannah & Madeline Foundation

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The Rotary 100 Baton has been launched

When Rotary Melbourne's Hugh Bucknall asked for Clubs to launch a project for showcasing Rotary in Australia, Linda Humphries from District 9820 imagined and has now created a fabulous activity for the Rotary 100 Year Centenary - A Baton Relay linking all Australian Clubs and Districts from now until the centenary year in 2021. Well done Linda for creating a centenary project that Connects Rotary and the community.

How will this evolve?

The prototype has been created and will be refined and redesigned. Each District will have their own Baton to connect Rotary with community events, fundraisers, fun runs, inter-club visits, Rotary conferences and present at gala centenary events. Imagine the time when all batons from Australia and New Zealand come together at grand centenary celebrations.

And not just for this century! The Baton can then become part of District Changeovers; literally passing the baton from generation to generation for the next 100 years.

Already hundreds of Rotarians have passed the baton from one to another. A ceremonial passing of the baton between Australia and New Zealand occurred at the Zone Conference in Christchurch where Rotary International President Mark Maloney and Gay plus many others have been part of the action.

Over the next few weeks the baton will appear at the **Walk for Stroke Association Victoria** (Oct 11th), **Walk for Polio around Albert Park Lake** (Oct 19th) and **Train ride for Polio** (Oct 24th) before resuming a tour through D9820 with District Governor Nominee Mark Humphries.

WHAT IS YOUR CLUB'S PROJECT? DON'T DELAY, PROJECTS NEED TO COMMENCE NOW TO BE READY FOR APRIL 21, 2021. THE CLOCK IS TICKING!





Bayley House Training Kitchen

THE ROTARY CLUB OF BRIGHTON CHARITABLE FOUNDATION PRESENTS BAYLEY HOUSE WITH A CHEQUE FOR \$50,000

Bayley House required a Training Kitchen to teach many of the disadvantaged adults living skills for their daily living.

The Rotary Club of Brighton Charitable Foundation Trustees Bruce Crossley and Geoff Cunningham investigated Bayley House's submission and recommended the project to Brighton Rotary Club and the Foundation.

The Rotary Club of Brighton has for more than 46 years assisted charitable community organisations through its fund-raising events such as the Night of Stars, Brighton Lunch, Art show and Australia Day Swim.

As a result of these events and the very generous donations from the Club members, The Rotary Club of Brighton Charitable Foundation was able to provide the funds required for the Training Kitchen facility to teach and support living skills and independence to the 220 intellectually disadvantaged adults attending Bayley House day programs and residents in supported accommodation.

At a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Brighton, Ron Sher & Bruce Crossley, trustees of the Rotary Club of Brighton Charitable Foundation, presented Bayley House CEO Warwick Cavanagh with a cheque for the \$50,000 required to allow Bayley House to proceed with the purchase and installation of the Training Kitchen equipment.

The generosity of donors to this Project is gratefully acknowledged.

A great example of our Rotary Club making a difference to the lives of people in our local community.





Ron Sher & Bruce Crossley presenting Bayley House's CEO Warwick Cavanagh with the cheque for the kitchen

Sylvie Birchick Rotary Club of Brighton Fundraising Chair 0400 557997 blondecontrol@hotmail.com

Weak systems and funding gaps jeopardize drinking-water and sanitation in the world's poorest countries

28 August 2019 | STOCKHOLM -

The World Health Organization (WHO) and UN-Water today sounded the alarm for an urgent increase in investment in strong drinking-water and sanitation systems.

The call came as the international water sector meets in Stockholm for its annual conference during World Water Week (25-30 August 2019). It is triggered by a new report published by WHO on behalf of UN-Water that reveals that weak government systems and a lack of human resources and funds are jeopardizing the delivery of water and sanitation services in the world's poorest countries – and undermining efforts to ensure health for all.

"Too many people lack access to reliable and safe drinking-water, toilets and hand-washing facilities, putting them at risk of deadly infections and threatening progress in public health," says Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General. "Water and sanitation systems don't just improve health and save lives, they are a critical part of building more stable, secure and prosperous societies. We call on all countries that lack essential water and sanitation infrastructure to allocate funds and human resources to build and maintain it."

