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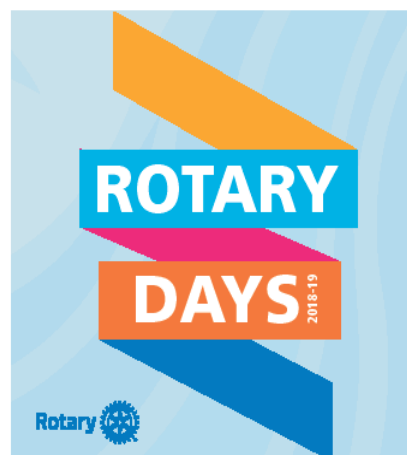
ROTARY DAYS PHOTOS

During and after your event, post photos and videos with the hashtag #RotaryDay to social media. We'll collect photos of Rotary Day events around the world and show them at the 2019 Rotary International Convention in Hamburg, Germany. Some may also appear in Rotary media throughout the year.

Together, we see a world where
people unite and take action to
create lasting change — across
the globe, in our communities,
and in ourselves.

Rotary's Vision Statement

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District Governor Bronwyn Stephens

Sharing Club's Presidents' changeover events has been an utter joy and privilege. Thank you those who have invited the District Governor group. Apologies to the Clubs where we were not able to accept invitations. Some evenings there were as many as 5 changeovers held and only three of us available to attend.

Something that is fascinating, and we will experience more as the year unfolds, is how very diverse each Club is, and how you each do things your own way. There is so much to share in terms of your great ideas, meeting styles, venues, projects and demographics. One common denominator stands. Fellowship. We love to laugh, share a yarn, do a good job and help others while we are about it.

Rotary International President Barry Rassin said in his letter to incoming Rotary leaders, "Rotary is a team sport. We share the same goal: a world transformed by Rotary service, one project, one club, one community at a time."

Rotary Club of Yarra Bend President Edda Williams added

"That's why we all joined Rotary – to work within a community that shares the same ideals and hopes, to collaborate and cooperate to make a difference in people's lives. To inspire and be inspired. My aim in the for the Rotary year 2018-19 is to share conversations with the Rotary clubs in the Riverside and Eastside clusters so that collaboratively, we can pool resources to maximise the impact we can make in the lives of those in need. I firmly believe in having simple conversations, of making connections and in working together towards a shared and common goal."

Rotary Club of Bendigo Sandhurst President Graeme Lyndos said

"We will enjoy our 4F nights. Fun, Fellowship, Food and Fursdays." Later he said Increased membership is a consequence of what we do.

In 2 weeks' time, Rob Rosaia, Paul Kirkpatrick and I will be attending a Jamshod Dinner, prepared and cooked by Afghani refugee men. This is a direct response to the presentation by Kay Graves and a challenge to our club to involve new members of our community. into who we are and what we do."

Rotary Club of Southbank President Amritpal Singht created a new Rotary theme....

"REAL HAPPINESS IS BY HELPING OTHERS by LEADING THE WAY to MAKE DREAMS REAL by you BEING THE INSPIRATION to create lasting change."

The District Support Team and I are here, stepping outside our Clubs, just to lend a hand in any way you ask. Please call or email if we can be of help. Rotary is important in Community, Youth, Vocational and International service. Thank you for all you will be adding in each of your Clubs. Mark and I look forward to being with you along the journey.

Bronwyn



Rotary International Convention—Toronto

District 9800 had a strong (& fun!) presence at the Rotary International Convention in Toronto during the last week in June.

District Governor Peter Frueh & Anne lead the team which included Canadian/Australian team leader extraordinaire Kevin Beagle. He assisted:

Past District Governors Murray Verso & Irene Dennis Shore & Lynda, Neville John & Becky, Julie Mason, Keith Ryall, Greg Ross, Ian Knight & Genny. Other Rotarians included: Cheryl Pisterman & David, Yvonne Flynn, Pam Baker, Mandi Wendt, Dale Hoy & Maureen, Bec Heitbaum, Gabe Hau, Peter Shephard, Gary Goldsmith, Steven Aquilina, Judy Parslow, Mark Preston, Gabi Butler, Geoff McCormick, Greg Penno, John Oppy, Ken Longford, Madhumita Bishnu, Vijay Susarla, Russell Brewer, Peter Pratt, Robert Davies, Julie Spurling, Malcolm Baird, Rob McGuirk, Jenny Foster, Mike & Sally McFarlane, Susie Cole. Apologies if I missed anyone, blame it on the excitement!

Many of our team wore the District "End Polio Now" t-shirts to the 2 opening ceremonies that each housed over 12,000 Rotarians! (Peter Shephard wore the Australia/New Zealand team polo shirt, he must have missed the memo....)

The flag ceremony alone rivalled the Olympic Games.... international exchange students paraded in to the Air Canada Centre with over 200 flags!

Over 24,000 Rotarians from all over the world were there, 600+ from Australia, the speakers, topics & networking were HUGE!!

