

The Networker

Rotary District 9800

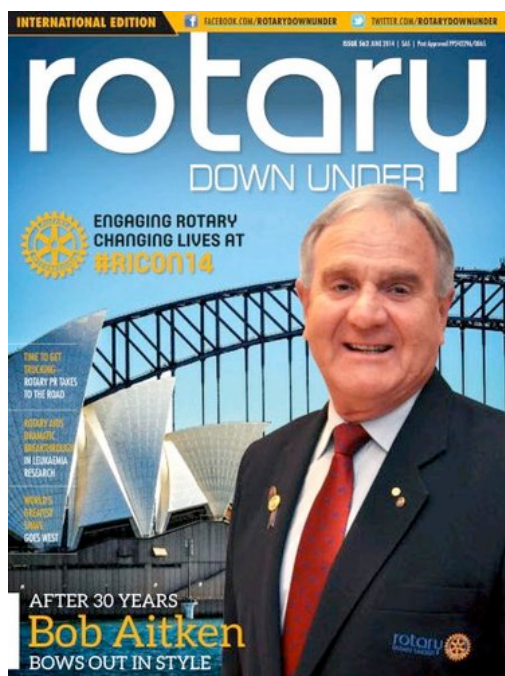


Rotary Friends and Friends of Rotary,

"Being a Rotarian is a shared experience and like attending a Rotary club meeting, reading our Rotary magazine is an essential part of that shared experience."

—Ron Burton, RI President 2014-2014

Last month, we celebrated Literacy Month and this month, we reflect on how through reading we can improve our knowledge of Rotary. Everything in our lives depends on consistent, accurate and constant communication. We receive Rotary communications regularly through our club bulletins, emails from various sources, our Club & District websites, this District Newsletter and most importantly our regional magazine, *Rotary Down Under*.



April is Rotary Magazine Month



As part of our Rotary membership all Rotarians receive a Rotary magazine. Some members opt to receive the RI publication, "*The Rotarian*", used in North America and in other parts of the world but the preferred option in Australia is *Rotary Down Under (RDU)*. *RDU* represents the complete education and resource tool for Rotarians in Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific.

Spending 30 minutes each month reading the monthly magazine makes Rotarians more knowledgeable about Rotary and better equipped to promote the organisation to friends, family workmates and others. The *RDU* magazine is also a great source of ideas for new and worthwhile service projects and ideas on how to make our clubs more effective. It can also trigger debate and discussion as well as remind us of the value of fun and fellowship In Rotary.

Rotary Down Under was established as a regional magazine in 1965 but remained a complementary publication to the official magazine of Rotary International – *The Rotarian* – until 1978. In that year it became the world's first Rotary regional

magazine to gain full recognition. Though *The Rotarian* is still the flagship publication of Rotary International, *RDU* is now one of 32 regional magazines distributed in more than 130 countries and written in 25 languages. These magazines provide a direct link between Rotary International and all its clubs. They share the information and stories every Rotarian needs to read.

When you have finished reading your magazines, please do not dispose of them. Collect as many as possible from club members and recycle them. Place them anywhere that people are likely to read them, such as in dental surgeries, doctors' surgeries, hair dressers, schools, libraries, coffee shops etc. Doing this provides an opportunity for non-Rotarians to read about our programs. And don't forget to pass them onto your local Interact or Rotaract Club.



If we want to promote Rotary to others, we need to be well informed. Our Rotary magazines remind us that as Rotarians we are part of something larger than ourselves. They show us just how much we can achieve through Rotary and how we can



"Light Up Rotary". Please take the time each month to read through your copy of *Rotary Down Under* or *The Rotarian* and share it with others.

2015 District 9800 Conference: On behalf of the organizing committee and the host club, the Rotary Club of Williamstown, I would like to thank those of you attended the District Conference in Hobart. It was a wonderful few days with many fine speakers, fabulous entertainment and many memorable moments – afternoon tea at Government House, forming a human End Polio sign and singing *"I am You are We are Rotarians"* to name a few. We laughed, we cried, we were informed and we were inspired to take action. Thank you to everyone who sent messages of appreciation and congratulations. Elsewhere in *The Networker* you will find a collection of photographs from the conference.

Irene and I would like to wish all Rotarians and their families a very Happy Easter. We hope that you will stay safe and have some time out for rest and relaxation with your loved ones, some good fun and of course plenty of chocolate!

Murray Verso

District Governor 2014-2015

Photos: Exchange Students (top)

Workshop Speakers Mandi, Nicole and Holly

2015 District 9800 Conference



DG Murray Verso, surrounded by Keynote Speakers: David Galbally AM.QC, Rabia Siddique, Professor Kathryn North AM, Steve Bracks AC, Saul Eslake and Kirsty McKellar.



We had it all in Hobart: Wrest Point, End Polio, MC Ian Cover, Anne Scott OAM and her Service Above Self Award, DG Murray Presenting John Lord of Caulfield RC with the Attendance Award, Bob Slater AM with the Vocational Service Award, DG Murray and RIPR Antonio Rufino exchanging gifts, the GSE Team from USA, the Bikers and Exchange Students.



The entertainment was great, with Kiwi Magician Jonathan Usher and Queen of Pop, Colleen Hewitt being the stars of the Gala Dinner. Photographer Bronwyn Fanning was caught lying down on the job.

See Bronwyn's photos at

<https://plus.google.com/u/o/photos/117883203616490859068/albums/6129319021070166481?cfem=1&authkey=CLL98LW73LTwDQ>

More photos at:

<https://picasaweb.google.com/106224275621582639712/District9800Conference2015?authkey=Gv1sRgCOKEmY2qIKWfvAE>

Rotary Youth Exchange

By Meryem Aksakal, D2430, Turkey

Exchange Student Meryem Aksakal addressed the District 9800 Conference in March. This is an excerpt from her speech, which appears in full at <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/news/12289>

Hello! My name is Meryem Aksakal. I am on exchange from Rotary District 2430 in Turkey and I am hosted by the Rotary Club of Keilor East.

I didn't really have a reason to come to Australia. A Rotarian from my Club put the idea into my head because of the Gallipoli Centenary. I didn't know what it would be like. I only knew Australia was a big island and it was full of kangaroos. My English teacher told me I would make my English accent worse. But I didn't listen to her and now I am in the middle of a spectacular exchange experience with you.

I came here with no English. I was looking at people's faces and smiling. I had no idea what they were saying, but now I am an expert in slang.

I know what Bogans are, what a dunny is and what it means to put a sock in it.

This year is a special Rotary exchange because of the Centenary of Gallipoli. This is why I am here. In January, the Rotary Club of Keilor East sponsored Brendan Mansell from Hoppers Crossing to Turkey for a 12 month exchange.

Something very special for me will be ANZAC Day at the Shrine of Remembrance. Just like something special for Brendan will be the commemoration at Gallipoli.

Brendan and I will never know if (our ancestors) George and Ahmet swapped bullets or cigarettes, with each other.

But I am sure they could never have imagined that 100 years later, their descendants would be exchanging lives, families and cultures with each other.

Thank you for this wonderful opportunity.

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Students share link with Anzacs

Linh Ly

A CROSS-COUNTRY exchange program is emblematic of youths' commitment to keeping the Anzac spirit front of mind.

Sixteen-year-olds Brendan Mansell and Meryem Aksakal will trade countries for a year to immerse themselves in the history of Gallipoli, where their ancestors fought during World War I.

Meryem, from Turkey, has lived with host families in Keilor East and Moonee Ponds for four months as part of Rotary Club of Keilor East's exchange program.

"It's really different from my country, so I'm just trying to adapt to Australia," she said.

"It's a different culture, different people and different friends. It's hard but it's a very good experience for me."

Meryem said she wanted to strengthen ties between Turkey and Australia, a motivation she garnered while marking the centenary of the war at Gallipoli, where her great-great-grandfather died.

Brendan, of Hoppers Crossing, said he was feeling excited about leaving for Meryem's home city of Ankara in January. He will stay with host families and attend school during his 12-month visit.

"I'm hoping to grow morally and physically from my experience and basically learn from it and become a better person," he said.

Brendan's great-great-grandfather, George Henry Mansell Sr, was a medical stretcher-bearer who served on the Western Front, at Gallipoli and in the Boer War.

