

The Networker



June is Rotary Fellowship Month

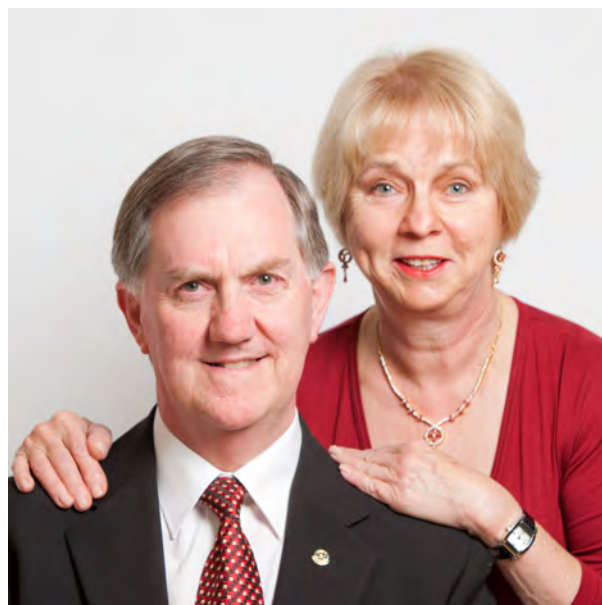
Rotary Friends and Friends of Rotary,
"Friendship is a natural and willing servant....There is no reason...why the great power of friendship should not be harnessed to do its part in the world's work." - Founder of Rotary, Paul Harris, 1912 Rotary Convention

Fellowship is one of the five core values of Rotary – diversity, integrity, service, leadership and fellowship. It is through fellowship in Rotary that much is achieved: friendships develop, clubs are strengthened, projects evolve and humanity is served. Strong fellowship among Rotarians and meaningful service projects characterise Rotary worldwide

Keen Rotarians look forward to meeting their friends at their Rotary club meetings and sharing in social events with their fellow Rotarians, partners and families. Working together in fellowship strengthens our commitment to Rotary and builds bigger and better Rotary clubs.



DGEN Group enjoying "fellowship" at the Wyndham Rotary Club's 30th Anniversary



Irene and I are now gearing up for the changeover season. It is a time when good fellowship abounds with some of the best social functions of the year. At these events clubs review their achievements over the past year, bestow honours and awards on individuals and look forward to the next Rotary year as the changing of the guard signals a time of renewed vigour and purpose.

On 1st July, throughout the Rotary world there is a change of leadership at Club, District and International level. Our own District Changeover will take place on Saturday, 27th June, at Ultima Receptions in Keilor, where we will reflect on the 2014-15 year and welcome our incoming DG Julie Mason, and her District Leadership Team for 2015-2016. Our District will be in good hands with Julie at the helm and I wish her well. I am sure that you will give her the same wonderful support that you have extended to Irene and me.

It has been an honour and a privilege to serve as your District Governor throughout this Rotary year. We have a wonderful District with many friendly, hardworking Rotarians and many dynamic active Rotary clubs. Irene and I have enjoyed meeting you, visiting your clubs, attending your special events and learning about your service projects. We have been the beneficiaries of great Rotary fellowship.

There have been many highlights for us during the year and so many wonderful memories created. A number of clubs had milestone anniversaries and others have had signature events at which we were warmly welcomed. Whenever our paths crossed, we loved the zest and fun of the inbound and outbound youth exchange students. We enjoyed getting to know the talented Group Study Exchange Teams that came from, and went to, District 6840 in Louisiana and Mississippi. Congratulations to Peter Frueh on his leadership of our District 9800 team. Under the guiding hand of PDG Gordon McKern our District's Paul Harris Society grew to become the largest in Australasia. Traveling to Turkey with fellow Rotarians from this District and other parts of Australia for the Istanbul Rotary Peace Conference and the ANZAC Centenary commemoration was another highlight. And of course, the superb District Conference in Hobart

with its remarkable speakers, innovative social events and great fellowship will be remembered for many years to come.

Throughout the year, I have had the pleasure of working with many remarkable people. I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the success of the year - all the club presidents, the assistant governors, the district board members, the district committee chairs, the conference committee, the Networker editorial team, the past governors and each dedicated Rotarian who has worked to *"Light up Rotary"*. I would especially like to thank my wife, Irene, who has given me unflagging companionship and support throughout the year.

Believing that the principal role of the District Governor is to support and advise clubs, I have been fortunate to receive friendship and trust in return. These are things that I will always value. In the words of Past Rotary International President Clem Renouf ***"We elect a man to the presidency of our club or the governorship of our district, but he has no chance of succeeding unless we support him - unless he is part of a team."*** It is with your support and efforts that we have had a successful year in District 9800. Thank you.

Murray Verso
District Governor 2014-2015



A working bee at Camp Getaway always generates fun and fellowship, and the start of the new kitchen was no exception.

Will someone please check that the driver actually has a license?