Susie Cole
PP Rotary Club of Prahran





TORONTO

2018



District 9800's Magical Multiplication for Polio

Past District Governor **Peter Frueh** and his Rotary Foundation Chair, **Dennis Shore**, announced recently that District 9800 will donate US\$38,000 to the Polio Eradication Program, from unused District Designated Funds this Rotary year!

With the magic that results from the Rotary Foundation and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation grants, that US\$38,000 is matched:

- * 50% by The Rotary Foundation's World Fund to equal US\$57,000 and
- * US\$57,000 is then matched 2 for 1 by the Gates Foundation for a final total of US\$171,000!

Congratulations Governor Peter, TRF Chair Dennis and the entire District 9800 team. That is a magnificent effort – and if it does not provide the necessary inspiration for all Districts to immediately get to work and dispatch unused District Designated Funds, I don't know what will.

Clubs	\$ 41,400
DDF	\$ 38,000
TRF	\$ 19,000
Total	\$ 98,400
Gates F	\$196,800
Total	\$295,200

From Polio Plus Report

DISTRICT DDF GOAL	\$35,467
DISTRICT IDENTIFIED DDF	\$38,000
AMOUNT NEEDED TO REACH 20% GOAL	\$0
TOTAL DISTRICT GIVING TO POLIO (Cash + DDF)	\$79,399

MAKE HISTORY TODAY

From 2013 to 2018, every US\$1 Rotary commits to WHO and UNICEF in direct support for polio immunization will be **tripled** (up to US\$35 million per year) by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

YOUR DONATION
US\$25

+

BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION
US\$50

TOTAL CONTRIBUTION
US\$75

150
VESTS FOR VOLUNTEERS

75
VACCINE CARRIERS

600
PURPLE FINGER MARKERS

Rotary

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LEARN [ENDPOLIONOW.ORG](https://endpolionow.org)

WynSpeak 2018

May we congratulate all seventeen finalists from last weeks Final of the **Wyndham Youth Public Speaking Competition** (WynSpeak) who showed us why they were selected by adjudicators through the five preliminary rounds as the best speakers in the competition. We received so many comments about the hard job of last night's adjudicators and how true was that.

Every speaker who took the stage last night provided thoughtful , considered and at time humorous insights into our world through the eyes of our young, justifying yet again why our committee spends some many months of planning to bring this event to our community.

Whilst last night's attendance was quite impressive, there is certainly a challenge ahead as we are determined to find ways to attract more people along in future years so that more people can witness the positive side of today's youth in action

The move to Thomas Carr College proved to be a major success and we are so grateful to Principal Dr Andrew Watson, Business manager Sharon O'Neill and events coordinator Donna Arandt for allowing us to use two wonderful facilities over five weeks The Performing Arts Centre was quite magnificent and a great venue for the Final to showcase these amazing young people. The college went out of its way to assist us and we look forward to working together next year

The winners were:

Short Notice Section

junior winner Sarah Sherwood Westbourne Grammar

Senior winner Liberty Powell Good News Lutheran College

Five minute speech section

Junior Winner Jackson Brown Bacchus Marsh

Junior runner up Caleb Frederick Heathdale Christian College

Senior Winner Conor Barnes Westbourne Grammar

Senior Runner up Mirene Magousis Good News Lutheran College

Encouragement Award Tanvi Arora Mount St Joseph Girls College

Jackson Brown and Conor Barnes will go on to compete in the State Final of the Rostrum Voice of Youth Competition at St Kevin's College on June 24th.

Note: Conor Barnes becomes our first dual winner of Wynspeak, having previously won the junior section in 2016. In fact the Final included four previous winners of either junior or senior past competitions in Sasha Sr Deenathayalan, Mirene Magousis Alejandra Camacho and Conor Barnes

Its great to watch them develop in confidence and skill over the years and Sasha , despite being a year ten student, has competed in the last four Wynspeak Competitions and has been a finalist in each - a fantastic achievement

So thanks everyone for your interest in Wynspeak We look forward to another exciting year in 2019 with up to six additional colleges on the horizon

Des O'Shannessy
Rotary Club of Hoppers Crossing



Why the work on Polio eradication must continue .

Last month, a polio outbreak was confirmed in **Papua New Guinea**, which had been certified as polio-free in 2000, along with the rest of the World Health Organisation's Western Pacific Region. There has been one confirmed polio case in the Lufa Mountain settlement in Lae city, which was first detected in late April. The victim was a six-year-old boy who developed weakness in his lower limbs, later confirmed to be the result of a polio virus infection.

Last year, two separate outbreaks of polio were reported in remote parts of the Democratic Republic of Congo. Another outbreak was confirmed in Syria.

These outbreaks all involved circulating vaccine-derived polioviruses.



Vaccine-derived polioviruses circulating have been rapidly stopped in the past with two to three rounds of immunization campaigns, according to WHO. So, for all polio outbreaks -- from a vaccine-derived virus or not -- the solution has been to immunize every child several times with the oral vaccine to stop transmission.