The UN-Water Global Assessment and Analysis of Sanitation and Drinking-Water 2019 (known as the GLAAS report) surveyed 115 countries and territories, representing 4.5 billion people. It showed that, in an overwhelming majority of countries, the implementation of water, sanitation and hygiene policies and plans is constrained by inadequate human and financial resources. Nineteen countries and one territory reported a funding gap of more than 60% between identified needs and available funding. Less than 15% of countries have the financial or human resources needed to implement their plans.

"If we are to create a healthier, more equitable and stable society, then strengthening the systems to reach those currently living without safe and affordable water, sanitation and hygiene services must be a top priority," says Mr Gilbert F Houngbo, Chair of UN-Water and President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development. "While we need to ensure that there is sufficient funding to tackle these critical challenges, it is equally important to continue reinforcing national delivery systems."

While funding gaps and weak systems are holding many countries back, the report also found that countries have begun to take positive steps towards achieving Sustainable Development Goal 6 on water and sanitation. "The Sustainable Development Goals have inspired us to take concrete actions at the national level to increase access to sanitation," says Mr David Molefha, Principal Water Engineer at the Ministry of Land Management Water and Sanitation Services in Botswana. "We have developed a sanitation roadmap and are working to eliminate open defecation. With these actions, we are working to improve peoples' lives."

About half of the countries surveyed have now set drinking-water targets that aim for universal coverage at levels higher than basic services by 2030, for example by addressing water quality and increasing access to water on premises. In addition, specifically targeting open defecation will have a dramatic impact on public and environmental health.

As the international authority on public health and water, sanitation and hygiene, WHO gathers scientific evidence, sets and monitors standards, and promotes best policies and practices for ensuring safe, reliable water, sanitation and hygiene for all people.

www.who.int/water sanitation





Multi District Public Image Seminar

A seminar designed to provide interested Rotarians with the opportunity to learn skills to assist with raising the profile of their Club and thereby increase membership. This Seminar is designed to enable participants to produce a Club Brochure and Business Cards, and design a press release to send to their local newspaper. They will be confident to suggest better content on web pages and will confidently use Social Media to showcase fabulous Club projects and programs.

Date: Saturday November 9th Venue: Baden Powell College Tarneit Time: 10 am to 2:30 pm

The format of the day would be as follows:

9.30	Participants arrive, with refreshments provided.		
10 am	Keynote Speaker Bernadette Schwerdt. "The Importance of the Rotary Story"		
10:30-12:30	Workshops provided		
		Using My Rotary Brand Centre	
		Writing a successful Press Release	
		The power of Social Media	
		A Web presence with a difference	
		Everyone can tell the story	
12:30	Lunch		
1:15 -2:30	Connecting with and keeping Members!		

More information on presenters and speakers TBC.

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Save the date



2019/20 LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

An opportunity awaits for you to learn more about Rotary with like-minded people.

The Rotary Leadership Institute is a four part program where you will learn a little more about Rotary, the early history, traditions, the Rotary Foundation, and its relevance in the world today. You will make new friends in an enjoyable environment.

This program is perfect for members who have joined Rotary in the last 12 months and indeed people who may be interested in becoming involved in Rotary activities.

What:	Rotary Leadership Institute				
Where:	Montague School				
	Montague Street, South Melbourne				
When:	Sunday 13 and 20 October from 9:30 am to 2:30pm				
Cost:	No cost to you or your Club				
Reply:	A response is needed by Monday 7 October 2019				
	Please email the completed Registration Form to				
	rlid9800@gmail.com				
More Infor	mation: From Jane Pennington, RLI Administrator				
Email:	rlid9800@gmail.com				
Phone:	0408 402 555				
Where:	Golden Square Primary School				
	Maple Street, Golden Square, Bendigo				
When:	Sunday 27 October from 9:30 am to 5:00pm				
Cost:	No cost to you or your Club				
Reply:	A response is needed by Monday 21 October 2019				
	Please email the completed Registration Form to				
	rlid9800@gmail.com				

Around the Clubs

Members of the **Rotary Club of Balwyn** celebrated with Past District Governor Peter Frueh as his mother Molly had her 100th birthday recently.





Rohan Williams reported to **the Rotary Club of Central Melbourne** that the Board, in consultation with Heather, Mercedes and Simon plus Steven Wells from Austin Health, had funded a permanent memorial to the late Kevin Walklate at Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Hospital.

Steven recently shared the following photo and commented that the sculpture is a fitting tribute to Kevin and symbolic of the longstanding partnership between Rotary, Austin Health and the sensory gardens. Tim Read and Rob Hayley constructed the sculpture.





