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## Clarice's Comments



**BusyFeet** is a dance and movement activity for children with intellectual and physical disabilities, aged 6 to 16 years. The participants experience happiness, and develop more self confidence, through the movement of dance. Experience from this program run in Stonnington, Bayside and Melton shows that as confidence grows, difficulties are progressively overcome.

I'm delighted to hear that the **Rotary Clubs of Canterbury and Camberwell** have started BusyFeet Boroondara this month. They are running a Fashion Show event for ladies on 13<sup>th</sup> October to help purchase musical equipment and dance gear for the kids. It should be a fun social event where participants learn how to improve their travel wardrobe - all for a great cause.



We don't normally carry "Situations Vacant" advertisements, but **Rachael Porter, National General Manager of Whitelion** tells me they are looking for two retirees to volunteer to work from their West Melbourne office a couple of days a week. This is to follow up with current donors on a regular basis, engage new donors and maintain the donor database. The young people Whitelion works with are among the most disadvantaged members of our community who often come from extremely abusive families, including sexual, drug or alcohol abuse. You will need a general knowledge of Microsoft Office and data management programs. If this role interests you, please call Rachel on 0457 105 220 or [rachel.porter@whitelion.asn.au](mailto:rachel.porter@whitelion.asn.au)



Peter Hill, MUNA Registrar 2016 informs me that **Mac.Roberton's Girls High School** (representing Greece) won the Totenhofer Peace Prize at the National MUNA event recently. So we send them our congratulations, and hope someone will send us a photo, to replace these two Fu Manchu impersonators.



We also received a notice from Australian Rotary Health that **PDG Greg Ross** has been appointed Chairman of their Board. The official photo of Greg they sent was a bit stale, so here he is with PDG Murray Verso at Murray's Conference in Hobart. I'm sure Greg will keep everybody at ARH on their toes.

And don't forget to tell me about your new members, when you send me your news: [clarice@rotarydistrict9800.org.au](mailto:clarice@rotarydistrict9800.org.au)

I've just heard that all the toilets in New York's police stations have been stolen. The police have nothing to go on.

**See you later - Clarice.**





# The Power of National Youth Science Forum

*By Lesley McCarthy, RC Flemington*

**On a cold, rainy day in July 2012, Megan Lowry was in a panic. She had applied for NYSF for 2013 and was running very late for her interview having just flown home to Melbourne after a school camp in New South Wales. She thought she had blown her chance!**

Megan was a Year 11 student at Lowther Hall Girls School in Essendon when a friend happened to mention NYSF – her dad was a Rotarian and although she wasn't interested herself, thought Megan may be. At that time, she was a keen and high achieving sports person participating in triathlon, basketball and cross country skiing.

Rotarians are a very understanding and forgiving group though, and although she was late, the interviewing committee allowed her to attend, and she just blew them away with her knowledge, attitude and enthusiasm. She was selected to attend NYSF in Canberra 2013, and there begins an amazing adventure. Having indicated an interest in Engineering { she had been selected for the F1 Engineering Challenge, her aunt was an engineer and she had intended following in her footsteps} Megan was placed in that group at NYSF and spent the next two weeks being exposed to a myriad of scientific opportunities and experiences.

As one of 153 young people from all around Australia participating, Megan met and became friends with students from rural and metropolitan areas, cities and far flung country towns as well as the staff, young post NYSF scholars and Science students from ANU whose enthusiasm and passion for all things NYSF morphed each student's experience into something incredibly special which they will treasure and carry with them down whichever career path they choose, and onwards.

As a student of the engineering group, her eyes were opened again and again to the broad spectrum of career opportunities and research possibilities that are associated with physics and engineering. Moments like those where you're sitting in a lecture theatre as an engineering student, listening to a Decomposition Chemist conclude her presentation and you realise that despite your interest in a completely different field of science, you have been completely engaged for the past two hours. It goes without saying that NYSF ensured that each student experienced a vast range of science fields, inspiring them to broaden their horizons, and challenge and stretch their goals and aspirations for research and career options. The one-on-one time with a professional scientist that was the most exhilarating, engaging and unique moments of the two weeks. The lecturers at the physics labs often found their structured discussions following off-branching tangents as they sought to give an explanation to every single one of our science based questions. The engineers at the Cotter River Dam, though not trained teachers themselves, gave incredibly engaging and relevant presentations



***Megan Lowry between New Generations Chair Chris Drenen and President RC Flemington Del King.***

pitched at high school students whilst still capturing and delivering the key elements in the art of engineering.

3 years on, Megan is almost finished a Bachelor of Biomedical Science at the University of Melbourne. She was honoured to be asked to return first as a Junior Staff Leader in 2014, then a Senior Staff Leader in Perth in 2015, and then to lead the Opening Ceremony in Canberra in 2016. In 2017, she will act as Chief of Staff for the NYSF program in Canberra. She will also serve on the National Youth Science Forum Board for the next three years and has received the most amazing leadership development training with Outward Bound.

She met students from all over Australia who she still keeps in contact with, including from rural areas and every State. One friend did a year in paleontology research, a friend from Adelaide is studying medicine, another is studying Environmental Science.

