



Networker

Rotary District 9800

A publication for
Rotarians and
all community
minded people



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Welcome back, it's 2014 and whilst you were napping, after that Christmas lunch, we've moved into the second half of DG Ross' year.

Catch your breath because there's heaps to come.

This week the Networker looks at the Rotary Message, fundraising costs, MUNA and an opportunity to raise funds for the End Polio campaign.

Enjoy.

Oh! and get those letters coming in, I'm sure there's an opinion or two out there and don't forget to send us your upcoming events so we can feature them in the Networker for you.

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Barang for your charity bank

How much does your favourite charity spend on fundraising and how treated are you?

Charity	Spending on fundraising as % of total income
Australian Red Cross	45%
World Vision	40%
Save the Children	35%
Salvation Army	30%
Caritas Australia	25%
World Food Programme	20%
World Health Organisation	15%
World Bank	10%
World Trade Organisation	5%
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Enter Nelson Mandela. Herb Brown, Rotary's president in 1995-96, recalls seeing the South African leader's support.

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Membership of Rotary provides enormous opportunities for us to build friendships, to further our personal development, to help others less fortunate and to effectively change lives. When we do this well our organization becomes stronger, we become closer and we achieve much more in, Service Above Self.

When we don't take advantage of what Rotary offers, our clubs not only become less effective but we actually lose our appeal to others, to potential members, partner organizations but more importantly, we lose our Rotary colleagues. If it isn't fun anymore, if it isn't rewarding anymore then it follows - why continue to be in Rotary?

Thankfully, this Rotary year our Club and District Leaders are making it fun, making it rewarding to turn up and be part of this wonderful organization called Rotary International. RI President Ron Burton summed it up perfectly when he said "Rotary, like just about every other thing in life, will reward you for the effort you put in".

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A DANGEROUS IDEA OFFERS HOPE FOR GIRLS IN AFGHANISTAN

More than 400 girls, including these seven-year-old best friends, attend the Zabuli Education Center outside Kabul. Razia Jan (far right), a U.S. Rotarian who returned to her native Afghanistan, opened the school in 2008.

Photo Credit: Photo courtesy of Razia's Ray of Hope Foundation

Read Razias' story on the RI website at : <https://www.rotary.org/en/dangerous-idea-offers-hope-girls-afghanistan>

Whenever and whatever you can give of yourself, Rotary will certainly reward you.

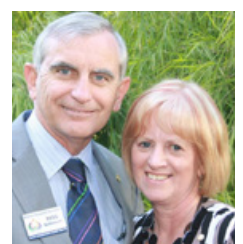
I've heard it described as psychic income, the feeling you get when you help somebody else. We can do it alone, but imagine how much more effectively we could provide our service, if we involve others.

As Rotarians, as partners with like-minded organizations and as part of the Family of Rotary we could all do with extra help, and the answer can be found in the Four Way Test: 'build goodwill and better friendships'. If we practise this at all times we will continue to grow and be a power for good in the world.

Remember Rotary gives each of us an opportunity to turn Conversations into Actions.

Best wishes to you all and a very LARGE THANK YOU for what you each do in the name of Rotary as you go forward and Engage Rotary Change Lives.

DG Ross



District 9800 Governor
Ross Butterworth and Annette

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Global research shows that when asked – four in 10 people have never heard of us, another four know us in name only, and the remaining two only have some familiarity, which is often colored by misconceptions. How can we attract and engage new members and partners when they don't know who we are?

Personally, I think that in order to keep Rotary relevant and enticing for the next 100 years, we need to be innovative, forward thinking, and adaptable to ensure that the rest of the world views us the way we view ourselves. Here's what I like most about the Strengthening Rotary initiative:

1. It helps us explain who we are, what we do, and why we matter.

Through this process, we have introduced a new framework to help Rotarians better define who we are when asked the inevitable question – what is Rotary? We Join Leaders – Exchange Ideas and Take Action. Of course each Rotarian's story is different but if we could highlight the common ground, it begins to form a compelling call to action. We are leaders who act responsibly and take action to tackle some of the world's most pressing challenges. When we are all singing off the same song

sheet our message is amplified and it becomes much easier to engage people in Rotary.

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An exciting new visual identity kit and guidelines have been launched and they provide tools for individuals, clubs, and districts to create a look that begins to introduce continuity across the globe. Of course, there remains room for personal creativity but a unified look and feel will propel Rotary into a very bright future. Everyone will know who we are, what we do and why it matters!

If you've visited rotary.org within the past few months, you've probably noticed evidence of this initiative in the form of simpler, more action-oriented words and visuals. I am also so heartened to see the materials that Rotarians are creating with these new tools. They are stunning and I have heard from countless Rotarians that they love the fresh new look and feel.

3. It will help us attract new members and supporters

Strengthening Rotary is essential to Rotary's future. As we share our story in a more clear and compelling way, like-minded people are going to want to be part of our great organization. This really is one of our best membership opportunities. In the end, if we can elevate awareness and attract and engage new members and partners, our good work will spread and "doing good in the world" will not only remain our organizational compass but it will help us soar to new heights.



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But there are few guidelines in a sector facing significant uncertainty as the Coalition dismantles the former government's Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission, which was intended to be a charities watchdog, in favour of a "centre for excellence".

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Australia received more than \$12.8 million in donations last year but spent \$5.2 million, or 41c in the dollar, on fund-raising, marketing and communications. After other expenses, only 54c in the donated dollar went to granting the wishes of sick children.

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Chief executive Gerard Menses said the charity's financial position had improved and it had granted 501 wishes in 2013.

"We do aim to keep the cost of fund-raising as low as possible to ensure the maximum amount can be spent on life-changing wishes," Mr Menses said.

The National Heart Foundation raised more than \$51 million in 2012, but spent more than \$20 million on fund-raising, \$8 million more than it put towards research. Other revenue went towards health programs.

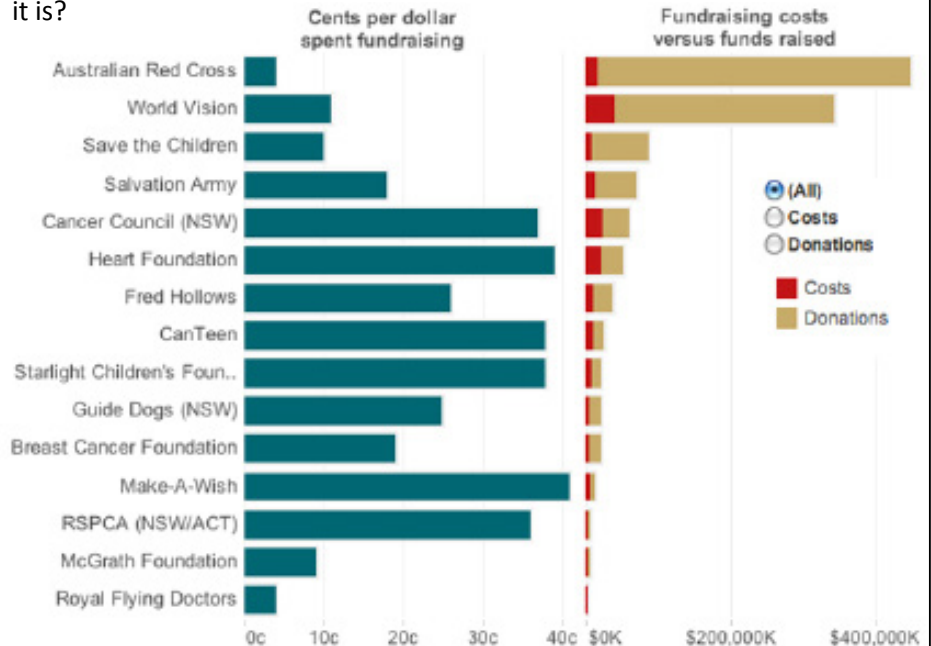
At the opposite end of the spectrum, global charity World Vision spent 11c in the dollar on fund-raising, the McGrath Foundation spent 9c and the humanitarian arm of the Red Cross spent 4c.

