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JULY IS CHANGEOVER MONTH

District Changeover June 25th

Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Brighton on their stellar production of this year's District Changeover. All involved did a wonderful job with a smooth process from start to close. MC Damien Hellard was an entertaining compere keeping everyone to time. There was even a bit of Irish dancing going on to the music of singer Sue Foley from Bahn Tre.



Following his closing address for the Rotary year, District Governor Neville John made several presentations.

The Citation for Meritorious Service was presented to Past District Governor Jim Studebaker. This citation recognises individual Rotarians who have demonstrated outstanding active service to The Rotary Foundation for more than one year. Jim has served as Assistant Rotary Regional Foundation Coordinator since 2012 and is presently the Rotary Foundation Endowment and Major Gift Advisor for Part of Rotary Zone 8 and 7B.

Neville then presented **Royce Abbey Champion of Change Awards** to Sam Turner from the Rotary Club of Gisborne and Des O'Shannessy from the Rotary Club of Hoppers Crossing for their inspirational work in increasing membership.



District Governor Neville John then handed over the Chains of Office to DGE Peter Frueh, who in keeping with his previous remarks, kept the speech short. Peter was supported by his wife Anne, their 3 children and partners, and grandson Lachie who was very much a centre of attention—the youngest Rotarian by many years.

The usual exchange of pins took place and there was a round of applause for the G-Train: DG Peter Frueh and Anne, DGE Bronwyn Stephens and Mark and DGEN Grant Hocking and Melissa..





District Awards and Recognitions 2016-2017

Congratulations to all these clubs for the acknowledgement of their work in 2016-2017.

PRIORITY #1—Growing and strengthening our clubs

Membership recognition—Albert Park, Bacchus Marsh, Bendigo Next Generation, Canterbury, Caroline Springs, Central Melbourne, Echuca Moama, E-Club of Melbourne, Essendon North, Gisborne, Hoppers Crossing, Melbourne Park, Port Melbourne, Prahran, Williamstown, Woodend, Wyndham, Yarraville.

Club Service Recognition:

Stonnington Cluster; Westside Cluster: Bacchus Marsh: Chadstone-East Malvern: Hoppers Crossing; Prahran

PRIORITY #2—Focusing on increasing humanitarian service:

Rotary Foundation Giving—Altona, Balwyn, Bendigo Sandhurst, Camberwell, Chadstone-East Malvern, Collingwood, North Balwyn, Yarra Bend

Australian Rotary Health Recognition—Camberwell

Vance Hilton Community Service Recognition—Flemington; Bacchus Marsh;

Bill King Vocational Service Award—Central Melbourne

Youth Service Recognition—Bacchus Marsh; Bendigo; Caulfield

Jack Nankervis International Recognition—Bacchus Marsh; Flemington: Laverton Point Cook; Melbourne

PRIORITY #3—Enhancing Public Image

Bill King Image Recognition—Caulfield; Flemington; Laverton Point Cook; Prahran; Wyndham

Thomas Lothian Rotary Awareness Recognition—Prahran

Club Bulletin Recognition—Chadstone-East Malvern, Eaglehawk, Glenferrie, Werribee

Club Technology Recognition—Laverton Point Cook

See details of all awards at:

rotarydistrict9800.org.au/programs-club-service-item/20356/district-and-international-recognitions/

Rotary International Presidential Citations for District 9800

Congratulations to the Rotary Clubs of Melbourne Central and Prahran on achieving the RIP Citation for 2016-2017.

my.rotary.org/en/news-media/office-president/rotary-citation



District 9800 Governor 2017-2018 Peter Frueh

Welcome to the new Rotary year.

Having attended many Club Changeovers, Anne and I can feel the strong sense of community within clubs and their many supporters.

Celebrations have varied widely in approach, reflecting the different history, style and approaches of each club, as well as the outgoing and incoming President's personal style. One changeover was on a boat, one onstage at a theatre, several at wineries, at function venues or normal venues. It didn't matter where we were, there was a strong sense of shared purpose as we celebrated a year of **Rotary Serving Humanity** and looked forward to **Rotary: Making a Difference in 2017-18**.



My congratulations to each outgoing President, their club members, family and supporters. In 2016-17 we were very well led by Immediate Past District Governor Neville John with Rebecca at his side. Neville will remain very engaged in providing support to clubs through the Membership committee and in his ongoing work on Foundation.

What a year ahead of us in 2017-18! We have an Aussie world Rotary International President Ian Riseley from the Sandringham club in Melbourne. For the first time in Rotary history, his wife Juliet is also a Past District Governor and charter member of the Hampton club. There is a lovely profile on them in this month's Rotary Down Under. Well worth reading.

