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### ***Rotary's Area of Focus for February: Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution***

#### **Rotary and Peace**

Rotary International's stated purpose is to bring together business and professional leaders to provide humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and **to advance goodwill and peace around the world**. The month of February brings Rotary's focus on Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution.

Sixty million people are displaced by armed conflict or persecution, and 90 percent of armed-conflict casualties are civilians, half of them children. Through service projects, fellowships, and other Rotary-sponsored campaigns, members train adults and young leaders to prevent and mediate conflict, and aid refugees who have fled dangerous areas. Members also pursue projects to address the underlying structural causes of conflict, including poverty, inequality, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources. Each year, Rotary awards up to 50 fellowships for master's degrees and 50 for certificate studies at premier universities around the world.

- Master's degree programs: Last 15 to 24 months and require a practical internship of two to three months during the academic break.
- Professional development certificate program: For experienced professionals and lasts three months with two to three weeks of field study.

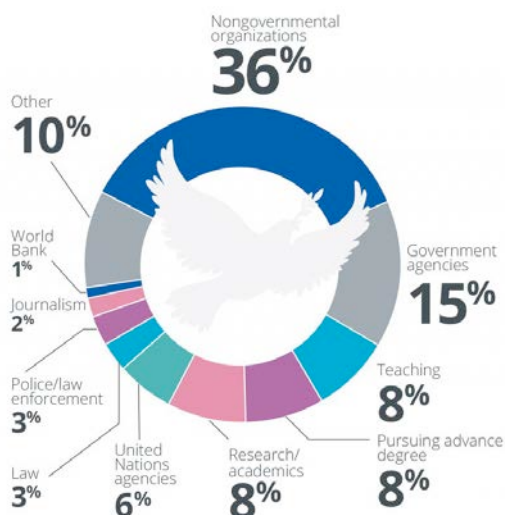


***DG Neville John and Rebecca***

***"I wanted to do something to help prevent war, rather than addressing its consequences." Robert Opira - Rotary Peace Fellow, University of Queensland, 2005-07***

These fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and all internship and field-study expenses. In just over a decade, the Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than 1,000 fellows for careers in peace building. Many of them are serving as leaders at international organizations or have started their own foundations. You will see in the graph below where the peace alumni work:

**Where Rotary Peace Center alumni work**



## DG Neville John's Message

### Peace Begins Within Us – Extract of an Essay

In March 2013, our then non-Rotarian daughter Katrina responded to PDG Dennis Shore's challenge to write an essay on 'What Peace Means To Me', with ten being chosen to attend an RI Peace Conference in Hiroshima. Kat has given me permission to share some of that essay, and I do so to demonstrate the point that we do have the ability to make the world a more peaceful place, starting with ourselves, then those around us in our families and communities. The extract begins:

"The kind of peace I would like to see in the world starts with each of us being equipped to cope with our own lives, supported by strong families and communities. Cultural anthropologist, Margaret Meade said "Never doubt that a small group of committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has". Peace to me is a state where the mind, heart and spirit align. Our views on matters in life would come from equal portions of our hearts and minds, so that our actions are not overpowering or judgmental, but instead, are balanced and considered. Like the Rotary four-way test.

"I have observed how Rotary helps change the lives of people all over the world for the better, and how in Sri Lanka they convinced a country at war to cease fighting so that a polio immunization program could continue. If we found a way to stop a war, even though temporarily, and Sri Lanka became polio free, we can find more of these occasions.

"Imagine all the people, living life in peace, is part of John Lennon's lyrics in his song 'Imagine', and that is what I like to dream. A world where we individually have the ability to reach within and recognize what is and what is not working for us, and to bring about change to be the best we can be. We share this life and world, don't we? The world and its people are one and that gives power to the people."

**"Our own life has to be our message." – Thich Nhat Hanh.**



### Connecting Communities – Serving Humanity

The District Conference is being held in Shepparton, from 30 March to 1 April 2017, with the theme - 'Connecting Communities – Serving Humanity.'

