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Rotary District 9800 MUNA at Swinburne University

The 2019 Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) was held at Swinburne University in Hawthorn on the weekend April 27-28. For many years MUNA had been held at Rotary's Camp Getaway near Axedale 150 kms from Melbourne. The move back to Melbourne worked well in many ways and the fee per team was reduced to \$375. Chadstone-East Malvern and Glenferrie Rotary clubs were the joint host and many of their members participated in running MUNA.

Sixty, mostly year 11, students came from twenty-two schools and were sponsored by twenty Rotary clubs. In teams of two they represented thirty countries. Except for six Bacchus Marsh students all others travelled to and from MUNA each day. Accommodation for the Bacchus Marsh students was paid for by MUNA so their sponsor club was not out of pocket.

Of the thirty countries represented eight were classed as Western, eight as Middle East, seven as Asian and seven as Developing countries. This naturally would lead to many diametrically opposed views put forward by different countries in the debates.

Students all prepared beforehand to speak for their countries in favour or against some of thirty MUNA Resolutions given to them several weeks before. What transpired was that the resolutions were debated intensely. Many Points of Order were initiated by the teams and adjudicated by the Secretary General Rotarian Chris Don. In fact debate was so intense that just eight resolutions were debated in the 12 hours of Assembly Session time. One Point of Order led to the Secretary General being forced to step down until the end of a debate because of his "bias".







After debating on Saturday students had the opportunity to go barefoot lawn bowling at the local bowls club a five minute walk away. About half the students and some Rotarians went. Everyone enjoyed the bowls and was then fed a delicious multiple course dinner in the clubhouse.

On Sunday morning Catherine Zhou, a twice former best MUNA speaker and now studying Law, addressed the students for ten minutes. She was quite inspirational for the students.

MUNA finished on Sunday afternoon when District Governor Bronwyn Stephens presented the awards. Laura Moorfoot and Archie McDonald representing Saudi Arabia were the Best Debating Team. The Second Best Team was Areeba Masood and Vy Tran representing France.



Left: Best Debating Team from Swinburne Senior Secondary College represented Saudi Arabia L to R: Newton Langford, Laura Moorfoot, Archie McDonald, Bronwyn Stephens

Right: Second Best Debating Team from The Mac.Robertson Girls' High School represented France L to R: Newton Langford, Areeba Masood, Vy Tran, Bronwyn Stephens



Both the Best and Second Best teams will go to Canberra in August to compete with other Best Teams from around Australia. During MUNA many Rotarians, teachers, parents and others stopped in for a while to watch MUNA in action. My #1 takeaway from MUNA was that points of view of countries could be quite the opposite but were very logical. Thus on the world scene we can never expect everyone to agree.

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District Governor Elect Grant Hocking

Dear Fellow Rotarians and Friends,

As Rotarians we are connected and share a common goal of realising Rotary International's vision"Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change - across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."

This vision is perfectly represented in the Rotary International theme for 2019-20, "Rotary Connects the World". This connection is evident at every level of Rotary. It's in the communities we support, between Rotarians locally and around the world. It's also in Rotary clubs, and between Rotary Districts.

During the President Elect Leadership Development sessions over the past 12 months we have used the motto of <u>Communicate</u>, <u>Connect</u>, <u>Collaborate and Celebrate</u>. The 2019-2020 RI theme complimented this approach and together with the new RI strategic plan in July 2019 will continue to help guide everything we do in Rotary.

Since joining Woodend Rotary in 2004 I have been President twice (2007-2008 and 2015-16) and served at District level as Community Service Director (2011-2013), Assistant Governor Goldfields Cluster (2013-2015) and Assistant Governor mentor (2017-18). It has been gratifying to support the district as Grants cluster advisor, Club Vision facilitator and also support the D9800 Learning and Development team with RLI and New Member seminars.



In a changing world it is important to realise that Rotary remains committed to its core values of Fellowship, Integrity, Diversity, Service and Leadership. These values along with the **'4 Way Test'** help guide all Rotarians in what they do for Rotary, and in everyday life.

- 1. Is it the TRUTH?
- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

The focus for D9800 will be to incorporate RI goals, priorities and objectives. The district and the clubs will focus on these objectives during the 2019-2020 Rotary year. I have requested 2019-20 Presidents to consider doing something different during the year and explore potential for change where it will improve the club. There will always be a need for Rotary to support the community. To ensure this continues we must be reflective of the community we support. Paul Harris stated in 1935:

"This is a changing world; we must be prepared to change with it. The story of Rotary will have to be written **again and again."** People are seeking ways to make a difference in the world and connect with others. Rotary must offer opportunities for membership for the entire community.

Presidents for 2019-20 have been encouraged to appoint a membership chair to ensure the tasks of engaging existing and potential members is achieved. Membership recruitment and retention is important and the district will support clubs to ensure these elements are optimised for all existing and new clubs. District 9800 will support clubs' efforts to deliver an experience that engages and retains members.

Whilst existing club structures and formats will always be appealing to many in the community, there are some that seek alternatives. We must provide new clubs, new models of clubs or innovative models that welcome more people into Rotary and give them meaningful ways to unite and take action. Models that compliment rather than compete with family and foster a culture that welcomes more participants into Rotary. Diversity and inclusion are important in this process and will be supported and developed.

Our district Youth programs are rewarding for all participants and will continue to be well supported by clubs. One goal this year is to provide purpose and meaning for Youth Alumni to remain engaged with Rotary. Similar opportunities will be explored for Foundation Alumni and Rotaract.