At the District level we have a refreshed and committed team. All are engaged members in their own clubs and have a wide range of perspectives to assist clubs and share best practice, new ideas and link people together.

Incoming Presidents and Boards are encouraged to make any changes they deem necessary. Maybe trial some new approaches? One President said at Changeover that she "didn't want to change the world. But the world has changed" and she wanted her club "to be relevant in this new world". Not change for its own sake, but to make it welcoming, inclusive and friendly to new members, supporters and partnering organisations. Members need to support their club leaders.

We shouldn't face inwards, focused on differing Rotarian views but outwards to the communities that we service and represent. Please talk widely about the projects your club undertakes, the benefits to recipients and make opportunities for non-Rotarians to participate. Encourage all members to have active engagements in whatever role they can undertake. Find the passion and back members to Make a Difference by supporting new initiatives.

Did you know that only one in 824 Australians is a Rotarian? So if we were in a school we would be the only Rotarian! Surely there are other community minded people you know who would want to be part of the largest humanitarian movement in the world? If we each found one other person to join us in Rotary, we would double our humanitarian service and our clubs would be filled with enthusiastic new members full of energy, ideas and passion. So be part of the change that we want and we can make happen, by reaching out in 2017-18.

Anne and I look forward to visiting each club in the months ahead and attending those events that we can.

Peter

Peter Frueh
District Governor
2017-2018



District 9800 Rotarians honoured in the 2017 Queen's Birthday Honours List

Rotary District 9800 Governor 1986-87, John King of the Rotary Club of Brighton has been recognized in the Queen's Birthday Honours list with the Order of Australia in the General Division for service to the community of the people of Victoria. Apart from his significant Rotary service, John's contribution includes:

Support to the Mayflower Nursing Home, Brighton, Chairman & Board Member. Life Education Victoria, Member, of Parish Council & Sub-Committee St Leonard's Uniting Church Brighton Beach; Chairman, Kooyong Branch, Association for the Blind Life Governor Award 'for services to the 'Reach Out Appeal' 1981.



Two members of the Rotary Club of Brighton North have been recognized for their service to the community in the 2017 Queen's Birthday Honours List.



Gerry Lambourne's award is for his service to youth and to the community of Bayside. Gerry was responsible for the creation of youth drop in centres in the Bayside area in the late 1990s. Today, more than 17 years after it was opened, the Peterson Centre in Highett Road, Highett remains an operating youth centre.

Gerry has worked closely with Family Life in the Bayside area as a volunteer for more than 20 years and is still actively involved. He was named Bayside Citizen of the Year in 1999 for his service to the Bayside community and in particular for the youth of the municipality.



Phil Wheatley's award is for his service to the community through youth support organisations.

Phil has been the Executive Officer of Operation Newstart, an organisation that helps troubled, and possibly disconnected, youth regain a sense of purpose and become connected to society again.

Further, he has been the driving force through Rotary, of the Youth Suicide Awareness program.

Persons working with youth such as teachers, police officers, youth workers and emergency services workers are sponsored through scholarships to study the Graduate Diploma in Adolescent Health at Melbourne University. The skills gained enable them to identify and assist youth at risk of mental health issues and, possibly, suicide. Through his passion in excess of 135 scholarships have been awarded in Victoria over a period of around 20 years.

Congratulations to John, Gerry and Phil.

DGE Bronwyn Stephens on the RI Convention

Getting off a plane in one of the busiest airports in America to be greeted by Rotarians in Fluoro vests was very unusual. This Rotary World Convention we were arriving at was to be Rotary on steroids throughout. Over 130 countries were represented, with over 40,000 Rotarians attending, and so many of them from African and Indian nations. Hundreds of Filipinos, and 26 Aussies from District 9800. Registering for the convention at the airport made life easy and that set the tone for the hospitality.

Rotarians were there with a common purpose. We were humanitarians wanting to share our vision for a better world, living together in harmony by way of our areas of focus Peace and conflict prevention/resolution, Disease prevention and treatment, Water and sanitation, Maternal and child health, Basic education and literacy and Economic and community development and through our Rotary Foundation. There were plenary sessions every day and I do not think I'm exaggerating to say hundreds of breakout sessions.

A Peace Conference and a Rotaract Conference prefaced the meeting. Dr Bernice King (Martin Luther King's daughter) resonated. She opened her remarks with a statement from Mother Theresa: "Peace begins with a smile".