Humanity is a quality we owe to each other. It embodies the idea of connection, of being part of a cohesive community that works towards the well-being of all its members, creating a sense of belonging, promoting trust, and offering equal opportunity to participate. The conference speakers will address these things and look into how our communities are leading change through innovation and action. We'll hear our future generation's thoughts about building social capital, and explore how Rotary can play a part in maintaining and improving the open, cohesive society that we have worked so hard to build. The Victorian Government is now a sponsor for the welcome function as we bring people from different cultures together and share our food and stories.

The conference is for everyone, not only Rotarians - so bring your family and friends and find out what Rotary is doing to help make our communities and the world a better place. Check out the website <http://www.rotaryconference.org.au/> and you will see who we have speaking. The Rotary Foundation is back on stage for the centennial year and the welcome function "Tastes of Harmony" will literally be a smorgasbord of multi-cultural food offerings, including the great Aussie BBQ.



## DG Neville John's Message

### Rotary Showcase – Australia Day at Lake Weeroona in Bendigo

What a wonderful day it was in Bendigo. Thank you to all involved in what was the first installment of 'Taking Rotary to the Community'. The Rotary Showcase roadshow began in Bendigo on Australia Day with thousands of people enjoying the beautiful weather shining on us. The Rotary expo looked sensational and I was proud of the way we presented. I believe there were a number of potential member enquiries.



The second showcase will be held on 25 February in the Atrium at Federation Square and the third will be in June over the Queen's Birthday Weekend at Rotary Park in Echuca for the Steam Rally. Thank you to Ian Salek and the Showcase Committee (Yvonne Flynn, Andrew Hunter, Chris Don, Rowan McClean, Garth Symmington and Adrian Nelson).



Thank you also to Bendigo Sandhurst Rotary who organised the event at Lake Weeroona, the Goldfields clubs and all the exposition attendees who gave up their day to show and tell the community the good Rotary is doing in the world, and how we 'make a difference.' The most frequent comment was 'I didn't know that Rotary did all of these things.'

Well, as we know, they have only seen the tip of the iceberg.

A quote from George Bernard Shaw probably sums up much of the Rotarian outlook on the world we live in. **"You see things; and you say "Why?" But I dream things that never were; and I say "Why not?"**

One persons idea is all it takes, and with a little of our time and the amazing network of Rotary, anything is possible!

*Neville John*

**District Governor 2016-2017**



## Rotary: Making a Difference

By Ryan Hyland

Rotary International President-elect Ian H.S. Riseley made the case on Monday that protecting the environment and curbing climate change are essential to Rotary's goal of sustainable service.



Riseley, a member of the Rotary Club of Sandringham, Victoria, Australia, unveiled the 2017-18 presidential theme, **Rotary: Making a Difference**, to incoming district governors at Rotary's International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA.

Environmental degradation and global climate change are serious threats to everyone, Riseley said. "They are having a disproportionate impact on those who are most vulnerable, those to whom Rotary has the greatest responsibility. Yet environmental issues rarely register on the Rotary agenda," he said. Environmental degradation is one of the major threats listed by the UN's High-level Panel on Threats, Challenges, and Change. Riseley added, "The time is long past when environmental sustainability can be dismissed as not Rotary's concern. It is, and must be, everyone's concern."

The president-elect challenged every Rotary club to make a difference by planting a tree for each of its members between the start of the Rotary year on 1 July and Earth Day on 22 April 2018. Trees remove carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases from the air, which slows global warming. "It is my hope that the result of that effort will be far greater than the environmental benefit that those 1.2 million new trees will bring," Riseley said. "I believe the greater result will be a Rotary that recognizes our responsibility not only to the people on our planet, but to the planet itself."

### **Securing Rotary's future**

In his address to the 2017-18 class of district governors, Riseley also urged clubs to improve their gender balance and lower the average age of their

members. Only 22 percent of Rotary's members are women, up from 13 percent 10 years ago. At that rate, Riseley said, it will take another three decades for Rotary to achieve gender parity. "Three decades is far too long to wait to achieve a Rotary that reflects the world in which we live. We need to make it a priority now," he said.

