

PDG Gordon McKern OAM



Service Above Self Award

Rotary
District 9800



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Channel 9 News article on the RI Convention 2023

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/RotaractAustralia/permalink/10157232991483627?sfs=mo>

District 98000 Foundation Giving Tree Autumn

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/154713a404a5f24c010420601/files/3b6820a7-9861-4a75-b423-4f93cb90b0a1/Elect_version.pdf

Rotary On the Move March

<https://rotaryclubofmiltonulladulla.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/2019-03-Rotary-on-the-Move-Newsletter-Zone-7B-and-8.pdf>

The Rotarian March 2019

https://rotarianmagazine-us.rotary.org/rotarian/march_2019/MobilePagedReplica.action?pm=2&folio=Cover#pg1

Brand Centre update to People of Action campaign

The power of one and the power of together
— **Edward Hale,**
19th century American clergyman.

*"I am only one, but I am one.
I cannot do everything but I can do
something.
The something I ought to do I can do.*

Together:
*one of the most inspiring words in the
English language.
Coming together is a beginning;
keeping together is progress;
working together is success.*

Check out the revised People of Action campaign in the Brand Center.,

Together we Inspire, Connect and Transform.

Together we End Polio, Mentor, Empower, Learn, Save Lives,
Fight Hunger, Promote Peace.

Go to Brand Center//People of Action//Create Your Own print ad,
then In the drop down box on the right, choose the verb.

District Governor Bronwyn Stephens

What connections did you make?

Did you find some new friends and plan collaborations at the Multi-District Conference?

At the Homelessness Forum the room was full. It is a statement of how committed we are to address this problem on so many levels. We understand in the District Support Team that Clubs are looking to connect further and the opportunity for this will happen in the next few weeks.

Thank you to everyone that came with projects to share, stories to tell, new friends to meet. To the Rotary Club of Canterbury, thank you for facilitating us packing over 35,000 emergency food packs for relief use in disaster situations. I met a gentleman from the public who walked in to assist. His experience of Rotary surely is what we are all about...helping others while having fun.



It was an utter privilege presenting the highest honour of Rotary International to Gordon McKern OAM; The "Service Above Self" Award. Congratulations Gordon, again.

Mark Stephens, your overarching of the team who created the conference is to be applauded. The team around you are to be congratulated also. Those in District 9800 involved, thank you and take a bow.

I must single out a few people though: Peter Shephard and John Wall. We didn't see you at all enjoying the conference in the audience. You were there volunteering many hours each day behind the scenes. O Dale Hoy for creating the Social Impact Forum; Des O'Shanassy and your team for the Interact Conference; also Murray Verso and your team for a wonderful Peace Summit. Thank you.

Yvonne Flynn thank you for Chairing the District 9800 session, and to Ian Hovey for telling our stories so well, and Jonathan Sheppard thank you for MC'ing.

Wasn't the entertainment so appropriate and sublime? Michael Lapina – you are a star with so much brilliance.

So now, inspired, refreshed and remembering the stories we are back to the fellowship and service in our Clubs and Clusters...but knowing that we are a family of Rotary much wider and with only arbitrary borders.

Bronwyn

Rotary for me allows a person to take an idea to help another person, a community or the whole world...and for like minded people to join them to make it happen."

PDG Gordon McKern OAM honoured with RI Service Above

Past District Governor Gordon McKern has become the first person outside the Melbourne Metropolitan area, to be honoured with Rotary's prestigious Service Above Self award.

He was presented with the award at the Multi District Conference on February 17th by Rotary International's Past Foundation Director and Chair of the Rotary Peace Centre Committee, Bryn Styles.

Gordon is one of only five people in District 9800 in the last 20 years to receive the accolade, and he was recognised for his commitment to helping others by volunteering his time and talents.

As District Governor, Gordon led efforts to raise millions of dollars to help create the Rotary Bone Marrow Donor Institute in Melbourne.

"When you're District Governor, you have a cause in mind which you want the clubs to get involved in," he said.

"We wanted to raise \$2 million but we managed to raise \$4 million to go towards the institute."



He later assisted in efforts to create the BMDI Rotary House in North Melbourne, which provides accommodation for families of children who are undergoing bone marrow treatment at the Royal Children's Hospital.

Gordon McKern joined the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk in 1976 after relocating his business and his family from Melbourne. In his 43 years at Rotary, he has contributed at all levels of the organisation from being a regular member, to Club President, and then District Governor from 1992-93.

