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MAY IS YOUTH SERVICES MONTH

DG Neville John's Message



Rotary has a special responsibility towards youth, and a number of initiatives must be directed to the youth of today because they become the citizens of tomorrow". – RI President - Sir Angus Mitchell



Youth Change the world

May is Youth Service Month and like Sir Angus Mitchell, I believe that many of our actions should be directed towards helping our young people prepare to effectively manage the future. To help them be the best they can be, by supporting the development of skills in the areas of communication, leadership, driver awareness, resilience and self-esteem, and in furthering their career aspirations. We can nurture them by sharing how Rotary and they can make a difference for the better. That's one of our more important responsibilities.

The underlying platforms for doing this are provided in the form of Earlyact, Interact, Rotaract and Rotary structures. Rotary clubs across our district have been working with Rotaract Clubs for many years and a growing number are developing relationships with schools to start-up Earlyact and Interact clubs. So what do these clubs do?



RYPEN



DG Neville John and Rebecca

Rotaract Clubs:

Rotaract is a global organisation that empowers students and young professionals to create positive change in their local communities and around the world and provides unique opportunities that assist its members in becoming the business and professional leaders of tomorrow. Existing clubs in District 9800 are:

- Gateway (formerly Tullamarine)
- Melbourne City (formerly University of Melbourne)
- Swinburne; and
- Very excitingly, a provisional club at Stonnington

Interact Clubs:

Interact is for young people aged 12-18 who want to join together to tackle the issues in their community that they care most about. Interactors carry out hands-on service projects, make international connections, develop leadership skills and have fun. Existing clubs in District 9800 are:

- Aitken College
- Albert Park Secondary College
- Baden Powell College
- Balwyn High School
- Brighton Secondary College
- Camberwell Grammar School
- Gisborne Secondary College
- Kyneton Secondary College
- Mac Robertson Girls High School
- Manor Lakes Secondary
- Melbourne Girls College
- St Albans Secondary School

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DG Neville John's Message

Earlyact Clubs:

Earlyact Clubs strive to promote goodwill, understanding and peace through the active participation of their student members. Involvement in an Earlyact Club teaches values such as caring, respect, empathy, responsibility, tolerance, citizenship, compassion, friendship and leadership. District 9800 Clubs are presently:

- Baden Powell College
- Balwyn North Primary School
- Sandridge School, Williamstown



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The most effective way of engaging with young people in Earlyact and Interact are through their local schools, so it's imperative that we forge close relationships with the appropriate people.

Imagine if every cluster of clubs worked together to do this, showcasing the leadership development opportunities that Rotary has to offer their students.

Imagine each of the fifteen clusters in D9800 having at least one Earlyact, Interact and Rotaract Club. **Imagine** each cluster hosting at least one opportunity for young person to experience life in another country through Rotary Youth Exchange. A continuum of like-minded people of varying age groups, learning from each other and working together to create a better community, and each linked via a mentoring model. Several years ago I was fortunate to Chair the district Youth Service committee. It didn't take long to see the magic that could be created when experience and youth came together in a well structured way. The model is shown on the next page.

"It's your personal responsibility to show prospective members how you do what you do. (That's how you win trust!). I do my best to motivate people to take action. And some of those people choose to DO IT WITH ME. And we get stuff done and have sooooo much fun doing it!" - James Tuckerman - Founder, Anthill Magazine

This quote from James Tuckerman was written in the commercial context of how to attract new customers in a business. That is, to give them your knowledge and experience instead of hiding it from them. If you don't tell them they will eventually find it on Google anyway he said. So let's think about this in a Rotary member engagement context. Think about the knowledge you have about Rotary service, why you do it and how it fits into your busy life. Share it around and tell people why it's important to you and perhaps they will want to be involved in it with you in some way.