Noting that 103 of the 539 incoming governors are women, Riseley said they are the type of women we need in Rotary, "leaders who will help Rotary connect with, and represent, and better serve, all of the members of all our communities." Riseley also believes it is imperative that clubs find ways to attract and engage younger members. Today only 5 percent of reported members are under 40, and a majority of members are over 60, Riseley told the audience.

"Consider what Rotary stands to look like 10 or 20 years from now if we don't get very serious, very soon, about bringing in younger members," Riseley said.

Clubs will make a difference this year through their own decisions, said Riseley, but it will take teamwork on a global scale to move Rotary forward and secure its future. "We know that we can do more together than we could ever hope to do alone," he told incoming governors. "I ask you to keep that spirit of teamwork and cooperation always in your minds and to take it back with you to your districts."

Download theme logo and materials:

<https://my.rotary.org/en/news-media/office-president/presidential-theme>



## Your Outstanding Foundation

*From RI District 9800 Foundation Newsletter*

The Association of Fund Raising Professionals (AFP) has recognized The Rotary Foundation with its annual Award for Outstanding Foundation.

The award honours organisations that show philanthropic commitment and leadership through financial support, innovation, encouragement of others, and involvement in public affairs.

Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Kalyan Banerjee stated that it was an honour to receive such a recognition and the “continued strong support of Rotary members will help us keep our promise of a polio-free world for all children and enable the Foundation to carry out its mission of advancing world understanding, goodwill, and peace” and “another 100 years of Rotary members taking action to make communities better around the world.”

The award will be presented in early 2017 at the AFP’s annual conference in San Francisco.

Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair-elect Paul Netzel is set to accept the award on Rotary’s behalf, and Eric Schmelling, director of fund development at Rotary, will speak at the conference.

“While almost everyone is familiar with Rotary, not everyone may realize just how much of an impact Rotary and The Rotary Foundation have had on countless people and communities across the globe,” says Jason Lee, AFP president and CEO. “On behalf of the entire charitable sector and people around the world, all of us at AFP are honoured to be able to recognize The Rotary Foundation as our 2016 Outstanding Foundation.”

AFP’s committee of judges cited Rotary’s comprehensive campaign to eradicate polio as a major driver of the selection. They also mentioned that Rotary applies a methodical, purposeful approach to support a wide variety of causes, from providing clean water to educating the next generation of peace professionals.



Polio survivors play basketball on the playground at the Kien Khleang Rehabilitation Center just outside Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The center, which provides prostheses for land mine victims and physical therapy for polio survivors, is operated by Veterans International Cambodia, a program of the Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation. Funding for the Kien Khleang Rehabilitation Center came in part from the Rotary Club of Salisbury, Connecticut, USA, a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant, and District Designated Funds.

**Photo:** Alyce Henson© Rotary International



## Rotarian Action Group for Peace

### What if together we wage peace?

What if we started thinking about Rotary as more than a collection of service clubs and started thinking of ourselves as a global peacebuilding force?

Just imagine, Rotarians building a world beyond war. Learn more about our organization and how you can join us as **'We Wage Peace'**.



Membership benefits of the **Rotarian Action Group for Peace**

include a bi-weekly E-Bulletin, invitations to local, national and international Rotary peace events, and access to committed Rotarians, Rotary Peace Fellows and other thought leaders on our **PeaceMap**.



