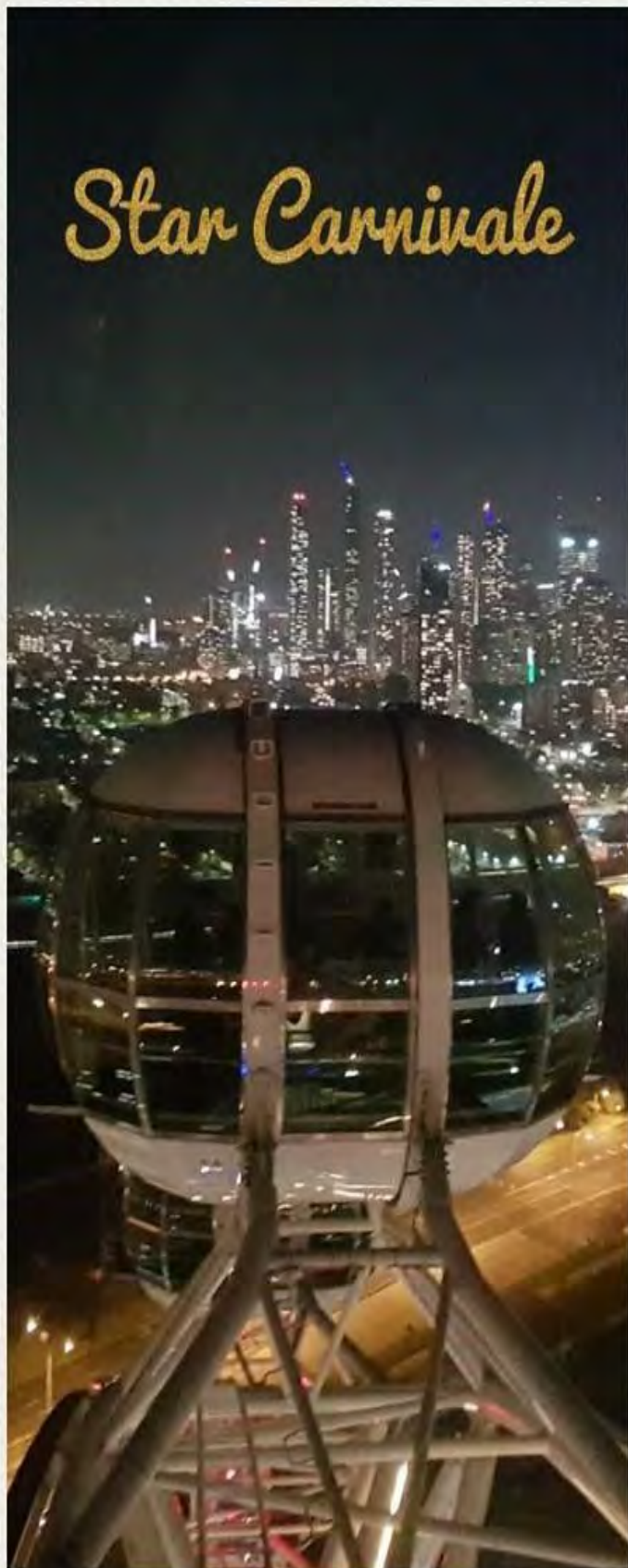


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Rotary
District 9800



District Governor Peter Frueh



May is Youth Service Month across the Rotary world. It is a time to reflect on the many great Rotary programs to support youth. Some of these are run across the world such as Youth Exchange, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment. Others across Australia, such as Model United Nations Assembly, National Youth Science Forum. And of course our youth service clubs, Rotaract (18-30yo), Interact (secondary school) and Earlyact (primary school).

Our clubs also have many other programs such as public speaking, school scholarships, reading and homework support for disadvantaged students.

Why has Rotary International always invested in youth programs? Quite simply our youth are our future, and this has been long recognised. For Rotary with its long history, we have seen youth programs help form leaders over the decades. Often the alumni of these programs have recognised the help given to them and paid it back by getting involved themselves as Rotarians, as leaders in the youth programs or in other aspects of life.

However, in many cases as clubs have aged they have lost connection with schools and alumni of these programs. Worldwide only 5% of Rotaractors become Rotarians and Rotaract in Australia is less strong than it was some years ago. While we can debate the causes of our loss of connection with youth program alumni (turnover of Rotarians, social media, studies, travel, work, etc), it doesn't stop us doing something about it - reconnecting with alumni.

In May, could your club go through its records of the last five years say and look to reconnect and have an event which celebrates their involvement and updates members on what alumni are doing?

Could your President Elect, incoming Board and Youth Services chair look towards which programs to support or introduce in 2018-19? Our District Assembly on 20th May will provide many ideas.

Peter Frueh

District Governor 2017-2018

Are you a real Rotarian?

Rotarian Cliff Dochterman has a way with words, and has motivated and entertained countless Rotary audiences with his wisdom and wit. Below is an excerpt from one of his favourite speeches **“When did you become a Rotarian”**:

Cliff: “When did you become a Rotarian?”

Reply: “Oh I joined Rotary in 1985 or I joined five years ago.”

Cliff: “No, that wasn’t my question.” I didn’t ask when you joined a Rotary club, I asked – when did you become a Rotarian?”
You see, there is a huge difference.



I've known members who belonged to a Rotary club for years, and they never became Rotarians. And there are some people who were Rotarians long before they joined a Rotary club.

A real Rotarian is a person who takes special pride in his or her business or profession. You can count on them to be fair and honest. Their word can always be depended upon. They are always willing to step forward when help is needed. They will always show up at the club functions. They give support to The Rotary Foundation every year. They give encouragement to the club president and the committee leaders who are doing their best to make the club interesting, alive and relevant. That is a real Rotarian.

