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**Rotary
District 9800**



District 9800 Changeover Sunday June 3rd.



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CONVENOR: Noel Trevaskis, RI Director 2016/18

District Governor Peter Frueh



As we move to the changing of the guard during this club changeover period, it is worth reflecting on what we achieved during 2017-18 as individual Rotarians, as members of a club and for those involved at District or beyond the club.

I hope your 2017-18 year has been as interesting, rewarding and at times challenging as has Anne and mine with our roles.

We have seen first hand the amazing projects our clubs undertake within our communities here and abroad. It is true that every project starts with one person, is forged by a club and made sustainable by ongoing commitment of others. While we all feel, **“what can I alone do?”** faced with such major community needs, when we work together we can achieve a lot. Each person we help is thankful for our efforts. We all need hope and the hand of friendship we offer others is crucial to their future.

Rotary International offers many opportunities and I encourage you to seek these, within the club and outside also. There are **Rotarian Action Groups** which are formed by those committed to a specific area of interest, for example elimination of Malaria or the new one on Family Safety, started by our own Melbourne Rotary club.

Whatever passion you have there is a way to follow it in Rotary and if there isn't, talk to your friends and start a movement! **Rotary International** is the original incubator of social enterprises, many of which start within Rotary but grow to have their own structure.

There is so much to look forward to as we look to 2018-19 and beyond. Please support your club leaders as they move to make necessary changes to make Rotary more welcoming, diverse and inclusive. Your District Support team are available to provide advice and link you up with suitable resources and partners.

As we conclude this Rotary year at the Toronto Rotary International Convention, in the company of many thousands of Rotary enthusiasts, Anne and I wish you the best for the future in **“Making a Difference”** and hope you will **“Be the Inspiration”**.

Peter Frueh
District Governor 2017-2018



**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

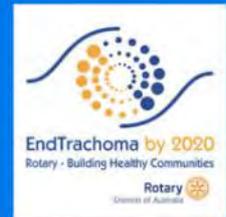


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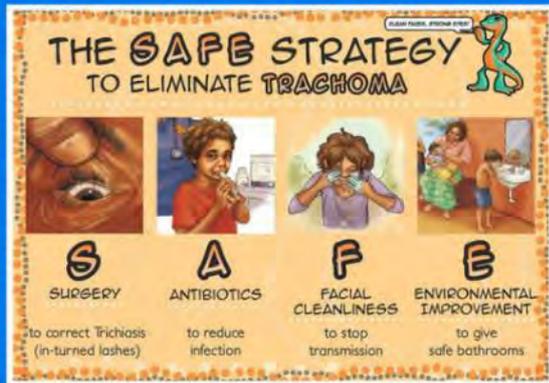
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In partnership with the Australian Trachoma Alliance



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Rotary Aboriginal Reconciliation

I find some things difficult to understand.

We live in the Lucky Country so how is it possible that sections of our community have third world health results? This is happening on our watch and if we are not doing something to improve this situation it's our fault.

We have the opportunity to make improve things significantly through **EndTrachoma2020**

It also gives us the opportunity to show we care and to do something positive.

The goal of **EndTrachoma2020** is not to eradicate Trachoma in Australia. Eradicating Trachoma will be one of many health benefits that will occur as a result of a change of lifestyle in remote aboriginal communities. Raising funds to help with the changes is an important factor, but equally important is to show that ordinary Australians care and are prepared to make the effort to solve a problem that should not exist.

Historically our treatment of the Aboriginal Nation is something no one can be proud of. We are not responsible for what happened in the past, but we are responsible for today. The bickering of politicians is something we can't control, but each Club can reach out to their local Aboriginal Community, tell them we care and that **EndTrachoma2020** is one of the ways we are going to help.



Helping communities to change their lifestyle is a massive task and the motivation for each community is likely to be different and we don't have all of the answer, but we will have a better chance of succeeding if we partner with our local Aboriginal Communities and show them we care.

Let's make **EndTrachoma2020** the next step in Rotary Aboriginal Reconciliation and work with the Aboriginal people in our local community to help a group of disadvantaged Australians who happen to be the first people in this country. Let's be visible at things like Naidoc Week and show that we care and are working on making a different.

Next year let's have a 1000 Rotarians involved at the MCG Long Walk during the ALF indigenous round. Let's highlight the problem and give the public the chance to get involved.

Thank you Rotary and **EndTrachoma2020** for proving us with the opportunity to end something that is unacceptable and show that we care. Make ending Trachoma one of your Clubs goals in 2018-19

PS My daughter in Queensland has filled her **End Trachoma** tin and will donate the money to a local Rotary Club.

David Dippie
Rotary Club of Keilor

District Changeover Sunday June 3rd

A very large group of Rotarians, family, friends and sponsors attended this year's District Changeover at The International in Brighton on Sunday June 3rd. We were all there of course to see the 'passing of the baton' from District Governor Peter Frueh to incoming DG Bronwyn Stephens.

As is traditional at these events, the District Governor makes some awards and this was no exception. Past District Governor Dennis Shore was awarded a Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service in acknowledgement of his many years work for TRF.



Past District Governor Ian Knight OAM was acknowledged as a PolioPlus Pioneer for his efforts in initiating and promoting Rotary's efforts in eradicating Polio. This includes the outstanding fundraising he achieved during his year as District Governor and his continued efforts.



Marjorie and Bernie Gerlinger were presented with their 3rd Outstanding Service Award for their work at District.



District Changeover Sunday June 3rd



Kerry Kornhauser OAM was named as the latest Royce Abbey Champion of Change for her work on Women in Rotary and the End Trachoma 2020 program.

District Recognitions took a different approach this year however the awards when announced were a tribute to the efforts and perseverance of Rotarians and clubs across District 9800.



District Recognitions 2017-2018



Rotary Club of Brighton Bossalla & Kroa Cambodia Sustainable Community Project

The Club has been actively involved with these communities providing volunteers, funding and overseeing the delivery of the rain water harvesting, fish farm and agricultural aspects of the project.



Rotary Club of Port Melbourne Balibo Dental Clinic Community Kitchen & Volunteer Apartment

The Club has a long history of supporting this community and continues to identify, fund and implement the establishment of facilities that improve the services available.