Police Mentoring Program Kicking Goals

By Kevin Love, RC Central Melbourne Sunrise

The Victoria Police Leaders Mentoring Program is now in its eighth year, during which over 140 police ranking from Deputy Commissioner down to Senior Sergeant have participated. The program was originated by the Rotary Club of Central Melbourne-Sunrise and several D9800 clubs have participated along with clubs from four other Victorian districts. Mentees have been partnered with senior business mentors and Rotary mentors.



Feedback on the program from police participants, mentors and Victoria Police Command is that the program is continuing to achieve its goals and makes a significant difference to those who have taken part. Places on the program continue to be keenly sought.

This year for the first time police members were partnered with a single mentor. For the senior police ranks the mentors were senior business executives who provided guidance around strategic issues, whilst Rotary provided mentors for Senior Sergeants with the primary focus around community engagement, a high priority for VicPol.

Rotarians are ideally suited for our part of the Victoria Police Leaders Mentoring Program;

Senior Sergeants typically run a suburban police station or lead other operational teams. Some have been Acting Inspectors or have been promoted to Inspector during the year. They value Rotary's input as community policing and engagement is one of their biggest challenges and Rotary brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise.



They run the equivalent of a small-medium service and business unit, involving complex challenges. Many Rotary mentors also have strong backgrounds in business and can bring this perspective to mentoring discussions.

From a Rotary perspective there is also an opportunity to raise our profile in community service and to deepen our understanding of the work of Victoria Police.

Again for the coming 2015/16 program, the steering committee is seeking expressions of interest to be mentors from D9800 Rotarians and nomination forms will soon be forwarded to all D9800 Clubs. Nominations will be matched against selection criteria based on Rotary and business experience; community involvement by the applicant and their club and the location and development needs of the mentee.

This is a great opportunity for anyone interested to apply to become a Rotary mentor – a great professional and personal experience.

If you are interested, chase up the form from your President, President Elect or Vocational Service Director. It provides more information about the program.

Contact: Justine Murphy, Rotary D9800 Vocational Service Chair, on vocational@rotarydistrict9800.org or Alan Seale, Rotary Co-ordinator VPLMP, aseale@bigpond.net.au

We don't want your money (but we would love your old car)

By Ted Haydon, RC Keilor

Hand Brake Turn is a very effective project that provides hands-on automotive training in practical real-world skills together with social support.

The program works primarily with young marginalised youth aged 15 to 22 who have difficulty within the mainstream education system and also those involved with Youth Justice and DHHS. It takes kids who are heading in the wrong direction and uses the attraction of working on cars as a way to change their lives. For some it's their first taste of self-imposed discipline.

The program offers an opportunity to gain a nationally recognised Certificate II in Automotive Body Technology incorporating Panel, Mechanics, OH&S plus learn life skills to help prepare them for future employment.



Anyone can help support the program by donating their old car. If it's a right off they will use it for training purposes. If it has potential they may restore it and sell it to help cover expenses. In some circumstances a tax deductible receipt will be issued for those vehicles which are in good or excellent condition and valued at more than \$5000.

The Rotary Club of Keilor supports the Sunshine Branch and if you can help please contact President Ted Haydon 0448809063. There is another branch in Dandenong.

Information about the program can be found on the website <http://www.handbraketurn.org.au/> Video at <http://www.handbraketurn.org.au/#!photosvideo>

Contact HBT North West 93116273 or HBT South East 9793 1466



People's Choice Awards

By Heather Welsh, Rotary Club of Caulfield



The Rotary Club of Caulfield sponsored the People's Choice Awards in the Glen Eira Artists' Society Exhibition at Glen Eira Gallery (30th April-17th May)

The award winners were: first prize- Jan Martin, and second prize –Gui Hua Li. The Third prize was shared equally between Jennifer Hopper and Gillian Schofield.



The Club also provided gifts for a randomly drawn voter and for three randomly drawn Society members who had worked shifts at the Exhibition Information table. The exhibition was proudly supported by Bendigo Bank (Caulfield Park) and the City of Glen Eira, and opened by Cr Jim Magee, Mayor of the City of Glen Eira.

Caulfield Rotary Club has had a long involvement with the Society as one of its cultural projects. The Club's objective is to assist established and emerging artists in art development and to foster an interest amongst the general public in visual art. Since establishing the Society in 2008 and incorpo-

rating it in 2009, the Club has watched the Society grow from three members to recently accepting its 70th member, internationally acclaimed contemporary artist, Anthony Breslin www.anthonymbreslin.com. Anthony will also be an Honorary member of the Club for his "service above self", for his extraordinary level of community service through his artistic endeavours.

Please "like" the Society on facebook <https://www.facebook.com/GlenEiraArtistsSociety?fref=ts>

Photos - Jan Martin's "Coorong Early Light" and Second prize winner Gui Hua Li's "Happy Energy", which was bought by Kate Ashmor, Chairman of the Board, Bendigo Bank (Caulfield Park), pictured with Cr Jim Magee, Mayor of the City of Glen Eira

“Break a Leg!” at International House Festival

By Tony Thomas, RC Central Melbourne-Sunrise

Around 40 Rotarians from Kew, Melbourne Central Sunrise, Carlton, Melbourne and Balwyn Rotary clubs were among the 160 guests at International House, Parkville, for its “Festivals of the World” cabaret evening on May 9th.