The big differences in the cost of fund-raising are partly the result of no clear accounting guideline as to which costs should be classified as fund-raising expenses and administration.

Make-A-Wish, for example, includes marketing as part of the cost of fund-raising whereas the National Breast Cancer Foundation includes marketing, communications

Bang for your charity buck

How much does your favourite charity spend on fundraising and how trusted is it?



*The Charity Reputation Index measures Australian public opinion of 40 top charities.

Graphic: Fairfax Media

Source: Annual and financial reports, AMR Charity Reputation Index 2013

and speakers as a separate category, not included in its fund-raising costs. It spent an additional \$1.05 million on these costs in the year to June.

In addition, larger charities may also be able to share costs across different branches.

Philanthropy Australia chief executive Louise Walsh said not all charities were transparent with their financial data, putting the onus on donors to do their own research.

"A lot of annual reviews and annual reports are not as strong as they should be and not all of them are user friendly," she said. "We would like to see a lot more information on the public record, particularly around the financial side of it."

The federal government failed in its bid to delay the introduction of the Charities Act this month, with the new laws to take effect on January 1.

The act provides a new definition of a charity, which is not required to pay income tax.

Social Services Minister Kevin Andrews will begin consultations over the repeal of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission in February, a move that has already met resistance from the charity sector and the Greens.

Linda Lavarch, chairwoman of the Not-For-Profit Sector Reform Council, said the abolition of the ACNC and



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potential repeal of the Charities Act would result in less accountability.

In many cases, detailed data on a charity's performance, including spending on executive pay, can be obtained only by paying for reports filed with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

CanTeen, which supports young people with cancer, raised \$24 million in the year to March 31 and spent 38¢ in the dollar on fund-raising. But the charity said that for every \$1 it invested in its regular giving program, it got \$3 back over three years.

Peter Orchard, CanTeen's chief executive, said the charity was reviewing its internal operations to cut costs. He made 16 people redundant when he took over the top job last March.

"It is ... important to compare charities that do similar work," he said. "CanTeen, for example, delivers services in Australia, which involves very different costs to that of a charity funding overseas aid."

The chief executive of the Fundraising Institute of Australia, Rob Edwards, said donors chose to support charities "for the difference they can make to their beneficiaries, not how little they spend achieving it".

"There are currently no clear definitions to guide

charities on which costs should be classified as service-related or administration and the sector is working with government to introduce an agreed accounting standard," Mr Edwards said.

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/charities-fundraising-costs-swallow-millions-in-donations-20131220-2zqyw.html>

HOW DOES OUR ROTARY STACK UP?

The maxim from Rotary is that "No Fundraising is used for admin", certainly it's a "rule" that we like to apply ie: membership dues covers meeting costs plus a bit, but it is evident that administration expenses are creeping in.

Foundation for example is supposed to keep all moneys for three years (keeps the interest earned) and returns it all three years later.

RAWCS take 3% to cover costs on new projects after July 1, 2012 and will charge existing from July 1, 2015. But only on donations from Corporates and Foundations.

Perhpas the message is that Rotary Clubs need to look carefully at who they donate money to.

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The cost of the program for 2013 was \$285/person and \$150 for an Exchange Student added as a 3rd member. There may be a small increase next year. A bus is provided at a small cost to assist clubs in getting their

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For further details contact the district MUNA Chairman, Neville Page, Rotary Club of North Melbourne

Looking For A Cheap, Easy And Practical International Project?



Ten years ago East Timor had no schools, one of the country's top priorities was to build schools and Rotary Clubs have been very active in this area. Through Donations In Kind, Clubs have also helped

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MEDWAY GOLF CLUB

OMAR ST MAIDSTONE - TEE OFF 12.30 pm

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Women in Rotary

2014 International Women's Day Breakfast

Tuesday, March 4, 2014

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7 PM FOR 7.15 PM-9.00 PM

TOPIC 2014: BABY BIAS - is having a baby only a woman's affairReal Estate Boards needed on main roads needed.
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2014 District 9800

Gold Coast Conference

Weekend 7-9 March, 2014

John Blackman has again been secured as MC.

*There is an outstanding list of key note speakers being engaged, including Lieutenant General David Morrison, head of the Australian Army and Nigel Chamier, Chairman of the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games Committee.***Rotary marketplace, will be located in the conference centre***Hotel accommodation has been pre-booked at Jupiter's as well as several apartment complexes within walking distance.**Kick off on Friday with the "Hawaiian Nights" cocktail party**The gala dinner will be held on Sunday evening in the Pavilion Ballroom. Saturday evening has been reserved for club dinners.***Early bird registrations will open on 1 September, 2013 - Remember: Gold Coast, Famous for Fun.**

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ROTARY TO BRING THE WORLD TO SYDNEY

Sydney (10 October 2013) – Sydney to host Rotary International's 105th annual convention 1-4 June 2014, which is expected to attract more than 18,000 Rotary club members from over 150 countries while injecting an estimated AUD 60.5 million into the local economy.

Often described as a “mini-United Nations” because of its global scope and cultural diversity, the always-colourful Rotary convention will transform the Sydney Olympic Park into a kaleidoscope of energy, colour and excitement as Rotary brings together its global network of volunteer leaders – men and women from all walks of life dedicated to tackling the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges – to engage in a full agenda of plenary sessions, workshops and a lineup of world class keynote speakers.

“Sydney is a vibrant international hub as well as a gateway between East and West,” said 2013-14 Rotary International President Ron D. Burton. “It is the perfect venue for our convention as we celebrate and share the many ways our members have found to use the resources of Rotary to improve the lives of



NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell (left) is pictured with RI President Ron Burton and his wife Jetta – with magnificent Sydney Harbour in the background – following the successful Sydney Convention Media launch on October 10.

families worldwide.”

Organized by Rotary International in conjunction with the Sydney Host Organizing Committee of local Rotary leaders, with significant support from the New South Wales Government, the convention also will provide registrants with ample opportunities to savor

Sydney's myriad of attractions, including an Australian Rules football match, a restaurant night and fireworks display, an authentic Aussie BBQ, and a performance of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra.

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Enter Nelson Mandela. Herb Brown, Rotary's president in 1995-96, recalls seeking the South African leader's support.

"President Mandela was so gracious and listened as we described the problem," Brown says. "I told him only he had the influence to persuade the countries to resume immunization."

Mandela agreed to help. "I'm well aware of Rotary and all the work you've done, and all the work you did while I was in jail," he told Brown. At a press conference, with Brown at his side, Mandela asked all the heads of state in Africa to open their doors to polio National Immunization Days.

Mandela helped launch the Kick Polio Out of Africa campaign later that year with 1996-97 Rotary President Luis Giay and Rotary Foundation Chair Rajendra Saboo. Almost immediately, Africa's polio eradication effort was back on track. Using soccer matches and celebrity endorsements, the campaign raised public awareness of polio and helped spur more than 30 African countries to hold their first National Immunization Days.