Megan quite honestly and heart feelingly said: *"National Youth Science Forum changed my life. It also changed my career path and I am now in a medicine pathway instead of engineering; and in 2017 I will travel to Nepal as a non-medical volunteer and would like to complete a doctorate in either neuroscience or physiology."*

*"I cannot thank Rotary Flemington enough for sponsoring me; Rotary Australia who support the program and to all the volunteers who help make such a difference to the scholars who participate. This program is so valuable and makes such a difference to the young people who are fortunate enough to participate."*

## From Seven Women to 5000

*By Tony Thomas, Networker Correspondent*

**It's hard to imagine a more disadvantaged group than disabled poverty-stricken women in Nepal. Many Nepalese believe they are 'bad luck' because of evils in a past life.**

**Stephanie Woollard** 31, when a Latrobe student in 2006, found seven disabled and illiterate women in a corrugated iron shed in Kathmandu, struggling to make and sell candles and soaps.

With Rotary support, she made it her mission to help women earn an independent living. Her "Seven Women" not-for-profit group has now helped 5000 Nepali women to make and sell things like felt and silk purses, knits, scarves and hand-puppets.

Steph was an Ivanhoe RC Youth Leadership Awardee. Ivanhoe gave her the first \$1000 donation for training materials, as Steph used up her own savings to pay for the trainers. Seven Women is now a tax-deductible RAWCS (Rotary Australia World Community Service) project. Steph was a Rotary Peace Fellow from 2013-15.



### *A Seven Women literacy project.*

Steph designs and imports the women's products. About half the sales are in Australia and the rest in Nepal and internationally. Recent orders include 4000 shoe bags for a German shoe company and a local order for 800 school uniforms. "It's a charity that runs as a business," she says. "The original disabled women have become a management team, and employ able-bodied but marginalized women."

Seven Women's achievements include:

- # About 900 women trained last year in Kathmandu and in four remote villages in Newakot district – 6 hours by bus plus 8 hours walk from the capital.
- # 500 current full-time workers in Kathmandu, most home-based workers.
- # Australian distribution of products through 120 wholesale shops, on-line and market stalls, based on Fair Trade principles
- # 14 paid headquarters staff in Nepal and 50 Australian volunteers running marketing, admin, logistics and finance.

Steph also leads cultural tours and treks to Nepal through her company Hands On Development [www.handsondevelopment.com.au](http://www.handsondevelopment.com.au). The tours include visits to her centres for cooking, basic-language and product workshops. "Bringing the Light," a documentary about Seven Women, screens at the Como Theatre, South Yarra, 6pm Tuesday October 11. Book at <http://bit.ly/2bLakYO> or contact: [steph.w@seven-women.com](mailto:steph.w@seven-women.com)



***Stephanie Woollard with two of her handicapped Nepalese trainees.***

Among Seven Women's workers is Sandhya Kadki, 35, who suffers from bone deformities due to lack of nutrition at birth, and Kamala, 26, a sole breadwinner whose father died while working in Saudi Arabia, and whose little brother was hit by a bus on the way to school. Other women are missing limbs or are in severe debt over unsuccessful family employment in the Gulf States.



## New focus for Group Vocational Exchange

*By Tony Thomas, Networker Correspondent*

Looking for a Group Vocational Exchange leader for the Philippines, District 9800 found that Michael Lapiña was “made to order”. He was born in the Philippines, came to Australia at four, married Nina from the Philippines in 2000, and thanks to her, now is again fluent in Filipino’s Tagalog language.

Michael, of Rotary Central Melbourne, will lead four team members to the Philippines’ District 3820 in February-March 2017.



Young professionals, aged 25 - 40, will be selected based on what they can contribute in Basic Education & Literacy, Economic & Community Development, Disease Prevention & Treatment, Water & Sanitation, Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution and Maternal & Child Health.

“The members want to make long-lasting relationships to help develop projects to benefit both Districts,” Michael says. “An engineer, for example might notice villages using low-efficiency well pumps when cheaper and better ones are available.

“I go often to the Philippines to see my family in Cavite province, and always I am shocked at the poverty. Greater Manila alone has 22m people, similar to the whole of Australia. Slum kids have to beg on the roads and often get run over in the horrible traffic; vigilantes kill people and so-called “drug-lords” with impunity; and you see the starving poor picking out scraps of food from the bins of the wealthy.”

Michael’s own vocations are opera-singing and leadership mentoring. “I often go to schools and orphanages in the Philippines and give kids singing classes. You should see them ‘light up’. Singing seems an inherent talent of kids there, and the orphans realize they have singing talents to share, rather than being passive.”

A similar party from D3820 will come to D9800 in Feb-March.

Want to join Michael’s party or host incoming Filipinos? Contact District Vocational Chair Henry Drury, [handjdrury@gmail.com](mailto:handjdrury@gmail.com)



***Photos: Michael Lapiña “on song” in Faust, and with Nina and daughter Brianna celebrating her Confirmation.***

## OPERATION DOG FOOD

*By Larrie Winzar, RC Bendigo*

**“Operation Dog Food” was the New Member project of The Rotary Club of Bendigo and was funded by \$1000 given to clubs in District 9800 which inducted 4 new members before October 2015.**

As with most advertising, the impact is not always immediate but we are confident that great things will come of it. We are very proud that our project is the cover story of Rotary Down Under and we understand that this is the first time that a District 9800 club has had that honour. When we heard that our project was the cover story, there was much excitement and delight within the club, especially from the new members and Board.