"Australia's such a nice and kind place," he said.

"Without the Anzac spirit and the related behaviours, Australia wouldn't be how it is."

Brendan Mansell and Meryem Aksakal will benefit from an Anzac-themed Rotary exchange.

Picture: ADAM ELWOOD

Seeds of Peace

By Adrian Campbell, RC Camberwell

The Rotary **Seeds of Peace** project, an Anzac Day 2015 Centenary initiative in all the secondary schools of Boroondara, is being sponsored and supported by the local community Rotary Clubs of Boroondara.

The objective of Seeds of Peace is to commemorate this special Anzac Day milestone, to build awareness of this Centenary, to encourage students to use this event to write peace essays, and to build youth peace leadership recognition within schools and the community.

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District Governor Murray Verso welcomes the Seeds of Peace youth ambassadors to the pre-trip Workshop at International House, Melbourne University on 1st March 2015

All Boroondara secondary schools were invited to take part, with 7 students finally selected (based on their peace essay submission) to travel to Gallipoli as 'peace scholars' or peace youth ambassadors in April 2015, accompanied by Rotary appointed trip leader(s).

At the conclusion of their trip, a Seeds of Peace book will be published to record their essays, their photos, and their reflections on visiting the Anzac battlefield sites, that is so engrained in Australian history, and it is anticipated that these books will be placed at the

National War Memorial, Shrine, local council, and various school libraries.

The Australian Federal Government has recognised the Seeds of Peace project with Boroondara Rotary Clubs, by awarding a special Government grant, to help provide the community commemoration elements of the project

The Seeds of Peace group depart for Turkey on 16th April, and will also attend a Rotary Gallipoli Peace Conference in Istanbul while they are in Turkey.

Apart (November 1915)

By Angela Dawson

*She waits, in the brisk industry of a November day,
Keeping the home fires burning, serving the meals on-time;
She waits, on a Spring day, that has been made empty by his leaving.*

He waits, in the biting chill of an Autumn Turkish dawn,
The insinuated warmth of a lit cigarette, his gun flinty and cold in his hand;
He waits, feeling her loss like a page torn from his thoughts of home.

*Her jasmine blossom blows and falls like pink confetti,
Trails a lush perfume through the garden in the Spring afternoon.
Inside, the house is full of congenial chatter, of women sewing shirts for the war effort,
Of industrious knitting and purling of wool, for the hearts and the hands of their fighting men.*

His denuded landscape hangs with morning mist at The Ridge,
All shattered dirt and frosted mud, dun earth, divested of all living things,
Men rising like spectres, or humped where they fell.
In a war of cold and hunger, heat and thirst, there is no time for burials;
Digging is a task so the living can hide.

*A wireless hums in the dim parlour as she lifts her eyes
To a darkening sky under which he also waits somewhere;
She will be patient, she will not give him up;
Not while the night completes another day he has lived.*

He gives himself up to Providence and fleet of foot, watching his sky
Made terrible by the bombardment, the flash and spark of bullet strikes, the snap of rifles;
There is no rest in the smothering dark when it's raining lead and shrapnel.
Star-shells burst in the night sky, in the din of perpetual siege,
But his fear keeps him sharp, keeps him alive for another day.

*By ambient light of the stove's embers she knits by touch and memory,
His shape a pattern she can construct so easily.
He will wear this on his return, she tells herself, the yarn pulled tightly by her expectation,
The garment becoming the enduring proof of her belief,
And her faith, that by sheer will, she can keep him alive.*

In the lining of his coat he keeps her image close in the left breast pocket,
Over his heart, to calm his quickening pulse when the whistle sounds.
He will see her again, and soon; that is his truth.

*She waits in the bruising heartache of these endless
days,
Lying on her side of the bed, rolling bandages at her
kitchen table.*

He waits under a coffin of sky, lying in damp
trenches,
Hasty dug-outs, shallow pits and holes.

There is only waiting now, and expectation; of battles lost, and battles won.
There is only chance, and luck, and held breath, and waiting for his return.



Busy Feet - Melton

By Annette Butterworth, Rotary Club of Melton Valley

BusyFeet Melton - City of Melton Community Project of the year - A big, big winner and Program of the Rotary Club of Melton Valley.

BusyFeet is about expanding horizons with Dance, music and movement for children with intellectual and physical disabilities. The children range in age from 5 - 15 and are all respected for their individual capabilities. The Rotary Club of Melton Valley and the BusyFeet Melton Program are the very proud winners of the City of Melton 2015 Community Achievement Award for the Community Project of the Year.



This wonderful program was introduced 3 years ago by Rotarian Lin Hughes and the Rotary Club of Chadstone East Malvern based on the Dancability program from New South Wales. Their guidance and support has been significant and important in the initial launch of BusyFeet Melton and the Rotary Club of Melton Valley is most grateful for their assistance. BusyFeet became endorsed as a Rotary District 9800 Endorsed program last Rotary year and we would highly recommend other Rotary Clubs who wish to engage with their communities consider the BusyFeet program for their special children, there is very little support available for these families. BusyFeet Melton is the only program of its type in the City of Melton and the feedback from the parents and carers has been extremely positive.

BusyFeet classes in Melton are held on Saturday mornings 10.30am - 11.15am with a qualified dance teacher and volunteers who help the children giving them one on one support. We have a very supportive group of volunteers giving up their Saturday mornings for an hour to support our chil-

dren and we are all getting just as much out of the program as our children do. As always our aim is to ensure BusyFeet is a fun place for special children while providing parents and carers an opportunity to network and take a much needed break.



This Melton Valley Program was extremely lucky to be provided a brand new, professional dance studio free of charge for our use on Saturdays by Instyle Dance Company. We have 13 children registered at the moment and attending regularly each week along with Daisy our Assistance Dog and are always on the lookout for more volunteers so we can introduce this wonderful program to more children.

The program has received strong support from the City of Melton, The Club Caroline Springs and Instyle Dance Company to enable this program to become established and to grow to deliver a special program to some very special children.



Women friends raise \$400,000 for cancer

By Tony Thomas, RC Central Melbourne Sunrise

Rotary networks lead to some extraordinary outcomes in the community .

A group of 14 women with links to the Rotary Club of Essendon has raised almost \$400,000 for cancer research and care over the past 15 years through Relay for Life. The team, Brumby's Babes , was originally sponsored by an Essendon Rotary member who had three Brumbys bakery franchises.

For this year's Relay for Life at the Aberfeldie Athletics Track, the Brumby's Babes raised \$16,500. The team is funding leukemia and lymphoma research at the Peter McCallum Institute. The original 5 members of Brumby's Babes have each been awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship by the Rotary Club of Essendon.

The five include Sue Duras, wife of RC Central Melbourne-Sunrise member Peter Duras, who transferred from Essendon RC a year ago after moving to Southbank. Peter was on the original committee that set up Relay for Life at Aberfeldie, which was one of the first three relays to be launched in Australia.



free breakfasts for the participants in conjunction with the nearby IGA supermarket co-owned by member Roger Priestley . Roger received the Spirit of Moonee Valley Award for his generous support to the event over the years . The Club has also had a strong fun and fundraising team over the 15 years that Relay has been held at the Essendon venue. The Rotary Club of Essendon's PR savvy team captain , Michael

Mahoney , provided an eye-catching black and red blow-up marquee with distinctive Rotary signage.

The Pennisi team, well led by P.P. Sam Pennisi of the Rotary Club of Essendon North , has been another significant contributor , raising more than \$200,000 in the past 12 years . The Rotary Club of Broadmeadows has also taken part on a regular basis.

Numerous Relay for Life events are now held

throughout the world, often involving Rotary. The Essendon/Aberfeldie Relay was one of the first in Australia, and remains the most successful, having raised over \$3 million for the fight against cancer.

Photos: Top, Babes at 2015 Relay. Sue is far left.

Lower, Babes at a formal fundraiser.



Relay for Life is the world's largest fund raising event for cancer . Team members take turns to walk or run in the annual Relay over 24 hours.

The 43 teams who took part in this year's Relay at Aberfeldie raised over \$164,000.