Rotary Club of Central Melbourne Rebranding of their Club Image

The Club has taken a critical view of all elements of their branding both internal and external including their website, bulletin, facebook page and club materials, leading to a streamlined and professional club image.



Rotary Club of Bacchus Marsh Historical Bacchus Marsh Photo Poster Sales Campaign

What began as a fundraising activity has developed into a significant public image enhancement for the Rotary brand and the Club profile within the community.



Rotary Club of Central Melbourne Membership Recruitment and Retention Program

After instigating a member's survey and doing a critical analysis of what the Club could improve on in all areas of its operation, the Club has attracted a significant number of new members and strengthened the commitment of all members.



Rotary Club of Woodend Project Membership Program

The Club has significantly increased its membership by promoting its place in the community via their management of the community newspaper "New Woodend Star", thereby promoting their events and activities which has created interest and enhanced their Club as a welcoming and vibrant part of the local community.



Rotary Club of Bendigo Sandhurst 'The Ranch' shed for a local knitting program

A new home was needed for an active knitting Club in the area that brought many benefits to its members, including social interaction, mental stimulation and the creation of useful goods for families in Timor-Leste. The Club set about building 'The Ranch', which is now a central hub for this and other community groups in the Bendigo district.



Rotary Club of Melbourne South Greeves Street Op Shop supporting St Kilda Gatehouse

The Club has partnered with St Kilda Gatehouse in the establishment of an Op Shop that serves the local community and raises funds to support services for street-based sex workers in the area. By providing both funding and practical mentoring and hands on volunteering, Club members continue to be actively involved in the project.





Rotary Club of Bacchus Marsh "The People's Flag" Centenary of Armistice Project

Through the application of the historian talents and artifact restoration interests of its members, the Club has created a highly visible and well recognized gift to the people of Bacchus Marsh that is now on display in the Public Hall for others to see and learn about the past.



Rotary Club of North Balwyn Mongolia Student Exchange

This new and innovative Youth Exchange program between secondary students from Melbourne and Ulanbataar in Mongolia, saw members of the Club develop links with the National Camping Association of Mongolia. This resulted in 8 students from Melbourne visiting Mongolia in July 2017 with a reciprocation of 12 students visiting Melbourne for two weeks in January 2018. This intercultural exchange provided many opportunities for vocational and cultural learnings, especially when the Mongolian students were home hosted by Club members and experienced a diverse range of activities in Melbourne and regional Victoria.



The purpose of District Recognitions is to acknowledge and encourage 'excellence' in a variety of key areas.

They are designed to give Clubs and their members pride in their achievements and to set the benchmark in what Clubs can do to make a difference within our community.

For more information please visit www.rotarydistrict9800.org



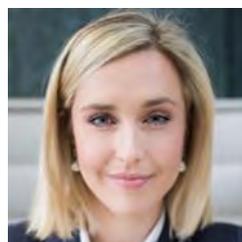
Registration opens on July 1st

REGISTRATION (Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th till 1:00 PM)
Early Bird \$175, New Rotarians (joined after July 1 2016) \$125.
Conference Dinner \$110
Check the website for accommodation and restaurant options

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- Seven separate breakout sessions will be offered on Saturday afternoon covering Rotary topics.
- " What Rotary Does" or the Rotary Showcase will be in the adjacent Exhibition Centre demonstrating and sharing Club and District Projects. Several "hands on opportunities" will also be available.
- A Youth Forum and Interact / EarlyAct Forum on Saturday

SOME OF THE SPEAKERS INVITED



Ian and Juliet Riseley and Noel Trevaskis will participate in a forum on Rotary towards 2050. John Prendergast an experienced facilitator at several International Assemblies will be MC. As a young Australian woman Brittany Arthur made it to Rotary World Convention centre stage with a thunderous standing ovation. Edna Adan Ismail. "Women in Somaliland are maimed or die giving birth in the dirt. UN diplomat, midwife and teacher Edna's story is a fascinating 20 year career of service and education".



On Friday February 15th District 9800 will be organising a Peace through Service Forum.

The Forum will cover the Areas of Focus and how they relate to Peace.

COST WILL BE \$100 in association with MD Conference registration

Mark Stephens
MD Conference Chair
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Royal Australasian College of Surgeons' - Companion of the College Award

David Inglis' award was in recognition of his significant contribution to the College and the community, with a focus on his lifetime achievement through his volunteer work with **Interplast**.

David is a Partner at MinterEllison, sharing his expertise in corporate law and passion for philanthropy to help establish **Interplast Australia and New Zealand** in 1983.

"As a young lawyer with the law firm, Gillotts (now MinterEllison), I was approached by Rotary and the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons to advise on legal issues to establish **Interplast** back in 1982," he said.

Interplast was an initiative of **Rotary** and the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons. "It was a challenging initiative involving volunteer plastic and reconstructive surgeons and others with a passion to assist people in need in the South Pacific region." David has retained that passion for **Interplast** ever since. **Interplast** was launched in 1983 to provide plastic and reconstructive surgery to people with burns scarring, trauma injuries, tumours or congenital deformities, and training and mentoring programs to local surgical teams in the Asia Pacific region.

David became an active **Interplast** Board Director from 1984, then took on the role of Vice President in 1993 until he took the helm as President in 2010. David held this role for six years, only stepping down recently in 2016. During David's time with **Interplast** the organisation had sent volunteers on 882 programs, performed 24,443 life-changing plastic and reconstructive surgeries and provided 41,854 consultations. In addition to this soaring growth, one of David's greatest achievements was leading **Interplast** to full accreditation by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).

"**Interplast** is one of the smallest NGOs to receive full accreditation," he said. Full accreditation allows **Interplast** to access more funding from DFAT's Australian Non-Government Organisation Cooperation Program (ANCP), which plays an essential role in supporting **Interplast**'s capacity building programs in 17 countries across the Asia Pacific region.