The district offers opportunities for Rotarian education from New members seminars, Leading Beyond the Club, District Assembly and Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI). All Rotarians can avail themselves of the opportunity to learn more about Rotary and leadership in general. All programs should be filled to capacity and I implore all Rotarians to take advantage of this opportunity.

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) continues to be recognised as one of the world's best managed funds for doing good in the world. The Foundation supports challenging issues such as poverty, illiteracy and malnutrition along with Rotary scholars, Peace programs and Polio eradication. We must continue to support polio eradication efforts and achieve the goal of eradicating this disease from the world.



Clubs are encouraged to utilise District funds for Community, International or Global Rotary projects. This coming year we have increased funds, and would like clubs to utilise them to support projects and communities locally and overseas. Increased funding will be made available for multi club projects. The District Foundation committee is available to assist with grant applications and clubs should utilise this support to ensure success in the application process.

The benefits of The Rotary Foundation are only made possible through contributions. Rotarians represent the community and we know that most Australians donate money to charities every year. We appreciate those Rotarians and clubs who already make substantial contributions to the Rotary Foundation. Unfortunately, this is not the case for the majority of Rotarians and why I am seeking an individual personal contribution of five dollars from every Rotarian through the 'Gimme 5' campaign. I am hoping Rotarians will consider making a personal donation every year as an ongoing commitment.

It gives me great pleasure to announce the membership of the DISTRICT SUPPORT TEAM (DST) 2019-2020 consists of experienced Rotarians who are ready and willing to support clubs and Rotarians. The Board members are highlighted in the table on the next page. We have had an opportunity to plan and work together over the last few months and supporting the incoming Club Presidents at President Elect Learning and Development sessions.

I requested members of the DST to ensure they had support for the coming Rotary year. Sharing knowledge will build capacity in the district and aid future succession planning. It will also ensure a viable path to leadership, remove built-up barriers, whilst supporting existing leaders. Clubs should also consider a similar approach.

Communication is important and why this coming year I am planning to offer regular opportunities to meet with myself and other members of the DST and DGEN. 'Morning tea with the DG' will be a chance to come and discuss matters of concern, opportunities or just a friendly way to get to know each other better. Details will be communicated to Rotarians and clubs in the coming months.

Melissa and I look forward to welcoming you to the District conference in Beautiful Bendigo on 27-29 March 2020 which will be entertaining, innovative, inspiring and informative. We do hope to see you there. At the conference and throughout the Rotary year lets continue to Communicate, Connect, Collaborate and Celebrate.

Thank you for your efforts for Rotary and together in 2019-2020 we will demonstrate **how 'Rotary Connects the World'**.

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District 9800 Governor 2019-2020

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2019 District Assembly

Thank you to PDG Julie Mason who MC'd another wonderful District Assembly at TABCorp Park on Sunday. There were a large number of first time attendees, along with a majority of Presidents and President Elects with members of their leadership teams.

Congratulations and thanks must go again to the Rotary Club of Melton whose members organised parking, set up of rooms, registration and directing people to venues.

District Governor Elect Grant Hocking introduced the District Support Team for 2019-2020 with apologies from several who were on their way to, or at Hamburg for the RI Convention.



There was a very large attendance today and break out sessions were well attended. The Foundation Grants Seminar after lunch proved very popular with standing room only, perhaps that is due to the **necessity to attend, the extra large 'pool' for 2019**-2020 or the follow on from assembly.

Hugh Bucknell from the Rotary Club of Melbourne reminded members of the 2 forthcoming major events in Melbourne:

the Centenary of Rotary in Australia in 2021 and the RI Convention in 2023. Clubs are asked to consider a major project/event to coincide with the Centenary.

In the Foundation Seminar, PDG Murray Verso advised that we have more money available for Foundation Grants than ever before next year, thanks to the work of PDG Neville John in his year.

All presentations from District Assembly will be made available on the District website in coming days.

Presentations are available on the District 9800 website







District 9800 Changeover



2018-19

to



2019-20

Sunday, June 30, 11:30 pre-lunch drinks for midday start

Lakeside Banquet and Reception Centre

65 Melton Highway, Taylors Lakes

Adult \$70, Child \$45. Includes 2 course lunch and drinks

Book and pay via TryBooking by Sunday 16th June 2019 https://www.trybooking.com/473703

Rotary Peace Poles gain momentum in schools

Rotary 100 Down Under: A Peace Project celebrating 100 years of Rotary 1921 - 2021.

100 Rotary Clubs or School's from around Australia are invited by the Rotary Club of Canberra Burley Griffin to become involved in this joint Centenary project. Will your Club or School be one of the 100 Rotary Clubs or Schools

to decide to support this idea?

As part of the 100-year celebration of Rotary in Australia due in 2021, we are arranging for all schools that attend the Peace Bell to receive a Peace Pole on the return to their home town. https://canberrapeacebell.org/

The Peace Pole program had its beginnings in 1955 with Masahisa Goi who came up with the idea. You will now find Peace Poles in close to 200 countries and more than 200,000 have been placed around the World. Our aim is to distribute 100 Peace Poles for 100 years of Rotary and each pole will be numbered 1 to 100.

Peace Poles are planted with the Universal Peace Message "May Peace Prevail on **Earth".** They symbolise our common wish for a World at Peace. They stand as a silent vigil for peace reminding us to think and act in the spirit of Peace. The Peace message is written in four languages one panel on each side of the Peace Pole.

