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Rotary District 9800

A publication for
Rotarians and
all community
minded people

DG's Weekly Message

As we have all noticed, March has arrived and in the cycle of the Rotary theme months, March is Literacy Month. When the concept of theme months commenced back in 1983 literacy was considered so important that it was the theme to start the Rotary year and July was the dedicated month. Along the way, the penny dropped that there was rather a lot happening in July with changes of administration and new club Boards settling in.

Literacy is not only a significant goal for Rotary but it is also a special goal for Rotary because we know that literacy is a key factor in overcoming poverty and all that goes with it. Rotary considers it to be so important that it is one of the 6 areas of focus for The Rotary Foundations Future Vision – basic education and literacy.



District Governor Dennis Shore and Lynda

of them are women. Millions more are functionally illiterate, without the reading and writing skills necessary for everyday life. The United Nations has identified illiteracy as a major obstacle to economic, political, and social development.

UNESCO notes that literacy contributes to peace as it brings people closer to attaining individual freedoms and better understanding of the world, as well as preventing or resolving conflict. The connection between literacy and peace can be seen in unstable democracies or in conflict-affected countries where it is harder to establish or sustain a literate environment.



The statistics are really shocking. UNESCO estimates there are 860 million illiterate adults in the world and about two thirds

How appropriate that in this year of Peace through Service we try harder to make a sustainable difference.

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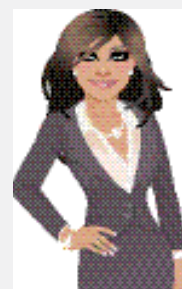
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March is World Literacy Month





Irina Bokova, UNESCO Director General notes that "Education brings sustainability to all the development goals, and literacy is the foundation of all learning. It provides individuals with the skills to understand the world and shape it, to participate in democratic processes and have a voice, and also to strengthen their cultural identity".

I'm quoting from UNESCO as they succinctly identify that "Literacy is a human right, a tool of personal empowerment and a means for social and human development. Educational opportunities depend on literacy.

Literacy is at the heart of basic education for all, and essential for eradicating poverty, reducing child mortality, curbing population growth, achieving gender equality and ensuring sustainable development, peace and democracy. There are good reasons why literacy is at the core of education for all.

A good quality basic education equips pupils with literacy skills for life and further learning; literate parents are more likely to send their children to school; literate people are better able to access continuing educational opportunities; and literate societies are better geared to meet pressing development".

UNESCO does have a major focus on International Literacy Day on September 8 each year. By making it a focus for a whole month Rotary puts the matter into real perspective, a day is not nearly enough.

It is not enough to have focus without action. All through the Rotary year clubs are involved in many projects that have education as a priority but in March it is an opportunity to take a closer look at the challenge.

I hope that individual clubs will look at how they can make a difference in raising literacy standards and adopt significant programs that will make a difference.

As a district in recent years we have probably not provided the sort of support for literacy programs that is provided for clubs in many important other program areas. This Rotary year through our Club Service Committee we have tried to raise the profile of literacy programs and have provided many suggestions for how this could be achieved.

This year we have found the facts confronting. We know and expect that there is a major problem in developing countries but for too long we have ignored a problem right on our own doorstep, and that is the problem of illiteracy amongst our own indigenous people. Did you know that national literacy testing shows that 80% of aboriginal children in regional and remote communities are in the bottom 5% of all Australian children?

As a District we have an opportunity to work together in a really simple program that has the

capacity to make a significant impact in addressing this issue.

The idea is to purchase and/or collect new picture story books, easy fiction and non-fiction books for children 0-12 years. To make it easier, bring them along to the Literacy Stall in the Albury Conference Market Place. We will add a sticker to indicate that they have been given by your club and at the conclusion of the Conference they will be donated to the Aboriginal Literacy Foundation.

Why the Aboriginal Literacy Foundation? This Foundation provides weekly one-on-one literacy tutoring to Indigenous children struggling to make literacy gains at school. They provide Indigenous Literacy and Heritage Camps to fast track literacy and numeracy learnings for significantly disadvantaged students. These programs are provided by a dedicated team of volunteers and paid tutors. The Patron of the Foundation is Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC, Governor – General of the Commonwealth of Australia. The Foundation also supplies books and literacy backpacks to children in remote communities to encourage them in their educational journey. They fund education scholarships for Indigenous young people to give them the best possible start and greater educational opportunities.

They conduct literacy testing for Indigenous children to enable early intervention and tailored support. Through many of the Foundation's campaigns they create community awareness with the aim of closing the poverty gap.

Here is an opportunity to partner with another organisation that can make a direct impact through the direct effort of Rotary and Rotarians. It would be a wonderful show of our commitment to "Literacy for All" if every club made a contribution; and it would certainly help to address the problems faced by many aboriginal children.

We have suggested the Conference as the deposit point for books to minimise logistical issues but to also provide the focus that a large stack of books will bring. If you have not thought about this simple but effective program may I urge you to put it into action? If you are not coming to conference you will know someone who is.

Finally, it is not too late to still come to the conference. We will hold registration open right up to the conference and indeed I'm pleased to say that people are still registering. Now that the speaker list has been published I'm sure that you will all agree that there is something for everyone and a lot for most attendees. Your Conference Committee has worked really hard to make this a memorable, affordable and easily accessible conference – so, see you in Albury!

Dennis Shore,
District Governor.

Message From the Governor of Victoria

2013 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY GLOBAL BREAKFAST

For over a century, women have been observing International Women's Day as an opportunity to celebrate the extraordinary achievements of women in our society. Across the globe, women have had the courage and determination to dream large. Over the years, they have worked tirelessly to outline their agenda for independence, inclusion and equality and have achieved impressive, tangible advancements in this regard.

A local example of this can be seen in the increased number of women studying at Australian universities. Recent statistics show that women have more higher-education qualifications than men – 54.8% women compared with 45.2% men. More specifically, women are leading the way in postgraduate study in areas of general and business management. If this trend continues, the landscape of our workforce is set to change dramatically. I expect that this and many others topics will be discussed as you ponder career success within this morning's breakfast theme "Is it all in The Genes?".

As Patron of the Rotary Club of Melbourne, I am proud that women can participate in the work of this remarkable community organisation. The work of Rotary has a positive impact on many aspects of our society, advocating for those less fortunate and thus achieving significant change in many areas that require it. Women in Rotary are in a unique position to identify issues and challenges that are of particular importance to women and can therefore steer the work of Rotary in this direction, ensuring that Rotary better represents the community which it serves.

I wish you all the best as you celebrate International Women's Day for 2013 and every success for lively debate around the breakfast table.

The Hon. Alex Chernov AC QC
Governor of Victoria
20 February 2013





D1080 GSE Team Arrives

A sell-out crowd at Milano's Hotel in Brighton welcomed the GSE Team from East Anglia (District 1080) on Tuesday, endorsing the popularity of this long-standing Rotary Program.

Team Leader Colin Hawes introduced the team of Kelly Dunne, Alex Lynch, Catherine Bullen, Eve Cronin and Caz Loveridge, who each gave a brief description of themselves. This vibrant group of young women is sure to make many friends during their brief stay.

DG Dennis then awarded each of the incoming GSE Team a Rotary pin, amid jokes about "the English bringing their own weather with them", and a "roomful of District Governors, past present and future": at times we were unsure of who was present and who was past



Below: Team Leader Colin Hawes with DG Dennis Shore, Kelly Dunne, Alex Lynch, Catherine Bullen, Eve Cronin and Caz Loveridge.

More photos of this happy evening are available at: <https://picasaweb.google.com/106224275621582639712/GSEEnglandWelcome2013?authkey=Gv1sRgCOe19Lj4sri6nAE>





The Rotary Foundation

By John Hewko General Secretary Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation TRF

This past year was one of major accomplishments for Rotary and your Rotary Foundation.

Extraordinary progress was made toward the eradication of polio. We made history when India was removed from the list of polio-endemic countries — leaving just Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. A difficult road lies ahead, but thanks to the commitment and generosity of Rotarians and friends, we are confident that Rotary will lead the way toward a polio-free world.



We also expanded Rotary's reach in new and effective ways by entering into partnerships with Mercy Ships and UNESCO-IHE. And we built on our record of humanitarian service by continuing our strong relationships with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, USAID, Aga Khan University, Oikocredit and the Rotary Peace Centers.

Over half a million young people worldwide participated in our New Generations programs. Their involvement in Rotary Youth Exchange, Rotaract and Interact clubs, and RYLA events helped them develop skills that they'll need to become service-minded community and global leaders - and future Rotarians.

In 2012, The Rotary Foundation also earned top marks from several independent charity evaluators, including the American Institute of Philanthropy, Charity Navigator and the Wise Giving Alliance.

As we look ahead, we can be proud of all that Rotarians have accomplished. I am pleased to share the digital version of the 2011-12 Rotary International and Rotary Foundation Annual Report ([click here](#)), which offers a firsthand look at how Rotarians are working to improve the lives of people in need. I encourage you to review our annual report carefully, and to share it with others who may be interested in joining, partnering with, or donating to Rotary.

Thank you for helping Rotary achieve lasting change in your community and around the world.



Australian Rotaractors and Rotarians in front of Parliament House in Canberra 21 October to raise awareness for the End Polio Now campaign. Photo courtesy of Rotaract Club of Canberra



World of Difference Humanitarian Travel

**EYE TESTING IN CAMBODIA**

By Bronwyn Stephens (World Of Difference District 9800 Project Committee Chair)

Why don't children in Cambodia wear spectacles?