The evening featured nine acts ranging from a Hawaiian dance quartet to blues and folk numbers by International and Australian participants.

Café Internationale is the annual fundraising event run entirely by the students of International House. Café co-ordinator Amelia Boland (aged 20 and a Patisserie/ Professional Cookery Student) said the evening raised about \$6000 from tickets, the raffle, and a silent auction, to be equally split between the IH Student Club and WWF Australia. “Previously we’ve been putting the proceeds to Rotary’s End Polio Now and we thought we needed fresh goals this year,” she said.

Rotary is a long-term supporter of International House, which now has about 300 undergraduates, half from overseas. This year also saw the arrival of 50 graduates in their own new George Hicks building.

Virtually all undergraduates had roles in the fundraising event, from marketing, performing, welcoming, and serving guests.

As always, things did not go entirely to plan. Star singer Alwin Thomas mounted the stage on crutches, the result of a mishap during soccer play-offs within Melbourne University the week before. Alwin, from Singapore and studying Arts, sang in an apt romantic duet with Heather Mao, “Come What May” from the film *Moulin Rouge*.

There was also microphone issues, but MC Louisa Wall, a Victoria College of the Arts drama student, just ramped up her voice projection, as did Michael Kerrison her co-MC.

IH Chefs from CaterCare made an impressive contribution, creating a main course of dukka-crusted salmon.

“We threw ourselves into it all,” Amelia says. “We hope Rotarians enjoyed their night and that they can roll up next year too.”

Photos: ***Head of Decorations, Ashleigh McNichol transformed the dining hall into a space of culture and festivities.***

Students celebrate after a successful performance

Melody Kwok gracefully dances the traditional hula



GSE Team returns from USA

By John McCaskill, D9800 GSE Chairman

Last Tuesday night, we all celebrated the return of our District 9800 Group Study Exchange team from their very successful four weeks in New Orleans and host clubs in the Louisiana Mississippi region of USA. Our team was led by District Governor Designate Peter Frueh and consisted of the four team members Jacqui Dickenson, Joni Pirovich, Latasha Slocombe and Tom Mitchell....all young future leaders from diverse professional occupations including Teaching, Law, Event Management and the Building Industry.

Our host club for the evening was the Rotary Club of Point Gellibrand at their magnificent club venue, the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria in Williamstown. President Ron Coleman and his club members were fantastic hosts and all team members and guests were made to feel very welcome as the decorations, food and music all provided a New Orleans theme to showcase the individual presentations of Peter and each of his team members. The presentations were brilliant and gave the audience a clear picture of the cultural and vocational benefits of GSE.

District Governor Murray described this exchange as one of the highlights of his year and spoke about the quality of not only our team but also the US Team led by Carl Michel and hosted very warmly and generously by the Rotary Clubs of Canterbury, Camberwell, Castlemaine, Bendigo Strathdale, Central Melbourne Sunrise, Carlton and Melton Valley. I was delighted to express the gratitude of the GSE Committee toward the sponsoring clubs of our team: Balwyn, Melbourne, Carlton, Melton Valley and Altona.

It was a fabulous evening and a very fitting climax and celebration of a marvelous GSE Exchange for the 2015 Rotary year. Perhaps one of the many highlights has been the close relationship between the Australian and US Teams demonstrated clearly by the support and friendship shown for each other in both countries. Peter Frueh announced on the night that both teams have agreed to collaborate in an ongoing future program related to combatting family violence, through an annual professional exchange of a selected professional in this sector, to learn and contribute successful initiatives in both countries in a special exchange. This was a very appropriate announcement to highlight the evening and reflect the vocational benefit of the GSE Program.



**Photos: The GSE Team: Latasha Slocombe, Tom Mitchell, Joni Pirovich and Jacqui Dickenson
Team Leader, DGN Peter Frueh introducing the team
Irene and DG Murray Verso with Point Gellibrand President Ron Coleman**

Closure of two Rotary Clubs

By DG Murray Verso

Sadly, two District 9800 Rotary Clubs are about to cease operating and return their charter certificates to Rotary International.

The Rotary Club of Sunshine will officially resign from Rotary on 15th June 2015, the 59th anniversary to the day that the club received its charter from R.I. The Rotary Club of Moonee Valley, chartered on 27th May 1998, will cease to function on 1st July 2015 after serving its local community and beyond for 17 years. In recent years, both clubs have suffered from declining membership and an inability to find office bearers to keep them functioning.

The “*Last Hurrah*” for the Sunshine Club was a dinner held at Club Italia in St Albans. Representatives from seven Rotary Clubs and the local Lions Club joined past and present members to celebrate the club’s fine history of achievement. Each of the twelve remaining members was invited to the microphone to reminisce about what Rotary had meant to them. The average length of service of the surviving members was 27 years. Charter member PP Ray Carlton, aged 94, spoke about the early years of the club.

Around 50 people, including, past and present members, attended a farewell luncheon for the Rotary Club of Moonee Valley at The Leveson Function Centre in North Melbourne. Five of the remaining ten club members were charter members when the club began with 36 members in 1998. A highlight of the function was a very professional slide and video presentation of the club’s history.