However, outbreaks caused by the vaccine-derived viruses, can only be stopped when we stop altogether using the vaccine, and we will not stop using the vaccine until we have eradicated the wild virus. **So it's a chicken and egg situation.** Vaccine-derived polioviruses circulate when routine immunization efforts are poorly conducted, leaving a community susceptible to any poliovirus, whether vaccine-derived or wild. Experts tend to agree that the problem is not with the vaccine itself but rather low vaccination coverage, as a fully immunized community would be protected against both vaccine-derived and wild polioviruses, according to WHO.

In 1988, there were an estimated 350,000 cases of polio in more than 125 endemic countries worldwide. Last year, there were only 22 reported cases in two endemic countries: Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Since 2000, more than 10 billion doses of the oral polio vaccine have been administered to nearly 3 billion children worldwide, preventing more than 13 million cases of polio, according to WHO. During that time, 24 vaccine-derived poliovirus outbreaks occurred in 21 countries, resulting in fewer than 760 vaccine-derived poliovirus cases.

The countries that have had problems have been the countries where the vaccination levels are extremely low, either because of ongoing infrastructure issues or, more commonly now, because areas of conflict don't have the necessary infrastructure to vaccinate.

Some countries no longer use the oral vaccine and have switched to what's called the inactivated polio vaccine, developed by Dr. Jonas Salk and made available in the United States in 1955. The inactivated vaccine contains killed versions of wild-type poliovirus strains, doesn't pose the small risk of an outbreak and can be administered with a shot in the arm or leg. The inactivated vaccine is the only polio vaccine given in the US since 2000.

The oral poliovirus vaccine -- which contains live weakened versions of the virus and can be administered through liquid in the mouth -- is the predominant vaccine used in many countries to eradicate polio. Unlike the Salk vaccine, it's the only one that can both protect individuals and block person-to-person transmission of the virus.

The inactivated vaccine is more than five times more expensive than the oral vaccine, which could cost a country only about 12 to 18 cents per dose when procured through UNICEF. The inactivated vaccine can cost about \$1 per dose for a 10-dose vial or \$1.90 per dose for a five-dose vial, according to a 2014 UNICEF document. The inactivated vaccine induces lower levels of immunity specifically in the intestines, where the poliovirus resides in most cases, compared with the oral vaccine. This type of immunity is called mucosal immunity.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-06-27/polio-outbreak-declared-in-png-18-years-after-polio-free-status/9913684>

<https://edition.cnn.com/2018/07/10/health/polio-vaccine-outbreaks-explainer-intl>

Boab Health Footcare Project

Noel Halford, Club Service Director, had the idea for the Project after he arranged a Skype meeting with the then CEO of Boab Health services based on Broome servicing the Kimberley region. The initial concept was to source a machine such as dialysis machine from donated hospital equipment. It was determined that this type of equipment was subject to Federal government funding and the greatest unfunded need is podiatry footcare packs. Noel and his team then liaised with Boab Health care to determine their needs received a product listing from Boab Health.

Margie Ware (ex CEO of Boab Health) presented to the club's Thursday Group members (including 6 prospective members); an important step to engage members & prospects in the project and to understand the challenges of the area. A fundraising event was held in the form of a Trivia night, attended by members, partners, friends as well as prospective members.

Donations in Kind were approached, and a large number of items sourced from stock, the remainder purchased locally using club and Foundation grant funds.

On the packing night, Hawthorn Rotary members together with Thursday Group members and 6 prospective members compiled 40 packs, with Rotary stickers (decals) applied to the packs.



One of the Club's newest members talked to her husband who is a logistics advisor to Coles and we received the good news that Coles had agreed to add our product to their regular delivery to Broome for nil cost to the Club, (other than insurance and transport of the packs to Coles Distribution centre in Melbourne and collection from Broome).

Overall, the project is fulfilling a need in remote indigenous areas, it has involved members and new members (Subsequently we inducted 4 new members!) and demonstrated that we can achieve more together.

The Project had the following attributes:

- It had a clear objective in fulfilling a health need in a remote indigenous area,
- The collaboration with Boab was critical as by involving local experts we were able to verify the need and also they will ultimately distribution the products and services via their podiatrists,
- It was manageable for our project group in terms of time required to participate and was to be delivered within a reasonable time frame.
- The project had a clear endpoint, but the opportunity to repeat in future years.
- We were able to engage and involve members and prospective members in the Project (fund raising, packing and sourcing the transport provider).

We subsequently inducted 4 new members, which was a lot to do with the satisfaction achieved in being part of this Project and also solidified the relationship with two of our newest members.

Katrina Flynn & Noel Halford
President, Club Service Director

Swings and Slides—recycling playgrounds

Recently, the Rotary Club of Flemington has had a super project in Sri Lanka to provide a Library and an equipped Playground for a girl's school there.