Each School is invited to participate by their local Rotary Club. Each school would indicate which four languages should be featured on their Peace Pole. This would be based on language usage in each school.

100 World Peace Day Ceremonies in 100 Schools

Once the Peace Pole is installed in each School then the School is invited to participate in the United Nations World Peace Day Ceremonies on the third Tuesday in September each year.

If 100 schools visit the Canberra Rotary Peace Bell as part of this program it would mean that over 3,000 children would receive the Peace message. It would also mean that the name of Rotary would be promoted to those 3,000 plus children.

This is a unique opportunity for 100 Rotary Clubs to connect with 100 schools in their local areas. It also offers to opportunity for ongoing contact with each school through the proposed School ceremonies for World Peace Day third Tuesday of September each year where Rotarians could attend the school and speak on Peace issues to the Children. Taking into account the full School numbers we might be impacting on over 30,000 children!

NOTE:

Completed Peace poles cost \$140.00 plus GST plus delivery (Delivery would be from Geelong) Cypress Pine Poles cost approx. \$60 and are available at Bunnings.

Four Panels with 4 languages plus a Rotary panel cost \$75 plus GST plus postage of approximately \$25.

There is no cost to participating Schools as Rotary will donate the Peace Poles.

Contact:

Michael Rabey

(Coordinator Canberra Rotary Peace Bell for Rotary Club of Canberra Burley Griffin) 0411367700



Rotary Raffle—"Give every Child a Future" Coincidence

What do Donations in Kind, "Give Every Child a Future", Kiribati and Rotarian Ruth Cross have in common?

- * Bob Glindemann, DIK, sold Ruth a Raffle ticket when Ruth was volunteering at DIK.
- * Chris Wang, the driving force of the "Give Every Child a Future" project, immunising 100,000 children and girls in nine Pacific Island countries (including Kiribati), is working with Ruth.
- * Ruth is presently re-establishing a Rotary Club on Kiribati.
- * Ruth Cross won the First Prize in Rotary Melbourne's "Give Every Child a Future" Raffle valued up to \$20,000.
- * The Raffle raised \$20,000 for the "Give Every Child a Future" project vaccinating youngsters including on Kiribati!

Ruth's email response to President Robert's phone call:

Mauri Robert.

I am bombarding you all with my excited responses this morning!

The fundraising result is absolutely amazing and a testament to the passion and

determination of all those involved. Bob kept a few books in the kitchen at DiK in the kitchen and I'm pretty sure I was the first one to snap some raffle tickets up hoping it would put him in a good mood so that he might not yell at us so much that day I

Of course you may share as much as you'd like to, including any information from the emotional essay I sent to Bob and Laurie earlier this morning. Thank you so much for your encouragement and support. I am really glad the information about setting up a club on the website is very comprehensive as I am at sea with it (literally in the middle of the Pacific Ocean!) but what we lack in experience we are making

up for with enthusiasm. However, one of the last orders I got from Bob (very bossy) was that I had to set up this club so here we are.

I have to keep thanking Chris (Wang) for his inspired efforts to connect people, each link in the chain he has joined me to has created meaningful opportunities. I am so pleased you felt the sincerity of our gratitude, now I'm tearing up too!

I am also reminded of Olga Hilton's raffle of Vance's tie and how perfectly satisfied she was with the winning recipient. There really seems to be a powerful magic within Rotary that rewards us with poetic joys reminding us that nothing is coincidental and there are strong forces that support us.

Thank you once again. I cannot wait to support the efforts of RGECAF in Kiribati and my only wish is that members of the Rotary Club of Melbourne would come visit us in Kiribati to enjoy the hospitality and gratitude of our people. Your considerable efforts to help these wonderful people is inspiring and noble, but if only they could meet you all and thank you themselves.

Best wishes, Ruth

.Other Prize winners:

2nd Prize: SARAH BURLEIGH Ticket No. 0327

3rd Prize: P CLARK Ticket No. 9597

4th Prize: ROTH Ticket No. 4184

5th Prize: L O'CONNOR Ticket No. 9283 6th Prize: KAREN LOBLAY Ticket No. 2725 Ticket Seller draw: BARBARA YERONDAIS Rotary Melbourne's President Robert Fisher is seen here drawing the Raffle on Monday, 20 May at his President's Dinner at Choi's, Hawthorn



Prizes:

1st Prize: Magnificent all-inclusive 15 day River Cruise from Amsterdam to Budapest on MS Royal Emerald for 2 Adults. Enjoy 5 star treatment on a magnificent ship, all-inclusive dining, beverages and excursions. Return economy air-fares for 2 included. Valued up to \$20,000

2nd Prize: 8 nights at the acclaimed Grand Hyatt in Bali for two adults and two children (under 12). Enjoy daily breakfasts, massage treatments, airport transfers, nightly cocktails and daily dinners (or lunches). Valued up to \$8,780

3rd Prize: 8 nights at the magnificent 5 Star JW Marriot Khao Lak (fly to Phuket International). Includes flights for 2 Adults flying Singapore Airlines or Thai Airways to Phuket. Includes airport transfers, ALL meals, spa treatments and more. (2 children under 11 can stay free but their flights are extra.) Valued up to \$7,000

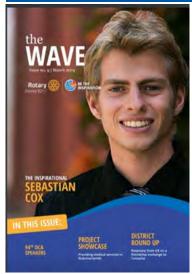
4th Prize: 5 unforgettable nights staying at the iconic Seaworld Resort on the Gold Coast for 2 adults and 2 children (under 12). Get 5 day passes to Movieworld, Wet n Wild and SeaWorld for all guests, two for one breakfasts and more! Valued up to \$2,000

5th Prize: \$500 Luxury Escapes Voucher

6th Prize: \$250 Luxury Escapes Voucher Ticket Seller Draw: For sale of 20+ tickets. \$250 Luxury Escapes Voucher

Dorothy Gilmour, Rotary Club of Melbourne

One Voice Youth Music Project in Tanzania



Seb Cox, a Rotaractor from the University of Canberra, District 9710 has spent a lot of time in Tanzania over the past few years. His family was involved with the School of St Judes and so was he.

