

The *Networker*

A publication for Rotarians
and all community minded
people.



Rotary
District 9800



**BE THE
INSPIRATION**

1. District Governor Around the Clubs.
2. District Changeover
3. Gateway Rotaract's 10th birthday
4. Queen's Birthday Honours
5. Royce Abbey Portrait finds a new home at DiK
6. WynSpeak
7. Rotary Safe Families: a 100 year initiative
8. The Brighton Lunch—#Stop the Bullying
9. Wyndham Rotary in Bali
10. Peace Fellow
11. Multi Club Packing For-a-Meal
12. Welcome to our newest Rotarians.
13. VALE
14. Events

Quick links:

Rotary & Community Service Radio Show on 94.1FM 3WBC. 6:00pm every Friday – Streaming live from <http://3wbc.org.au/show/the-rotary-show/>

The Rotarian

https://rotarianmagazine-us.rotary.org/rotarian/june_2019

The Giving Tree—Foundation News Winter Edition

<https://gallery.mailchimp.com/154713a404a5f24c010420601/files/b5bf6122-aab9-4b78-af21-cb8241dfb567/WebFinal.pdf>

Rotary On the Move June

<https://rotaryclubofmiltonnulladulla.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/2019-06-Rotary-on-the-Move-Newsletter-Zone-7B-and-8.pdf>

Interplast Updates

<https://www.interplast.org.au/interplast-surgeons-help-shape-surgical-career-rishaal/>

Australian Rotary Health News

<https://australianrotaryhealth.org.au/category/news/general-australian-rotary-health-news/media-releases/>

Seven Women News

<https://sevenwomen.org/blog>

District Governor Bronwyn Stephens

What a year....of being the inspiration.

All of the 2250 Rotarians in our 64 Clubs and welcome Wyndham Harbour. Congratulations President Rosemary on being the Charter President of the newest Club in District 9800.

In 2016 Presidents Nominees and my District support team were invited to attend Rotary Leadership Institute. That set us up excitedly for planning and preparing ourselves for 2018-2019. What inspiration we found in dreaming big, planning well and understanding some capability of harnessing Rotary's potential.

There has been lots to celebrate this year in what has been achieved through service. Thank you all for the warm welcome to Mark and I at Club visits and for so many conversations over this year.

It was an honour earlier in the year to recognize Ian Salek for his tireless work in roles support Clubs as an Assistant Governor and International Chair, and now on Rotary Radio with a District Service Award.

Lin Hughes (Rotary Chadstone East Malvern) for having the idea to start Busyfeet and spreading it to other clubs... bringing so much joy to so many children. You are our Humanitarian of the Year.

Ken Maxfield (Rotary Yea) for Camp Getaway promotion and keeping all the bookings for the Camp. For keeping the Camp always in your heart and promoting it tirelessly.

During Club visits the District Governor group are humbly recognizing Rotarians with Paul Harris Recognitions and Certificates of Appreciation to some couples and families. They are:



Ian Hovey	Werribee	PHF +4
David Whiting	Keilor	PHF +4
Elizabeth and Jonathan Shepherd	Kew	Certificate of Appreciation
Vijay Susarla	Camberwell	PHF+3
Hugh Bucknall	Melbourne	PHF+3
Lynda Shore	Hawthorn	PHF+7
Stuart and Yayoi Murata McArthur	Southbank	Certificate of Appreciation
Peter and Barbara Lamping	E-Club	Certificate of Appreciation
The Lapina family	Wyndham	Certificate of Appreciation
Julie Mason	Wyndham	PHF+8
Stuart Cardell	Central Melbourne	PHF+2
David Bourke	Keilor	PHF+4
Alan Seale	Central Melbourne	PHF+7
Barry and Vanda Mullen	Keilor East	Certificate of Appreciation
Maria B Silber	Footscray	PHF+2
Gabrielle Morgan	West Footscray	PHF+4
Yvonne Flynn	Malvern	PHF+2

Smarties awards These are District Governor recognitions for Rotarians who have, via their outstanding service, supported many Clubs over a number of years, and also particularly supported me personally.



Ross Butterworth – for outstanding service in creating WERN. Also the innovation in starting the multi District Collaboration of President Elect Leadership Development.



Lesley McCarthy – for editorial services via the District News, actively acquiring notices and photographs and always supporting the Clubs in this endeavour.



Neville John – for constant dedication to membership development. Encouraging innovation and creativity in flexible thinking. For being an unwavering mentor to so many, including me.



Jane Pennington – for District Secretary support to all Rotarians in times of innovation and change. Always smiling, always willingly encouraging and always being on the spot.



Warwick Cavell – for helping us to understand high performance spaces. For giving me a statement “I don’t believe in failure I believe there are setbacks that are put in our path to teach us something and move us in a different direction”. This and so many other strategies and tools are so very useful.



Robert Fisher – for arranging at very short notice **End Polio** promotion of the Melbourne Town Hall as a general public awareness campaign.

Thanks to **Club Service Chair Yvonne Flynn** for your encouragement there were 30+ applications for Club recognitions this year. Thank you for putting new projects and ideas forward to celebrate and share with other Rotarians.

International Service Recognition

Congratulations Rotary Canterbury “Health Hunger & Clean Water Philippines” The RC Canterbury has undertaken 22 annual medical missions in many different Provinces and towns within the Philippines. The objectives of the missions are to overcome preventable blindness and preventable hearing loss by diagnosis and treatment of medical conditions within communities. These problems with eye and ears are treated by medical interventions at little or no cost, including surgery where necessary.

Preparation of the **FORaMEAL** food packs has largely been done by Rotary Clubs in District 9800 under the supervision of the Rotary Club of Canterbury. They have been helped by local community groups such as school students from Camberwell Boys Grammar, university students from Swinburne, Meet-Up, Scouts, Guides and Kew Football Club as well as members of the general public who have identified the event via the Club Facebook page. The meals are shipped to the Philippines where they are ready to be used in case of a disaster.

International Service Recognition

Congratulations Rotary Central Melbourne “Heuthan Village Primary School Renovation Project, Laos”

Classrooms have been fitted-out and equipped with furniture, teaching aids, sporting equipment and books. The electricity has been connected, and in addition, the existing toilet facilities have been upgraded. It has been agreed that villagers will undertake day-to-day maintenance now that the renovation has been completed. Training has taken place to enhance the capacity of local elders to organize ongoing maintenance, with funding to be provided by the Rotary Central Melbourne if and when it will be necessary. A combination of a District Grant, Department of Foreign Affairs, World of Difference and Club funds combined to achieve the total spend required.

Vocational Service Recognition

Congratulations Rotary Brighton This project is a bipartisan vocational initiative between RC Brighton, and RMIT University aimed at utilising industry skills and experience of Rotarians to assist and mentor undergraduate and post graduate students of RMIT University. The program delivers work ready graduates with real insights into their respective industries, thereby increasing the quality of employees, entrepreneurs and potential leaders within our community, (and possibly a Rotarian or two).

Mentees have been able to gain valuable guidance and insights into their chosen professions and careers, with access to experienced captains of industry and well respected community members (and their respective networks), which has resulted in many being successful in obtaining roles and internships.