In recognition of his vital work, Rotary presented the Rotary Award for World Understanding to Mandela in 1997, then Rotary's highest honor. "We chose President Mandela because of his significant



Nelson Mandela immunizes a child at a Kick Polio Out of Africa event in 1996.

contributions to world peace, human rights, and freedom," said Giay, adding that Rotary members especially appreciated "his strong support of the eradication of polio throughout Africa."

Mandela called the award "a tribute to the people of South Africa's rainbow nation." Rotary's work toward eradicating polio "has shown the power of a global network of people who are ready to roll up their sleeves and put their heart and soul into saving children from disability."

Mandela donated the award's \$100,000 prize to the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund.

Following his death, Rotary members in South Africa lauded Mandela as "one of the 20th century's iconic symbols of freedom and equality," "the father of the nation," and "a leader of service."

"Mandela was a man who overcame unimaginable hardships to emerge as one of the greatest leaders of our time — and one of our greatest humanitarians . . . [His] legacy of courage, determination, and

commitment will forever inspire us to move forward in our effort to achieve a better, more peaceful world," said Rotary President Ron Burton.

*By Dan Nixon
Rotary News
13-DEC-2013*

<https://www.rotary.org/en/nelson-mandela-remembered-ally-peace-polio-eradication>

ROTARY IN THE NEWS

**SEE SPECIAL POLIO
FUNDRAISING EVENT
OPPORTUNITY ON NEXT
PAGE.**

END POLIO NOW CAMPAIGN FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

Dear Rotary Leaders,

Re. Polio Movie Night 19th February 2014

Welcome to 2014, I hope you have all had an opportunity to enjoy a break with your family and friends.

The Rotary Foundation have been offered a unique fundraising opportunity through a pre-release by 20th Century Fox of a new movie to be released late February. There is a powerpoint promotion attached which will provide a plan and explanation of the opportunity for all Clubs if interested.

In some areas Clubs may wish to share the effort and rewards within Clusters. With the opportunity to triple the funds raised through the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation your support for the End Polio Now Campaign couldn't be easier. The Contact points for the National Group Bookings Contacts are below.

Please let me know if you are taking up the opportunity.

Warm Regards,

Ross.

Ross Butterworth RI District 9800 District Governor 2013-2014

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THE MONUMENTS MEN



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Release: 13 March 2014

Directed by: George Clooney (The Ides of March)

Cast: George Clooney, Matt Damon, Bill Murray, John Goodman, Cate Blanchett

Genre: Action/Thriller/Drama

Based on the true story of the greatest treasure hunt in history, The Monuments Men focuses on an unlikely World War II platoon, tasked by FDR with going into Germany to rescue artistic masterpieces from Nazi thieves and returning them to their rightful owners. It would be an impossible mission: with the art trapped behind enemy lines, and with the German army under orders to destroy everything as the Reich fell, how could these guys – seven museum directors, curators, and art historians, all more familiar with Michelangelo than the M-1 – possibly hope to succeed? But as the Monuments Men, as they were called, found themselves in a race against time to avoid the destruction of 1000 years of culture, they would risk their lives to protect and defend mankind's greatest achievements.

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Here we are with Networker 17 of 2013-14, one of our quick updates that will happen over the months as we publish a bumper issue at the beginning of each month and then update.

Check out the Important information on Accommodation at the 2014 Convention in Sydney on page 6, click the links on the images at right to flick to the page.

Counting down to the District 9800 Conference in March so get you plans finalised.

Some more articles have come in as I finish this edition and they'll all get published next week.

See you then.

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NEW TRAINING SEMINARS

New Rotary Leaders,

On January 22, 2004, every International President (see Bulletin 2003-2004 article), "Rotary just like nearly every other aspect of life, provides starts-for-reflection, for whatever reason, is you need to be inspired to succeed."

The District 10600 Training team, our Learning and Development Committee along with the assistance of the District's training Programs of Future Leadership Institute, District Leadership and President Elect Training Seminars have developed two new 2 hour seminars for the two greatest pillars of our Club membership. A "New Member's" seminar to assist Clubs in the induction of new Rotary Club Members to learn about the Rotary's knowledge and their access to quality training and a second important Training Seminar aimed at encouraging Youth Club Leaders to more readily understand and understand the importance to assume Leadership positions in your Rotary Club.

The "New Member's Seminar" will address Members' interests, goals and expectations.

The curriculum and facilitated discussion and delivery is designed to inspire and encourage learning and development and aimed at increasing enthusiasm for Rotary while it can happen and it is important that clubs and members self towards their individual growth and development. In recognition of the value of such seminars, the Rotary International Board of Directors of 2000-01 Club Chair's Board has determined both the mandatory services of both Seminars in February and March 2004. The Board has also asked that members of Club and covered by District 10600.

It is hoped Clubs can identify their future leaders in advance of the seminars and in support of them and encourage identified members displaying leadership potential to attend the Future Club Leaders Seminar whether they be considered for a position of Club Leadership in the coming years.

It is my recommendation you, as current Club Chair, please give your support and encouragement to the benefits of both of these short, convenient seminars and I am


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Would you like the cultural experience of living in a rural Nepalese village, sharing experiences with the children?

Perhaps with your class?

Are you aware that Nepal is one of the poorest countries in our region – at the bottom of the UNDP's human development index for Asia and Oceania?

Do you agree that the best



Happy volunteers

April 2012 and September 2013. The group will observe / visit a new home building project being developed to house 400 homeless of Chana VDC, administer a child-to-child project of 4-5 days, assist in clinics where the adult resources for the new academic year.

Helping people and children to 3-4 people. While on site we'll have the children, you'll have the opportunity to demonstrate your own schedule before and after the time you're for teaching.

The leader will be Peter Hill of the Henry Clay of America, visiting Nepal for the sixth time since 1993. Robert and others are now read to come to join after

Rotary International Sydney Convention 2014: Accommodation - Important Update

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Thirdly, the planned date for the joint District dinner in the flyer should read Sunday June 1, 2014. The details, including the date, are still to be finalised.

Of course, individual RI Club bookings may be made directly with the Hotels listed on the website – go to the RI Convention website <http://www.convention.org> and navigate yourself around for accommodation and other comprehensive details of events etc.

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Feb 26

15th Annual Charity Golf Day

Friday, 28 February, 2014

MIDWAY GOLF CLUB

OMAR ST MAIDSTONE - TEE OFF 12.30 pm

Amazing forecast. Teams of 4 Players, £4,000 prize to the team, 2 x Harewood Race Plus, Longest Drive - Ladies & Men, Betting Bids

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Entries close on Friday 21st Feb 2014



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2014 District 9900
Gold Coast Conference
Weekend 7-9 March, 2014

John Blackman has again been secured as MC. There is an outstanding list of key note speakers being engaged, including Lieutenant General David Morrison, head the Australian Army and Nigel Chamee, Chairman of the 2018 World Coast Commonwealth Games Committee.

Notary marshalls, will be located in the conference centre. Hotel accommodation has been pre-booked and supper's as well as several apartment complexes within walking distance. Kick off an Friday with the "Slowdown Nights" cocktail party. The gala dinner will be held on Sunday evening in the Pacific Ballroom. Saturday evening has been reserved for club diners. Early bird registrations will open on 1 September, 2013 - Remember: Gold Coast, Famous for Fun.