**The Rotarian Action Group for Peace uses its dues to support member driven projects in Rotary's Areas of Focus of Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution.**

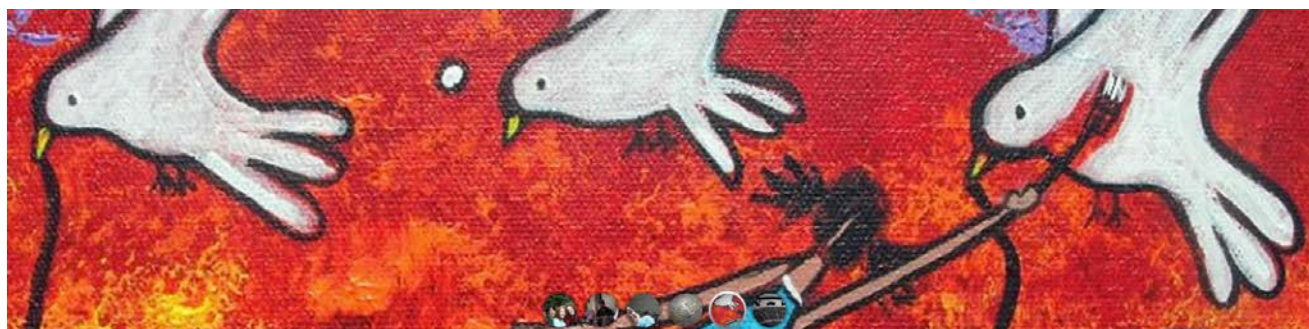
Your support enables the Rotarian Action Group for Peace to:

- Shape the debate on key peace and conflict prevention/resolution issues in the Rotary community and beyond.
- Expand our international network of individuals committed to ensuring a future free from violence and war.
- Help build Rotary's contribution to peace and conflict resolution work around the world.

Share timely information about the latest developments in sustainable peace-building, lessons learned and best practices.

**Join our organization and enjoy the benefits of Rotarian Action Group for Peace Membership!**

<http://www.rotarianactiongroupforpeace.org/join-rotarian-action-group/>





## World Understanding Month

*By PDG Dennis Shore*

The monthly cycle of Rotary themes continues and February is World Understanding Month in the Rotary Calendar and the relevant **Area of Focus is Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution**

Peacemaking becoming an early core objective of Rotary. Delegates at the 1914 Convention adopted a resolution calling for a peace conference and called upon all clubs to be advocates for peace. Sadly those actions failed to prevent the outbreak of World War I. Nevertheless Rotary had defined peacemaking as being at the core of its values.



***Trench warfare, 1914-1918***

Arch Klumph, architect of The Rotary Foundation, making a visit to the UK immediately after that dreadful war proclaimed to British Rotarians that he envisioned the part that Rotary could play by creating “a mighty team to preserve peace, justice and honour among the nations of the world”. In 1922 the Rotary Convention ratified a proposal to incorporate peacemaking into Rotary’s constitution and bylaws. Interestingly this is also when Rotary’s name was officially changed to Rotary International and Rotary could indeed legally proclaim itself to have as its objective to aid in the advancement of “international peace and goodwill”.

Rotary did much more than talk about peace. Rotarians were also instrumental in establishing the world’s first Peace Park in 1932, convincing the governments of Canada and the USA to join national Parks in Alberta and Montana, to form Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park. Today, Rotarians govern the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Association. Canadians and Americans are equally represented on the board, and the presidency alternates between the two countries. Rotarians gather in September each year for a weekend of fellowship and goodwill.

So much of what we do as Rotary and Rotarians supports this objective even though we do not necessarily think of it as such. Our humanitarian programs are very much at the heart of alleviating the causes of conflict and war. In fact the first of The Rotary Foundation’s six Areas of Focus is about peace and conflict resolution. The other 5 areas of focus relate to disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy and finally economic and community development. These all provide an ideal recipe for achieving peace in our world.