However, this does not include the benefits gained by the Rotarian mentors who keep in close contact with the new generation of future professionals, their needs, aspirations and the ever changing working environment. Mentors have openly been invigorated by being able to impart their knowledge and experience, inspiring their mentees, maintain currency and relevance, plus achieving greater sense of purpose and making a difference through this program. RMIT have also expressed appreciation for the contribution our mentors have provided.

Vocational Service Recognition

Congratulations Rotary Central Melbourne The Club has worked with Ambulance Victoria to establish a partnership with Rotary Clubs in Victoria to deliver a formal leadership mentoring program. Rotary mentors directly impact the development journey of mentees by sharing their own experience, skills and knowledge and supporting mentees in self-managing their leadership career. Participating in the program as a mentor supports the vital development of mentees as they build their personal leadership and directly influences mentees in working “better together” with the community.

All Victorian Rotary Districts have been invited to participate in this program. It is overseen by a Steering Committee chaired by the Ambulance Victoria Chief Operations Officer with membership from the Ambulance Victoria Executive team and Rotary Central Melbourne and managed by a People and Culture Program manager.

The mentoring program provides an opportunity for Rotarians to apply their vocational skills and experience. It brings perspectives and experiences from outside Ambulance Victoria to benefit the capability of mentees in meeting their leadership challenges. It is because of Rotary’s commitment to community service and its leadership through volunteerism that it is invited to provide mentors. Additionally, the professional and vocational experience of many Rotarians is invaluable to the mentoring relationship. The fact that Rotary is sought out to provide this service by both Ambulance Victoria and Victoria Police shows the excellent regard in which the program is held. It is innovative because it applies Rotary capability in a way that has broad impact to essential services to the Victorian community. Harnessing the experience and insights from active Rotarians is invaluable to mentees in areas like governance, community service project management, and leadership through influence.

Club Service Membership Recognition

Congratulations Rotary Bacchus Marsh New member engagement, satisfaction and retention was the starting point for this project. President Elect Lita Foot assembled new and recent members to a “brain-storming” session. It was her belief that in order to encourage, challenge, and retain new members, they needed something (project, event, fundraiser?) to call “their” own!

Seizing the opportunity, two of these new members (Donna Martin & Simon Davies) “stood up” to combine their passions and vocation. So was the birth of the Rotary Bacchus Marsh: Vintage Trucks and Trades!

A committee was promptly established. All new members, and some more experienced members set about planning a major event “from scratch” that potentially could attract thousands of people.

The project took on many dimensions, but essential to its success was the fostering of new community partnerships. Invaluable advice, mentoring and interaction with Moorabool Shire Council, new partnerships and sponsorships with local businesses, local emergency services and community groups were fostered.

Hundreds of hours consulting and engaging with bygone tradespeople, artisans, truck enthusiasts, food vendors all lead to the first week in April 2019. to transform Maddingley Park into an exhibition event space.

Coopers, blacksmiths, blade shearers, spinners, potters plied their trades and told their stories, accompanied by bush bands and roaming poets! A great community success.

With the driving force of Bacchus Marsh Rotary “new” members, the town now has an enduring and lasting event which can only grow to benefit the community but importantly, the status of the Rotary name.

Club Service Membership Recognition

Congratulations Rotary Melbourne Rotary Melbourne’s membership engagement strategy has primarily focused on ensuring members are involved in areas that best suit them. This has resulted in an enhanced membership experience for both new and experienced members. The aim was to be able to balance the pursuit of one’s own passions whilst also helping the club. Several new initiatives have been undertaken to improve engagement throughout the entire membership cycle.

INITIATIVES:

- 16 new members, all actively involved in the new mentorship program where they are assigned a trained mentor as part of their induction to help transition into Rotary and/or the club
- introduction of a code of conduct specific to the club to ensure all members, guests, volunteers and project partners continue to enjoy a positive volunteering experience
- conducting a member survey, discovering untapped skill sets, cause-related interests and promoting volunteering opportunities within the club.

* Lifestyle event where we had an opportunity to speak with 200 retirees about volunteering through Rotary

- Conducting feedback with corporate members, generating new project ideas and increased collaboration/support.
- engagement with new and existing VIP members in major club projects and events - • conducting exit interviews for all resigning members and referring, where appropriate, to other Rotary clubs so they can continue their Rotary journey

Community Service Recognition

Congratulations Rotary Eaglehawk

Supplied & delivered 12 Semi trailer loads of hay to drought effected farmers in the Cobar area along with a trailer mounted desalination plant, cash contributions for the purchase of necessary items and two visits into the area to connect with the Rotary Club and members of the community.

This has set up a relationship between clubs that will be revisited with a further trip by club members in the future.

Community Service Recognition

Congratulations Rotary Flemington Kensington. The Flem-Ken Festival of Arts and Ideas was a month-long event incorporating all aspects of The Arts. The event drew support from a number of local artists, dancers, singers, artistic groups and organisations, and authors. The main aims were:

- To promote the arts across Flemington, Kensington, Ascot Vale and Moonee Valley.
- To enhance community connectedness.
- To publicize and enable networking of artistic groups and activities already happening in the community.
- To spread the name of Rotary and communicate our activities.
- To involve pre-school children, primary and secondary school students in arts activities, provide workshops and classes and spread the message of The Arts.
- To use our networks to attract and include well know but reclusive people

Supported by Moonee Valley Council through a local community grant, sponsorship was also received from a number of local businesses. Through October over 100 activities were held incorporating an Art Show and auction, a Festival HUB providing information and ticket sales, classes for children and students at local schools, dance workshops, spoken word debates and discussions, environmental workshops, comedy, music and theatre.

The impact has been huge with outstanding attendance at events, extremely positive feedback from all attendees and very positive impact statements from Moonee Valley Councillors/Mayor/Council on the impact of the event.

Youth Service Recognition

Congratulations Rotary Melbourne Trachoma is a blinding eye infection spread between young children by infected eye and nose secretions. Repeated infections result in increasing damage under the eyelid and can lead to blindness in adults. In late 2016 Rotary Melbourne enlisted Lien Trinh who we heard from earlier to investigate whether Rotary in Australia had a place to support the elimination of Trachoma from Australia by 2020..

The project is an interactive face washing station designed to engage children, get their faces wet, and is one project to improve facial cleanliness among children, where the infection is most likely to spread.. In August 2017 Rotary Melbourne received a District 9800 Grant to support the design.. The Trailer was delivered to Nganampa Health in June 2018 in Apy-rase Lands, 300 km south of Alice Springs.

The project is overseen by ophthalmologist Prof Hugh Taylor AC. Highly motivated Monash Undergraduates designed the trailer; three Corporate Members (Telstra, GHD, Monash University) are involved; and the project is led by Rotary Members and Indigenous Projects Team

In 2018/19 year the mobile "Trachoma Busting Wash Station" prototype directly impacted over 200 indigenous children. . It also impacted a larger number of parents, elders, medical staff, officials, and community leaders through its health promotional use at Conferences and events where big numbers gather including Women's Business.