The remaining members of both clubs have every reason be proud of their personal commitment to Rotary and their club’s service achievements. They are now in the process of looking for other Rotary clubs to join.

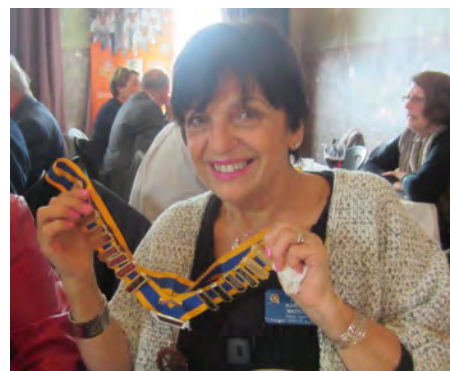


Photos: PDG John Davis (from sponsor club Footscray), Ray Carlton (charter member, RC Sunshine) DG Murray Verso

Sunshine RC President Peter Schultheiss returns charter and chains of office to DG Murray

Sunshine members reminiscing

Moonee Valley President Marlene Watson removes chains of office



Solar Power comes to Tanna Island

By Tony Thomas, Rotary Club of Central Melbourne-Sunrise

Down with kerosene! Go solar electric! That's how Melbourne Rotary Club is helping people on Tanna Island, Vanuatu to lift their living standards and health.



The club is financing solar power there through community micro-loans. They've done this so successfully that Arlington RC, Texas templated the system for solar-light conversions in Honduras, involving USD30,000.

Remarkably, the same entrepreneur is behind both the Vanuata and Solomon projects – Stewart Craine, a Sydney-based Australian who co-founded Barefoot Power for affordable solar energy in the third world. Stewart on-lends to villagers and handles the repayments.

Melbourne RC solar project manager Wolfgang Kissel says Craine initially sought funding for African villages, outside Melbourne RC's reach, but the club switched him to Vanuatu where it was already running a school book project.

The funds go initially to solar-powered LED lamps in place of fire-dangerous and polluting kerosene lamps. Next stage becomes solar stations in villages where locals can pay to recharge their solar lamps and mobile phones, rather than putting costlier panels on their own roofs.

Melbourne RC has lent \$40,000 in four tranches to Craine for Tanna Island. He's paying 5-10% interest

and in 2012 paid back capital and interest on the first \$10,000. He converted lamps from kerosene to solar for 500 households (2500 people). He also paid \$3000 interest on the other loans.

Last year Melbourne RC lent him \$10,000 to establish solar-powered machinery to process coconut meat for oil, and make cassava flour. Three of these agro-mills are now working in Vanuatu and four in PNG.

Dr Kissel says the small mills allow growers to get better prices than just for coconut and cassava fruit. "The machines do in minutes what would take villagers hours," he says. Other benefits are reduced imports of diesel and wheat flour.

The next stage will be to help Craine bring in bigger investors and put in solar lights for ten times more Tanna Island villages, virtually freeing them from kerosene imports.



Wolfgang says some people in the club ask, "Why loans? Isn't this risky? What about if we lose the money?" He replies that developing-country entrepreneurs take risks but also put their community reputation at stake, so they want to get it right. "To them, it's not just about money," he says. "Our club monitors the projects and gets quarterly reports."

This style of lending also attracts forward-looking young people to Rotary who want to help the social entrepreneurship movement. "The concept is important for Rotary's 21st Century future," he says. "Two billion people today live without electricity, in energy poverty. Any electricity they do get off-grid from petroleum-fueled generation costs them 20 times more per unit than what we pay. They need affordable solar power."

District 9800 Training Assembly



The District Assembly, held at Tabcorp Park in Melton on Sunday 17th May, was well attended and enjoyed by all participants.

DG Murray Verso set the tone of the day with an enthusiastic welcome, and DGE Julie Mason introduced the board and leadership team for 2015-2016.

Forum Sessions for the various Avenues of Service were informative, as were a variety of displays. Attendees took the opportunity to relax and chat during the lunch break, before the afternoon sessions for club officials.

President Daryl Leonard and the Rotary Club of Melton are to be congratulated on another well-run Assembly, from the welcome opening, right through to the "Happy Hour".



Our photos show Mandi Wendt of RC Melbourne Park, who gave a brilliant dissertation on "Social Media".

Julie Mason and the 2015-2016 Leadership Team, hamming it up for the audience.

Some of the displays: Donations-in-Kind, as always, had a prominent and enthusiastic presence.

“Grandma” Trish: a lifetime’s work with kids

By Tony Thomas, RC Central Melbourne-Sunrise

Loreto Sister Trish Franklin retires in July 2015 after 18 years running the Loreto Vietnam-Australia Program (LVAP) for poor and disadvantaged Vietnamese children.

The Program has been helped by Rotary Clubs across Australia. Many Loreto schools, other interested school bodies and an array of interested donors in Australia have continued to support Loreto Program in Vietnam. The Program has also received support from many corporate bodies within Vietnam. With Trish’s retirement, the Program will be run by her Vietnamese team.