There is a strong Rotary presence at Aberfeldie , with the Rotary Club of Essendon providing hundreds of

Vanuatu Disaster Relief

By DG Murray Verso



Many of our clubs have been wondering how they can help the people of Vanuatu who have lost their homes in the recent cyclone.

While there is a communications blackout in most of Vanuatu, reports suggest that more than a quarter of a million people could now be homeless as a result of the cyclone and that up to 90% of structures have been destroyed or damaged. Thousands of people are now sheltering in evacuation centres in the provinces of Efate, Torba and Penama.

A Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) Account was set up to enable Rotary Clubs and individuals to make tax deductible donations to the Vanuatu Disaster relief program.

Tax deductibility is granted through our "Rotary Australia Overseas Aid Fund" – ABN 21 388 376 554

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I encourage all clubs to consider using this to assist the Vanuatu community. Most of them do not have insurance so our aid will be a significant boost to them.

As well as this RAWCS initiative, Shelterbox has deployed an initial assessment team to Vanuatu and they will report back within a day or two on what resources are required in the various areas of the country. Shelterbox as an initial response to the disaster is extremely important along with the other NGOs and the Australian Government in getting response aid to the people to prevent exposure, before any rebuilding and recovery action is required. Shelterbox has a significant number of boxes ready to move from the prepositioned warehouses in Malaysia.



MULTI CULTURAL FESTIVAL IN NORTH BALWYN

By Tony Wells, RC North Balwyn

The main shopping strip North Balwyn was alive with the colour and sounds of our culturally diverse community on February 28th during a Multi-Cultural Festival organised by the RC North Balwyn and Traders in the Village.

The purpose of the Festival was to connect with members of the North Balwyn community, particularly those who are from a wide variety of national and cultural backgrounds, including many who are newly arrived in Australia.

The wide ranging program included Japanese drumming and workshop, Bollywood dancing, Sri Lankan music, Japanese card games and origami, mah-jong from China, Italian crafts and Greek coffee and cuisine.



An estimated three to four thousand people crowded the North Balwyn Village during the morning to enjoy themselves and experience aspects of multiculturalism in the suburb.

Three levels of Government, Federal State and local supported the event. The Assistant Treasurer and member for the local Federal electorate of Kooyong, Mr Josh Frydenberg; the State member for Kew, Mr Tim Smith and Boroondara Councillor and former Mayor Judith Voce all congratulated RC North Balwyn and the traders for seeking to engage residents in North Balwyn with different cultural backgrounds.

Mr Frydenberg opened the Festival and acknowledged and welcomed the contribution of the growing number of culturally diverse families to life in North Balwyn and the community more broadly.



National Youth Science Forum

By Izzy Dean, Canterbury Girls School

Before I set off to Canberra for the National Youth Science Forum, it would be a huge understatement to say I was apprehensive. There was no article I could read of other students' experiences and the people that I knew had attended were no help, telling me only to have fun. Consequently, I had no expectations for the NYSF, other than not knowing what to expect!

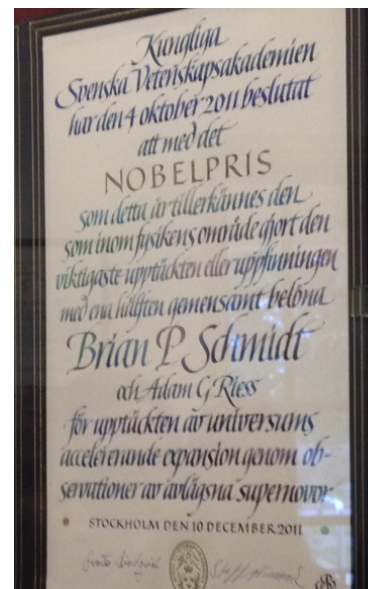
Although I had studied Units 3/4 Physics at school, the science that NYSF exposed me to was out of this world. I had six lab visits, focussing on physics. On the third day of camp, I had my first lab at ANU, where we saw a particle accelerator and played with the radioactivity of different objects such as black salt and smoke alarms. Our second lab for the day was basically playing with lasers and other cool experiments. My favourite two experiments from this lab were when we recreated the Photo Phone invented by Alexander Graham Bell, where we attached a radio to a membrane that vibrated from the sound waves. This membrane then connected to a mirror that reflected sunlight onto a receiving dish. I got to see, with my own eyes, light transporting information like music. My second favourite experiment was when we had six metronomes on a plank of wood, all starting at different times. We then lifted the plank of wood on to two coke cans, and soon enough, they were all clicking in time.



The next lab was a 45 minute bus ride to visit wind turbines! A few days after this lab, my group, Galileo, visited Mt Stromlo, which is where the notable Brian Schmidt provided evidence that the expansion of the universe is accelerating that won him the Nobel Prize for Physics in 2011, which we also saw! We then had a lecture from cosmologist Charley Lineweaver, where he talked about the possibility of other life forms!



The fifth lab was held at ANU's super computer, the second largest computer in the world. Our last lab was a highlight, as two science presenters from Questacon allowed us to play with liquid nitrogen for three hours, and we got to make explosions and play with superconductors.



Not only did we have inspiring labs, but we also had a Skype session with one of the most prominent physicists from CERN, which was such an amazing opportunity to ask questions about the Large Hadron Collider.

All the NYSF students attended multiple forums, including a forum about quantum mechanics which just completely blew my mind, a forum that concentrated on the ethics of science concentrating on the Orion Project that took place in the 1950s, and a multi-disciplinary panel of indigenous scientists who talked about minimising the gap between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians in terms of science education. Additionally, along with labs and forums, there were also year twelve preparation talks and university seminars, including public speaking practise and presentations from all the major universities, which I found incredibly relevant and helpful.

**Photos: The photo phone we recreated
Brian Schmidt's Nobel Prize!
ANU's Super Computer**



I dressed up with three of my friends as Earth, Water, Fire and Air.

However without the incredible social side of NYSF, I would not have had nearly half as much fun. Each week, we had many social outings, where, as a group, we did some sightseeing of the National Portrait Gallery, Parliament House and the Botanical Gardens. We then had hilarious nights of activities like the swing dance, which I was so terrible at so it was quite funny! A highlight for me was the disco, where we had to dress up in something science related.

Another aspect of NYSF was the formal dinners, including the Opening Ceremony, the Rotary Dinner and Science Dinner, which all had amazing guest speakers present, for example, Australia's chief scientist Professor Ian Chubb

welcomed us at the Opening Ceremony. As well as all these amazing social activities, we would have floor suppers every night, where our floor staffie, in my case Staffie Pat, would read a story or we would play a card game. It was such a lovely bonding experience to have with the people we were living with. I should also mention the 'Staffies,' who made the NYSF unforgettable with their enthusiasm and energy. The 'Staffies' were the young adults who looked after us at NYSF, involving us in fun activities, taking us to lectures and sharing their wisdom on university life. After all the exhausting activities, we were all so lucky to have a day to recuperate with our home hospitality, where our Rotary mum and dad would look after us. Throughout the entire experience, the most important part of NYSF was the group of students. Never have I ever met such considerate, open-minded, unique, intelligent and passionate people in my life. I know for sure that I have met friends for life through this camp, and I am so grateful.

From the camp I have a new calm surrounding me, I am not stressing about year twelve, because NYSF has given me a new perspective that year 12 is important, yet my ATAR does not define me. I have this new excitement, not only for science, but for ethics and improving the lives of human beings all over the world.

I would like to sincerely thank everyone that made my experience in Canberra possible, in particular my local Rotary club Hawthorn and my Rotary District 9800, the NYSF, my school Canterbury Girls' Secondary College and my family.



My Group: Galileo

International Women's Day Breakfast

By Gigi O'Donoghue



On 5th March Simon (my husband) and I attended the International Women's Day Breakfast at The Palladium at Crown, Southbank, Melbourne.

Dr Murray Verso District 9800 Governor 2014-15 welcomed us to the 4th Annual Women in Rotary Breakfast and presented IWD Program Women in Science Award to Despina Ganella who responded by saying diverse thinking is needed to solve the big issues in human health.

It was a very enjoyable and informative morning. The keynote address was Judge Frances Millane who spoke on the gender inequality amongst lawyers, barristers and judges.