Youth Service Recognition

Congratulations Rotary Brighton In early 2017 Rotary Brighton's involvement with Brighton Secondary College identified a need for an alternative path for students not suited to academia or higher education options offered at Universities. Consultation with career advisors, professional educators and senior staff at Brighton Secondary Collage identified current Training options were limited. Sandringham Yacht Club were approached to create a relationship and recreational training opportunity for students.

Together an option was designed that delivers recognised Australian qualifications; the ability to earn immediately after completion of the program and a ready built network of potential employers.

The program is for 2 terms, students spend every Wednesday afternoon at the Yacht Club in Marine Industry Preparation studies. School staff transport students to the yacht club and qualified industry practitioners train them in a range of recognised qualifications such as radio operator's license, Australian Yachting Federation Sailing qualifications, Boat operating License, first aid and a number ancillary marine industry skills. At the end of which they are eminently/ immediately employable by SYC or many other marine and recreation service providers.

Places were limited to 18 participants with a contribution of \$350 per participant.

Public Image and Communications Recognition

Rotary Altona City Engage local schools and businesses by hosting a Rotary Vocational Event with a high calibre Professional speaker. This was very successful with many participants attending. An e newsletter promotion was used, Star Weekly also utilized. Awards were designed. 22 of the 68 attendees were from outside Rotary, and two of them have since joined Altona City Rotary. Two attendees were senior local Police Officers, newcomers to the area, who saw this event as a good networking opportunity.

Public Image and Communications Recognition

Rotary Richmond An event to celebrate inspirational women was designed to engage the community with a corporate partner that is actively engaging in other ways with the Club. The event was held at the Melbourne Girls College and engaged the leadership team and school principal in the event. We were able to connect with members of the local community to prevent an inspiring event recognising women. The event was designed for 50 attendees to invite a guest and the target was 100 attendees. The quality of the promotional material was excellent and at no cost to the Club. RCR's profile in local community was improved It provided an opportunity to showcase the RCR and the Next Step Project It provided an opportunity to engage other community groups

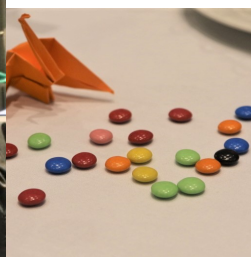
Royce Abbey Champions of Change

A very well deserved award to two stalwarts of Rotary, Laurie Fisher and Bob Glindeman of Donations in Kind. Their unwavering efforts, support for clubs and projects, and total commitment to supporting communities is a pillar of our international work.

Thank you:

My sincere thanks to all members of the District Support Team for their work this year; to Mark who has not only supported me for this journey, but for his efforts with the website, as Foundation Grants Chair and for many years in District roles, thank you.

Bronwyn





District Awards:



Rotaract Presidents

Gateway Rotaract Turns 10!

The room was buzzing with laughter and chat as Rotaractors past and present connected at the Leveson in North Melbourne to celebrate 10 years of energy.

Charter President Grant Godino reflected on how Rotaract started, the effect of RYLA on his journey and that of the club, and the years of activity and fun. It was very disappointing for many present to hear that his initial approach to several Rotary Clubs met with such negative response at that time.

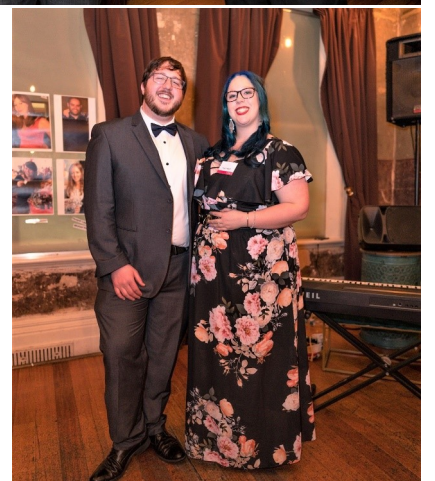
What was wonderful to hear was the enthusiasm which came from RYLA and still impacts on past attendees today. **Gateway Rotaract will host this year's RYLA for District 9800.**

President Michael Horridge reflected on the year and handed over to incoming President Richard Mason.

The games and quizzes were hotly contested with former Rotaractors Cameron Williams and Bronwyn Fanning sharing their considerable knowledge of events.



District Governor Elect Grant Hocking and Melissa joined with Assistant Governor Des O'Shannessy and Rotaract Chair Chris Richardson as District representatives. Charter Club representative Peter Boudville from Brunswick Tullamarine and Flemington President Lesley McCarthy in cluster support. Members of Strathmore Rotary Club also attended. Many thanks to Sally for all her work organising this event.



Queen's Birthday Honours

Congratulations to District 9800 members who were acknowledged for their contributions in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours.

Mrs Bronwyn Elizabeth STEPHENS, For service to the community of South Melbourne.

- District Governor, current.
- Community Service Director, 2016-2017.
- Assistant Governor, Stonnington Cluster, 2013-2016.
- President, Rotary Club Melbourne South, 2009-2010.
- Chair, World of Difference Project, 2010- 2016.
- Vocational Training Team Leader for two teams to Cambodia in 2016 and 2017, where they provided training workshops for teachers, Member, since 2008.

Other

- Honorary Treasurer, St Stephens Anglican Church.
- Board Member, Credentialing Organisation of Gastroenterology Nurses Ltd.
- Assessor, Australian Council of Hospital Standards.



Rotary Melbourne's **Dr Tilman Ruff, AM** was recently awarded an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in the Queen's Birthday Honours List for distinguished service to the global community as an advocate for nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament, and to medicine. Tilman is a professor at the Nossal Institute for Global Health, University of Melbourne. He is also on the Australian Board of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), the 2017 Nobel Peace Laureate and has written extensively on nuclear issues, including the hazards of ionizing radiation, nuclear weapons, nuclear war and nuclear famine.

Mr Frederick Richard GIBBS, Doncaster For service to the community of Balwyn.

Rotary Club of Balwyn • • President, 1977. • Charter Member, since 1972. Founding Member, Camberwell Rotary Sunday Market, since 1976.

- Founder and Organiser, Box Hill Family Fun Day, since 2007. Box Hill Miniature Steam Railway Society Team Member and Organiser, Good Friday Public Running Day. • Life Member, since 2017. • Member, since 2008.



Graeme Nelson.

For service to the community of Rochester.... You have expanded driving skills for over 2000 youths. How many lives have you saved potentially on rural roads?

That is just one of your many humanitarian attributes. Congratulations on your OAM today.

Ms Maria Lucile HICKS, Brighton For service to the international community through humanitarian aid.

- Volunteer Rotary Donations in Kind
- Fundraising Coordinator, Foundation for Water and Education, Cambodia, since 2011.
- Regional Representative, Cambodia Days For Girls International, since 2012. •
- Volunteer, Cambodia Children's Fund, since 2016.

Education •

- Special Education Coordinator, Pathways Foundation, at the Anglican Cathedral School, Hong Kong, 2000-2003.
- Head of International English Centre, Seoul International School, Seoul, Korea, 1997-2000.
- Coordinator, English as a Second Language, The Southport School, Gold Coast, 1990-1997.