RYPEN

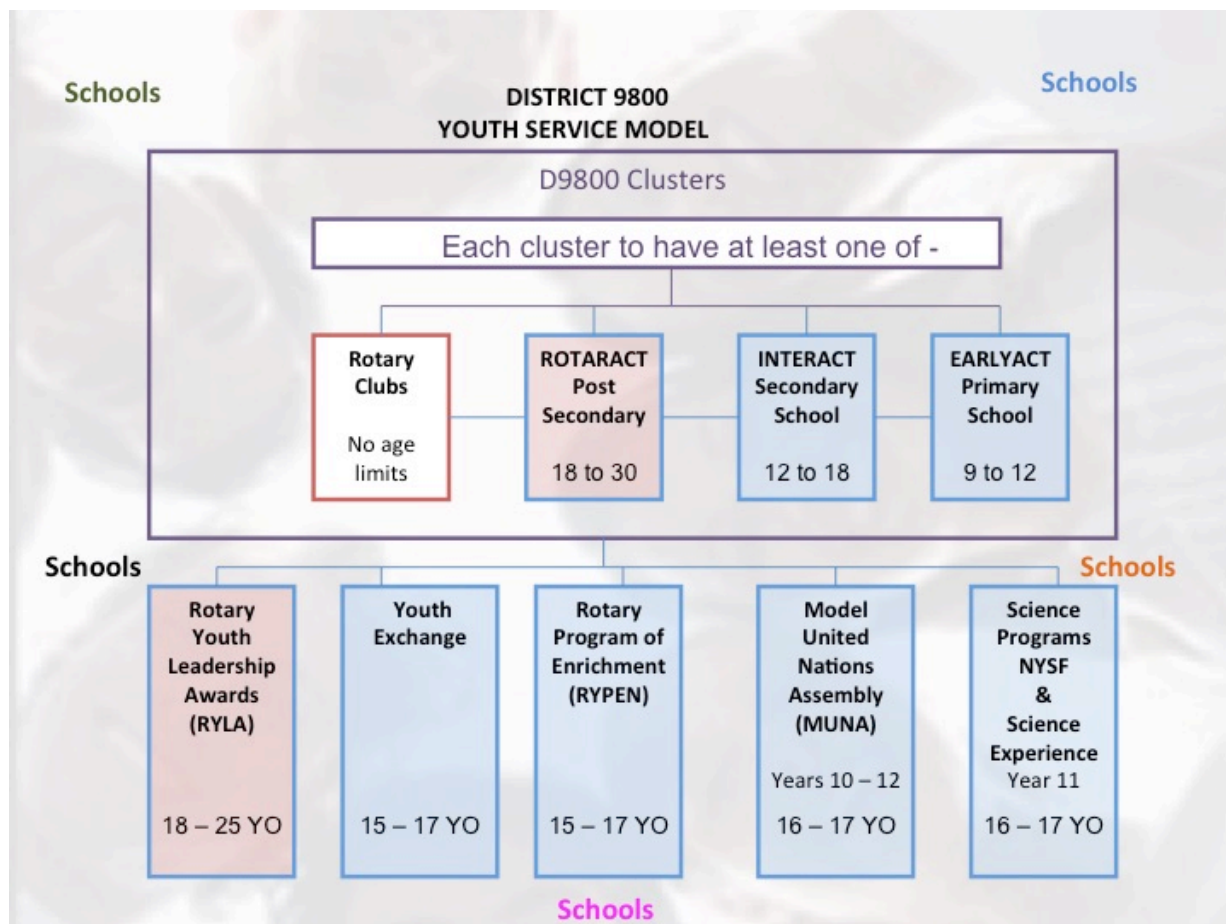
Every day there is an opportunity to share with someone a story about **Rotary Serving Humanity**. Let's share ours!

"We cannot talk about the future without talking about children. They are our future". - PRIP James Lacey

Neville John

District Governor 2016-2017

***Rotary's Area of Focus for May:
Youth Service***



**MAY DESIGNATION IS
YOUTH SERVICE MONTH**

"If you really want to change the world you have to inspire young people. That's how you change the world."

Joe Rogan

Rotary

TAKE ACTION: Engage Rotary, Change Lives

What Happens When The World's Most Famous Teen Activist Grows Up?

By TOREY VAN OOT

Malala Yousafzai's path from pupil in a remote region of Pakistan to one of the most famous activists in the world is formed in tragedy.

After the Taliban came to power in Pakistan's Swat Valley, they banned girls like Malala from going to school. Malala was 11 at the time and, encouraged by her father, who ran a chain of local schools and was a longtime activist in this field, she quickly emerged as a voice for girls' education. There was an anonymous blog on the BBC, followed by less anonymous appearances and interviews. The work came with risks, but Malala and her family underestimated how many — no one thought the militants would hurt a girl.

On October 9, 2012, they were proven wrong. Malala was riding in a converted truck that doubled as a school bus along with her peers. She remembers being in a good mood because she got high marks on a paper that day. But then a man boarded the bus. Who is Malala? He asked. He pulled out a Colt .45 and fired, striking Malala in the head. Two of her friends were also injured in the attack.

Miraculously, Malala survived. She was taken to a military hospital for emergency surgery, then eventually to a hospital in the United Kingdom for treatment. Her family, including two younger brothers, joined her there; it was clear then that it would be too dangerous for them to stay in Pakistan. To this day, they have not been able to return.

Less than six months later, [Malala slung a pink backpack over her shoulder and returned to school](#), this time in Birmingham, England. And in 2013, the Malala Fund was born.

This is an exciting time for Malala but it comes at a particularly fraught period for her cause. Educating girls is widely recognized as a crucial step toward improving gender parity overall, but its importance has long been overshadowed by other pressing humanitarian concerns. [An estimated 130 million girls worldwide don't go school](#). The reasons are wide-ranging and difficult to tackle: child marriage, threats of violence, and [even shortages of sanitary pads](#) can hinder access. Progress was already slow (one [2015 analysis found efforts to meet UN-backed goals to close the gap "stalling" in 80 countries](#)), but now with the refugee crisis and the nationalist mood spreading across the west, the issue of girls' education is at risk of getting pushed aside once again.

All this puts extra pressure on Malala, who, through the force of her conviction and communication savvy (and resultant best-selling memoir and documentary), transformed her story into a call to action for the plight of girls everywhere.

In the midst of all this activism, the high school senior is readying for another new challenge, one that will involve stepping away from the international stage for the Ivory Towers of Oxford. And then, the crossroads of adulthood awaits. All this raises a question that only Malala can answer: What happens when the world's most famous child activist grows up?