When asked what his most memorable moment with **Interplast** is, David recalls a light plane flight in Fiji in 1986 when the aircraft door flung open mid-flight. While that event stuck in his mind, he said: "I will also always remember witnessing the dedicated and inspirational work undertaken by our volunteer surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses and allied health professionals – having participated in team programs to a number of countries – I will never forget the positive impact **Interplast** makes on lives."

David said **Interplast** is growing in stature and recognition year on year. "This year, **Interplast** will provide nearly 90 international programs," he said. "It is to be commended and I congratulate my successor as President, Keith Mutimer, and his team for continuing and growing the depth of work undertaken by **Interplast** .

"Without the **Interplast** team including the Board, Chief Executive Officer, Prue Ingram, the office staff, the volunteers and the supporters of **Interplast** the organisation would not exist."

David was also awarded the Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Club of Melbourne in 2016 for his services to **Interplast** . Today, David continues to play an integral role at **Interplast** as an Honourable Member and generously provides pro bono legal advice to **Interplast** through his position at international law firm, MinterEllison.

*Joseph Ebbage
Bulletin Editor, Marketing & Web Director
Rotary Club of Melbourne*



Owen Tassiker's generous bequest

Amazing!

That was the reaction to a bequest which saw \$A\$216,361 donated to the Rotary Foundation effectively allowing Rotary to Make a Difference to people around the world

Dr. Owen Tassiker, a former member of the Rotary Club of Balwyn and organiser of the Rotary ANZAC Peace Tour passed away in May 2017.

He encouraged a great friendship between the club and Rotary Club Goksu, Istanbul Turkey. Owen was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow in 2015 for his service to the Club.



In his will he left a bequest to the Rotary Foundation which was presented by his three daughters Wendy Ridley, Roz Tassicker and Claire Tassicker to Mark Anderson, Senior Coordinator Fund Development, from the Rotary Foundation in Sydney by his 3 daughters at the meeting of the club last week.

A bequest goes to the Rotary Foundation endowment fund. Mark explained that the money that is put into that fund is never spent. It is the return on the investments that is spent and 50% of those earnings come back to this district as District Designated Funds. And it will grow over time.

A contribution into the endowment fund generates spendable earnings and it also future proofs our ability to do good in the world; that was the intention of the Rotary Foundation when it was set up in 1917 but Arch C. Klumph with a contribution of \$26.50.

Wendy Ridley, one of Owen's daughters said :

"Dad gave Rotary a lot of time and energy towards various projects and getting up at 5:00am to get to the Sunday market was a struggle but he did it. But Rotary gave a lot back too, companionship, focus for his considerable energy and talents and we are grateful. We also know that the money will be well spent. On behalf of Dad for all those years we say thank you."

David Jones
President
Rotary Club of Balwyn

Queen's Birthday Honours

The following Rotarians from District 9800 were recognized for their dedication and service to the community in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours.

Neville John BARWICK OAM

For service to the community and for Australia Timor Leste relations.

Rotary Club of Melbourne, Honorary Life Member, President 1991-1992
Founder and Chair—East Timor Committee 2000-2003
Founder and Chair—Australia and East Timor Embassy Foundation 2000-2009
Hanover Health Services, Honorary Life Member
Queenscliff Maritime Museum, Secretary
Point Lonsdale Queenscliff PROBUS Club, President 2014-2015



Ian Robert MENCE OAM

For service to the community of Brighton.

Rotary Club of Brighton, President 2008-2009
Former Chair RYLA
Les Twentyman Foundation 1992 -
Mayflower Brighton, Board of Management 1999-2014
St Leonard's Uniting Church Brighton, Elder
Member, Small Business Ministerial Council 2010-2016



Christopher John Rodd OAM

For service to the insurance industry

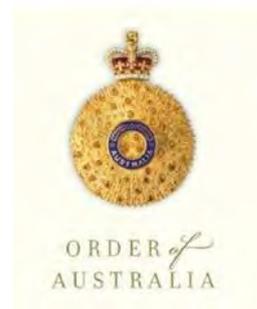
Rotary Club of Melbourne, Member and Around the Bay Team member



The late Kenneth Sidney MISSEN OAM

For service to the community through a range of roles.

Rotary Club of Melton, President 1995-1996
Justice of the Peace.
President, Melton Scouts.
President, Melton Technical School.
On call volunteer—Youth Referral and Independent Person Program 2008 -
Community Representative Western Water Group 2000 -



Corporate Abracadabra

Enclosed between the friendly and familiar greetings of “Hi Carl” and “Kind Regards”, my bank wrote me a letter this week showing how they have become masters in the art of doublespeak.

It brought recollections from the classic novel “1984” by George Orwell, that I read so many years ago for my English exam. The bank’s letter started with “Hi Carl, We’re always looking for ways to making banking easier” and then continuing with “simplifying” product lines. The **punch** line was delivered in the next paragraph. There I was informed that if I wanted to keep the same debit card services it will no longer be free but instead cost me \$120 a year. Dear Bank, please explain to me how putting a fee on a previously free card makes my banking easier? Kind Regards.



A number of powerful companies think that capitalism can be translated to mean unfettered greed and social irresponsibility. Doublespeak or distorting the truth is not only reserved for customers but also for the tax office. Some global companies have acquired unprecedented power and clout and can move vast amounts of capital within their divisions. By following tried and true recipes they can cook up any tax number they like and can remain perfectly legal.



Abracadabra, now you see it, now you don't. Organisations like Apple and Google with revenues exceeding most nation's GNP tend to not just cook but perhaps even BBQ up the numbers in the countries that they operate! As a rule of thumb logic tells us that for instance Apple, a technology company like Telstra, should pay about the same percentage of tax as Telstra on its Australian sales. In the last two years alone, that comparison for Apple with Telstra shows a shortfall from Apple that amounts to the cost of one brand new fully equipped Royal Children's Hospital, and that is allowing its cost to go \$200 million over budget! Is that fair for all concerned? No, it definitely is not!

That's why we should highlight it and object to it because it is against our sense of what is fair, and one does not have to be a Rotarian to object to that. If the state is there to protect its citizens from being exploited, then the state is clearly failing in its duty. As Rotarians we should not only take an interest in corporate responsibility, but demand it, especially from the big end of town.