The Rotary Club of Rochester may be small but what a terrific team they are. Last week members packed the Campaspe Shire Library truck with medical supplies and hospital furniture from the Echuca hospital and other items generously donated for the Echuca East Timor Association in Friendship (CETAF). Also, four cartons of knitted baby clothes to be sent to the Ainaro Hospital to be distributed to mothers for their new born babies . These goods were then taken to Donations in Kind to be packed into a container bound for Dili. Well done Noel, Robyn and Anne and all the knitters.

The Rotary Club of West Footscray has been seen at Whitten Oval lately. Here President Adam Gray with PP Dennis O'Brien.



Greg Sewell from the Rotary Club of Brunswick Tullamarine was one of just a few Rotarians recognised for 50 years of Rotary Service at the dinner with Rotary International President Mark Maloney in Ballarat last week.

Club President Kevin Dale {pictured right below} was on hand to celebrate with him.







Orientation Day for this year's successful **National Youth Science Forum s**tudents at Swinburne on September 8th was a wonderful celebration of STEM and youth excellence. Congratulations Science Chair Stuart Cardell and your amazing team for their time, effort and dedication to this wonderful program.



Welcome to our newest Rotarians ...

The Rotary Club of Wyndham Harbour has welcomed two new members this month. President Rosemary Kinyua inducted Seema Lal. and Missy Taumata, sponsored by Chris Egger and Rosemary G.Kinyua. Past District Governor Peter Frueh was on hand to welcome Seema. It was wonderful to hear about their background and experiences, as well as see their instant passion for what they can do to contribute to Rotary and community.



Lub of arbour

The Rotary Club of Brighton this month inducted Wayne Sullivan, pictured here with President Keith Cameron. Wayne has been attending meetings for some months now having been encouraged by his neighbour David Finney to join. Welcome Wayne!



The Rotary Club of Central Melbourne recently welcomed David Laurie. He was welcomed to the club with Suvam as mentor and Elias as his Committee chair. David then displayed his marketing skills with a great video presentation about him which included being

a Georgia Rotary Student Program participant in 2007/8.



The Rotary Club of Flemington Kensington inducted a very special new member to their club this month during the visit by District Governor Grant Hocking and Melissa.

Their newest member, Shraddha Sharma was Charter President of the Rotaract Club of Thamel, Kathmandu in 2003-2004 and is part of the Rotary family with her father, Santosh Sharma being a former Assistant Governor. She has already immersed herself in our club and is working on the Art Show Committee.



The Rotary Club of Keilor East has welcomed Howie Tan as a member. Howie was a long serving and valued member of the former Rotary Club of Brimbank Central , a Past President 2001 -2002 and a significant donor to the Rotary Foundation. He joins several other former Brimbank Central Rotarians at their new home. He is pictured with John Rafter.

The Rotary Club of Keilor East also inducted former members of the Rotary Club of Maitland East, New South Wales, Robyn and John Compton who are now living in Moonee Ponds. Past President Ginny Billson spoke of her



appreciation in having such experienced Rotarians join the club.



The Rotary Club of Hawthorn has welcomed 2 new members this month. President Charlotte England inducted Julie Clark, Hospital Administration and Adjunct Professor Philip Dolan Finance.

Julie Clark with her sponsor Suzy Zidziunas

President Charlotte with new member Professor Philip Dolan with his wife Carol, and mentor, Ian Bentley





VALE

The Rotary Club of Brighton mourns the passing of the PP Tony Nanfra. Tony was a much loved member of the club with a cheeky smile and a warm greeting for the ladies and a glass of champagne on Ladies Nights. He will be sadly missed.





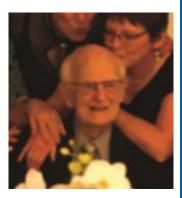
The Rotary Club of Kew mourns the passing of their Past President and Paul Harris Fellow, Peter Hoban. Peter joined the club in 1976-77 with the unusual classification of "Intimate Apparel—Sleepwear" and was President in 1982-1983. He often attended meetings wearing his Scotch College blazer and was the "face" of Kew Rotary within District 9800.

One of his traits was to present visiting District Governors' wives with a nightie produced under his label with the associated quip. He was committed to community projects and the club's commitment to Clean Up Australia Day is his legacy. Vale Peter.