<http://rotary9790.org.au/SitePage/abcs-of-rotary/a-history-of-rotary>

<https://update.lib.berkeley.edu/2017/03/27/cliff-dochterman-a-rotarians-pursuit-of-happiness-through-service/>

Cliff Dochterman’s professional life included 40 years in higher education administration – 20 years each at the University of California in Berkeley and at the University of Pacific in Stockton, California

Most of us know him for his volunteer work for Rotary over the past 50 years. He has served in almost every Rotary assignment in the world. From Berkeley Rotary Club president (1963-64) to District Governor 5160 (1968-69), University Hills Club Charter President (1971-72) District 5450 to Rotary International Director (1983-85), Rotary International Vice President (1984-85), President of Rotary International (1992-93), Trustee and Chairman of The Rotary Foundation (1993-99) and chairman of virtually every Rotary committee. It has been said that Cliff has spoken before more Rotary Clubs than anyone in the world.

He is the author of the booklet, “The ABCs of Rotary”, which has been translated into more languages than any other Rotary publication. He has had a lifetime association with the Boy Scouts of America and has received three of the organization’s highest honors – the Distinguished Eagle, Silver Antelope, and Silver Beaver. Cliff served as Chairman of Rotary’s Council on Legislation in 2001. He has received The Rotary Foundation’s Citation for Meritorious Service, the Distinguished Service Award and the Polio Plus Pioneer Award.

“Real Happiness Is Helping Others” was the theme he chose as President of Rotary International in 1992-1993. Cliff has been honored by the heads of state of dozens of countries for spreading good will and world understanding.

Cliff and his wife, Mary Elena both belong to the Rotary Club of Moraga. Mary Elena has been president of the Moraga Rotary Club, Assistant District Governor and received Rotary’s Service Above Self Award.

Rotary Southern Districts Shine On Awards

“I’m going to be the best self I can be” is the attitude of the candidates we celebrated at the **Shine On** awards on Sunday 20th April. It is fitting that every nominee is a winner and is honoured with a beautiful framed certificate which states their particular qualities and community endeavours.

GOWI = Get on with it!

Clubs nominate people in their community that, despite disability, demonstrate resilience. LAAARF (Laughability) Choir Master Leon Scott described this as “character muscle” and he reminded us quite rightly that Rotarians are so fortunate to be associated with people who teach us “lessons of empowerment” when they have overcome adversity through living with disability with quiet resilience and not accepting that they are restricted...but just “GOWI”. Get On With It!

I am reminded of this each week at **Donations In Kind** warehouse volunteering beside Barry Douglas and his carer Rosemary. Barry from the Rotary Club of Altona City has an acquired brain injury following a motor vehicle injury while attending a Rotary meeting some years ago. I admire him and his wife Jan enormously for their “can do” attitude.

Barry takes great pride in constructing student packs at **Donations In Kind** ...but that is only a small part of his Rotary and other community contribution. Rosemary also volunteers. She doesn’t have to, but she just does.



Other District 9800 nominations were Mischa from Albert Park and Les Porter from Wyndham. *(Lesley I will send you a photo of the relevant pages in the booklet describing their achievements).*



Another aspect of the awards is that they are Victoria wide, and we rotate the host district. Next year District 9800 will host “Shine On” and our representative Louise Bugeja from the Rotary Club of Hoppers Crossing) will be sending out information.

In the meantime, there are so many people to celebrate in our community. What a happy pat on the back it gives to be celebrated in such a way. Could we think of lots of people to give a ray of “Shine On” to in 2018 perhaps? Louise will be at District Assembly with further information, supported by Marg Desmyth from the Rotary Club of Brighton North.

Bronwyn Stephens
District Governor Elect

Star Carnivale Sparkles

The lights of Melbourne sparkled and glowed in a rainbow of brilliant colours as the Melbourne Star slowly turned 120 metres above the ground. Rotarians, family and friends gazed from their pods at the sights below as the wheel, decked out for the occasion in Rotary blue and yellow, traversed the sky.

Organised by the Rotary Club of Albert Park to celebrate the centenary of The Rotary Foundation, the wheel was dedicated as a Rotary event for April 22nd. The night was calm and clear allowing unparalleled 360 degree views of the city and suburbs for kilometres.



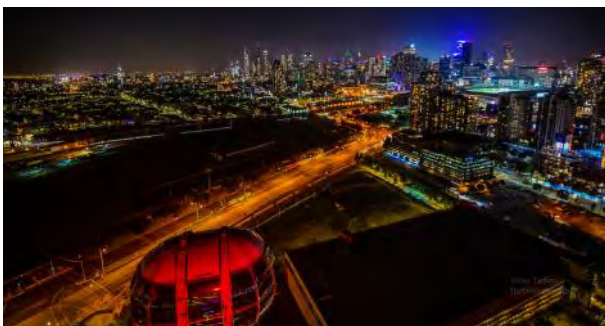
The curtain raiser for the evening was a 40 minute talk by astrophysicist **Dr Rachel Livermore** on “How big is the Universe”? A broad subject to say the least but starting with the ancient Greeks, through Copernicus, Kepler and others and ending with descriptions of cutting edge radio astronomy. There are **billions** of galaxies out there and surely there must be “life” other than ours lurking as yet unfound? <https://vimeo.com/111857562>

It was an amazingly informative and humorous presentation pitched at a level that even your correspondent could understand with relish.

District Governor Peter Frueh filled a pod with family.



Each pod held 20 people and the Rotary Club of Albert Park donated \$400 per pod to Foundation in that club's name, a magnificent effort.



Another successful Hospital Bed collection

I believe that everyone was aware that this was a big task and I can safely say that it went off like clockwork. It started with a marvellous response to the point where we could suggest that some folk might like their Saturdays back which only a few did but were rapidly replaced by some folk who were "late" confirmations of availability.

I am not sure how many people we had across the day with the various comings and goings but something in the order of 50+ was probably near the figure. Importantly they came from 16 different Rotary Clubs. We also had a couple of people from the Marsh Foundation who presented this opportunity to us along with one of their vans.