During 7 visits now this question increasingly came to mind. So optometrist Peter Cunningham from "Eyes on Brighton" did a little research on behalf of "World of Difference" District 9800 project. Indeed, the incidence of eye problems would indicate that around 10% of children in Cambodia should be wearing spectacles.



This research led to Peter putting the word out for other professionals to join him in Cambodia on a trip to test children's' eyesight. He worked closely with the "Sumba Eye Project" team to learn the tips and traps that they have encountered in their travels. The "World of Difference" committee worked with Peter and his optical mechanic Renata

Jakl to develop a tour to test eyesight in Cambodia and dispense spectacles where necessary.

During the January WOD tour school teachers and orphanage centre directors were taught how to assess eyesight using a E chart. They record any children who have less than 6:9 vision in either eye. These are the children the



optometrists will assess. Each day they will see around 160 children. With the children who have been pre-screened included it amounts to around 10,000 children who will have had eyesight testing. Some of the places we will work do not have electricity so all the equipment requires battery operation and recharging in the hotels each night.

The WOD team leave on Friday 1st March for 12 days of eyesight testing, interspersed with lots of adventure and fun. I will report back via Networker on the tour's results on our return 12th March. Please follow our adventures on www.facebook.com/WODHT





Youth Exchange: A Life-Changing Experience

By Vanda Mullen, Chair: D9800 Youth Exchange Committee

All Clubs have recently received communications from DG Dennis and DGE Ross encouraging clubs to become involved in Youth Exchange. Inbound students from Europe, Japan, Taiwan and USA arrive in July 2013 and from Brazil in January 2014. **The closing date for D9800 Outbound Student Applicants to travel in January 2014 is Friday 19th April 2013.** Contact your local schools to seek well qualified applicants to become Rotary Ambassadors to represent your club.

The D9800 Youth Exchange Committee thanks all Host and Sponsor Clubs for your on going support and excellent Rotary Service.

Please refer to the D9800 Youth Exchange website: www.rotaryyouthexchangeaustralia.com.au for further information, or contact Vanda Mullen vmullen@netspace.net.au 0408 109 368

Concerns and Solutions! Recent Dialogue from Rotary Clubs

Hosting Inbounds:

Concern: My Club doesn't have any Host Families!

Solution: Look beyond the club for Host Families, such as friends, relatives, school and community members. The Youth Exchange Committee is developing a database of Rotary approved Host Families to offer your club, if needed.

Concern: My Club is too small to Host a student!

Solution: Clubs with a small membership have successfully hosted and in some cases, this has resulted in gaining new Rotarians from their local community.

Concern: Our Club members are too old!

Solution: Having an exchange student can rejuvenate a club. Successful Host Families are often Grandparents.

Concern: My Club cannot afford this program!

Solution: Include Rotary Youth Exchange in your budget for 2013-2014; a minimum of \$3,500 will cover school uniforms, pocket money, travel expenses, District Conference attendance and incidentals. Seek

assistance from another club in your cluster to Co-Host.

Concern: Hosting is too much trouble, what does the Host Family gain?

Solution: Satisfaction and a life long connection with another family and community in the world, due to a Rotary Service. Host Families share daily life with a student and help them shape their perceptions of Australian culture.

Sponsoring Outbounds:

Concern: It's too hard to find an eligible Outbound applicant to represent my club!

Solution: Use provided Youth Exchange pamphlets and promote the program at local schools, community organisations and sporting clubs. Ask a former Rotary Youth Exchange student to assist you.

Concern: My club has never Sponsored an Outbound student before, what is the financial and time commitment?

Solution: Minimal or nil costs are involved with sponsoring a student. Your Club appoints a Student Counsellor to assist and liaise with your student during their preparation and whilst on exchange.



Recently returned Rotary Youth Exchange Students from D9800 at the De-Brief Day on Sunday 24th February 2013. The very generous Managers at 'Raw Materials' in Footscray kindly sponsored and hosted the event.



Conference News Flash 100,000 reasons to feel proud

Our Donations In Kind Store has announced that they are approaching a major milestone: **100,000 volunteer hours worked this century.**

In the 12 years a great deal has been accomplished.

\$2,000,000 *raised to pay for freight

\$3,000,000 *the value of the volunteering allocated as Overseas Aid

\$32,000,000 *of top quality material given to people Overseas who deserve our help

\$37,000,000 *the combined total of Overseas Aid

3.7 kilometres *length of the containers end to end

20,000m³ *of goods recycled much of which would have ended up as landfill

1,500% *return on investment \$2 million in freight \$32 million shipped



When people ask what does Rotary do this is a great story.

When considering International Projects utilising the opportunities that Donations In Kind offers should be top of your list.

Many Members are yet to visit our new Store and this is the only way to fully understand to opportunities it provides to assist Clubs with International Project. It's a great venue for a Club or Cluster Meeting at night or on a Saturday



Telephone: 0428 550 574

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Website www.rotarydik.org





Bring a Book to Albury

March is Conference and World Literacy Month.

We are inviting all clubs and their Rotarians and friends to be a part of a District 9800 National Literacy Project. This exciting project will help make the literacy learning journey of our disadvantaged and marginalised indigenous children, easier and more enjoyable.

How Can You Be Involved? All you have to do is acquire new children's picture fiction, fiction and non-fiction books for readers 0- 12 years, then just drop them off at the Basic Education and Literacy Stall in the Albury Conference Market Place, during Conference hours.

Rotary stickers will be added to the 1,000 books we are hoping to collect. At the conclusion of the Conference, they will be donated to the Aboriginal Literacy Foundation for use in remote schools and communities.



Together, let's do good and make a real difference!

For more information about why you should become involved: Google - Aboriginal Literacy Foundation – Books to Learn and/or My favourite Book! - Young Aboriginal Children's Book Choices.

Like To Know More Or Like To Help?

Enquiries or offers to help at the Market Stall

Contact: Bronwen Scarff: bronwenscarffe@hairsat.com.au

PS. For children's book bargains check out School Book Club lists or your local Post Office, Newsagent or Book Stalls at your local shopping centre.

<http://www.rotary9800conference.org/174639727>

Welcome New Members

New members as reported in the January '13 to Attendance Secretary Peter Lamping:

R.C. of Toorak Kathy Moore

R.C. of Fitzroy Joy Millen

R.C. of Glenferrie John Kelly

R.C. of Melbourne Lucy Luo

R.C. Bendigo Sandhurst Wayne Combridge





Notices and Events

For a full Notices & Events calendar, visit the following link:

http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/notices_and_events

**1-2nd
March**

Stonnington Open Gardens – presented by RC

Malvern

Friday 1 March & Saturday March 2, 2013 10am to 5pm daily

Eight beautiful private gardens located within the City of Stonnington

Cost: \$35 for "All Garden" pass or \$8.00 per garden

Pre-purchase of 'All Garden' Tickets available on the website www.stonningtonopengardens.org

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**3rd
March**

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY 2013

Like to help clean up the Yarra? SUNDAY 3rd MARCH, 2013 9.00AM MIDDAY

FAIRFIELD BOATHOUSE - 1 FAIRFIELD PARK DR, FAIRFIELD * Mel Map: 30/J12

THE ROTARY CLUB OF RICHMOND IS ONCE AGAIN JOINING WITH THE YARRA RIVERKEEPERS ASSOCIATION TO HELP CLEAN UP THE YARRA AT FAIRFIELD BOATHOUSE ON CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY 2013.

FOR ALL DETAILS, PLUS HOW TO REGISTER,

GO TO: <http://rotaryrichmond.org.au/notice.php> AND CLICK ON: 'DOWNLOAD DETAILS'



**8th
March**

2013 International Women's Day Breakfast

'Is It All In the Genes?' Crown Palladium Friday 8 March.

Celebrate 2013 International Women's Day as our vibrant panel of eminent Australians consider the role of gender diversity in the workplace, and debate questions such as 'are men and women programmed differently?' and 'does biology determine our success in managing job demands?'.

For further information, sponsorship opportunities, and bookings, please visit www.rotarywomen.org.au

or contact Kerry Kornhauser on 0411 597 690

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/hjg23s8wrjdlaym/Rotary3.mp4>



**23rd
March**

The Willy Ball

Saturday 23rd March 2013, starting 6.45pm until 12.30am

Held at Fort Gellibrand, Morris Street, Williamstown

Cost: \$125 per person and includes canapés on arrival, 3 course meal, drinks, dancing and entertainment. There's even a ceremonial cannon firing and tours of the Fort.

Dress code: Black tie

Booking is easy, just go to our website for all the details at www.rotarypointgellibrand.com For enquires contact Martin Smith at martin.smith.51@gmail.com



**22-24
March**

Rotary Youth Program of ENrichment

The next RYPEN camp will be held on the weekend of Friday 22 – Sunday 24 March 2013. Dates: Friday 22 - Sunday 24 March 2013

Location: Weekaway, Kitchenhams Road, Lancefield

Cost per participant: \$286.00 (incl GST) per participant

For more information about RYPEN, please reread our RYPEN page.

