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DG Neville John's Message



Each new Rotary year all Rotarians confirm their commitment to Rotary's official motto of 'Service above Self' and there is a different theme to provide a new focus and inspiration to support the work of Rotarians. Every Rotary year builds on the year before it and is a base for the next. The District Changeover lunch on 26 June from Julie Mason to me was a wonderful occasion and demonstrated the close working relationship of our Governor train, which ensures consistency in the implementation of the District strategic plan and the support provided to our clubs.

Rebecca asked me in the lead up whether I was nervous, and in all honesty, I wasn't. The support and encouragement from Julie, Peter, Bronwyn and the Past Governors has been so reassuring that my focus has really been on the task ahead, knowing that I have all of these wonderful people to draw on if need be.

Our founder, Paul Harris believed that serving humanity is the most worthwhile thing any one of us can do with our lives, and that is simply how Rotary International President John Germ chose the theme for 2016-17 - '**Rotary Serving Humanity**'. This theme is a perfect backdrop for us to showcase what we do in our communities and the wider world to help make them a better place.

So the planning for next year is done and it's time for the 'All Stars Team' to put them into action. Our objective for the year is simple - **For each club to be stronger on 1 July 2017 than they were on 1 July 2016**. How do we do that? – By working together and focussing on the actions that sit within each of



DG Neville John and Rebecca

the three strategic pillars. In essence, if we have vibrant, active clubs that engage people with interesting projects and we actively promote what we do to our local communities, new members will come and existing ones will stay. If there is one thing we've learned from the polio eradication campaign, it's what can be achieved if we're all working together and moving in the same direction. There are skills each of you have that I don't, and there are skills I have that you don't – and together there is nothing we cannot do.

We know that what we do is no small thing, and we're not doing it alone. Our District has a dedicated group of experienced Rotarians working hard to support every club in our District. They are part of John Germ's **All-Stars** team.

In conjunction with members of the District Leadership Team, we have developed plans that are aimed at supporting clubs to achieve this goal. Some of the new ones include - staging four Rotary showcase events to the public during the year that shows and tells the community what we do (metropolitan & regional); to encourage clusters to engage with the whole Rotary family, either with existing or new Rotaract, Interact and Earylact clubs; to build partnerships with other community stakeholders to deliver better outcomes for our local communities; and **most importantly - to have fun** doing it.



The District Leadership Team, at the District Assembly on 15th May, 2016

Arch Klumpf, creator of The Rotary Foundation said, "We should not live for ourselves alone, but for the joy in doing good for others." This year we celebrate the centennial of TRF, the engine room that funds many wonderful local and global projects that changes the lives of so many for the better.

100 years of **'doing good in the world'** is a major milestone in the history of Rotary and will be celebrated loudly. To help clubs do this, the Foundation Committee will be arranging a variety of activities and events across the District throughout the year that showcase programs and projects which benefit from foundation funding. A menu of opportunities is being planned for clubs to participate in, and I encourage you all to be involved in as many of them as you can. The menu is on the following page.

We would like to hear about what you are doing and your success stories to ensure we promote them to the public on websites and social media. If you would like to be involved in any of these opportunities, be a sponsor, or know someone who would, then please let Dennis Shore know.

If the centennial isn't exciting enough, we are looking ahead at a year that potentially sees the last case of polio. It has been over 30 years since Rotary officially initiated the campaign to eradicate polio and now we are closer than ever to achieving this. All of South East Asia and Africa are polio free. Afghanistan and Pakistan are the only two countries remaining with the wild poliovirus and they are giving it everything they have, with all the help we can give to make this the year that polio finally falls.

We've stuck with it all this time, and soon, after US \$1.4 billion and over 2.5 billion immunized children – we're going to finish it. However, three more years of vaccinations are required before polio will be officially eradicated – so ongoing support is still needed.

As I travel around our clubs to see and hear about the amazing work we do, I believe that we see the opportunity to serve for what it truly is. Not a small opportunity, but a great one. The opportunity to help others by doing what we can, when we can, with whatever time we have. You might think that those opportunities are small, or that what you do doesn't matter. But they're not small and everything you do matters, especially to the people you help and the people you love. Every good work you do makes life better for them all.