The Rotary Club of Footscray reports the death of their Past President Frank Trimboli. Frank joined the club in 1973 and was President 1982-1983. He was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow in 1985-1986 and was recently an Honorary Member .Sincere sympathies are expressed to his widow Frances and family.

The Rotary Club of Balwyn mourns the passing of their member Keith Carroll. Keith was inducted in March 1978 and was a very active member until 12 months ago,. He was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow in 1988 and attained 6 sapphires. Keith served as Secretary 1980-82 and Treasurer 1985-89 as well as Chair of the "We Care Committee" for many years. He was the driving force behind the launch of the Boroondara Literary Awards and then coordinated and wrote articles for the Club's history in 2016-17. The club has lost a true gentleman, a decent bloke and a good friend. Condolences are offered to Joan and family.



A Global Leadership Event

The Rotary Club of Carlton presents "How Can I Make the World a Better Place?"

An inspirational talk by Ian Riseley OAM, Past President of Rotary International speaks on the **Power of Volunteerism**



Ian H.S. Riseley is a chartered accountant and principal of Ian Riseley and Co., a firm he established in 1976. Prior to starting his own firm, he worked in the audit and management consulting divisions of large accounting firms and corporations. His firm specializes in income tax and management advice for individuals and small businesses. He has a Masters Degree in Taxation Law and Graduate Diplomas in Accounting and Income Tax.

Riseley has been a member of the boards of both a private and a public school, a member of the Community Advisory Group for the City of Sandringham, and involved in Sea Scouts and sporting groups, as well as honorary auditor or adviser for a number of charitable organizations.

Riseley's honors include the AusAID Peacebuilder Award from the Australian government in recognition of his work in East Timor, the Medal of the Order of Australia for services to the Australian community, the Distinguished Service Award and the Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World from The Rotary Foundation.

A Rotarian since 1978, Riseley has served as treasurer, director, Foundation trustee, and member and chair of numerous RI and Foundation committees.

He and his wife, Juliet, a past district governor, are Major Donors and Bequest Society members of The Rotary Foundation. They live on seven hectares at Moorooduc, where they practice their personal philosophy of sustainable and organic living. They have two children and four grandchildren.

Rotary Club of Carlton



Monday, 7th October 2019 6:00PM arrival for a 7:00PM start

Graduate House 220 Leicester Street, Carlton, VIC, 3053

Bookings

Website: www.trybooking.com/BEYFA RSVP: Tuesday, 1st of October 2019

Cost

\$30 for Rotarians (+Partners) and Graduate House Members + Residents \$35 for General Public

Food Finger Food Provided. Drinks at bar price.

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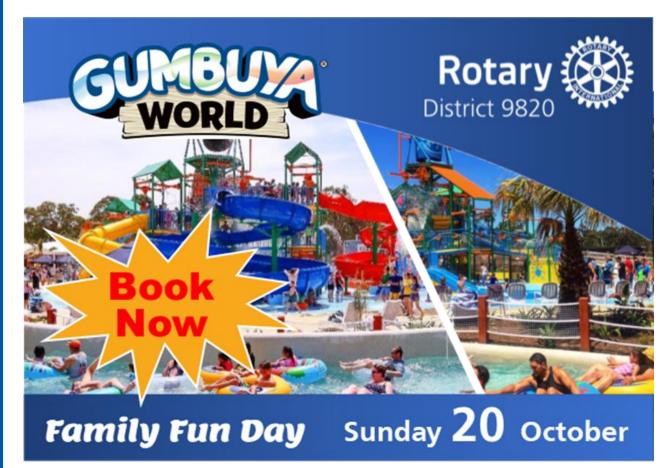
Gumbuya World Fun Day

The day is open to Rotarians, families, friends, strangers met on the street – basically anybody. We want to thank Gumbuya World for their very generous support of District 9820 by having big numbers booked through our Rotary portal. Special prices apply and 10% of our gate will be remitted back to us, as further sponsorship.

Туре	Seasonal General Admission Price	Rotary D9820 Fun Day Price	Saving
Adult	\$49	\$35	\$14
Senior / Child	\$43	\$28	\$15
Tots (under 3)	Free	Free	
Family*	Not offered	\$112	
Conditions		Inclusions	
Child is aged 3 to 15 Adult is aged 16 and Senior is a holder of a	over years of age	Access to all 4 World's of Entertainment Unlimited rides & attractions including water park.	
Family includes 2 x A Ticket required for ad No external food or b	dults and 2 x Children	Special rate to purchase an Annual Pass upgrade on the day (Adult: \$94 / \$71 for all paying guests)	

Book now at Rotary 9820 Gumbuya World Family Fun Day

Holders of Annual or Season passes are asked to also book through our portal – there is no additional cost, but it means we can track our numbers.