The project was transported through Donations in Kind at West Footscray and with support from a number of organisations in Sri Lanka, the playground provides a wonderful addition to the life of the girls at the school.

Now that was a single playground to a single school and there are lots of schools there who could use a similar playground and it seems there are lots of playgrounds available here that are just waiting for some activity to get them there. The same position exists elsewhere in the world and it's a question of bringing the various elements into sync to see it all come together.

PP Peter Cribb has been out beating the drums around councils, schools, kindergartens and suppliers and has established that they are available and right now he has offers of playgrounds from Carrum Downs, Bendigo, Diamond Creek and Saltwater Creek. Local councils have also indicated that they too will have playgrounds coming available over the next year or so.

It is clear that this has the potential to grow into a monster undertaking and one that needs a few people to help Peter get things moving.

STEP 1. Peter needs a couple of people to join him and form the Committee to manage the organisation and administration of the activity.

STEP 2. Once the playgrounds are identified, he needs assistance from Rotary Clubs in the near vicinity to the playgrounds to manage the dismantling and arrange transfer to appropriate storage.

Here is an opportunity to work with Men's sheds, scout groups and the like and help build relationships with other groups in the area.

STEP 3. Arrange delivery to Donations in Kind and into a container which will be used to store the dismantled playgrounds until a full container can be despatched to Sri Lanka where Rotary and other groups are ready and willing to handle the reassembly.

This is a project with some good hands on fellowship, a strong international flavour and excellent use of the playgrounds which will otherwise go to a metal recycler or landfill.

If you or your Club are interested in getting involved give Peter a call on 0410 548 543 and get this project really "swinging"

Bb Glindemann
District 9800 International Chair
Donations in Kind

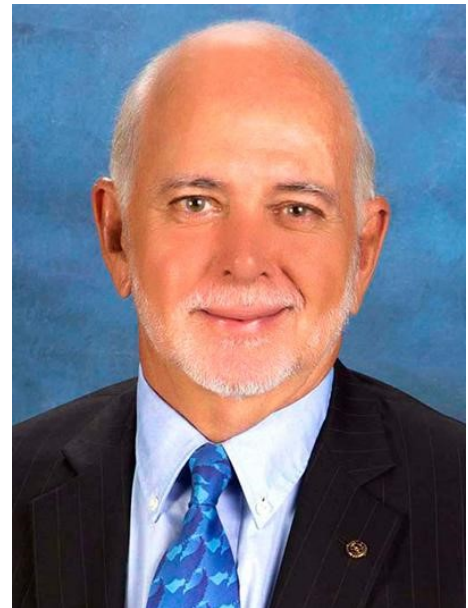


Rotary International President Barry Rassin

Dear fellow Rotarians,

One year ago, your Rotary International Board of Directors adopted a new vision statement, reflecting our aspirations for our organization and its future. It reads, “Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.”

That simple sentence distills so much of what is essential about Rotary. We unite, because we know that we are far stronger together than we could ever be alone. We take action, because we are not dreamers, but doers. We work to create lasting change that will endure long after our involvement has ended – across the globe and in our communities. And perhaps most important of all, we work to create change in ourselves – not just building a better world around us, but becoming better people ourselves.



A quotation attributed to French writer Antoine de Saint-Exupéry goes:

“If you want to build a boat, don’t begin by collecting wood, cutting boards, or assigning tasks. Begin by awakening in the souls of your workers a longing for the vast and boundless sea.”

Each of us came to Rotary because we had a longing – to have an impact, to make a difference, to be part of something larger than ourselves. That desire, that vision for a better world and our role in building it, is what drives us in Rotary. It’s what made us become members, it’s what motivates us to serve, and it’s what led me to choose our theme for this Rotary year: ***Be the Inspiration***.

I want to see Rotary *Be the Inspiration* for our communities by doing work with a transformational impact. It’s time to start moving forward, by removing the barriers that are holding us back. Let’s make it easier to make adjustments in our clubs or start new clubs that suit different needs. Let’s work to strengthen Rotaract and smooth the transition from Rotaract clubs into Rotary. Let’s give all Rotarians the flexibility to serve in the ways that work best for them, so that every Rotarian finds enduring value in Rotary membership.

Truly sustainable service, the kind of service we strive for in Rotary, means looking at everything we do as part of a larger global ecology. This year, I ask all of you to *Be the Inspiration* for sustainable service by addressing the impact of environmental issues on our work. The environment plays a key role in all six of our areas of focus, and that role is only becoming greater as the impact of climate change unfolds. It’s time to move past seeing the environment as somehow separate from those six areas. Clean air, water, and land are essential for healthy communities – and essential for the better, healthier future we strive for.

Be the Inspiration – and together we can, and we will, inspire the world.

