

DG Neville John's Message





August isMembership Development and Extension Month

With the simple aim this year for each club to be stronger on 1 July 2017 than on 1 July 2016, the first strategic pillar of 'strengthening our clubs' is an important one.

During Governor-Elect leadership training last year, John Germ commented that the need for Rotary in our communities today is more important than it ever was, and tomorrow it will be even greater. Additionally, there is also reason to believe that some time during 2016-2017, the last reported case of the wild poliovirus could be announced. When that moment comes, Rotary International will work hard to ensure that it receives the recognition it rightly deserves, and the world will know what Rotary has done and is capable of with its huge powerful networks of members in all parts of the world, with their diverse skills and experience. This is something that no other organization has.

With that prospect will come a once in a lifetime opportunity for clubs to leverage that success in regard to membership development, with people who want to be part of Rotary. So we need to be ready, with friendly clubs that engages its members with interesting projects and ensures the local community knows what we do. What can you do to help make your club the best it can be, so that existing members are proud to stay and prospective members are keen to join? Be innovative, ask why not rather than are we allowed to, and think about what we need to do differently. With recent Council On Legislation changes, clubs now control how they want to conduct their meetings.



DG Neville John and Rebecca

How many members does you club need to be a vibrant, well functioning club that delivers what the community needs? Well, that's for you to answer, but I would be surprised if any club believes it has all the members it needs. Membership is never static, as people come and go for all sorts of reasons, so we must all constantly be on the lookout for the right people to join. Last year, the objective of 3,000 members was set for District 9800, with the total now heading toward 2,500. My expectation is that we will continue in that direction and the result at the end of the 2016-2017 year will be the product of our individual club efforts to develop and retain members. Let's see what that success turns into.



DG Neville and Rebecca at Southbank RC, with AG Kate Strain, Justine Murphy and new Rotarian Michael Lapina.

A PUBLICATION FOR ROTARIANS AND COMMUNITY-MINDED PEOPLE

During President-Elect training last year, we drilled down into the characteristics of a vibrant club and Presidents discussed what this meant. Things like:

- Decide where your club wants to be in three to five years time
- How diverse is the club & does it reflect your community profile
- Ask female members to ask their female friends to events
- Listen to your community on what their needs are
- Set annual goals and enter them into Rotary Club Central on My Rotary
- Develop strong relationships within your club
- Create committees that are practical
- Develop a Membership Recruitment and Retention Plan
- Hold club forums regularly to keep members engaged and involved
- Prepare members for future roles to maintain a smooth leadership pipeline
- Develop members as future leaders in the club

Women are still considerably under-represented in Rotary with 27% female membership in our District. There is an opportunity for clubs to accelerate that by developing flexible, innovative ways for membership to be possible. For example, E-Meeting access or satellite meetings for young mum's that cannot attend regular meetings in person.

The concept of vibrant clubs is supported at District level with experienced committees led by Philip Archer (Membership), Adrian Nelson (Marketing & Public Image) and PDG Julie Mason (Learning & Leadership Development). Let's use their experience and knowledge to build stronger clubs.

District Membership & Public Image Seminar

The District Membership & Public Image Seminar will be held at Trinity Grammar on Saturday 27 August 2016, and is a collaborative effort between the Membership & Public Image Committees. Invitations will be sent out shortly and details are available in this edition of The Networker. Come along and hear some success stories and be part of interactive sessions to discuss innovative ways to develop something that will work for your club.

The member a month campaign last year was very successful, so it will be continued, with a grant being provided to any club that recruits at least four new members between the period 1 June to 31 October 2016. This will be outlined at the seminar, but in the meantime any questions in relation to how it works can be directed to Philip Archer or Chris Eggar. Some clubs have already achieved four new members and have applied for grants. The grant funds (maximum of \$1,000) over that period, are to be used by the new members on a club project of their choice.

Being a Rotarian is an honour – The opportunity to Serve is a Privilege

Our founder, Paul Harris believed that the opportunity to serve humanity is the most worthwhile thing any one of us can do with our lives. Being invited to join Rotary is an honour and the opportunity to help others, a privilege.