<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/news/1595/rotary-youth-program-of-enrichment-rypen>





Notices and Events

April 2013

15th
April

Charity Golf Day

Footscray Rotary & Vic Police Annual Charity Golf Day
Monday 15th April 2013 from 11.30am to 6:30pm Cost: \$75 per player
Sunshine Golf Club, Mt Derrimut Rd. Derrimut (Melways ref: 39- E3)
RSVP by 9th April 2013 to Ron Hunt 0400-205-858 or ron@tradesmart.net.au



19th
April

Back to Square Dance Night

Maribyrnong Park Bowls Club, 195 Holmes Road, Moonee Ponds.
Friday 19th April Cost: \$20.00 per person
RSVP: To Meg Smith-Beale on 9331-6699, by 31st of March 2013
Net Proceeds to Royal Children's Hospital Clown Doctors
Ladies, please bring a basket supper. Drinks at bar prices.
Flyer available at www.rotarykeilor.org.au



21st
April

ROTARY CLUB OF HOPPERS CROSSING BRIDAL EXPO

Werribee Function Centre, Werribee Racecourse, Bulban Road, Werribee. **21 April 2013** 10.00am till 4.00pm
\$5.00 per head with all funds raised going towards Rotary's work in the community
More info: Colin Styles on mobile 0416 191 320 or email rhcbridalexpo@inet.net.au or cstyles@bigpond.net.au

There will be some 40 to 50 wedding specialists including: Marriage Celebrants, Wedding Photographers, Bridal Make-Up, Bonbonnières, Wedding Invitations and Stationery, Wedding Reception Venues, Wedding Cakes, Wedding Florists, Wedding Dresses, Mother-of-the-Bride Wear, Male Formal Wear, Wedding Gifts, Decorations, and Wedding Cars and Limousines.
Fashion parades at 11.30am and 2.30pm showcasing Bridal and Mother-of-the-Bride Wear. Novelty events for Brides-to-be with some worthwhile prizes available.



17-18 May 2013
Rotary Global Peace Forum
in Hiroshima

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About a year ago, PDG Ann White took on the challenge of establishing an e-Club. The e-Club concept is Rotary's most recent option for recognising that the traditional club model is no longer an option for many otherwise worthy potential members due to their business and lifestyle obligations. The club was formally launched on 12th August 2012 and has been carefully identifying and bonding prospective members so that the club will have well developed and active programs by the time it receives its charter.



Ann stepped down a few months ago as my Special Representative due to business commitments but not before she and her support team (particularly Loryn Clark, Stephen Lake, Trevor Nink, Chris Don and Richard Groom) put into place a solid foundation to meet all the criteria for a new club and ensuring a sustainable base for an ongoing club. Past President Chris Egger, District Membership Director Elect, accepted the invitation to take over from PDG Ann as District Governor's Special Representative and has worked tirelessly to complete the task of getting into place all the requirements to enable the chartering of the 70th club in our District, the Rotary e-Club of Melbourne.



District Governor Dennis Shore and Lynda

On Friday 8th March, Chris submitted paperwork to Rotary International on behalf of the District to request the charter of the club, with 24 charter members. Very shortly we will be able to notify the date for the formal charter event of our newest club.

E-Clubs were initially evaluated as part of a pilot program and subsequently legislated to allow Rotary Districts to have no more than two such clubs. Uptake has been slow but steady. As best we know, our e-Club will be the 99th e-Club internationally and the 5th e-Club in Australia.

The first Rotary e-Club was Rotary eClubOne. Then as now it has only one face to face meeting annually and that is at the annual Rotary International Convention. Our District's e-Club will be what is popularly known as a hybrid e-Club in that it will have face to face meetings for social events and project work but with normal weekly meetings conducted online. There is actually no formal hybrid club designation in the Rotary lexicon but the concept is permitted and is employed elsewhere.

The format for e-Clubs is that the website is the club house and members meet via a minimum of thirty minute visits to the website clubhouse each

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week. For maximum effectiveness the website has to be very actively populated and constantly updated to ensure a meaningful and memorable visit experience. The members' area also has to employ effective and flexible communication channels between members to facilitate fellowship and exchange of ideas and to develop project opportunities.

An innovative aspect of our new club is the "District 9800 Project Bank", which the e-Club hosts and manages on behalf of the District. Here other clubs can identify possible projects and seek support for project concepts that they have developed. The D9800 Project Bank is a searchable list of projects in the Melbourne region where volunteers are needed. All the projects on the Project Bank are initiated and managed by one of the Rotary Clubs in the Melbourne area of District 9800. The projects are looking for help from other Rotarians or members of the community who wish to lend a hand.

The Rotary e-Club of Melbourne has an eclectic mix of members with the professional and business diversity that would be expected of any club. In fact a number of members are former Rotarians. But it also has a geographic diversity that is not a feature of a regular Rotary club. One of the club members is based in Jakarta and of course members come from a wide cross section of metropolitan Melbourne.

If you have not yet visited the e-Club of Melbourne I would encourage you to check it out at www.rotaryclubofmelbourne.org.au/. While you are visiting I suggest you do a formal make-up. Make-ups are free of charge but when the Club is chartered visitors will be encouraged to make a donation of \$10, which will be credited to the Rotary Foundation.

The President of the Provisional e-Club is Rebecca Heitbaum. Rebecca is preparing herself for leadership of the club like any other Rotary club President Elect. Rebecca attended the recent Multi-District PETS in Ballarat (her hometown incidentally) and will be at our District Conference this week. In fact at conference Rebecca will make a short presentation that will show you all how to make up at the club and explain the many features of the club house.

And talking of the conference, the stage is set for a memorable occasion at Albury. There is a great array of speakers in the tradition of our District 9800 conferences, and great fellowship opportunities. We will be taking lots of photos at the conference so that we can share some of the colour and movement with those unable to attend.



Rotary Welcome banners at the Albury Entertainment Centre

Although it is 25 years since our District last staged a conference at Albury under the leadership of then Governor Ian Knight, in fact more of our District conferences have been staged in Albury than at any other location. For those readers with an interest in such matters, the first Rotary Conference (probably in Australia) was held in 1928 or 1929 in Hobart (with the Governor from Sydney). 13 Conferences have been held in Albury just ahead of Lorne (yes Lorne) where 12 conferences have been held.

It is rather fitting that the annual Rotary theme this year of Peace Through Service has a powerful connection with the theme for 1987-88 when we were last at Albury. That year when Chuck Keller was RI President the theme was Rotarians - united in service, dedicated to peace.

So a quarter century apart, the key elements of peace and service are providing a tangible and meaningful connection between these conferences. That previous conference in Albury had more than twice as many people attending as will be in Albury this week, reflecting a trend that has been evident for some years. But those attending will enjoy a program that is second to none and which I am certain will deliver the conference theme of Rotary – it's amazing. So, see you in Albury.

**Dennis Shore,
District Governor.**



Bloomberg Philanthropies to donate US\$100 million to polio eradication

Rotary News -- 28 February 2013

New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg has announced a \$100 million donation to support polio eradication efforts through Bloomberg Philanthropies. The donation represents a six-year commitment to help fund the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

"We're at a critical juncture in the global effort to end polio," says Bloomberg. "If we're going to achieve a polio-free world, we must act quickly and commit now to providing the resources needed."

Rotary International, along with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation are global partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

"On behalf of Rotary International -- and on behalf of all Rotarians -- I thank Mr. Bloomberg and his foundation for this generous contribution of \$100 million to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative," says Robert S. Scott, chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee. "Not only will this donation help us reach the most at-risk children with polio vaccine, it will also inspire other individuals, foundations, and businesses in the private sector to take part in this history-making endeavor to achieve a polio-free world."



www.rotary.org/en/.../news/.../130228_annnc_bloomberg_polio.aspx

World Literacy Month

By Bronwen Scarffe, Basic Education and Literacy Chair

March is World Literacy Month and you can contribute by supporting the District 9800 2013 Basic Education and Literacy Project

Aboriginal children are illiterate for many reasons including ...

They live in remote locations in communities which have low levels of income and education, high levels of unemployment and many of their families are dependent on government support. They have fewer books, little or no access to computers and other educational resources and their absentee rate from school when they have access to one is more than three times higher than non-indigenous children. All of these circumstances are out of their control and through no fault of their own they need extra help.



For details about how you and your clubs can make a difference visit <http://www.rotary9800conference.org/174639727>

Multi-District Presidents Elect Training Seminar

1st-3rd March, 2013

By DGE Ross Butterworth

Thank you to our Presidents Elect and our District Leadership Teams from the five Victorian Districts for their positive responses supporting the first ever all-inclusive Victorian Multi District Presidents' Elect Training session. Four hundred and fifty delegates representing two hundred and seventy nine Clubs from all over Victoria, Eastern South Australia and southern New South Wales came together at Ballarat last weekend at the University of Ballarat at Mt. Helen.

The five 2013-2014 District Governors' Elect and our trainers worked hard to put together a great program. We are sure the Presidents' Elect have taken home some great ideas, been motivated and inspired for their year ahead.

The event delivered great speakers with keynotes from the Who's Who in Rotary: Tom Thorfinnson, Past Rotary International Vice President; Stuart Heal, Past Rotary International Zone Director; Zone Public Image Coordinator Philip Archer & Trustee of the Rotary Foundation, Ian Riseley, all inspiring and illuminating with their experiences within Rotary International.

These keynote speakers were ably assisted by a number of national Rotary luminaries and the whole weekend provided lots of information and motivation. The benefits of Multi District events such as these are everyone hears the same message and the synergy of sharing their training in a large forum. There was an energy that is impossible to create from a single District event.

The opportunity to inspire and motivate others and for idea sharing was multiplied and encouraged over the weekend. The material presented was relevant, current and presented in a consistent format to all present.