Royce Abbey Portrait finds a new home at DiK

Albert Henry Royce Abbey

Rotary International President 1988 - 89

"Put life into Rotary—your life"

8th June 1922—20th February 2014

Following changes to the availability of the Royce Abbey meeting room at International House, the District 9800 Board decided to relocate this portrait of PRIP Royce Abbey to the Board room at Donations in Kind.

At a ceremony held on May 28th, in front of a number of Past District Governors, Essendon Rotarians and others from the district, Royce's son David Abbey and Veronica O'Sullivan, President of the Rotary Club of Essendon unveiled the portrait.



Past District Governor Lawrence Atley, District Governor Bronwyn Stephens, David Abbey, District Governor Elect Grant Hocking with Past District Governors Dennis Shore, Don Jago and Murray Verso.



David Abbey, a member of the Rotary Club of Essendon and former member of the Rotary Club of Shepparton Central (D9790) gave a great eulogy for his father. He also told a lovely story about the gold Rolex watch he was wearing which was presented to Royce when he was RI President.

Royce Abbey joined the Rotary Club of Essendon in 1954, becoming Club President in 1963-64 and District 280 (9800) Governor in 1969-70. He was elected to the Rotary International Board in 1976-77 and served as Vice-President in 1977-78.

He was inaugural Chairman of the Board of Australian Rotary Health from 1982-1988.

In 1988-89 he became President of Rotary International. His time as President included the continued development of the Polio Plus campaign for Poliomyelitis eradication and the re-establishment of Rotary Clubs in countries from the former Soviet Union.

In recognition of Royce's year as World President, the District Governors of 1988-89 established the Royce & Jean Endowed Fund within The Rotary Foundation. Royce and Jean Abbey decided that the Endowed Fund would finance agricultural and related scholarships to assist communities in developing countries in the Asia-Pacific region. Applicants would spend up to three months in Australia undertaking practical training in his or her field assisted by funding of USD\$10,000.

The **Royce Abbey Award** is available to Rotary Clubs wishing to recognise Rotarians showing enthusiasm and commitment to the Ideals of Rotary. Clubs contribute AUD\$1,000 to the Royce and Jean Abbey Endowed Fund within The Rotary Foundation Permanent Fund.

David Meller PP
Rotary Club of Strathmore, District 9790 Liaison Officer for DiK Inc.
Mob: 0409 165 553 -mail: dmeller@optusnet.com.au



Hugh Bucknall rendered speechless!

District Governor Bronwyn Stephens surprised our Hugh Bucknall at a recent meeting. Surprised him so much that he was "speechless"! A District 9800 Triple Sapphire Paul Harris was awarded to a "champion" Rotarian Hugh Bucknall.

Bronwyn said in her presentation:

"When US\$1000 is donated to this Charity, which is rated number 1 in the world with its exemplary acquittal procedures and minimal administration expenses, we make a wise decision.

We provide clean water for people we will never meet, we provide economic opportunities for the poorest of the poor, we educate children who would have had no other chance of schooling, we give mothers safe conditions to have their babies, we give outstanding candidates with humanitarian intent the opportunity to pursue scholarships, and we contribute to peace in Rotary's name.

District 9800 holds this individual in the highest regard that on all Clubs and Rotarians behalf \$1,000 USD has been donated to our Charity of Choice. One that Charity Navigator gives the highest, a 4-star rating to, the Rotary Foundation.

So Hugh Bucknall would you please come forward and accept a Paul Harris triple sapphire recognition on behalf of the 2250 Rotarians in the 64 Clubs in our District.

Your planning, persistence and commitment in achieving the 2023 World Convention has been outstanding. More than that you have drawn all of us in to the excitement and anticipation.

Not content to rest lightly, you are now stirring us up to action with 2021 just around the corner.

Hugh, in this year of "Be the Inspiration", you are one for us."



Dorothy Gilmour
Director Meetings & Fundraising
Editor "Bulletin" for Rotary Melbourne
Rotary Safe Families Initiative
R100 Years Celebration Committee
Family Violence Committee
Vocational Service Committee
Director Meetings & Fundraising
Editor "Bulletin" for Rotary Melbourne
Rotary Safe Families Initiative
R100 Years Celebration Committee
gilmour.dorothy@gmail.com



Wednesday, 5th June saw the final of the 2019 Wyndham Youth Public Speaking Competition, WYNSPEAK), which was held in the Thomas Carr College Performing Art Centre. This is the second year of this new partnership. We are very grateful to Thomas Carr College for providing this venue for the majority of the preliminary rounds and the Final.

This was also the second year of our agreement with Lakeview Senior College which has also allowed us to use their facilities without cost. Preliminary round six was successfully held at this venue, hosted by one of our new partners, the Rotary club of Caroline Springs

In 2019, due to unprecedented interest from new P9 Colleges, we ran six preliminary rounds, an increase from five in 2018. The additional round was also our first ever juniors only round and was a great success.

In this, our 15th year of competition, interest from colleges continues to mount and we attracted a record field of over 100 competitors, with thirty colleges participating, which required us to run an unprecedented six preliminary rounds of competition. Already we are in contact with new colleges opening in the Wyndham area and we are also looking at further growth in the outer West, hence our move into Caroline Springs and our partnership with the Rotary club of Caroline Springs

And now for a report on the 2019 Final :

MC for the night was **Past Finalist Danielle Thielke** who did a sterling job in her second year of MC'ng the Final. From the six preliminary rounds, the nine best Juniors and eight best Seniors were selected to compete in the Final on June 5th in front of a large audience including Rotarians, Apexians, parents, students and teaching staff from competing colleges.

The 2019 Finalists were possibly the highest standard speakers in the fifteen year history of Wynspeak with all speakers well worthy of their places in the Final and all speaking with passion to a spellbound audience. The speeches reflected humour, personal reflections on family, and many of the serious issues facing Australians in 2019

We should be proud that in District 9800 we have two high standard Public Speaking Competitions for Secondary school aged students with the long standing and very well recognized **Ainger Public Speaking Awards** in the East with Ben Hosking and his team at the helm and **Wynspeak** which attracts students from the City of Wyndham and from throughout the outer Western region, as far out as Bacchus Marsh.

Wynspeak differs slightly in that we allow students to select their own topics and we gain a real insight into what young people are concerned about in 2019. It should be noted that If our politicians ever wished to gain a quick snap shot into the issues young people are passionate about, then they could well consider attending a Wynspeak Final.

Both Ainger and Wynspeak provide wonderful opportunities for secondary school aged students to develop their self confidence, their self esteem and of course to develop their public speaking skills in a world where good presentation skills are so necessary at University, and in the work place.

The winning student in the 2019 Senior Competition was Mason Hose from Footscray City College who gave an impassioned and personalised speech on the impact of alcoholism in the family. The runner-up in the Senior Section was Luke Martin from Emmanuel College Notre Dame campus whose speech on Horseracing was most insightful.

Senior Finalists:

Wynspeak 2019 Winner, Mason Hose from Footscray City College second from left



Some of our Junior Finalists :

Junior Winner Jake Parton from Bacchus Marsh Grammar on the left



The winning student in the Junior Competition was the amazing year seven student Jake Parton from Bacchus Marsh Grammar from who gave an amusing speech on the danger of wedding traditions (at his age!) Runner-up in this section was second time finalist Caleb Fredrick from Heathdale Christian College, who spoke about the history and impact of chemical weapons.