Full story: <http://www.refinery29.com/2017/05/153232/malala-yousafzai-exclusive-refugee-interview-college-acceptance>

#GettingTo5050, a global movement rooted in actionable tools and resources, aims to catalyze the conversations that will inspire a more gender-balanced world. Because true equality doesn't just lift women—it lifts everyone. Learn more [here](#).



People often forget that winning a Nobel Prize doesn't mean that you know much in your studies — Malala Yousafzai

Beauty arises from picks and shovels

By Tony Thomas, RC Central Melbourne

A dozen Rotarians and friends descended with picks, shovels and shears on the Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre grounds in Kew on April 29.

This was the 13th year of an annual Rotary blitz converting horrid concrete and tired grass to lush and tranquil sensory gardens.

Most of the patients have acquired brain and spinal injuries and strokes, and need long-term care. They can now get the outdoor benefits of natural floral beauty, scents and tranquillity. The compact but diverse and colourful courtyards are also a boon for staff and visitors.



"People who arrive through these grounds get a favourable impression of our care before they even get inside to make visits," says Steven Wells 44, who combines the triple roles of gardens project officer, horticultural therapist and clinical nurse.

The unit at Kew is part of the huge Austin Health complex involving 9,000 staff and 300,000 inpatient and outpatient arrivals a year. The pioneering garden work at Royal Talbot has inspired the hospital to roll out garden makeovers across their three facilities, ranging from green courtyards for paediatrics and radiology units, to child care, cancer and aged-care balcony gardens.

Over the past seven years \$750,000 has been spent developing 23 garden projects, nearly all funded by community donations, charities and trusts.

How did it begin? When Steven and his nursing manager Kris Hopkins started their drive to beautify the patients' surroundings, a nurse there Lyn McBain took the idea home to her husband Bruce, a member of Rotary Central Melbourne. Bruce and Lyn swung the club into support. Its annual labor day at the grounds has been supported in turn by volunteers from other clubs in the cluster.



My RYLA Experience

By David Roberts

David Roberts was a RYLA participant in 2014 sponsored by the Rotary Club of Brighton North. He subsequently returned as a RYLA Team member in 2016 giving back to RYLA and Rotary. David studied a Bachelor of Science at Monash University, majoring in Physiology and Psychology and has volunteered for a number of organisations, including Scouts Victoria and other youth camps.

I was a RYLA participant in 2014. Having a sister who had been involved in RYLA for several years, I had heard both lots and nothing about it. I had heard that it was an amazingly rewarding week, yet still had no idea what actually happened on the camp. After every year, I would receive the same fervent plea asking me to attend. And every time I would convince myself it wasn't for me or that I didn't need it. However, my sister was very persistent and so one year I decided to go (if nothing else to stop her from nagging me).

And so I turned up on the Sunday morning at the bus pick-up feeling a mixture of confusion, nervousness, and a little bit of this-is-all-just-a-waste-of-my-time-ness. The bus ride was as normal as I could have hoped for – I met a few people and we all laughed at how uneasy we felt about what was in store for us. None of us knew anything about the week. But some of us knew people on the programme so it couldn't have been all bad.

These reassuring feelings quickly dissolved once we arrived at camp. We were greeted by strict and stern looking team members who instructed us to be quiet and to form an orderly line while they marched us into the gym. We were told to sit in silence until everyone was seated. A team member then started to talk to us in a severe tone all the while glaring at anyone who made the slightest noise. It was at this point that I started to worry about what the rest of the week was going to be like, and a new friend and I genuinely started to plan how we were going to make our way back home. Before any of our escape plans could be finalised, the stunt was revealed through a team member led dance and the relief washed over us all. If there was anyone ever who should not have fallen for the stunt, it was me - but I was caught hook, line, and sinker.

What followed was a week of my life I will never forget.

The RYLA programme gave me many things: new perspectives, a deep appreciation of diversity of thought, and a clearer sense of who I was and who I wanted to be. It was able to do this through a supportive culture set up by the team and the speakers that allowed me to challenge myself and to push myself out of my comfort zones. RYLA gave me the confidence to pursue my passion – medicine – a path which I am still following four years later.

In short, RYLA has been the most rewarding week of my life so far. And I, along with hundreds of other young adults over the years, would not have



been awarded this privilege if not for the support of Rotary. Rotary has quite literally changed my life, and I cannot thank you enough. I urge Rotary to continue your tremendous support of this programme, and to continue to change people's lives.

For any further questions or to discuss our RYLA program contact the District 9800 RYLA Chair, Stuart Cardell on 0412 448 420 or email: stuart.cardell@rotary.to.

The Salvo Hawks

By Luke Waters, Philip Ly, SBS News. 9 SEP 2017

The footy team that's helping disadvantaged Aussies kick the habit: Team sport is helping a group of footballers made up of recovering alcoholics and drug addicts confront isolation and disadvantage, and build better lives.

On a sunny Melbourne day a local football club made up of recovering alcoholics have fought their way to their sweetest victory yet.



The Salvo Hawks celebrate a victory.