One remote “kindergarten” she came across was a shack previously used for buffalos. LVAP improvements to such conditions typically include 3 – 4 classrooms for children of kindergarten age, toilets attached to each classroom, safe electricity systems, each room well resourced with educational supplies and a kitchen and eating area to ensure that the kindergarten children have at least two nutritious meals per day.

Since the Loreto Program began in 1997, 30,000 children within 73 projects have been assisted to receive a positive, educational start in life, rather than living in abysmal poverty.

The children, who call her ‘grandma’ or ‘Ba’, also include vision or hearing impaired, multi-disabled, and intellectually challenged students.

“Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere,” says Trish, who has lived in Vietnam for 20 years.

Trish taught in Australia for 15 years and in 1984, was posted to Thailand to work in refugee camps. Within a few years she acquired a family of 235 unaccompanied kids. She moved to Ho Chi Minh City in 1995 and the program now has a Team of nine members/employees.

There are no Rotary Clubs in Vietnam itself and the Loreto Program helps fill the gap.

Trish has always had a warm welcome for Rotary visitors, such as 14 Ballarat RC members whom she took by bus and ferry to the project’s special school in Can Gio. They spent the morning on creative activities and games with these special-needs children.

Trish is pleased that nearly half, or 32, of Loreto’s projects have now reached the ‘sustainable’ stage, continuing with Government or local input. “I can tell when a project’s nearing sustainability because I see the people involved holding their heads up confidently.”

LVAP has donated over 1,600 new bicycles/helmets over the past 10 years. In April 2015 LVAP supplied bicycles and helmets to 95 children living so far from a Primary School in Chau Thanh District, Tra Vinh Province. One child burst into tears, saying, “I’m so happy with this new bike and helmet”.

The children receive “School Packs” which include uniforms and shoes, otherwise they are not confident to turn up at school. Heirisson Island RC near Perth coordinated a donation of \$10,000 that paid for 2,600 locally-made uniforms – a mere \$3.80 each.



Trish with a few of her hundreds of small Viet friends

Loreto Program also assists poor, local Primary Schools to have Computer Rooms. Children are customarily taught typing on a paper key board. “They are awed by a real computer but within an hour or two they’re surfing the net,” Trish says.

She’s found blind children excel at singing and music, because of their alertness to sound. They also receive intensive English lessons because English can lead to a career path.

Every month the Team organises pony riding for kids from the School for the Blind. “As the pony starts to walk a few steps, the nervous kids become so excited they don’t want to get off and keep begging for another circuit,” she says.

“When we do reconnaissance trips we come across indescribable poverty. Even where there’s a school, kids may attend only two hours per day and most of these schools runs three shifts.”

Trish has been awarded three medals from the Vietnamese Government – one of them the “Friendship Amongst Nations” medal. She was also awarded an Order of Australia in 2005 (AO), and an Honorary Doctorate in 2013 from Peter Cosgrove, Chancellor of the Australian Catholic University at that time.

She says, “My real reward is to see the children go on to higher education, and get jobs and a better life because of the meaningful, educational background they received in their childhood.”

Community Anzac Day Awards

By Bryan Griffiths, Rotary Club of Rochester

A number of awards were presented to members of Rochester and District at a recent community Dinner conducted by R S L Rochester, as part of activities to commemorate 100 years of the landing of troops at Gallipoli.

The purpose of the award was to recognize future community leaders, along with people for their current work in fields that they are involved in.

Winners of "The Spirit" Award ranged from primary school students through to adult members of the community.

Rotary Club of Rochester is most pleased to acknowledge the achievements of two members who were presented with "The Spirit" Award for their work in the Rochester community: Heather Watson and Graeme Nelson.

Congratulations to Rotarians Heather Watson and Graeme Nelson on being acknowledged in this way for their work in the Rochester community.



DG Murray hits the Air-waves



DG Murray Verso was recently the co-host of the 'Rotary In Action' program on 96.5 Inner FM.

Host Jill Weeks (RC Hawthorn) interviewed DG Murray about his year as DG, the highlights of his year, Australian Rotary Health, his recent trip to Turkey and other Rotary activities.

Jane Stott (RC Yarra Bend) is the other D9800 representative on the weekly 'Rotary In Action' radio hour on 96.5 Inner FM.

ROTARIAN ACTION GROUPS

A Rotarian Action Group is an autonomous group of Rotarians, family members, program participants and alumni who are experts in a particular field, such as microcredit or water and sanitation. Group members share their expertise by [collaborating with clubs and districts](#) on service projects.

For example:

- The Rotarian Action Group for Population Growth & Sustainable Development partnered with Rotary clubs in Germany, Austria, and Nigeria to reduce maternal death by 50 percent at 10 hospitals in northern Nigeria with a program to prevent and treat obstetric fistula, a serious birth injury.



- Rotarians for Family Health & AIDS Prevention and Rotary club members from Nigeria, Kenya, and Uganda sponsored a three-day event to provide HIV testing and counseling for more than 138,000 people.
- Read about other action groups and their inspiring service in the [Rotarian Action Groups annual report](#).