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NOTICES AND EVENTS

Hobson's Bay Cluster

Hobson's Bay Cluster has six established and active Rotary Clubs being: Flemington, Point Gellibrand, Footscray, West Footscray, Williamstown and Yarraville.

This pocket of Western Suburb Clubs does our District and the Rotary movement proud having, in each club, a strong and well led membership of active, dedicated and keen Rotarians, and families of volunteers sharing the basic philosophy of "Service above Self".

Just some of the projects and events completed this Rotary year to date include the following highlights. Please enjoy reading the submissions from these clubs:

FLEMINGTON



RoadSTART is a program to assist new arrivals gain a driving licence.

For many of these new Australians their general road experience is limited, making the need to gain considerable road experience essential to acquire the skills to successfully pass their driving licence.

However, few have the family and friend network that ensures a supervising driver and a suitable car is readily available for them to gain the required experiences.

It was apparent from the outset that even more hours than the 120 stipulated under the L2P program would be required by most of the intended target audience. With a grant from the Department of Roads and Transport and support from The Flemington Bendigo Community

Bank, City Link, Moonee Valley City Council and our own Flemington Rotary Club the program came into being in 2012.

Due to the grants, learners are able to receive an hour driving in one of the two purpose bought cars with a supervisor for \$15. Of this, \$5 is retained for fuel and the \$10 balance is given to the supervisor.

It was envisaged that licenced but under-employed migrants would be attracted to this role as it generated a little extra spending money. The reality is that the supervisors have come from many backgrounds. All are given training before being matched with learner's.

In addition, the learner's program starts with fully paid lessons and an ongoing assessment from an RACV Driving Instructor to determine the learner's readiness to graduate from driving in a car park to quiet streets to peak hour traffic and finally on the Ring Road.

Key to this program are the volunteer supervisors. We need more!

FOOTSCRAY



Since 1991, each year, Dr. Jamie Robertson, a member of Rotary Club of Footscray, takes a team of professionals including general dentists, specialists, dental assistants and allied personnel to Vietnam and spends two weeks doing voluntary work in the city and countryside and help/educate many people including children in dental health related problems.

This year Dr. Robertson was asked to start a similar project in Ethiopia and subsequently a district grant was approved for a scoping visit to Ethiopia.

Recently, Dr. Robertson and his team went to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia to survey the current health of children's teeth, assess the socio-economic circumstances, the school's human development curriculum, the facilities for a school-based program and the present access to care for children and general people in the area.

After analysing different factors, including the collected samples, a future project will be considered for Ethiopia.

POINT GELLIBRAND



I am pleased to report on the success of the breakfast meeting held on October 29, to raise money for Breast Cancer Research.

The function was well supported with nearly 160 guests in attendance.

The venue, the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, was ideal and we owe much gratitude to the staff who started very early preparing a breakfast that was enjoyed by all present.

The function was started by an idea of Fay Lanyons, the lolly lady, and raised \$7300 for the cause.

Over the last three years the breakfast has now raised \$26,000 and this has all gone to the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute and the National Breast Cancer Foundation .

We had many sponsors and their contribution was a big part of the final result. Some have been with us for the three years.

We are also grateful to our guest speaker, Terry Bracks, who's presentation complimented the mood of the event and her wisdom was well accepted.

We will repeat the function next year, probably in school holidays.

Sincerest thanks to our guests and speaker and those guys from our Rotary club that assisted by attending to the tables.

Kevin J. Gunn
President, Rotary Club of Gellibrand.

WEST FOOTSCRAY



Early in 2013, the Rotary Club became involved with the Aboriginal Literacy Foundation based in Melbourne which distributes primary school aged reading materials to Aboriginal communities throughout Australia.

The involvement was in partnership with a private Company R2A Pty Ltd. We each contributed \$5,000 and gained a grant of \$2,500 from Rotary Foundation. Approximately 400 children received a reading parcel.

The idea is to provide reading materials to the young Aboriginal children, especially in remote communities where they may not receive the resources to learn. The children's skills are measured at the start of the project and monitored as they progress.

By getting the younger children to learn to read, it follows that they then learn to write and the socio-economic community levels also improve. The Aboriginal Literacy Foundation also conducts Learning

and Cultural camps regularly at Ballarat in which the Club participates.

WILLIAMSTOWN



Raised Garden Beds

This is an initiative from one of our Rotarians, Paul Richards, who has been liaising with the local Hobsons Bay Council over the last two years. The idea behind it is to help elderly or people with disabilities to be able to garden at a height that is easy for them, so they do not have to bend down to the ground.

The council has been funding the project with money for paint, potting mix and the plastic for the insert. Rotary has been providing the wooden pallets and manpower to construct the units and the painting of the garden beds.

We started by erecting these raised garden beds in local community centres, then with the council selecting appropriate candidates we have started putting them into peoples gardens, so they may continue to enjoy their gardening, plus hopefully grow a few vegetables that will help their budgets and enjoyment of food.

Children's Christmas Fair



We have had the Children's Christmas Fair twice now, held at Seaworks, Williamstown. It is a Great community event, held at the beginning of December. The idea is

to encourage the local community to come together and enjoy a fun day with the kids.

The cost is a gold coin for adults, free for children. There are free rides, face painting, jumping castle, petting animal nursery, clowns with balloons and of course Santa.

We do look for sponsors but mainly the Rotary Club has funded the event so far, it would be great to become a self funding event but even if it doesn't it is a great community event and puts the Rotary name out into the community.

We of course have a BBQ which is fundraising, so that helps the cost but the main thing is that it is a whole club event that everyone can be involved with.

YARRAVILLE



The Rotary Club of Yarraville was chartered in September 2003, so this September we celebrated our tenth anniversary of Charter in the manner with which we started: we held a fund-raiser to support a local child in need.

Five-year-old Owen has multiple disabilities, and requires a set of sophisticated equipment to participate in mainstream schooling next year. With the pro bono help of comedian Dave O'Neil, Yarraville Rotary raised \$6.5K through a September 10 "Event for Owen".

The club maintained its usual schedule of BBQ fund-raising and support for key local events like the Yarraville Festival and Relay for Life, but also participated in a Cluster initiative to fund the construction of school toilet blocks in Bangladesh.

NEW TRAINING SEMINARS

Dear Rotary Leaders,

In January 2013 Rotary International President Ron Burton 2013-2014 stated: "Rotary, just like in nearly every other aspect of life provides return for effort, for whatever you put in you shall be rewarded in return".

The District 9800 Training team, our Learning and Development Committee along with the delivery of the District's training Programs of Rotary Leadership Institute, District Assembly and Presidents' Elect Training Seminars have developed two new short 2 hour Training Seminars for two significant portions of our Club membership. A "New Members" seminar to assist Clubs in the induction of new Rotary Club Members to assist them in their Rotary knowledge and their access to quality training and a second important Training Seminar aimed at encouraging future Club Leaders to more readily understand and undertake invitations to them to assume Leadership positions in your Rotary Club.

The "New Members Seminar" will address Members' Rotary Knowledge, Rotary's Goals and Structures and further learning opportunities all in a friendly, facilitated training environment. We know from Rotary research many new members leave our organization when they are not fully informed and in sync with what Rotary stands for and what Rotary can offer Rotary Club Members by way of service, personal development, mentoring and rewards in assisting others. I am confident the Training Team have developed a significant opportunity for Clubs to access a central training seminar to assist in the development of their newer Rotarians.