Following this address was a Q & A panel chaired by the very articulate Geraldine Doogue who flew from Sydney. Her panel included Kate Jenkins (Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission) Prof Andrew Macleod (Good Super Australia) Mary Barry (CEO National Heart Foundation) Peta Searle (St Kilda Football Coach) and Tom Elliot (3AW Presenter)



The purpose of the discussion was to bring ideas for action and change on gender equality.

The panel came to the conclusion that gender inequality was narrowing however until society acknowledged carer equality meaning recognising men as carers also, gender equality would stay the same.

In conclusion, Women in Rotary strive to encourage a culture of gender diversity in our workplaces and in our communities.

Photos, from top:

Keynote Speaker, Judge Frances Millane

Paul Cranage and Gigi O'Donoghue

Q and A Session begins, as breakfast continues.

District Governor Nominee: Peter Frueh

The District Nominating Committee met to interview applicants for the position of District Governor for 2017-2018 and to appoint a Vice Governor for 2015-2016.

Peter Frueh from the Rotary Club of Balwyn was selected to follow DGE Julie Mason and DGN Neville John as the Governor of District 9800. Peter is currently an assistant governor and next month will lead the GSE Team going to District 6840 in Louisiana and Mississippi.

"The Networker" congratulates Peter, who will be known as the District Governor Nominee Designate until 1st July, and after that date he will become the District Governor Nominee.

Immediate Past District Governor Ross Butterworth was selected to be the Vice Governor during Julie Mason's year as Governor.

More about Peter Frueh:

<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.com.au/news/12114/peter-frueh-rotary-club-of-balwyn-elected-as-district>



A Long Way from Somalia

By Tony Thomas, RC Central Melbourne Sunrise

Abdullahi Alim, 22, a member of Perth's Rotary of Crawley (RoC), arrived from Somalia when he was 5, with zero English. He's come a long way since – last year he was in Los Angeles helping to run an international youth leadership program.

"My job was to coach seven college-aged kids through a series of workshops on goal-setting, time-management and standard leadership topics. There were great speakers – top celebrities, motivators and the pop stars the kids idealized.

"I was with two other coaches of my age from Rotary of Crawley. UWA sent us there and a club sponsor paid the flights."

Alim's been with the club since he was 19, and is inspired by projects including RoC's partnership with Lockridge High School. "Many kids there are from backgrounds where important aspects of family life are missing," he says. "I also like introducing speakers at club meetings."

Alim, who completed a finance degree last year, says Rotary of Crawley is designed for the 21st century. Most clubs are failing to tap the potential of young people like himself, who don't fit the traditional power group of older Anglo-Saxon males. The Crawley club is diverse in age, gender and ethnicity. He was spotted by Holly Ransom, who at 22 was the

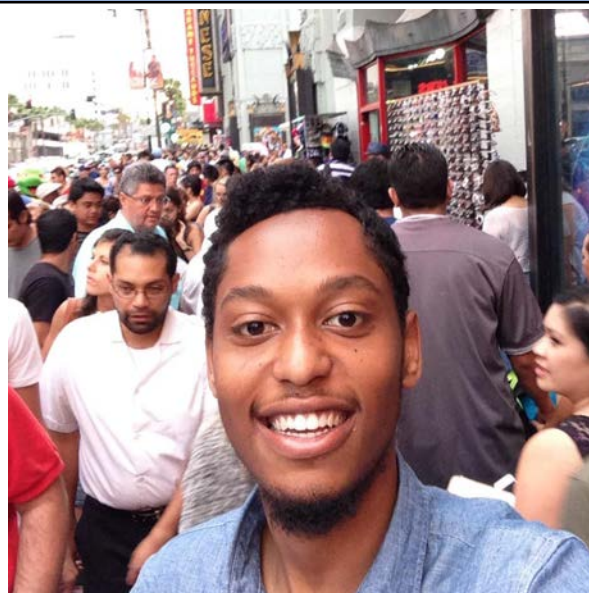


Photo: Abdullahi takes a selfie near the famous Grauman's Chinese Theatre in Hollywood Boulevard.

club's president and the world's youngest Rotary president. "She did a really good pitch" he jokes.

Everyone knows him as Alim rather than Abdullahi, his given name. "At the Islamic school I went to, if you asked for Abdullahi, 100 kids would put their hand up," he explains.

Rotary: Women helping Women – with a lot of help from Men

By Lyn Leonard, RC Melton

International Women's Day provides us with an opportunity to thank all of the Women Volunteers who devote so much time at West Footscray Donations In Kind and who are the backbone of the Store in many areas. Without their help the Store would not operate.

International Women's Day provides us with an opportunity to view what we are doing differently. The range of Rotary Projects is vast and we rarely think about the things we are doing from other people's perspectives. Rotary Australia World Community Service has taken the time to identify some of the overseas projects that specifically help Women www.rawcs.com.au search Projects / Advancing Women. However many of our projects help a range of people and often Girls and Women are major beneficiaries.

When is a neutral approach affirmative action for Women?

- When a new school is built to educate **all** of the Students – who benefits the most?
- When a toilet is built at a School or Market – who benefits the most?
- When a toilet is built in the Market– who benefits the most?
- When a hospital is built or equipped – who benefits the most? The reduction in death as a result of childbirth is often the most notable improvement
- When water is supplied to a Village – who benefits the most? In many rural communities in developing countries water has to be collected for the family and traditionally it's the girl's job to fetch it, which may take several hours. Often having to collect water is the main thing that prevents girls going to school.

As we all know there is a perception that Rotary is a "Boys Club" and unless we make an effort this will take a long time to change. This could be a good time for Clubs to list all of the things they are involved in where women benefit and to highlight them when you are talking to the public and potential Women Members. Ladies the Men hope you had a wonderful day and hope you received due recognition for the excellent work you are doing.

If you are looking for a project to help Women, contact Lyn Leonard 0428550574 or dik.vic.rotary@gmail.com



Business Breakfast at RACV

By Tony Thomas, RC Central Melbourne Sunrise

Qantas chairman Leigh Clifford provided a feast of bon mots at the first annual Business Breakfast of Rotary Club of Central Melbourne-Sunrise at the RACV on March 3. There were 108 attendees and the club raised \$2710 towards its Silk-Miller Scholarship scheme for police to study adolescent health and well-being.

Leigh, who has spent 37 years with Rio Tinto (ex-CEO) and Bechtel Australia (chairman), remarked:

- “Resources are not an industry for pussy-cats, nor are airlines.”
- “Qantas got hit in the backside by a rainbow when Ansett went broke”
- “The Indians tend to cut red tape lengthwise”
- “After the biggest mining boom since the 1850s, the young generation is saying, ‘What do you mean, we have a national debt problem?’ Actually we’re paying \$100m a day just on the interest.”
- “Your address counts a lot. Mozambique, Mongolia, Guinea, Central African Republic are very rich in minerals but no-one wants to go there. Because there’s rule of law, Australia, Canada, and Chile are good places to explore and develop.”
- “I’m keen on lithium for green batteries; copper for electrification of the world, and coking coal. On our uranium, Kazakhstan is the second major producer after Canada, and Kazakhstan is running out of reserves.”



Asked about a chairman’s priorities, he said, “The important thing about boards is to keep directors out of the weeds. A lot of people feel comfortable there. I will not let the Qantas board get anywhere near choosing ads or uniforms. The board has to focus on major capital applications, key personnel slots and governance. Boards need diversity of views and experience. We recruited Todd Sampson to the board and people said we were crazy because he was in advertising. But he’s brought a consumer view to us. Members of a board should be friendly but not necessarily friends. You have to make tough calls and directors should not shrink from taking a different view. You have to back the CEO. If you start over-riding the CEO, you have the wrong board or the wrong CEO and one of them will have to go.”



AJG-Australia team donates uniforms

By Clare Butler, Chief Operations Office, Arthur J. Gallagher

When you rebrand an organisation of 750 people, what do you do with all the old uniforms?

Account Executive Tiffany Austin-Sanchez from Adelaide, Australia, pondered that same question during the recent OAMPS rebrand, and offered a sustainable solution that supports our pledge to do what we should do, not just what we have to do.

Rotary's Donations in Kind is a charitable organisation that acts as a conduit for companies and organisations looking to send quality, re-usable goods to countries in need. These goods include clothes, medical equipment, desks and stationery. Donations are centralised, then distributed across the globe helping others to have a better quality of life. Donations in Kind is run by local Rotary volunteers, but there is also a worldwide program in operation.