He also played a key role in his local community over the last four decades; he was the chairman of Coliban Water for 14 years, chairman of the Bendigo Art Gallery for six years, president of Bendigo Regional Institute of TAFE for five years and chairman of La Trobe University Bendigo Regional Advisory Board for four years. He also currently holds the position of chairman at both the Ulumbarra Theatre and the Aspire Foundation.

Gordon received the **Australian Centenary Medal in 2001** and an **Order of Australia in 2009** for his service to the community. He was also recognised as **Citizen of the Year** in Eaglehawk in 1986 and in Bendigo in 2014.

He also started the **McKern Foundation**, which for the last 25 years has supplied, delivered and erected all steel requirements for the Royal Children's Hospital's annual fundraising project of building a house for sale. His foundation also supplies fresh fruit every week to every student at 37 schools around Bendigo.

District Governor Bronwyn Stephens said Gordon McKern's influence on Rotary and the wider community has been incomparable. "He is one of very few people that is universally respected and admired and that only good things that are said of," Ms Stephens said. "Gordon McKern is a Rotarian that genuinely practices service above self every day."

"He's touched a lot of people and sat beside them on their own humanitarian journeys," she said.

As District Governor, Mr McKern led efforts to raise millions of dollars to help create the Rotary Bone Marrow Donor Institute in Melbourne.

Gordon has also been influential in doubling the number of members of the Paul Harris Society, which recognised Rotary members who contribute over \$1,000 or more each year.

"He has been hugely successful in persuading people to join and donate," former Rotary District Governor Dennis Shore said. Mr Shore, a close friend of Mr McKern, said the philanthropist was "one of nature's finest gentlemen".

"He is respected within Rotary, respected as businessman and as a community leader, and is admired as a family man," he said. "I'm proud to call him a friend, as would many, many people," he said.

Extracted from an article in the Bendigo Advertiser, 26th February 2019

<https://www.bendigoadvertiser.com.au/story/5924178/local-hero-honoured-for-selfless-service/?>

2019 Multi District Conference

Congratulations to Conference Chair Mark Stephens, the team from Districts 9790, 9810 and 9820 and our own Rotarians who gave so much to make this event such an outstanding success. The speakers were inspirational; the opportunities to network, collaborate and collect new ideas superb. Many thanks to RIPR Stephanie Urchick, PRIP Ian Riseley, PRID Bryn Styles for their friendship and warm welcomes. **DGE Grant Hocking has announced that the 2020 Conference will be held in Bendigo March 27-29th.**

For presentations and entertainment

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5Py6Jpe2Zh9w9gXcqi5vx08MX-v8m3uS&fbclid=IwAR3HvXzXW6GxAca8mtGZUX1SI53YSCytBnRDWG9d4ghg5MM5daeqXVtmkAA>



Rotary working in Vietnam

Rotary is not officially present in Vietnam, but Rotary North Balwyn has partnered with a Non-Government Organisation, the **Overseas Kids Foundation** to provide assistance to a poor community since 2009.

Over 100 children who were previously unable to go to school have been sponsored, with five already having graduated from University in a variety of disciplines. Books, furniture and equipment have been supplied to the kindergarten, schools and health clinic. Following testing, clean water has been supplied through six outlets in the schools and community. Pig-raising and a new agricultural project are in process with the aim of breaking the poverty cycle.

The International Red Cross has presented us with an Achievement Award.

As a result of visible benefits, the Phu Tho Provincial Government asked that we support other communities and, led by Rotary Bacchus Marsh, Balwyn and Brighton, we have committed to assist three other communities using the North Balwyn approach.

More than 1,500 children will benefit from educational support and some 16,000 residents from improvements in water, sanitation and health care.

This is an inspirational example of District 9800 clubs working together to make a difference through improving lives of needy people.



Clean Water in Minh Hac.



A new agricultural initiative

The new partnership in Bang Gia community:
OKF Country Manager Thuy Minh Nguyen, Rotarians Tony O'Brien, Rowan McClean and Clarke Ballard and People's Committee representatives.



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“We” built a School

Have you ever thought about how many people support our projects directly and indirectly? Many of our projects have partners that are often overlooked when we mention “Our Project”.

The project had two excellent major partners who raised half of the funds and supplied much of the expertise, coordination and supervision on site. They had support from hundreds of people who assisted directly and through the Fundraising Events they supported.