There was opportunity for individual District Workshop Breakouts with Trainers and Assistant Governors along with a selection of Topical and Program-based Breakout sessions. The event provided a question and answer session with the Governor's Elect and Zone Director John Boag for Presidents' Elect to find solutions to similar challenges.

And there was even time for a game of golf and a Heritage Walk around Ballarat for the partners. All in all a great weekend by all accounts and the feedback has been encouraging for future events such as these.

A Gala Dinner on Saturday night with Tom Thorfinnson providing a little casual stimulation, created a real buzz within the room when all the delegates came together and required to sit with perfect strangers for the evening. The relationship didn't last long before there were many new friendships being made and ideas exchanged.

Many things have changed within Rotary and communities in general; we continue to experience issues that need addressing if Rotary is to remain the number one international service organization that it is.

These events help us to challenge how we operate, as Districts, as Clubs and as Rotarians and through our service. Our Presidents' Elect also had the opportunity to get inspired on how to grow a diverse Rotary.





New RDU Website Launched

The NEW Rotary Down Under website has been launched! RDU is now available from your desk-top, mobile and tablet devices so you can stay up-to-date at anytime of day or night.

www.rotarydownunder.org

If you can't find what you're looking for on the site, try using the new search feature at the top right hand side. If you would like to provide feedback, email ellissanolan@rotarydownunder.com.au

COMING SOON: Website Hosting.

Rotary Down Under will provide a range of web hosting packages and services for Rotary Districts and Clubs throughout Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands.



Membership Programs Show Results

Rotary Leader, March 2013 | Vol. 3, Issue 5

Freedom to determine meeting frequency, membership types, and operations has potential to strengthen clubs.

Improved club morale, membership growth, and diversity are some of the benefits cited by clubs participating in four pilot programs launched in 2011-12.

The pilots — Associate Membership, Corporate Membership, Innovation and Flexibility, and Satellite Club — involve more than 700 clubs and run through 2013-14.

At the October RI Board of Directors meeting, pilot clubs' one-year progress reports were presented. Nearly all of the clubs said participation has had a positive impact, particularly on club morale and friendship.

Attracting and keeping members has been another positive outcome.

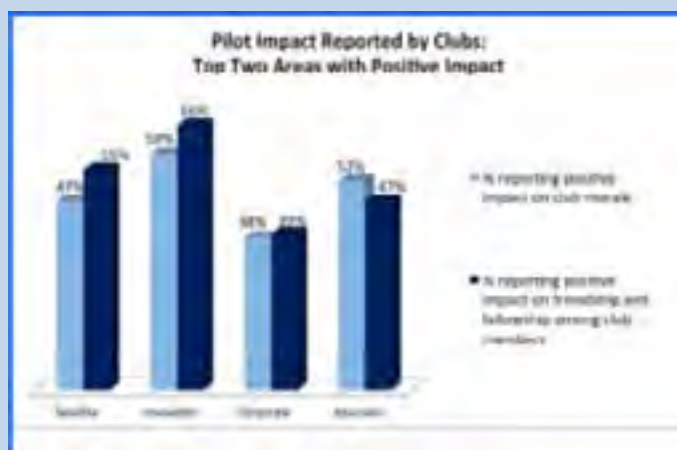
While all the clubs reported membership growth, those participating in the Satellite Club and Associate Membership pilots showed the greatest increase.

The number of female members and members younger than 50 increased across all the pilots.

While clubs acknowledged that much of the first year was devoted to implementing the pilot, the progress reports show the growing potential of the programs.

THE FOUR MEMBERSHIP PILOTS:

1. Associate Membership offers a trial membership without the full rights and responsibilities of active members.
2. Corporate Membership gives companies the opportunity to become partners of their community's Rotary club and appoint up to four employees as active members.
3. Innovation and Flexibility provides freedom to create a club that better fits members' and community needs.
4. Satellite Club allows clubs to conduct multiple meetings during a week, each taking place at a different location, day, or time.





Personal Giving - why not?

By PDG Bruce Allen, Rotary International South Pacific Philippines Office



In spite of some wonderfully generous contributors, personal giving to **The Rotary Foundation** has never been a constant part of an Australian Rotarian's thinking, even though there are very few who fail to recognise the value the Foundation brings both to Rotary, and a world in need. Clubs across the entire nation are exceptionally supportive of The Foundation, contributing countless dollars to grow our involvement in a wide range of educational and humanitarian programs designed to hasten our quest for world peace. It's a money-driven process: it depends on cash and a physical commitment, and it needs to happen at a much faster pace if we are to truly deliver *Peace Through Service*.



The Centurion Program allows Rotarians in Australia to start the process of personal giving without having to mortgage the family estate. It's simply a commitment to contribute a minimum of \$100 Australian or U.S. dollars a year, for as long as you choose to. Your contribution then becomes part of your district's Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund meaning half of it comes back to the district to support Foundation programs that involve your clubs. Your contribution is fully tax-deductible. It is not a program restricted to Rotarians so work colleagues, friends and family members can all participate.

Whichever way you look at it, Centurions are making a huge difference in the world. Every \$100 can provide one year's tuition for a high school student in Africa, or 10 beds for an orphanage in India, or two school desks for kids in Sri Lanka, or maybe a flock of chickens to produce nourishing eggs and valuable offspring for a village in Timor Leste. Looking at it another way, the \$100 can purchase 140 polio vaccines and that will protect 140 children from the threat of this dreaded disease. Whichever way you look at it, it's a great way to spend \$100 and help make our world a better place.

Personal support of The Rotary Foundation is important, and will be greatly appreciated.



Rotarians from District 6440 (Illinois, USA) hike through the jungle to deliver water filters to the remote village of Tatin, Guatemala.



Can Humanity Avoid a Starvation-driven Collapse?

Paul R. Ehrlich and Anne H. Ehrlich

From: The Australian March 05, 2013 12:00AM

HUMANITY faces a growing complex of serious, highly interconnected environmental problems, including much-discussed challenges such as climate change, as well as the equally or more serious threat to the survival of organisms that support our lives by providing critical ecosystem services such as crop pollination and agricultural pest control.

We face numerous other threats as well: the spread of toxic synthetic chemicals worldwide, vast epidemics and a dramatic decline in the quality and accessibility of mineral resources, water and soils.

Resource wars are already with us; if a “small” nuclear resource war erupted between, say, India and Pakistan, we now know that the war alone would likely end civilisation.

But the most serious threat to global sustainability in the next few decades will be one on which there is widespread agreement: the growing difficulty of avoiding large-scale famines. As a World Economic Forum report this year put it: “Global food and nutrition security is a major global concern as the world prepares to feed a growing population on a dwindling resource base, in an era of increased volatility and uncertainty.” The report notes that more than “870 million people are now hungry, and more are at risk from climate events and price spikes”, and measures to “improve food security have never been more urgently needed”.

Perhaps most important, virtually all analyses assume that the human population will grow by 2.5 billion people by 2050, rather than seek ways to reduce that number. The optimism of many analysts concerning our ability to feed these additional billions is quite disturbing, given that millions annually die of malnutrition already. If it will be so easy to feed a population 35 per cent larger, why isn’t everyone well nourished today?

A popular movement is needed to direct cultural awareness towards providing the “foresight intelligence” and planning that markets cannot supply. Only then could we begin to address seriously the population disaster and consider the nutritional/health benefits of humanely ending population growth well before we reach nine billion people.

The best way, in our view, to achieve such population shrinkage is to give full rights and opportunities to women, and to make modern contraception and back-up abortion accessible to all sexually active people. While the degree to which these steps would reduce total fertility rates is debatable, they would deliver significant social and economic benefits by making huge reservoirs of fresh brain power available to solve our problems.

Can humanity avoid a starvation-driven collapse? Yes, we can, although we currently put the odds at just 10 per cent.



A child in the Kenyan refugee camp of Dadaab, where many Somalis have fled since drought and famine have devastated parts of the country. Across the Horn of Africa, an estimated 2.23 million children are suffering from severe malnutrition.

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/opinion/world-commentary/birth-control-vital-to-fight-global-disaster/story-fnfi3iga-1226590250502>



Rotary Peace Fellowships

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE 2014-15 ROTARY PEACE FELLOWSHIPS. COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST REACH DISTRICT CHAIRMAN, BOB FELS, BY May 15, 2013

There is a growing demand for well trained men and women around the globe to build national and international cooperation, demonstrate peace and justice throughout their lives, their careers and in service activities. The challenges of the 21st century require people skilled in conflict analysis and resolution, mediation, human rights and diplomacy. The Rotary Peace Fellowship program, now in its 12th year, was developed specifically to meet this very need.



Rotary is seeking non-Rotarian professionals who are keen to expand their knowledge in peace studies, conflict resolution, human rights, international relations, public administration, sustainable development, public health or a related field. Each year, up to 100 Rotary Peace Fellowships (50 master's degree fellowships and 50 professional development fellowships) are offered on an internationally competitive basis at Rotary Peace Centers in 7 prestigious universities around the world.

There are two Rotary Peace Fellowships Programs:

- **TWO YEAR MASTERS DEGREE – Building the Leaders of TOMORROW**

Participants in the master's degree program gain access to: Up to 2 years of fully funded graduate study at one of our Rotary Peace Centers in the US, the UK, Japan, Australia or Sweden.

Theoretical and practical learning experiences in the root causes of conflict, theories of international relations, and effective models of cooperation, conflict resolution and negotiation including a 3 month Applied Field Experience – AFE;

Funding for round trip travel, tuition and fees, room and board and other limited expenses including AFE averages \$US76,000.