The Salvo Hawks are part of Reclink, an organisation in it's 26th year, which uses sport and art programs to reach people from a range of disadvantaged backgrounds nationally. Since its inception in 1990, it has been a saving grace for thousands of people.

Reclink's chief executive John Ballis said sport was the "soft door" to engage people experiencing disadvantage to come together. "The sort of changes that people have expressed to me is it's transformed their lives," Mr Ballis said. "We see additional benefits in helping to transform and change their lives and people moving towards pathways of learning, pathways to employment or pathways to improving their own personal health and well-being."

The Hawks' coach, former Collingwood Premiership player Gavin Crosisca, said the team met once a week and its members gave each other something conventional rehabilitation programs could not provide. "Their Wednesdays are what they really look forward to," Crosisca said. "It's the one day of the week where they have a real purpose in life and in early recovery finding that purpose sort of purpose is a really key ingredient."

Kathleen Sailor, 26, is a key player of the Salvo Hawks and was given an award that best represents the values of the Salvo Hawks: football and recovery. She has been clean for nine months from a prior ice addiction which led her to homelessness, psychosis and self-harm. "When it got really low I just had no hope, and ultimately I was in a really dark head space, and I wanted to take my life, I wanted to end it. I just didn't think it would get better. And I did. I attempted suicide once," she said. She is still in a rehab program but said being involved in the club's matches were vital during her road to recovery. "When I'm out there in the zone and after the game, the adrenaline - it's a natural high," she said. "I'm just pumped and full of excitement and the world just seems like a really beautiful place." She said being part of the team and program "definitely saved my life" and put her on a path she never thought she'd get on.



Kathleen Sailor stands tall and proud with her Salvo Hawks teammates.

The team's win has been an added bonus to a journey to a grand final like none other. "It just means everything," Ms Sailor said. "I got a sense of direction and a sense of purpose just to be among like-minded people that are all wanting the same result: just to have a really beautiful life."

Rotary Hawthorn is sponsoring The Salvo Hawks for new sportswear and equipment. The Salvo Hawks typically play matches, during the footy season, every second Wednesday at 12.00 and train on the other Wednesdays. Their home ground is at Victoria Road Reserve, very close to Auburn Station (Melway 45G10)

Seeds of Peace

By PDG Dr Murray Verso

The Centenary of the ANZACs landing at Gallipoli was commemorated in April 2015 by Australians and New Zealanders in a variety of ways - historical displays, lectures, school projects, genealogical searches and the restoration of WW1 monuments. Larger crowds than usual attended the traditional dawn services and ANZAC Day marches in cities, towns and hamlets in both countries and as well as other locations around the world.

Many of our Rotary Clubs embraced one or more of these commemorative activities and as the Rotary District 9800 Governor at the time, I had the honour of leading a tour group of 80 Rotarians to Istanbul and Gallipoli.

Without doubt the *Seeds of Peace* program was one of the most novel and imaginative ways that Rotary was able to honour the original ANZACs and the special relationship that now exists between Turkey, Australia and New Zealand.

Rotary has a long standing commitment to promoting international understanding, peace and good will. Our Rotary Peace Fellows program, our youth exchange program, our vocational training teams, group study exchanges and the Rotary Foundation's program of humanitarian grants are obvious examples of how Rotarians around the world promote peace and understanding. The aim of the *Seeds of Peace* program was consistent with Rotary's commitment to peace.



Seeds of Peace students with former Governor General Peter Hollingsworth at a Peace Conference in Istanbul



By using the lessons learnt since 1915 and by meeting with Rotarians and others involved with peace studies, the *Seeds of Peace* program enabled a talented group of young people to gain deep insights into the importance of peace and conflict resolution. Their application essays started them reflecting on the meaning of peace and their orientation workshops prior to their trip to Turkey helped them to formulate and reinforce their thinking. These workshops were facilitated by a previous Rotary Peace Fellow, Tania Militec and Bob Fels, a former member of Rotary International's Peace Committee and Chair of Rotary District 9800's Peace Fellows Selection Committee. I was pleased to be invited to meet the students at the first of their two workshops and to give them an overview of the work of Rotary.

Three weeks before their departure for Turkey, I had the good fortune to join the seven selected students, their tour leaders, Brett Phillips and Jemimah Walsh, and a number of other Rotarians at a cocktail function hosted by the Turkish Consul General for Victoria at his consular residence in Toorak. The evening had been organised by Dr John Basarin OAM, the President of the Rotary Club of Hampton and one of the prime movers of the Peace Conference held in Turkey as part of the 100th Anniversary activities. During the evening a number of the guests, including Jemimah, spoke about the special relationship between Turkey and Australia.

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Seeds of Peace – continued -

The Rotary Peace Conference in Istanbul was an impressive event. It was held on 18th April and hosted by the three Rotary Districts in Turkey. Around 200 people from Australia, New Zealand and Turkey, including the *Seeds of Peace* students, attended. Amongst the speakers were two former governors general, Dr Peter Hollingworth (Australia) and Sir Anand Satyanand (New Zealand). Dr Hollingworth and I were delighted to meet with the *Seeds of Peace* participants at the conference just before they began their tour down to Gallipoli.