RAWCS had a significant role. The Project and the RAWCS Volunteers who visited received great support and some donors received tax deductibility.

We also equipped the school with furniture gathered by the many volunteers who bring goods to Donations In Kind and we were assisted by the volunteers at the Store. The school was fully equipped with furniture from DIK. Donations In Kind exists because of the generosity of the individuals and Rotary Clubs who fund the Store. They are partners in all of the projects shipped. We received a District 9800 Grant to help with the equipment.

The Project received a District Foundation Grant and all of the individuals and Clubs who donated to the Rotary Foundation three years ago are partners in this and all of the other projects our Foundation has supported this year.

And then there are the Rotary Partner Clubs; thirteen of them from Districts in Victoria, NSW and New Zealand. What about the people who buy a Rotary sausage sandwich and help to projects like this?

To all of the people who helped in some way a very big “Thank You” from the children who will have a much better future because of your contribution.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/t849vl9vtkksi8e/Belola%20school%20Feb%202018.m4v?dl=0>



David Dippie
Rotary Club of Keilor





**Store Open Day Saturday
March 23th 10.00 -3.00**



**Did you know that we
donate surplus reusable
medical equipment and
supplies to Rotary Donations In Kind?**



**You are invited to visit the store at
Shed 39 400 Somerville Rd West Footscray**

**It's a great opportunity to talk to the people who are
shipping medical equipment and supplies to hospitals
in developing countries and how our donations are
improving patient care and saving lives.**

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Rotary Donations In Kind

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Adopt a Bed Program



The supply of medical equipment and consumables is the most cost effective way to support two of the Rotary Foundations Areas of Focus and to improve patient care and save Mothers and Children's lives.



The Adopt a Bed Program is one of the easiest and most cost effective International Projects your Club can adopt.



In developing countries if they have Hospital Beds they often look like this.



You can be the difference

The Donations In Kind **Adopt A bed Program** allows a Rotary Club or an individual (Tax deductibility available) to sponsor a Hospital Bed for \$200 or 6 for \$1000. When the funds are received your bed number is allocated and when your hospital bed is shipped the Club is advised and given details on the Project. You can send a cheque; transfer the funds to Donations In Kind BSB 633 108, Account No 1434 96529 or go to www.rawcs.org.au / click to donate / Project No 32 Year 2014-15 and nominate Adopt a Bed.

From as little as \$200 you can support the Adopt A Bed Program and improve patient care in developing countries.

For more information, contact David Dippie 0408 174773 solatube@bigpond.com

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Dear Rotarians and Friends,

WERN is now approaching 4 years since establishing itself in Footscray with the help of many good people and corporates who simply want nothing more than to help their community.



Since May 2015, apart from establishing the necessary partnerships, sponsorships and creating a location to operate from, **WERN** has successfully established a network of 50+ support agencies and have partnered with 320+ accredited case managers to support the clients we assist every day with material aid at no cost helping people to re-establish their lives after experiencing trauma through emergency circumstances of fire or flood or from backgrounds of domestic violence, refugee, mental health or homelessness circumstances.

WERN is a Rotary program managed by 10 Rotary Clubs from District 9800 in the north and west of Melbourne and provide our service to 9 municipalities from Brimbank; Hobson's Bay; Hume; Maribyrnong; Melton; Moonee Valley; Moorabool; Moreland and Wyndham and simply rely on the generous support of our Member Clubs, our Sponsors and our Community.

WERN has assisted over 1,200 families since commencing and has provided over 25,000 items to our clients with a nominal value of almost \$800,000.00. **WERN** has received over 1,000 donations and almost 8,600 hours from our volunteers. An outstanding effort in under four years and currently **WERN** is assisting 50 to 60 families each month.

WERN is now needing to find new premises to operate from, our current facility has been ear-marked for redevelopment and in the short-term will be used as part of the Metro Tunnel development. Part of our strategy is to identify and purchase a suitable long-term home for our activities where we can continue to provide quality, free of charge goods to our most challenged and needy members within our communities.

Your help is requested to assist us in raising the funds required to meet this goal and any support you can provide will ensure the long-term future of this extraordinary Rotary program. As Rotary Clubs, as individuals your assistance would be most welcome and should you be able to incorporate us into any of your fundraising or donations in the coming 12 months it would be greatly appreciated.