This program requires, at minimum, a bachelor's degree in a related field, & 3 years of relevant work experience

- **3 MONTHS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE – Strengthening the Leaders of TODAY**

Designed specifically for mid-career professionals already working in the field of peace and conflict resolution.

The fully funded course offers a mix of theory & practical skills both in the classroom at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok & in on site field study interactions. This program requires, at minimum, a bachelor's degree in a related field, & 5 years of related work experience.

In addition to excellent leadership skills, candidates must demonstrate a commitment to peace and international understanding through their professional and academic achievements and/or personal and community service activities.

Rotarians: Use your networks to urge employers to tell potential candidates of these generous opportunities for career development: such as non government humanitarian organizations, government departments, religious and service institutions, local universities, police and armed services. Those employers will know how to contact people working both for them and with them.

Further details, eligibility and application information are available at: <http://www.rotary.org/rotarycenters>

Enquiries may be made to these Rotarians:

Bob Fels at rfels@satlink.com.au or phone (03) 5989 2455

Bob Newman at cathbobnewman@hotmail.com or phone (03) 9819 7248

Chris Don at chrisd9@bigpond.com or phone (03) 8669 0249

Our Rotary District 9800, now with 20 candidates selected in the 11 years of the program is the leading District in the world. Please do your bit to maintain our leadership. The candidates are out there, but they do not know about this outstandingly successful program. We need you to get the message out and find them. Applications must be made through a Rotary Club. The Rotarians listed above can also help candidates in other countries find a suitable Rotary Club.





Dear Friends and Supporters,

Every day in many countries around the world, women and girls walk miles to collect water or go to school and the CARE Walk in Her Shoes campaign aims to raise funds to provide clean and accessible water and assist lift these communities out of poverty. Have a look at the short video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=bMBczbJwRec and the story of this Cambodian girl is typical of hundreds of thousands of girls every day.



I am committed to assist alleviate this serious challenge by participating in this years **Walk In Her Shoes** campaign and raise funds to support the program. Over the period 18 – 24 th March CARE needs to raise \$1million to put towards the programs in these disadvantaged countries. Will you help me in this task? As a CARE Australia Director , I know that the funds we raise go directly to these programs – no middle men so every dollar counts.

If you will assist, please go to my supporter page at <http://walkinher shoes2013.everydayhero.com/au/bob-glindemann> and register your contribution towards the target. It's a very small target and I really need to reach it many times over so that we really make a significant and lasting difference to these people's lives. They don't have the luxury of turning on a tap and getting clean pure water like us and we don't have to walk miles many times a day to get what we need from water holes and drains.

Thank you for whatever support you are able to give towards these CARE projects that remove the burden of walking for women and girls in developing countries allowing them to spend more time in school and earning an income.

Many thanks
Bob Glindemann.



Notices and Events

For a full Notices & Events calendar, visit the following link:

http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/notices_and_events

Footy Tipping

Rotary's premier footy tipping competition will start again soon.

No doubt those of you who participated in our inaugural Rotary Aussiefootytips competition last year can hardly wait to rejoin, and we urge you to do so now and beat the rush.

Why not use \$25 Rotary Aussiefootytips vouchers as staff Christmas presents?

Big prizes once again and we will continue to support Australian Childhood Foundation and The Ovarian Cancer Research Fund. This year we hope to welcome the Australian Rotary Health fund as one of our principal Charity partners.

As we prepare for the 2013 competition we are seeking sponsorship and inviting you to forward the names of any companies or people you know who might be interested. All we need are the names and we will make contact.

Please forward suggestions to Noel Halford 0419018901 or noelhalford@gmail.com

Enter for tipping at <http://www.aussiefootytips.org/>



EVENTS - March 2013

**24th
March**

Richmond RC - Motto Garage Sale

Over 300 Australian-made ladies fashion samples. Not open to the general public. ALL GARMENTS ONLY \$20 PER PIECE! Grab SUPER-SNAZZY bargains at a truly affordable price!

Sunday 24th March, 2013, 10.30am – 4.00pm

121 Esplanade East (Corner Graham St) Port Melbourne (Mel map: 2J/F7)

On-street parking Cash and Credit card facilities only

All monies raised from the Rotary Club of Richmond's 'Motto Garage Sale' go towards community projects.

(View Motto garment styles at www.motto.com.au)

Download further details at <http://www.rotaryrichmond.org.au/notice.php>



**23rd
March**

The Willy Ball

Saturday 23rd March 2013, starting 6.45pm until 12.30am

Held at Fort Gellibrand, Morris Street, Williamstown

Cost: \$125 per person and includes canapés on arrival, 3 course meal, drinks, dancing and entertainment. There's even a ceremonial cannon firing and tours of the Fort. Dress code: Black tie

Booking is easy, just go to our website for all the details at www.rotarypointgellibrand.com For enquires contact Martin Smith at martin.smith.51@gmail.com



**22-24
March**

Rotary Youth Program of ENrichment

The next RYPEN camp will be held on the weekend of Friday 22 – Sunday 24 March 2013.

Dates: Friday 22 - Sunday 24 March 2013

Location: Weekaway, Kitchenhams Road, Lancefield

Cost per participant: \$286.00 (incl GST) per participant

For more information about RYPEN, please reread our RYPEN page.

<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/news/1595/rotary-youth-program-of-enrichment-rypen>



April 2013

**15th
April**

Charity Golf Day

Footscray Rotary & Vic Police Annual Charity Golf Day

Monday 15th April 2013 from 11.30am to 6:30pm Cost: \$75 per player

Sunshine Golf Club, Mt Derrimut Rd. Derrimut (Melways ref: 39- E3)

RSVP by 9th April 2013 to Ron Hunt 0400-205-858 or ron@tradesmart.net.au

<http://rotaryfootscray.org/>





Notices and Events

April 2013

**19th
April**

Back to Square Dance Night

Maribyrnong Park Bowls Club, 195 Holmes Road, Moonee Ponds.
Friday 19th April Cost: \$20.00 per person
RSVP: To Meg Smith-Beale on 9331-6699, by 31st of March 2013
Net Proceeds to Royal Children's Hospital Clown Doctors
Ladies, please bring a basket supper. Drinks at bar prices.
Flyer available at www.rotarykeilor.org.au



**21st
April**

ROTARY CLUB OF HOPPERS CROSSING BRIDAL EXPO

Werribee Function Centre, Werribee Racecourse, Bulban Road, Werribee. **21 April** 10.00am till 4.00pm. \$5.00 per head with all funds raised going towards Rotary's work in the community
More info: Colin Styles on mobile 0416 191 320 or email rhcbridalexpo@iinet.net.au or cstyles@bigpond.net.au



There will be some 40 to 50 wedding specialists including: Marriage Celebrants, Wedding Photographers, Bridal Make-Up, Bonbonnières, Wedding Invitations and Stationery, Wedding Reception Venues, Wedding Cakes, Wedding Florists, Wedding Dresses, Mother-of-the-Bride Wear, Male Formal Wear, Wedding Gifts, Decorations, and Wedding Cars and Limousines.
Fashion parades at 11.30am and 2.30pm showcasing Bridal and Mother-of-the-Bride Wear. Novelty events for Brides-to-be with some worthwhile prizes available.

May 2013

**4th
May**

RC Rochester Pie and Port Night

Saturday 4th May

This annual event promises a night filled with Fellowship, straight from the oven country fresh bakery, along with ample refreshment of all variety to suit attendees.

Rotarians and partners from all District and beyond Clubs are invited to come and spend a weekend or night in the northern part of the District, relax, seeing the District sights along with attending Pie and Port night in the Rochester Fire Brigade Function Room.
Who knows a visitor from a City Club may even win the Major Raffle prize again.

For further details contact rochester@rotarydistrict9800.org or direct to Rotarian Heather, 03 54841147



17-18 May 2013
Rotary Global Peace Forum
in Hiroshima

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all community
minded people

The Friendly Conference Edition

After more than two years of planning and organising, the conference at Albury has been and gone. The feedback from those attending has been very complimentary and that is the best reward that the Conference Committee could wish to receive.



District Governor Dennis Shore and Lynda

Rochester that conferences should be memorable, enlightening, informative, entertaining and about keeping the fun in volunteering.



A requirement of every District is that that they hold an annual conference. In some districts they are a fairly low key affair, perhaps more like a District Assembly than what we typically do in District 9800. In our District for as long as I've been going to conferences they have been significant undertakings in which we strive for a balance of content that has widespread appeal to partners as well as Rotarians.

Our objectives are probably best put by a comment from the Rotary Club of

When we started planning for this conference more than two years ago we had as a club the advantage that Noel McInnes, supported so ably by his wife Lorraine, had been Chairman for two previous conferences and was "happy" to give it a go for a third time. We were also working on the feedback that Rotarians wanted a conference that was affordable and easy to access. As it turns out there are only a limited number of venues that met these criteria and also provided theatre type seating, which was preferred. Albury met all of these

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March is World Literacy Month





criteria and more. It came as a revelation that we had not been to Albury for a long time. In fact it was 25 years between conferences, the last being staged in 1987-88 when Ian Knight was Governor.

Although we could not have known what the theme would be when we commenced planning, it turned out that there was a very symbolic connection 25 years apart. The Rotary theme back in 1987-88 was "Rotarians – united in service, dedicated to peace", very much consistent with our current theme of Peace Through Service.