Perhaps we could put it this way. Rotary is in the business of **making a difference**; the business of saving and improving lives - the lives of those who didn't get our opportunities; in the business of restoring pride and rediscovering dignity. We realise the difference a little of our time can make, what our skills can bring. We work together sharing our talents, our knowledge and our experience with others, and continue to change lives and our communities for the better, because of - **'Rotary Serving Humanity'**.

I look forward to working with you and wish you all a successful, fun-filled year ahead.

Neville John

District 9800 Governor 2016-2017



TO CELEBRATE THE ROTARY FOUNDATION'S CENTENARY

District 9800 Scope of Opportunities

ROTARY FOUNDATION SEMINAR
Enter
Melbourne 25 July 2016
Bendigo 1 August 2016

CORPORATE ENGAGEMENT

SPONSORSHIP PACKAGE

BOOST ROTARY WEBSITES WITH

FOUNDATION STORIES

ROTARY D9800

SHOWCASES

District 9800

The Rotary Foundation
MILLION DOLLAR Dinner
May 2017

ROTARY D9800 ALUMNI

PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

ROTARY'S BIRTHDAY

Rotary 111th Anniversary
23 February 2016

END POLIO NOW

PICNIC
23 February 2017

INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN, OR SPONSORING AN INITIATIVE?

Contact: PDG Dennis Shore or Philip Archer

Zone 8 Scope of Opportunities

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SPONSORSHIPS

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MERCHANDISE—AUSTRALIA POST PERTH MINT

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Awards and Recognitions



DG Julie Mason's pleasant duty before handing over the chain of office was to make several presentations: The Citation for Meritorious Service was presented to PDG John Wigley. The Citation recognizes individual Rotarians who have demonstrated outstanding active service to The Rotary Foundation for more than one year. PDG John has been District Director of Foundation for the past three years.



Bob Slater was presented with a Service Above Self Award. This is Rotary International's highest honour for individual Rotarians: a maximum of 150 recipients may be selected each year.

PDG Jim Studebaker was recognized as a Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation.



Royce Abbey Awards were presented to Jay Sanagavarap and Khurram Kahn. The Awards recognise Rotarians who show Enthusiasm and Commitment to the Object of Rotary.



Caroline Ord of Melbourne E-club was presented with a Paul Harris Sapphire. DG Julie Mason had presented this online so to speak, and followed up in person.

District Awards for Membership Development

These were granted to several clubs for attaining at least a 10% increase in Membership:

Altona City (10%);
Bendigo (17%);
Castlemaine (21%)
Caulfield (10%)
Collingwood (25%)
Daylesford (18%)
Fitzroy (32%)
Glen Eira (11%)

Hawthorn (14%)
Laverton Point Cook (35%)
Melbourne South* (67% - 5 as a result of Club merger)
Melton Valley (11%)
Pahran (23%)
Richmond (12%)
Rochester (13%)
Southbank (23%)
West Footscray (11%)
Woodend (25%)

CLUB SERVICE RECOGNITION FOR INNOVATION

Sue Bolton sent a link to a Dropbox folder containing the information about these awards.

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/1d2wg2nqtvjog4y/AADE0hrDnQ93oCqe7c8X2HFva?dl=0>

Photos of the DG Changeover lunch at the RACV:

<https://picasaweb.google.com/106224275621582639712/6300399275718410465?authkey=Gv1sRgCKy8yYeqkNDOoQE>



The Week That Was at DIK

By Frank O'Brien, Central Melbourne Sunrise

It has been a busy week for some members of Central Melbourne Sunrise. supporting Donations-In-Kind.

Saturday 18 June - We had a team of 11 (coincidentally same number for Echuca Steam Rally the weekend before) volunteering for duty at the Rotary District 9800 West Footscray warehouse. stalwarts such as Yang Pu, Herb & Leonie Greenwood, Peter & Sue and son(welcome newcomer) Tony Duras, Roger Thornton, Rob Hines, Frank & Pauline O'Brien and Gabe Hau, former President of RC Southbank.

Firstly, there was a certain degree of mirth as DIK Manager, Laurie Fisher, challenged a number of the males to match and pair scores of crutches donated by one of the major Eastern suburbs hospitals. Slowly but surely, we gathered confidence and, by the end of this exercise, we actually knew what we were doing!!