WERN is registered with the Australian Charities & Not-for-profits Commission as a Registered Charity, endorsed for Designated Gift Recipient status with the Australian Tax Office and an Endorsed Community Service Program of Rotary District 9800.

Should you wish for more details or like a representative to talk to your club please don't hesitate to contact me.



**Western Emergency
Relief Network
Building Fund**



Past District Governor Ross Butterworth



Can you help us grow?

**WE are well on the way to
our Building Fund Target,
can you help us get there
with a loan or donation?**

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Australian Government
Australian Taxation Office
Endorsed Designated Gift Recipient



District 9800 Foundation



Catherine (Kitty) O'Connor, President of the Rotary Club of Laverton Point Cook was inspired by the conference; such that Kitty joined the Paul Harris Society and told us: Re the PHS, I'm pretty stoked and rather humbled to be number 136 and the first ever for my club.

The thing that excites me the most, is realising that without the Foundation and our support for it, is that all but a few programmes wouldn't exist. Doing the Prance in the Park with Susie Cole [for Polio] was fantastic and connecting with everyone involved was brilliant.

However, learning even more about what the Foundation, was and is through Bryn (Styles) was an eye opening moment. I wasn't the only one at my table either that came away with a new appreciation for Foundation.

Joining then became a no brainer for me. I mean, I looked at it and thought, "you know what Kitty, it's just 1.5 bottles of Veuve a month, you can do that easy".

So yes, my liver is thanking me AND I get to play a small part in keeping the heart of Rotary beating. [if you do not appreciate the significance of this reference check out <https://champagnethursday.org/>]

It's an exciting time to be a Rotarian that's for damn sure.

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/154713a404a5f24c010420601/files/3b6820a7-9861-4a75-b423-4f93cb90b0a1/Elect_version.pdf



John Hewko on Innovation



How do we innovate at Rotary?

Innovation and flexibility. Those are two words you hear a lot today when we think about any organization adapting to a rapidly changing environment. But what do those two words mean for Rotary?

In short, they will define Rotary's future, because they are fundamental pillars of our strategic plan for enhanced impact, reach, engagement and adaptability.

If we are really serious about growing Rotary and attracting new members from all demographics, we must innovate. That innovation will need to take various forms.

It begins, **first**, with making the idea of innovation in Rotary a mindset. It begins with developing a culture of positive change and adapting to the needs of our new realities and challenges.

Second, innovation is also about **transformative technologies**. We can call this sustaining innovation – that is, constantly developing our suite of products to serve our existing members.

We have implemented this concept of sustaining innovation through three channels of new technology: [Rotary's Learning Center](#), [Rotary Club Central](#), and an enhanced **online membership leads program**. Now, all these tools are at your disposal, and many new ones are in the process of being developed. Their consistent use should be a key foundation of our future growth strategy.

The **third** kind of innovation that we must aspire to generate at Rotary is called **disruptive innovation**.

In the world of business, it refers to a product or service, often very simple in its first design. This product or service takes root at the bottom of a market, and then relentlessly grows in popularity, until it displaces established competitors.

Think of how the traditional taxi cab business has been changed forever by ride sharing platforms such as Uber, which connects consumers who need rides with drivers willing to provide them.

With a growing group of individuals looking for connection, friendship, and an opportunity to get involved in the world around them, Rotary is well positioned to be a disruptive innovator.

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Imagine for a moment what Rotary clubs could look like in the future. Clubs that could change their meeting schedule and format, can relax attendance requirements, and offer multiple membership types.

Think of a club where you can invite Rotaractors to be members of your club while they are still in Rotaract.

A club of the future, where measuring adherence to the rules is replaced with measuring progress against goals to improve the community and to grow the club. Well, you don't have to imagine very far, because these clubs already exist. [Next Rotary Generation Invercargill](#) is a family-friendly club in New Zealand with fluid meeting times and venues. While attendance is encouraged, it is not compulsory. [The Rotary Club of Aruba](#) systematically engages with its local Rotaract and Interact Clubs to ensure a smooth and natural transition into the Rotary club. As a result, half of the club members are former Rotaractors.

Then there are the so-called [Passport clubs](#). Three years ago District 5180 in California began thinking about a club model that would be attractive to younger members who were not interested in attending weekly meetings or paying dues they could not afford.