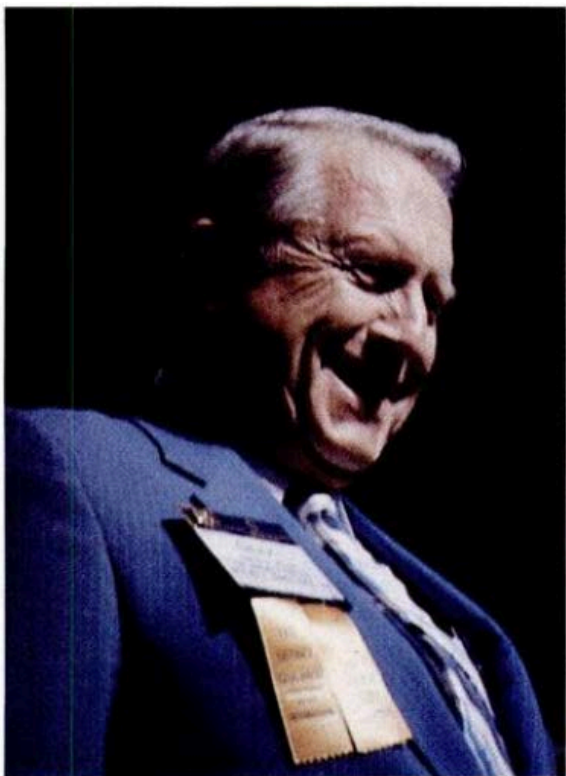
Of course Rotary does not just beaver away in the background. So often we are called upon to take leadership roles or take on the role without being asked, such as in polio eradication. - ***continued***



***Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park***



## World Understanding Month



*Charles C. (Chuck) Keller, of Pennsylvania, U.S.A., upon being elected 1987-88 R.I. president: "I am prepared to dedicate my life and best efforts to the marvelous effort that is Rotary."*

Rotary's peacemaking leadership was recognised in its role in the formation of the United Nations after World War II and for creating the concept (and charter) of UNESCO before that.

The UN universal declaration of Human Rights drew on the resolution of the Rotary International Havana Convention in 1940 as its framework.

When the UN Charter was finalised in 1945, Rotary was at the forefront of the action. Rotary was invited as an observer organisation but 49 Rotarians guided agendas, arranged translations, mediated and suggested wording for resolutions. Rotary today continues to assist the UNO at the highest level of consultative status.

Despite the lofty ideals and objective of the United Nations Organisation, Rotary continues to provide a more pragmatic and independent approach to peacemaking and Rotary as an organisation is at the forefront of creating world understanding through its own programs.

Successive Rotary leaders looked for ways to extend Rotary's leadership in peacemaking. The need was clearly there and well expressed by Chuck Keller, RI President in 1987-89. Chuck said "Keep three central truths in mind: First, service to others is the essence of Rotary, the very foundation of our unity. Second, this unity is stronger than the enormous diversity that surrounds us. And third, peace is the single greatest imperative of our time". It is not surprising that Rotary's theme in Chuck Keller's year as RI President was Rotarians – United in Service – dedicated to Peace.

Just as it has taken on the challenge of eradicating polio (which of itself is a major contributor to world peace) Rotary continues to make a practical contribution to world peace through the establishment of the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution. This program came to fruition in 2002 and has been supported by

District 9800 from the outset. In fact our district is the only district in the Rotary world to have had at least one Peace Scholar nominated to the program every year. To date we have successfully nominated 27 Scholars out of a total of 1057 scholars who have completed either the Master's degree course or the Professional Development Certificate course.



***Rotary Peace Scholars on Graduation Day.***

## 11 Pieces Of Wisdom From Desmond Tutu

*By Brian Rusch, Executive Director, Desmond Tutu Peace Foundation*

Most people begin every new year with a sense of hope and excitement. With recent events throughout the world, I think that many of us also enter this new year with a sense of trepidation. For me personally, I am channeling any disquiet I might feel into a renewed focus on our mission at the [Desmond Tutu Peace Foundation](#) - that is to inspire new generations of change makers to make this world a more peaceful place through the life, actions and words of Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

As we move forward to challenges this new year brings, I am reminded of some of the wisdom that the Archbishop has shared that I turn to when I am in need of some inspiration.