Secondly, whilst this activity was being pursued, the ladies were setting up a production line whereby hundreds of large boxes of clothing donated by corporates (including ASX listed companies) were being unpacked, delabelled, sorted, differentiated by clothing types such as skirts, blouses, shirts, polos, coats etc and then repacked into various categories (over 1000 shirts and blouses packed as an example). One can imagine there will be some very happy schoolgirls and schoolboys in their new white school outfits in East Timor. Later the men joined in and apart from a brief enjoyable morning tea break, we worked nonstop through to 1.00pm. What was achieved was amazing. Suffice to say, members of our club are welcome anytime at DIK!!

It is expected that all goods will shortly be placed into a container bound for Timor Leste.

Thursday 23 June – One of our generous corporate supporters who supplies Target and other such retailers, once again was looking to offload surplus stock “to a good home”. Our Club again heeded the call and Peter Duras, Kevin Walklate and Frank O'Brien met at their South Melbourne office/showroom, collected and delivered some 25 large boxes of quality merchandise to DIK. Items included Disney licensed products such as school bags and pillow cases, quilt covers and T shirts. For Mik Wells's benefit et al, Peter Duras later dropped off 3 boxes to Shine for Kids in Footscray.

DIK is an amazing conduit for international and local welfare. On behalf of the RCM International Committee, thank-you to the many members who have helped with our Working Bees and urgent calls during the year. To those who haven't had the opportunity to do so, make 2016/ 2017 your year!!



Mentoring Breakfast's Wide Reach

By Tony Thomas, Rotary Central Melbourne

Rotary Central Melbourne's Police Mentoring breakfast at the RACV on June 21 showed the breadth of the mentoring exercise. About 80 attended including six VicPol Assistant Commissioners, three Rotary District Governors – David Tolstrup (9810), Merv Williams (9820) and Julie Mason (9800); and members and mentors from 15 clubs. D9780 is also involved.



The year-long mentoring, now in its ninth year, has involved 170 senior police, meeting with mentors once or twice a month. From last year Rotary has been delivering "Stream 2" of the program (community partnerships and leadership coaching with Senior Sergeants). Stream 1 involves business mentoring of VicPol senior management.

Assistant Commissioner Kevin Casey told the breakfast that the Rotary mentors gave the force's future leaders a window into community views and expectations, new perspectives on doing things, and insights into their own leadership styles for a safer community. "The mentors are an invaluable independent sounding board and lasting community partnerships have been built," he said.

DG 9800 Julie Mason said she had tuned in to the personal accounts of police mentees this month, involving impressive examples of officers' learning capacity.

Mentee Snr Sgt Kerrie Hicks described how much she had learnt from our club's mentor Stella Avramopolous, mostly during 90 minute sessions walking and talking around Abbotsford. They also bonded during an Oxfam 100km walk over 35 hours last April, their team name being "What the xxxx were we thinking?!" and their fund-raising topping \$5000.

"For me Rotary functions are like a shot of Vitamin B, spending time with people doing such good work in the community and overseas," Kerrie said.



The breakfast raffle generated about \$920, to be halved between Police Legacy and the Youth Projects Program for the CBD Homeless.

The 2016-17 program will start in October rather than July, to avoid congestion with the busy Rotary changeover season.

Photos: Top: Mentors and mentees.

Left: Mentee Senior Sgr Kerrie Hicks presenting a certificate to a youngster at a Collingwood community safety forum. and with her own certificate and mentor Stella Avramopolous

Homeless get boost from Melbourne RC

By Tony Thomas, Rotary Central Melbourne

Melbourne RC has signed another Memorandum of Understanding with Launch Housing to extend their strategic partnership until 2019. Launch is a combination of Hanover and HomeGround Services.

One project is to avert young people exiting State care into homelessness – this happens to half of them within 12 months.

President Quin Scalzo says the club works with existing charities and corporate members – including Berry Street, Council to Homeless Persons (CHP), the City of Melbourne, Monash University, Bosch, GHD, NAB, PWC, and Telstra.