Once we had decided on a regional location, it was an easy decision to adopt our country casual approach and our planning naturally evolved from there.

The organising committee could not have wished for more positive feedback than we have received about this conference. It is rewarding but humbling and we are delighted that attendees thought it was a great experience. I looked at what I wrote as part of the conference welcome and it seems to me that we pretty much achieved that goal.

"Our conferences are about the total experience, not just the speakers (though they are great) or the entertainment (which is special). It's also about the fun, friendships, engagement, learning and renewal of our core values in Rotary as we gain new ideas and inspiration from the speakers and each other. Our relaxed and convivial 'country casual' environment in Albury will be the perfect setting for an unforgettable experience".

The experience was helped by near to perfect weather, especially for the optional welcome BBQ that was wonderfully catered for by the Rotary Club of Albury in the very pleasant surrounds of Hovell Tree Park with the Zoot Suit Trio providing just the right musical ambience. The conference concluded with our annual conference dinner where we were entertained by the Blackburn Big Band and "Johnny Cash and June Carter-Cash". The sight of hundreds of people on their feet was something to behold. These two events were the perfect bookends for the conference. The weather also



encouraged conference attendees to enjoy their lunch on the expansive lawn around the Entertainment Centre. Morning and afternoon tea were enjoyed in the Rotary Market Place, which benefited from a very good layout due to the good size of the exhibition area.

The conference proper was punctuated by carefully selected entertainment, including Amanuael Visser, only 11 years old, whose opening songs drew a standing ovation. The Albury Scots School Band was sensational as was Soul Mystique who closed the conference. Rotary's got Talent was a new event and proved that some Rotarians really do have talent – but the Dee Gees sadly did not!



The **Peace Through Service** theme resonated through the conference. Reflections by Kaz Preston (the Japanese born wife of Glen Eira President Mark Preston), a past Exchange Student and Peace Activist and lovely rendition of "light a candle for Peace" by 9 Scots Junior School children set the stage for later presentations by former Peace Fellow Tania Miletic (our very first Peace Fellow) and Stephanie Woollard our outgoing Fellow. We also had former Peace Fellow, Charlie Allen speak at the Foundation Breakfast and two Interactors from Aitken College who attended the recent Hawaii Peace Forum.



But there was also a lot of humour. Renowned author Peter FitzSimons was brilliantly hilarious in a tour de force presentation. Carolyn Creswell (of Carman's fame) and Indira Naidoo inspired us in different ways. Suzi Duncan, a polio victim, showed us the true potential for a person to overcome a disability in a moving but uplifting address. Marilynne Paspaley and Rob Pennicott also showed us how success can also be positively applied. Our Inaugural Conference Royce Abbey Oration was delivered by Kevan Gosper who entertained and inspired us with the value of community service.



The whole conference was superbly orchestrated by John Blackman (of Hey, Hey it's Saturday fame) who stepped in after Tony Charlton passed away. He not only added humour where it was needed but showed himself to be a very effective interviewer in drawing out very poignant information from Peter Gray and Rithy Ann from Cambodia and Tamara Cannon whose foundation is doing amazing things to educate kids in Nepal. John even turned a sponsor interview into a humorous but effective interlude. We do of course acknowledge and thank all of our sponsors, especially our major sponsor, Bendigo Bank Community Bank and Lexus of Blackburn.



The RI President assigns a past Governor to represent him at every District Conference. We were privileged to have as our RIPR, PDG David Harilela from District 3450 (Hong Kong, Macau and Mongolia) accompanied by his vivacious wife Avisha. PDG David treated us to some very effective and inspirational messages and made a real effort to chat with as many conference attendees as possible. David surprised us all by performing in Rotary's got Talent. His rendition of "Pretty Woman" accompanied by some lively Exchange Students was sensational but we had to disqualify him because he has done it before!

During the conference we had the opportunity to present two significant achievement Awards. Bob Glindemann (RC Melbourne) was the recipient of Rotary's highest Award – the Service Above Self Award, only the 5th to be awarded to our District. PDG Ian Knight was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award, The most prestigious award from The Rotary Foundation. This was only the 4th of these awards made to our District. You can read more about these awards elsewhere in Networker.

Our conference theme was "Rotary – it's Amazing". The conference did show us just that!



Our Exchange Students impressed with their presentation as did the visiting GSE Team from the UK. PDG Greg Ross had a fascinating interview with Spencer Bock, a member of our first ever GSE Team and Julie Mason, leader of our most recent Team, supported by outgoing team members Karen Lillywhite and Steve Bourke.



**Dennis Shore,
District Governor.**

View conference photos at: https://picasaweb.google.com/106224275621582639712/AlburyConference?authkey=Gv1sRgCMiX8r__xNSy2AE



Two Major Rotary Awards

It was an important occasion at the District Conference in Albury to recognise two Rotarians with significant Rotary International awards, which were presented by RI President's representative, PDG David Harilela and DG Dennis.

SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARD – BOB GLINDEMANN OAM

Congratulations to PP Bob Glindemann who was the recipient of this award, which is the highest honour that Rotary International can bestow on an individual Rotarian. Recipients of this award must have demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service, with an emphasis on personal volunteer efforts and active involvement in helping others through Rotary on a continuing basis.



A maximum of 150 such awards are made annually and only 4 Rotarians from District 9800 have been previously honoured. Previous recipients are:

Dr George Tippet (Rotary Club of Melbourne) 1993-94
John Meehan (Rotary Club of Central Melbourne Sunrise) 2001-02
Mev Connell (Rotary Club of Melbourne) 2009-10
John Steven (Rotary Club of Camberwell) 2011-12

Bob Glindemann has devoted much of his life to help those less fortunate than himself. In the 2011 Australia Day honours list Bob was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for "service to the community through Rotary International and a range of social welfare, children's and motor sport organizations".

Bob has been a Rotarian for 37 years, serving as President of the Rotary Club of Darwin 1975/6 and Rotary Club of Melbourne 2003/4 and has a long history of humanitarian service through Rotary and other organisations. Outside of Rotary he is a Director of Care Australia (2008-), Deputy Chairman Very Special Kids Foundation (2002-) Director SecondBite (2006-), Deputy Chairman of Navy Health (2004-).

Bob's Rotary service is exemplary - Chairman of East Timor Committee of the Rotary Club of Melbourne (to assist redevelopment as an independent nation 2004-2011), Director of East Timor Roofing Holdings Pty Ltd (2009-) Director of East Timor Roofing and Training UNIP LDA, Director of the Australian Embassy for Timor Leste Foundation Fund (2006-2009).

Chairman Victorian Shell LiveWire Committee 1991-2004 (joint initiative with Rotary to mentor young business entrepreneurs), Chair D9800 RAWCS - 1998-2012, D9800 "Donations in Kind" Leader for many years.



Two Major Rotary Awards

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD – PDG IAN KNIGHT OAM

Congratulations to PDG Ian Knight who was awarded The Rotary Foundation's highest service recognition, the Distinguished Service Award, which is based on service to the Foundation in and beyond district level and over an extended period of time. In this 2012-13 Rotary year, the Rotary Foundation Trustees approved only 43 of these awards world-wide. This is only the fourth time that this Award has been presented to a Rotarian in our District.

The previous recipients of this award in D9800 have been:

PRIP Royce Abbey (Rotary Club of Essendon) in 1987-88

PDG the late Jack Nankervis (Rotary club of North Melbourne) 1993-94

PDG Lawrence Atley (Rotary Club of Footscray) 1996-97

Ian first joined the District foundation committee in 1982 and is still there making a difference in the lives of others. Amongst many achievements, Ian served as Group Study Exchange Team leader to Japan and was on the selection panel for 10 years from 1983 until 1994. He served on the district Polio committee and was awarded the significant contribution Award in 1987-88, the year he was Governor of our District. He received the Foundation District Service award in 1997-98.

In the 2004-6 he chaired the District's Foundation Fund raising committee and since 2006 he has continued to support the District Fundraising Chair. He is one of the reasons that the level of funding generated each year in our District enables us to carry out the wide ranging humanitarian projects in our District, funded by The Rotary Foundation.

In 2006-2008 he was appointed Annual Program Fund Strategic Advisor for rotary Zone 8A, spreading knowledge of the good works of the foundation across multi Districts and generating a wider fund raising base for the humanitarian projects of The Rotary Foundation

In 2007 he was presented with the Citation for Meritorious Service. He is an inaugural member of the Paul Harris Society and a benefactor of The Rotary Foundation.

Ian has continued to be an active member of the District Foundation committee. Over the last 3 years he has been Special projects Chair with specific reference to the Vocational Training Team project in Timor Leste. In 2010 he led an investigatory team to Timor Leste leading to the establishment of a large Global Grant funded by District Clubs and The rotary Foundation, to send 5 Vocational Teams to Timor Leste to improve the skills of midwives working in

Timor Leste. With this knowledge and experience he was invited to be a panellist at the VTT session at the 2012 international convention in Bangkok.

Ian is a charter member of the Rotary club of Werribee and with his club and District commitments has maintained a 100% attendance record over 45 years and has given 45 years of service to others across a wide range of community organizations.





Rotary's Got Talent



We didn't really believe in the talent, but they wowed us on the day. "Rotary's Got Talent" was the brain-child of Neil Roberts, who felt a talent quest was just the right fit for an event with John Blackman as M.C. The only things missing were Red Symonds and his gong.