A significant problem facing many Clubs today is identifying and encouraging Club members to assume higher office, whether at Committee, Board level or at Club Leadership positions such as President. Some Clubs are facing Presidents serving for 2, 3 or more years at a time and the practice is extending due to the reluctance, inability or lack of availability of Club members to take up the various leadership positions within their Clubs.

The Learning and Development Committee has developed a 2 hour seminar to assist and encourage those members identified as Future Leaders by Clubs to appreciate the opportunities, to be aware of the support available both within and external to their Clubs and to understand the special year Rotarians have when they lead their Clubs in the various Leadership positions Clubs have to offer.

The Committee is well led by PDG Keith Ryall, a professional facilitator and Trainer himself and well supported by current District Secretary and Past President David Bennett, District Governor Nominee Julie Mason, District Programs Representative and Past President Bronwen Scarffe, all professional facilitators and/or educators.

The curriculum and facilitated discussion and delivery is designed to assist and encourage learning and development and aimed at increasing enthusiasm for Rotary service. I am hopeful the programs will serve our clubs and members well towards their individual growth and development. In recognition of the value of such development opportunities and in support of the Clubs of D9800 the District Board has determined both the introductory sessions of both Seminars in February and March will be offered at no cost to members or Clubs and covered by District 9800.

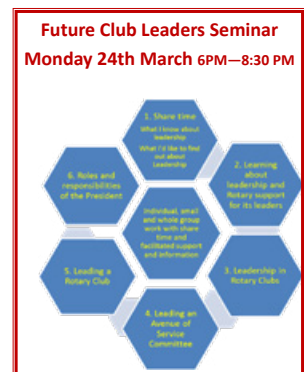
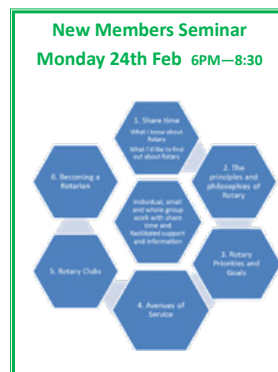
It is hoped Clubs can identify their future first-time Leaders in advance of the Club's immediate needs and encourage identified members displaying leadership potential to attend the Future Club Leaders Seminar whether they be considered for Committee or Club Leadership in the coming years.

It is my recommendation you, as current Club Leaders give your support and encouragement to the benefits of both of these short, convenient seminars and I am sure your members will develop to be more complete Rotarians for their efforts. Should you have further queries about either program please feel free to contact District Secretary David Bennett at: davidbennett47@gmail.com.

Warm Regards,
DG Ross Butterworth



Rotary International District 9800
Learning, Leading and Development Pathways
New Members and Future Club Leaders



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LOCATION Graduate House 220 Leicester Street, Carlton 3053 6pm for 6.30pm till 8.30pm

THERE IS NO COST FOR THESE SEMINARS

Applications close ONE WEEK PRIOR TO EACH SEMINAR

Further details / Application District Secretary David Bennett davidbennett47@gmail.com



Come play with the kids – in Nepal

Do you enjoy working with children, helping them to learn through play?

Can you imagine the fun of singing songs, playing games, flying kites with Nepalese children?

Do you enjoy reading or telling stories to children?

Would you like the cultural experience of living in a rural Nepalese village, sharing experiences with the villagers? Perhaps with your children?

Are you aware that Nepal is one of the poorest countries in our region – at the bottom of the UNDP's Multi-dimensional Poverty Index for Asia and Oceania?

Do you agree that the surest pathway out of poverty is better education? And that good education needs well trained teachers?

Did you know that as many as a third of teachers in Nepal's rural primary schools left school at year 10 and have received no teacher training?

Are you aware that the RAWCS-registered Nepali Village Initiatives Project has been delivering intensive teacher training in Western Nepal over the past three years? Or that it is about to enter a new phase with the creation of LEARN as a Nepalese teacher training NGO – "Lifting Education, Advancing Rural Nepal"?

Would you like to contribute to the training program by participating in training sessions?

Are you fit enough to climb 1,000 m. from the nearest road to a remote Nepalese village?

Would you climb further to see the highest view in the world – from the flowing waters of the Kali Gandaki River at 1,300 m. up to the 8,167 m. peak of the world's 7th highest mountain – Dhaulagiri?

Are you prepared to "live rough" in a



Happy volunteers



Singing "Heads, shoulders, knees and toes"



Storytime

village – a thin mattress on a wooden bed; nearest pit toilet maybe 50 m. away?

Can you afford the very modest cost of a trip to Nepal (return air fares under \$1,000)?

Can you spare two-three weeks in April/May for the "working holiday" of a lifetime?

If you answered "Yes" to many of these questions, then please join us on a visit to Paudwar Village, Nepal in April/May. This trip follows similar visits by volunteer teams in

April 2012 and September 2013. The group will observe / assist a teacher training program being delivered to some 40 teachers of Ghara VDC; administer a children's holiday program of 4-5 days; assist in classes when the school resumes for its new academic year.

Group size will be limited to 7-8 people. While our core activities will be coordinated, you will have the opportunity to determine your own schedule before and after – the area is great for trekking.

Trip leader will be Peter Hall of the Rotary Club of Kyneton, visiting Nepal for the eighth time since 1993. Rotarians and others are most welcome to join the group. All can enjoy the benefits of being a RAWCS volunteer, including comprehensive travel insurance. Past trips have included children as young as three (Peter's grandchildren).

Further details of the project can be found at www.nepalaid.org.au. Please contact Peter by calling 03 5424 1453 or emailing info@nepalaid.org.au.

Peter Hall, RC Kyneton





On behalf of DGE Murray here is a photo of the announcement in San Diego I last night of the Theme for 2014-15

“Light Up Rotary”

Rotary International Sydney Convention 2014: Accommodation - Important Update

An e-mail was sent to all Club Presidents and Secretaries on September 2, 2013 with an attachment which can be accessed with this link <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/images/RotaryDistrict9800RIConventionFlyer2.pdf>

Firstly, only rooms at the Novotel on Darling Harbour are available now.

Secondly, final bookings and two night's deposit of \$638.00 [2 x \$319.00] are required by Tuesday January 21, 2014. This is because of a change in the original booking timeline provided by RI.

Thirdly, the planned date for the joint District dinner in the Flyer should read Sunday June 1, 2014. The details, including the date, are still to be finalised.

Of course, individual or Club bookings may be made directly with the Hotels listed on the website – go to the RI Convention website <http://www.riconvention.org> and navigate yourself around for accommodation and other comprehensive details of events etc.

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Rotary International Convention 1st to 4th June 2014 Sydney's Olympic Park



District 9800 has pre-booked a package of accommodation based in Darling Harbour for our District attendees to the Rotary International Convention wishing to stay. Free transport to and from the Convention Venue is provided 3 days before and 1 day after the Convention with a number of Convention activities planned in and around both Darling and Sydney Harbours. Our block booking has reserved a limited number of rooms at two of the official Host Venues. Flexibility of booking dates apply and first in rules apply or you or your Club may do your own bookings, including using the accommodation options shown on the Convention website.

A joint District Dinner between the two oldest Districts and Clubs in Australia is planned for Sunday 1st June with the Sydney Host District with more details released soon along with a Happy Hour on Darling Harbour each night 1st to 3rd June to gather together in fellowship. District accommodation is available at Novotel on Darling Harbour at \$319.00 per room per night or Ibis on Darling Harbour at \$260.00 per room per night.