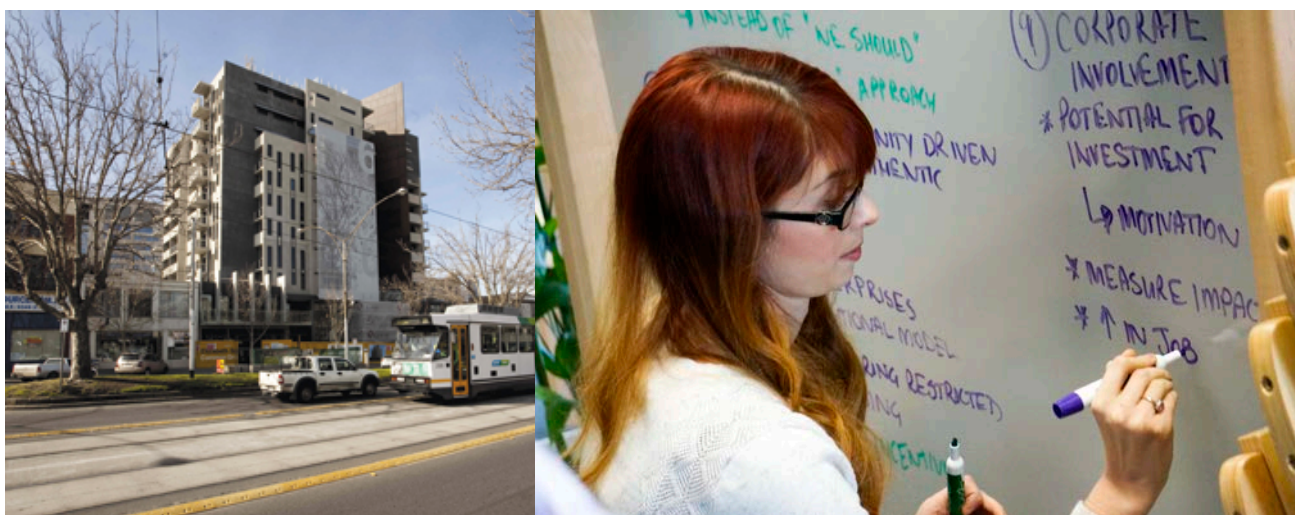
Lines of attack include

Running Start - a pilot program to provide housing and support for up to 10 young people;

Housing First – to encourage private rental investment property landlords to make their properties available for affordable housing;

Game of Homes - an app to aid the transition from care to independence; and

Home Stretch - a campaign led by Anglicare to get State care extended to age 21.



The building in Elizabeth Street. and Amy Bannatyne gets busy at the whiteboard at the forum.

The club's most massive joint project was the 660 Elizabeth St tower built at cost by Grocon in 2010 to offer safe long-term housing for homeless and low-income tenants, with supportive services on-site.

The club's James Pullar says that since 2010, there have been 192 tenants. Two residents remain from the original intake and 16 of the current residents have been tenants for four to five years. 117 tenancies have ended with 22 residents moving on to better accommodation, 26 being incarcerated, 24 evicted due to anti-social behaviour and nine deceased. The average tenancy is now 27 months which is significantly longer than many of these people have ever spent safely at one address, he says. "We've demonstrated that the vicious circle of homelessness can be broken," he says.

Rotarians coordinated raising of \$600,000 towards the project from philanthropy groups, provided 250 man-hours of voluntary labour, supplied 300 library books, and worked on finding jobs for residents. They also funded \$30,000 for counseling and recreation room fit-outs.

The *Housing First* "Do you have the key?" - campaign was launched mid-June (2016) and targets Rotarians, the business and philanthropic communities and the public. Quin says that landlords who forego a percentage of their rental income to create the affordable rent will potentially be able to claim a tax concession.

Nationwide Appeal Raises over \$700K from the Public

By Philip Archer, D9800 Membership Director

Young Kurt Drysdale's deserving story was shared with the Australian public on Channel Nine's A Current Affair on the 1st of June and within the week through the use of a Rotary Australia Benevolent Society tax deductible account, established by the Rotary Club of Southbank, raised over \$700K.



Just a few weeks short of his 21st Birthday a year ago on the 7th of June 2015, Kurt Drysdale broke his neck in a devastating accident in a Rugby League match playing for Cabramatta. His C5 nerve was damaged when he was tackled, changing his life forever. Kurt is unable to breathe on his own, can't move his limbs and has been hospitalised ever since.

The appeal means his parents can now rebuild the family home to enable Kurt to move back in with them and get the care he needs for the rest of his life. The generosity of Australians has been amazing. Through the RABS

account we have received 9000 plus number of donations plus numerous offers of donations in kind and building services to help with the renovation and ongoing support for Kurt and his family including a fully paid Cruise holiday for his Mum and Dad who have worked tirelessly.