John Germ believes that Rotarians see that opportunity to serve for what it truly is, not a small opportunity, but a great one. The opportunity to help others by doing what we can, when we can, with whatever time we have.

When do we ever have enough time to do anything? We don't need a lot of time in Rotary – Just the right heart, because we are doing what we do together. If someone you think should be a member says they don't have the time, tell them you'll take whatever they have, then be patient, nurture them and one day they will give you more when they can. They will!

Neville John
District Governor 2016-2017



The first four Rotarians: Silvester Schiele, Paul P. Harris, Hiram Shorey, and Gustavus Loehr, circa 1905-1912. IPTC - Credit: Courtesy of Rotary International

Yarra Bend RC's Innovations

By Tony Thomas, Networker Correspondent

Yarra Bend Rotary, with 20 members, has taken advantage of RI liberalized rules to induct its first "Associate Member". Associates commit to attending important meetings, such as changeover and 'signature' events, and getting involved in a self-nominated avenue of service., Although regular meeting attendance is not a requirement, an Associate is welcome to attend a club meeting at any time.

2015-16 President Justin Wibrow 39, says Associates will typically be under 45, and pay a reduced annual due of \$110 a year. The first Associate is Ms. Liz Rodriquez-Ayala. Aged under 35, she works in student services at Swinburne University (Hawthorn Campus).

Justin says the club has targeted half a dozen prospective Associates with Liz' membership an exciting prospect due to her vocation and Yarra Bend's jointly chartered (with Glenferrie), Swinburne Rotaract Club based on the Hawthorn Campus. Yarra Bend saw Associates as a way to encourage younger people to join without a substantial time and money commitment upfront.

"We are a stronger club than we look because all 20 members are active," Justin says.



Justin Wibrow, Associate Member Liz Rodriquez-Ayala and David Shave.

The club earns an annual share from the Camberwell

Market proceeds that fund its Community and Youth projects. The International portfolio raises additional funds for its Bright Future Community Centre in Nepal..

But Justin, a management consultant, says locally the club is also doing no-cost service work, including a recently District-endorsed program of training other Rotary clubs' members in the art of mentoring.

Most Rotarians have informal skills in mentoring. But with expert training they can leverage this with improved skills in active-listening, questioning techniques and understanding the mentoring process.. The course involves a 2 x 90 or 3 x 60 minute sessions over a number of weeks.

In the past three years the club has trained 150 Rotarians within D9800 including from the following Hawthorn, Kew, Canterbury and Carlton clubs.

Additionally, Rotarians from other clubs have also been mentor trained through District recognised programs including the Enactus program and Life After Stroke.







Effective Public Speaking Course

By David Rush, Hawthorn Rotary

It was just a chance comment in conversation with a friend who indicated he was helping a Swinburne student with English, that sparked an interest.

I wondered if there could there be a role for Rotary in such a program, and called Elena Verezub, Coordinator, Learning and Academic Skills Centre at Swinburne University.. She liked the idea and so together with Noel Halford we had a coffee. Half an hour later, subject to student interest, we were committed to presenting a public speaking course! The aim of this short course was to add value on to the existing suite of activities (including workshops on 'Oral presentation skills') offered by the Learning and Academic Skills Centre.

Within 24 hours, Elena advised that 12 students had responded and could we start on 22nd June! What had I let myself in for! As that did not leave much time, we called on the resources within Hawthorn Rotary Club: Ngaire Cannon, with a teaching and training background, and Ken McNamara with experience in local government responded enthusiastically.

We prepared a program of four seminars of 2.5 hours for 4 consecutive Wednesdays:

- 1) Ngaire gave a detailed presentation on all the issues of public speaking with good interaction with students.
- 2) Noel presented on meeting procedures, the decision making process and time management, again with participation.
- 3) A debate on the topic "That freedom of speech is paramount". Each team had two members as mentors to assist with the proper structure for presentation and to develop the arguments. The students rose to the occasion and spoke fluently while thinking quickly on their feet. We could see the skills that Ngaire had presented coming to the fore!
- 4) Our fourth session was the real highlight: Each student gave an address (without notes!) on a theme explained by Ngaire. The speech had to describe an incident or some circumstances in their life, explain its significance and what was the lesson derived.