BARRY RASSIN

President, Rotary International
2018-2019



BE THE INSPIRATION

Bacchus Marsh Rotary Art Show

The 2018 Bacchus Marsh Rotary Art Show was our 48th annual exhibition and once again attracted artists from not only Victoria, but New South Wales, South Australia and Tasmania. Amongst the 650 entries submitted there were works of an astonishing variety of both traditional and emerging media such as oil, water colour, pastel, acrylic, photography, ceramic sculpture, gouache, charcoal or pencil, intarsia, metalwork, photo art, encaustic, monoprint and lino-print. There were also works of painting or photography on silk, batik and other textiles. The fresh approach to this year's floral decorations was also a talking point amongst regular visitors to the show and drew many compliments.

There were just under a thousand visitors to the show over the Queen's Birthday weekend. Many had travelled more than sixty kilometres to view the exhibition, while some had travelled from as far away as Western Australia, New South Wales, Queensland and even the U.S.A.

The Moorabool Shire Council acquired three new paintings to add to its collection, each of which was chosen for the intrinsic story it depicted, rather than for its representation of an iconic Bacchus Marsh building or landscape.



Our Judge for 2018 was Myles Russell-Cook

Curator of Indigenous Art, National Gallery of Victoria and Phd Candidate, University of Melbourne

Artist in Residence - Anuradha Patel

Anuradha Patel was born in Gujarat, India. At a very early age her family moved to Uganda, East Africa and then onto the UK.

She studied Fine Art in England and in 2006 she moved to Australia where she practices as a public artist and in her studio based work.



The Judge's Comments

"It was my great pleasure to view and judge this year's awards. The overall standard was extremely high. In terms of paintings, there were a number of commendable works of art.

...From those artists with painterly styles that benefited from the flexibility of being able to move pigment quickly over the canvas or paper, blocking in forms and colour, before applying layers of detail, to those artists who created meticulous studies and still lives with intricate sophistication and detail, both technically and compositionally.

...From the more traditional and technically capable landscape paintings depicting the horizon line, to those landscapes that reinvented the traditional European perspective, viewing the landscape as a kind of conceptual map.

...From the Flemish inspired oils on canvas filled with symbolic compositions, to those artists who created 3 dimensional vessels and objects with an exquisite understanding of materiality.

All artists should be extremely proud of their contribution to this award.

The works that stood out to me were those marked by a gestural, expressionist and fluid style, and those where the technical prowess of the artist's hand was clear."

Winners 2018

Diana Gibson Award for the Best Oil Painting in the Show

First Prize: Gregory R. Smith for “Pincers on Crab” - \$1500

Second Prize: Jo Reitze for “Winter Garden” - \$500

Diana Gibson Award for the Best Watercolour in the Show

First Prize: Lyn Cooke for “Trio” - \$1500

Second Prize: Julian Bruère for “Anchored in a Dirty Sea”- \$500

Diana Gibson Award for the Best any other Medium in the Show

Winner: Ri Van Veen for “Gorgeous Gorges” - \$1000

Second Prize: Dresley Robins for “Last Gasp” - \$400

Best Artwork by Local Artist

Winner: Ri Van Veen for “Gorgeous Gorges” - \$500

Best Small Painting

Winner: Walter Magilton for “Ode to Penleigh Boyd” - \$200

Bendigo Bank Best 21 Years and Under

Winner: Olivia Magill for “Rustic Hideaway” - \$200

Maddingley Coal Local Content Prize

Winner: John Perrin for “Church in Bacchus Marsh” an historic streetscape - \$500

Best Photograph

Winner: Peter Ellerton for “Dinner Time”- \$200

Second Prize: Natalie Uscinas for “Campaspe Trees” - \$100

Grow West - Acquisitive

Presented by Justin Horne –Chairman Grow West Implementation Committee

Bernie McRitchie for “Four Boobook Owls” - \$500

2018 Moorabool Shire Acquisitions

Suzan Thomas’ “Child” ,
Christine Annett’s “Tiger Lily” and
Sabrina Ranieri’s “Rain Drops”

People’s Choice Prize

The People’s Choice Prize of \$100 was
to Jason Roberts for his Watercolour
“Along the Creek Bed”



Apply to serve on a 2019-20 Rotary committee

Would you like to contribute further to Rotary by serving on a committee? Each of Rotary's committees, made up of Rotarians and Rotaractors from around the world, works with the organization's leadership to ensure efficiency and promote the goals and priorities of the strategic plan.

The following committees are searching for qualified candidates for openings in 2019-20.

All committees correspond via email, teleconference, or webinars as needed, and some involve at least one mandatory in-person meeting per year. Most committee business is conducted in English.

To be considered for committee membership or recommend someone for an appointment, visit on.rotary.org/application2018.

Applicants must be registered on My Rotary at my.rotary.org/user/register and ensure that their [My Rotary profile](#) includes current contact details.

The application deadline is **15 August**.