He has worked with and helped establish Interact and EarlyAct in that country. Seb has been assisting with a project titled *One Voice* and he has asked me to share this with the Rotarians in Australia.

One Voice is a music project for the Earlyact and Interact clubs of Tanzania. As you all know, Earlyact and Interact are youth programs of Rotary, where schools aged students focus on serving their community.

Tanzania is a growing force in the Rotary world and many Rotary clubs are taking the lead to sponsor Earlyact and Interact clubs.

In 2019 the Country Interact Team wanted to create a project to unite the Earlyactors and Interactors together and the *One Voice Project* was formed.

The Earlyactors and Interactors recorded a song discussing how Earlyactors and Interactors rise up to create peaceful and loving societies. To support the Earlyactors and Interactors in creating the song, the *One Voice Team* was created consisting of Seb Cox, a Past Country Chair of Earlyact and Interact in Tanzania with three musicians who have a wealth of experience of writing and recording music in Tanzania; Hilda Green, Aziz Ngassa and Daz Naledge.

The song was recorded and filmed over 9 location in both Tanzania and Australia, with four Earlyact and six Interact clubs involved. All coming together to see, hear and feel the power of music!

The song and video was launched in April at the Rotary District 9211 94th District Conference and Assembly at the Julius Nyerere International Conference Centre in Dar es Salaam in front of over 1000 Rotarians from Tanzania, Uganda and around the world.

A link and web page for the song is here http://www.hildagreen.com/one-voice-project/

To read an interview with Seb in The Wave, the official newsletter of the District Governor of District 9211 Tanzania and Uganda go to https://issuu.com/thewave9211/docs/the-wave-magazine_march_2019

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Transforming Lives with a Diabetes Workshop in Ghana

Support for diabetes in Ghana has received a big boost following a recent interactive workshop which was attended by around 240 doctors and allied health staff. This workshop was supported by major financial contributions from the Rotary Clubs of Hoppers Crossing and Ring Road Central in Ghana and Rotary District 9800. The total number of participants was 240 from all areas in Ghana.



The objective of the workshops was to provide practical information and advice on the causes and treatment of diabetes in Ghana.

Hoppers Crossing Rotarian Ms Gifty Dade, one of the conference workshop organisers, stated that the diabetes workshop provided important information on diabetes in Ghana where the incidence of diabetes is increasing at an alarming rate. These workshops were organised by the Ghana Society of Paediatric Endocrinology and Diabetes who provided speakers and facilitators at the event.



A survey conducted at the conclusion of the workshop indicated that the conference was a great success with 80% stating that they were very satisfied and a further 16% indicating that they were satisfied with the workshops. The respondents also indicated that 82% rated the facilitators' presentations as excellent or very good. Importantly 83% of respondents indicated that the information provided at the workshop was very relevant or relevant.

We were also pleased to receive feedback that 54% indicated that they would definitely attend a future workshop with 22% indicating that they would most likely attend a future workshop.

Ms Sharon Crulci, President of the Rotary Club of Hoppers Crossing, said the club was delighted to support this I mportant initiative as the workshop provided important information which would assist in reducing the incidence of diabetes in Ghana.

Bob Fairclough, Chair, International Committee Rotary Club of Hoppers Crossing Mob:0409 252 872

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District 9800International Grant

Charter of the newest Interact Club at Melbourne Girls College

'Interact Clubs are Rotary International's service club for young people ages 12 to 18. years of age. Interact clubs are sponsored by individual Rotary clubs, which provide support and guidance, but they are self-governing and self-supporting.'

On Tuesday 21 May the Rotary Club of Richmond Chartered the Interact Club of Melbourne Girls College: this was very exciting for the student members of the Interact Club. Congratulations to the Interact members and to the school for their commitment to the Rotary Club of Richmond and the Interact Club.

A plaque acknowledging the MGC Interact Club has been placed in the foyer of the school.

PE Adam Sherwell represented President Jo Cowling, with District Governor Bronwyn Stephens and District Interact Chair Chris Richardson to support the Charter



Could your club sponsor an Interact Club at your local secondary school? You probably already have a relationship with the school through scholarships and youth programs.

Contact Chris Richardson for assistance.

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May 2019

It is a pleasure for us to write to you today to update you on the progress of the "Renew Rotary House" Cancer Centre project at North Melbourne that we are undertaking with Fight Cancer Foundation (FCF), formerly the Bone Marrow Donor Institute. We would very much appreciate if you would share this information with your club members.