Rotarians David Rush and Ngaire Cannon, with the students and their Certificates of Participation.

The speeches were simply brilliant. Some were quite emotional, others inspiring and motivating while others humorous, but all were captivating. At the end of the program students were presented with Certificates of Participation from Swinburne University and Rotary Club of Hawthorn.

It was a delight for us to see the confidence of the students and how they had grown during the training. The students all had English as a second language, which presented an extra challenge for them. It was also very rewarding at the end the session to chat informally with the students, who were an outstanding group of young people from different parts of the world.

The results of a post program survey showed that all students indicated their increase in confidence, considered materials presented in the program engaging and informative and enjoyed presenting in front of their peers and coaches at the last session. The students also stated that they would recommend this program to other Swinburne students.

It was a significant commitment from Noel, Ngaire and Ken, and their experience and professionalism ensured that this was a successful Rotary project. We add a special acknowledgement to District Governor Neville John, who with some of our club members, attended our final session.

Centennial Grants Seminar

By Cheryl Pisterman, RC Glenferrie

On 25 July more than 120 Rotarians representing 49 of the 68 clubs in District 9800 attended the annual District Grants Seminar at Graduate House in Melbourne. It was a pleasure to also welcome four visiting Rotarians from District 9810.

New Foundation Chair PDG Dennis Shore and his team produced an informative and entertaining evening which included the introduction of new Grants Chair, Mark Stephens who with the assistance of Don Heath and a team of experienced Rotarians will be responsible for the administration of the new District and Global Humanitarian Grants.

As in previous years, the attendees gathered for finger food and refreshments in the bar area and following the formal welcome from DG Neville John, and an outline of the objectives of the evening from Dennis, the attendees were given some very comprehensive PowerPoint presentations on how to obtain a grant as well as examples of successful grants over the past years. One item new to 2016 - 2017 covered Stewardship and the importance of keeping all records and reporting once a Club has received a grant whether District or Global.

If there was one thing in particular that Rotarians could take from the Seminar was that fact that the Foundation Committee was there to help. A new Foundation website has been set up which will answer all the questions your Club may have such as how, where and what is involved with obtaining a Grant. Go to www.district9800foundation.org/. Did you know that District 9800 is on Facebook?

Why not us and visit regularly to see what's new in Foundation at

www.facebook.com/D9800Foundation/?fref=ts.

Rotary Foundation

A highlight of the evening was the running of the Centennial video and the discovery of a new technical wizard in the District. However, "what happens at Seminar, stays at Seminar" and this information can and only will be revealed by a substantial donation to the Rotary Foundation!

The audience was extremely responsive and this was reflected in the interaction and questions from the floor. Comments include:

"What an interesting seminar this evening. There was no possibility at all of being bored."

"Short and sharp presentations and really well presented."

"The video working as if by magic – something I'll never forget. I'm still chuckling and Mark is still perplexed."

"The take away message hit home – our foundation is squeaky clean."

"Especially this year we should be celebrating – I have changed my sig bloc with the centennial logo." "It was great – learned a lot."

"It gets better every year."

"Congratulations to all concerned. Very worthwhile evening."

"An excellent event. Well done to PDG Dennis and his team."

Well next year, it can only get better still and we look forward to the support of all the Clubs in District 9800. Remember to quote the Lotto office, "you gotta be in it, to win it!!"



Get regular updates on Your Foundation from the Foundation website:

http://www.district9800foundation.org

Do you wish to know more about the Rotary Foundation? Find us and like us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/D9800Foundation/? fref=ts



Rotary Institute - What's in it for me?