An Encouragement Award was presented to junior speaker Amani Chandna from Point Cook P9College College who gave an impassioned speech on Malahla Yousafzai, the amazing young Pakistani woman who was shot in the head a few years ago by the Taliban when speaking out about women's right to Education and has received a host of International recognitions.

The winners in the short notice senior section were Luke Martin from Emmanuel College in the seniors and Itunuakin Ojelabi from Westbourne Grammar. Representatives of the schools attended by the Wynspeak winners in each section were presented with perpetual trophies to display in their schools for the next twelve months.

Four hundred dollars is awarded to the 1st Prize winners in each section and the runners-up each receive \$200. As part of their prize , the winner of the Senior Competition and the winner of the Junior Competition thereby gained direct access into the State Final of Rostrum Voice of Youth competition which took place on Sunday 23rd June at St Kevins College , Toorak.

Des O'Shannessy

Past President Rotary Club of Hoppers Crossing // Assistant Governor Gateway West// Founder/Inaugural Chair and College liaison Officer Wynspeak Competition // Chair 2020 Interact Forum Planning committee

THIS IS A ROTARY 100 YEAR CELEBRATION INITIATIVE



DO YOU WANT THE NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM FAMILY VIOLENCE REDUCED FROM 1 PER WEEK TO ZERO IN 10 YEARS?

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW HOW YOU CAN PREVENT ELDER ABUSE?

It is our responsibility as Rotarians and Australian citizens to be informed and part of the solution to ending Family Violence in our communities. We must not avoid this topic because we feel helpless or believe that it doesn't happen to people we know. Rotary Safe Families is a program that will assist Rotarians to be "part of the solution" and to spread "NO" to Family Violence across your community, your Club and throughout Australia.

Our specifically designed "toolkit" provides everyone with practical safe methods of what actions we need to take to prevent this violence from occurring in the first place and suggestions on how to support someone you know who may be a victim of family violence.

Why do we need this program?

Rotary Safe Families was created in response to the fact that "One woman a week is murdered by her partner/ex-partner in Australia"! (Former Victorian Police Commissioner Ken Lay 2013) and that Australian Police get called to one domestic violence incident every 2 minutes or 657 times per day!

What is family violence?

It includes not just physical but emotional, psychological, financial, verbal abuse. While family violence includes: children, women, men, in laws, step families, grandparents, nieces and nephews, uncles and aunts Rotary Safe Families primarily focuses on the most common form of family violence in Australia - violence against women (*Vic Royal Commission, 2016*) and elder abuse.

What is elder abuse?

Older people are often overlooked in their vulnerability and "invisibility" in our community and there is a great level of fear in older people as they become less robust and visible. Their abuse which affects both older men and women is massively under reported. As a parent, would you find it difficult to report your child to authorities for threatening you or creating a sense of fear and anxiety? Would you know what to say to an elderly neighbour who was being financially bullied by their son/daughter?

How do we prevent this violence?

To be effective, primary prevention activities need to occur simultaneously in all the spaces in which people live, study, work and spend their leisure hours including Rotary Clubs. It is not just the responsibility of agencies, qualified counsellors or law enforcement agencies: "It's everybody's responsibility!"

As a community we need to work together and challenge the historically entrenched beliefs and behaviours that drive family violence. We need to create a "new normal" where men and women, boys and girls enjoy respectful relationships across their lifespan from childhood to old age, which, in turn will play a key role in assisting to prevent this violence from occurring in the first place.

So what are we asking?

We are seeking Rotary Clubs across Australia to adopt and “champion” Rotary Safe Families to all Rotarians, their family, colleagues and friends both professional and personal.

We hope by now you might be asking yourself: “Where do I fit into this dialogue?”

For those of you who would like to “champion” Rotary Safe Families in your Club or District, contact us (as below) for our assistance and the Information package to be able to “roll out” this program to your District or Club. (Facilitator notes, overheads, videos are provided.)

Or simply participate in one or preferably 2 Workshops of 2 hours duration each, with an informed facilitator in your Club or District.

Workshop 1: Family Violence– which provides an overview of family violence in Australia and while focusing predominantly on violence against women and its impact on children the session also discusses violence against men.

Workshop 2: Elder abuse which focuses on elder abuse in the home and community.

All participants receive detailed Manual, “Toolkit” and wallet card – providing contact details for appropriate support agencies and referrals.

Both workshops are interactive, with appropriate case studies to explore and find your comfortable dialogue to safely “call out” or “what to do” when you identify bad behaviour rather than “sit on your hands” and continue the cycle of abuse.

What is in it for me?

A new confidence in challenging and changing the face of family violence by doing “something” AND a chance for all Rotary Clubs in Australia to “champion” and “roll out” this program to all Rotarians in your District. You can “make a difference!”

There’s a saying in Rotarian “speak”: “We are here in Rotary to help others.” **Well, Rotary Safe Families is here to help you help others!**

If you are interested and would like your Club to be “**part of the solution**” to stamp out family violence, then please contact:

Dorothy Gilmour

Director

Editor “Bulletin” for Rotary Club of Melbourne

Rotary Safe Families Initiative

R100 Years Celebration Committee

Family Violence Committee

Vocational Service Committee

gilmour.dorothy@gmail.com phone: 0412 760 784



The Brighton Lunch #Stopthebullying

The Rotary Club of Brighton held their annual Brighton lunch on May 31st **#Stopthebullying**.

With Guest Speakers Jelena Dokic, Walter Mikac, Grace Halphen and Constance Hall the audience of over 500 people heard tales of heartbreak, abuse and healing.

MC Ann Peacock kept the event moving and The Chantoozies

Constance Hall on Social Media re The Brighton Lunch

I spoke at a fundraiser today on bullying. It was the Brighton Lunch and not my usual crowd, it was older, glamorous, upper class crowd with lots of men. Derryn Hinch was there.

To be honest not a hell of a lot of men are ever in my audience. Of the thousands of people I have spoken to around the world, I think 5 of them were men.

I spoke about my experiences, about bullies and shame being the currency they trade in, about how toxic shame is and our defence against shame, empathy. Bullies disconnect their victims from their social environments and empathy reconnects them.

I didn't know how I would be perceived, a swearing tattooed passionate and emotional Queen, telling the truths.

But they listened, they cared. Women and men approached me afterwards in tears.

One man in a very expensive looking suit, someone that I'm embarrassed to admit I would usually dismiss as someone I have nothing in common with approached me, tears streaming down his face and he said the words: "I have been bullied, I have considered suicide and I'm determined to let empathy save humanity. Thank you Constance."

They cared.

We have a message Queens, its one of kindness and people are listening. Love Con



provided some musical therapy.