A highlight of the conference was the signing of the Istanbul Peace Declaration by the two governors general and three Rotary District Governors, from Melbourne, Sydney and Istanbul.



District Governor Murray Verso welcomes the Seeds of Peace youth ambassadors to the pre trip Workshop at International House, Melbourne University on 1st March 2015

My touring party and the *Seeds of Peace* group had different itineraries so our paths did not pass again during our respective stays in Turkey. Nevertheless, I enjoyed reading their Facebook posts describing their experiences during their journey. I have also read the articles some of them have written since their return. They were an intelligent and articulate group.

Seeds of Peace was the brain child of Rotarian Adrian Campbell. His club, the Rotary Club of Camberwell, along with eight other clubs in the City of Boroondara, supported Adrian to develop this exemplary Anzac Centenary project. Apart from the tour component, other aspects of the project included the planting of pine trees, descended from the original Gallipoli Lone Pine, in the grounds of 23 schools in the City of Boroondara, providing an appropriate bronze plaque for each tree and the production of this book. Rotary District 9800 was pleased to provide a \$15,000 grant from its Rotary Foundation to support the project. Other funds came from the Rotary clubs in Boroondara and a Federal Government Anzac Day Centenary Grant.

This project raised the awareness of secondary students to the importance of peace and conflict resolution as well as giving them an opportunity to acknowledge the war service of previous generations. It is clear to me that the program provided a superb opportunity to identify, develop and nurture potential future leaders as peace ambassadors. Adrian Campbell and all the other Rotarians involved deserve fulsome praise for this initiative. By harnessing the power of Rotary, they have created a wonderful legacy for these young people.

Rotary Peace Fellow Update

By Ellen Maynes , Myanmar/Consultant

It has been an extraordinary year since I completed the Rotary Peace Fellowship at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok. I am truly grateful for the opportunities and connections that Rotary has made possible. So far I've spoken at international conferences in Europe and North America, launching a global campaign on women and peace, moved countries and starting a consultancy.

Yet, by far the best and most powerful thing has been becoming part of the network of 1000 peace fellows working globally to build peace and challenge conflict. In January, I had the opportunity to return to Chulalongkorn University as a teacher for Class 22 and I enjoyed sharing my learnings with the new batch of peace fellows.

Today I live and work in Myanmar, a country transitioning to democracy after many years of military dictatorship. There is still a long way to go here on the road to peace. Conflict is ongoing in various parts of the country, women's rights are neglected and journalists are fighting for freedom of speech. I work as a consultant focusing on projects on women's leadership, media development and multi-sector partnership. This month, my story will be one of many appearing in the Rotary 'String of Pearls' book, documenting the work of ten peace fellows around the world.



***Susan Hartley, Laetitia Van der Vennet,
Ellen Maynes - Bradford University
Peace Symposium***

Last month I travelled to the United States as a guest of Melly Kinnard of the Denver Rotary Club. I met Melly in Dublin in 2016 when I spoke at a conference at Trinity College and launched the Women's Peace Tables campaign globally. Women are under-presented in peace negotiations around the world, which severely hinders the achievement of sustainable peace. In 2016 the Women's Peace Tables movement resulted in more than 120 peace tables held by representatives from more than 45 countries on 6 of the 7 continents.

In Detroit, I attended the Rotary World Peace Conference where I hosted a panel with another Class 20 Peace Fellow, Frances Jeffries. I also got to know Nobel Peace Prize winner Jody Williams and Jennifer Jones the Vice President of Rotary International. Jennifer invited me to speak at a Million Dollar Dinner Event at the conclusion of the World Peace Conference in place of Rotary International President John Germ, who was not able to attend due to illness. Rotary has reinforced for me that building peace is all about connections, serendipity and bold action and this was the theme of my speech.

In Denver, Colorado I spoke at several events for organisations including Welcome to Colorado, the Red Cross of America, The Denver Council for Foreign Relations and the Rotary Club of Denver. I shared my experience as a Rotary Peace Fellow and about life in Myanmar. Raising awareness is key to building understanding and peace around the globe.



***Ellen (3rd from left) with colleagues from
International Media Support, an NGO
working to promote freedom of speech in
Myanmar.***

This month I am back in Yangon, Myanmar where I will undertake an intensive Burmese language program and commence a project training staff from various organisations on unconscious bias and diversity. In an environment where ethnic hate and bias exacerbates conflict, it is these projects that can change perceptions and connect those who are divided.

Lunch with Kerry Kornhauser

By Clare Kermond, Brisbane Times

Kerry Kornhauser breezes into the cafe with a smile; smart, funny and warm she's a most welcome prospect for a lunch companion, so it's surprising, and slightly worrying, when she confesses that people often flinch when she walks into a room.

Over the past decade, Kornhauser has thrown herself into several charities, many of them dealing with extreme disadvantage. Beneath the personable facade, she is fiercely persistent and determined. And very good at calling in favours.

It all started with a lunch. Kornhauser's sister was working with a charity that helped children from disadvantaged backgrounds with homework. She was doing the rounds, trying to get donations and support, and asked Kerry to come with her to a Rotary lunch.