I got that. Although the peace conference was "stand alone" it pervaded and accentuated the whole of the convention. When a Japanese Hiroshima survivor described the lead up to the bomb being dropped, his return to the area, and then finding his aunt in her bed, having hemorrhaged and passed to the next world, it caused a profound stillness in the room. The breakout session was allocated 40 minutes but we urged him to continue his story and his simple closing statement of "there must be no nuclear war" was met with a wave of applaud and a standing ovation.

Peace featured in breakout sessions in the conference and Stephanie Woollard shared "Seven Women", and now several thousand world citizens experience of peace and empowerment, both in Nepal and those that support the Nepalese people. It was a privilege to be in the audience. PDG Ian Knight your photo is now fully shared on the World stage as Steph's first customer. Reliving Steph's journey shares many messages. One person's capacity to enable many opportunities for others; risk taking and the vulnerability it exposes; allowing others to share in your own journey and how that allows others so many smiles; the personal development in personal giving; living day by day but with a clear goal and purpose and what a world Rotary has allowed Steph and I to meet and develop our humanitarian spirits in.

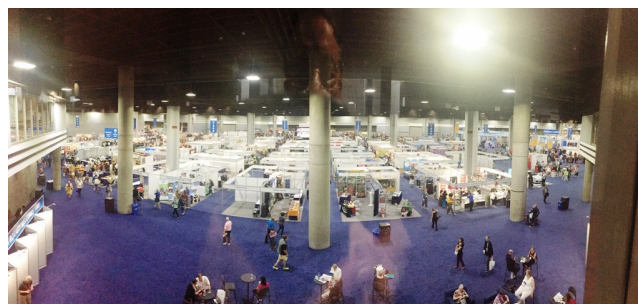
Steph spoke also during the Sustainable Business awards breakout session. Another winning project was "LaunchDETROIT" from Rotary District 6400 in Detroit USA. LaunchDETROIT supports and develops entrepreneurs and small businesses in under-resourced communities by providing access to business loans, business development services, and networking opportunities. During the presentation, I found myself translating this model in my imagination into our communities, particularly as an opportunity for new migrants. Fascinating video footage of this working in action is available from their website. I notice that RC Werribee have featured this in their club meetings.

"Food Plant Solutions" were presented in breakout session tackling environment issues. It was acknowledged that a Hobart Rotarian Bruce French developed the program which identifies the nutritional content of food that can be planted in developing countries. For example, in Papua New Guinea 100g Yam has 20mg Vit C. So, we can share what foods are great for pregnant mums, developing children and aged citizens for example. Seeing this project championed on the world stage brought a lump to my throat particularly because Echuca Rotarian Reece Teehan (dec) was so generous in giving me a copy of "Food Plant Solutions" for Cambodia several years ago, and here it was, being shared with the world.

Rotary Action Groups featured heavily. The Anti Slavery Action Group held a candlelight vigil where we reflected on the ways that world citizens are enslaved. Music and candles heightened the reflection on this important issue. Hopefully others were also called to tangible action like I was and joined the action group. It was a joy to visit the booth and meet with Stephen Sypula who is from UK and a firm Rotary friend of our own Malcolm Baird (RC Brighton North), and since returning home being contacted by Tony Stokes (RC Box Hill Central). It reinforces our small Rotary world.

It was great to meet occasionally with friends from our District. Making new friends from all parts of the world was humbling, and also forging connections for Clubs in our District who wish to match International Grants in their region was a super privilege.

You may be surprised I haven't been describing the big ticket speakers of the conference. There were certainly a lot of them. Stellar speakers featured in the general sessions and many of them were then to be found sharing conversation in the "House of Friendship" as our marketplace is so aptly named.



RI President John Germ convened a morning's session on polio eradication strategies with Bill Gates, co-chair of The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, leading the discussion. With polio on the brink of eradication, nations from around the world and key donors pledged more than \$1 billion to energize the global fight to end the paralyzing disease. The historic pledges of new will go toward drastically shrinking the \$1.5 billion gap in the funding that the partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative say is needed to reduce polio cases to zero worldwide. Just five cases have been reported this year, the lowest number in history.

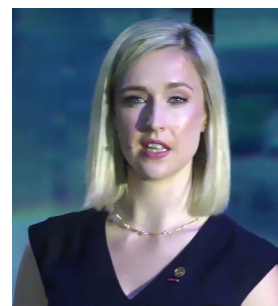
Bill Gates, said ending polio would be one of the world's greatest achievements. "Polio is the thing I spend the most time on. Every day I look at my email to see if we have a new case," Gates said. "I'm very inspired to be part of this. I'm also very humbled."