Our own uniform recycling initiative has brought in two people-sized bins worth of clothing from across Australia, including branded business shirts, vests, scarves and suit jackets. These items will soon be shipped offshore for use in Ghana, Somalia, the Philippines, Timor-Leste and Chile.

National Change Manager Clare Butler, Personal Assistant Alison Graham and Facilities Manager Paul Lemieszek saw the Rotary operations in Footscray, Melbourne, and plan to further support them where they can through individual fundraising and upcoming facilities and office fit outs. If you know of a client who is undertaking a similar brand refresh or looking to direct their efforts to a great cause, then a kind word for the Rotary could make all the difference to many people's lives.

Recycling in this way not only protects our environment, but it gives back to communities and helps makes lives better. Find out more at:

<http://www.rotarydik.org/>



L-R: Clare Butler, Rotary volunteer Laurie Fisher, Alison Graham and Rotary volunteer Lyn Leonard beside just one of the bins of OAMPS branded uniforms donated by the AJG Australia team.



Tiffany Austin-Sanchez came up with the idea to donate the uniforms to Donations in Kind.



Arthur J. Gallagher
BUSINESS WITHOUT BARRIERS

This Media article is from Gallagher Confidential, a global communication that goes to over 20 thousand staff.

Being seen as good Corporate Citizens is vital to modern organizations and the responsible disposal of surplus material is an important factor.

Increasingly organizations are choosing Rotary Donations In Kind as the safest and best option for the reusable goods they no longer require.

Rotary Donations In Kind is a major recycling operation, run by volunteers, that gives suitable goods to people in need, free of charge. The West Footscray Store is part of the National Rotary Donations In Kind Store network.

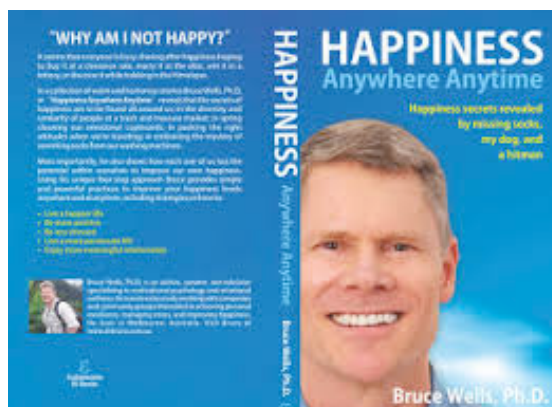
Speaker Bank Update

By Jill Weeks, Speaker Bank Committee

Dr Bruce Wells is a motivational wellness expert who specialises in showing people how to enjoy happier and more fulfilling and meaningful lives.

He has over 20 years practical experience in the stress management and wellness industries in Australia, Asia, and the Middle East. He has a doctorate in psychology and degrees in health promotion and physical education. He is the author of the book "*Happiness Anywhere Anytime*". Bruce's presentations are interactive and are acclaimed for being entertaining, inspirational, provocative, and, most of all, fun.

Contact: Dr. Bruce Wells Telephone: [0423-737239](tel:0423-737239) Email: bwells@drbruce.com.au Web: www.drbruce.com.au



ReadyTechGo contacted us with an update:

RTGo's technology presentations are great for those who wish to learn some tips & tricks and what else technology has to offer.

ReadyTechGo's team of friendly tutors will show members how to make the most of their technology.

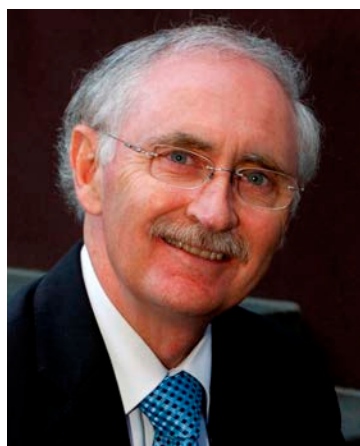
They can bring along their tablet or smart phone and the team will show things like:

- Video calling family and friends
- Viewing your favourite travel destinations in 360 degree view
- How to best travel with your technology, and how to get cheaper prices when booking travel online
- How to access free eBooks and free music
- Tips and tricks that instruction manuals don't tell you!
- How to get more out of your iPad or iPhone

Contact Lisa Du: Mobile [0413 419 065](tel:0413 419 065) email: lisa@readytechgo.com.au Website: www.readytechgo.com.au



Grasping Social Media is Matt English's personal journey to understanding and accepting social media



as a driver of social change with enormous potential and opportunity. In it, he shares a process of shifting focus from concern over the loss of traditional personal contact and conversation to the positive outcomes of greater connection, community, and collaboration that the Internet provides.

Matt English is an independent business commentator, author, public speaker, and strategist who earned his Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia, and MBA from IMD in Lausanne, Switzerland. He has over four decades' industry experience, including senior roles as a Partner with Pricewaterhouse Coopers and IBM. He specializes in the development, publication, and presentation of innovative thought leadership.

He has directly contributed to the development and deployment of five global CEO studies, and he consults with major clients in the areas of organizational change and the reshaping of business models. He is active on social media and

sees it as a major vehicle for personal connection and the transformation of business and customer relationships.

Contact: Matt English Email: matt.english1@gmail.com

Glow for the Greater Good

By Tony Thomas, RC Central Melbourne Sunrise

Ever heard of Hampton Rotary Club? Probably not. It's not in District 9800, it's in District 9810 on the dark side of South Road, a few metres south of our own Brighton Beach RC.

The Hampton club of 30-35 members (half of them females) has used its nous and come up with a stupendous project for Saturday April 18, connecting the club with thousands of local citizens, schools, community groups and a range of Rotary Clubs across the Bayside Victoria area.

The project is "GLOW for Good – Bayside World Challenge 2015". The challenge is to break the Guinness World Record for the number of glow sticks lit up simultaneously. The current record is 836 set in Los Angeles in 2013.

Jo Kwok of Hampton RC hopes for a glow-stick crowd of close to 2000 by sunset. The event will be an extension of Hampton Rotary's Bayside Farmers Market at Sandringham's Trey Bit Reserve, with food stalls, entertainment including bouncy castles, and petting zoos for kids plus aerobatics from a World War 2 fighter plane from 4pm in the afternoon.

Inspired by Rotary's 110th birthday and this year's Light Up Rotary theme, this unique event is expected to be high profile, and get a lot of media coverage.

The event is being supported by the Bayside City Council, Coast Guards Victoria and Life Saving Victoria community groups.

The funds raised will go to the Robert Connor Dawes Fund, named after a Brighton Grammar student who died of paediatric brain cancer. The fund sponsors research, care and development into brain cancer.

Jo Kwok, with a project marketing background, has been a Hampton RC member only 18 months, and thinks the glow stick event will do much to engage people and change their perception of Rotary from old blokes running sausage sizzles and sponsoring park benches. "Breaking glow sticks is great because anyone from two to 102 years can take part," she says. "We stumbled across the Guinness World Record late last year and finally got our application Guinness-approved in January. Other D9810 clubs are excited at the chance to help us on a major community project."



She jokingly compares Rotary structure to Al Qaeda's – a lot of small cells (clubs) knowing little about each other and even less about clubs in other districts.

Part of the horsepower of Hampton Rotary Club is because it includes two past D9810 governors Richard Garner and Juliette Riseley, who is married to Ian Riseley, a trustee of RI's Rotary Foundation.

Cost to enter is via pre-registration only, and covers entry as a Guinness World Record Challenger, glow-stick and certificate. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$6 for children, plus discounted family tickets available.

Pre-register now at www.glowforgood.com.au
Glow for Good Bayside World Record Challenge will commence from 4pm Saturday April 18th at Jetty Road, Trey Bit Reserve, Sandringham.

Participants, volunteers & sponsors are being sought. Please contact Jo Kwok on 0415188985 for any queries.