To find out more about the Rotary Australia Benevolent Society facility that allows full tax deductibility for deserving projects, please visit the national RAWCS website: <http://rawcs.org.au/>

Another great inspiring Rotary success story that has seen Rotarians from across Australia work with the public and Channel Nine's A Current Affair to drive a wonderful outcome.

Belle Nuit, Nuit D'Amour

By Faye Kirkwood, RC Caulfield

At the completion, a standing ovation for the three lovely Artists who wooed us all for the afternoon.

Alan Kogosowski, internationally renowned pianist, played with great feeling and devotion to keep us interested the whole concert. Alan's special performance of the Warsaw Concerto by Addinsell was a gift to our ears.

All items were given a special introduction and explanation of how and why they were composed, giving life and meaning to them.

Emily Xiao Wang, outstanding opera singer, showered us with her beautiful soprano voice. A petit lady with a giant voice.

Galit Klas, mezzo soprano, entranced us with her linguistic ability as she was singing to us.

During the program Emily and Galit also sang a few duets beautifully.

We all left the venue on a high.



Small club – giant steam rally

By Tony Thomas, Rotary Central Melbourne.

The RC of Echuca-Moama's 53rd annual steam rally on June 11-12 attracted 10,000 sightseers and brought in about \$120,000 gross revenue. The numbers were down about 10% on last year because the Saturday was wet, says rally director Alan Whitten.

Net proceeds will also be down similarly on last year's \$50,000. The big costs for the rally include TV advertising, insurance and overheads, and low-loader cartage of big exhibits.

There were 710 exhibitors from three States, including 18 steam tractors worth more than \$500,000 each. About 180 volunteers came to help, with big contingents from Rotary Central Melbourne and RC Rochester.

The club has 24 members with average age close to 60. It bought the river-front rally site of 4 hectares from a friendly farmer about 45 years ago. It also has a similar adjacent area on a long-term government lease. The town has evolved west towards the club's land, and a site valuation three years ago was about \$1m.

"We are in the process of a vibrant redevelopment of the land over the next 10-20 years," Alan says. "It will become the Rotary Community Park, with year-round use as a Recreational Vehicle 48-hour camp-site. The RV owners are simply asked for a donation when they exit and this is generating us good income already."

Club president Geoff Tighe says the site will help integrate many community groups and events: "For example, we've just signed an agreement with a men's shed group to operate there, and they will help maintain the park facilities and work with and teach people with disabilities."

The park will also host activities ranging from the steam rally to truck, vintage car, pony, mini-railways and scouts.

The club considered but rejected proposals some years back for commercial development of the land. "We're not about making money but giving to the local community," Geoff says.

The Park will be the main beneficiary from this year's rally proceeds, which will help upgrade facilities including toilets and showers. The previous main charity was Echuca Regional Health. The club has donated \$50,000 from previous rallies to the \$2.8m hospital fund-raising drive.



Ngoc Long Dang

By Laurie Fisher, RC West Footscray

Ngoc Long Dang was recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow and given a Vocational Award at a recent meeting of the West Footscray Rotary Club. This is how Laurie Fisher, DIK Store Manager, introduced him:

Long, as he is affectionately called at DIK (or 'Short Long' as he normally introduces himself to people), left South Vietnam by boat with his wife, Chau, in 1978. Fearful of repercussions from the invaders from the north, because of his service in the South Vietnamese army, he had little choice.

The boat landed in Malaysia. He was processed by the Australian authorities immediately because, by this stage, Chau was 7 months pregnant. A little over a month after arriving in Malaysia, they landed in Melbourne.

I have never been a big fan of Malcolm Fraser but you have got to hand it to him. He did not muck around like they do today. Although I guess it is a much bigger and more involved problem today.

Typical of Long, he didn't waste time. He lived at Midway for a year after his arrival then moved to Richmond. Over the years, he worked in the kitchens of a number of different Chinese restaurants – St Kilda, Richmond - and spent three years at the Canada Hotel in Carlton.

Long has two daughters - Belinda, aged 38, has two daughters; Anne, aged 35. Both attended university. Belinda is a Project Manager with a Building Construction company and Ann graduated as a Psychologist.



Mr Long and Chau.