The district chartered what they called a Passport club with 20 members in Sacramento, California. The club meets only six times a year with an optional social event in the month between meetings. In addition to attending the six required meetings, every year passport members must either contribute \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation OR do at least 40 hours of community service with Rotary clubs or other non-profits in the district.

This club has more than tripled its membership in three years.

A long-term sustainable growth strategy just doesn't appear out of thin air. It requires a commitment to club innovation and flexibility; a commitment to best serving the specific needs of our communities as they evolve, and to incorporate Rotaractors into Rotary. I challenge all of us to think out of the box, and to grow Rotary through new innovative club models and to try new approaches. I'm confident that we will embrace the opportunities ahead of us through innovation, flexibility and thoughtful change.

John Hewko, Rotary International General Secretary

Nutritious Food – A Human Right

According to the **Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations** (FAO), figures show that hunger is on the rise. It's estimated that the number of undernourished people has increased to nearly 821 million, from around 804 million. And, at the same time, 1.9 billion people are overweight. Many people associate eating with easing hunger. Those affected by both malnutrition and over-nutrition may not know that feeling full does not necessarily equate to having adequate nutrition.

We also know that every minute 5 children under the age of 5 die from malnutrition, and it's because of these figures that **Food Plant Solutions Rotarian Action Group** (FPS) is working hard to end hunger, malnutrition and ensure food security.

Formed in 2007, **Food Plant Solutions Rotarian Action Group** creates educational publications that present scientific evidence in simple terms, tailored for all levels of literacy. The publications are designed to quantify the nutritional value of food plants and educate care-givers on which food plants are more nutritious and why our bodies need those nutrients. We focus on what are often neglected and under-utilised plants, plants that are growing in and adapted to the environment, plants that are high in the most beneficial nutrients, plants that require minimal inputs to grow.

Food Plant Solutions does not send people in-country, but forms partnerships with existing providers who use our publications to educate communities, and particularly women and children, on the nutrient value of their local food plants. Our approach empowers through education. The more information and education people have on food choices; what nutritious food is, how to grow it and why it's important to eat, the more likely they will be to make healthier choices. This benefits them, their family and their community as a whole



Teachers being given the translated FPS field guide and then learning about the information in the guide.

We need your help

Because hunger and malnutrition kills 1.5 times more people than AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and natural disasters combined. And, we know that girls who are born malnourished and become stunted as children, will often become malnourished mothers and the cycle then repeats itself. This cycle can be broken - empowering women through education so that they understand what nutritious food is, why their bodies need it and how to access it.

Malnutrition and stunting rob children of their futures – both are preventable.

We'd like to cease to exist because we were no longer needed. Sadly, we are a long way from that.

We are very low cost - all general donations go solely towards the project.

We are an innovative approach to hunger, malnutrition and food security, which is cost effective and proven to work; our Vietnamese partner has seen malnutrition reduce in schools by 95%.

The schools





Children working in the gardens

In their report “**2018 - The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World**”, FAO have said "Access to safe, nutritious and sufficient food must be framed as a human right, with priority given to the most vulnerable. Policies must pay special attention to the food security and nutrition of children under five, school-age children, adolescent girls and women in order to halt the intergenerational cycle of malnutrition. A shift is needed towards nutrition-sensitive agriculture and food systems that provide safe and high quality food, promoting healthy diets for all."

This is what Food Plant Solutions does; we address the issues identified by FAO, and our approach is in line with their recommendations.

How you can help

Make a donation – <https://foodplantsolutions.org/donate/>

- Introduce us to possible donors / sponsors.
- Start a program.
- Include us in an existing program.

As FAO Team Leader – Chikelu Mba has said of our Ugandan publications -

“This is a worthy resource that should be replicated for every country and people struggling to feed and nourish the populace adequately – even in the midst of plenty.”

Contact us at info@foodplantsolutions.org or visit our website: www.foodplantsolutions.org

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Swimland Great Australia Day Swim 2019

HIGHLIGHTS



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**RI Southern Districts Shine On Committee
and the Rotary Club of Hoppers Crossing**

Invites you to attend the

Shine On Recognition
Presentation Ceremony

Sunday 7th April 2019
1pm to 4:00pm

Italian Sports Club of Werribee Function Centre
601 Heaths Road, Werribee

Please RSVP your attendance by no later than Friday 15th March 2019 to:

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SD Shine On Representative
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Around the Clubs

It's official – **The Rotary E-Club of Melbourne** is the first **Peacebuilder E-Club** in the world and the first **Peacebuilder Club in Australia**. This was something inspired by our District Governor, Bronwyn Stephens and supported by the members of this wonderful club.