The container arrived at the appointed time and you could see that this in itself was quite a challenging task. So with a good team to start the removals, a team at the container to start the bed loading we were under way. We only had two lifts instead of three but with the usual Rotary organisation we soon had the beds, chairs, bedside lockers and over bed tables flowing to the loading dock.

By 10.15am – the container loading team had 60 beds and Mattresses loaded and the doors closed – a really sterling effort. We had also despatched two van loads of lockers, over bed tables and chairs back to the DIK store where the second group swung into action.

In all **7 van loads of equipment** went back to the store – the last one with the doors tied back as we could not get the very last bed completely into the van. It arrived safely and thankfully did not draw any attention from any of the "powers that be!"

The DIK crew had by then stowed everything in the designated spots in the store and by about 2.30 or thereabouts all was done. That means 27 high back chairs, 84 bedside lockers and 60 over bed tables plus about 26 beds including 3 beds for several local needs.

The side loader arrived at the hospital to collect the container at 2pm and 15 minutes later was on its way back to the store ahead of delivery to the wharf next week and the eventual shipment to the Khmer – Soviet Friendship Hospital in Cambodia.

The balance of the beds is destined for a hospital in Java and for several of the other "wish lists" we have on the go.

So to everyone who assisted today either at the hospital or at the DIK Store – thank you for giving up a lot of your Saturday to contribute to a great result for this big uplift project.

We could never have done it without your help.
Again – many thanks

Bob Glindemann
for the DIK Team

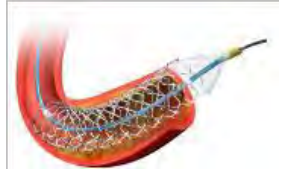


The Good Doctors

Thursday morning in a breakfast meeting titled “**Your Health Matters**” organised by the Rotary Club of Kew, three health professionals talked about the benefits of keeping fit and healthy.

The last speaker a psychologist Dr Margaret Turner and a member of by the Rotary Club of Kew could not be there so she made a video and finished off with a cheeky ad for joining Rotary as a means to stay active.

The meeting was opened by a cardiologist, Dr Sue Ling Lie, and she showed us all these amazing little devices that can be placed in veins and arteries to keep that fascinating organ which we call our heart ticking away.



She told us about the importance of diet and exercise but more than that she shared with us a very touching and moving story that affected her personally, and that was rather special.



The meeting was rounded off with a presentation of a cheque of \$10,000 to Peter Stewart an optometrist also from Kew, who is part of a team that visits the island of Sumba twice a year to train as well as perform cataract operations. <http://www.sumbaeyeprogram.org/>



His team is leaving this Saturday to do some training. Together with Dr Mark Ellis from the Rotary Club of Glenferrie they will re-visit in August to do cataract operations.

This generous donation from the Rotary Club of f Kew will go towards buying a Yag Laser machine that will be a great improvement on the current one. The accuracy of this new equipment will enable the surgeons to not only carry out cataract operations but also treat some forms of glaucoma, a procedure that they could not do before. Glaucoma in poor countries like Sumba usually leads to blindness.

What a great privilege to be part of an organisation like our Rotary with such incredible and diverse talents all making a difference.

Bronwyn Stephens
District Governor Elect

Thought of the day:

In line with this week's theme of living healthy RC Kew's resident doctor has offered the following three simple pieces of advice for a healthy life:

1. *Eat what you make – Avoid what is made in a factory*
2. *Exercise – Walk (every time you walk you are walking away from a hospital)*
3. *Weight – Take your height in centimetres, remove the leading '1' and that will be your ideal weight in kilograms
e.g. Height of 182 cm ideal weight about 82 kg.*

The Peter Reade Scholarship

The Rotary Club of Gisborne has awarded a scholarship to a worthy student at International House for more than 20 years. Peter Reade, in whose name and honour this scholarship is awarded, was a champion within the club, supporting International House - and so after his death from cancer in 2009, our club renamed the award The Peter Reade Scholarship.

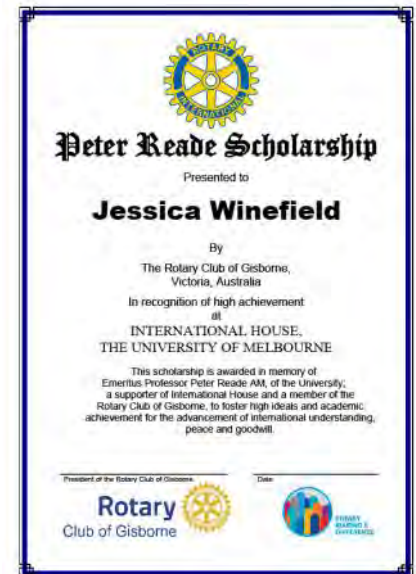
Peter was a charter member of the Rotary Club of Gisborne (chartered 17 May 1977), a Paul Harris Fellow (1998), and recipient of the club's Fred Barnett Award in 2007 (for clubmanship and being an exemplar of the true spirit of Rotary).

This year, the scholarship was awarded to Jessica Winefield, an Australian citizen who has most recently lived in New Zealand and whose parents currently live in the Port of Spain. Jessica is majoring in International Relations and is the International House Student Club's Secretary.

The presentation is made at a High Table Dinner at International House - somewhat reminiscent of the dinner atmosphere at Hogwarts School from Harry Potter fame.



Barry Wills
Vice President and
Bulletin Editor
Rotary Club of Gisborne



PETER CLARENCE READE, AM

23-2-1939 - 2-6-2009

Peter Reade, a solitary man who spent much of his life educating others was an outstanding academic in the world of dentistry.

He built and nurtured the research arm of the profession during the 1970s and '80s while training many of today's leading clinicians and academics in Australia and from overseas. He was dean of Melbourne University's dental school, was also the author of scientific research unparalleled in Australia. He significantly shaped the lives of many, in particular postgraduate students who flowed through the dental school from 1968 to 2009.

He graduated in dentistry in 1952, and briefly entered general private dental practice and taught part time in conservative dentistry.