Carl Zammit
President, Rotary Club of Kew 2017-18.

P.S. These are my personal views; however, I am attaching some links to back my argument.

- 1) The declared gross margin of Apple US in their annual report is 38%, see <https://www.apple.com/au/newsroom/2017/11/apple-reports-fourth-quarter-results/>

Why is it declared at less than 4% for Australia? Some argue that the gross margin that Apple has in Australia is closer to 50%. Note the above shortfall is based on only 23%! We are increasingly becoming more dependent on these global companies, whose decisions impact our lives, yet their boards are not democratically elected by us, we cannot remove them from office, they are anonymous and even alien to us.

- 2) Apple actually paid a bit more tax in those two years however the extra amounts [where back taxes](#) that the tax office clawed back from previous years, see <https://data.gov.au/dataset/corporate-transparency/resource/b84c2b8d-c595-4219-987d-fc1add7f00f0>

- 3) See also the comments made here. <https://delimiter.com.au/2016/01/26/farce-apple-australia-pays-extra-4m-of-tax-on-1-8bn-revenue-gain/>

Echuca Moama Rotary Club 'Work for the Dole' Project

Information about this Federal Government program came from Julie Lomas and the Echuca Neighbourhood House which had experience with WFTD (Work for the Dole) . The Shire CEO also encouraged WFTD to consider Rotary Park.

CVGT have been the auspice body and we have worked closely with Luke Eldridge and Phil Hazelman from there. Ross Meeking was the WFTD administrator in the first six months. We have really appreciated all of their support, encouragement and hard work to get us the best result.

Key members of the Rotary Club for the project have been Greg Hansford, John Lomas, Ray Clayton, Graham Green, Paul Roache, Barry Simpson (treasurer) and Cliff Downey. Julie Lomas has also played a major role. Our work team's supervisor was Tony Cummins. We had many job seekers enrolled in our program over the period. Thank you to Tony who could manage people with hugely varying abilities and needs for supervision. WFTD provided funds to employ the supervisor and some funds for materials used in the various projects around the park.

OUTCOMES



The standard of work in the constructions is outstanding. This is a credit to the Work for the Dole teams and supervisor and was made possible by the huge commitment in time and expertise of the Rotary members involved. Major projects focused around our new toilet block and building a stage for events.

Pictured are some of the parts of the stage which can be fitted together in various configurations for different events. They can also be stacked away easily.

A BBQ shelter was constructed next to the toilet block in keeping with the building style. The timber ramp for the toilets was constructed by the WFTD team.

Rotary members designed the construction and were involved in advising and working with the team every step of the way. This has been a great service project for the Rotary club where the impact on the job seekers has been considerable. CVGT report that the workers liked coming to the job and felt they were achieving something. We saw the benefit of this in the commitment of two of the workers who continued to be involved as volunteers after their six months was finished. A number also went on to find jobs in the community.



Teams also worked on improvement projects around Rotary Community Park. Pictured below is a third of the section of river bank totally improved by clearing brush and building pine post barriers. The Rotary clubrooms and out-buildings were renovated and painted both inside including shelving and outside including cladding.



Both drop toilet blocks completely renovated with rabbit proof concreting and new cubicle partitions and doors. It is hard to believe they are the same toilet blocks.



The same can be said for both of the relocated carriage toilet blocks with refurbished and painted interiors.



In the historic area of the park the cooking pits were completely removed and new steel pits welded and fitted by the WFTD team. A retaining wall and guard rails were built by the team along the top of the camp kitchen where there is a new miniature rail extension.

A great deal of cleaning up and grubbing out was done while the men's shed was being built including the paddock behind. Pictured below is this clean and tidy area after months of work. Many other similar jobs were done such as cleaning up the wood yard, the new horse yards and machinery along the river bank. Mowing and whipper snipping was also regularly done, helping to keep the grounds in good order.

Small projects were completed such as the beautiful picnic tables and refurbished wooden sign and the 'dunny's' made for the Steam Rally 'burn the dunny' tradition.

Assistance was also given by the team in preparation for major events such as the Steam Rally and Food Trucks festival.



Cliff Downey
Rotary Club of Echuca-Moama,
Project coordinator

World Environment Day

June 4th is World Environment Day. Let's take a moment to look around at the beautiful trees & plants that surround us & wonder how they started their life. While many have grown on their own of course, many however have been planted by people. People just like thousands of Rotarians around the World that have acted on the "Call to Action" by RI President Ian Riseley's message to plant a tree for the next generation to enjoy... #pledge to plant together with "Environmental Sustainability Rotarian Action Group"
<https://www.esrag.org/>

1.2 Million Rotarians around the world were called upon to plant trees & bushes to help our environment. Many, many Rotary Clubs have achieved this including Essendon. The focused date to complete this by was Earth Day on 22 April & so it was on Sat, 21 April that members & friends of the Rotary Club of Essendon travelled to Kilmore to plant our 51 plants to acknowledge the 51 members of this Club. Actually we planted more than this but we stopped counting after 51!

It may be a few weeks ago that this wonderful & fun-filled working bee took place however I thought today, being World Environment Day, would be a lovely time to elaborate a little more on this project. A day to take the opportunity to share with this group some more about where we chose to plant our trees & to assure everyone the we have indeed "Made a Difference".

Our planting took place at **Children First Foundation "Miracle Smiles" Retreat** in Kilmore East. Not a local project as such, nor even in our own District, but who says Rotarians can't lend a hand anywhere around the world that needs some assistance. A place where children live when they travel from various developing countries around the world, e.g. Timor Leste, Solomon Islands, the Philippines etc to receive life-changing, often life-saving, operations that cannot be done back home in their own countries. Many cases over the years have been referred by Interplast when they are also unable to tackle the complexity of some of these operations when on the field.

There have been various changes to the management of Children First Foundation over the past couple of years & the Foundation is now headed up by their wonderful CEO, Elizabeth Lodge, & a fantastic team of workers & volunteers. Recently the Retreat has built an on-site physiotherapy room & built a structure that can now enclose the outside pool so that it can be used all year round. This is most important as many of the children come to Australia for complex orthopaedic work that requires a lot of recovery & rehab work. While other organisations donated the funds to make this happen, landscaping was also required to surround these new structures & we also set about redeveloping the vegetable gardens & planted more fruit trees that can feed the children living there in the future.