District 9800 recently entered into a Collaboration Agreement with Fight Cancer Foundation. This is an important step in establishing the necessary framework for the project to go forward. As part of the agreement we have established a high level Collaboration Committee, chaired by Eric Wright, Managing Director, FCF, with D9800 represented by PP Pam Baker in addition to ourselves. The Collaboration Committee has a depth of experience and a level of passion to ensure the success of the project. We are very much looking forward to working with the broader Rotary movement to push the project forward.

As you are no doubt aware, we and Eric have been visiting clubs over recent months letting you know about the project. Additionally, Eric has hosted many club visits to the existing Rotary House so that Rotarians can see first-hand the important work that is done there supporting cancer patients and their families. If you would like to arrange a visit please contact Eric at Eric.Wright@fightcancer.org.au He will be delighted to make the necessary arrangements.

Looking forward, FCF will be issuing a "prospectus" detailing the project sponsorship opportunities available to Rotary clubs. This initiative is based on a very successful project FCF undertook in Albury with the Rotary Club of Albury North. Accommodation units, rooms, communal spaces, furniture packages etc. will all be offered along with a range of naming rights. We expect the prospectus will be released early 2020.

Clubs that would like to make a contribution are encouraged to do so now. FCF has established a special bank account "Fight Cancer Foundation – Rotary House Capital Appeal" BSB 063-000 Account No. 1325-5584. Contributions may be paid directly to the account under email advice to Eric. Please include in your email your club name and address details for receipting purposes. Cheques may be forwarded to FCF at Locked Bag AAA, Post Office, Carlton South, Vic 3053.

Contributions made prior to the release of the prospectus will be counted towards any club sponsorship made under the prospectus. Clubs may wish to pledge a set amount per year over time to achieve the amount required to secure naming rights. If you would like more details to this flexible approach please contact Eric at the email address listed above.

The role of Rotary in creating the existing Rotary House cannot be overstated. Literally thousands of people have benefitted from this amazing facility when fighting the battle of their lives. We are so proud of what we achieved in creating Rotary House some fifteen years ago and we are excited about creating a new Rotary House capable of helping so many more people into the future. Please join us in this exciting project!

Yours in Rotary

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Bronwyn Stephens District Governor 2018-2019 Gordon

Gordon McKern O.A.M.
District Governor 1992-1993

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Ambulance Victoria Leaders Mentoring Program

The inaugural Ambulance Victoria Leaders Mentoring Program was officially completed last week at a thank you dinner in Melbourne.





Ambulance Victoria Leaders' Mentoring Program



The Rotary Club of Melbourne's Bulletin Editor Dorothy Gilmour was thanked for her "commitment and contribution" by District Governor Bronwyn Stephens and Tony Walker Chief Executive Officer, Ambulance Victoria.

Ambulance Victoria's Tony Walker acknowledgement of Rotary's participation included: "Mentoring benefits everyone involved – mentees, their organisation and mentors through sharing of experiences and working together to build skills, knowledge and experiences.

This program has proved to be a very successful partnership. Our mentees have shared wonderful stories of the impact the mentoring partnership has had on their personal leadership and their innovation project.

We are delighted to be continuing in this partnership with Rotary into 2019. You have been an integral part of a Program which has created a strong impact on our leaders and communities. I wish you all the best in your future Rotarian endeavours."

The Ambulance Mentoring Program follows the model established with the Victoria Police Mentoring Program. Ambulance Victoria members from across the state, predominantly in rural areas, are matched with a Rotary mentor with extensive experience in community relations and business management experience. The 12 month program is based on the successful VPLMP model, the pilot Ambulance program is different. Ambulance members obviously have a more specialised role, and their interaction with communities reflects that. Ambulance Victoria is keen to build stronger community linkages and to develop a more innovative culture, and that's where Rotary mentoring will add value.

10 mentees completed the inaugural program with mentors

Alan Seale Vocational Chair Rotary Club of Central Melbourne



Rochester Pie & Port Night Success!

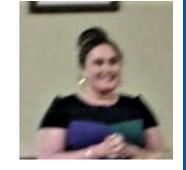
Saturday May 4, members of Rochester Rotary had much delight in hosting their Annual Social night, more commonly known as Pie and Port Night. Starting some years ago as a night for members and partners to come together on a purely social night to enjoy a relaxing evening away from regular dinner meetings, this night has become a fixture on the Club Calendar, along with being acknowledged as a must attend event by members of Rotary Clubs throughout District 9800 and beyond.



Open to all local community members to attend if they so desire, this event has grown from a in Club event to a function of in excess of 50 people attending to enjoy, friendship, delectable pastry food of various flavors, catering for all dietary requirements, with soothing ports, wines and soft drinks to cater for all taste buds.

The ambience of an open fire in the confines of the Heritage Courthouse adding to the evening. This building, having been the Clubrooms of Rochester Rotary, for some years.

During the evening, a most enlightening report was presented by local community member, Ms Kathryn Northill, outlining her experience of attending a recent Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly camp. This is a weeklong camp, held at Mount Eliza, for 18-25 year young people, coordinated by young people who had attended previous camps. Kathryn spoke glowingly of the experience, along with the friendship she had achieved in attending.



RYLA Camp being one of the many Rotary sponsored and supported short- and long-term camps available for current and post secondary School students to apply for to the have the opportunity to attend. A great opportunity for aspiring young people that may not happen without assistance from service Clubs in the local community. Proceeds of the night will assist the funding of those attending future camps,



Co coordinator of the night, Vice President Bryan Griffiths, took the opportunity during acknowledgments to present a Club Banner to a visiting Rotarian from District 9780, Rosanne Kava.