When we received the on-line version of RDU, we were quick to share through our club’s Facebook page, on our website and also individual members shared enthusiastically. The magazine version has only just arrived so we are now ready to capitalise on that.

We have already had enquiries from interstate enquiring about replicating the program as a direct result of Rotary Down Under. We’ve also received donations to our project from individual Rotarians from other clubs who read about the project.

Dogs hold a special place in many hearts and this warm-hearted project has certainly captured attention. It’s a project that can easily be replicated in rural areas throughout Australia and Internationally. We hope the profile through Rotary Down Under creates enthusiasm in other rural areas to implement this project.



***A working dog, and 20Kg of dog food.***

It had its unexpected origins through two other innovative club projects. Our very successful, long running “Starthrower” project for rural women was introduced for support in times of drought and flood and we have had both in the past 10 years. One woman at a time enjoys a day of pampering with a Rotarian woman, away from the problems of the farm. By looking after the women, we are looking after the family. From that project, in 2015, we introduced “Men’s Day Out” for the farmers. They travelled from Kerang to Bendigo by train as a group of about 40, visited the amazing Great Stupa and the Central Deborah Gold Mine and enjoyed a fantastic lunch and socialising. As we do with the women, we gave the men a gift pack to take home. A couple of farmers mentioned that dog food was a real problem. Financially stretched, many were finding it difficult to feed their dogs and some had even had to be put down.

We only needed to hear that once and we jumped into action. We were looking for a New Member project and it was presented to us....on a dog plate!

80 x 20 kg bags of dog food were obtained through a local supplier in Kerang at wholesale. Kerang is approximately 1.5 hours travel from Bendigo. The new members and supporting team travelled to Kerang to arrange delivery to the farmers who came into town to the local Rotary Club’s headquarters. Morning tea was organised through the Kerang Rotary Club and we also purchased further supplies locally to further support the local bakery and to ensure that the farmers, as well as the dogs, were well fed.

The local newspaper reporter in Kerang attended and we received great local publicity for the project along with well deserved thanks to the local supplier of the food. - continued next page -



## ***Operation dog food - Continued:***

Ilona Pearce was the new member driving the project, ably supported by President Larrie Winzar, Membership Chair Peter Hyett and International Chair Bob Edgar. Peter and Bob had farming backgrounds and Ilona is simply passionate about dogs.



***Dianne Whitman with Rex, Larrie Winzar with Tige, Ron and Diane Saunders, and Ilona Pearce.***

Because of the relationships built up in Kerang, we had a network in place to deliver more bags of dog food and at the end of the last Rotary year, we committed \$1500 for another delivery in November this year, news that was enthusiastically greeted by the farmers.

The club members are highly delighted that our project has made front page news in Rotary Down Under. They're a motivated bunch already but this sort of exposure raises enthusiasm even more.

With the magazine only having been out a week or so, we're looking forward to more publicity, more people wanting to contribute and more people wanting to join The Rotary Club of Bendigo.

Last year we inducted 14 new members – it's enthusiastic members and innovative projects that drives membership and we're

confident that being the cover story on Rotary Down Under will prove to be a great boost.

## **The Power of One**

*By PDG John Prendergast, Zone 7B Rotary Coordinator*

Are we overcomplicating our approach to growing and strengthening Rotary's membership?

My inbox seems to get assailed on a daily basis – sometimes it feels like on an hourly basis - with email messages either exhorting us to greater efforts re membership, or providing us with a seemingly ever-increasing suite of resources that can help us grow our numbers.

We can and should use these resources and the assistance of the people within Rotary charged with leading our membership building; because it's all good stuff, developed by well-intentioned Rotarians and Rotary International staffers.

But at the same time we shouldn't forget what really is the simplest way of increasing our membership – individual Rotarians asking somebody to join.

Not rocket science, is it? But it can get us to our membership moon.

And the good news is that any and every Rotarian can do this.

You can do that.

Not only some other Rotarian. Not only a membership expert at Rotary HQ in Evanston USA. You.

The most powerful membership resource we have is our current membership. And within that the most powerful resources are individual members – because if you decide to take that simple step of asking somebody else to join, you're ensuring your own succession.

The power of one. The power of one Rotarian, multiplied 1.2 million times, can sort our membership challenges just like that.

As Past District Governor Howard Tong from D9940 used to say, "Get Off Your Ask".



## Eight-member club runs giant events

*By Networker Correspondent Tony Thomas*

Rochester Rotary Club has a mere eight members but runs projects big enough to daunt a large club. August 16, for example, was a busy day. The club simultaneously ran a farm and road safety expo for 1000 children and adults, and its Roadec closed-circuit driver course for Year 11 youngsters, involving four cars and several paid instructors and teachers.

The annual safety expo has run for 18 years and nearly 20 schools sent students. The 670 students slightly fewer than last year but this was largely offset by more mums with pre-schoolers.

Past-president Noel Lucas says the expo needed 400 hours of volunteer time. Local Lions and Probus Clubs and the Agricultural & Pastoral Association lent a hand. "We want to get the safety messages to kids about dams, quad bikes, machinery and horses before they pick up bad habits," he says. "Farms accidents account for a quarter of Australian work-related deaths and children under 15 make up one in seven farm deaths."

Kids loved the McColl's Transport mobile truck simulator where they navigated through roads and dairies. (The club's bus had a crash of its own last year, involving a risk-taking kangaroo). "Emma" from Merrigum Primary wrote "We all had a turn on the driving simulator, where we had to drive a truck and be careful. We had to stop for deer, go the speed limit and look out for other drivers. It was a great experience for us to learn about safety."