Please find following some history about Children First Foundation for those that may not know:

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of many people the plans eventually became a reality with the formal establishment of Children First Foundation in July 1999. Rotary District 9790 joined forces with Children First and at the same time Rotarian and Kilmore local Noel Baker and his wife Janis donated 45 hectares of land to the newly formed Foundation to build a home for the children.

An old house was donated and transported from Bright and a team, led by Rotary District Governor Geoff McIlvenna and Bernie Lamers AM re-built and fitted it out with donated materials and fixtures. The design of the house enables us to meet the complex needs of the children before and after surgery. The 100 square home was opened by the then Governor of Victoria John Landy AC MBE in November 2001.

The Foundation is extremely grateful for the contribution of Rotary District 9790, generous Rotarians, suppliers, individuals and volunteers who built this special place and worked together to establish Children First Foundation.

Today the [Miracle sMiles](#) program is responsible for transforming the lives of hundreds of children across the globe.

<http://childrenfirstfoundation.org.au>

<http://childrenfirstfoundation.org.au/2018/new-patrons-announced-at-suwan-thai-charity-dinner>

Jenny Foster
President, Rotary Club of Essendon

World Environment Day planting in Port Melbourne

Last Monday June 4th, members of the Rotary Club of Port Melbourne together with our Assistant Governor Rosemary Waghorne and her Husband planted 500 grasses & trees on the Walter Reserve Port Melbourne.

We were also happily assisted by the 3 year-old son of one of our Club Members.

The day was cold but with bright sunshine which meant that everyone started the event with enthusiasm and a smile. We were helped and guided by representatives of Citywide Daniel & Zack who also provided the plants and tools etc. The planting site was located in a corner of the Reserve between Bridge Street and Evans Street next to the Light Rail.

We started at 11am and by 12mid day we had completed our 500 plantings which also reduced many of the smiles to “moans and groans” as we tried to stand up straight!

However, many of us then retired to the home of a fellow Rotary member Robyn, where tea and coffee plus a good chat soon revived us.

If you wish to join us in such community activities we meet every Monday night at 6.30pm at the Albion Evans Street Port Melbourne or contact us through our web site. www.rcpm.org.au

Graham Read - President



Rotary Club of Brimbank Central – end of an era

It was a proud but sad occasion as Rotarians and friends from across District 9800 gathered at the Taylors Lakes Reception Centre to bid farewell to the Rotary Club of Brimbank Central on June 8th.

After 43 years of service to the community, the members decided to relinquish their charter, first granted to the Rotary Club of St Albans on May 9th 1975 sponsored by the Rotary Club of Keilor.

District Governor Peter Frueh and Anne, District Governor Elect Bronwyn Stephens and Mark, Past District Governors Julie Mason, Ross Butterworth and Annette, and current, future and former Assistant Governors Ejanul Hague, Des O’Shannessy and Lesley McCarthy joined with Rotarians from Keilor, East Keilor and Caroline Springs to celebrate past successes with current members and their families.

A large contingent from the Philippine community also attended, as did representatives from Lions, Victoria University Secondary College and Keilor Downs College.

During the evening, John Rafter recited a snapshot of the club history highlighting some of their projects which included:

21 years of Rotary Art Shows {\$100k}, 7 Golf Days {\$164k}, constructed water bores in remote villages in the Philippines, support for Papua New Guinea, Samoa and the Solomon Islands, Birthing Kits for PNG, a major building project for the disabled at Camp Getaway, the Brimbank Bicycle Education Centre, scholarships to all local secondary schools, support for 12 Inbound and 10 Outbound Rotary Youth Exchange students, supported RYPEN, RYLA, MUNA, NYSF, Science Experience and ROMAC.

The club also established the PROBUS Club of Taylors Lakes and Interact Club at St Albans SC. Over 43 years members have contributed over \$200,000 to the Rotary Foundation and raised \$164,000 through Bunnings sausage sizzles.

Major donations were given to Western Chances, the Brimbank Bicycle Education Centre and WERN. A number of Paul Harris Fellows were awarded including to several members.

Musicians and singers from the Victoria University Secondary College performed during the evening, including an outstanding performance of “It’s Time to Say Goodbye” by their Music teacher Melody.

Below: District Governor Peter Friueh with Charter Member and Past President Allan Puli.



Above:
VUSC musicians.



Right:
President John Youngs
relinquishes the club charter
to District Governor
Peter Frueh



Rotarian Action Groups

<https://my.rotary.org/en/document/rotarian-action-groups-officer-directory>

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION

<http://www.ragfamsafe.org>

Rotarian Action Group for Family Safety: Breaking the Family Violence Cycle - Works to develop a network of Rotarians, Rotaractors, and their spouses, and other Rotary affiliated groups to reduce Family Violence.

CHAIR: Norman Taralrud-Bay, Australia. normanbay@optusnet.com.au (Member, Rotary Club of Melbourne)

VICE CHAIR: Caroline Counsel, Australia. ccounsel@ccfamilaw.com.au (Member, Rotary Club of Melbourne)

TREASURER: Gavin Wayland, USA. gwayland@iprimus.com.au (Member, Rotary Club of Balwyn)

VIOLENCE FREE FAMILIES

<https://violencefreefamilies.org.au/>

DIRECTORS: Gabriel Hau, RC E-Club of Melbourne ghau@optusnet.com.au

Kerry Kornhauser RC Melbourne kerry.kornhauser@gmail.com

Barry Hickman RC Brighton barry.hickman@gmail.com David Smyth RC Brighton dssmyth@bigpond.net.au

ENDANGERED SPECIES

www.endangeredrag.org

Rotarian Action Group for Endangered Species - Works to mobilize Rotarians and provide global awareness and focused action in the continuing struggle to preserve and protect endangered species.