John Germ announced that Rotary would increase its commitment and raise \$50 million per year over the next three years. Rotary has raised more than \$1.7 billion to fight the disease since 1985. "Right now, every time a new case is identified, it really could be the last one the world ever sees," Germ said. Bill Gates explained that, starting 1 July, his foundation will extend its 2-to-1 match to cover up to \$50 million in donations to Rotary for each of the next three years. The match and donations to Rotary would add up to \$150 million per year over the next three years, which will add up to \$450 million to the fight. The new funding will go toward polio eradication efforts such as disease surveillance, responses to any outbreaks, and the vaccination of more than 400 million children annually.

For the list of million \$ donors go to rotary.org/en/polio-pledges-2017-convention

There were other standout general session speakers – Dr Andrew Young who was Martin Luther King's friend and ally. He was instrumental in freeing Nelson Mandela from jail. He created the Atlanta Olympic game's winning pitch. Not speaking to a script he sat and chatted about the world, his life, shared reflections wondered how people could expect him to be humble when they went and named the middle street in the city after him! And he had us laughing and crying, shaking our heads and smiling all in the one second.

Brittany Arthur, a Victorian Ambassadorial Scholar made us so proud to be Aussies, and from Victoria. She is the speaker I will end this reflection with. In 2003, a Rotary Youth Exchange student sat next to Brittany Arthur in class at her Victorian suburban school in Australia, and changed her life forever. Inspired to study abroad, Arthur graduated from universities in Australia, Germany, and Japan. She received a scholarship from the Japanese Ministry of Education and was a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar in Germany. She has been a Rotaract President in Birmingham UK and a Rotary Committee member for the Alumni of Young Rotarians. Now as a world citizen living in Germany she will be leading her Rotary Club speaking German only. She is a member of the Youth Alumni and urges engagement with Youth who have been touched so profoundly with our wonderful programs. She believes that Youth value so much the opportunity that Rotary affords and two stand out reasons are that it gives them the opportunity to work with a mentor or coach, and also because they get to work with projects that they love. youtu.be/F9DCanipB6c



So if you are a little interested in the wider International experience of a Rotary Convention after reading of our adventure consider enjoying Toronto with lots of District 9800 friends who will be attending.

RIP Ian Riseley has asked for all the Australian District Governors to make an effort to attend this convention as he passes over the office to RIPE Sam F. Owori from the Rotary Club of Kampala, Uganda

The convention is at the end of June , 23rd to 27th with wonderful opportunities for pre or post convention touring.

More to follow....

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District 9800 2016 Peace Fellow - Peter Greaney

Last year, Peter Greaney was selected to attend the Professional Certificate course at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand in June, 2017. Peter has an outstanding record of achievement with the Victoria Police force in local conflict prevention/resolution, most recently with regional community involvement in ethnic/religious/cultural differences. Peter was recently appointed Western Region Division Two Superintendent with Victoria Police, after serving with great distinction in the Bendigo region. Peter is keen to inform us of his progress and the experiences he has as he participates in this inspirational and program.



Policing for Peace

As I look back over my policing career of 32 years I can say that I have been given many wonderful opportunities. In my policing role, I have travelled all over Australia and overseas. The highlight being a trip to Israel to attend a Counter-Terrorism Conference. I have worked in a variety of policing fields including general patrol duties, crime investigation, intelligence, counter-terrorism and training.

I have most enjoyed engaging with the community in which I serve to work collectively in solving the many social issues that we face. After 32 years and at the age of 56 I never thought that I would be given another great opportunity in being selected to attend the Rotary Peace Centre at the Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok. I was very excited and a bit apprehensive when finally advised that my application had been approved. It was a long process starting with an Expression of Interest submitted to Victoria Police Executive Command through to a number of interviews conducted by Rotary Melbourne.

It is a great honour to be learning about peace and conflict amongst 23 fellows from a variety of backgrounds and representing 20 countries. I am sure we will all benefit from the knowledge and experience of our peers. It has been humbling to hear some the stories from other fellows, who have and continue to work towards peace around the world, often in quite harsh environments.

During my travels, I often stop and say hello to the police officers that I come into contact with, and although at times there are language difficulties, a request for a group photograph has never been denied. As depicted below, during a visit to the 'floating markets' I engaged with the local police at their Police Box and of course had a photograph taken with two obliging officers.

There is a certain bond between police around the world.