*A primary schooler tries out the truck simulator*

Kids also learnt how quickly clothing can become caught in an unguarded power-take-off shaft and the dreadful injuries that follow. They got other tips from emergency service workers, machinery operators and horse and cow handlers.

Kids came locally and from Kyabram, Cohuna, Ardmona, Bendigo and Ultima schools to see the 21 exhibitor displays.

Sponsors are harder to find and to cut costs, the club last year dispensed with its paid secretarial help. The expo is not only free but includes free food.

"We're doing all we can to recruit new members but people are more willing to help than to join," Noel says.



## Rotary's New Media

*By Adrian Nelson, Director of Public Image & Communications*

**In the world of Paul Harris, before building a public toilet in Chicago, his Rotary Club passed around a hat to raise funds for their first community project in 1906. Fellow Rotarian Dr Clark Wilder Hawley, collected \$150 at a club meeting to purchase a horse for a needy young doctor whose horse had died to enable him to continue to make home visits. Today, just as doctors no longer use horses to make home visits, our world has changed in many other ways.**

If we think back in our own lives, it doesn't seem that long ago that the Sun News Pictorial was our morning paper, with The Herald in the afternoon. These papers merged in 1990, 26 years ago. Melbourne's other major daily, The Age has also changed significantly. No longer does the Saturday paper weigh a couple of kilos full of classified ads for jobs and real estate. In fact, it is strongly predicted that The Age newspaper won't continue as a daily into 2017. It will no doubt continue, but instead will be read via its iPad app, as readers wake up in the morning, lean over to their bedside table and open up their iPads without even having to train their dogs to fetch the paper for them.



Local newspapers are also fighting this consumer change. Earlier this year, seven local Leader Community newspapers in Victoria were shut down. Advertising revenues are plummeting as the readership falls, which then makes it harder for newspapers to create better content with less income.

Being an Olympic year, it's also opportune to think back to the development of television. Australia's first official television broadcast in Sydney in 1956 was a month prior to the opening of the Melbourne Olympics. Australians huddled around TV sets to watch this historic event. Since that time, we've seen further developments – the evolution from black and white to colour, the ability to stay in your lounge chair and switch channels with your remote control, and additional channels.

Fast forward to 2016 and think how we watched the Rio Olympics – partly live on television (with Channel 7 having four of its own channels) but increasingly on our smartphones, tablets or computer screens.

We consume our television differently today, and with these personal devices plus Smart TVs connected directly to the Internet, streaming is becoming more common place. Even Foxtel which was revolutionary in its time bringing Pay-TV to Australia is evolving, by announcing earlier this month it will offer no-contract and equipment-free streaming services to compete with the new services like Stan, Presto and Netflix. The Foxtel box may soon become a thing of the past.

The success of many of these new services, in particular Netflix is through the development of their own content. Viewers today are happy to subscribe to the services which show the programs they want to watch, such as Netflix's House of Cards. No longer is it the norm to scrounge the Green Guide to make sure you are at home at 7.30pm on a Monday to watch your favourite program. You watch it when you like where you like. Many people will even "binge" on their favourite show, watching a whole series in a single sitting rather than waiting a week for the next half hour installment. Even YouTube and Amazon are now creating their own content. Short clips of late night talk shows are extremely popular, with segments such as James Corden's "Carpool Karaoke" being downloaded worldwide in the tens of millions.

Increasingly we are also seeing organisations producing their own channels – sports associations are leading the way. Cricket Australia does it here with their Cricket App to watch the summer of cricket on your own device, as does the AFL. Major League Baseball, NHL & NBA do it well in the United States. The new season of the English Premier League will not be shown on Foxtel this year, but instead rights were purchased by Optus who stream the matches live through their own streaming services. - *Continued over* -

### ***Rotary's New Media : Continued:***

Our most personal media source over the years is radio. We wake up in the morning to it, and we drive to and from work in our cars listening to it. It is typically local and we choose the channel/s that best suit us. Yet even radio is changing significantly. The first big step was the addition of the FM frequency as mainstream in 1975. It took years for some cars and radios to even have the ability to play FM. Today we are seeing similar things with Digital Radio. Some cars are starting to make it the norm but not even your typical alarm-clock radio necessarily has digital. Digital radio broadcasts many more channels, including many from around the World. You can wake up listening to BBC live from England (although admittedly an evening program rather than breakfast). If you know when a Rotary radio program is being broadcast in New York, you can now listen to it live here in Victoria on your digital radio.

However, we are even changing the way we listen to radio. Just like with TV where we now choose to watch what we want when we want, we can now do the same with radio. Why listen to the New York Rotary Radio show live when it is on at 4am? Instead, podcasts are increasingly downloaded and listened to. All our major radio stations, including even our breakfast shows, podcast their highlights. You simply subscribe to the podcast and each time a new show is broadcast, it automatically downloads to your device.

New cars now come standard with USB inputs to plug in your smartphone. Many also have Bluetooth so you don't even have to plug it in. Companies like Apple have created their own operating systems such as CarPlay, making it simple to play whatever media you have on your phone through your car. Stuck in peak our traffic coming in on the West Gate or Monash Freeways? Listen to your favourite podcast rather than the constant ads on commercial radio.