CHAIR: Thomas Tochtermann, Australia. tomtochtermann@gmail.com (Member, Rotary Club of Chelan)

VICE CHAIR: Philip Merritt, USA. papa354@gmail.com (Member, Rotary Club of Mabalacat Clark)

SECRETARY: Madhumita Bishnu, India. madhubish27@gmail.com (Member, Rotary E-Club of Melbourne)

FOOD PLANT SOLUTIONS

<http://foodplantsolutions.org>

Food Plant Solutions Rotarian Action Group - A self-sustainable solution which empowers people to make informed choices about what plants to grow that will nutritionally feed their family.

CHAIR: Una Hobday, Australia. unahob@gmail.com (Member, Rotary Club of Hobart)

GRANTS DIRECTOR: James Wilcox, Australia. jkwilcox@bigpond.net.au (Member, Rotary Club of Longford)

PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR: Karalyn Hingston, Australia. info@foodplantsolutions.org

HEARING

www.ifrahl.org

Rotarians for Hearing Rotarian Action Group - Provides Rotarians with information, expertise and encouragement to participate in cooperative, large scale projects to help the children and adults with hearing loss.

CHAIR: Ellen Haggerty, USA. haggertyellen@yahoo.com (Member, Rotary Club of Pleasant Valley)

VICE CHAIR/SECRETARY: Lyn Davies, Australia. davieslyn@msn.com (Member, Rotary Club of Terrigal)

LITERACY

www.litrag.org

Literacy Rotarian Action Group - Works to increase the scale and effectiveness of literacy programs, as well as create a sustainable network of effective Rotarian literacy practitioners throughout the world.

CHAIR: John Thorne, Australia. thorne.hobart@gmail.com (Member, Rotary Club of North Hobart)

Rotarian Action Group for Multiple Sclerosis Awareness - Promotes MS awareness and encourages Rotarians to contribute to MS research and improve support available for people with MS

CHAIR: Martin Taurins, Australia. taurins3@vegas.com.au (Member, Rotary Club of Gisborne)

SECRETARY: Jacob Taurins, Australia. taurins2@vegas.com.au (Member, Rotary Club of Essendon North)

TREASURER: Diana Maree Taurins, Australia. taurins3@vegas.com.au (Member, Rotary Club of Gisborne)

WEBMASTER: Peter Taylor, Australia. petert@tsac.com.au (Member, Rotary Club of Essendon North)

ROTARIAN ACTION GROUP AGAINST SLAVERY

<http://ragas.online/>

40.3 million people around the world are in modern slavery today According to the joint International ILO and the Walk Free Foundation 2017 [Global Estimates of Modern Slavery](#) released in September. 71% are female

Coordinator Victoria, Australia – Tony Stokes, RC Box Hill Central tony@ragasonline

District 9800 Malcolm Baird, RC Brighton North brembaird@bigpond.com

<http://northbrightonrotary.org.au/news/14449/rotarian-action-group-against-slavery>

Camberwell's Timor Leste Project update

Our Rotary Volunteers (Team 1) have arrived into Dili on 31st May'18. They purchased all relevant materials and tools in Dili, before they made their way to Baguia.

Team 1 will be installing three Water Tanks in two schools, Lebenei Primary School (two tanks) and Guawa Laveteri Primary School (one tank) and measuring roofs for designing gutter brackets at eight other schools in Baguia region.



The Team consists of three Rotarians - John Walmsley (Camberwell Rotary), Rod Kenafacke (Pres. Chadstone East Malvern Rotary) and Abelio (Dili Lafaek Rotary).

Guttering is being installed at these schools and tank stands, were made by locals. The team has also completed the measurements to design brackets at two other schools.

We are planning to send a part-container (sharing the container with Tools for Timor project headed by Don Jago) load of school desks, chairs, stationery, clothes etc. to Baguia. We received a request from Ms Leo our local Coordinator, for these items to be sent over to Baguia. Some of these items are being donated by Korowa and Toorak Primary Schools.

Vijay Susarla

Rotary eClub Making a Difference in India

Thanks to the amazing work of member and International Director, Madu, a need has been identified in a remote area of India that the E-Club is proud to assist with.

Children and their families live without clean drinking water for much of the year, but the addition of a small, simple hand pump ensures the community has access to this basic human right.

Thanks to the wonderful donations by friends of the E-Club of Melbourne one tubewell has been constructed and is already making a difference to the lives of children in the community. The E-Club of Melbourne would like to assist in the construction of one more hand pump and ask that you please consider if you can make a small contribution to make a huge difference to the lives of others.

<http://ideas.rotary.org/Project/Profile/ac9f548d-335d-49aa-aecd-2acce7a94919>



Using the Rotary Ideas crowdfunding opportunity, the club have also funded the construction of toilet blocks in schools in India.

One of their members, Jennie, has also donated maths equipment which was delivered recently.

Belinda Grieve
President



Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair

It's hard to believe that the first year of Our Foundation's second century of service – and my term as chair of The Rotary Foundation – is coming to a close.

It has been an amazing experience to see Rotary and Our Foundation in action as I've travelled the world. It has been inspiring to see the passion and dedication of Rotarians, the energy and creativity of Rotaractors, and the diversity of projects and forms of service. I've seen **Rotary: Making a Difference** in the lives of countless people in need, because **Rotarians are People of Action!**

These experiences have reaffirmed my belief in Rotary's future and the vital role Our Foundation can and must continue to play – especially as we approach our post-polio era.

As Rotarians, we have big challenges and bold opportunities ahead:

- ◆ We must achieve our goal of eradicating polio! Please contribute to the polio campaign – whether through a direct donation, by fundraising, or by telling the polio story using your preferred media platform.
- ◆ We must expand the conversation and determine what corporate project or projects we will undertake next. Think bold!
- ◆ We must work to engage the 50 percent of the world's population that is under the age of 30. Surveys consistently show that these young people want to make a difference and to volunteer. We need to continue developing proactive strategies to engage millennials and Gen Z-ers.
- ◆ Women account for 50 percent of the world's population. They are proving to be the backbone of many clubs. We need to expand their reach and welcome their leadership at *every level* of our organization.
- ◆ More Rotarians and clubs need to connect more closely to the Foundation to understand how it can help achieve our goals.