Bookings and enquiries can be made through **AG Austen Burleigh on 0429 882 025 or email: burleighas@bigpond.com**. Rooms can be booked directly with AG Austen until 31st January 2014. Deposits will be required to confirm bookings by 2nd February 2014 or Rooms may be released by Event Organizers without further correspondence.

Go to the RI Convention website <http://www.riconvention.org> and navigate yourself around for comprehensive details.



NOTICES AND EVENTS

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Rotary Club of Brimbank Central and St Albans Sports Club

15th Annual Charity Golf Day

Friday, 28 February, 2014

MEDWAY GOLF CLUB

OMAR ST MAIDSTONE - TEE OFF 12.30 pm

Ambrose Format; Teams of 4 Players; \$10,000 Hole In One; 2 x Nearest the Pin; Longest Drive - Ladies & Men; Betting Hole

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Entries close on Friday 21st Feb 2014

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Women in Rotary

2014 International Women's Day Breakfast

Tuesday, March 4, 2014

CROWN PALLADIUM

7 PM FOR 7.15 PM-9.00 PM

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Real Estate Boards needed on main roads needed.

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2014 District 9800

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Weekend 7-9 March, 2014

John Blackman has again been secured as MC.

There is an outstanding list of key note speakers being engaged, including Lieutenant General David Morrison, head of the Australian Army and Nigel Chamier, Chairman of the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games Committee.

Rotary marketplace, will be located in the conference centre

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Early bird registrations will open on 1 September, 2013 - Remember: Gold Coast, Famous for Fun.

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April
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Come play with the kids

Volunteer for Nepal

APRIL 2014

Dates to be finalised.

Join a small group (max. 8) to participate in teacher training and deliver a children's holiday program in a remote village in Western Nepal.

Unique opportunity to participate in village life.

Must be prepared to trek in and live village style.

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Photo: Happy volunteers in 2012.

Enquiries: Peter Hall, RC Kyneton info@nepalaid.org.au 03 5424 1453

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ROTARY DISTRICT 9800 - Events Calendar

For a full Notices & Events calendar, visit the following link:

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Rotary District 9800

A publication for Rotarians and all community minded people



In this issue:

Number 18, getting into the last half of the Rotary Year and it's all down hill from here.

DG Ross has been reminiscing a bit and looking forward a lot. He's impressed by what we've achieved so far and excited by the opportunities.

With DGE Murray Verso soon home from his training and the PE's about to go off to theirs it's all building towards the crescendo that is the final run home to every president's year - and ultimately the changeover, or is it way to early to even mention that word.

Anyway happy Australia Day to all, hope you remembered to acknowledge yourself for the role you play in the lives around you.

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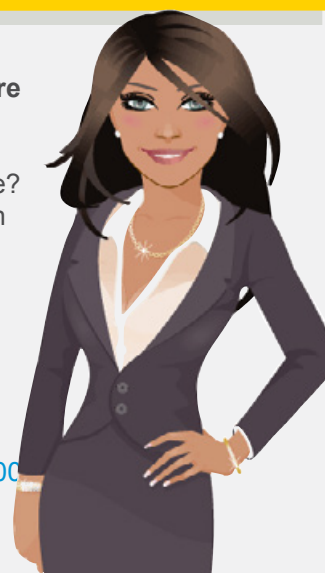
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Cardimaine	Calder	3	62%	32	37
Goldstone	Calder	4	88%	26	30
E-Club of Marbourne	Batemans	4	11%	24	27
Ken Eira	Beachside	3	66%	24	27
Nangarna Hill	Goldfields	3	66%	24	27
Lagrange	Goldfields	3	66%	24	27
Echuca-Morena	Goldfields	3	57%	18	20
Kee-on-Terra	Terra	3	82%	18	20
Bendigo South	Goldfields	3	67%	30	31
Corrak	Stonnington	3	54%	22	24
St Kilda	Stonnington	2	66%	14	15

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By Michelle White, Bendigo Advertiser, January 23, 2014.

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GDWTH: Members of the Rotary Club of Bendigo Next Generation. Picture: JODIE DONNELLY, Bendigo Advertiser.

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The Long Brunch

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\$55 per person - find food with entertainment by Mood Merchants.

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Looking back 12 months, I am surprised at how quickly time has passed. I recall our visit to the International Assembly at San Diego during January 2013 like it was only yesterday, and yet, here we are about to welcome home DGE Murray and Irene from their final training preparations in San Diego. It is the same for our wonderful Club Presidents, who not so long ago attended the first Victorian Multi District PETS in Ballarat, only to now see our next cadre of Presidents about to head off to their respective Multi District PETS.

Of course our Rotary year is only half way through and I know there is still a great deal to be finished with Clubs having only 5 months to complete their 2013/14 programs. I am continually surprised and impressed by the breadth and diversity of Club programs.

We have so many wonderful resources within Rotary International that can assist us in achieving our goals and completing our projects, but unfortunately, these resources

often remain unidentified or at best under utilised.

To highlight but a few, Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) can provide significant advice and assistance to Rotarians who are contemplating and planning either overseas or local projects. Donations in Kind (DIK) also have years of experience in expediting and shipping much needed equipment, clothing and educational supplies overseas to needy recipients. They are skilled in overcoming the various challenges of forwarding containers overseas and ensuring they arrive in time at the right location with the minimum of stress.

I have been keen to promote a new partnership this Rotary year with Girl Guides Australia (GGA), and thanks to the leadership and initiative of IPDG Dennis, we are now very close to providing our Clubs with guidance on how they might interact with local Girl Guide Units. GGA are very focused on Community Service but have a need to identify those opportunities. It occurred to me, that Rotary Clubs all round Australia are in a position to assist them with this requirement. Our District has a well established Youth

Development culture, supported by vibrant and effective programs. What a great opportunity we have to now foster the development of this new association by introducing these programs to GGA.

Our Public Image and Communications Director Chris Don and New Generations Chair Neville John are working together to fully progress these opportunities. Clubs will soon receive information on how they can engage with their local GGA unit. I encourage all Clubs to consider these significant opportunities that will shortly be presented to them.

Remember, Rotary continues to provide all of us with the unique opportunity of Turning Conversations into Actions.

Best wishes to you all, and a very LARGE THANK YOU for what you each do in the name of Rotary, as you go forward, and Engage Rotary, Change Lives.

DG Ross



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Interplast has advised that their three-day-a-week Rotarian Coordinator is retiring at the end of March.