<https://www.rotarianactiongroupforpeace.org/how-to-become-an-active-peacebuilder-club/>

I want to thank our members for making this possible. Without your support, we would not have become a Peacebuilder Club nor would we have been a world first and an Australian first. In the short time that we have been a Peacebuilder Club (since August 2018) we have inspired MacRob Interact Club who, in turn, inspired their fellow students to celebrate International Day of Peace.

We have also spread the word at the Rotary ANZ Conference in Hobart to encourage other Rotary clubs in the area to join us. We should all rightly be proud of what we have achieved so far and we can look forward to what we can achieve going forward.

Is there something our members can be directly involved? Yes, absolutely.

Go to <http://rotarypeaceacademy.org/> and take part in the free course about peace. It will give you a clear understanding of peace and what we can do to promote peace. It will put you in an excellent position to explain to others what we are trying to achieve and why they should join us. In other words, arm yourself to inspire others!

Gabe Hau, President
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RIPR Stephanie Urchick has been visiting clubs with PDG Julie Mason. Last week she visited the Goldfields Cluster and the knitting ranch.



VALE

Graeme Carson Leggo was a Past President and long serving member of the Rotary Club of Richmond. He was also a member of Friend os Richmond Rotary since its inception. Graeme passed away earlier this month.



If you are in year 9, 10 or 11, a year's

Study Abroad Opportunity

offered by your local Rotary Club provides:



- ❖ An opportunity to attend a secondary school in a different country
- ❖ An opportunity to develop new language skills
- ❖ An opportunity to develop a lifetime of international friendships
- ❖ An opportunity to develop your understanding of different cultures
- ❖ An opportunity to develop in many ways

The Rotary Study Abroad Opportunity includes:

School arrangements and tuition for a high school year abroad, accommodation, a pre-departure and after arrival orientation, a monthly allowance and Rotary support

- THE ROTARY STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITY IS MADE POSSIBLE BY THE GENEROSITY OF OUR OVERSEAS ROTARY PARTNERS AND LOCAL ROTARY CLUBS PARTICIPATING IN THE ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM.
- APPLICANTS MUST BE BETWEEN AGES 15 YEARS AND 17½ YEARS AT THE TIME OF DEPARTURE IN JANUARY.
- FURTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE FROM YOUR LOCAL ROTARY CLUB COORDINATOR - **CONDITIONS APPLY**



www.ryea.org.au

www.rotaryyouthexchangedistrict9800.org.au

Australia Day Honours

President Neville Taylor from the Rotary Club of Central Melbourne was a recipient of an award in the Australia Day Honours list, recognized for distinguished service with an **Australian Police Medal**. In part, this award recognizes his work in building internal and external relationships that have contributed to the development of VICPOL. Neville is an alumni of the Victoria Police Leaders Mentoring Program (VPLMP) a project of this club, and represents VICPOL on its Steering Committee.

Other recipients of the medal this year who are alumni of the program or otherwise associated with the club are **Superintendent Charles Allen**, a Rotary Peace Fellow and speaker at our District Conference; **Inspector Stephen Mutton**, a syndicate leader on the VPLMP and contributor to the development of the "Connecting Communities" theme of the conference; and **Superintendent Peter Lardner** a participant in the first year of the VPLMP.



David Inglis of the Rotary Club of Melbourne is a Partner at law firm MinterEllison, sharing his expertise in corporate law and passion for philanthropy to help establish **Interplast Australia** and New Zealand in 1983. The former **Interplast** president received the OAM for his significant service to the international community through humanitarian medical programs.

David has also been awarded the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons' Companion of the College Award in 2018, and the Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Club of Melbourne in 2016.

Today, he continues to play an integral role at Interplast as an Honourable Member and generously provides pro bono legal advice to Interplast.



Professor Mary Pauline Galea of the Rotary Club of Carlton.

For significant service to medical education in the field of clinical physiotherapy, and to the professional associations. Professor Galea was the foundation Chair of Clinical Physiotherapy, School of Physiotherapy, at the University of Melbourne 2001-2012.

The **Rotary Club of Essendon North** inducted new member Ida in December. She is pictured with President Mark Mott.