He finished working in 2002 and, as a result of an association with Bill Dagg who he had met years earlier through his work in the restaurants, he came to work at DIK in 2003. He was initially employed under a 'job scheme' but that finished some years ago. He attends DIK today purely in a voluntary capacity.

Long is regarded by all at DIK as honest, trustworthy and loyal. He is dependable and diligent and prepared to tackle anything. He is our resident 'boxologist'. As well, he also spends time in collecting goods in the van, using a broom (occasionally) and certainly does not mind in the least in offering advice to all and sundry. When sitting at the head of the lunchroom table, he quite often dons his chairman's cap and exercises his vocal cords.

And that is really pleasing because if you go back a few years, he would not say boo. Now, because of the environment he has experienced at DIK (and he has not been treated differently than anyone else), there are times you cannot shut the little bugger up.

The number of DIK people here today indicates the regard in which he is held. We look forward to him being there for many years to come.

What do you get when you give to The Rotary Foundation?

By Ann Syrett, former Ambassadorial Scholar and member of the Rotary Club Sunrise of Road Town, British Virgin Islands

Every dollar, pound, or euro you give to The Rotary Foundation has the power to change lives. Ann Syrett, a former Ambassadorial Scholar, explains how the generosity of Rotarians altered her life trajectory more than 40 years ago, and how she is still feeling the impact today.

In April, I paid an emotional visit to the Rotary Club of Newcastle-under-Lyme that had hosted my Ambassadorial Scholarship more than 40 years ago while I attended Keele University in North Staffordshire, England.

As I shared my experiences with them, I reflected upon how much the experience had changed my life. I grew up in Astoria, Oregon, and the cultural differences between small town USA and Keele University were immense. I was delighted by the warmth of my welcome and at the opportunity to speak to 35 Rotary clubs, [Round Table](#) clubs (an association of young business professionals founded by a British Rotarian in the 1920s), and similar organizations during my year. It gave me the confidence to pursue a career as a diplomat.

After my scholarship year, I graduated from the University of Birmingham with a Master's degree in West African history and economics. I signed up with the U.S. Foreign Service and spent the next 30 years traveling the world, representing my country in Rwanda, Great Britain, Haiti, France, Antigua, and Egypt. I also had several assignments at the U.S. State Department in Washington D.C., before retiring to the British Virgin Islands with my husband, Tony, a former Lt. Commander in the British Royal Navy. I am now heavily involved in the Rotary Club Sunrise of Road Town, British Virgin Islands.

Every dime, every cent, every dollar, every pound we give to The Rotary Foundation is put to good use.

As Rotary members, we are regularly asked to give to [The Rotary Foundation](#). This may seem like a very big picture operation. However, that big picture is actually made up of thousands and thousands of individual pixels, representing the individual projects, scholarships, grants, etc., that the Foundation supports.

I was one of those pixels. My life was changed and directed by my year as an Ambassadorial Scholar. Going from small town American girl to worldly-wise Scholar to American diplomat with a 30 year career AND a wonderful English husband were all results of the journey Rotary set me upon. I can personally tell you that every dime, every cent, every dollar, every pound we give to the Foundation is put to good use.®

The impact of those donations, given so long ago, are still felt strongly in my life. Your contributions to the Foundation resonate around the world, year in and year out. In my case, 43 years out!



Ann Syrett, middle, with Past District Governor Ron Lucas, who served as her counselor during her scholarship year, and David Riley, president of the Rotary Club of Newcastle-under-Lyme

Clarice's Comments

Wasn't it a great District Changeover? I just loved MC Jonathan Shepherd: he came out with the most unexpected stuff! DG Julie summed up her year in office, telling us about some great membership increases, and presenting PDG John Wigley with a Citation for Meritorious Service, for his service to the Rotary Foundation. This was really thrilling, as "Wiggles" and Fran are among my favourite people: well done!

And after DG Julie slipped the chain of office around new DG Neville's neck, Neville gave us some insights into his plans for the year ahead. We wish Rebecca and Neville every success: it is sure to be a fun year in Rotary.



Among the other awards, my girlfriend Caroline Ord of the e-club received a sapphire for her Paul Harris Badge. While it was nice to catch up with her, she told me about PDG Jack Ings, also of the e-club, who had fallen out of his wheel-chair and broke his hip. We all hope jack gets well again soon, as he always brightens our day.

Send me your news: clarice@rotarydistrict9800.org.au

A girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.