Last Thursday we travelled to the Ministry of Immigration to finalise our visas for the field trip to Cambodia. There was a large copy of a photograph on one of the walls. I am not sure if anyone else noticed it. It depicted the King at an official ceremony and was inspired when I read the following caption below the photograph:

"Speech of His Majesty the King on the first occasion of presenting the Royal Standard to the Royal Thai Police at Dusit Palace 13th October 1952:

"You must never forget that you are police officers. Each of you must behave in ways that are appropriate to being a police officer. You must be good police officers whatever your rank, whether a sergeant or police general. You all have the same honor the honor of being those that protect peace and order in our nation in accordance with the oath of allegiance that you have given, not considering your own benefit but considering the benefit to our nation. Therefore, I call on all of you to determine in your mind to fully carry out your duty according to your position, the same as our forebears did in times past, so that our country and nation will endure."

The speech from the King is as relevant today as it was in 1952. The words "you all have the same honor, the honor of being those that protect peace and order in our nation..." are very relevant to me as peace and order in society is what all police officers around the world must work towards upholding always. As the Victoria Police motto states, "Uphold the Right". As indicated by the King in 1952 the protecting of peace and order is to be done, "not considering your own benefit but considering the benefit of the nation". A community's attitude towards its police varies from country to country and is largely based on the culture and ethical health of the particular service. We are part of the community in which we serve and our integrity and professional standards are paramount. My policing service works with the community to ensure peace and order, and as peace fellows we must all do likewise. That is, working within our communities to make the world a better place.

Thank you Rotary International and Rotarians all around the world for this wonderful opportunity. I must also acknowledge Victoria Police for their on-going support of the program. Most importantly I thank my family for their unconditional love, and support of the work that I do.

Peter Greaney
Peace Fellow Class 23
June 2017.

Why Attend the District 9800 Rotary Leadership Institute?

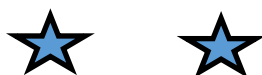
One of the many compelling reasons for people to join Rotary is the ongoing focus on personal development and training, so RLI was a valuable way for Rotary Prahran to both fast track the understanding of what Rotary is and does as well as foster leadership in newer members.

Meeting other clubs' representatives in a classroom & break out session setting helped our newer members begin to understand the dimension of Rotary outside our Club, and for older members it always helps to build new and strengthen older bonds between members from a range of District 9800 Clubs.

As clubs struggle with member retention and engagement, here is the perfect tool to engage members old and new, to provide the chance to learn, share and explore ideas in a fun & friendly setting. We can never know everything about Rotary because it's evolving and broadening in its scope & outlook every day. Rotarians can never do too much training, sharing & learning so the Rotary Leadership Institute is the ideal vehicle.

If you haven't attended a RLI course lately, grab a newer member and go. We had fun, made friends and learned a lot!

Susie Cole
IPP Rotary Prahran
District 9800 Membership Engagement Team



Enrolments are now open for the next series of Rotary Leadership Training.

2017-2018 dates:

Metropolitan —Sunday August 6th and Sunday September 3rd

Rural —Sunday August 20th and Sunday October 8th



There are also a number of seminars which are also offered including:

New Members—September 19th at The Montague Continuing Education School

October 29th at Golden Square Primary School, Bendigo

Future Club Leaders—February 18th 2018 at The Montague Continuing Education School

February 25th 2018 at Golden Square Primary School, Bendigo

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Large corporate donators and philanthropic organisations have previously used RAWCS services to take advantage of our DGR {**deductible gift recipient**} status and paid services charges on donations. This allowed services to be provided to Rotarians, Rotary Clubs and Rotary Districts at no charge.

Recently, however, a number of these organisations have received DGR status from the government. This has resulted in a dramatic drop in this RAWCS income stream.

The delivery of all services has costs associated. In order for RAWCS to continue its high standard of project service delivery, the Board has resolved there is no choice but to end the Rotary exemption.

From the 1 July 2017 all donations will be subject to a service charge of 2.5%. This change will ensure RAWCS' long-term financial sustainability and high standard of project facilitation.

Jim Studebaker – PDG D9800
Chair, D9800 RAWCS
Chair, Rotary District 9800 Foundation Grants Review Committee



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<p>Q: What specific kinds of projects can we access money for?</p> <p>A: Grant criteria has been kept broad to allow a variety of worthwhile initiatives the opportunity to access funding. It is not prescriptive, but a guide. For inspiration, see www.rawcs.org.au</p>	<p>Q: We're already helping someone – can we access funding?</p> <p>A: No, the grants are only for new projects.</p>
<p>Q: Can the money go towards community projects?</p> <p>A: On some occasions, yes. The funds can only go towards a segment of the community rather than the community as a whole. Projects helping disadvantaged individuals are also suitable.</p>	<p>Q: How much can be accessed per project?</p> <p>A: Grant funding is provided on matching basis with Rotary clubs. A maximum \$10,000 grant is available.</p>

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Help Save the Planet: Ian Riseley's Call



Ian Riseley, Rotary International President for 2017-18, issued a call at the Atlanta Convention on June 14 for Rotary to join the campaign to save the planet from environmental destruction.