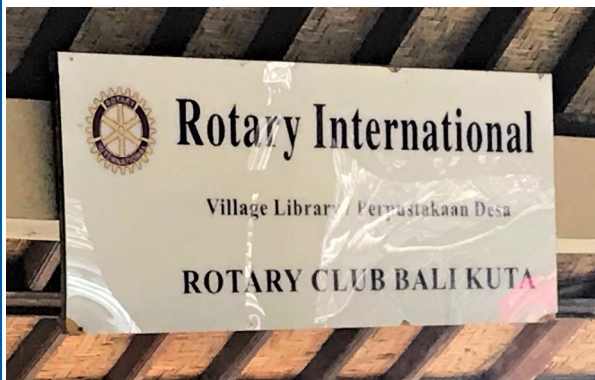
A post on social media from Constance Hall tells of the impact of the speakers on the audience:



Wyndham Rotary supporting literacy in Bali

Sue and John Campbell recently visited Bali where the Rotary Club of Wyndham is supporting a small village two hours north of Denpasar. In February this year they met Barbara from Rotary Club of Kuta and donated \$100 from the Club for the purchase of library books. The Club approved the further donation of \$500 to complete the library.

It was a fantastic day; we travelled on the bus with 10 Rotarians and 2 Rotaract girls. Another small group of Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Mandela are hosting an exchange girl from France.



President Barbara from Kuta Rotary organised English games and activities for the 35 students that visited the library/ community centre.

John and I also donated 20 packs of exercise books, pencils rulers etc and we also had sun hats so each child received a gift.



The Rotarian from Rotary Club of Mandela (a very small Club of 8) and his 15 year old daughter presented their project which was teaching the children against sexual abuse.

It was conducted very professionally and, in an age appropriate way. They even showed simple self-defence tactics if in danger. It was conducted in Indonesian, but we got the gist of it.

Sue Campbell

suziecampbell1@gmail.com



Another Rotary Peace Fellow inspired



My experience in coordinating the humanitarian relief response to the communities affected by the February 2018 earthquake in Papua New Guinea while serving with UN Women instilled the passion to work in peacebuilding.

During my time in the highlands, the dignity and resilience of the women in the earthquake affected areas who also suffered most from pervasive inter-group conflict taught me that women's roles in the family and the community are vital keys to peace building.

It was an absolute privilege to be awarded a Rotary Peace Fellowship. We learnt from leading peace scholars and practitioners.

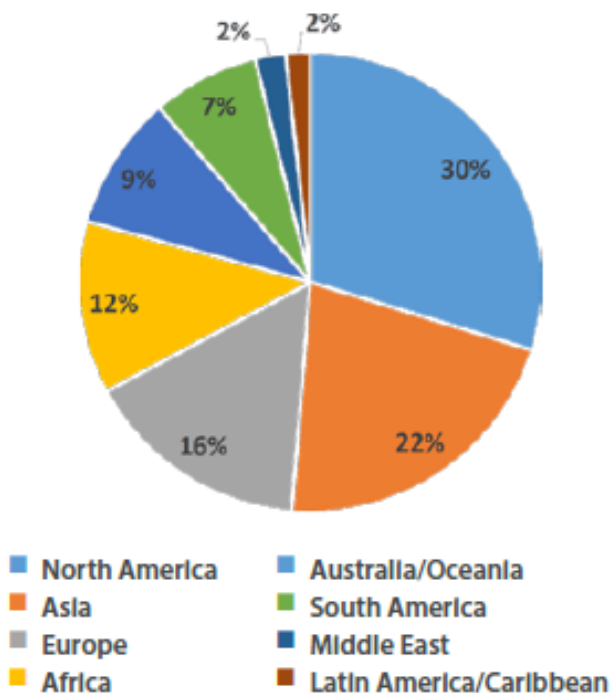
We were endowed with the theoretical underpinnings and exposed to the complexities of global peace and conflict transformation processes. Experiential learning took place both in the classroom and the field where we drew lessons from community's subject to protracted internal conflict.

The three-months program was transformative in advancing skills, knowledge, and networks.

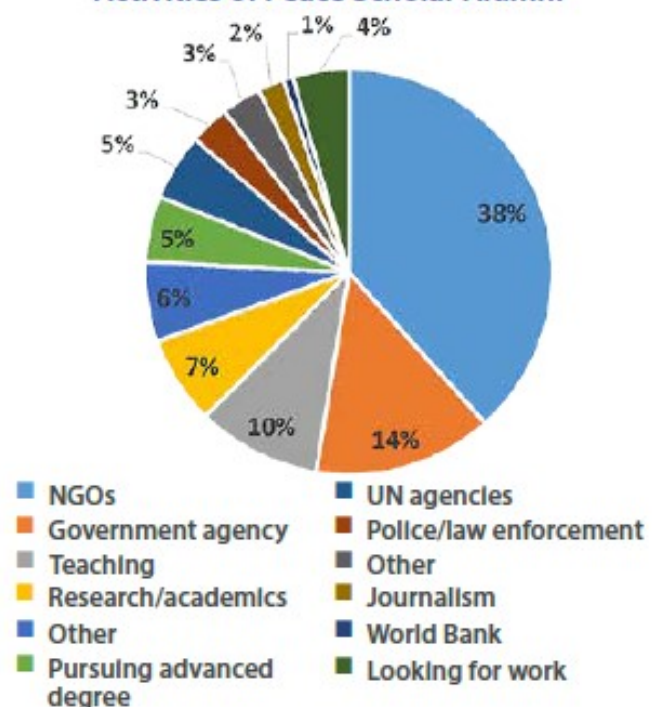
I'm looking forward to applying these skills and knowledge to my humanitarian service in Asia and Pacific particularly in terms of ensuring that the rights and opportunities of women and disadvantaged groups are being realized in conflict transformation.

Anggia Anggriini Burchill

Locations of Peace Scholar Alumni



Activities of Peace Scholar Alumni



Multi Club packing For-a-Meal

Rotary Club of Canterbury For-a-Meal packing evening

A terrific Multi-Club FORaMEAL event was held last Tuesday at the Kew Bowls Club. Clubs from within and outside our District volunteered their time to fill the FORaMEAL food packs. Other volunteers were from the Guides and a table of men and women who wanted to contribute to a community event for a great cause. Thank you to everyone who participated.



Approximately 39,000 meals were packed which is a great result; more than were packed at the District Conference!.

Thank you to the organising committee, especially Val Cuniffe and Doug Hawley.

A further thank you goes to Doug who, when it was realised at about 7 pm that there weren't enough FORaMEAL sachets, jumped in his car and drove to Dandenong and back to pick up more sachets. Nearly all of the volunteers generously stayed much later than originally anticipated to continue the filling of the sachets.



Rotary Footscray Art Prize

The Rotary Club of Footscray, Victoria University, Maribynong Council and Footscray Community arts Centre come together to present the Footscray Art Prize. It started out as an event to celebrate Victoria University's Centenary Year but has now become a biennial event.

This year's winner of the \$10 000 first prize was Megan Evans with her digital photograph "Parlour".

The winner of the \$5000 Street Art Prize was Justine McAllister with "Dogs of the West".



Guests at our fundraising dinner started the night with a glass of bubbly and a private viewing of the short-listed works at the Footscray Community Arts Centre. Dinner followed at VenU in Footscray where guests were able to bid for their own art works at the live and silent auctions.

Bruce Postle donated a beautiful photograph of Winx. The lucky winner of that auction has a photo from an award winning photographer whose photos are being purchased by the State Library of Victoria.