COULD YOUR CLUB BETTER REFLECT THE DIVERSITY IN YOUR COMMUNITY? COULD YOUR CLUB BE MORE INCLUSIVE? COULD YOUR CLUB BETTER ENGAGE WITH THE DIVERSE GROUPS IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

District 9800 has created a new Diversity Equity & Inclusion Committee

AIM:

to increase member awareness and knowledge, support club activities, and ensure a cohesive approach to making Rotary a welcoming place for all

EXPLORE: the uniqueness that Rotary can offer

ENCOURAGE:

Rotary clubs to look more into improving diversity & inclusiveness as does our community

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Thank you to Max Martin from Brighton Rotary for sharing this image.









Rotary Club of Eaglehawk Mallee Silo Bus Tour

When: Saturday 26th of October 2019

Leaving from the Mechanics Institute Cal Gully at 7.00am sharp and arriving back at approximately 6.00pm

\$73 per person includes a 2 course meal (choice of fish or chicken for main and dessert)

There will be Lucky prizes to be won on the day

Limited seats available

To book please contact either:



Leon on 0407 044 127

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Les on 0431 740 111

Dean on 0429 209 555







ROTARY REUNION 20 YEARS OF GIVING SMALL LIVES BIG HOPE

We are delighted to invite you to our Rotary Reunion to mark Rotary's long-standing support of Children First Foundation. This year, we are celebrating 20 years of giving small lives big hope – which would have been impossible without the generosity and compassion of Rotarians across District 9790 and beyond.

Mingle with fellow Rotarians, our children, volunteers, staff, and Directors. Enjoy tours of the Retreat. Take a trip down memory lane as we look back at our past success stories, and with your help, look forward to a hope-filled future.

Sunday 10 November, from 11.00am

Children First Foundation Retreat (formerly known as 'The Farm') 190 Saunders Road, Kilmore East

Morning tea & a BBQ lunch will be served



RSVP Elizabeth Lodge by 30 October Email: ceo@childrenfirstfoundation.org.au Call: 03 9329 4822



INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

CHARITY GOLF DAY Kooringal Golf Club



Date Wednesday 30th October 2019 Time 12pm Shotgun Start

Presented by the Rotary Club of Williamstown Supporting the RoCan Cancer Wellness Centre

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

The Cancer Wellness Centre will provide services such as Yoga, Music Room, Legal and Financial advice, a men's shed and many other services

RoCan now owns the land in the Riverwalk Estate Werribee to build this facility and to date we have raised in excess of \$550,000 towards this project but will need much more to bring it to fruition.

The facility when built will be providing accommodation to families that cannot afford to stay in the City due to the high cost of cancer treatment. We have all been touched in some way and by the effects of Cancer.

Together we can make a difference

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

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

Enclosed is a Registration Form and Sponsorship document.

GET YOUR TEAM TOGETHER AND REGISTER

RING Tony Boyd 9397 6388 or Mobile 0418 101 516 info@abinteriors.com.au

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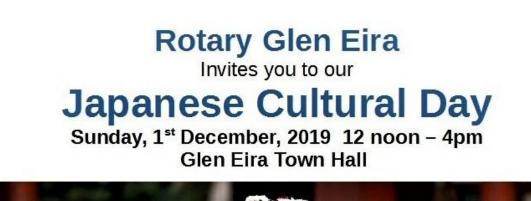
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India Rotary leadership indicates that relatively soon, volunteers will no longer be able to administer the Polio vaccine. If you have always wanted to participate in Polio Immunization, this may be your last your chance.





VOLUNTEERS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE

Engage in door to door polio campaign and rally, oral vaccination in rural areas

This experience will combine participation in India's Polio routine Immunization activities at model booths, Interaction with local Rotarians and visit Rotary projects.

This journey will be a landmark event to serve Rotary for noble cause

Experience Incredible India Delhi, Agra, Jaipur

ROTARY CLUB AGRA TAJMAHAL INITIATIVE International Project Polio Free India from 200,000 Cases A Year to Zero

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For further details, please contact us at <u>secretary@agratajmahalrotary.org</u>