This Rotary year, I invited you to share your ideas with me. Many did – about how to raise more funds, to simplify the grant process, to better engage youth, to build peace, to enhance our membership experience through The Rotary Foundation. You expressed your passion for a future in which Our Foundation will have a greater impact than ever in its second century. This is because *you* are our greatest strength.

Thank you for the honour of sharing this journey with you.

Paul A. Netzel
Trustee Chair 2017-18





If you are looking for something to get involved in with your Club AND raise funds towards ending Polio, consider The Polio Challenge:

Polio Challenge

Yes, it has been a long haul and regrettably we are not quite done yet. But we are so close and we cannot give up yet!

Polio has long ceased to be a disease here in Australia but a recent discovery of the polio virus in the Melbourne sewerage system reminds us that it would be so easy for all the work we have done to be in vain if we do not finish the job.

So, here is the deal!

Run a special event to raise funds for Polio eradication in addition to your annual giving for Polio-Plus. District will match your funds raised from its DDF allocation*, which will receive a special 50% bonus allocated by The Rotary Foundation. All of that will be matched 2 to 1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Your club will have the satisfaction of knowing that you really helped to make a difference.

Here is an example:

Club fundraising	\$1,000
District match	\$1,000
50% DDF Bonus	\$500
Sub-total	\$2,500
Gates 2:1 match	\$5,000
Total	\$7,500

What is a special event?

Really anything you want it to be—from a Trivial Pursuit night to a movie night, to buying and selling a special batch of Rotary Fruit cakes. And yes, you can direct your \$400 from Star Carnivals to Polio eradication and it will be matched one-for-one from DDF!

*** There is always an ***

District does not have unlimited DDF but will match up to \$50,000 so there is a challenge for clubs to make a difference.

If your club also makes a donation to PolioPlus as part of our annual giving to The Foundation, it will receive a 1:2 DDF match as a "thank you" for your proactive support. Donations must be banked by 31 May 2018.

Cheryl Pisterman
d9800foundation@gmail.com
Communications/Co-ordinator / Administrator
Rotary District 9800 Foundation Committee

Did you know?

ROTARY DOWN UNDER— There are 29,326 Rotarians in 1107 clubs in 21 districts in Australia.

Rotary Down Under June 2018 out now, see
<http://digitaledition.rotarydownunder.com.au/#folio=1>

Rotary On The Move—Rotary Coordinators Newsletter Zone 7b and Zone 8 JUNE
<http://rotaryclubofmiltonulladulla.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/2018-06-Rotary-on-the-Move-Newsletter-Zone-7B-and-8.pdf>

The June issue of **The Rotarian** is now available:
<https://my.rotary.org/en/news-media/magazines/rotarian>

Rotary Leader is available here <http://www.rotaryleader-en.org/rotaryleader-en/en201803?pg=1#pg1>

The Australia New Zealand Rotary Conference (formerly the Rotary Zone Institute) is a combined conference for Australia and New Zealand. <http://rotaryinstitute.org.au/>

Sign up for the RI Convention update newsletter at
<http://www.riconvention.org/en/toronto/news>

Rotary news:

<http://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/community/article/2146775/how-rotary-international-president-ian-riseley-went-being>

<https://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/international-rotary-convention-brings-24000-people-to-toronto-685115501.html>

<http://www.sunraysiadaily.com.au/story/5457722/changing-lives-by-giving-a-hand/>

VALE

Keith Lindner, a former member of the Rotary Club of Brighton, passed away recently at Mayflower Brighton.

Keith joined Rotary in 1974 and was a member of the Club for over thirty years.

At the recent ANZAC commemoration at the Club, Past President Chris Tuck gave a brief history of Keith's service in the navy during World War II on HMAS Warramunga around New Guinea and the Philippines.

Keith's wife Joan passed away in 1995. He later re-partnered with Shirley Parsons who passed away in 2016. Our condolences go out to Keith's son, Richard and all of his family.



Around the Clubs Welcome new Rotarians

The Rotary Club of Central Melbourne welcomed new members this week,
Pictured right Dominic Varasso who described his family and accounting-business life. Interests and mentoring overseas university students.

and below Hazma & Aliya Warijo



Rob Simpson, Bob Falconer, Jolm Braine, Gerry Cross, Keith Thompson and Graeme Bishop from the **Rotary Club of Canterbury** in action "cleaning up" at the Auburn Railway Station.

Bob has recently obtained confirmation from Mr Gary Mogford of KVB that VicTrack have approved his proposal to become a "Stationeer".

Following the big clean up of the northern side of the station, where we filled a six metre bin with green waste, Bob will continue with the regular cleaning up of the area.

Hamza Wariyo from Ethiopia has three children, aged 21, 18 and 10. The older ones are doing university economics and criminology. He's actively formed youth groups involving up to 200 boys. He has graduated in community development at Victorian University and has a diploma in welfare and counseling. He and Aliy are also community mediators. The family adopted two orphans now 21 and 18. One is at university and the other in Year 12.





Welcome

G'day,

The Australia New Zealand Rotary Conference (formerly the Rotary Zone Institute) will be held in Hobart, Tasmania on the weekend of the 14 – 16 September 2018. This will be a combined conference for Australia and New Zealand.

It is terrific that we will have then Immediate Past President of Rotary International Ian Riseley and Juliet attending the Conference as representatives of then President Barry Rassin and his wife Esther.

As the Convenor for this Conference I would like to extend a personal invitation to all Rotarians to attend and participate in the weekend. I would like all past officers of Rotary International to invite those Rotarians who are new to Rotary as well as those long time Rotarians. I am sure if all Rotarians can experience this Conference they will leave enthused and motivated to become more involved in Rotary. The Organising Committee have organised a great venue and the programme will be of interest to everyone. Plus this year we will have a number of breakout sessions on a wide range of topics.

The Darwin Conference was special and everyone really enjoyed themselves, Hobart promises to be just as exciting and enjoyable.

Sue and I look forward to welcoming you all to Hobart in 2018.

Regards,
Noel

News

A conference for all Rotarians!

The Australia New Zealand Rotary Conference (formerly the Rotary Zone Institute) is a combined conference for Australia and New Zealand.