The **Rotary Club of Glenferrie** recently inducted David Fallick as a new member. Pictured here with President Charles, wife Kaye and Rotary mentor John Suriano, David has been a regular customer of the Boroondara Farmers Market for many years, and it was through the Market that he came to Rotary.

David is a Publisher and his firm publishes, amongst other things, the online newsletter Your Life Choices.

Flemington Kensington Rotary recently inducted two new members. Pictured here with President Lesley McCarthy are Matiu and Robert.

Matiu Bush is a Senior Analyst with Bolton Clarke and is the founder of **One Good Ride**, a program which provides free 30 minute trike rides for elderly and isolated people in the North Melbourne, Kensington, Flemington areas.

Robert Nolan is the founder of the Kensington Youth Mental Health group and is a creative artist who found Rotary through Kensington Market.



The **Rotary Club of Camberwell** recently inducted Maria Wiechers. She will work on the Art Committee.



"Make a Difference - Challenge"

Friday 12 April, 2019 - 6.00pm-11.00pm - BRIGHTON INTERNATIONAL, 81 Bay Street Brighton



Tony Jones
Channel 9 Legend



Scotty Cam
The Block Superstar



The Challenge
Create a Magical place
for Kids with Cancer

*Come and be part of history! A special night for a very special cause!
Be part of the magic that happens!*

The Stars



Tom Mitchell
2018 Brownlow Medallist



Todd Woodbridge
Tennis Champion



Fifi Box
Radio & TV Personality

THE CHARITIES YOU'LL MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO:



Challenge
Supporting kids &
families living with
Cancer.



**Les Twentyman
Foundation**
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Rotary Donations In Kind

Rear Shed 39, 400 Somerville Road West Footscray VIC 3012



Situations Vacant Communications

We need a volunteer to help communicate the great things that Rotary Clubs are doing utilising Donations In Kind. We rely on organizations to donate goods but we need to do a lot more to make them aware of the goods we need and where their donations go. We need someone to liaise with the Rotary Clubs who are shipping goods to obtain project information and photos, turn this into Posters and Newsletters and email them to the donors.

You will become a member of an enthusiastic team and enable Rotary to help more people in need.

Skills Require: Reasonable computer skills and the ability to create posters and newsletters.

Location: The work can be done at home

Time Required: 1-2 hours when required with no deadline pressure.

**For more information please contact David Dippie
0408 174773 solatube@bigpond.com**



The Footscray Art Prize is a biennial non-acquisitive visual art prize for contemporary artworks across multiple platforms and disciplines.

The Footscray Art Prize is comprised of four categories.

- Footscray Art Prize (Main), \$10,000
- Street Art Prize, \$5,000
- Tertiary Prize, \$1,500
- Young Artists Prize – Primary, \$500 and Secondary, \$500

Entries close on 15 March. Shortlisted works will be announced late April.

Find out more: <https://www.footscrayartprize.com/>



Would you like to volunteer with RAWCS at Umoja Orphanage Kenya in 2019?

If you would like to volunteer with us, our next tour departs on the **20th September until the 9th October**. We will be landscaping the project, making curtains for our 2nd home, holding free health clinics for our community, assisting on the farm, general maintenance, amongst a wide range of other required work.

To join us on this all inclusive 6 night 7 day safari to Massai Mara, Lake Nakuru and Lake Naivasha contact us. Depending on interest we may take a second earlier tour in late August for 18 days.

**Please distribute this information to those who you think may or may not be interested.
NUMBERS ARE LIMITED FOR OUR TOURS**

cathy@umojahome.com to register your interest.



Team Rotary Southbank @ MS Melbourne Cycle + 1/2 Marathon

Rotarians from Southbank are participating in this event to raise funds for MS.

31st March 2019 @ 7:00am

31st March 2019 @ 12:00pm

Flemington Racecourse

448 Epsom Rd, Flemington

<https://www.southbank.org.au/event/event/detail/event/68668>



Contact Jasmin Dhillon

0432-193-872 jasmin.dhillon.k@gmail.com

**Rotary partners
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Q & A FORMAT

**GUEST
SPEAKERS:**

Peggy O'Neal
President,
Richmond Football Club

Neil Balme
General Manager of Football

**Tuesday, March 5, 2019
6.30pm for 7.00pm start**
Bendigo Club
Park Street, Strathdale

**Proceeds to Bendigo
Junior Football League**

Help Bendigo community provide
a safe and enjoyable football
experience for our young and
upcoming players by encouraging
good parental behaviors at junior
games.