After 15 years of postgraduate training in Adelaide (PhD), and post-doctoral studies in London and at Harvard, in 1968 Melbourne University offered him the opportunity to form a new department of dental medicine and surgery.

He built a dedicated team of high quality academics and clinicians and for the next 24 years oversaw a robust and expanding training program for dental undergraduate and postgraduate students. Most now hold positions of influence in many spheres of dental and medical science.

In 1992, Reade retired from a full-time academic position and in 1994 he became professor emeritus and was honoured as a Member of the Order of Australia. During his career he supervised two doctors of dental science, 19 doctors of philosophy, 52 masters of dental science and three masters of science, and published more than 400 refereed scientific journal articles.

Reade worked long and hard in dentistry but relaxed as a farmer and gardener. Home was a small farm near Gisborne, where he grew crops and ran sheep, cattle and deer. His wife Ene, a microbiologist, was a constant support. Two daughters from an earlier marriage, Wendy and Katy, lived in Adelaide while his son, Tom, grew up on the farm.

Reade loved vintage cars, and as an honorary life member of the Sporting Car Club of South Australia he always dreamt of fully restoring his beloved Bristol.

He never stopped striving to do his best, something never more evident than when he contracted cancer. He continued to work and function against adversity, inspiring many. He loved hard work, adventure and history. Exciting travel was always paramount, ranging from walking the Kokoda Track and other battlefields to working among Aborigines in outback Australia in the 1950s with his mentor, Professor Draper Campbell.

Extract of an article by Dr Ross Bastiaan, a student of Peter Reade, who was also his mentor.





***Do you want to be a part of the 2019 International Convention?
Are you hankering to visit Hamburg?***

Then you need to know about this there is a vacancy for the District 9800 "On-To-Convention" Chair for the Hamburg Convention in June 2019. Did you know that Hamburg is the home of the largest model railway in the world? That is the Miniatur Wunderland.

This International Convention will see the handover from Barry Rassin to Mark Daniel Maloney and in our District from Bronwyn Stephens to Grant Hocking. Are you Interested in taking on this role? Want to know more?

Please contact Yvonne Flynn for more details.

Phone: 0418 387 339 Email: clubservice@rotarydistrict9800.org.au



A very special Foundation fundraiser

Featuring a unique design by District Governor elect Bronwyn Stephens' daughter Kate, and acknowledging our district's commitment to peace, this design forms the basis of the theme scarf and tie selected by Bronwyn for her year.

She has made this particular item available to district Rotarians as a very special fundraiser for the Foundation,.

Would you like to part of a very special fundraiser?

***2018-2019 Theme scarf or tie in natural chiffon silk,
design by Kate Stephens.***

***A unique design reflecting our District's commitment to peace,
by being a continuous Peacebuilder District.***

This special offer for District 9800 Rotarians –

\$100 each with 100% going to The Rotary Foundation in the name of your club.

Available at District Assembly until sold out.



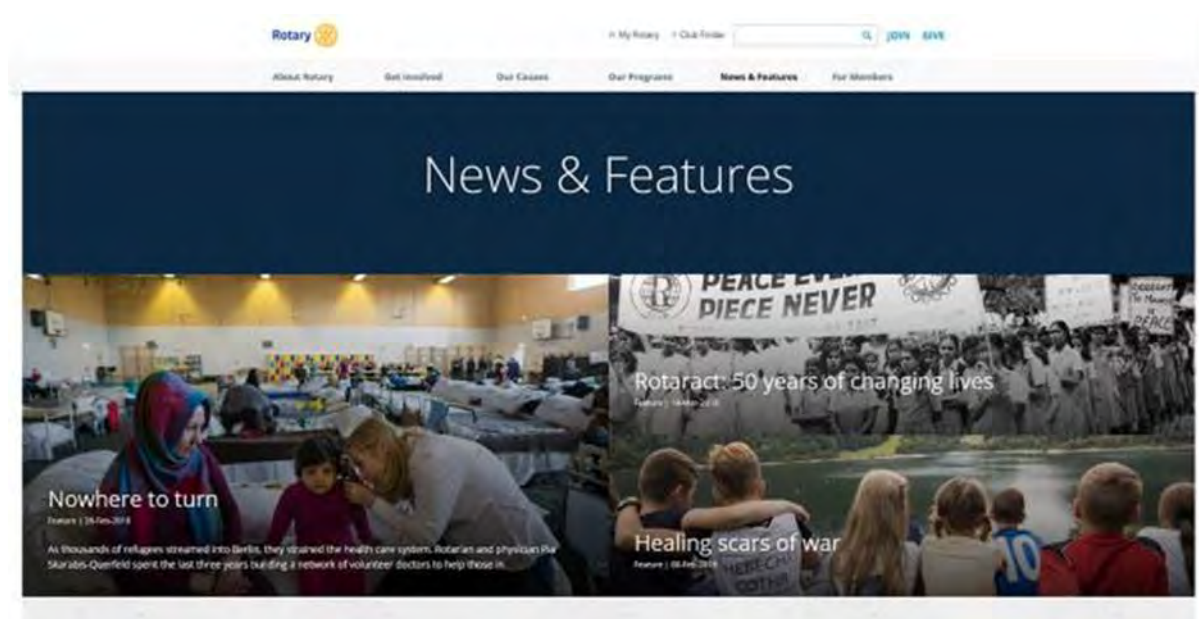
These scarves and ties will be available at the District Assembly—a strictly limited edition.

Rotary.org wins Webby People's Voice Award

The people have spoken. With a majority of internet user votes, **Rotary.org** won the prestigious Webby People's Voice Award for best association website. The International Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences announced the winners on 24th April.

Rotary International's revamped website has been chosen by the International Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences as one of the best association websites in the world.

This year, internet users cast over 3 million votes worldwide. And with over 13,000 entries from nearly all 50 US states and more than 70 countries, this year's contest is the biggest Webby Awards ever. Winners will be recognized at the Webby Awards' 22nd annual ceremony 14 May in New York, New York, USA.