HOW ROTARIAN ACTION GROUPS OPERATE

☒ _ Each group functions independently of Rotary International establishing its own rules, dues requirements, and administrative structure.

☒ _ Membership is open to Rotarians, their family members as well as participants and alumni of all Rotary and Foundation programs.

☒ _ Rotarian Action Groups must adopt Rotary International's standard bylaws and operate in accordance with Rotary policy.

☒ _ Rotarian Action Groups regularly collaborate with clubs and districts on service projects in their area of specialty.

☒ _ Rotarian Action Groups can help clubs and districts obtain funding or other assistance for their service projects.



BENEFITS OF ROTARIAN ACTION GROUPS

☒ _ By joining a Rotarian Action Group, you can engage in meaningful service activities outside your own club, district, or country.

☒ _ By partnering with a Rotarian Action Group, your club or district gains the support of experts for planning and implementing a project.



www.rotary.org/actiongroups

Rotary Fellowships

Rotary Fellowships are groups of Rotarians who:

- Share a common interest in recreational activities, sports, hobbies, or professions
- Further their vocational development with others in the same profession or field
- Enhance their Rotary experience by exploring new opportunities and making connections around the world

HOW ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS OPERATE

- Each fellowship functions independently of Rotary International, establishing its own rules, dues requirements, and administrative structure.
- Membership is open to Rotarians, spouses of Rotarians, and Rotaractors.
- Fellowships must have an international scope, with active members in at least three countries.

BENEFITS OF ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS

- Enable Rotarians to make lasting friendships outside their own club, district, or country
- Contribute to the advancement of Rotary's public image and identity
- Serve as an incentive for joining Rotary and for continuing as a member

List of Rotary Fellowships:

<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/rotary-fellowships>

The International Fellowship Cycling to Serve is a group of Rotarians dedicated to promoting cycling as an opportunity for fellowship.



The objectives of our Fellowship are to develop and promote world-wide friendship through cycling both competitive and touristic; to serve the community locally, nationally and internationally through cycling activities; to promote international understanding and peace through cycling activities.

Main activities are the organisation of the annual Fellowship Cycling to Serve World Championships, the organisation of a 4-days touristic cycling event and the organisation of local cycling events.

This site is the passionate Rotarian cycling fan's first port of call for all the news about our events and a place to share ideas and experiences.

For a photo impression of recent activities click [here](#) and [here](#).

Welcome, Rotarian wine enthusiasts, to the **Wine Appreciation Fellowship**. We invite you to join one of the most enjoyable, wine related social groups in existence. Our objective is to learn more about wine, wine and food pairings and any other topics related to the appreciation of wine so that our own appreciation of good wine will be enhanced. We will accomplish that by sharing our own knowledge and experiences and by learning from the many wine experts and knowledgeable Rotarians throughout the world.



We want you to become actively involved in our fellowship and to share your tasting notes and wine experiences. The Wine Appreciation Fellowship is a wonderful learning tool for those who are interested in expanding their knowledge and sharing ideas regarding all aspects of wine appreciation.

The fellowship has an email newsletter and members are encouraged to visit our interactive wine website frequently for updates, features, articles and information on wine events and trips. Annual meetings are held at the RI International Conventions. Correspondence will be accomplished primarily by email. We look forward to having many new members and fellow wine enthusiasts. We also encourage our members to form RWAF local chapters in their areas of the world and to do service projects.

In Vino Veritas, Conrad C. Heede, PDG
President <http://www.rotarywine.net>

Notices and Events

Turia Pitt's Major Fundraiser for Interplast

Turia Pitt is an Australian mining engineer, burns survivor, motivationalist and author. Pitt was competing in an ultra-marathon through WA's Kimberley region in 2011 when she was caught in a bushfire. She suffered extensive burns to 80 per cent of her body including the loss of four fingers from her left hand and her right thumb, and for some time was not expected to survive.

Pitt was named the NSW Premier's Woman of the Year and she was a finalist for Young Australian of the Year. She is an Ambassador for Interplast, and she graced the cover of The Australian Women's Weekly, which attracted world wide media attention.

She is also a humanitarian, and raised close to \$200,000 for Interplast by taking on a section of the Great Wall of China in 2014 and , walking Peru's Inca trail in 2015 in sponsored challenges.

Join Turia for a cocktail party to remember at Hilton Melbourne South Wharf on **June 19th** at 7.00 pm. Tickets are \$120 each and include drinks, canapés . All money raised will support Interplast's life-changing work in Laos and PNG.

Tickets at www.trybooking.com/HGFS or contact Leon Lewi 0419 354 313



RYPEN

The Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment is a Rotary sponsored District New Generations program. Year ten and eleven students, from schools across District 9800 attend a weekend long camp designed at developing their potential through a mixture of lecture style sessions and adventure-based learning.

Its aim is to communicate to young people a series of ideas, problems and social experiences which will assist them in forming their own values and moral standards. A program of thought provoking speakers, social situations and personal challenges is offered. District 9800 Rotaractors act as facilitators for the camp, leading groups of students and running the sessions.