He did not mention global warming and CO2 emissions but was clearly referring to them.

"It is past time for Rotary to recognise the need for sustainability in everything we do, for the good of Rotary and for the survival of our planet," he told his 20,000-strong audience in his closing address.

"Today environmental issues threaten us all. (Applause). They are having a disproportionate impact on those who are most vulnerable, those to whom Rotary has the greatest responsibility. Yet environmental concerns barely register on the Rotary agenda. The time is long past when environmental sustainability can be dismissed as not a Rotary concern. It is and must be everyone's concern."

He called on each club worldwide to plant at least one tree per member to raise environmental awareness, "and recognise our responsibility not only to the people of our planet but to the planet itself on which we live and depend."

Other points by Ian – who is from Sandringham RC – were:

Rotary had taken the past 10 years to raise the proportion of women members from 13% to 20% and at that rate would take another three decades to achieve gender parity. This must be prioritised immediately

Only 5% of reported membership is under 40. Most are over 60. "Consider what Rotary will look like in 10-20 years if we don't get serious about attracting and bringing in younger members to create new generations of members and leaders."

He will ask all clubs to report cash and equivalents invested in humanitarian service, and hours worked in Rotary's name. This data will be aggregated – not used in any inter-club competitive way – for Rotary's public relations and marketing. Ian battled a severe cold throughout his address

by Tony Thomas

A visitor to snow-bound Petersburg RC

Dorothy Gilmour of Melbourne RC recently attended a club meeting with a difference – St Petersburg RC on a moored boat on the River Neva in a snowstorm. She thought she was just a guest but was then asked to speak for 40 minutes about her club's projects, via a translator. Luckily she had done her homework on Melbourne RC projects while earlier visiting clubs in Reykjavik, Iceland, and Women in Rotary in Helsinki, Finland.

"I'd been told to come to the boat restaurant at 7pm. The cabbie dropped me off on the freezing river verge at 6.30 and all I could see through the falling snow were various old boats with not a light showing. No one to ask directions, eventually I found a boat with a small restaurant sign. I teetered down a rustic swinging gangplank and pushed open the door in the dark. A waiter was there and said nothing but pointed up some stairs. I went up and found a huge empty space with a table at the far end with president-elect Liudmilla Adamovich, a tourist operator.



"Soon about 20 people arrived and welcomed me with handshakes. There was no food or drink on tap – but we could place orders with a waiter."

Dorothy said members were intrigued by Melbourne RC's involvement with the Lifeline phone service, asking, "Who would use such a telephone service?" They also seemed amazed at the problems in Australia of family violence and suicide, asking why religious people would take their own life. On trachoma, they asked, "If there is running water, why isn't it used for washing?"

She mentioned that she had a 46-year-old son with high-functioning autism. Everyone immediately stood and applauded. They explained they thought she was only 50!

The meeting finished with hand kissing, hugs and comments, "This was the very best meeting ever!" St Petersburg RC is a recent sister-club of Melbourne RC. The club has 33 members, including three women. The medium member age is 55.

The club lacked funds to complete projects for public wheelchair-friendly accesses and palliative care for children. When told about our Very Special Kids program, they were keen to get Melbourne collaboration on a children's hospice and a LifeLine project and have since emailed the club for assistance.

Dorothy says there are three Rotary clubs in St Petersburg. The main club was instigated by RI director Frank Devlin and past RI president Hugh Archer, who began the process in 1989-90 of getting Russian government approval. The Moscow RC was first and Leningrad (later Petersburg) RC followed in October 1990. Its 40 projects since have focused on child health, including open-heart equipment for new-borns.

Dorothy, an author and social science graduate, had spent 8 days at an Iceland writers' retreat. Her initial career was in men's clothing retailing, then as a trauma and grief counsellor. She transferred from Malvern RC to Melbourne a year ago.

By Tony Thomas

Inked with Rotary for Life

Justine Murphy, 2016-17 President of Rotary Central Melbourne, has testified her pride in Rotary by getting the Rotary emblems tattooed on her wrist. The tattoo, in yellow and blue, is about 4cm round, and features the Rotary Wheel in the form of a stylised flower signifying the growth she has experienced through Rotary. The flower incorporates a blue 'stone' representing the Paul Harris recognitions she has received from her Club and District.



"At induction, Rotarians are told to wear their badge with pride," she explains. "There's no stronger representation of my pride in being a Rotarian than a tattoo. It's permanently and visibly inked on me."

Justine 48, got the idea during a presidential year which she says was a joy – and in which the club inducted 15 new members.