A young artist Susan Dang provided a work in an emerging field, 3D printing. The winner will have a cartoon style portrait of either a full body or bust of the subject of their choice, perhaps a child or a pet or even themselves.



Mary Long, from Post Industrial Design a small business in Footscray was the guest speaker with the topic "Business and Art, Unlikely Bedfellows". She prompted artists to consider the need to become more businesslike and businesses not to think they were doing a favour for artists by allowing them to provide their work free of charge to be displayed in their premises. It is the business who benefits.

The short-listed art works and street art are on display at Footscray Community Arts Centre and the Young Artist and Tertiary Art Works are on display at VU MetroWest Nicholson St in Footscray. You are invited to come and visit Footscray and enjoy the art.

Maria Silber
Rotary Club of Footscray
District 9800 Youth Chair
marsil18@tpg.com.au

FOOTSCRAY ART PRIZE 2019

EXHIBITION OF SHORTLISTED WORKS 20 JUNE - 20 JULY

FOOTSCRAY COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE & VU AT METROWEST



Winx

Bruce Postle



- Walkley award winning photo journalist Bruce Postle was a staff photographer at The Age, from 1968-96.
- Fifty of his photographs are displayed in the Hall of Fame at the National Sport Museum. The State Library plans to purchase his collection.
- Winx was co-ranked as the best horse in the world in 2018 having won 33 consecutive races

Digital bust or full body 3D model in a cartoon style by Susan Dang



- Susan is a Melbourne based games designer and artist. A graduate from RMIT's Games design course in 2016 works as a freelancer on projects from websites, to augmented reality games for children's movies.
- choice of a digital bust or full body 3D model in a cartoon style



DRF – St Arnaud Comedy Festival

On Saturday 15th June, the Drought Relief Committee delivered it's first instalment of its mental wellbeing strategy to the Wimmera farming committee.

Just under 250 locals and Rotarians, from Nth Balwyn and Balwyn, enjoyed a fun, pro-bono night aimed at bringing laughter and unity. Dinner was served at subsidised prices while the bar takings are being donated to the Salvation Army.

Master of Cermonies was the masterly, Gregory Ross, who kicked off the evening with a "Local Comedian Competition". Taking out prize vouchers of \$200 was brother and sister individual acts who excelled over the other 7 competitors.



Our three main event comedians commenced with Bev Killick – self described "Crummy Mummy" who invented a new use for the Hills Hoist.

Next was the infamous Elliot Goblet with his dead-pan 30 minute act that audiences are familiar with since Elliot's initial appearances on "Hey, Hey It's Saturday" back in the 1980s. Thanks to Elliot, the Dunolly Bakery is still stocking brown boot polish!

All three professional comedians were extremely generous with their time including our third comedian, Marty Fields, who drove the 3 hours from Melbourne to deliver his astonishing gig and then immediately driving the 3 hours back to Melbourne. Marty's 5 minute Melbourne Cup race call dumb-founded the audience with it's brilliance.

Our team worked tirelessly over the last three months to ensure we delivered the very best evening possible for the Wimmera community. While there are too many people to thank in this report, we wish to highlight our appreciation to our Board and President, Rob H, Jim R, Geoff H, Greg, Jeanette, Jo/Tony Wells and the Balwyn Rotary Club for their enormous support.

Pictured – Elliot Goblet, Marty Fields, Bev Killick and MC Gregory Ross.



Geoff Kneale.

Welcome to our newest Rotarians

The Rotary Club of Central Melbourne welcomed two new members to the Docklands branch of the club last month.

Acting President George Mackie inducted **Luke Allen** and **Krystle Mitchell** who then shared their backgrounds and what drew them to join Rotary.

Campbell Chambers and **Rana Ebrahim** will be their mentors to assist them as they start their Rotary journeys.



President Anne Hawthorne of the **Rotary Club of Camberwell** is very proud to announce the induction of the 5th new member in her Presidential year.

Welcome to Joe Yeh who will serve on the Community Service committee.

Joe is pictured with President Anne, wife Lynzie and son Aiden.



The Rotary Club of Hawthorn recently welcomed Delphine Genin to the Club: She had been inducted at a recent Wednesday evening meeting, with the classification Fashion/Design.

At the club changeover evening, President Ian Bentley inducted new member Sue Zidziunas, classification Nursing.



District Governor Bronwyn Stephens had the pleasure of pinning on Sue's badge.

The **Rotary Club of Eaglehawk** was delighted to welcome back long serving Rotarian Lindsay Roberts. Lindsay has been welcomed back as an Honorary Member.

President Alison Bacon also inducted ne member, Peter Holden who was introduced by long time school friend Seamus Haugh. Welcome to Rotary Peter.



The **Rotary Club of Balwyn** inducted Edward Rayment as a new member recently. He was a welcome visitor over recent weeks and is under the classification of accounting with a focus on taxation.

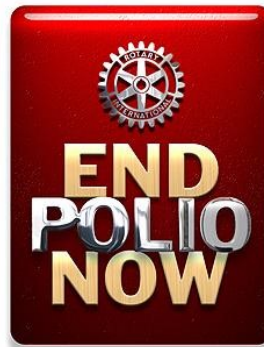
Around the Clubs

The Rotary Club of Malvern celebrated the **60th anniversary of the charter** with a very special event on May 25th. District Governor Bronwyn Stephens and Mark and PDG Neville John and Rebecca were among the guests.

The special highlights included the spontaneous talk from 101 year old Marty Palmer: to know we had the very first Rotary women members in our Club (Pam Baker and Annie Hartstein), reflections of past times from Barry Smith and Brian Hawdon, and Yvonne Flynn. The event coordinator and District Club Service Chair speaking about Rotary in the future.



The **Rotary Club of Keilor** held a High Tea at the Aberfeldie Bowls Club on 26th May in aid of **End Polio Now**. Organised by President Mary Engert and Ted Cunningham, the event included a presentation by District Governor Bronwyn Stephens on the impact of Rotary's work in polio eradication.



Members of the **Rotary Club of Keilor East** gathered around on May 31st to wish **Grandma Win Osborne** a Happy Birthday. Not just any birthday though. Win was 102 years young as she celebrated cutting a magnificent cake amongst her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Happy Birthday Win!