Not knowing much about Rotary, Kornhauser was taken aback to see how few women were on the board, or even members. "There were a lot of wives. I asked why there were so few women involved and people just said, 'that's the way it's always been'."



Women in Rotary founder Kerry Kornhauser. Photo: Pat Scala



*Chilled ramen noodles with cured salmon.
Photo: Pat Scala*

Looking back, Kornhauser says that despite starting her working life in an era when sexism was far more accepted than today, she had been largely insulated from obvious discrimination.

In the early '80s she worked in advertising, in the media section, but her boss and many colleagues were women. She says overt sexism was more typical in the creative side, not a million miles from the *Mad Men* world of men calling the shots and otherwise behaving badly.

Like many of her generation, she left work when she planned to start a family, knowing there was almost no part-time work, but she soon joined the family business. Working with her father, brother and cousin in private hospitals, she had an unusual amount of support and flexibility.

This insulation from discrimination, in a contrary kind of way, was part of the fuel for Kornhauser's reaction to the lunch. She decided to join Rotary and set about changing the culture.

Two years after that first lunch she was president of the Albert Park branch and had started Women in Rotary. She sent a 10-page report to every board member arguing that Rotary should take the same approach as ASIC, which had set companies the target of reaching 20 per cent board representation by women.

Kornhauser's response to recently being awarded an Order of Australia was at first to think it might be a hoax. But having got over the shock she is hopeful it will "open doors".

As we finish lunch she talks about how she looks for the various ways people could make a contribution to different projects. "You never know, one day I could be looking for someone who knows how to write." She grins charmingly and it's easy to see why it's hard to refuse Kerry Kornhauser.

Full story at <http://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/entertainment/lunch-with-kerry-kornhauser-20170509-gw15yr.html>

Café Internationale goes with a swing

BY Tony Thomas, RC Central Melbourne

More than 40 Rotarians and friends from five District 9800 clubs were among the 160 guests at Café Internationale's 60th anniversary dinner on May 13. Students had been working up this special occasion since late 2016.



The finale to Café Internationale.

DG Neville John, PDG Keith Ryall and DGE Peter Frueh were also enjoying the song-and-dance filled student chorus lines and massed choirs. Neville John says it was a night of wonderful company, great food, and excellent performances bringing back memories of a golden era of music.

Of the 2017 profit of about \$8000, half will go to the Stroke Foundation, in memory of IH's previous deputy head Peter Cole, who passed away last year subsequent to a stroke. (This foundation is independently supported by many Rotary clubs). The other half goes to the IH Student Club coffers. Profit came from tickets, a silent auction and raffle of a sponsor-donated iPad Mini and Gucci watch.

International House currently has students from 40 countries, ranging from Afghanistan to Sri Lanka and Kenya.

Out of 291 undergraduates and 56 graduates at International House, more than 70 took on roles for the Café, including a large contingent who could sing, play instruments and dance. It demonstrated how performances are a key feature of IH's student life. They took on classic melodies and rock by decades from the 1950s, with some Bollywood and Fleetwood Mac items stirring things up.

For the Café to run each year since 1957 – the birth year of IH itself - is itself a remarkable feat. It began as a 'dance, music and drama show from different countries', mostly showcasing multi-cultural talents. From the 1990s the evenings became themed, such as "Festival of Nations", "Murder Mystery", "Orient Express" and "A Night in Paris".

The Café is entirely student-managed. Polished performances from the waiters was the result of special training by Emprevo Hospitality.

Catering for the \$90 a head occasion was five-star by IH's normal provider Catercare. The menu included Pao de Queijo with Roasted Pepper Salsa and mains of Braised Beef Bulgogi.

The Café coordinator Cosette Boland says she was overwhelmed at the Rotary and community support for the night.



Combined District Meeting

By Faye Kirkwood, RC Caulfield

This meeting was held at Milano's and was attended by about 150 people. It was hosted by Rotary Clubs of Hampton and Sandringham. Of those I saw there from District 9800 were Club members of Glen Eira, Brighton, Brighton North, Brighton Beach, Kyneton, Hawthorn, Glenferrie, Werribee and Caulfield. Drinks were served downstairs and then we ascended to the floor above for a sit down meal.

We were very impressed with Rotary International President Elect Ian Riseley, as he told us of his journey from election to the Head Position in Rotary to the current day and the many decisions he has had to make almost from day one. The topic of the night was "The answers to life, the universe and everything" and was presented with wit, humour and lots of examples along the way.

RIPE Ian Riseley was responsible for allowing women to join Rotary as full value members. When he first mooted the idea, "not in this lifetime" was a regular answer, but within about 4 years it was fully happening. Well done sir.

One of the things to look out for is Ian Riseley's plea for the planet to 'plant a tree' (after 1st July) for every member of each club. There should be a healthier earth after that has happened.

We had a taste of something good about to happen.

RIPE Ian Riseley is the 5th Australian to lead the World of Rotary.



ROTARY FOUNDATION CENTENNIAL DINNER

The Entertainment:



Choir of Hard Knocks



Nicholas Jones



Danielle Matthews



Jonathon Welch



"Essentials"
Will entertain us for the rest of the evening

Clarice's Comments



Jill Weeks sent us a lovely photo of DG Neville John when he was a guest on 96.5Inner FM Program: 'Rotary in Action'. Doesn't he look like he is enjoying himself?