Rotarians@Work

By Ian Salek, D9800 Major Events Co-ordinator

As many Clubs in District 9800 already know there has been fantastic support in the last two years from Clubs undertaking a 'Rotarians At Work Day' in April. In the last two years Rotarians and Friends of Rotary have pitched in to complete worthwhile community projects. Whether it was refurbishing a park Rotunda, painting a picket fence, gardening for pensioners, renovating a facility for the homeless, running a Multicultural Festival or removing graffiti, District 9800 Clubs made significant contributions to their local area.



This year in 2015, two days, Saturday April 11th and Sunday April 12th have been prescribed as 'Rotarians At Work Days' for doing good in the Community. Whilst that is of course the prime aim, unashamedly we want to be visually observed working 'out and about'. So this is also a very important PR opportunity. Please put out signage at your project sites and wear your High Visibility Vests or Rotary Tops and Caps.

If for some reason either of the two April days above are unsuitable for your Club another April day can of course be worked however the visual impact is best focused on April 11th and/or 12th.

Again this April the Clubs are asked to undertake projects in their own right or as part of a Cluster effort without centrally organised sponsorship. Whilst there is no centrally negotiated support deal, that does not prevent your Club or Cluster making individual approaches to supportive retailers in your area for donations of supplies, much as occurs throughout any Rotary year.

We are delighted to advise that some clubs have already begun advising their individual or cluster activities. Certain clubs have arranged projects not involving painting, gardening or general maintenance and that is fine. The key requirement is to make a fresh strong community contribution or continue a current activity.

This is an excellent opportunity to promote Rotary

and the benefits of membership and the fact that Rotarians are working hard for the community. Could you please send a short e-mail to confirming the projects you have arranged so that we may have a list of what you are about to achieve.



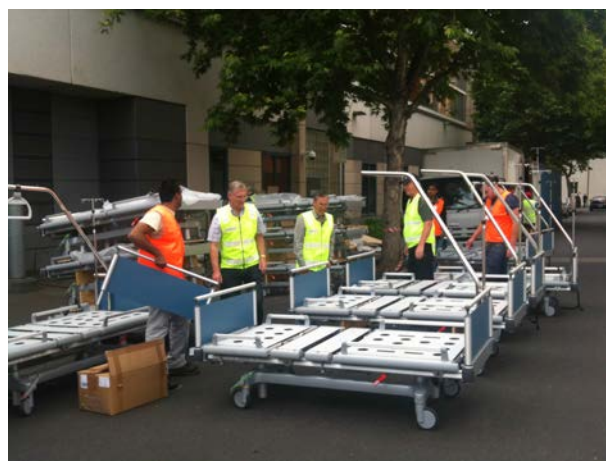
Donations-in-Kind has a readymade task for your Club. Bob Glindeman writes:

We have orders currently for over 180 beds for a number of projects and virtually no beds in stock. We have now been advised of and have inspected over 150 beds available to us at the new Box Hill Hospital. Clearly we need to collect these beds to satisfy the need we currently have.

There is an urgency to get them and the hospital is pressing for their removal as they are taking up almost a full level of their new car park.

We are planning to collect these beds on Saturday 18th April and if necessary complete the task on Sunday 19th April. This is a big job and will need a lot of hands.

The beds have to come up in lifts to get to the loading dock and then be placed directly into 40ft containers – much as we did with the beds from St Vincent's. I feel that we will need about 40 people to handle this big task.



I will appreciate details of volunteers availability for both days please complete with email addresses so that we can coordinate peoples participation.

I look forward to your responses as soon as possible please, to bob.glindemann@bigpond.com

Tiny club runs massive driver project

By Tony Thomas, RC Central Melbourne Sunrise

Rochester Rotary Club, with only eight members, runs a \$380,000 driver safety school for students. The club, 190km north of Melbourne, set up and financed the school three years ago.

It uses five cars donated by members and police to train about 350 Year 10-12 student drivers a year from five surrounding colleges, in batches of up to 24. The training is on dedicated closed roads with traffic lights and various road surfaces.



The club's Roadec centre at nearby Elmore does not teach students how to get their P-plates but how to stay alive once they've got them.

Roadec chair Graeme Nelson, 74, says that all too often, a teenager's excitement at getting a licence becomes a family tragedy as inexperience causes a crash. Victoria's north-east is the State's worst district for road fatalities.

"The first months of youngsters' driving are the most dangerous of their entire life. They don't have judgement and skills about hazards. They're four times likelier to crash than an over-26 driver.

"Nearly half of all young Australian deaths are from crashes. For hospitalisations, half are young drivers and a quarter are their passengers."

The paid and qualified instructors teach about peripheral vision, observation and concentration, cornering, hazards, crash evasion, in-car distractions, the "right-of-way myth", the "science of adrenalin" and night and defensive driving. Class work can be confronting – highway patrol officers take students

through scenarios such as arriving at homes to notify that a youngster has been in a fatal crash. Lessons are reinforced with a final exam.

Graeme, who runs Graeme Nelson Motors, says it was a horrendous task getting access to vacant land. A 30ha site at Rochester involved the club in complex impact statements and political tussles with rival parties seeking the land. After years of work the club had to abandon that project.

Next choice was a 157ha site at Elmore 17km south, controlled by the Elmore Field Days Committee. That group became an enthusiastic partner. Apart from cash funds – such as \$38,000 from the Rudd federal stimulus – much of the big expenses were funded by in-kind donations.

The road system, traffic lights and gradients went in during three years of working bees every weekend in 2008-10. A quarry operator provided rock and blue-metal, bitumen was financed and members borrowed a crane and trucks to hoist a classroom 60km north from Bendigo – it was a leftover from a defunct student-training centre.

Next stage was ensuring the driver course would be effective. Graeme and fellow

Rochester member Doug Owen even travelled to Gympie, Queensland, to check out its Roadcraft centre for students. Peter Leopold, CEO from Roadcraft, even travelled south to attend the Roadec opening in 2010.

The two-day course is half theory and half driving. The fee of \$130 covers car costs, instructors and overheads.

Schools involved so far are St Augustine's Catholic College, Kyabram; Rochester, Benalla and Deniliquin Colleges and a special school from Bendigo. Students can stay overnight in a camp or billets.

Graeme says it's not easy to convince a school to send a group to the course. "They all say it's a great concept but some fail to follow-through. It's all been worth it but we want more schools taking part – it's life and death."

Rotary District 9800 – which extends to Echuca - is now working to bring in other Rotary clubs to expand the program to new schools.

Anne Scott OAM is a Remarkable Woman

By Henry Drury, RC Hawthorn

Anne, at the recent Hobart District Conference, was presented with Rotary's "Service Above Self" award. This award, created in 1991, is the highest honour that Rotary International can bestow on an individual Rotarian and is a recognition of exemplary humanitarian service, with an emphasis on personal volunteer efforts and active involvement in helping others through Rotary. The award is limited to 150 recipients world-wide each year and only five other Rotarians from District 9800 have received it.



Anne shows us her "Service Above Self" Award.

Anne has been a member of the Rotary Club of Hawthorn since 1994. A brief summary of her involvement in club activities cannot hope to do justice to her overall commitment, imaginative can-do attitude and achievements, but includes serving on most committees, being President in 1999/2000, a 2 sapphire PHF recognition and, importantly, among her many important initiatives, a very successful Matching Grant project in Zambia in southern Africa, which is still ongoing in this District.

In a visit to Zambia in 1998 Anne met Jennifer Chiwela, an inspirational Zambian woman, who was,

among many things, running a school for children orphaned by the AIDS epidemic and giving support to the "Grandmas" who were now the parents of these children. Out of what was initially a water and sanitation project grew a Twin Club relationship with the RC Lusaka. Then a wish-list of needs prepared under Jennifer's guidance in turn led to not only several containers of educational and associated goods and fabrics being collected and sent to Zambia, but to expert Rotarians visiting to teach basic but diverse vital skills such as cultivating vegetables in an arid environment and dressmaking.

That this relationship continues to this day is largely due to Anne sponsoring Jennifer to come to Australia to be a keynote speaker at the 2004 Adelaide District Conference, where Jennifer succinctly explained what is really needed in Zambia's Third World conditions - not just what we in Australia think is needed.

At District, Anne has been a member of the Youth Exchange Committee and the RYLA Committee and has been Assistant Governor for the Burke Cluster. She introduced the "Shine On Awards" to Victoria.