1. *"If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor."*
2. *"Without forgiveness, there can be no future for a relationship between individuals or within and between nations."*
3. *"Religion is like a knife: you can either use it to cut bread, or stick in someone's back."*
4. *"Resentment and anger are bad for your blood pressure and your digestion."*
5. *"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good that overwhelm the world."*



***Archbishop Desmond Tutu with Nelson Mandela a week after Mandela's release from prison.***

6. *"Hope is being able to see there is light despite all of the darkness."*

7. *"Don't raise your voice, improve your argument."*

8. *"If you want peace, don't talk to your friends, talk to your enemies."*



***Archbishop Desmond Tutu walks with the Dalai Lama near the Dalai Lama's home in Dharamsala, India.***

9. *"Differences are not intended to separate, to alienate. We are different precisely in order to realize our need of one another."*

10. *"Ubuntu... my humanity is caught up, is inextricably bound up in what is yours."*

11. *"Give a man a fish, feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and feed him for a lifetime. Teach a man to cycle and he will realize fishing is stupid and boring."*

Which of these ideals can you put forward as we move into 2017? What can you do to inspire peace?

Full story at The Huffington Post:

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/11-pieces-of-wisdom-from-desmond-tutu-to-inspire-change\\_us\\_5866d809e4b014e7c72ee13c](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/11-pieces-of-wisdom-from-desmond-tutu-to-inspire-change_us_5866d809e4b014e7c72ee13c)





## Clarice's Comments



Oh that Tony Thomas: he's at it again! In the current "Quadrant", he pokes some fun at the World Wildlife Fund and their amazing fund-raising costs.

"Saving the planet is a responsible job and World Wildlife Fund Inc. CEO Carter Roberts pulled in \$US941,000 last year, up more than 100% compared with his pay in 2009 of \$US455,000. President Obama is paid only \$US400,000. Roberts' chief operating officer, Marcia Marsh, gets \$US576,000. Both state their working weeks as 40 hours. Nearly 200 staff are on six-figures, and a dozen on \$US300,000 plus. A couple of PR flacks are on \$US260,000 and \$US315,000. Do regular donors understand how much is going to third-party professional fund-raisers?"



At least we know that all the money we collect for Rotary goes to deserving recipients. Fortunately Tony's article isn't as provoking as his recent "Islam and Rotary" and "Earth Hour in 3D: Dim, Dark and Dopey".



I was disappointed to miss the "Rotary Showcase" at Bendigo on Australia Day: (too many other pressing events in town), but I hear it was a cracking success. All the feedback I hear is positive, so I've pencilled in 25<sup>th</sup> February in my diary for the follow-up in Federation Square. Shall I see you there?

The other event worth noting is the Donations-in-Kind open day on 11<sup>th</sup> March: I hear a whisper that they may be celebrating not only the centenary of The Rotary Foundation, but also their 500<sup>th</sup> container going out from the West Footscray store. Now that's really worth cracking a bottle of bubbly for! I certainly won't miss that event.



Yesterday a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool, so I gave him a glass of water.

- Clarice

## Notices and Events

### Open Day at Donations-in-Kind

A couple of years ago, the Donations-in-Kind West Footscray Store celebrated 100,000 hours of volunteer time, saving lots of goods from landfill and sending many containers to Rotary projects overseas.

This year we will celebrate despatching container number 500 overseas. You can't miss the big yellow box!

Since the start of 2000 we have shipped \$49.2 millions value of goods to some 26 countries and saved almost 30 million cubic meters of really good material from land fill.

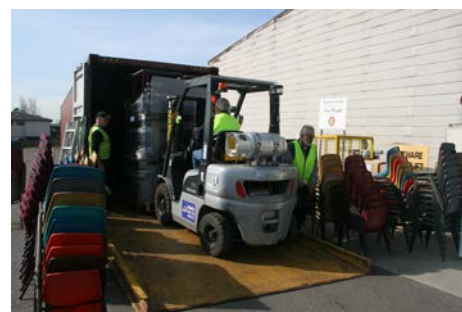
Importantly we have raised some \$3.2m to cover the shipping costs and run the store.

Hospital beds and equipment, computers, clothing – both new and used, school desks and chairs and lots more have all found homes in countries where they have none (or very little).

We want to celebrate this milestone and let everyone see what opportunities there are for the taking by opening the store for everyone to see with an open day at the store planned for **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March**. Come along any time between 10am and 4pm and see what we can do to assist your projects – both local and international.