Rosanne will be District Governor of her Rotary District in the coming Rotary year commencing 1st July, 2019.

Special thank you, to all who contributed to make the night a success, with a big thank you to our sponsors and Supporters, Cape Horn Winery, Fonterra, Peter Walsh MP, Elmore Bakery, Rochester Fire Brigade.

Bryan Griffiths, Vice President, Secretary Elect, 2019-2020. Rochester Rotary. Mob: 0428 315 467

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ROYCE AND JEAN ABBEY VOCATIONAL SCHOLAR 2019 JENNY ENDONILA - BAHAY TULUYAN, PHILIPPINES

Host Club: Rotary Club of Essendon



The Rotary Club of Essendon is excited to be hosting Jenny Endonila from Bahay Tuluyan, Philippines on her Royce and Jean Abbey Vocational Scholarship for 6 weeks from 25 April – 3 June 2019. The international Rotary Club supporting the Scholarship is the Rotary Club of Manila Maynilad Seafront.

Bahay Tuluyan is a non-Government organisation that provides a variety of programs and services aimed at preventing and responding to abuse and exploitation of children in Philippines. BT works in Manila, Laguna and Quezon, delivering social services and programs on the street and in the community.

Photo: picture of children working at Laguna centre, Philippines.



Jenny's role at Bahay Tuluyan, Philippines is to:

- supervise and monitor the day to day activities in the centre and farm including the staff, children, repairs and maintenance and needs of the centre/farm
- facilitate and attend meetings and trainings in the centre with staff and outside Bahay Tuluyan with partners (NGO's, LGU's, etc.)
- make budget requests and liquidations
- case Manage children with the Bahay Tuluyan Social Worker
- manage the Social Enterprise/Self Reliance Program of Bahay Tuluyan-Quezon



Jenny is a member of:

- OPPAT (Organic Producers and Promoters Association of Tiaong) (founding member)
- Behia Farmers' Association
- PAYAK Eco-ventures (founding member)

Personal:

Jenny is the youngest of 2 siblings and the mother of 5 children. Her eldest child is 18 and her youngest is 9 years old.

Her hobbies are farming, walking/biking (if she has time), playing board games, talking/bonding with friends and watching movies/news on YouTube or TV

Jenny's Scholarship objectives are to:

- develop new knowledge, skills and techniques in relation to organic livestock farming, rice and vegetable farming
- develop skills in food processing; packaging, marketing and product branding
- be a more effective communicator and trainer
- establish BT's agricultural social enterprises as effective models for other similar organisations to increase their own financial and environmental sustainability

Jenny will be visiting the following farms and organisations during her scholarship:

Peace Farm - Yarra Glen; Jonai Farms and Meatsmiths - Daylesford;

Randall Organic Rice Farm - Murrami, NSW; CERES - Brunswick;

Collingwood Children's Farm; Youth Projects - Melbourne.

We are very appreciative of the support shown by all the organisations participating.

As part of her scholarship Jenny will be speaking at the Rotary Clubs of Daylesford, Leeton Central NSW and Essendon and the Royce and Jean Abbey Vocational Scholarship Committee meeting on 21 May.

If you would like more information on the Royce and Jean Abbey Vocational Scholarship visit: www.royceabbey.com

Royce and Jean Abbay Vocational Scholarship Committee, PO Box 161, Essendon, Victoria, Australia 3040

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For-a-Meal Packing night

The Rotary Clubs of Canterbury, Balwyn and Camberwell combined with students from Swinburne University in a packing event for National Volunteer Week.

70 students and 18 Rotarians packed enough meals to fed 18,800 people in just over 2 hours.









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Rotary Friendship Exchange to Canada

Jeanette Lynch, District Rotary friendship Exchange Chair has negotiated a trip to District 5550 in Canada for August 2020. There will be 12 spaces available for Rotarians either couples or singles.



Rotary District 5550 is in Central Canada including the Provinces of Saskatchewan (SK), Manitoba(MB) and a small part at the West side of Ontario (ON). There are 46 Clubs and 1400 members.

The District is quite large (covering almost 1,000,000 Square Kilometres) and outside of the few cities it consists mostly of Farming and Lake Country. Because of the large area a Rotary Friendship Exchange team would likely only see part of the District. The 3 international airports are in Winnipeg, MB; in Regina, SK and Saskatoon, SK.

The largest city, Winnipeg, is situated at the confluence of 2 major rivers, the Red and the Assiniboine. It was these waterways that attracted the original settlers in the 1800's. Winnipeg has many major tourist attractions: The Canadian Museum of Human Rights; Royal Canadian Mint; and The Forks National Historic Site to name a few.





Regina, although situated on a flat plain with few indigenous trees, boasts of some of western Canada's most innovative urban landscaping, with plentiful green spaces, hiking and biking paths, playgrounds, and parks throughout the city. Regina is home to Canada's Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) Training Academy.

Saskatoon, named for the sweet berry that grows wild in the region, offers various cultural festivals, concerts and sporting events throughout the year. Explore the beautiful parks and trails around this beautiful city.

Only 40% of Clubs are in these 3 major cities with 28 more clubs in small cities and towns. Travelling to other Clubs throughout our District, visitors will begin to understand the vastness and wilderness of Canada. Animals native to Canada are easily seen in refuges or in the wild. In particular Riding Mountain National Park is worth a visit.

If interested, please contact Jeanette as soon as possible.