Currently Anne is actively involved in the "Life After Stroke" project as well as being the driving force behind combining Rotary and the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) to establish, with great effect, Guiding and Scouting for girls in Myanmar. There are now 28,000 guides in Myanmar in the school system – not a bad recruitment in a 2 year period.

Aside from Rotary, Anne has been with the Girl Guides since being a guide in 1950 and rising to being the President of the Olave-Baden Powell Society (read World Commissioner of the movement) in the years 2000-2005. In 1986 she received an OAM for "Service to the Girl Guides Association". In 1987 she joined the OAM Association, held several Board positions and was ultimately National Chairman from 1999 until 2001.

Anne has been a committed and astoundingly effective member of the Rotary Club of Hawthorn, which was partly why she was designated "The City of Boroondara Citizen of the Year" in 2005.

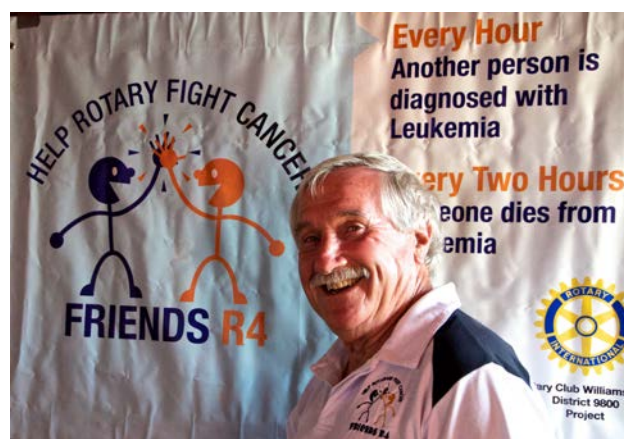
A very worthy recipient of RI's prestigious "Service Above Self" award. Congratulations, Anne!

Have-a-Heart Program Achieves World Recognition

By Professor Greg Snell, The Alfred Hospital, Melbourne

Support a decade ago from the Rotary Health Foundation, the Rotary Club of Williamstown and the Have-a-Heart Program for the development of a 'donation after cardiac death' program in lung transplantation at the Alfred Hospital, has led to changes within hospitals and Intensive Care Units in Melbourne, Victoria and across Australia, and has extended internationally. This program has resulted in 110 lung transplants at the Alfred and another 140 elsewhere in Australia, in addition to several hundred kidney transplants in Victoria.

The Alfred is now acknowledged as running one of the largest lung transplant programs in the world, servicing southern Australia. The Alfred has been also recognised as achieving world's best outcomes, with 98% survival of lung transplant recipients at 12 months and 95% survival at 24 months. Donation after cardiac death provides robust lungs and represents a significant additional source of lungs for transplantation (an extra 33% in 2014). As a result, waiting time for transplants has been



Dr Ronnie Goldberg OAM, of Williamstown Rotary Club, the champion of the Have-a-Heart Program.

reduced by 50%, from an average 6 months to an average 3 months. Additionally, deaths of patients on the waiting list have been reduced almost 10-fold, from 29% to 3%.

These results represent a significantly improved outcome for patients requiring lung transplants and an important success for the Alfred Hospital.

GSE Farewell



A farewell lunch for the Group Study Exchange teams was enjoyed at d'Olive Receptions in Point Cook last Saturday.

GSE Chairman John McCaskill interviewed Carl Michael and his team from Louisiana: John's friendly interviewing style drew out the best of the team's experiences, and showed what a well-integrated group they have become. We wish them every success in their chosen careers.

Peter Frueh then introduced the outgoing team, who described their hopes from the program: we look forward to hearing of their experiences on their return.



Photo: Chris Vignes, Matthew Winterkorn, Kait Sukiennik, Alex Michael, Team Leader Carl Michael and GSE Chairman John McCaskill. More photos at:

<https://picasaweb.google.com/106224275621582639712/GSEFarewellMarch2015?authkey=Gv1sRqCM7Bhrrs67uszwE>

Notices and Events

THE LAKE EPPALOCK FISHING CLASSIC - April 11 & 12, 2015.

Visit our website to find out more and to register.

www.lakeeppalockfishingclassic.com.au



BRING THE 'KIDS' TO THE HAWTHORN CRAFT MARKET!

Sunday 12th April, 10am - 3pm **Entry: Free**

340 Camberwell Road, Camberwell (Parkview Room, City of Boroondara)

Whilst kids' entertainer Lindi Jane keeps the children entertained, you can browse one of Melbourne's longest running maker markets. You'll find a huge range of handmade items ranging from children's wear, leadlight, gemstones, jewellery, gift cards, soaps, knitted goods and toys etc to... cakes, slices, tarts, plants and furniture. There's a Nth Balwyn sausage sizzle plus a not-for-profit Cafe for coffee, gourmet sweets or snacks.

The Hawthorn Craft Market runs on the 1st Sunday of each month For new stallholder or general enquiries-

admin@hawthorncraftmarket.org.au www.facebook.com/HawthornCraftMarket



GLOW for Good: Bayside World Challenge 2015

18 April Picnic from 4.30pm, Guinness World Record to take place after sunset 5.50pm

Trey Bit Reserve Foreshore, Sandringham

Cost: \$6 child \$9 adult \$25 family of 4 (includes entry as World Record Challenger, Glowstick)

Phone: 0415 188 985 Website: <http://www.hamptonrotary.org.au>



Presidents Breakfast - Guest Speaker: Andrew Rule

Friday **1st May, 2015** 7.15am - 9am Brighton North Rotary Club

International Receptions 81 Bay Street, Brighton

Andrew Rule is a Walkely award-winning reporter, Author of Kerry Stokes: The Man from Nowhere, and co-author of the Underbelly series. Read More...

http://www.rotarydistrict9800.com.au/news/12264/presidents-breakfast-guest-speaker-andrew-rule/?no_follow=1



Brimbank Central Rotary Club's 40th Charter Anniversary

Saturday May 9th 6.00pm for 6.30pm Starlight Reception Centre, Taylors Lakes Hotel, 7 Melton Highway Taylors Lakes.

3 course Meal, Tea & Coffee, Drinks at Bar Prices. Be Entertained and Dance to Viva Entertainment

Cost \$45.00 Per Person, (\$40.00 if prepaid by 23/4/15)

Contact John Rafter, for further information or to request Tickets

Mobile: 0419 135 185, Email: jsvrafter@gmail.com



Saturday Night Heart Fever

Saturday **16th May** - 6.00pm for a 6.40pm start

FEATURING COVER BAND VIBE, LIVE & SILENT AUCTIONS, RAFFLES. 4-COURSE MEAL WITH BEER, WINE, SOFT DRINKS

ULTIMA RECEPTION CENTRE: CNR KEILOR PARK DRIVE & ELY COURT, KEILOR.

TICKETS \$100 EACH OR TABLE OF 10 \$1000 ALL FUNDS RAISED GO DIRECT TO HEART KIDS VICTORIA

RSVP to Anthony Flapper, RC Tullamarine at ALAPPER@MATSTEER.COM.AU



Model United Nations Assembly - 29 to 31 May

MUNA, **29th May to Sunday 31st May** will be at the district's own Camp Getaway in Axedale.

The Model United Nations Assembly simulates the workings of the UN Assembly by having teams of two students represent a particular UN country in debates on matters of world political and social concern.. The cost of the program for 2013 was \$285/person and \$150 for an Exchange Student added as a 3rd member.

See more at:

http://www.rotarydistrict9800.com.au/news/1591/model-united-nations-assembly-dates-updated-for-2015/?no_follow=1



Rotary Club of Brighton North Gala Trivia Night

30th May, 2015 We all have clever family and know clever friends - Invite them to our Gala Trivia Night - stack your table with the smartest and brightest Bring some gold coins, there is lots of "intellectual games". Your smart table just might win the main prize, but then Read More...

http://www.rotarydistrict9800.com.au/news/12266/rotary-club-of-brighton-north-gala-trivia-night/?no_follow=1



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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RRAAM (Rotarians Riding Around Australia Against Malaria)

A team of Motor Bike riders from the Rotary Club of Williamstown in NSW, led by Steve Carroll are riding around Australia to highlight the effect malaria has had on Australians fighting in tropical countries, and to report on the efforts to eradicate malaria, particularly in Papua New Guinea. The ride began on Mar 2 in Newcastle, and is planned to finish there in time for Malaria Awareness Day on April 30th.