A Rotary club acts as the host club for the camp and provides the catering for the weekend while enjoying an excellent fellowship opportunity for its members. Camps are held in October and March each year.

Dates for 2015: **17-19 OCTOBER** 2015 closing date for applicants: 19th September

Location: Weekaway, Kitchenhams Road, Lancefield

Cost per participant: \$385 per participant (incl GST).

If you need to know more about RYPEN, a member of the committee would be pleased to talk to your club or committee about sponsoring a student, or being the host club.

- See more at: <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.com.au/news/1595#sthash.XOTjFFHb.dpuf>

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ROTARY D9800 CHANGE-OVER EVENING

DG Changeover: Murray Verso to Julie Mason

Saturday June 27th at 6.30pm

Ultima Function Centre Corner Keilor Park Drive and Ely Court Keilor

\$70 per head: 3 course meal, inclusive of beer, wine and soft drinks

ENTERTAINMENT: The Barking Dogs and The Salvation Army Band

DRESS CODE: **Formal**

RSVP June 12th - Ross Smith Mobile: 0418 692 329

Email: ross.smith@manorcourt.org.au

Download registration at:

<http://rotarydistrict9800.com.au/images/DGChangeoverInvite.doc>



Access to the Probus travel insurance product had been extended to Rotarians.

Probus South Pacific Limited (PSPL) are pleased to announce the NEW ON LINE QUOTE SYSTEM located on the Probus website.

Should you wish to proceed please print and attach your quote to your completed application form and email, post or fax your application to us.

Visit the Probus website for a quote today:

http://www.probusouthpacific.org/pages/travel_insurance_apply

Don't hesitate to contact your dedicated Probus Support Team; your first point of contact; our staff mem-



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Welcome New Members

Congratulations to these clubs on the induction of new members in May:

Echuca/Moama: Ian Brooksby, Elricia Schoeman and Ray Steele

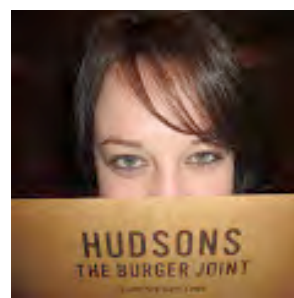
Melbourne Park: Mark Frueh and Aleksandra Hytyk

Melbourne: Joseph Ebbage, Carol Holden, David Ali and Deborah Seifert

North Balwyn: Peter Wilson

Laverton Point Cook: Shaun Davidge

We know that's Joseph Ebbage on the top right, and we "did a Google" to find Elricia Schoeman: is that really her below? What a pity more clubs don't have a camera handy ;-)



Letters to the Editor

Dear Clarice

Hello. I just wanted to say Well done on another great edition of Networker!

The amount of information and detail relevant to what Rotary does always blows my mind. And you have done very successfully once again.

Reading it on my phone is just so handy....

So thank you....and keep up the excellent work!

Cheers,

Sandi Fulcher

RC Chadstone/East Malvern

(Clarice is on long-service leave. You can follow her on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/ClariceCaricare>)



Dates for your Diary

District Governor Changeover

27th June, 2015 DG Murray Verso hands over the reins to Julie Mason. Ultima Function Centre Corner Keilor Park Drive and Ely Court Keilor
\$70 per head: 3 course meal, inclusive of beer, wine and soft drinks

The 2015 Rotary Success Conference and Youth Summit

will be held at the Hellenic Club, Canberra on **5 – 6 September 2015**. This conference is an affordable conference as the price of \$120 per person covers, morning teas, lunch, afternoon tea and the Saturday night dinner. It will commence at 8.30am on the Saturday morning and conclude at 12.30pm on the Sunday.

Register now at:

<http://www.rotaryd9710.org.au/success-conference.html>

Our Contributors



District Governor Dr Murray Verso is a long-time Rotarian and a retired General Practitioner.



When not keeping an honest eye on the national broadcaster, Tony Thomas blogs at [No B-S Here \(I Hope\)](#)



Mandi Wendt is a proud young Rotarian with more Facebook friends than you can imagine.



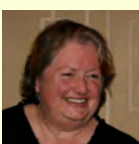
Bryan Griffiths, PE of Rochester Rotary Club, sends us great articles from the country.



Ted Haydon of Keilor RC loves Rotary and motor cars. We suspect he also loves doing handbrake turns.



Kevin Love always drives carefully, and is involved in the Police Mentoring Programme.



Heather Welsh is one of the energetic movers and shakers in the nine-member Rotary Club of Caulfield.



John McCaskill is GSE Chairman. He plays golf among the kangaroos at the beautiful Anglesea Golf Course. Fore!

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Booking details to follow in the next edition of RDU and Rotary on the Move.