These changes to how media is produced and consumed is leading to the democratization of media. Anyone can literally start their own TV station on YouTube or upload a Podcast. The cost to publish on the internet is minimal, often free. The consumers are then choosing to watch or listen to media they have a close connection to – specialist content rather than generalist.

All of this is important in our Rotary World. For us to get our message out to local papers is harder when they are closing around us. We have to be on board with this new media landscape, which we are starting to do.

In our District alone, we now have our own District TV channel on YouTube (search Rotary District 9800 on YouTube). It features global Rotary content that interests and inspires, plus we have started to produce our own local content, from interviews with Rotarians to highlights of District Conference or District Assembly; from club projects in action to district programs such as Group Vocational Exchange. You can now sit at home of an evening and stream YouTube through your TV in your living room watching our own Rotary TV.



This month, we have also launched our new **"Rotary Radio – Doing Good in Victoria"**. Subscribe to this podcast via iTunes and you can listen to insightful Rotary radio programs already broadcast via radio throughout District in Melbourne and regional areas. Now if you're not able to listen to 3WBC at 6pm on a Friday evening, you can download the podcast via our new online radio service to listen whenever suits you. Your Rotary friends around the world are also able to do the same, as the internet is not limited by geography in the same way that traditional media is.

Just as doctors don't use horses to do their rounds, today Rotary Clubs raise funds for ambulances, for the Royal Flying Doctor Service, for doctors to be able to perform complex surgery using robotics remotely. The world is a constantly changing place and Rotary is in the thick of it. We continue to take action, exchange ideas and join leaders, just as we did in 1905. But we need to constantly evolve.



## Earthquake in Italy

*By Maureen Vaught, Rotary Weekly*

**A 6.2-magnitude earthquake struck central Italy in August, killing more than 290 people and trapping an unknown number beneath rubble. Tremors were felt as far away as Rome, 100 km (65 miles) southwest of the quake's epicenter.**

International disaster relief agency and Rotary International project partner [ShelterBox](#) sent a response team from its headquarters in the United Kingdom to the remote mountainous area of Italy where the destruction is most severe.

Luca Della Volta, president of [ShelterBox Italia](#), the affiliate organization in Genoa, accompanied the response team. Della Volta is working with the Rotary Club of Rieti in District 2080, the club closest to the earthquake-affected sites, and will meet with officials of the Italian Civil Protection Department, fire department, and Red Cross to coordinate efforts.



***Buildings lie in ruins after an earthquake leveled towns in central Italy. The quake killed at least 241 and left thousands homeless. Photo Credit: Massimo Percossi/ANSA via AP***

If families and individuals made homeless by the disaster need emergency shelter, ShelterBox will send tents and other equipment from its locations in Italy and other sites across Europe. Della Volta says the most urgent need is for tents and relief supplies for the hospital of Rieti, where most of the patients from the destroyed hospital in Amatrice were taken.

"I am truly heartbroken over what has happened," says Della Volta, charter president of the Rotary E-Club of 2042 Italia. "As Rotarians, we are always available to help people in need."

Follow [ShelterBox on Twitter](#) for the latest updates.

Learn how you can help at [ShelterBox](#).



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## Celebrate the Centennial

In 2016-17, our Rotary Foundation turns 100. That's a century of Rotary members changing lives and improving communities all over the world. And that's definitely something worth celebrating.

Through our Foundation, Rotary members have supported thousands of projects to provide clean water, fight disease, promote peace, provide basic education, and grow local economies. We've also been a leader in the fight to eradicate polio worldwide.

The centennial is the perfect time to share this impressive record with the world. Join us in making sure that every Rotary member and people in every community know about the vital work of Rotary and its Foundation. Commemorate our Foundation's century of achievement. See a list of scheduled events and find ideas for holding your own. <http://centennial.rotary.org/en>



## Beer, and the Clean Water Crisis

*By Arnold R. Grahl, Rotary News*

**When you sit down to enjoy a beer, you probably don't spend a lot of time thinking about one of its main ingredients – water. Or the fact that 3,000 children die each day from diseases caused by unsafe water. A group of innovative Rotarians aren't just thinking; they're doing something about it.**

Their group, [Beers Rotarians Enjoy Worldwide \(BREW\)](#), has organized events around the world and is working to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for Rotary's global water, sanitation, and hygiene efforts.

"By drinking a beer, I can help bring fresh water to a village in Africa," says Steven Lack, a member of the Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill, California, USA. "If you can drink beer and some of the money goes to doing good in the world, that is something you can feel good about."

Fellowships like BREW are Rotary's way of bringing together members who share a particular passion. Rotarian Action Groups unite members who have expertise in a specific service area. The beer fellowship's leaders realized that joining forces with an action group dedicated to providing access to clean water would create a sum larger than the two parts.

"Beer and water have a natural affinity; you need water to brew beer" says Moses Aryee, past president of the Rotary Club of Accra-West, Ghana, and co-chair of the beer fellowship. "Our vision is a global approach to fresh water around the world, because beer is around the world."