The team (of about 8 - 4 riders and 4 support team) will be in Melbourne, arriving on the afternoon of **April 15th**, and leaving in the morning of **April 18th** for Albury. They will be speaking at the Rotary Club of North Balwyn's meeting at Kew Golf Club on Thursday **April 16th**. Any Club who would like the group to speak at a meeting during their stay in Melbourne, please contact Bill Oakley. The group is happy to split their resources to talk at two clubs at the same time. They will be staying in North Croydon during their time in Melbourne. Visitors will be welcome at RC North Balwyn for our meeting on Thursday night April 16th.

For any further information, or to make arrangements for the Riders to speak at your Club, please contact Bill Oakley (RC North Balwyn) and D9800 RAM (Rotarians Against Malaria) Coordinator - bill oakley1@bigpond.com or mobile 0419 504 201.



Concerned about alcohol and drugs?

The Australian Drug Foundation has recently published new resources to help parents discuss drugs and alcohol with their children. **The Other Talk** is about Australian families talking openly about alcohol and other drugs. **Safe Partying Guide** is a pocket-sized leaflet for children aged 10+ covers safe partying tips, facts about alcohol and drugs. For free copies contact the Australian Drug Foundation on 1300 85 85 84 or druginfo@adf.org.au.
www.TheOtherTalk.org.au



2016 Rotary Peace Fellowship

Applications close on the **15th May** 2015 with your club and District selection processes are finalised by early June. Details are found on the flyer. Further information can be obtained from Rob Helme (0402299492) or Bob Fels (03-59892455) See if your club can identify a suitable candidate for this year to keep District 9800 number one in the world for successful recruitment.



Dates for your Diary

Model United Nations Assembly -

Fri 29th May 2015 to Sunday **31st May 2015**

District Assembly 2015

17th May, 2015, TABCORP Park, Melton

District Governor Changeover

27th June, 2015

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:



Our Contributors



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



Tony Thomas writes prolifically for "Quadrant" and "The Net-worker"



Tony Wells of North Balwyn loves "Rotarians at Work". He pops up everywhere!



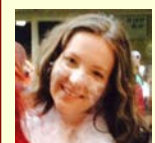
David Dippie is a Past President of Keilor Rotary Club. Donations in Kind is his passion.



Angela Dawson loves travel, Wordsworth, linguistics and rollerblading. Many poets recite, but few can skate.



Jill Weeks runs the District Speaker Bank, and the program for Hawthorn RC.



Izzy Dean is a student at Canterbury Girls Secondary College, who attended the National Youth Science Forum.



Gigi O'Donoghue is a passionate golfer who regularly beats her husband.

District 9800		Attendance		Membership				
2014/2015		February-15		At July 1	February-15			
Club	Cluster	Meets	% Month		Start	End	Net gain /loss 14/15	% Change
Melbourne Pk	Heritage			29		35	6	20.7%
Balwyn	Eastside	4	72%	59	64	69	10	16.9%
Altona City	Hobsons B	4	76%	21	23	24	3	14.3%
Bendigo-S'dale	Goldfields S	4	77%	22	25	25	3	13.6%
Melton Valley	Westside	4	93%	16	18	18	2	12.5%
Brunswick	Heritage			19		21	2	10.5%
Yarra Bend	Riverside	4	83%	19	21	21	2	10.5%
Essendon N	Gateway E	4	79%	23	25	25	2	8.7%
Collingwood	Heritage	3	60%	14	15	15	1	7.1%
Gisborne	Calder	4	75%	28	30	30	2	7.1%
Port Melb	Port Phillip	4	66%	15	15	16	1	6.7%
Richmond	Heritage	4	66%	31	33	33	2	6.5%
Wyndham	Chirnside	4	92%	31	33	33	2	6.5%
Brighton N	Beachside	4	76%	48	51	51	3	6.3%
Footscray	Gateway E	4	56%	48	51	51	3	6.3%
Bendigo N Gen	Goldfields S	4	58%	17	18	18	1	5.9%
Castlemaine	Calder	4	60%	34	36	36	2	5.9%
Woodend	Calder	4	63%	17	18	18	1	5.9%
Albert Park	Port Phillip	4	63%	58	61	61	3	5.2%
Kew	Riverside			52		54	2	3.8%
Point G'brand	Hobsons B			26		27	1	3.8%
Malvern	S'ton	4	73%	30	31	31	1	3.3%
Bendigo S	Goldfields S			34		35	1	2.9%
Glenferrie	Riverside	4	65%	40	40	41	1	2.5%
Essendon	Gateway E	4	61%	63	63	64	1	1.6%
Altona	Hobsons B	4	63%	26	26	26	0	0.0%
B'digo S'hurst	Goldfields N			59		59	0	0.0%
Brighton Beach	Beachside	4	62%	21	21	21	0	0.0%
Brimbank C'tral	Gateway W	4	66%	29	29	29	0	0.0%
Camberwell	Eastside	4	73%	75	75	75	0	0.0%
Carlton	Heritage	4	78%	37	37	37	0	0.0%
Caulfield	Beachside	4	80%	10	10	10	0	0.0%
Docklands	Batman			6		6	0	0.0%
Eaglehawk	Goldfields S	4	91%	36	36	36	0	0.0%
Fitzroy	Heritage	4	50%	22	22	22	0	0.0%
Flemington	Gateway E	4	78%	29	29	29	0	0.0%
Glen Eira	Beachside			18		18	0	0.0%

Hoppers Xing	Chirnside			20		20	0	0.0%
Melbourne	Batman	4	69%	233	234	233	0	0.0%
N Melbourne	Batman			20		20	0	0.0%
Prahran	S'ton			26		26	0	0.0%
Southbank	Batman			22		22	0	0.0%
Sunshine	Gateway W	4	88%	12	12	12	0	0.0%
Toorak	S'ton	3	50%	24	24	24	0	0.0%
Tullamarine	Gateway W			10		10	0	0.0%
Werribee	Chirnside	4	75%	38	38	38	0	0.0%
W Footscray	Gateway E	3	55%	21	21	21	0	0.0%
Yarraville	Hobsons B			14		14	0	0.0%
Brighton	Beachside	4	39%	110	107	109	-1	-0.9%
North Balwyn	Eastside	4	92%	73	72	72	-1	-1.4%
Hawthorn	Riverside	4	76%	48	47	47	-1	-2.1%
Kyneton	Calder	4	71%	42	43	41	-1	-2.4%
Keilor	Gateway W			38		37	-1	-2.6%
Bacchus Marsh	Westside			36		35	-1	-2.8%
Kangaroo Flat	Goldfields S	4	62%	30	29	29	-1	-3.3%
Melton	Westside			26		25	-1	-3.8%
Canterbury	Eastside	4	68%	50	48	48	-2	-4.0%
Cent Melb Sun	Batman	4	73%	46	44	44	-2	-4.3%
Bendigo	Goldfields N	4	66%	66	63	63	-3	-4.5%
Keilor East	Gateway W	4	91%	41	39	39	-2	-4.9%
Boroondara	Eastside	4	62%	15	14	14	-1	-6.7%
Williamstown	Hobsons B			29		27	-2	-6.9%
Moonee Valley	Gateway E	4	63%	11	10	10	-1	-9.1%
C'stone E Malv	S'ton			54		49	-5	-9.3%
Melbourne S	Port Phillip			20		18	-2	-10.0%
Rochester	Goldfields N	4	91%	9	8	8	-1	-11.1%
Echuca-Moama	Goldfields N	4	76%	23	22	20	-3	-13.0%
E-Club of Melb	Batman	3	71%	13	12	11	-2	-15.4%
Daylesford	Westside	4	85%	24	20	20	-4	-16.7%
L'ton Pt Cook	Chirnside	4	79%	23	19	19	-4	-17.4%
St Kilda	Port Phillip	4	61%	12	7	7	-5	-41.7%
No. of Clubs Re- porting			51		51			
Members				2441		2452	11	0.5%
% Average of Those Reported			70.9%					
% of Clubs Re- porting Atten- dance			72%					
% of Clubs Re- porting Member- ship						72%		