Funds raised will assist with the
making of professional sandwich
board signs (for donation to the
Bendigo Junior Football League),
that will be placed at all local
football venues.

The signs are designed to
promote positive parental
behaviors, allowing everyone to
enjoy the game.

**A fabulous social event for everyone -
AFL Fans, Sports men and women, Rotarians**

Only \$50 for two course meal
Drinks at bar prices, auction, raffle prizes

Tickets available at:

Sportspower (Hargreaves St), Eaglehawk Newsagency
and The Bendigo Club (Cash Sales).
To purchase corporate tables for the event (or pay
via EFTPOS), please contact Tony Plant on
0408590589 and email anthony.plant@bigpond.com

This event is a joint initiative between the:

Rotary Club of Bendigo and **Rotary** Club of Bendigo South

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MARCH 30 & 31, 2019

General admission - \$5 | Kids under 16 free
Saturday 10.00am - 4.00pm | Sunday 10.00am - 2.00pm
Malona Park Recreation Reserve, Marong (Calder Alternate HWY., Marong, Victoria)

Proceeds will go to Rotary Club of Eaglehawk for local & international projects.

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**Hawthorn
Rotary**
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SOCIAL 9 HOLE COMP + PUTTING & CHIPPING COMP

Open to all - Players and Non Players



Friday 29 March 2019

COMP AT 2 PM - DRINKS AND NIBBLES AT SUNSET
With the generous support from the
Ivanhoe Public Golf Club, Vasey Street Ivanhoe.
Join the 3 Rotary clubs for a fun afternoon.



All Proceeds Raised to be Donated to End Trachoma

Rotary Club of Port Fairy
2nd Annual Charity Golf Day
Four Person Ambrose
26 April 2019

Port Fairy Golf Club
Skenes Rd
Port Fairy, Victoria



Competition:	4 Person Ambrose
Registration:	Registration from 10:30am
Lunch:	11am for light lunch (<i>sandwiches & rolls</i>)
Golf - Shotgun start:	12 noon (<i>finishing around 5pm</i>)
Happy Hour:	5pm —6pm (<i>drinks at half price</i>)
Dinner:	6pm (<i>BBQ with salads & sweets</i>)
Registrations:	Maximum of 30 groups of 4 players
Prizes:	Fantastic, quality prizes for winning teams
Cost:	\$100 per person
Contact:	Adrian Crosier – crosiers@bigpond.net.au

All funds raised will be donated to Moyne Health Services

2019 KEILOR ROTARY

CAR & VINTAGE BIKE SHOW



Sun 5th May

AT THE HISTORIC KEILOR HOTEL
CNR OLD Calder HWY & ARABIN ST, Keilor

SPECTATORS

9am - 1.30pm

ADMISSION \$5.00
(UNDER 16 FREE)

Kids entertainment, band,
food & refreshments
(including all-day breaky)

EXHIBITORS

Entry from **7.30am** at Arabin St
Judging: 10am–12pm, Presentation 1.30pm

ENTRY: CARS \$20.00
BIKES \$10.00

(Cars incl. driver & 1 passenger)
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Rotary Zone 8 Public Image Club Video Competition

Theme: How your Club became “People of Action” in 2018-19

Competition Details

Videos are to be a maximum of 2 minutes

Videos are to reflect the 2018-19 RI theme: Be the Inspiration

Clubs should do this as an in-house exercise, not hire out to video professionals. (However, the experts can be approached for tips on creating great videos) We encourage clubs to approach local media to get air-time as Public Service Announcements to get the message out to the general public. Also to post the video on Facebook, website and other social media.

Videos can be produced simply through camera/tablet/phone video facilities.

For inspiration and details of the People of Action campaign visit the brand centre on rotary.org

DEADLINE: 31 MAY 2019



Judging & Prizes

Videos will be judged on their relevance to the theme (Be the Inspiration), on correct branding, on creativity and on production.

A winner and Runner-up in each category (Rotary / Rotaract / Interact) will be announced via the Rotary Australia website, Facebook Page, Public Image Newsletter, and by email.

All participants will receive a Certificate.

For information on submitting entries contact Zone 8 Rotary Public Image Coordinator for details of the link to the Dropbox which will be established

Further Information:

Contact Zone 8 Public Image Coordinator, Gina Growden on gina.growden@bigpond.com or 0412 128 106