Are you yet to be convinced why you should be in Penrith from 1-3 September this year? I know what you are thinking—I've been to Rotary Institutes in the past and they are all the same—same old faces presenting the same old stories—the need for new, younger members; Foundation; Polio, etc etc...

You might well ask "What's in it for me? Why will this year be different?"

I'm delighted to inform you that this year the Institute program has been designed to *inform, inspire and to rejuvenate your involvement in Rotary service.*

A comprehensive and entertaining program has been developed which will not only bring you up to date with the changes that are being implemented by Rotary International following the recent Council on Legislation, but will also remind you why you joined Rotary in the first place, and will motivate you to continue to lead and serve.



But above all, it will be fun!

You will have an opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones, enjoy dinner with your classmates on the Thursday night and with past, present and future leaders from your own District on the Friday night. There's also an opportunity for you to wine and dine on one of Penrith's institution—the Nepean Belle paddle wheeler—on the Saturday evening—but you need to book now as places are limited! For partners who are not interested in attending the Institute sessions, Penrith offers a wide range of activities from shopping, art and cultural galleries and first class eateries to amazing parklands and top sporting attractions. All just an hour from the Centre of Sydney. They won't be bored!

The organisers have developed a program of exemplary key-note speakers: http://rotarydistrict9800.com.au/images/NewsflashPenrithinstitute.pdf

The Institute is Open to All

This year the Institute has been opened up to any-one who is interested in learning more about Rotary and hearing the excellent keynote speakers. Director Noel has asked all Past and Current Officers to promote the institute to members and friends of their Districts.





District 9800 Website

Rotary District 9800 Webmaster Stuart McArthur has been busy, beavering away behind the scenes, to keep the District 9800 website relevant. He wishes to thank everyone who contributed to these updates.





Rotary Learning & Development

http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/news/1627/

Rotary Global Scholars

http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/global_scholars

Rotary Connects

http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/news/9959/

Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment

http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/news/1595

District Insurance Certificates

http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/policies

Rotary Foundation

http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/projects foundation

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.

Join us in commemorating our Foundation's century of achievement. We've launched a special website to give you the information you need to plan your own event, promote the anniversary, and brush up on your Foundation history.







Children at an orphanage in Cluj-Napoca, Romania, wash up in a communal bathroom after lunch. They now enjoy protein-rich meat and dairy products because of a 3-H grant from The Rotary Foundation that is benefiting local farmers. In exchange for funding, farmers agree to give a portion of their products to children's facilities such as hospitals, orphanages, and schools.

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Clarice's Comments



As we went to press for our last edition, we got the news that Melbourne RC has secured a new venue for its club meetings. The location from October 26 will be the Level 35 Restaurant at the Sofitel, 25 Collins St. Congratulations to Melbourne RC on this excellent venue.

Our correspondent Tony Thomas is well-known for "stirring the possum", but in a recent *Quadrant* article he gave Rotary a well-deserved plug, but had to take a step back on the Red Cross. He wrote:

Maybe our \$85 million aid to the Clinton charities was well spent, including the dollops from the Howard/Abbott/Turnbull governments. I wouldn't say every aspect of the Clinton enterprises was corrupt. Still, there are other international charities available with impeccable records and non-partisan politics. **Think Red Cross or Rotary Foundation.** Why would our Coalition government in particular, choose to add support with the Clinton's reeking stew?



https://quadrant.org.au/opinion/qed/2016/07/clintons-corruptocrats/#comment-17030

Tony added the following comment, however:

It appears I was too kind in my reference to the Red Cross and its 'impeccable record'. It raised \$US500m from the public for the Haitian earthquake disaster and did very little good with it. A reader has pointed me to https://www.propublica.org/article/how-the-red-cross-raised-half-a-billion-dollars-for-haiti-and-built-6-homes "The Red Cross has repeatedly failed on the ground in Haiti. Confidential memos, emails from worried top officers, and accounts of a dozen frustrated and disappointed insiders show the charity has broken promises, squandered donations, and made dubious claims of success.