As a result, a great opportunity exists for a person with Rotary experience. If you are interested in working in Melbourne and combining your Rotary knowledge with your fundraising and administrative skills to help further the work of this valuable Rotary-supported organisation, please visit the Interplast website at www.interplast.org.au and Ethical Jobs at <http://www.ethicaljobs.com.au/Members/Interplast/rotarian-coordinator>

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Melbourne Park	Heritage	3	44%	27	31	33	6	22.2%
Kew	Yarra	3	84%	37	43	43	6	16.2%
Castlemaine	Calder	3	62%	32	37	37	5	15.6%
Gisborne	Calder	4	86%	26	30	30	4	15.4%
E-Club of Melbourne	Batman	4	33%	24	24	27	3	12.5%
Glen Eira	Beachside			16		18	2	12.5%
Kangaroo Flat	Goldfields	3	68%	24	27	27	3	12.5%
Eaglehawk	Goldfields	3	86%	36	39	40	4	11.1%
Echuca-Moama	Goldfields	3	57%	18	20	20	2	11.1%
Kew-on-Yarra	Yarra	3	82%	18	20	20	2	11.1%
Bendigo South	Goldfields	3	61%	30	32	33	3	10.0%
Toorak	Stonnington	3	54%	22	23	24	2	9.1%
St Kilda	Stonnington	2	60%	14	15	15	1	7.1%
Melton	Westside	3	64%	29	31	31	2	6.9%
Collingwood	Heritage			15		16	1	6.7%
Port Melbourne	Batman	3	71%	15	16	16	1	6.7%
Altona City	Port Phillip	2	74%	22	23	23	1	4.5%
Altona	Port Phillip			25		26	1	4.0%
Brunswick	Heritage			25		26	1	4.0%
Flemington	Hobsons Bay			26		27	1	3.8%
Balwyn	Eastside	2	64%	69	69	71	2	2.9%
Werribee	Port Phillip	3	84%	38	40	39	1	2.6%
Keilor East	Gateway			39		40	1	2.6%
Kyneton	Calder	4	70%	41	42	42	1	2.4%
Canterbury	Eastside	3	64%	42	43	43	1	2.4%
Bendigo	Goldfields	3	60%	68	68	68	0	0.0%
Bendigo Sandhurst	Goldfields	3	67%	57	57	57	0	0.0%
Bendigo-Strathdale	Goldfields	3	77%	26	26	26	0	0.0%
Boroondara	Eastside	3	71%	15	15	15	0	0.0%
Brighton	Beachside	2	43%	106	106	106	0	0.0%
Docklands	Batman			4		4	0	0.0%
Essendon North	Gateway	2	100%	24	24	24	0	0.0%
Hawthorn	Yarra	1	83%	47	48	47	0	0.0%
Keilor	Gateway	2	81%	39	40	39	0	0.0%
Malvern	Stonnington	3	56%	34	33	34	0	0.0%
Melton Valley	Westside	3	100%	17	17	17	0	0.0%
North Melbourne	Heritage			23		23	0	0.0%
Richmond	Heritage	3	76%	35	35	35	0	0.0%
Rochester	Goldfields			8		8	0	0.0%
Southbank	Batman	3	37%	24	24	24	0	0.0%
Sunshine	Westside			17		17	0	0.0%

West Footscray	Hobsons Bay	3	72%	23	23	23	0	0.0%
Melbourne	Batman	2	71%	233	230	230	-3	-1.3%
North Balwyn	Eastside	3	84%	76	75	75	-1	-1.3%
Brighton North	Beachside	3	77%	51	49	50	-1	-2.0%
Chadstone / East Malvern	Stonnington	3	73%	49	49	48	-1	-2.0%
Central Melb. Sunrise	Batman	3	71%	47	48	46	-1	-2.1%
Bacchus Marsh	Westside	2	51%	38	37	37	-1	-2.6%
Carlton	Heritage	3	95%	38	37	37	-1	-2.6%
Brimbank Central	Gateway	3	84%	32	32	31	-1	-3.1%
Point Gellibrand	Hobsons Bay	3	75%	31	30	30	-1	-3.2%
Footscray	Hobsons Bay	3	59%	54	53	52	-2	-3.7%
Wyndham	Port Phillip			27		26	-1	-3.7%
Fitzroy	Heritage			25		24	-1	-4.0%
Glenferrie	Yarra	3	78%	47	45	45	-2	-4.3%
Brighton Beach	Beachside	3	62%	23	22	22	-1	-4.3%
Melbourne South	Batman	3	OK	23	24	22	-1	-4.3%
Yarraville	Hobsons Bay	3	71%	22	22	21	-1	-4.5%
Camberwell	Eastside	4	74%	77	73	73	-4	-5.2%
Albert Park	Batman	3	55%	54	51	51	-3	-5.6%
Caulfield	Beachside			11		10	-1	-9.1%
Hoppers Crossing	Port Phillip	2	97%	21	19	19	-2	-9.5%
Essendon	Gateway			72		65	-7	-9.7%
Bendigo Next Generation	Goldfields	3	63%	24	28	21	-3	-12.5%
Daylesford	Calder	3	82%	32	28	28	-4	-12.5%
Prahran	Stonnington			24		21	-3	-12.5%
Woodend	Calder	3	55%	24	21	21	-3	-12.5%
Williamstown	Hobsons Bay	4	61%	30	26	26	-4	-13.3%
Laverton Point Cook	Port Phillip	3	73%	29	23	25	-4	-13.8%
Moonee Valley	Gateway	3	64%	13	13	11	-2	-15.4%
Tullamarine	Gateway	3	61%	16	14	12	-4	-25.0%
No. of Clubs Reporting			56		56			
No. of Members				2520		2513	-7	-0.3%
% Average of Those Reported			68.4%					
% of Clubs Reporting Attendance			79%					
% of Clubs Reporting Membership						79%		

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President elect and founding member Meghan Rogers said the club had come a long way since it was first chartered and would continue to grow.

"We have welcomed new members, made good relationships with other charities and businesses, developed new skills and made lifelong friends," she said.

"The club has slowly found its feet over the last eight months and has many exciting plans to bring into action this year."

Ms Rogers said club members had not been able to organise as many projects as they would have liked last year.

"Now that we are all familiar with the work of Rotary and



GROWTH: Members of the Rotary Club of Bendigo Next Generation.

Picture: JODIE DONNELLAN, Bendigo Advertiser.

have the administrative components under control we plan to work hard on bringing positive changes to our community," she said.

"Last year was not a year of no work - the club still organised a variety of events that proved a good experience for this year when we take on bigger projects."

Ms Rogers said the club was always looking for new members and was open to ideas and potential projects.

She said the group met every Wednesday about 6.30pm at the Exchange.

NEW MEMBER UPDATE DECEMBER

MONTH	CLUB	NAME	CLASSIFICATION / OTER DETAILS
Dec-13	Eaglehawk	Jenifer Saunders	
Dec-13	Melbourne Park		
Dec-13	Melbourne Park		
Dec-13	E-Club of Melbourne	Madhumita Bishnu	
Dec-13	E-Club of Melbourne	PDG Jack Ings	
Dec-13	E-Club of Melbourne	Darcy Willaert	
Dec-13	Toorak	Chris Judd	
Dec-13	Laverton Point Cook	Cherryll Scott	
Dec-13	Laverton Point Cook	Rosemary Kinyua	
Dec-13	Brighton North	Mia Hall	Early Childhood Education
Dec-13	Malvern		
Dec-13	Bendigo South	Emily Mudge	Engineering - Civil
Dec-13	Balwyn	Igor Iaskiv	
Dec-13	Balwyn	Mary Harnan	



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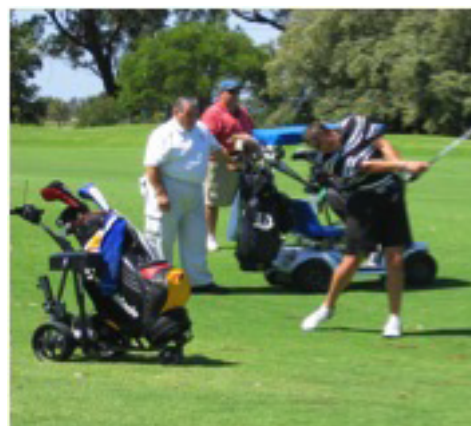
RSVP 2nd Feb. Limited tickets, bookings essential: Call Amanda Demirok 0432 064 804. EFTPOS and CCard available.