The **Webby Awards** are the leading international honour for excellence on the internet. Rotary was one of five websites nominated in the best association category. The other nominees were the Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance, 11th Macau Design Biennial, Trade Works for Us, and the Centre for Court Innovation.

Rotary was also nominated for a Webby Award whose winner is chosen by the academy. That award went to the Macau Design Biennial.

Thanks to everyone who voted!

Watch the Webby Awards ceremony on 15 May.

<https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-website-wins-webby-award>

Vietnam Dental Health Project Project

The Rotary Club of Footscray supported by the Rotary Club of Balwyn have completed another stage in their RAWCS Project to send Dental Teams to Vietnam.

Jamie Robeson reports that the Field team worked for two weeks at An Phu in An Giang Province. They examined and treated 382 children and provided 1372 restorations and over 2500 preventive procedures as well as tutored 4 staff of NHOS of HCMC

The 5 specialists worked 2.5 days in HCMC and 2 days in Hanoi. each worked in their relevant department: Endodontics, Periodontics, Paediatric Dentistry, Prosthodontics, Speech Pathology. Their work consisted of desk top tutorials, clinical demonstrations and clinical advice



The Surgical team comprised maxillofacial surgeons, anaesthetists, anaesthetic nurses, orthodontist and a speech pathologist. They spent two days of consultations and case selections then three long days of orthognathic surgery and cleft repair surgery. Typically each operation would take four hours and 13 patients had surgery in two theatres. The final day had two seminars, one surgery and one anaesthesiology.

The Project is highly regarded by all the authorities and people that it touches in Vietnam, indeed it is often their only knowledge of Rotary because there is no Rotary in Vietnam currently. It is trusted because we have never attempted to introduce any agenda other than improving the health of the people of Vietnam through direct treatment and prevention messages or enhancing the capacity of local professionals to deliver the same.

We are conscious that our reputation is only as good as our most recent interaction and this awareness guides our actions and attitudes.

Dr. Jamie Robertson
Rotary Club of Footscray



Mission Aviation Fellowship partners with DiK in Timor Leste



Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!
Thank you EBCC! Thank you Charles and Jenny Foster! Thank you Rotary Donations in Kind!
Here's just the start of how we've been using the goodies you sent over to us recently....

Two weeks ago Jason went to collect some donated items from the Rotary Depot. Our X-trail was full to the top as we sorted through the boxes. What could we use in our medevac care packages? What could we use at the disability centre in Hera? Hmmm who could use that best? Ooo what shall we do with this?

We had planned to be at the airport on this day to put together 20 more care packages for male medevac patients, as we had run out. It was so exciting to immediately start including items from the boxes of donations into the packages we were making. Towels, drink bottles, mini first aid kits and polo shirts (from an earlier Rotary shipment) all went into the packages on this day.



The Timor-Leste MAF wives and kids spent a great morning opening through boxes and sorting the contents into piles for usage. Tired, hot and bothered Sam and I arrived home to find another car load had been left on our front porch for us. As exhausted as i was, we couldn't leave them sitting there, i wanted to see what was inside! So again the opening and sorting began.

New office chairs for the MAF hangar! Two wheelchairs! Boxes of baby wipes. Bags of baby clothes. Rolls of paper. Stationery. Educational books about the world and the earth. And blu tack.... there was lots of it! An unusual thing to be excited about ... but it is hard to find often here in Timor. So many good things.... and it wasn't hard to find ways to distribute most of the items.

A big pile of about twenty books went with us to church for Maun Manuel, an English teacher in a remote village called Fatu Masi, about an hour and a half from Dili. The only English books he has are the Timorese government produced English textbooks. The rolls of paper came with us to Hera, as we are learning about our bodies at the moment. So we used them to trace the students bodies and then hang them on the wall with our blu tack! Bottles of paint and glue headed to Hera as well for future craft project usage.

Another box of medical supplies went to Hera for the clinic there. Branca and a nurse do regular visits to the homes of many disabled and ill people in their area. Some of the medical supplies were perfect for that!

Into the store room for the care packs went baby clothes, so many towels, baby items, trauma dolls, things for the kids packs, including pencils, notebooks and trauma dolls. Sanitary pads went on another shelf for the packs for women and pregnant women.

The pilots headed off to their office with huge bottles of disinfectant, boxes of gloves, and antibacterial handwash under their arms.

We had set aside a number of the first aid and medical supply items to find someone who could use them. But then we had a message from a colleague, he was bringing a team of people to Timor in a week's time who were running classes on first aid in the rural communities. Hesitantly we asked if they could use mini first aid kits, bandages, gauze, gloves etc and of course the answer was yes! We didn't know why these items had been sent to us, but God did!

Then there was the wheelchairs... we were given two! We certainly could use one at the airport for medevac patients who were sitting in the plane and a wheelchair could help transport them to the ambulance. Especially useful for pregnant women or elderly patients. But two... what would we do with the other one? But then the pastor's wife from our church asked me if we happened to have any spare wheel chairs. Well, yes, actually we do, why? She explained that the family next door to the church and school for the deaf has a son with severe cerebral palsy, but only a very old and broken down wheelchair for him to use. As a result they don't take him outside very much as the chair is difficult to manoeuvre. So when we go to church on Sunday, we'll take the chair with us as a gift to the boy next door!

I'm sure this story will continue to grow, as we are able to put to use the donated items we have received. But this is the nature of our work here, it's a lot about making connections with people and working together to bring the Gospel message to this country, while helping people in physical ways at the same time. These gifts are helping us to do that!

So, with thankfulness overflowing we saw... to be continued... until the next chapter of this story...

Thanks so much and God bless,
Jason, Kim and Samuel Job - along with the rest of the MAF Timor-Leste Team!

<https://maf.org.au/countries/timor-leste/>

<http://maf.org.au/latest-news/a-day-in-the-life-of-pilot-jason-job-timor-leste/>

Journey of a Red Ensign

World War One had been raging for a little over two years when William Cole enlisted in March 1916. Not much is known about the circumstances under which he enlisted – not even by family. We do know, however, that Private William Valrent Cole was part of the 23rd Battalion which fought in the now iconic battles of that war. Not a great deal either is known about the precise journey of the Red Ensign which he brought back from the Western Front and later handed down to his children and grandchildren.