The Red Cross says it has provided homes to more than 130,000 people. But the actual number of permanent homes the group has built in all of Haiti: six."

As a 30-year Rotarian, I maintain my recommendation of the Rotary Foundation as an efficient deliverer of global charity and with minimal overheads.





Tony's two-part piece was re-published 27th July on Andrew Bolt's political blog, cited yesterday by the Sydney Daily Telegraph's Tim Blair columnist, and was top feature yesterday on the UK's "Tallbloke's Talkshow" blog, https://tallbloke.wordpress.com rated Best European Weblog in 2012 and 2014. It was also cited by the Perth-based Joanne Nova blog, http://joannenova.com.au rated Best Australasian Weblog 2012 and Best Topical Weblog 2015 (Bloggies Awards).

These are Tony Thomas' own opinions, and not necessarily those of D9800 or "The Networker". Tony Thomas' new book of essays, That's Debatable – 60 Years in Print, Is available here

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

I dropped out of communism class because of lousy Marx.

See you later - Clarice.

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Readers' Letters

Dear Clarice,

Having just been through the latest federal election, it raises a couple of questions in my mind. We generally complain about the fact that having to vote takes up our valuable time and that we seem to vote too often. Yet, when I look at our friends in Tibet, they do not get the opportunity to vote as we do because their system does not allow such things. Living in a country like Australia allows us freedoms not experienced by many other people overseas.

In this newsletter, http://www.tvpaustralia.org.au/news/17/68/June-2015-Newsletter.html we try to bring you news of accomplishment or achievement; good, positive things that can be done in places where life is so much different to what we are used to! Things can be achieved by the persistence and dedication of people all heading in the same direction.

Recently w e sat and re-evaluated our programs in Tibet and we looked at what has been accomplished. It was an eye-opener to see what has been done over the vears which has resulted in changes for the better to literally thousands of lives. This is not a back slapping exercise, those who know the culture of TVPA Australia know that we are not here for accolades, it is a sense of what has been done but more importantly, what can be done by determination and surrounding oneself with good people.



So, have a read. We are, as usual, planning our next trip which will be from September 24th to October 8th. We will travel to Kham in eastern Tibet and also to the Autonomous Region where we will visit the ancient capital of Lhasa, also Samye, which is the oldest Monastery in Tibet. We will also travel to Tsedang, the capital before Lhasa. So, a lot of history and visits to some of our programs. Contact us and we can supply an Itinerary.

Peace & and Light,

Don Cullen

Chairman, Tibetan Village Project, Australia donicullen@gmail.com

Clarice replies: For those who don't know, Don does amazing work for the Tibetans. Do you recall his project to provide some pack-horses to villages? Amazing result! I'd really love to go on one of his tours . . . someday, perhaps!

As China doesn't recognise Rotary International, Don keeps a low profile when he is there. But we can look forward to the day that the Rotary Foundation can become more involved, and more support for Don's projects will happen.

I urge you to click on the link to read his newsletter: as always it is worth a read.

Good luck Don, and more strength to your elbow!



Welcome New Members



Can you remember back when Clubs sent us photos of their new members, sometimes with a few words as a "thumbnail sketch" to introduce them?

I came across these photos of new members (I won't say how) and I recognise singer Michael Lapina from the DG Changeover, but who are the others?

Come on Clubs, don't be coy: tell us about your new members! - Clarice

Notices and Events

ROTARY WORLD CONVENTION, JUNE 2017

Register for the convention in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, **10**TH – **14**TH June **2017** at: http://www.riconvention.org/.

There is a critical date of **15 December 2016:** Last day for early-registration discount (\$US340 Rotarians)
ACCOMMODATION IS BOOKED THROUGH WEBSITE
Watch the Convention Video

t:

http://video.rotary.org/aUF2





ANNUAL FUNDRAISER FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAMBODIAN CHILDREN'S TASKFORCE

Robert Walls

"Lessons Learnt"

Robert Walls will speak about his roles as a teacher and mentor on the footy oval, in the media, and in personal life.