The fellowship members are working with the [Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group](#) to identify specific water projects to support by funneling 25 percent of the fellowship's dues to those projects, says Lack, the fellowship's vice chair. Full story: [\(Click\)](#)



***Beer festivals have a strong fellowship component. When people are sampling beers, they are socializing and having a good time.*** Photo Credit: Libby March

## What are you Planning for October 24th? *By PDG Bob Aitken, Rotary Club of Lower Blue Mountains*

**Increasing public awareness of the imminent demise of the dreaded Polio virus – and raising vital dollars to fund the end of Rotary's 40 year PolioPlus campaign– must be the common goal of ALL Rotary Clubs and Districts on World Polio Day ... October 24!**

Effective fund raising is always a priority, BUT projects that build public awareness and image ensure that we really connect with our respective communities!

In Great Britain, Rotarians are gearing up to sell 50,000 colourful Crocus plants and bulbs to highlight their 'go purple' for a day promotion, ie: purple clothes, decorations, hair, offices, purple cake stalls, etc on Polio Day.

In Germany, plans are in place to print one million END POLIO NOW stickers for general distribution – along with special athletic events for children.

Around New Zealand and Australia, many excellent ideas are emerging ... main street END POLIO NOW barbecues, bush dances, Battle of the Bands for schools, walkathons, family cycle days, movie nights, \$100 Centurion collection poles and jumble sales to name a few.

Clubs are being urged to link with high profile personalities, local politicians and sports men and women to help achieve media coverage. All events must be high profile, ie: Rotarians wearing the red END POLIO NOW t-shirts and copious numbers of posters and Polio pull-up banners delivering effective messages are important.

**No idea is too big or too small, but start planning NOW!**

*(PDG Bob Aitken, is RI END POLIO NOW Coordinator, Zones 7B and part 8, 2016-17 )*





## Rotary Radio – Doing Good in Victoria

*By Adrian Nelson, Director of Public Image & Communications*

**This month we have launched an exciting new initiative, Rotary Radio – Doing Good in Victoria.**

For a number of years, Rotarians and Clubs throughout our District have been involved in Community Radio, producing their own Rotary programming which is broadcast live to their coverage areas. In particular, there has been great work done in Melbourne suburbs on the Rotary & Community Service Show on 3WBC, the Rotary in Action show on Inner FM, plus in Bendigo on Phoenix Community Radio.

However, unless you are able to tune in on Fridays at 6pm or Tuesdays at 4pm, for example, you miss some great interviews, stories and information about Rotary. For this reason we have now joined all these great shows about doing good across our State, and joined them together via a single podcast on iTunes, enabling you to listen whenever and wherever you want.

So how do you subscribe?

- You can click on this link to take you straight to iTunes:  
<https://itunes.apple.com/au/podcast/rotary-radio-doing-good-in/id1150324005?mt=2>
- Alternatively go to the iTunes store on your device and search “Rotary Radio” to find us.

In October, our new District website will be launched and you can find the podcasts then under “News & Events”.

You can download a podcast, which means you're saving it on your phone, or tablet, or computer, and you can listen to it anytime, even without an internet connection. Then listen to it in your car by connecting your phone to the car speakers (most newer cars have an audio jack) or listen on the train or bus with your headphones.



## Triathlete Challenges the World

*From “The Rotarian”*

**Minda Dentler is the only female handcyclist to complete three Ironman Triathlons. The polio survivor recently returned to her native India to draw attention to continued immunization efforts in the country, which hasn't had a new case since 2014.**

Now a Rotary polio ambassador, she shares her story with *The Rotarian*:

*I was born in 1978 in Mumbai to a domestic worker and single mother. At six months old, I was paralyzed from the hips down by polio. The chances of surviving in India until your 18th birthday with a disability are very slim. My mother was unable to care for me and left me at an orphanage. I don't remember much about my time there because I was so young, but I know the conditions were primitive. I had no real hope that my life would become anything of note or that I would have the opportunity to be independent and overcome the burden of a very preventable disease.*



*I didn't know it then, but several years after I was born, a revolution in the way the world approached polio prevention came to India. That revolution was the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#), which has reduced global polio cases by 99.9 percent since 1988. But like millions of others in India, I never received the two drops of oral vaccine that protect against the virus. In India, your health is vital to your social and economic opportunities. If you are healthy, you can get a job, and if you have a job, you can get married. Unfortunately, this simple passage of convention seemed beyond my reach. But then my life changed irrevocably once more.*

Full story : [HERE](#)

## Readers Letters

Dear Clarice,

I am a Grandfather and I love my Grandkids. I am also a "Rotary Grandfather" and share my Clubs responsibility of helping the local children, especial the ones in need. I also inherited some grandchildren overseas when my Club decided to "Adopt a Village".

It appears that you actually become a Grandfather when you first meet your children. I recently had the privilege of accompanying a Rotarian to meet his overseas grandchildren for the first time and to witness the change that occurred, when a Club Project turned into family. People talk about how a RAWCS Volunteer trip changes the volunteer and you could actually see the change happening. We happened to visit the poorest school first. The happy smiling kids – his grandkids were going to school in a tin shed with no water, toilets or electricity and the bare minimum of teaching equipment. He had to go for a quiet walk to reflect on his changed world. He is now committed to helping his extended family.

At Donations In Kind it is easy to spot the difference. Some people pack goods for a project, others pack vital gifts for their family. They genuinely have an overseas family and will readily show you photos and explain their family's needs and how important helping them is.