"As I was preparing my annual report, I realised I'd been with Rotary and the club for ten years - a third of my adult life. I've learnt so much about leadership and community spirit, and I've transferred it to my career. Just surround yourself with people who are better than you, and success is easy

"Once I made the tattoo decision I needed to find the right artist. I found the amazing Gili who has mastered the art of tattooing by

hand, dot-by-dot with no tattoo gun.

I gave his partner Lindi my Rotary badges and explained why I wanted the tattoo and what Rotary means to me. Then I trusted them to come up with a design. I didn't even see it before I went in to get it done. Their outcome was something I never expected and it's perfect."

Justine describes herself as 'a simple girl'.

The club members love her spontaneity, authenticity and enthusiasm. Her determination blazed through when she ran a 100km ultra-marathon two years ago, and earlier participated in endurance kayaking and mountain biking events.



By Tony Thomas

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WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE LTD
Rotary Donations In Kind
 Rear Shed 40, 400 Somerville Road West Footscray VIC 3012



Medical Promotional Material

We need to make everyone aware of the medical needs overseas and how the reusable goods that organizations no longer require can make a very valuable contribution. The donors, people who collect the goods, the people who sort the goods, potential project supporter and the Clubs that support the Store should all have ownership of the projects we are supporting.

Country Details Poster:

We have a standard format for this and DIK can obtain the information and will create this poster.

Project Details Poster:

We need every project that wants support from DIK to provide the details on who will be receiving the support and the goods they need. This information should be supplied at the same time as the Project Wishlist.

Delivery Report Poster: The Project will supply the photos and an overview of the goods supplied.

District Newsletter Reports

The information above will be used to produce an article for District Newsletters in December Disease Prevention and April Maternal Health Months. At other times we will produce articles for projects that have an interesting angle.

Facebook

Interesting photos will be used whenever they are available; goods being collected, shipped and received. This may be on the DIK, District, Club or Donor sites.

Website

The information will be provided to District RAWCS and National RAWCS to include on their websites.

If Clubs provide the information this does not require a lot of effort as it mostly involves presenting the same information in a different way.

Saving mothers and children

Quezon, Philippines

Rotary Club of Prahran Project



Comparison	Australia	Philippines
Population	22,751,000	100,998,000
Birth rate	12.15	24.3 births/1,000 pop
Infant mortality rate	4.37	22.3 /1,000 live births
Life expectancy at birth	82.2	68.9 years
Total fertility rate	1.77	3.09 children/woman
Health Expenditure	9.4%	4.4% of GDP
Hospital bed density	3.9	1/1,000

Ref CIA World facts 1/10/15

The equipment available in this Store can be used to significantly improve patient care in many developing countries.

Who will you help?

In the overcrowded Quezon Medical Centre, mothers were delivering babies with their feet hanging off a bed onto a chair.
 In Recovery, a mother and new baby often had to share a bed alongside another mother and baby, in a hospital with 250 beds but often in excess of 400 patients!

Health Comparison

Cambodia



Comparison	Australia	Cambodia
Population	22,993,000	15,957,000
Life expectancy at birth	82.2	64.9 years
Health Expenditure	9.4%	5.7% of GDP
Hospital bed density	3.9	0.7 /1,000
Physicians	3.37	0.17 /1,000
Maternal Mortality	0.06	1.61/1,000
Infant Mortality	4.3	41.9/1,000

Ref CIA World facts 1/6/17

The standard of care available varies significantly throughout the country and rural areas and in the comparison is much worse.

There is often a high standard of care and training in the cities, but some hospitals lack equipment and consumables. In the rural areas the basic things we can provide make dramatic improvements. Maternal mortality is 27 times greater than Australia.

The equipment available in this Store can be used to significantly improve patient care and save lives. There are projects you can adopt today

Will you help?



Postal Address: PO Box 4139 West Footscray VIC 3012
 Telephone: 0428 550 574
 Email: dik.vic.rotary@gmail.com
 Website www.rotarydik.org



VALE PDG Graeme Allison

Past District Governor Graeme Allison passed away last week.

Maria Kouppas and Roger Leask from RC Essendon had attended a Changeover at RC Drysdale and were able to catch up with Graeme as he was presented with a Royce Abbey Award,. Graeme was taken to hospital after the Changeover at which he was presented with a second sapphire; and passed away later that night.

Graeme was District Governor of then District 280 in 1982-1983 under the leadership of RI President Hiroji Mukasa of Japan. He truly exemplified **Service above Self** and as a former member the Rotary Club of Essendon and a member of the Rotary Club of Drysdale.