This Ensign was with the 23rd Battalion as they took on the enemy at some of the most brutal assaults of the Great War: the Battles of Lone Pine, the Somme, [Pozières](#) and [Mouquet Farm](#) in July 1916.

While Lone Pine was the primary (recorded) commitment for the 23rd in Gallipoli, all the other battles were waged on the Western Front in France and Belgium.

Private Cole was part of the 14th reinforcements that arrived on 2 September 1916 at Pozieres – a small village in the Somme valley in France. The battle that took place there and at Mouquet Farm in Pozieres has been written into history as the scene of one of the most bitter and costly fighting of the war.

“The Australian soldiers referred to Mouquet Farm as 'Moo Cow' Farm - typical humour in the face of possible death,” says Terry Coombs, who is married to the granddaughter of Private Cole.

At Pozieres and Mouquet Farm, 90 per cent of the forces – or 23,000 of the troops – suffered casualties over a period of less than seven weeks. According to the official archives, of this figure, 6,800 men were killed or died of wounds.

“It was a loss comparable with the casualties sustained by the Australians over eight months at Gallipoli in 1915,” the records from the Australian War Memorial (AWM) testify.

“This gives a good indication of how many personnel were turned over,” says Terry.

It wasn't until April 1918 that the troops began turning the tide of war at the battles of Hamel, Amiens and Mont St Quentin. The 23rd battalion secured at the fighting for Mont St Quentin, its only Victoria Cross – the highest award for “gallantry in the face of the enemy” that can be awarded to British and Commonwealth forces. This honour was awarded posthumously to a 28-year old Private from Tatura Victoria, Robert Mactier, who had been gassed in combat and made his final resting place at the Hem Farm Military Cemetery, near Peronne, France.

According to the AWM records : “The [23rd] Battalion fought its last battle around the town of Beaurevoir between 3 and 4 October 1918. It left the front for the last time on the night of 5 October, and was resting when the armistice was declared on 11 November. The 23rd Battalion disbanded in Belgium on 30 April 1919.”

“When the 23rd left the line for the last time, their withdrawal corresponded with the withdrawal of all Australian troops under the orders of Australian Prime Minister Billy Hughes,” says Terry.

“It is likely that Private Cole stole the flag as a souvenir once the 23rd was disbanded - all speculative of course but Australians were renowned for this! Then again he may have been given the ensign,” he surmises.

“This Ensign was even on display at a school and was for a number of years in storage. When the flag came into our possession, we were at a loss as to what to do with it other than to find a lasting home as it was not going to survive further passing around,” says Terry, who is a member of Bacchus Marsh Rotary.

A Literacy teacher, Terry Coombs regularly delivers the ANZAC Day Service at his school and admits it can be a challenge struggling through the poignant words of the Ode in Flanders Fields.

“**The Ode**’ of ‘in Flanders Fields’ was spawned by the horrors of the Ypres region and it is difficult reading and delivering the words without getting choked up. I really feel Australians should, if at all possible, make the effort to visit this town as it is perhaps the only way to fully grasp the true human cost of the Great War and Australia’s role and sacrifice in it. The Australian Remembrance trail can be driven in a day from Amiens in France to Ypres in Belgium where spending a few days exploring would be well invested. The daily service at the Menin Gate is held at 8:00PM each day as it has been since 1927.”

The embattled Red Ensign which journeyed far from the Western Front to our shores a little more than 100 years ago, will finally be honoured in a special dedication ceremony on ANZAC morning. The “People’s Flag” will be unveiled in a dedication ceremony organised by Bacchus Marsh Rotary and the RSL.

“I brought this to attention of Scott Peppin of the Rotary Club and they have been the driving force to have it placed at the Public Hall. We owe them a debt of gratitude for respecting and preserving our ties with, and our consciousness of, a very important and significant period of our national history. This was an event that forged our national identity.



As the wisdom goes, if we do not learn from the *mistakes of history*, we are doomed to repeating them



Pictured above:
Moorabool Shire Mayor, Cr. Paul Tatchell, Bacchus Marsh RSL President, Mrs Cherrison Lawton, Rotarian Terry Coombs, Father. Richard Litchens, Jenny Coombs (granddaughter) and Rotary Club of Bacchus Marsh Past President Scott Pepin

Scott Pepin
Past President
Rotary Club of Bacchus Marsh

Pictured above:
Terry and Jenny Coombs {Cole} with the original Red Ensign which they donated to the Bacchus Marsh RSL.

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The Australian Red Ensign
‘The People’s Flag’

Centenary of Armistice: 1918 - 2018

In memory of Private William Valrent Cole 5323
6th Infantry Brigade, 23rd Infantry Battalion, 14th Reinforcements
Donated by Terry and Jenni Coombs (nee Cole) to the People of Bacchus Marsh
25th of April 2018

The Australian Red Ensign – ‘The People’s Flag’

The 1901 flag competition winning design was announced on 3rd September 1901 and the modified design was formally adopted on the 20th February 1903. From 1904 the Blue Ensign, one of several British ensigns used by organisations or territories associated with the United Kingdom, began to be used on all Commonwealth buildings. The Red Ensign was adopted as the “Civil” flag for use by state and local governments, armed services, mercantile marine, private organisations and individuals.

The Red Ensign and the Union Jack were the two flags that ordinary citizens were encouraged to use, due to restrictions on the use of the Blue Ensign. The Australian Red Ensign was the national flag from Federation until 1953, when the Menzies Government instituted the common use of the Blue Ensign or what we know as today’s national (2018) Australian flag.

The Red Ensign was the popular flag for the people and was used by soldiers during the First World War. It should be noted that the Union Jack was also popular and used as often as the Red Ensign in Australia.