Tea and coffee and a sausage sizzle (obligatory!) and lots of information to get your project juices flowing. We would love to know that you will come and see us.

Phone Bob on 0418 102 702 or Laurie on 0428 550 574 to let us know.



## Notices and Events

### A NEW ROUND OF MEMBERSHIP GRANTS

**Earn a \$1,000 grant for your new members to invest in a new Community Project for your Club**

Simply induct four members between 1 January and 31 March 2017 and the \$1,000 grant will be presented to your New Members to use as seed funding on a project of their choice!!! A maximum of 10 grants are available.

The District was so successful with the grants so far this year that 18 Clubs have received them and inducted 96 new members.

All clubs in our District are eligible to receive this grant including those clubs that qualified for the previous \$1,000 grants in 2016-17

Full details are contained in the attached flyer. [Download Membership Grant Guidelines](#)



### Celebrate with us in Atlanta

Join thousands of Rotarians at the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, **10-14 June 2017**. The celebration of The Rotary Foundation's 100th Anniversary promises to be an unforgettable experience. Register before 15 December for extra savings!

- Are you wondering where to stay? A number of excellent hotels are offering special convention rates, and many are within walking distance or a short bus or subway ride away. Learn more and book now.
- Are you coming to the The Rotary Foundation's 100th Birthday Party? Help us celebrate 100 years of doing good in the city where it all began, with cake, ice cream, and lots of fun. [Purchase tickets](#) for only \$26.50 per person.
- The Atlanta convention's Host Organization Committee is planning outstanding events for all attendees. [Visit the HOC site](#) to learn about the many events, tours, and activities available.
- Spread the word! [Download promotional materials](#) for social media, posters, and more.



### SAVE THE DATE - **31st May, 2017**

#### **The Rotary Foundation's Centennial Gala Dinner – 100 Years of 'Doing Good In The World'**

Since the Rotary Foundation was established in 1917, it has spent more than US\$3 billion on programs and projects to improve the lives of millions worldwide.

In conjunction with District Foundation Chair, PDG Dennis Shore, Southbank Rotary will be assisting with organising a major District event to celebrate 100 years of The Rotary Foundation.

More details will be widely circulated before the end of this month but for now, **Save the Date: 31st May 2017 at The Atlantic, Central Pier, Docklands.**





## Notices and Events

### GROUP VOCATIONAL EXCHANGE Welcome and Farewell Lunch

Want to know what the GVE stands for and is all about? Want a day of fun, fellowship and familiarisation?

On **Sunday 12 February** 2017, a BBQ luncheon catered for by the RC North Balwyn in their inimitable style and is to be an event showcasing much more than just alfresco cooking and enjoying!

This BBQ is the official joint welcome to the just arrived GVE Team from D3820 in the Philippines and a farewell to our 9800 Team leaving for the Philippines on the next day. Let's really make them all feel welcome and wanted by being there as well.

**Date and time** – **Sunday 12 February 2017**, 12.00 midday to mid-afternoon.

**Venue** – Boroondara Park Primary School, Almond St, Balwyn North (Melway 46 F1).

A leafy setting with plentiful seating, undercover if necessary, and toilets.

**Menu** – 3 meats, 3 salads, bread and coffee.

Barrista coffee and soft drink available for purchase.

BYO alcohol. **Cost** – \$30.00 per person.

**Speeches** – of course, but short, sharp and interesting.

**Entertainment** – probably.

Book with Henry Drury 00414 782 332 [handjdrury@gmail.com](mailto:handjdrury@gmail.com)



### International Women's Day Breakfast

**WEDNESDAY 8TH MARCH 2017**

THE PALLADIUM, CROWN MELBOURNE

Women Leaders - what does it take?

**MC** – Tom Gleisner

**Keynote Speaker** – Kitty Chiller, 2016 Olympics Chef de Mission

Early Bird Tickets now available at [rotaryiwdbreakfast.org.au](http://rotaryiwdbreakfast.org.au)



### ARE YOU A GOLFING ROTARIAN?

Did you know there is a fellowship of golfing Rotarians who, with their partners, play a golf tournament each year at some of Australia's premium golf courses?