DG Peter Freuh from District 9800 has won the early registration prize of one dozen bottles of Tasmanian wine. Congratulations Peter.

RI President Ian Risely and Juliet to attend

The Conference organisers are delighted to advise that RI President Ian Risely and Juliet will be the representatives of RI President Elect Barry Rassin. [Read more...](#)

Avalon Waterways our Major Sponsor

Our major sponsor Avalon Waterways will once again be in the Showcase after their successful sponsorship in Darwin. We welcome them on board. [Read more...](#)

<http://rotaryinstitute.org.au/>

STRENGTHENING YOUR CLUB WORKSHOPS

The District Support Team is conducting three facilitated workshops, involving **Warwick Cavell (Facilitator)**, **Kerry Kornhauser OAM (Public Image/Communications)**, **Yvonne Flynn (Club Service)** and **PDG Neville John (Membership Director)**.

These workshops will be hands-on interactive sessions that will include:

- Leading change in your Club
- Identifying the elements of a strong, vibrant club
- Project identification and selection
- Member and Community engagement
- Promoting your club projects and activities
- Your One-Page plan on membership recruitment and retention

Details are:

- **12 August 2018**
Rotary Gateway Function Centre, 26 High St, Kangaroo Flat 3555
- **19 August 2018**
Baden Powell College, 81 Baden Powell Drive, Tarneit 3029
- **26 August 2018**
Montague Street Continuing Education Centre, 100 Montague St, South Melbourne 3205

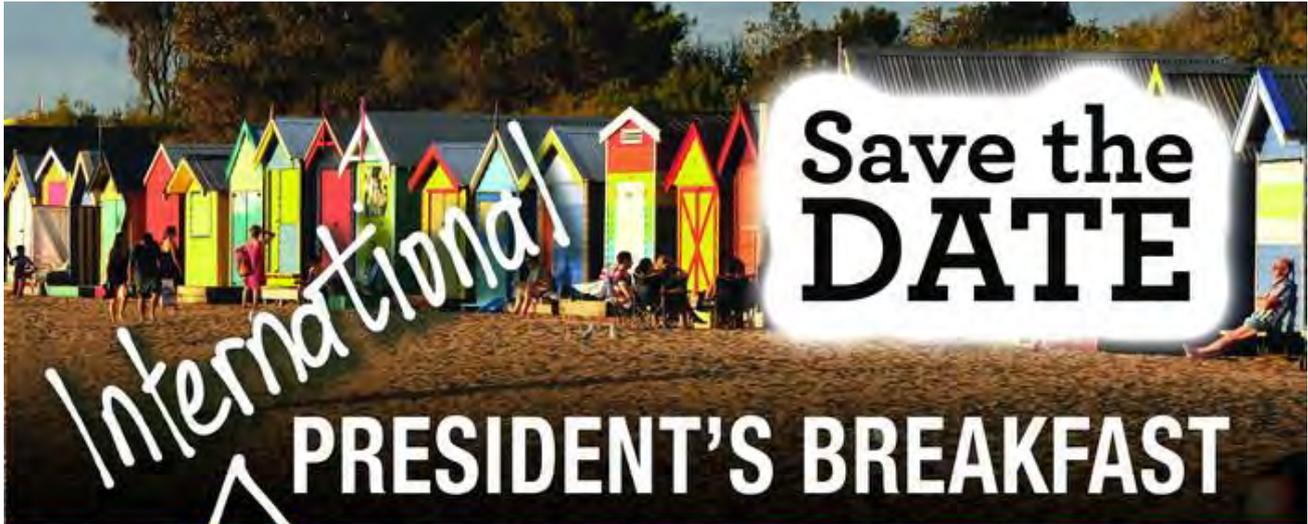
All sessions are 8.30 am for 9 am start and finish at 1.00 pm with a light lunch.

RSVP by 6TH August, detailing session attending and any dietary requirements to:

Marjorie Gerlinger, marhern@bianond.net.au, 0419 302 109

Vibrant Clubs provide opportunities for its members and other community stakeholders to engage in a range of interesting humanitarian projects that promote what Rotary does to make a difference to the lives of others.





Friday 31st August 2018 7:15am - 9:00 am

MCC Member's Dining Room & Percy Beames Bar (MCG Gate 1)



GUEST SPEAKER: Ian Riseley OAM

President of Rotary International 2017 - 2018

"Why good people should want to be Rotarians"

All Rotarians, Presidents, Past Presidents & Friends of Rotary welcome

\$70pp (early bird \$65 to 31Jul18)

For registration:

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OR Sue Jones, suejones@oiltech.com.au



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www.northbrightonrotary.org.au

01 Birth Trauma Forum

Break the SILENCE

Topics include

Evidence based prevention, patient / clinician communication and ABTA's mission.



In Australia, 1 in 3 women identify their birth as traumatic. This forum is to raise awareness of the impact of birth trauma - and the importance of detection, prevention, support and treatment.

17 JULY 2018

12.30 - 4.15pm

\$40 including lunch

ROTARY CLUB - HAWTHORN
Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club
489 Glenferrie Road
Kooyong VIC 3144

SPEAKERS INCLUDE

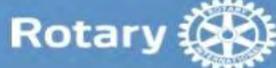
MS AMY DAWES: COFOUNDER
DR JESSICA CAUDWELL-HALL: OBSTETRICIAN
MS LANA SUSSMAN: PERINATAL SOCIAL WORKER & PSYCHOTHERAPIST
DR OLIVER DALY: UROGYNAECOLOGIST AND OBSTETRICIAN
MS ALEX LOPES: PHYSIOTHERAPIST
MS RACHEL HAYWOOD

This forum will provide participants with an update about the evidence concerning birth-related trauma, and an open forum for consumers and clinicians from a range of disciplines to discuss and identify issues that may prevent effective communication in clinical situations.

We will provide a constructive approach to considering the concerns of women and clinicians when providing such information, with the ultimate aim of demonstrating the work ABTA is doing in the field to better support impacted women and their families.

Register at www.trybooking.com/390069

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7 PM

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\$60 per person - 3 course meal &
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