Battle Honours		
23rd Infantry Battalion, 1 st Australian Imperial Force		
Somme 1916, 1918	Pozières	Bapaume 1917
Bullecourt	Ypres 1917	Menin Road
Armentières	Polygon Wood	Broodseinde
Poelcappelle	Passchendaele	Hamel
Amiens	Albert 1918	Mont St. Quentin
Hindenburg Line	Beaurevoir	France & Flanders 1916-18
Gallipoli 1915	Lone Pine	Egypt 1915-1916

Enlisting on 20th March 1916, William Valrent Cole served three years with the 23rd Battalion. He returned to Australia on 12th June 1919 bearing the above ensign.

A Rotary Club of Bacchus Marsh project
Supported by the Bacchus Marsh Community and the Bacchus Marsh Returned & Services League.
Dedicated by Reverend Richard Litchens
Received on behalf of the People of Bacchus Marsh by Moorabool Mayor, Cr. Paul Tatchell.

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Did you know?

Rotary Down Under April 2018 out now, see

<http://digitaledition.rotarydownunder.com.au/?iid=158538#folio=1>

Rotary On The Move—Rotary Coordinators Newsletter Zone 7b and Zone 8 MAY

<http://rotaryclubofmiltonadulla.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/2018-05-Rotary-on-the-Move-Newsletter-Zone-7B-and-8.pdf>

The Autumn edition of the **Australian Rotary Health newsletter** is out now with some excellent stories to share.

https://issuu.com/australianrotaryhealth17/docs/arh_newsletter_autumn_2018?e=31587428/59827024

The April issue of **The Rotarian** is now available:

<https://my.rotary.org/en/news-media/magazines/rotarian>

Rotary Leader is available here <http://www.rotaryleader-en.org/rotaryleader-en/en201803?pg=1#pg1>



Ben Armstrong, the International Chair of the **Rotary Club of Malvern** will be running in the Blue Mountains 100km Ultra Marathon on 19th May to raise money for the **Timor Leste Primary School - Water, Hygiene & Sanitation Project, Baguia**.

RC Malvern have now donated \$10,000 which will cover:

- \$2000 – Purchase and installation of 1 x water tank
- \$8000 – Complete build of 1 x 3 cubicle toilet Shed (1 each teachers, boys, girls)

Currently these schools have no running water or toilets for the children and teachers. Many young girls don't always attend school because of the toilet situation. Some of these children are walking 2 hours to and from school with no access to drinking water at the school.

The overall project goal for 2018 - 2020 is to install 29 water tanks and toilets into 20 primary schools.

Contributions can be made directly via the project fundraising page on the Rotary Ideas website.

<http://ideas.rotary.org/Project/Profile/bd8f8730-951c-4c51-a1cb-cc3c851839bb>

Any donation you are able to give will have a dramatic impact on the lives of many children.

Here is a short video of the first trip to Timor Leste installing the first water tank into a school

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xGu-Aq158pw&feature=youtu.be>

Please follow my journey on Facebook <fb.me/100kmfundraiser>

Sungai Kolok Anti Trafficking and Medical Outreach Program Southern Thailand

TRF Global Grant seeking funding partners

Where: Sungai Kolok, Southern Thailand
What:

- Anti-Trafficking education in 4 schools
- Health education for local children & sex workers
- Disease Prevention & Screening
 - female bar workers
 - HIV positive individuals
 - elderly women
 - substance abusers

Why:

- Sungai Kolok town is both a source and destination for human trafficking.
- Sungai Kolok is an area of HIV/AIDS prevalence and many are ineligible to access Government health care.

Partner:

www.theriver.asia with www.a21.org

BENEFICIARIES	P.A.
Recipients of anti-trafficking & health education trainings sessions in community	600
local professionals receiving anti-trafficking & health awareness skills training	150
individuals receiving health screening through mobile van	320
individuals receiving disease prevention education through mobile van	100



What's Needed:

- training of local staff for anti-trafficking & health education and medical outreach
 - vehicle for anti-trafficking & health education and medical outreach
 - medical start up kit & supplies
- Total Cost: \$US40,262**



With contributions from Rotary Club of Manningham (\$A,6000), host RC (TBA), DDF and TRF matching, RC of Box Hill Central \$3,500, RC Wyndam \$500, RC FTG \$1,500.
- outstanding amount needed from other Rotary clubs is only \$5,000!

Pledging Needed \$A5,000

- 1 RC \$5,000
- 2 RCs \$2,500 each

How can you help Do Good in the World?

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PLANT-A-TREE MAKES A DIFFERENCE AT WESTGATE PARK

SUNDAY 15TH APRIL 2018

Glenferrie Rotary Greens Australia



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Plant a Tree Day

Sunday April 15th, 2018 10:00am

An enthusiastic bunch of Glenferrie Rotarians and friends ventured out on Sunday April 15th to plant trees as part of the Rotary International Plant-a-Tree program. The program aims to plant one tree for every one of the 1.3 million Rotarians worldwide before Earth Day 2018 (April 22nd), and is the inspiration of RI President 2017-2018 Ian Riseley, an Australian.

The Glenferriens planted 50 trees and 350 shrubs and grasses in a two-hour blitz at the beautiful Westgate Park in Port Melbourne, finishing it off with a welcome bbq and cold drink by the lake.

Everyone agreed it was much too much fun. Will have to do it again! Thank you to everyone who took part. Congratulations and thanks to Teresa Liu and Gary Stoneham for pulling it all together, and special thanks to Tony Flude and volunteers from the Friends of Westgate Park, who taught us all a thing or two about planting trees!



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ROTARIAN AT WORK



Melton plants at Wedge Park

The Rotary Clubs of Melton and Melton Valley joined together for a tree planting effort on 21st April to help meet Rotary International President Ian Riseley's target of one tree for every Rotarian..

Wedge Park Primary School in Melton was the beneficiary when fifty trees were planted on the day.

The ground was rock hard {drought and poor soil} so we put in a couple of extras in case they struggle to survive. Afterwards we had some great fellowship with a barbecue in the park.