Feb
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Rotary Club of Brimbank Central and St Albans Sports Club

15th Annual Charity Golf Day**Friday, 28 February, 2014****MEDWAY GOLF CLUB****OMAR ST MAIDSTONE - TEE OFF 12.30 pm****Ambrose Format; Teams of 4 Players; \$10,000 Hole In One; 2 x Nearest the Pin; Longest Drive - Ladies & Men; Betting Hole***Auction at Dinner, Great Items Available, Sponsorship Packages Available, Sponsors will be acknowledged both On-Course and at the Dinner***Enquiries: Jack Watson: Ph 9337 4710****Richard Carthew: Mob 0422 375 493****Entries close on Friday 21st Feb 2014**Feb
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Rotary Club of Altona City

12th Annual Charity Golf Day**Friday, 28 February, 2014****Koorungal Golf Club, Wilga Ave, Altona****Shotgun start 12.30pm***Great Prizes - Sponsorship packages available – Auction at Dinner***Golf & Presentation Dinner - \$100 per player***Enquiries: Charlie Montebello 0412 257 723 or email charles.montebello@bigpond.com**Frank Landells 9315 6650 or email fclandells@bigpond.com***Enjoy a great day of golf at the prestigious Koorungal Golf Club and support a very worthy charity.**



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Volunteer for Nepal

APRIL 2014

Dates to be finalised.

Join a small group (max. 8) to participate in teacher training and deliver a children's holiday program in a remote village in Western Nepal.

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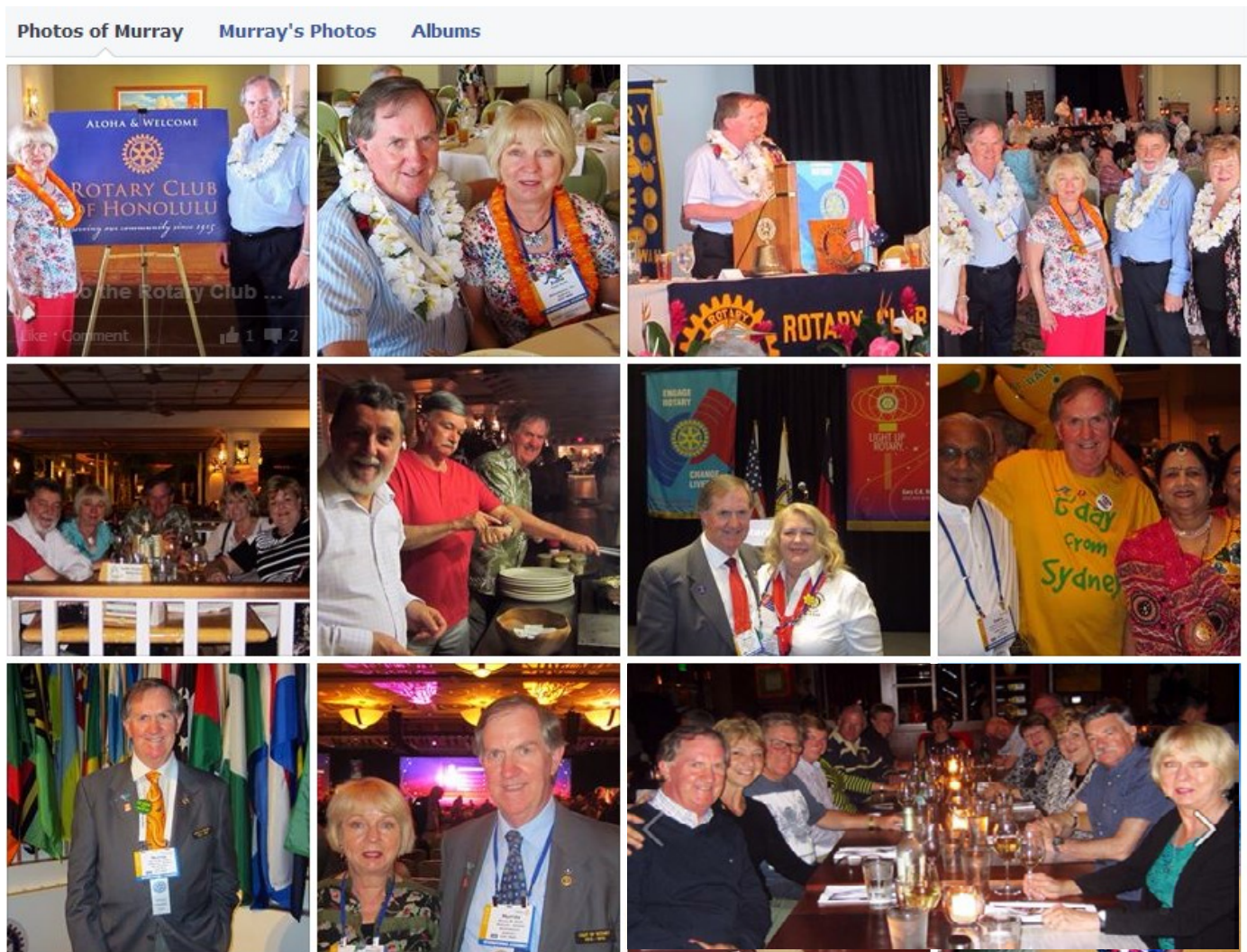
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FACEBOOK AND ROTARY



Over the past few weeks Rotarians who are members of Facebook and “friends” of DGE Murray Verso and Irene have been entertained and informed by regular Facebook posts , spanning the time from when they were in the Qantas Club at Melbourne Airport right through to the deserved R&R in Hawaii on the return trip.

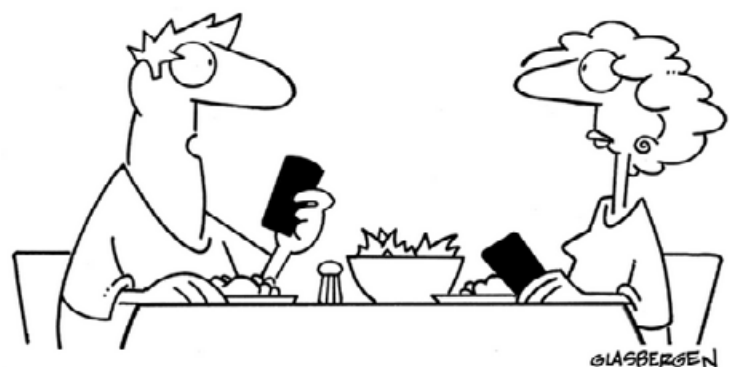
Updates have not only included photos but also videos accompanied by sharp, descriptive text which has kept every Rotarian Facebook member up to date with the DGE training in San Diego.

Of special interest was the breaking news of the Theme for the 2014-5 year and who better to break the news than the District Governor for 2014-15.

DGN Julie Mason has been regularly updating her Facebook page on the recent trip to Cambodia on a World of Difference Tour. More of this in future articles.

Both instances are, in my opinion, fantastic uses of Facebook by Rotarians and over the next few months we will be presenting different scenarios where D9800 Rotarians may find Facebook useful

Mark Stephens
D9800 Assistant Webmaster



“I read on Facebook that you want me to pass the salt.”