D9800 Rotary Friendship Exchange Chair Home Phone: (613) 9390 5400 Mobile: 0419 568 639

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Rotary Club of Keilor





East Loddon Feeding the Farmers

The Rotary Club of Bendigo Strathdale has recently packed 288 hampers for farmers in the Loddon Ballarat area.

Led by Julie and Dirk Vecht, members spent the day packing food into hampers assisting the East Loddon Food for Farmers group at the Community House adjacent to the East Loddon P-12 school.

It was hard work but a very enjoyable experience with a resulting 288 hampers for farming families 'doing it tough;' in the area.

Whilst drought has affected Queensland and New South Wales for the past 4 years, Victoria n farmers are just 12 months behind them and many are in dire straits.

The Community Service Committee led by Mike Nihill and Julie Vecht has provided \$10,000 to support this project for our local community.



The product restocker Lyndon and the packers



Dirk the stacker



Leanne with the packing group



The virtually empty stockroom after 288 packed hampers



The Natalia Project

President Greg Penno from the Rotary Club of Bendigo has advised that Natalia and Erna have arrived safely in Sydney and are staying with Jim Rudling, President of the Rotary Club of Liverpool West.

Natalia had her first visit to Liverpool Hospital saw the specialist Plastic Surgeon Dr Michael Kernohan. Her first surgery is scheduled for Monday the 13th of May where surgeons will rebuild and position her right eye. They will also insert small balloons under the surface of her skin, gradually inflating them before her next surgery scheduled for the 19th of June. The idea for the balloons is that once they remove the growth Natalia will have produced more of her own skin so that can be stretched and assist in the repair of her face. This will change her life.



Thanks to so many individuals, Rotary Clubs, Business and Community Groups and the Rotary Foundation that have contributed to this project, because without this level of support we wouldn't be where we are today.

We are looking forward to what this fantastic team at Liverpool Hospital can do for Natalia.

Greg now reports that he and his wife Jen drove up to Sydney last week to visit Natalia Apaseray following the first of her surgeries at Liverpool Hospital, the previous Monday morning.

Natalia was released from Hospital Wednesday Surgeons felt that she would be far better off away from the

Hospital, to lessen the risk of infection, or picking up viruses with an immune system not used to our conditions.

We found Natalia to be in high spirits after surgeons removed a large flap of skin from the rear of her head and cut the growth away from her right ear. They were going to do some work around the eye but decided against it, coming to the conclusion that it would be better to do it all at once.

Natalia had an Outpatients visit to the Hospital Yesterday (Wednesday 22nd), where the Surgeon was very pleased with the way that she has healed from the surgery, so much so that he has decided to bring the major surgery forward by one week. He has booked a Theatre for the 12th of June.

Considering her leg deformity, she gets around pretty well but after a few days on the go her legs get very sore taking a few days to get over.

Greg Penno Rotary Club of Bendigo Strathdale





District 9800International Grant

Around the Clubs

Thanks to Paul Kirkpatrick, Rotary Club of Bendigo Sandhurst for this photo of the delivery of a new 63,000 litre fire water tank to Camp Getaway at Axedal e recently.

https://vimeo.com/335779790

Assistant Governor Cliff Downey sure knows his bull. At the Sydney Easter Show, Cliff's bull was awarded Supreme Interbreed Bull {best of his own breed and best of all the champion bulls}. Congratulations Cliff and team.





Members from the Rotary Club of Malvern were joined by prospective member Sue Power and members from the Rotary Clubs of Prahran and South Melbourne at a recent Saturday morning working bee at Donations in Kind.

But it's not all hard work!





The Rotary Club of Bendigo Sandhurst supported Scott Eldridge in the Tour de Cure, Riding to Cure Cancer event. He presented a certificate to the club for their support. Scott has successfully completed his ride from Sydney to Geelong and raised \$14,732.85. Well done Scott.

Malvern Rotary had the pleasure of presenting the 2019 Melbourne International House Scholarship of \$1000 to Tina Bartle. Tina is from Sale, Gippsland, and came to live at International House in 2018. She is studying for a a Bachelor of Arts degree, majoring in music and plays the guitar. Tina expressed her enthusiasm for being at International House, saying it had given her a "second family" whilst studying in Melbourne, and she enjoys taking part in the house activities.

Tina is pictured with Pam Baker.

The Rotary Club of Williamstown and member Yvonne Moon held a fashion parade recently to raise funds for RoCan. The East Keilor Bendiog Bank and PP Rotary Club of East Keilor Gerard Mahoney presented Yvonne with a cheque for \$5,000.





The Rotary Club of Bendigo South were out and about and visible on their regular Adopt-a-Highway clean up at Axedale last week.

"Great event at St Kilda Town Hall with Rotary supporting an IDAHOBIT (International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersexism and Transphobia) event and Switchboard who provide support services for LGBTIQA+ people. Well done Prahran Rotary and all those who helped coordinate a great event." - DGE Grant Hocking 2019





On Saturday 18th May Rotary Central Melbourne volunteers arrived at Royal Talbot Kew to assist Steven Wells (horticultural therapist) and Robyn (volunteer with Royal Talbot) dig out the old growth, prune and lay down pine bark for winter in the gardens around the wards of the Acquired Brain Injury Unit.

Many thanks to the many hands that made light work including Jill and Warwick Cavell, Marjorie Gerlinger, Bruce Heron and daughter Tahlia, Rebecca and Neville John, Martin Langton, Lyn and Bruce McBain, Lorraine Meehan, Therese Robinson, Pippa and Roger Thornton, Lynne Webber, Rohan Williams and Zhang Yanpu.