Presidents Max Fraser from the Rotary Club of Melton and Pauline Dempsey (from the Rotary Club of Valley) inspect the ground.

Most of the willing band of helpers from both clubs.



The Currajong School Project

The Rotary Club of Chadstone East Malvern spent Saturday April 29th at The Currajong School where they had a very successful working bee: playground re-stained and 2 new planter boxes built from scratch for the students to get their winter vegies growing.

currajong.vic.edu.au/criteria-for-enrolment.html



Around the Clubs Welcome new Rotarians

The **Rotary Club of Bacchus Marsh** recently inducted Tania Daly, representing Nursing. She will work on the Art Show Committee. Her mentor is Noelene.



BELOW:

The **Rotary Club of Brighton** welcomed new member Gunar Oksis. He is pictured with President Damien Hellard, Proposer Greg Biggin and Membership Director Robyn Lichter.



The **Rotary Club of Bendigo South** inducted new member Sue Duncan. She is pictured with President Bernie Young and mentor Secretary Elizabeth Bell.



President Joan Robison had much pleasure with inducting Carolyn Williams into the **Rotary Club of Albert Park**. Carolyn was sponsored by John Williams. Her classification is Retail Sales. She will be serving with the Community Avenue of Service. Her mentor will be Grace Leaves.

Around the Clubs In our District

The Rotary Club of Daylesford inducted long time Daylesford resident Chris Soper at a recent meeting. He is pictured with wife Anne.



The Rotary Club of Central Melbourne recently welcomed Gabriel del Rio Clavija from the Rotary Club of Santafe de Bogota, with interpreter Catalina Novoa..

Gabriel, who will be Assistant Governor in his District 4281 next year, talked about his club, Santafe de Bogota, and two of its main projects:

- * The provision of prosthetics to Colombian landmine victims through a Foundation Global Grant.
- * The treatment and rehabilitation of cleft pallet sufferers.

He exchanged banners with Tom Callander.



The Rotary Club of Essendon are hosting Victoria Victoria is in Australia as a part of her International English speaking country) Her exchange year was in internship as she had enjoyed her US experience so Well done President Jenny Foster for putting your hand Victoria is available for volunteer experience in the Melbourne. She can be contacted on

Victoria.cartigny@gmail.com

Cartigny, a former Youth Exchange student from France. Business studies (she is required to spend 4 months in an Miami, Florida in 2016. She chose Australia for this very much .

up to support another young person in Rotary. District and is also seeking internship opportunities in

Victoria is pictured exchanging banners with President Jenny Foster.





President **Sue Vincent** made sure the Rotary Prahran brand was out in the community on Sunday at the Shine a Light On Road Safety BBQ at Albert Park Lake. It's great that our Club is invited to be part of these huge community events

The 2018 Manor Lakes Wyndham Rotary Fun Run has allowed the **Rotary Club of Wyndham** to contribute a further \$18,000 to the Werribee Mercy Critical Care Unit Appeal. The presentation was made by the Fun Run Committee leader, Peter Nichols to hospital representative, Jane Galloway.

These funds will help by providing equipment & services for the CCU including:

- Lifesaving Ventilators \$600,000
- A patient wellness garden \$420,000
- Monitoring equipment \$190,000
- Radiology equipment \$130,000



Congratulations to the **Rotary Club of Daylesford** whose 2017 Art Show and **Artober** has won the Community Event of the Year Award from the Macedon Ranges Council. This event raised \$18,000 profit, exceeding the 2016 profit by a healthy margin.



The **Rotary Club of Brighton** recently awarded Paul Laband a Paul Harris Fellow for his many years of 'behind the scenes' work on club projects such as the great Australia Day Swim and the Bayside Art Show,

DISTRICT 9800 CHANGEOVER

Sunday June 3rd 2018 11.30am for 12 noon - 3pm



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Featuring The Barking Dogs

LET'S CELEBRATE TOGETHER WITH LOTS OF FUN



www.trybooking.com/367423
Early Bird price: \$68 per person
\$75 per person (after 18th May).



This year the District Changeover is celebrating our District and all we have achieved together – Rotarians and Clubs, with assistance and support from the District Leadership Team.

There will be fun, special projects and Rotarians honoured.

Entertainment by our own sensational “Barking Dogs” with Sue Foley.

Dress to impress but don't feel you need to be uncomfortable, AND bring your dancing shoes.

In true Rotary style, there will be funding opportunities for two projects of \$1,000 each. Submit a short, informal project plan, register a table of 10 before May 18th. Be ready to claim the prize and announce the project to all our District Rotary friends. Maybe you will gain support from other Clubs and possibly receive a Foundation District Grant 😊

Please join District Governor Peter Frueh and Anne, District Governor Elect Bronwyn Stephens and Mark as we whoop it up at “The International” in Brighton.

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FOR 8

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Past President Trevor Pang from the Rotary Club of Richmond advises that *Rotary (RAWCS + Rotarians Against Malaria) have been donated an Exhibition Stand & Rotary is a sponsor.*



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Our Contributors

District Governor Peter Frueh is now counting down to Toronto.



Bronwyn Stephens, District Governor Elect, Member of the Rotary Club of South Melbourne



Loryn Clark is Past President of the Rotary Club of Albert Park, former Assistant Governor and District Director of Club Services



Bob Glindeman, OAM, is a member of the Rotary Club of Melbourne, and stalwart of Donations in Kind.

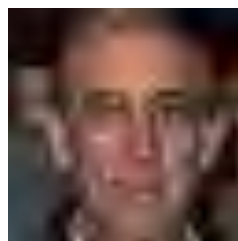
Barry Wills is the Vice President of the Rotary Club of Gisborne



Dr Jamie Robertson is a member of the Rotary Club of Footscray. He has been delivering a pro-bono dental health program in Vietnam for over 20 years



Scott Pepin is Past President of the Rotary Club of Bacchus Marsh.



Russell Barnes is a member of the Rotary Club of Hampton, District