Rotarians came out of the woodwork, to survive the auditions. At the finals in Albury, recitals, songs and a spoof Rotary meeting had us enthralled, and the only act to be booed from the stage was "The Dee-Gees". Some more work required, fellows! Singing obviously isn't considered a necessity for District Governors.

RIPR David Harilela (affectionally called "The Ripper") came close to a win with "Pretty Woman", using the Youth Exchange girls as background dancers. Neil Roberts himself had the audience singing along with "I Still Call Australia Home", but the popular winners were the groovy group, "Three Dogs Barking" who raised the roof with "Roll Over, Beethoven". They have already taken their first booking for a function, despite John Blackman's obvious disapproval.



Top: Instigator Neil Roberts, the crowd joins in, Three Dogs Barking as the result is announced, RIPR David Harilela, and the tragic Dee-Gees.



Three Dogs Barking in full flight, Annie Wysham with a thoughtful recital, the Rotary meeting Spoof, and John Blackman getting ready to “gong” two exchange students.



Rotary and Peace

The quest for world peace was a feature of District 9800's 2013 Conference in Albury. At the opening, Former Exchange Student Kaz Preston read RI President Sakuji Tanaka's message, ending with ***"I send you my best wishes for a rewarding and productive District Conference, and for a renewed commitment to building Peace Through Service together."***



The theme was continued at the Rotary Foundation Breakfast, when Inspector Charles Allen told how his learning as a RI Peace Fellow at Chulalongkorn University in Thailand was being applied to Policing in the multicultural district of Dandenong.

D9800's first Peace Scholar, Tania Miletic told of her experiences in conflict resolution and peace building, in which she now teaches in postgraduate courses.

RIPR David Halilela acknowledged District 9800 as a Peacebuilder District, when he presented DG Dennis Shore and World Peace Fellow Chair Bob Fels a banner of recognition.

In his demonstration of his pet project, "The One", RIPR David Halilela showed his annual search for a person who best exemplifies the ideals of Rotary. He raises \$100,000 for the winner's cause, and \$50,000 to the runners-up.





Secrets of the Green Room

Do you ever wonder how artists appear on-stage, apparently relaxed and ready to perform? At our Conference, speakers had a chance to relax and brush-up their ideas in the calm of "The Green Room". Behind the scenes, Jane Rose served a welcome coffee, and allowed them peace and quiet before their move to the stage. Here are some of her special photos:





Headlines you may never see:

Brighton President Peter Sherman did a double-take when he saw the headline in "The Networker" at the Marketing and Membership Stall in the Marketplace:

"Rotary Club of Brighton Inducts First Female Member"



Although it was just a mock-up for a leg-pull, Peter found himself surrounded by a group of ladies at the Saturday Dinner Dance, all willing to toast "Women in Rotary". Especially in Brighton, that is





Krazy Kayakers

DG Dennis and Chairman Noel took to the water on Hume weir on Sunday 17th March to take on all challengers in the 2013 District Conference, Inaugural St Patrick's Day Cup, Kayak challenge. Starter Damien explained that there was only one rule and that is "There are no rules and cheating is not only allowed but positively encouraged".

Despite giving most, if not all, other kayaks a "start" of around 30 years and 30 kilograms the DG's boat (the royal barge) put in a creditable performance over 3 gruelling races, all with Le Mans starts and sprint finishes. The royal barge may have gotten into the places had one of the GSE teams that placed 3rd not used the safety speedboat for the last race instead of their kayak. All 3 places were filled by the GSE team plus Gerry Cantwell. A great time was had by 40 participants and competitors. It was another innovative "first" for a district conference.

No ties or jackets, a RIPR and DG singing in Rotary's got Talent, the DG in a kayak and Johnny & June Carter-Cash resurrected. What on earth are District Conferences coming to?



Rotarians@Work

Many Rotarians are preparing for Rotarians@Work on April 1st -21st. Some Rotarians just never stop . . .

While at the Conference, a group of Caulfield RC ladies walking past the church in Albury on Sunday noticed that the footpath was covered with leaves and seeds, and thought that someone could fall because of it.

Next moment Heather Welsh disappeared and came back with a broom and proceeded to sweep it all up, leaving a clear walkway.

Well done Heather, a girl scout at heart, with a good deed every day.



About our Sponsors

On behalf of the D9800 Conference organising Committee and all Rotarians of the District who attended, we would like to thank our major Sponsors for their support in ensuring we had a successful Conference in Albury. Their support has been such that we have had a wonderful range of speakers, great entertainment and a fun evening last Saturday.



Can we therefore ask that Clubs and individuals give their support to Bendigo Bank Community Banks, (Who already support many of our Clubs) and when the time comes to replace the family car, that you give Lexus of Blackburn a call (9877 2788) to compare what's on offer. They do give Rotarians that something special.

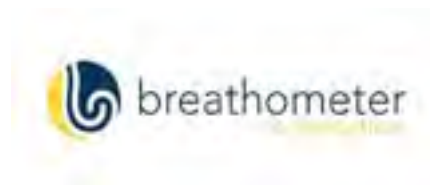


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It goes without saying, that you all will continue to support Angove's Wines and the products from Carlton & United Breweries.

David Pisterman, Chairman Sponsorship, D9800 Conference Albury March 2013



Rotary Water Programmes

Rotary's Sustainable Renewable Energy Water Distribution Empower 4000 Lubang families

By Engineer Ryan Sims, SIBAT Electrical Engineer - Engineers without Borders UK

A recent success story of Rotary International Foundation - District 9800 is exemplified in the completed Renewable Energy powered water distribution systems in Pulili, Lubang and Cabra Islands Mindoro Occidental, situated between the Philippine and South China Sea. The project executed by SIBAT (Sibol sa Agham at Teknolohiya) is a significant breakthrough in water distribution systems as it provided the community a sustainable source of energy as a catalyst for rural development. More importantly, the participation of the Lubang community in project development is a form of social organization and empowered the community to own and sustain the system.

Sitios Pulili (Lubang), Buli and Libis (Cabra Islands), as with many other villages on dry and arid Lubang Island, suffers from water shortage and supply problems throughout the year. In summer, several water sources dry up and make the already challenging daily task of collecting water more difficult. In fact, even during the wet-season, many residents spend a significant portion of their day collecting water for drinking, cooking, crop/livestock propagation and other domestic purposes.

Arnolfo 'Arno' Sigman, is a typical example. Arno and his son have to walk upwards of 2 km daily to manually collect water and carry back to their house to provide for their family. Women are also faced with this onerous task which can take up to 3 hours of their day.

With the initiation of the Rotary Club of Melbourne, RAWCS Chairperson for Water Sanitation, Ruth Carlos-Martinez, worked with SIBAT RE engineers and, Rotary Club of Lubang on both the Island's rugged terrain to plan the project. The aim is to develop an RE (wind turbine and solar) powered water distribution system that will provide level-2 water access for 23 housing clusters on both islands. Major project activities included design and installation of a solar/ turbine PV power source; the development of two deep dug wells; and installation of a separate water distribution and storage systems including submersible pump, water tower tanks, transmission and distribution pipe lines, robust tap stand collection areas; and bio sand water filtration system to ensure the community of clean drinking water.

Carlos-Martinez with RC Lubang Island emphasised the need for long term sustainability. SIBAT formed a Peoples Organisation (PO) and trained the community on operating / maintaining the system, through to a disaster and tsunami watch. The PO receive remuneration from a community fund generated via minimal water tariff collection. In the true spirit of community based systems, the community fund is also used for any future maintenance, ensuring the long-term sustainability of the project.

With a total cost of US\$68,700 the project was completed in January 2013. Cluster tap stands now provide clean water across the sitios of Lubang and Cabra Islands, greatly reducing the time Arno and the villagers have to spend collecting water – one of the most basic of human needs.



Arno, system operator, enjoying the moment first water is pumped!

In a visit to Lubang Island by the Rotary Club of Melbourne with Ruth Carlos, the community expressed its overwhelming gratitude to RI Foundation, Melbourne, Brighton Beach/ North, Lubang Island, SIBAT and Lubang local government, for access to clean water.





Polio Survivors Today

By Jill Forsyth, RC of Kew

Did you know that polio survivors today form the largest single physical disability group in Australia?

The Australian Polio Register was established by Polio Australia in October 2010 to gather information on the numbers of polio survivors living in Australia today, whether or not they contracted polio in this country. As there are no accurate records regarding current numbers of people experiencing the Late Effects of Polio, this information is vital in assisting Polio Australia to raise awareness of this condition with health professionals and policy makers. So if you know anyone who has had polio, ask them to consider signing up to the Australian Polio Register at www.polioaustralia.org.au



Tens of thousands of Australians contracted paralytic polio between the 1930s and 1960s and as they head into their senior years, the development of new and often debilitating symptoms can occur, commonly known as the 'Late Effects of Polio'.

Join the RC of Kew to help raise awareness of the Australian Polio Register and support the Polio Australia Art exhibition and auction on Wednesday 17th March at 6pm in the Kew Court House, 188 High St Kew. There are probably members in your own Rotary club, their friends or family living with the effects of polio so please help spread the word.

"Touched by Polio: from casts to catharsis" art exhibition and auction on Wednesday 27th March, reflects on the often evoked 'torture' associated with childhood polio and transforms that painful memory into a thing of value and/or beauty – much like the lives of Australia's polio survivors who became artists themselves, or family/friends of the artists who have created each of the 35 unique exhibition pieces. All exhibition details and art works can be found online here: www.polio.org.au



Yes, We're Still Here!