With their help, the garden was transformed into a beautiful oasis for the ABI patients. Rotary Central Melbourne has been volunteering every year at Royal Talbot for the last 15 years. **Sadly, this will be Marjorie and Bernie's** last year before they head to their new home in Queensland. Marjorie and Lyn have been cooking up a beautiful morning tea and lunch for the gardeners for 15 years!





Members of the Rotary Club of Flemington Kensington have been working on a garden renewal project at the local primary school, Debney Meadows. This is a disadvantaged school with students from the high rise estate in Flemington. The project, supported by a District Foundation Grant, will see the gardens renewed and replanted with edible and sustainable native plantings.





Welcome to our newest Rotarians



President Mark Bourke and President Elect Chris Ewart of the Rotary Club of Kew were delighted to welcome two new members this month, Pennie Cornwall and Kim Wen. Pennie's classification is Aged Care Nursing and Kim's Training Consultancy. Welcome to Pennie and Kim.



The Rotary Club of Malvern welcomed Sue Power as a member. Sue is already committed to Rotary, signing up for Rotary Leadership Institute before being inducted. Congratulations Sue and welcome.



The Rotary Club of North Balwyn welcomed their newest member at the club's 39th birthday celebrations.

Jagarth Jayasinghe was pinned by Rotarian Tak Yukawa.

Welcome Jagarth.

President Alison Bacon from the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk was pleased to induct Brian Fitzpatrick at last week's meeting.

Brian was encouraged to come along by another newish member, Geoff Gallagher and has shown a keen interest in Rotary and its work in the community.





The Rotary Club of Canterbury welcomed Rob Anderson as a new member last week. He is pictured with mentor Doug Hawley and President Steve Wylie.



President Steve Wylie of the Rotary Club of Canterbury was delighted to induct another new member, Anthony Balocca last week.. Anthony was sponsored by Tony Laycock and his mentor will be Gerry Cross. Congratulations Anthony on becoming a member of the Canterbury Rotary Club.

VALE KEVIN WALKLATE

Members of the Rotary Club of Central Melbourne regret to inform all that sadly, their dear friend and colleague Kevin lost his battle with cancer and passed away peacefully at St Vincent's on Saturday 27th April 2019, surrounded by his family and close friends.

Kevin was a member of Rotary for over 30 years and a member of our Club for 20 years. During this time he served on Club Administration, Fundraising, Community Service, Foundation, Membership, Vocational Service, Youth Service and as Treasurer and President in 2011/12. This level of service was recognised by the Avenue of Service Citation in 2018. Kevin was also multiple Paul Harris Fellow.



VALE AILSA WILSON

Rotary Club of Richmond members were saddened to hear of the death of Ailsa Wilson. Ailsa was married to PP Max Wilson 1999-2000 and as such was leader pf the partners group, FORR> She was responsible for some very exciting events planned for the ladies, had a wonderful sense of humour and was great fun. Ailsa has not been able to actively participate much lately and will be sadly missed. Sympathies to Max and family.

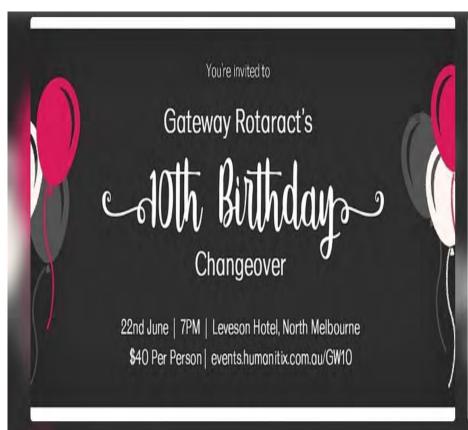
VALE PROFESSOR DEREK MELVILLE PRINSLEY, AM

Members of the Rotary Club of Kew paid their respects following the recent death of their Past President 1999-2000 and Honorary Member Derek. A distinguished medical practitioner, researcher and academic, Derek and his wife Sasha were great contributors to the club over the last 25 years.

VALE ALAN HAWKEN

Alan Hawken, Immediate Past President of the Rotary Club of Echuca Moama passed away last week. Alan was part of the cohort which formed a strong bond in their President's year. Alan was a Rotarian for 34 years, first at Warrnambool East, then at Ballarat West and for the last 6 years at Echuca Moama. He was presented with a Paul Harris Fellow at his home amongst family and friends earlier this year.



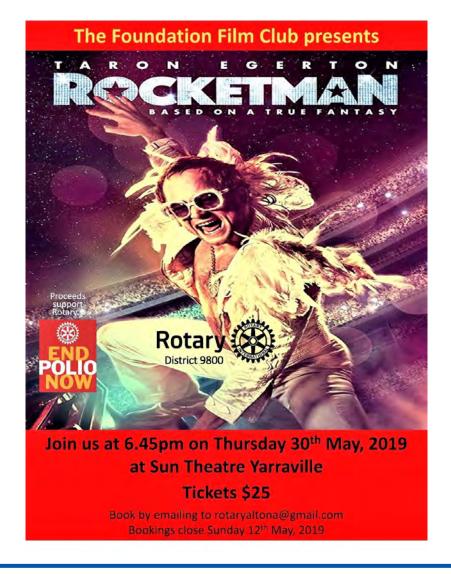


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