- ◇ **Audit committee**
- ◇ **Communications committee**
- ◇ **Finance committee**
- ◇ **Global networking groups committee**
- ◇ **Joint committee on partnerships**
- ◇ **Leadership development and training committee**
- ◇ **Membership committee**
- ◇ **Operations review committee**
- ◇ **Rotaract and Interact committee**
- ◇ **Strategic planning committee**
- ◇ **Youth Exchange Committee**



Meet the new Zone 8 Director—Raffy Garcia

A Rotarian for 47 years, Raffy Garcia had something of a slow start as a Rotary leader. Spending his life forging an international career in the technology sector, he only accepted election as president of the Rotary Club of Pasig, Philippines, 12 years ago. However, since then, he has thrown himself into Rotary service, accruing an impressive number of Rotary achievements and honours. Now RI director elect of Zone 7, Raffy will be spending a lot more time getting to know Rotarians Down Under.



During the '60s, Raffy studied Computer Science at Washington State University – back when punch cards and massive, room-sized systems churned 60KB (about the size of the average Word file). The first Filipino graduate in the field, he earned the moniker “Mr Computer”, which has stuck with him to this day.

Raffy quickly began accruing an impressive array of successes in the tech industry, working for major companies including Asia Computer Services and Meralco Securities Investment Corporation – the holding company of power utility giant Manila Electric. He went on to found and oversee a multitude of computer corporations for large businesses, such as conglomerate Herdis Group, one of which he later purchased for himself. This became the foundation for what has become the Mega Group of Companies – a multinational composed of 44 offices in the United States, Argentina, China, India, Ireland and Equatorial Guinea, specialising in technology products, systems and solutions. Among many professional honours, Raffy was recognised by PeopleAsia magazine as one of its People of the Year for work improving the efficiency of critical government IT systems.

Raffy joined the Rotary Club of Pasig in 1971, aged 26. However, he only accepted election as president some 35 years later. Raffy candidly admits before this point he was not a model Rotarian. “I have often said that although I joined the Rotary Club of Pasig 40 years ago, I only became a real Rotarian when I became president of my club in 2006-07. I used to make sure I would not have to serve as a club officer. Until one day, during one of my frequent absences, I was voted in as president of my club and there was no backing out any more.”

For his efforts during his term, he was awarded Most Outstanding Club President of his district for achievements including doubling membership to make the club the largest in the district. The Rotary Club of Pasig was also acclaimed to be the Most Outstanding Club, winning 37 district awards, as well as receiving a Four Avenues of Service Award from Rotary International for the GK Village project, the largest Rotary-assisted village in the country. Soon after, Raffy received the Rotary International Four Avenues of Service Award and was elected District 3800 governor in 2011.

From then on he only became more heavily involved in Rotary service; his many official roles including: Endowment and Major Gifts Adviser, Zone 7a (2013-17); Philippine country coordinator Rotary Global Rewards Program (2015-2018); chairman of the Philippine College of Rotary Governors (2015-16); chairman of the Philippine Rotary Magazine Foundation (2016-17); member of Basic Education & Literacy, Major Gift Initiative Committee (2017-18) and coordinator of the Rotary Foundation's Cadre of Technical Advisors Economic and Community Development.

Raffy, along with wife Minda – who has a list of honours to her own name, including Soroptimists International Past Regional Governor and elected Board member for 2017-19 – will be visiting Australia later this year. They look forward to meeting Rotarians from throughout the Zone at the 2018 Australia and New Zealand Conference in Hobart.

Raffy believes that when we are given more than we need, it is our duty to give that more to others. His answer to what he likes best about Rotary is simple: “Rotary gives me the opportunity to help others.”

Timor Rotary Consortium

Earlier this year 6 Rotary Clubs came together to carry out a major project in Timor Leste involving the installation of 29 Water Tanks and 4 Toilets at remote school locations in the Baguia region.

Under the name of the "Timor Rotary Consortium" this group of Rotary Clubs comprising :-

- “ RC Chadstone/East Malvern
- “ RC Hawthorn
- “ RC Glenferrie
- “ RC Malvern
- “ RC Prahran
- “ RC Camberwell

applied for and gained a Global Grant for this project.

The report in Networker Edition 19 mistakenly referred to this as being a project of only the Rotary Club of Camberwell. when in fact it is a project of the "Timor Rotary Consortium". This was an error on behalf of the editor.

Apologies to the Rotary Clubs of Chadstone/East Malvern, Hawthorn, Glenferrie, Malvern and Prahran for the offence given.



World BBQ Day?

I have been wracking my poor brain thinking of how we can promote ourselves.

Then in the wee hours of the morning (excuse the pun) with a blinding flash of inspiration or perhaps desperation there it was "World BBQ Day". Why not?

So, first thing in the morning I am straight on Google to see if there is such a thing as "World BBQ Day" and there isn't. I also checked for "World Rotary Day", there is sort of but it is held by the United Nations and it is to honour outstanding people and not just Rotarians. We have Mother's Day, Children's Day, Vegan Day even World Chocolate day see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_awareness_days but there is no Rotary or BBQ in sight!

What if we create "World BBQ Day" so we can use the very image that we are trying to shed to our advantage. How? Watch out, I am going to get serious!