Welcome New Members

President Tony Wells inducted Greg Dimopoulos and Samantha Mainardi to the Rotary Club of North Balwyn, on Thursday 7th March.

Greg is a past member of the Club's Interact and Rotoract Clubs.

Samantha speaks Italian and Spanish and sings with the Melbourne Italian Womens Choir.



Tips for Finding Peace Applicants

FELLOWSHIPS ARE WORTH UP \$US 77,000

The benefits of the Rotary Peace program are not well known. The more we talk about it, the better the quality of applicants. Please promote it in your Club.

It is time to start looking for Rotary Peace Applicants for the Peace Fellowships. Your immediate response is – I don't know any people working in the peace business so I will pass it by. Think laterally. Many Rotarians are in the same boat. But, what we do have is extensive networks with employers of peace workers. Ask your members who they know in humanitarian organizations like World Vision, Red Cross, Oxfam, Caritas, AusAid, the armed forces, the police – both Vic Police and Federal Police, Care Australia or do they know some one who is with the UN, WHO, Unesco. The more people Rotarians talk to in those organizations, the better the chances of good applicants. Rotary is offering free career development to these organizations - a strong selling story. Our District has successfully nominated more peace Fellows than any other District in the world. What will you and your Club members do to keep us at the top of the world ladder?



Applicants must have at least 3 years relevant experience in peace and conflict resolution. The field of experience is diverse – journalists, social workers, lawyers, teachers peace keeping armed services and police, diplomatic service, foreign aid workers, public health, engineers involved in post war reconstruction, etc.

You might think the closing date of 15 May is a long way off. Our experience is it takes about 6 weeks for applicants to research which universities they want to go to and prepare their application. We can help them with any questions. It is time to start now.

Our District is the Black Caviar of the Rotary Peace Centers Program being the only District in the world to have won at every start. It's a record we must maintain

The Rotary Peace Studies program is remarkably successful. People out in the community will benefit from it. Go tell them.

BOB FELS
Chair, District 9800 Rotary Peace Fellows Committee.

Peace articles are at <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.com.au/news/2990>

<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.com.au/news/3014>





Notices and Events

For a full Notices & Events calendar, visit the following link:

http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/notices_and_events

EVENTS - March 2013

**23rd
March**

The Willy Ball

Saturday 23rd March 2013, starting 6.45pm until 12.30am

Held at Fort Gellibrand, Morris Street, Williamstown

Cost: \$125 per person and includes canapés on arrival, 3 course meal, drinks, dancing and entertainment. There's even a ceremonial cannon firing and tours of the Fort. Dress code: Black tie

Booking is easy, just go to our website for all the details at www.rotarypointgellibrand.com For enquires contact Martin Smith at martin.smith.51@gmail.com



**24th
March**

Richmond RC - Motto Garage Sale

Over 300 Australian-made ladies fashion samples. Not open to the general public. ALL GARMENTS ONLY \$20 PER PIECE! Grab SUPER-SNAZZY bargains at a truly affordable price!

Sunday 24th March, 2013, 10.30am – 4.00pm

121 Esplanade East (Corner Graham St) Port Melbourne (Mel map: 2J/F7)

On-street parking Cash and Credit card facilities only

All monies raised from the Rotary Club of Richmond's 'Motto Garage Sale' go towards community projects.

(View Motto garment styles at www.motto.com.au)

Download further details at <http://www.rotaryrichmond.org.au/notice.php>



**22-24
March**

Rotary Youth Program of ENrichment

The next RYPEN camp will be held on the weekend of Friday 22 – Sunday 24 March 2013.

Dates: Friday 22 - Sunday 24 March 2013

Location: Weekaway, Kitchenhams Road, Lancefield

Cost per participant: \$286.00 (incl GST) per participant

For more information about RYPEN, please reed our RYPEN page.

<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/news/1595/rotary-youth-program-of-enrichment->



**26th
March**

The Rotary Club of Yarraville Annual Raffle

Drawn Tuesday March 26th, 2013

At the Yarraville Club \$5:00 per ticket



April 2013

**12th
April**

Masquerade Ball

Friday 12 April 2013 The International, 81 Bay St. Brighton. 3186 7.00pm for 7.30pm

Lounge suit, ladies please wear a mask

\$150 per person (\$50 tax deductible) Includes 3 course meal and beverages

Band: The very popular 'Tequila Bros' Donations: Welcome (fully tax deductible)

Contact: Garry Bradd m: 0418 107 800 p: 9596 1316

Over the past 27 years, the Rotary Club of North Brighton has assisted the Bayside community in many ways. Help us to continue our work in the local community by joining us at our masquerade ball and auction.





April 2013

**15th
April**

Charity Golf Day

Footscray Rotary & Vic Police Annual Charity Golf Day
Monday 15th April 2013 from 11.30am to 6:30pm Cost: \$75 per player
Sunshine Golf Club, Mt Derrimut Rd. Derrimut (Melways ref: 39- E3)
RSVP by 9th April 2013 to Ron Hunt 0400-205-858 or ron@tradesmart.net.au
<http://rotaryfootscray.org/>



**19th
April**

Back to Square Dance Night

Maribyrnong Park Bowls Club, 195 Holmes Road, Moonee Ponds.
Friday 19th April Cost: \$20.00 per person
RSVP: To Meg Smith-Beale on 9331-6699, by 31st of March 2013
Net Proceeds to Royal Children's Hospital Clown Doctors
Ladies, please bring a basket supper. Drinks at bar prices.
Flyer available at www.rotarykeilor.org.au



**21st
April**

ROTARY CLUB OF HOPPERS CROSSING BRIDAL EXPO

Werribee Function Centre, Werribee Racecourse, Bulban Road, Werribee. **21 April** 10.00am till 4.00pm. \$5.00 per head with all funds raised going towards Rotary's work in the community

More info: Colin Styles on mobile 0416 191 320 or email rchcbridalexpo@inet.net.au or cstyles@bigpond.net.au

There will be some 40 to 50 wedding specialists including: Marriage Celebrants, Wedding Photographers, Bridal Make-Up, Bonbonnières, Wedding Invitations and Stationery, Wedding Reception Venues, Wedding Cakes, Wedding Florists, Wedding Dresses, Mother-of-the-Bride Wear, Male Formal Wear, Wedding Gifts, Decorations, and Wedding Cars and Limousines.

Fashion parades at 11.30am and 2.30pm showcasing Bridal and Mother-of-the-Bride Wear. Novelty events for Brides-to-be with some worthwhile prizes available.



**28th
April**

Tribute to Jim Thompson

Sunday April 28, 4.00pm start
Uniting Church 132 Keilor Rd, North Essendon
\$25 pp includes Tea or Coffee and Nibbles
Drinks at Bar Prices Complimentary Glass of Champagne on arrival
"Door Prize" and raffle .Entertainment: "Future of Australian Music"
Funds raised go to Cancer Research
RSVP 26th April, 2013 to Jacob Taurins, taurins2@vegas.com.au



May 2013

**4th
May**

RC Rochester Pie and Port Night

Saturday 4th May
This annual event promises a night filled with Fellowship, straight from the oven country fresh bakery, along with ample refreshment of all variety to suit attendees. Rotarians and partners from all District and beyond Clubs are invited to come and spend a weekend or night in the northern part of the District, relax, seeing the District sights along with attending Pie and Port night in the Rochester Fire Brigade Function Room.
Who knows a visitor from a City Club may even win the Major Raffle prize again. For further details contact rochester@rotarydistrict9800.org or direct to Rotarian Heather, 03 54841147





Notices and Events

Footy Tipping

Rotary's premier footy tipping competition will start again soon.

No doubt those of you who participated in our inaugural Rotary Aussiefootytips competition last year can hardly wait to rejoin, and we urge you to do so now and beat the rush.

Why not use \$25 Rotary Aussiefootytips vouchers as staff Christmas presents?

Big prizes once again and we will continue to support Australian Childhood Foundation and The Ovarian Cancer Research Fund. This year we hope to welcome the Australian Rotary Health fund as one of our principal Charity partners.

As we prepare for the 2013 competition we are seeking sponsorship and inviting you to forward the names of any companies or people you know who might be interested. All we need are the names and we will make contact.

Please forward suggestions to Noel Halford 0419018901 or noelhalford@gmail.com

Enter for tipping at <http://www.aussiefootytips.org/>



ROTARY HIROSHIMA PEACE FORUM

17th-19th MAY 2013

District 9800 the world's leading Rotary District in Peace Studies wishes to engage and inspire young people to pursue paths to peace in their studies, in their work and in their daily lives.

District 9800 proposes to part sponsor a max of 8 young people aged between 18 to 35 years of age to attend the upcoming Hiroshima Peace Forum 17-19 May 2013 in Japan.

District 9800 will provide funding of up to \$1,400 towards of a return economy airfare and to assist with the cost of the travel component.

Clubs that sponsor successful applicants may choose to contribute to the applicants' costs of accommodation, internal travel and incidentals which we estimate to be in the region of \$700, excluding any passport or visa costs.

For details on the PEACE FORUM http://www.info-hiroshima.co.jp/peace/index_e.html

Further enquiries should be directed to Bob Fels, Phone 5989 2455 or email rfels@satlink.com.au



17-18 May 2013
Rotary Global Peace Forum
in Hiroshima

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Contact the Editor

Do you have a letter for Clarice?
Is something on on your mind?

Send your thoughts to her email address at
clarice@rotarydistrict9800.org.au



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