Venue

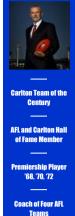
The South Bendigo Football Club Function Hall,

Dinner

Two course dinner - \$40, Drinks at bar prices

BOOKINGS rchased from one of the following out r, 342 Hargreaves Street, Bendigo

Sportspower, 342 Augreaves Street, Bendigo
Celay Jain, 4 Milroy Street, Bendigo
Teny Plant, Rotary Clink of Bendigo Scati--ph, 4408590589
Grog Penno Rotary Clink of Bendigo Strathdale--ph 6419002359
Bookings and payments must be finalized by Monday August 15*





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



9800 Rotaract Our Space 2016

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

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

Tickets: **BOOK HERE**

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

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



Fashion and Beauty Fundraiser for Very Special Kids

Monday 15 August, 6pm for 6.30pm Giorgios Restaurant, Cnr High Street & Glenferrie Road

Premium Tickets \$60 per person (includes welcome drink and finger food)
Yvonne Flynn: yflynn23@bigpond.com Bookings via trybooking.com/213406
Make yourself feel special for a Very Special Cause.

A Fun **Style Edit Workshop** presented by **The Ark Clothing Co.**, and **Nutrimetics** Bookings are now open and we are half way to a sell out, so hope the Networker helps bring in a few more supporters. It will be a great night of fun and fashion, so a nice one for the ladies!!



Stay informed on Rotary events:

http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org/notices_and_events_future

Rotarians against Malaria Conference

20-21st August, at Cilcoms, Tullamarine.
Speakers include RAM Project Managers, Tim
Freeman and Wayne Morris, Prof. Ric Price
(Menzies Institute), Prof. Denis Shanks (AAMI), Dr
Danielle Stanisic (Griffith Uni.), Dr Jack Richards
(Burnet Institute), and Michael Sheilds (Chair of
Rotaract Australia Against Malaria). Speakers from
WEHI and Operation Buzz-Off to be confirmed.

ROTHER AGAINST ME

REGISTER at www.rawcs.org.au/ram-conference Registration \$100; extra dinner guests \$30; Single

day Registration \$50 (Sat. or Sunday). [Registration fee includes morning and afternoon teas, breakfast and the Conference Dinner.] CILOMS is located close to the airport with a free shuttle bus service. Book your room direct with Ciloms Reservations at

<u>ciloms@ciloms.com.au</u> or Phone : 61 3 9335 2788 or 1800 819 443.

Enquiries or assistance with registration contact:

Virginia Turner: vm.turner@bigpond.com or Dave Pearson:

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FUTURE LEADERS SEMINAR - Penrith, NSW.

The 2016 Future Leaders Seminar will be an interactive day of shared ideas, presentations by speakers from Rotary International, and workshops led by successful community and business leaders who are also Rotarians.

The Seminar is open to all Rotarians throughout Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands who would like to learn more about the current issues in Rotary and develop their leadership skills through Rotary at all levels (in the club, district and above):



Wednesday 31st August, 8.30am arrival for 9.00am to 5.00pm sessions. All Future Leaders' Seminar participants are also invited to attend Rotary Institute **Thursday 1**st **to Saturday 3**rd **September.** Penrith Panthers – Ron Mullock Room (Penrith, NSW)

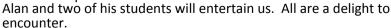
Cost: Future Leaders' Seminar is AUD\$125 per person. **Registration:** At www.rotaryinstitute.org.au

Kogosowski and Friends: Popular Piano Classics

Presented by the Rotary Club of Caulfield on Sunday 25th 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. 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.





Our Contributors



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



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



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



Philip Archer of Southbank RC is District Membership Director.



Our Girl Friday Clarice gets around a lot in Rotary, and writes a column in "Networker". "Just for fun" she says.



Eric Wright is Managing Director of the Fight Cancer Foundation.



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



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



Cheryl Pisterman of Glenferrie RC is an integral part of the District Foundation Team



Raconteur and bon vivant, David Rush is a legal eagle and a PP of Hawthorn Rotary.

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