See you later - Clarice.

***Photos: DG + MC: Julie Mason and Jonathan Shepherd
PDG Jack Ings and Chris Hanson
The happy changeover crowd.***

Notices and Events

Stay informed on Rotary events:

http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org/notices_and_events_future

Rotary Club of Hoppers Crossing Antiques and Collectables Fair

15 July 2016 from 5.00pm to 8.00pm; **16 July** 2016 from 10.00am to 5.00pm and **17 July** 2016 from 10.00am to 4.00pm

Williamstown Town Hall, 104 Ferguson Street, Williamstown

\$10.00 admission

<https://www.facebook.com/RCHCAntiqueandCollectablesFair/>



Albert Park Poker Night

Rotary Albert Park is holding a Poker Night to raise funds for our Indian projects ([see here](#)) on **Saturday, 16th July**, at 7:00pm. Join us, and invite your friends, for a fun, professionally run, social night of poker in a safe environment.

- Quick "Learn to Play" instructions before the Texas Hold'em tournament
 - The top 9 players will share in over \$2,000 worth of prizes
- Middle Park Bowling Club, Canterbury Road, Middle Park
Entry is by a donation of \$50. Bring your friends - you'll have fun
Drinks at bar prices Food available The space is limited, so get in early. To buy tickets, go to Trybooking,
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Enjoy comfortable accommodation. Meals are fully catered.

With safety our prime concern Rotary insurance will be there.
Rotarian Rithy as our guide, and Bronwyn as tour leader.

Camberwell Rotary Art Show

Swinburne University, from **9 to 17 July**. Over 1,500 paintings and all of them will be offered for sale. A package for clubs to hold a regular meeting at the show is available. It includes Admission to the Show, Lunch or dinner including a glass of wine, and a free tour of the Show with an art expert. Cost \$25 per person for a minimum of 20 people. Call Geoff Angus, 0408 348 212 or email to geoffangus@bigpond.com.



Daryl Mills Farewell

Final Report and Farewell Visit by Daryl Mills Rotary Liaison Office Timor Leste

26th July. The Rotary Club of Balwyn 6.15 for 6.45pm at Green Acres Golf Club 51 Elm Street, Kew
Cost: \$30.00 for two course meal – drinks at bar prices

A special evening of review, thanks and farewell to Daryl Mills

Daryl's commitment to Timor Leste over the last 12 years has been outstanding and his legacy lives on through his training of several locals to continue this vital work.

We commend this evening to you and would ask that you forward this note to other individuals and Clubs in D9800 and surrounding Districts.

RSVP: richardseeley@bigpond.com by 19th July, 2016



9800 Rotaract Our Space 2016

The Rotaractors of District 9800 would like to formally invite you to Rotaract's biggest night of the year our **9800 DISTRICT ROTARACT CHANGEOVER** called, "Our Space" on **August 13th**. Our Space is a chance for us Rotaractors to celebrate and to showcase our passions for Rotary and Rotaract. The Rotaract Clubs of Melbourne City, Gateway and Swinburne will provide an insight into their plans for the upcoming Rotary year.

6:30pm August 13th The Richmond Town Hall, 333 Bridge Rd., Richmond
Dress: **Cocktail**

Tickets: [BOOK HERE](#)

Our Space is going to be a fantastic night of Rotaract and Rotary and we will be ever so grateful for your attendance.

Cameron Williams, District Rotaract Representative M: 0425 828 893 www.rotaract9800.org.au



Our Contributors



District Governor Neville John is a member of Central Melbourne Rotary Club.



Tony Thomas writes lots of amusing and informative material for us and for "Quadrant.org.au"



David Dippie of Keilor RC is a Rotarian who wants to change the world. He admits he may need your help!



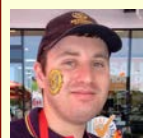
Philip Archer of Southbank RC is District Membership Director.



Our Girl Friday Clarice was asked why she writes a column in "Networker". "Well, why not?" was her reply.



David Owen edits and produces the weekly Hawthorn Rotary Club Bulletin.



Matthew Scott sends us regular reports from the Deep North, in between episodes of face-painting.



District Image Guru, Adrian Nelson, tells us about some famous people he has met through Rotary.



Laurie Fisher is not only Store Manager at DIK, he is the heart and soul of the organisation..

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