DG Neville spoke of the many projects of D9800, including the Rotary Foundation Centenary Dinner at "The Peninsula" in Docklands on 31st May.

I've heard whispers about the gourmet food that we will have at this event. Apparently the desserts are to die for: should I have an entrée, skip the main course, and have two sweets? Decisions, decisions!

And which dress to wear? Perhaps I should check with MC Mandy Drury what she'll have on, or can I emulate Ivanka in my best frock?

For a bit of extra bling, I rang Chloe, and will borrow her fabulous necklace. For the men? The dress code is Lounge suit/Formal. No gender dysphoria for me, thanks.



***The Choir of Hard Knocks (left)
Chloe and Ivans (right)***

What to wear?

What a conundrum!

I'm especially looking forward to the Choir of Hard Knocks joining Danielle Matthews to perform a specially produced spectacular rendition of "Music of the Night" from Phantom of the Opera.

Be there, or be square!

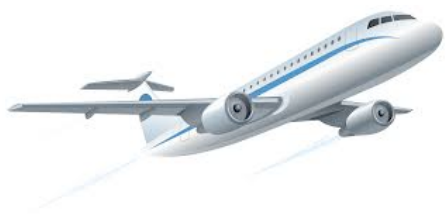
We love getting your feedback, and how nice it is that DGN Bronwyn Stephens enjoys "The Networker":

Hi Networker team,

I thoroughly enjoyed Networking this week. Thank you for all the local content and tons of news. What a lot of work there is in putting it together – it is a professional and impressive publication. Thank you so much

Warm regards, Bronwyn Stephens

Thanks DGN Bronwyn: the team are ably supported by some great contributors from all over the place. And we love our job!



When I was in the pub I heard a couple of plonkers saying that they wouldn't feel safe on an aircraft if they knew the pilot was a woman. What a pair of sexists. I mean, it's not as if she'd have to reverse the thing!

That's all for now.
Clarice.

Notices and Events

Western Emergency Relief Network

accepts donations of good condition household items such as: Bedding: Doonas & Covers, Pillows & Covers, Linen i.e. Sheets, Towels & Blankets. Kitchen Items: Kettles, Toasters, Crockery, Glasses, Cutlery, Pots & Pans Furniture: Beds all sizes, Clean mattresses. Tallboys, Dressing Tables, Bookcases, Dining Tables and Chairs, TV's White Goods: Fridges, Freezers, Washing Machines, Dryers, Fans & Heaters. If you'd like to donate items call Ross as above or 0476104736 to organise a pick up.



The Rotary Fair Trade Store

in Camberwell Junction is a combined project of Boroondara Rotary clubs, raising funds for DIK, the D9800 Donations in Kind Store, and local humanitarian charities such as Camcare.

It is located at the **rear** of 654 Burke Rd, Camberwell, (enter from the car park).

Open from 10 - 4.30, 7 days a week. Specializing in good quality collectibles and books, the store welcomes useful donations from Rotary members and families who may be downsizing, or spring cleaning.

Volunteers are always needed in customer service, any day. It also run sorting days on Thursday mornings and Monday afternoons for corporate or club involvement.

To get involved, please call Carl on 0418 328 499 or Jill on 9882 7724



Rotary Club of Brighton Beach Farewell Dinner

and 22ND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

Tuesday 23 May at Milanos Hotel Brighton Beach

6.00pm for 6.30pm Cost: \$30 per head

RSVP: 14 May 2017 Contact: Keiran Cromie 0419 252 814

keiran@brightontravel.com.au

Book at www.trybooking.com/PQZL



Port Phillip Fundraiser for Australian Rotary Health

Tuesday 23 May, at the Caravan Club ,95-97 Drummond Street, Oakleigh .

Bhan Tre is an all female acoustic group with a repertoire of traditional Irish tunes and songs and a selection of original songs with a Celtic flavour. (Sue Foley the Rotary Club of Melbourne South President is a key performer)

Irish born **Cyril Moran** plays vibrant music with a good taste of folk music, contemporary materials and original songs with an emphasis on vocal harmonies.

\$60 pp 2 Course Dinner Drinks at bar prices Doors open

6.30pm Great Raffle prizes on the night

Bookings via Trybooking. www.trybooking.com/PVJH

For all enquiries contact Sue Foley 0418557751 or sjfoley@optusnet.com.au



Rotary Club of Footscray Dinner/Art Auction

Saturday May 27th 5.30-6.30pm Pre-dinner drinks and viewing of Footscray Art

Prize exhibition Footscray Community Art Centre 45 Moreland St, Footscray

7.00 pm Anniversary Dinner and Art Auction: Croatian House 72 Whitehall St,

Footscray **Speaker: Dr Susan Alberti AC**

Croatian House is a short walk from the Footscray Community Art Centre. A

shuttle bus service will be available from 5-7pm between venues. Cost: \$75

Book online by 15th May: footscrayrotary80.eventbrite.com.au



Events

Comedy for a Cause

The Rotary Club of Melbourne Park have teamed up with Comedy for a Cause to bring you a fabulous night of fun and friendship!