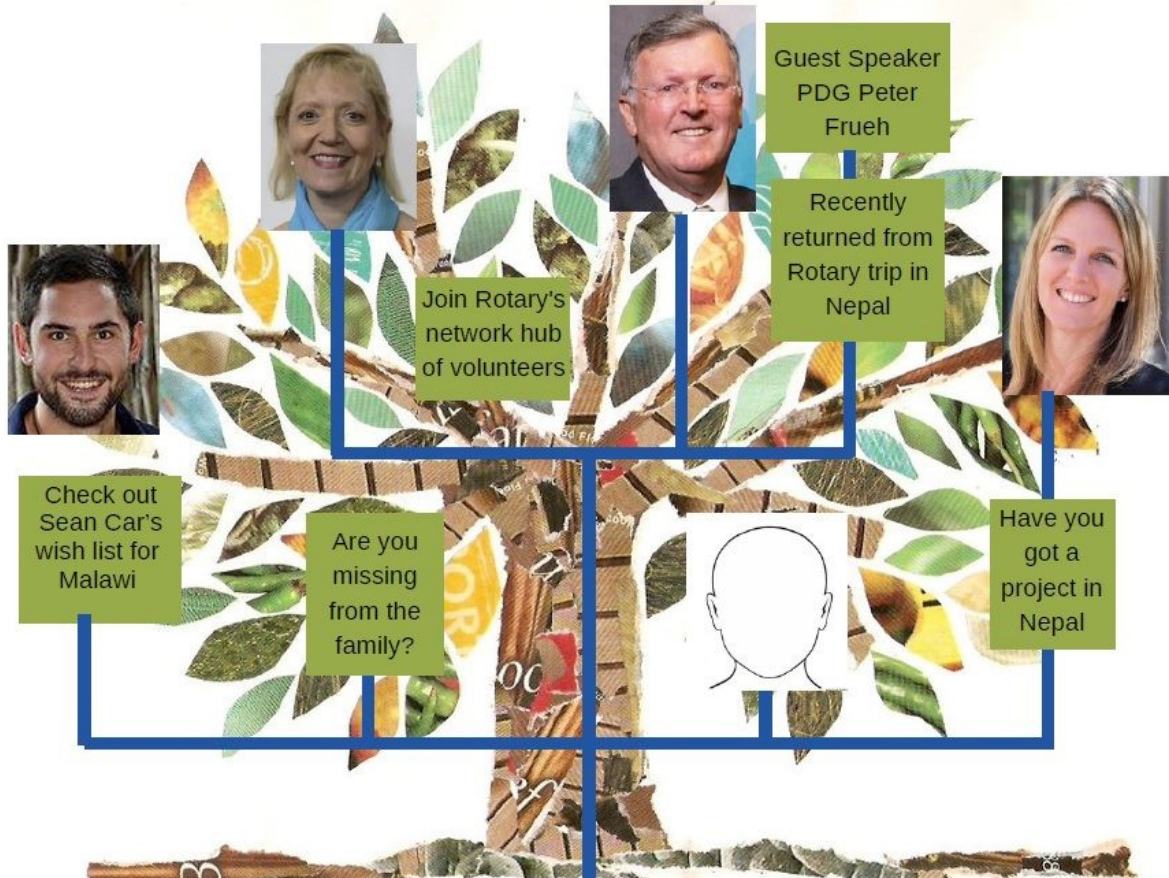


Rotary Melbourne showed their appreciation of their Honorary Treasurer David Carruthers by awarding him a Paul Harris Sapphire recently.

Connect Together at Donations In Kind

Introducing our Passport Club

10am Saturday 6 July



GUEST SPEAKER
NEPAL FORUM
PDG PETER FRUEH
D9800 MEMBERSHIP
CHAIR

HOW CAN ROTARY
CONNECT THE
WORLD?
LET'S TALK ABOUT IT
TOGETHER



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
FREE INFORMATION
SESSION:

AT
DONATIONS IN KIND
SHED 39
400 SOMERVILLE ROAD
WEST FOOTSCRAY



DONATIONS

Rotary



PEOPLE OF ACTION

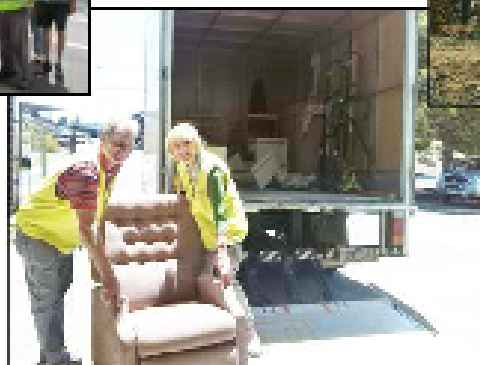
Western Emergency Relief Network (WERN)



Volunteer Warehouse Assistants

WERN has an urgent need for additional volunteers at our Derrimut Warehouse to assist clients with selection of household goods supplied free of charge to people in crisis. The clients are referred by member support agencies following emergency circumstances like fire, flood, domestic violence, homelessness, or refugee situations needing immediate assistance.

Duties include receiving and sorting of donations, assisting clients and case managers, cleaning and packing of goods. Volunteering frequency can vary to suit needs.



Contact Ross: Ph: 0411 228311

Email: westernemergencyreliefnetwork@outlook.com

For more details visit

www.facebook.com/-WESTERN-EMERGENCY-RELIEF-NETWORK



JOIN US

Saturday 10 August
Glen Eira Town Hall

Rotary



INDIAN COMMUNITY DAY

In the remote areas of central India, there is no light at night. **Three rotary clubs have committed** to lighting up the lives of more than 50 thousand farming families.

FUNDS RAISED SUPPORT OUR ROTARY SOLAR PROJECT



Our Rotary projects in India include **Polio Eradication**, Solar Lighting, **Sanitation**, Clean Water Education, **Days for Girls**.

Food (Veg, Non-Veg) Family Friendly, Guest Speakers, Entertainment

1.00pm to 4.30pm \$5.00 Adult - \$10.00 Family - Gold Coin student

Proudly supported by the City of Glen Eira Hosted by the Rotary Club of Glen Eira

THE ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO SOUTH AND THE ULUMBARRA FOUNDATION PRESENTS
A CONCERT FUNDRAISER FEATURING

MARINA PRIOR

— WITH THE —

VICTORIA WELSH CHOIR

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22,
2.00PM

ULUMBARRA
THEATRE BENDIGO

BOOK NOW AT
GOTIX.COM.AU
OR PHONE
5434 6100



A TASTE OF AFRICA



FUNDRAISER DINNER EVENT

▲ CUISINES FROM 5 REGIONS ▼ PRIZES ▲ LIVE MUSIC ▼ TRADITIONAL DANCING ▲

FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2019 @ 6:00PM

LIFE SAVING VICTORIA 200 The Boulevard, Port Melbourne

Supported By



Tickets available at: www.trybooking.com/BCGQC



ROTARY DISTRICT 9800 CONFERENCE 2020 BENDIGO

27-29 MARCH

Rotary



ROTARY
CONNECTS
THE WORLD

DG Grant Hocking and Melissa invite you to join them in the heart of Victoria to discover how Rotary Connects the World.

With a rich history Bendigo makes a perfect location for the 2020 conference. Bendigo is a goldmine of museums, a vibrant arts scene, delicious local food and wine and stunning parks and gardens.

**Conversation. Connection.
Collaboration. Celebration.**



2020 RI Convention - Honolulu: 6-10th June

Registration for the Honolulu 2020 Rotary Convention will open on June 1, 2019 with a special rate for \$395 from June 1 to June 5 only.

Rotarians everywhere can take advantage of this lowest rate at <http://www.riconvention.org>

Regeneration
NZ / AUS CONFERENCE

Rotary 

CHRISTCHURCH NZ
20TH-22ND SEPTEMBER 2019

Join us in the heart of a new regenerating city to experience the energy of Rotary. Where every age, race and religion come together to build a better place.

Venue --- Accommodation --- People --- Programme --- Speakers--- **REGISTER**