It's Father's Day and I am pondering my role. I need to explain to my brood about their foreign siblings and how they have a responsibility to look after them. Will anyone help me write the book "The Rotary Grandfather"? I seek your wisdom on how to communicate with my Club. If being a grandparent involves meeting the children how can they have ownership of grandchildren they have never met? They have a bond with the local kids, but our "Village" is an overseas project. I support our local care but I have a problem when I compare the help we give to children in this country who have so much, with the ones who have so little.

I hope all of the Fathers and Grandfather reading this had a wonderful day and ask them to have a think about their role a "A Rotary Father".

PP David Dippie, RC Keilor.



***Happy Timorese children with "new" desks and chairs***



***Railuli Primary School, Timor Leste.***

Clarice replies: *With all those children and grandchildren, David must have had a lovely Father's Day. Who has the expertise to help him write a book?*



## Notices and Events

### Rotary Glen Eira

Now meet at SAPA RIVERS RESTURANT. 803 Glen Huntly Road, Caulfield. Near the corner of Hawthorn Road and Glen Huntly Road. 6:30 for 6:45 start, 8:00pm finish The format is that as you enter the restaurant, you place your order and pay



### ARH News Item



Please be advised your current Australian Rotary Health board member is **PDG Greg Ross**. Greg is Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors and was appointed to the role at the recent AGM.

We encourage you to contact Greg or your District Representative with any future District enquiries on: B/H/M: 0407 891 048 E:

[idoido@optusnet.com.au](mailto:idoido@optusnet.com.au)

Alternatively, you can contact District Representative Dr Peter Rogers

M: 0412 537 534 E: [peter.rogers@internationalconsultantscentre.com](mailto:peter.rogers@internationalconsultantscentre.com)

For further assistance, call the Australian Rotary Health Office on: (02) 8837 1900 or email: [info@arh.org.au](mailto:info@arh.org.au)



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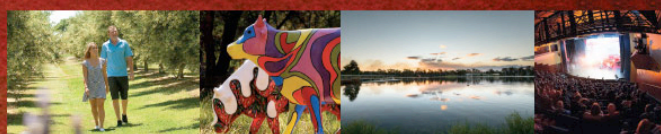
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<b>TRADITIONAL RUM AND BRANDY FRUIT CAKE</b> \$ 16.50 Each	\$2.20	\$2.00
<b>1 KG TRADITIONAL STEAMED PUDDING</b> \$ 16.50 Each	\$2.20	\$2.00
<b>TRADITIONAL BAKED PUDDINGS</b> \$ 7.00 Each	\$1.10	\$1.00

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## Stay informed on Rotary events:

[http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org/notices\\_and\\_events\\_future](http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org/notices_and_events_future)

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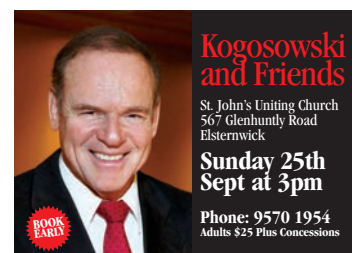
### Rotary Albert Park Annual Footy Breakfast

On Friday **23 September** 2016 at 7 for 7.30am — 9am  
Lifesaving Victoria Headquarters, 200 The Boulevard, Port Melbourne \$70 per head (tables of 10) Full Buffet Breakfast.  
Guest Speaker — "Slammin" Sam Kekovich - Australian media personality and former Australian rules football player!  
With Thanks to our Major Sponsor Marshall White! Proceeds raised will support The Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne and our local and international projects.  
Click on [www.trybooking.com/217076](http://www.trybooking.com/217076) to confirm your booking, don't delay, tickets will sell FAST!



### Alan Kogosowski: Popular Piano Classics

Presented by the Rotary Club of Caulfield on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September** at 3.00pm St John's Uniting Church, 567 Glen Huntly Rd, Elsternwick  
Adults \$25, Concession \$20, Students \$15.  
Book Tickets on 9570 1954 or Cash at the door.  
Come and see this wonderful concert, featuring guest artists Francesca Lachman, Lily Regev-Tamir, Yael Zamir, Nana Shintana, and Yehonatan Margolin. The most recent of Alan Kogosowski's concerts in June, 2016 received a standing ovation. This beautiful Church building has very good acoustics so this enhances the sound and visual concepts.



**Kogosowski and Friends**

St. John's Uniting Church  
567 Glenhuntly Road  
Elsternwick

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>  
Sept at 3pm**

Phone: 9570 1954  
Adults \$25 Plus Concessions



**Francesca Lachman** has loved the piano since the age of 2 and loves music with a passion that is infectious. She displays virtuosity that inspires us all and is nothing less than truly remarkable. Some, some things (the eyes) are more useful than others, but there is nothing we cannot do without. And if there is nothing we cannot do without, what does that mean for us? The possibilities are endless.



**Lily Regev-Tamir** comes from a musical family — her father studied singing at university and her mother was a soloist — and she is currently a final-year student at St. John's Uniting Church. She has studied the clarinet for five years and plays it with skill and dedication. She hopes to continue with this as a profession.



**Yael Zamir** also a student at St. John's Uniting Church, is an accomplished pianist and pianist with her chosen instrument as a profession. She plays it with remarkable fluency, sophistication and musicality.



**Nana Shintana** is currently in Year 10 at Princess Mary School, under the supervision of Miss Co-ordinator Elizabeth Eastman, and is studying VCE Music. She began her piano studies at age 4. She has already achieved her first piano solo recital from the Australian Music Examinations Board.