Saturday 27th May, 8.00pm, at Melbourne Bowling Club, 138, Union St, Windsor. Money raised will help us to continue to make a difference through our passion projects, RYLA sponsorships, birthing kits and much more!

It would be great to share the evening with at least 10 people from your club. This is an incredibly accessible event at only \$35 a ticket!

Tickets can be purchased online at www.comedyforacause.net/rcmp



Rotary Club of Laverton Point Cook Red Tie Gala

June 3rd, at 7.00 PM. Windmills Garden Reception, Cnr Melton Highway & Leakes Road, Plumpton VIC Australia 3335 \$90 Single, \$170 couple RSVP by 25th May to Rosemary G.K - 0400781412

Tickets available at <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=246295>

We promise a fun night of meeting amazing leaders in our community over dinner, dancing and an Exquisite live show with Bollywood interactive dancing by HD Entertainment and sizzling music by Band O'Gold

As always, our events support a good cause and this time a percentage of the proceeds will benefit the Werribee Mercy Hospital Critical Care Unit, Rotary Young Youth Program & Ending Polio appeal.



The Rotary Club of Melbourne Thomas Baker Oration

Dr Ziggy Switkowski will make the 2017 Thomas Baker Oration in commemoration of the entrepreneurial and philanthropic ninth President of the Rotary Club of Melbourne. Dr Switkowski's inspiring topic will be "Our Digital Lives in the 2020's".

7 June, 12:30 pm until 2:00 pm LaTrobe Ball Room at Sofitel Melbourne

\$45 per person Normal business attire

RSVP by 2 June to office@rotaryclubofmelbourne.org.au (Jo Mavros)

www.rotaryclubofmelbourne.org.au



Rotary Club of Kew 50 Year Celebration

President Bob Slater and the Board of the Rotary Club of Kew request the pleasure of your company at a lunch to celebrate **the 50th anniversary of the Charter of the Club** to be held at the Kew Golf Club 120 Belford Rd Kew East

Friday 16 June 2017 at 12.30 for lunch at 1.00

Cost \$30 per person includes 2 courses and some beverages

Your reply to Murray Chessell, at mchessell@bigpond.com, 224 Clarendon St East Melbourne 3002 or 0400 005 190, by 22 May would be appreciated.



District 9800 Changeover Lunch

The Rotary Club of Brighton invites you and your partner to join District Governor Neville John and Rebecca and Incoming District Governor Peter Frueh and Anne in an afternoon of fellowship and entertainment.

25th June, 11.30 for 12 noon

RACV City Club, 17th Floor, 501 Bourke Street, Cost: \$79.00 per person (includes wine, beer, soft drinks, two course lunch)

RSVP by 13 June 2017

Bookings: www.rotarybrighton.com.au/events Dress: Lounge suit

Enquiries: Lauren McMaster Phone: 9514 3430

events@rotarybrighton.com.au

Central location with excellent access to public transport. Parking on site at cost of \$21.40 per vehicle.



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ROTARY FOUNDATION CENTENNIAL DINNER



In 1917 Arch Klumph, president of Rotary international, proposed an endowment fund dedicated to “doing good in the world”. The first donation of \$26.50 was made to the seed of the Rotary Foundation.

Thanks to this vision and the extraordinary generosity of Rotary members worldwide, this fund has become one of the world’s leading humanitarian foundations, spending more than US\$3 billion on Programs and Projects to improve the lives of millions of people worldwide.

With 100 years of service changing lives and improving communities, it’s time to celebrate! We’re bringing members of the community together with Rotarians from right across Australia for a Gala Fundraising Dinner in Melbourne, the home of Australia’s first Rotary club.



The Rotary Club of Southbank is proud to host this Centennial Foundation Dinner and auction. Our corporate sponsors and the Australian Rotary Districts have set the challenge of raising

AU\$1,000,000 in contributions and bequests which will help set up the foundation for an even more exciting 100 years and beyond.

BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW FOR THIS SPECTACULAR EVENT

Share ideas, join leaders and take action to create lasting change

Wednesday 31st May

\$165 per person or \$1650 per table of 10

The Atlantic, Central Pier

161 Harbour Esplanade, Docklands

BOOK NOW at <http://rotaryfoundationcentennialdinner.org.au>



Our Contributors



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



Tony Thomas frequently contributes to “The Networker”, and blogs at quadrant.org.au (usually outrageously)



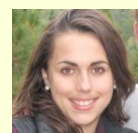
David Dippie of Keilor RC is a Rotarian who wants to change the world. Keep an eye on this man!



Dennis Shore was D9800 District Governor in 2012-13, and he is now District Foundation Director.



Our Glamorous Girl Friday Clarice replies to the letters we receive at “The Networker”.



Torey Van Oot covers the world for a site that serves 175 million millennial-minded women.



Del King is a former GSE Team member, and is now the President of the Rotary Club of Flemington.



Chris Richardson of Essendon North RC is the enthusiastic District Chair of Interact.



Dr Murray Verso of Williamstown RC was District Governor of D9800 in 2014-15



Faye Kirkwood of Caulfield RC is an enthusiastic fan of saving the world’s bees.