District 9800		Attendance		Membership				
		April-15		At July 1	April-15			
		No. of	Month		Start	End	Net gain /loss	% change
Club	Cluster	Mtgs	%					
Melbourne Pk	Heritage	3	66%	29	33	35	6	20.7%
Balwyn	Eastside	5	60%	59	69	70	11	18.6%
Wyndham	Chirnside	4	82%	31	36	36	5	16.1%
Altona City	Hobsons B	3	69%	21	24	24	3	14.3%
Bendigo-S'dale	GoldfieldsS			22		25	3	13.6%
Melton Valley	Westside	4	87%	16	18	18	2	12.5%
Woodend	Calder	4	61%	17	19	19	2	11.8%
Brunswick	Heritage			19		21	2	10.5%
Hoppers Crossing	Chirnside	5	63%	20	22	22	2	10.0%
Essendon N	Gateway E	5	59%	23	25	25	2	8.7%
Albert Park	Port Phillip			58		63	5	8.6%
Collingwood	Heritage	4	60%	14	15	15	1	7.1%
Gisborne	Calder			28		30	2	7.1%
Port Melbourne	Port Phillip	3	79%	15	16	16	1	6.7%
Richmond	Heritage	2	50%	31	33	33	2	6.5%
Brighton North	Beachside	5	77%	48	51	51	3	6.3%
Footscray	Gateway E	4	58%	48	51	51	3	6.3%
Bendigo Next Gen	GoldfieldsS			17		18	1	5.9%
Yarra Bend	Riverside	5	77%	19	21	20	1	5.3%
Glenferrie	Riverside	4	63%	40	40	42	2	5.0%
Point Gellibrand	Hobsons B			26		27	1	3.8%
Malvern	Stonnington	5	59%	30	31	31	1	3.3%
Bendigo South	GoldfieldsS			34		35	1	2.9%
Castlemaine	Calder	5	69%	34	35	35	1	2.9%
Eaglehawk	GoldfieldsS	4	90%	36	37	37	1	2.8%
Essendon	Gateway E			63		64	1	1.6%
North Balwyn	Eastside	5	83%	73	73	74	1	1.4%
Melbourne	Batman	5	61%	233	232	235	2	0.9%
Altona	Hobsons B	4	63%	26	26	26	0	0.0%
Bendigo	GoldfieldsN	4	67%	66	66	66	0	0.0%
Brighton Beach	Beachside	4	57%	21	21	21	0	0.0%
Camberwell	Eastside	5	75%	75	75	75	0	0.0%
Carlton	Heritage	3	90%	37	37	37	0	0.0%
Caulfield	Beachside	4	75%	10	10	10	0	0.0%
Docklands	Batman			6		6	0	0.0%
Echuca-Moama	GoldfieldsN	4	81%	23	20	23	0	0.0%
Fitzroy	Heritage	3	55%	22	22	22	0	0.0%
Flemington	Gateway E			29		29	0	0.0%
Glen Eira	Beachside			18		18	0	0.0%
North Melbourne	Batman			20		20	0	0.0%
Prahran	Stonnington			26		26	0	0.0%
Southbank	Batman			22		22	0	0.0%
Sunshine	Gateway W	4	73%	12	12	12	0	0.0%
Toorak	Stonnington	3	56%	24	24	24	0	0.0%
Tullamarine	Gateway W	4	48%	10	10	10	0	0.0%
West Footscray	Gateway E			21		21	0	0.0%
Yarraville	Hobsons B			14		14	0	0.0%
Brighton	Beachside			110		109	-1	-0.9%

Kew	Riverside			52		51	-1	-1.9%
Hawthorn	Riverside	4	91%	48	47	47	-1	-2.1%
Central Melb.S'rise	Batman	4	68%	46	45	45	-1	-2.2%
Kyneton	Calder			42		41	-1	-2.4%
Keilor	Gateway W	4	77%	38	38	37	-1	-2.6%
Werribee	Chirnside	4	81%	38	38	37	-1	-2.6%
Bacchus Marsh	Westside			36		35	-1	-2.8%
Melton	Westside			26		25	-1	-3.8%
Canterbury	Eastside	3	51%	50	48	48	-2	-4.0%
Keilor East	Gateway W	3	85%	41	39	39	-2	-4.9%
Bendigo S'hurst	GoldfieldsN			59		56	-3	-5.1%
Boroondara	Eastside	3	67%	15	14	14	-1	-6.7%
Kangaroo Flat	GoldfieldsS	4	57%	30	29	28	-2	-6.7%
Brimbank Central	Gateway W	5	70%	29	29	27	-2	-6.9%
Williamstown	Hobsons B			29		27	-2	-6.9%
Chadstone / EMalv	Stonnington	5	82%	54	50	50	-4	-7.4%
Moonee Valley	Gateway E	5	62%	11	10	10	-1	-9.1%
Melbourne South	Port Phillip			20		18	-2	-10.0%
Rochester	GoldfieldsN	4	66%	9	8	8	-1	-11.1%
Laverton Pt Cook	Chirnside	5	83%	23	19	20	-3	-13.0%
E-Club of Melb	Batman	4	65%	13	11	11	-2	-15.4%
Daylesford	Westside	5	71%	24	20	20	-4	-16.7%
St Kilda	Port Phillip	3	71%	12	7	7	-5	-41.7%
No. of Clubs Reporting			47		47			
No. of Members				2441		2464	23	0.9%
% Average of Those Reported			69.3%					
Clubs Reporting Attendance			66%					
Clubs Reporting Membership						66%		