Firstly, we cannot get new converts by preaching to the converted. We need to look much further out. The word Rotary is now foreign to many young adults, many actually have not heard of it and do not know what it is. But they know what a BBQ is and they know that it can be fun and involves getting together.

We want to encapsulate what Rotary does with a simple message. *In the simplest terms Rotary raises funds to help others.* We do many other things of course, we were instrumental in eradicating Polio, we plant trees, we highlight causes etc, but the message here needs to be simple. Please allow me to explain by reading the following promo for this supposed event.

The 21st of March has been declared as "**World BBQ Day**".

Invite your neighbours, friends, relatives to a BBQ, and raise funds for your local school, or for somebody in need, or for something that needs to be done. Raise funds for whatever you believe that has a cause worth fighting for, because being involved and caring is what makes us human. Hold it in the park, your back yard or front yard, under the car port, or over at your school, anywhere, but do it.

The 21st of March is significant because it is the equinox when night equals day, it reminds us that we are all equal.

It also tells us that despite our busy and sometimes chaotic lives the Universe is amazing and constant.



This promo needs improvement of course but the concept could work! We are telling our story in simple terms and asking them to join us in spirit for one day. We are asking others to espouse our values.

Rotarians will be urged to promote it but not to conduct it, as that would be a mistake. We want to ask others to *join their own dots*, we give them the day and the ideas, the rest they can do.

Carl Zammit
President
Rotary Club of Kew 2017/18

With great sadness the **Rotary Club of Melbourne South** farewells our esteemed Honorary Member, Past President, Past District Governor and Paul Harris Recipient, Rob Dunn who passed away Monday 25th June surrounded by his wife Faye, family and friends.

Rob Dunn was District Governor in 1993-1994 when the Rotary theme was: **Believe In What You Can Do - Do What You Believe In**

He was not an ordinary man and lived an extraordinary life. His contribution to community as well as his passionate dedication to Rotary and its objectives was immense.

It has been an honour to know Rob and he will always be held dear in the hearts of his Rotary Family. Vale Rob Dunn



PDG Rob Dunn and Bronwyn during Induction of Bronwyn as President RC Melbourne South 2009

A sad moment for the **Rotary Club of Bendigo South** with the passing of its only remaining Charter member, Charles William Ashman. Bill died on Friday 29th June. He had been a member for 58 years.

Bill served as Club President in 1963-64, Club treasurer between 1959-1961 and Club Auditor from 1965 to 2010.

Bill also took on the role as the Club's 'unofficial' historian. Even in his last couple of days before his death he was working on and updating the club's history. In this historical vein Bill and 2 other members published a book The Rotary Club of Bendigo South 50 Years of Service 1959-2009.

No one epitomised and practiced the values of Rotary more than Bill. He lived his life according to philosophy of the Four Way Test. A staunch supporter of the Rotary Foundation he raised funds for and promoted the work of the Foundation.

An interesting facet of his thinking was just that – a thinker. Our club over the past few years has implemented many changes which Bill wholeheartedly supported. He often commented – the world has changed and so must Rotary!

In 1988 Bill was given a Paul Harris recognition and in 2014 a Double Sapphire for his contribution to Rotary and the community. He was a very keen golfer and played an active role in his Church.



Jacob Taurins, Past President of the **Rotary Club of North Essendon** passed away on Tuesday 3rd July.

Jacob, son of Martin and Diana Taurins of the **Rotary Club of Gisborne** was a talented musician who was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis aged 20. This diagnosis spurred his parents into founding RAGMSSA— the Rotarian action Group for Multiple Sclerosis Awareness, and the fundraising of hundreds of thousands of dollars for research into MS.

In the early days of RAGMSA, Jacob played the piano and performed at MS fundraisers hosted by Rotary clubs in District 9800. Jacob received university degrees in arts, business and music prior to his diagnosis and was an accomplished musician, able to sing, play many instruments and wanted to be a music composer.



2018 Chances Golf Day

Following the success of last years event I am delighted to advise you that the Rotary of Club of Hawthorn will once again conduct this significant event in support of the Boroondara Cares Chances Scholarship Program. With your support last year we were able to raise over \$5000 for this most worthy community cause and we hope to see you again this year.

We received many positive comments following last year's event and we anticipate this year we will achieve even greater success. I will contact you closer to the event however it would be helpful to my fellow organisers Clinton Sceney, (Rotary Club of Yarra Bend) and Robert Hogan (Rotary Club of Glenferrie) if you would kindly promote the event to your Rotary Club and friends.

Following great support last year we will once again invite our fellow Rotary Clubs and others to participate in sponsoring a hole and prizes.

Any assistance you can offer in this area will be greatly appreciated

Event Details:

Competition Format: Ambrose

Date: Monday 29th October 2018 from 11.30 a.m

Venue: Box Hill Golf Club

202 Station Street, Box Hill

\$95.00 per person that includes a light lunch and a dinner following the event.