**Yehonatan Margolin** at 11 years of age is passionate about the piano. He recently arrived from Israel, where his grandfather was first transporter with the Israel Philharmonic for forty years. Yehonatan fully intends to develop his talent, as well as studying science.



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### "Bringing the Light"

An inspiring documentary about the work of Steph Woollard's Seven Women organization in Nepal, screens at the Como Theatre, South Yarra, 6pm  
**Tuesday October 11.**

During the past ten years Seven Women has helped 5000 disabled or disadvantaged Nepali women to make and sell products as micro-businesses. The event is co-hosted with Kate Strain, Brighton North RC, who is trekking Nepal and raising money for the Seven Women Cooking School in Kathmandu. The school will be used to generate a local income through cooking classes for tour groups, build confidence in teaching, and train women in skills of hospitality.

This fund-raiser (\$35 per ticket) will contribute to the \$20,000 needed to build a commercial kitchen in Kathmandu. Book at <http://bit.ly/2bLakYO> or contact Steph at [steph.w@seven-women.com](mailto:steph.w@seven-women.com)



### STYLE EDIT WORKSHOP

Presented by The Ark Clothing Co. & the Rotary Clubs of Canterbury and Camberwell, raising money for the **Busy Feet Program**.

Style is a unique expression of you, your lifestyle and what makes you happy. Our stylists will show you how to wear different pieces for travel, work and weekends.

**Thursday 13th October.** 6.30pm arrival for 7pm

BASS Care Conochie Hall 2 Rochester Road, Canterbury, 3126

Parking on street and at rear of BASS Care

Candelight supper. Cost: \$30 per person

Complementary bubbles on arrival, otherwise BYO drinks. Tea and coffee provided.

RSVP: Monday 10th October 2016

FOR BOOKINGS Online via Trybooking: <http://www.trybooking.com/201777>



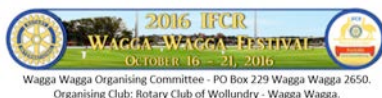


## Notices and Events

### Fellowship of Cricketing Rotarians

There will be a week of cricket in Wagga Wagga, NSW for the Bi Annual IFCR Australian Festival, from

**Sunday the 16th to Friday 21st of October 2016.**



More information on the festival is available on our website [www.ifcrwagga2016.org.au](http://www.ifcrwagga2016.org.au). The cut-off for registrations is **August 31, 2016**.

### Art In Action – Cityscape in Elsternwick (free event)

10 am to 3.30 pm **Sunday 6 November** – Elsternwick Plaza.

Observe artists in action in an urban environment. Artists will spread out from Elsternwick Plaza, near Elsternwick Station and down Glen Huntly Road to Orrong Road and surrounding areas between 10am and 3.30 pm on Sunday 6 November. Children welcome to participate in colouring in pictures.



Then visit the Exhibition of works created on the day and vote in the People's Choice Awards with a chance to win a Voter prize. Exhibition at Glen Eira Gallery Annexe **Saturday 26 November to Sunday 11 December**. Weekdays 10am to 5pm and weekends 1pm to 5pm. Details ph 9568-7190 or [gleneiraartistsociety.org](http://gleneiraartistsociety.org) Cityscape Day and Exhibition are hosted by Glen Eira Artist' Society Inc and proudly supported by Rotary Club of Caulfield Inc, Glen Eira City Council, Elsternwick Main Street committee and Bendigo Bank Community Bank (Caulfield Park Branch).

### World of Difference Tours

"World Of Difference" powerfully portrays the work of Rotary in developing countries. They visit well resourced and well run Rotary supported projects. They are doing a tour of Cambodia in January next year. **5-18/22 January 2017**. For details, see [www.wod.org.au](http://www.wod.org.au)

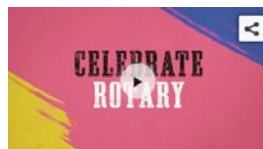


### CELEBRATE WITH US IN ATLANTA

PLAN TO TAKE PART IN THIS MILESTONE CONVENTION!

At the 2017 Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, The Rotary Foundation will celebrate "100 Years of Doing Good in the World" in the city where it all began. Be part of this once-in-a-lifetime event, and [make plans](#) to attend. **10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

The convention is for all Rotarians and offers something for everyone. As a past participant, you know you will be able to experience the best of Rotary and meet people from around the world. Come together to build relationships, exchange ideas, develop partnerships, and learn new skills.



See what the 2017 Rotary convention has in store, and don't miss out on The Rotary Foundation centennial celebration! Take advantage of early registration savings and [register](#) today!

### Our Contributors



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



*Tony Thomas contributes regularly to "The Networker", and his stories can often be seen in "Rotary Down Under".*



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



*Philip Archer of Southbank Rotary Club is District Membership Director.*



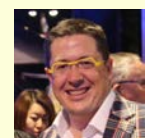
*Our Girl Friday Clarice has a crush on Tony Thomas. She writes a column in "The Networker".*



*John Germ of Chattanooga, Tennessee, is Rotary International President 2016-17*



*Lesley McCarthy, Principal of Flemington Primary School, edits the Flemington RC Bulletin.*



*District Image Guru, Adrian Nelson, always keeps the Networker team on their toes.*



*Steven Lyazi is a student and day laborer in Kampala, Uganda.*



*Roger Thornton of Central Melbourne RC reports on the functions arranged for the Paul Harris Society.*