The great news is, the Rotary Club of Ascot is hosting the **39th Annual AGFR Golf Tournament in Perth** at The Western Australian Golf Club and Mount Lawley Golf Club from **2nd April until the 7th of April 2017**.

We provide fellowship for golf-loving Rotarians and their partners from all around Australia as part of the 4th Object of Rotary, and offer an opportunity to play at some of Australia's premier golf clubs while having lots of fun. Past events have been held in every state and territory and Rotarians come from all around Australia. It's a great way to see our beautiful country and make likeminded friends. But we are also not well known about.

For further information and a registration form visit either our dedicated website <http://agfirtournament.wixsite.com/2017> or the AGFR website <https://agfr.org>

Our dedicated email address for all queries and completed registration forms is [agfirtournament@outlook.com](mailto:agfirtournament@outlook.com)



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### The boys who fed me apples

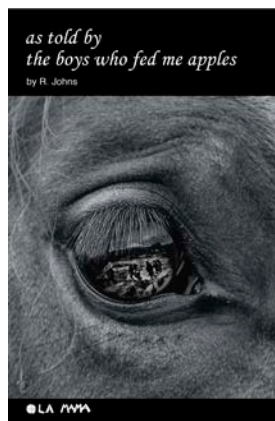
Sandy was the only one of 136,000 Australian World War 1 war horses to return home. Sandy's fragmented war story (and that of three soldiers who served with him) is told through physical performance which crosses over with a visceral, poetic text and a haunting, original sound design.

La Mama Courthouse, 349 Drummond St Carlton

**March 22nd - April 2nd** . Weds 6.30pm, Thurs- Sat 7.30 pm, Sun 4pm. Matinees Wed 1 pm and Thurs 11am. Bookings : 9347 6142 Approximately 85 mins.

Selected for the 2017 VCAA Drama Playlist. This project has been supported by the Australian Government's Anzac Centenary Arts and Culture Fund and Big West Festival.

Playwright Rosemary Johns is a volunteer at the Flemington Rotary Opportunity Shop.



### Wedding Expo 2017 at Encore

**Sunday 30 April** 2017 - 10am – 4pm Gold coin donation  
Encore Events Centre, 80 Derrimut Road, Hoppers Crossing, 3029  
An Expo for those planning a wedding in Melbourne's West is being held on 30 April 2017.

There will be a wide range of industry specialists in attendance including:

Marriage Celebrants, Wedding Photographers, Hair and Make-Up, Bonbonnières, Fireworks, Wedding Invitations and Stationery, Wedding Reception Venues, Wedding Cakes, Wedding Florists, Wedding Dresses, Wedding Gown Cleaning, Mother-of-the-Bride Wear, Male Formal Wear, Wedding Gifts, Decorations, and Wedding Cars and Limousines.

The event is open to potential exhibitors and details are available through the Email address above.

All proceeds raised are going towards the Rotary Club of Hoppers Crossing for use on their community and international projects.

We look forward to assisting you on the day with your wedding requirements and thank you for your support.

Find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/rotaryclubhopperscrossing](http://www.facebook.com/rotaryclubhopperscrossing)

Visit our website at [www.hopperscrossingrotary.org.au](http://www.hopperscrossingrotary.org.au).



**2017 DISTRICT 9800  
CONFERENCE**  
SHEPPARTON - VICTORIA  
**30 MARCH - 1 APRIL**



Connecting Communities - Serving Humanity

## Our Contributors



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



*Tony Thomas contributes to "The Networker", and "Quadrant", where he recently wrote about Sex Pistils. Believe it or not.*



*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".*



*Matthew Scott of Bendigo South teaches Religion and Media Studies.*



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



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



*DG Nominee Bronwyn Stephens is just back from Cambodia where she supports several projects.*



*Brian Rusch is the Executive Director of the Desmond Tutu Peace Foundation.*