Boroondara Cares CHANCES Scholarship Program

Boroondara Cares' CHANCES Scholarship Program has a proven and exciting track record in supporting financially disadvantaged, talented and motivated young people between the ages of 12 and 25 years who attend a state secondary or tertiary institute and live or study in Boroondara.

In a recent study commissioned by Boroondara Cares Foundation, the "Think Impact" research clearly articulated the social, emotional and financial value that CHANCES provides to keep our young people at school, whilst also supporting them for the long term through tertiary education.

Our recipients have found that the scholarship not only means financial support but it also means that others have faith in their ability to achieve educationally. As one student wrote in their mid year evaluation: *"I have definitely been empowered this year for the reason that the CHANCES Scholarship has let me know that people*

On behalf of Clinton and Robert, I thank you and look forward to your support.

Noel Halford

noelhalford@gmail.com or Mob. 0419 018 901



Registration opens on July 1st

REGISTRATION (Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th till 1:00 PM)

Early Bird \$175, New Rotarians (joined after July 1 2016) \$125.

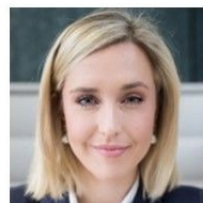
Conference Dinner \$110

Check the website for accommodation and restaurant options

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- Seven separate breakout sessions will be offered on Saturday afternoon covering Rotary topics.
- "What Rotary Does" or the Rotary Showcase will be in the adjacent Exhibition Centre demonstrating and sharing Club and District Projects. Several "hands on opportunities" will also be available.
- A Youth Forum and Interact / EarlyAct Forum on Saturday

SOME OF THE SPEAKERS INVITED



Ian and Juliet Riseley and Noel Trevaskis will participate in a forum on Rotary towards 2050. John Prendergast an experienced facilitator at several International Assemblies will be MC. As a young Australian woman Brittany Arthur made it to Rotary World Convention centre stage with a thunderous standing ovation. Edna Adan Ismail. "Women in Somaliland are maimed or die giving birth in the dirt. UN diplomat, midwife and teacher Edna's story is a fascinating 20 year career of service and education".



On Friday February 15th District 9800 will be organising a Peace through Service Forum.

The Forum will cover the Areas of Focus and how they relate to Peace.

COST WILL BE \$100 in association with MD Conference registration

www.rotaryconference.org.au

Mark Stephens
MD Conference Chair
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STRENGTHENING YOUR CLUB WORKSHOPS

The District Support Team is conducting three facilitated workshops, involving **Warwick Cavell (Facilitator)**, **Kerry Kornhauser OAM (Public Image/Communications)**, **Yvonne Flynn (Club Service)** and **PDG Neville John (Membership Director)**.

These workshops will be hands-on interactive sessions that will include:

- Leading change in your Club
- Identifying the elements of a strong, vibrant club
- Project identification and selection
- Member and Community engagement
- Promoting your club projects and activities
- Your One-Page plan on membership recruitment and retention

Details are:

- **12 August 2018**
Rotary Gateway Function Centre, 26 High St, Kangaroo Flat 3555
- **19 August 2018**
Baden Powell College, 81 Baden Powell Drive, Tarneit 3029
- **26 August 2018**
Montague Street Continuing Education Centre, 100 Montague St, South Melbourne 3205

All sessions are 8.30 am for 9 am start and finish at 1.00 pm with a light lunch.

RSVP by 6TH August, detailing session attending and any dietary requirements to:

Marjorie Gerlinger, marhern@biapond.net.au, 0419 302 109

Vibrant Clubs provide opportunities for its members and other community stakeholders to engage in a range of interesting humanitarian projects that promote what Rotary does to make a difference to the lives of others.



WERRIBEE ROTARY
DISTRICT 9800

Invites you and your partner to our



Celebratory Dinner

Saturday 18th August 2018

6.30 for 7pm

*Werribee Racecourse Function Centre
10 Bulban Rd, Werribee*

\$85 per person

(includes pre-dinner drinks and 2-course meal)

Guest Speaker - Ian Riseley (RI President 2017-18)

*Please RSVP by 5th August to
Geoff Smith 0419 235611 geoffabov@hotmail.com*

OR

Book online at www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=389704

Dress Code – After-5 wear

Please advise of any special dietary needs

*Fantastic Prizes

* Auctions & Raffles

*Competitions



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2018

TRIVIA CHALLENGE

When: Friday 10th August 2018 @ 7:00pm
Where: Bendigo Exhibition Centre (Bendigo Showgrounds)
Groups: Tables of 10
Tickets: \$25.00 per person
Catering: BYO drinks and nibbles: Light supper provided

Proceeds will support our Club's ongoing Youth projects in the local community which include -
Student Exchange / Youth Leadership / National Youth Science Forum
/ Primary School Scholarships / Eaglehawk Secondary School Scholarships

Bookings and enquiries - (Bookings close on Wednesday 8th August)
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