Graeme and Rose recently moved to Leopold and I include their new address for those who may want to send a message to Rose and Family - 9 Pine Grove, Leopold Vic 3224



Graeme being presented with a Royce Abbey Award from the club.

by

*Maria Kouppas
Past President
Rotary Club of Essendon*

Farewell Clarice, hello Ellery!

Clarice has worn out her fingers!

Over 10 years of dedicated efforts in editing the District Networker has ended with the retirement of Gordon Cheyne from the role this week.

Gordon took on the role of Networker editor in July 2007 and has edited fortnightly editions ever since with outstanding success in publicising, promoting and sharing the good news of Rotarians in District 9800.

Introducing Clarice...



*Rotary embraces all manner of things
Its power is diversity
Our newsletter ought to mirror our strengths
In good times or adversity.*

*So here I am to crack the whip
As they say, "No pain, no gain"
I'm the editor... female... and hard as flint
Not some shrinking Lois Lane.*

*A power-dresser, I'm straight from 'Vogue'
Pushing Rotary's contemporary view
'Cheeky, 'out there', making the call
Topical... with it... and new.*

*No long-winded tales from long-winded males
No tomes like "War and Peace"
No excuses or jokes... and although they're just blokes
They'll answer to me... I'm Clarice.*

He brought Clarice: an editorial "nom de plume" to members and produced entertaining and information packed magazines.

He has showcased the success of District Governors John Davis, Jim Studebaker, Colin Muir, Iven Mackay, Keith Ryall, Dennis Shore, Ross Butterworth, Murray Verso, Julie Mason and Neville John, and the many projects completed by clubs in our district.

Congratulations Gordon on an amazing job for the District and in entertaining and informing us all over the year.

The new editor is Lesley McCarthy from the Rotary Club of Flemington who has agreed to try to follow in the gigantic footsteps and example established by Gordon over the years. Lesley is a Past President, former Assistant Governor and member of the District Leadership & Development Team.

Lesley is keen to hear from all clubs, and to share and celebrate the great projects each club is involved with. As articulated at District Assembly, she is seeking regular contributions, reports, successes, sharing of processes and formats, and is also planning to survey members to find out what they would like to read more about in Networker. She and Gordon caught up at the District Changeover this week where Gordon had much advice and words of encouragement.



Clarice may have run out of energy, but we now introduce Ellery.

*Ellery is a modern Rotarian
Leading and learning through service .
Lending a hand and celebrating success
Encouraging clubs to share their work
Ready to promote your achievements.
Your job is to help us tell the Rotary story.*

Rotary On The Move: Rotary Coordinators Newsletter



“TOP 12 MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES”

Article by District 9630 Membership Director Tim Keeler, provided by ARC PDG Wendy Scarlett

1. 'Rotary Basics'

This colourful, 8 pages 'glossy' brochure, produced by RI, outlines Rotary and its many projects. Great for prospective and new members. It also comes in a snappy multi-media version, just perfect as a link on a club website. All versions are available for purchase and free download from RI website. Click [here](#).

2. 'Membership Development Resource Guide'

Despite its 40 pages, this is an easy to read guide for clubs wishing to get serious about membership development and growth. It's ideally suited for Presidents, Boards and Membership Chairs/Directors who are responsible for membership strategy. Available for free download from the RI website: http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/417en.pdf

3. 'Club Assessment Tools'

Not sure how your club is travelling? RI's Club Assessment Tools are a great starting point, and a companion to the 'Membership Development Resource Guide'. The tools provide 'survey like' resources which clubs can use and adapt to assess things like member satisfaction, club diversity and classification diversity. It even contains an survey for resigning members. Again, great for use by Presidents, Boards and Membership Chairs – at club or even district level. Available for purchase or free download by clicking [here](#).



4. 'Membership resources for Rotary clubs and districts'

This one is actually a webpage – a 'one stop shop' for all RI's membership materials. So, if you're not sure what you're looking for, this is a great place to start. It also has fantastic, up to date membership data – just perfect as a filler in a club bulletin! Find the site by clicking [here](#).

5. '101 strategies for recruiting and retaining members'

This little classic contains 101 tried and true techniques for recruiting and retaining members. It was written by Rotarians in District 9780 Australia, and is a great place to go when you've just run out of ideas, or you think you've tried everything. The PDF version is available free from the Rotary9780 website, on the page 'Membership and Development': <http://www.rotary9780.org/>

6. 'Empower your Rotary Club with RI Resources for Membership Development'

We might be cheating a bit here – this one's really a quick and easy summary of all the RI publications and resources for membership and club development. It lists the resources, price and availability – and covers everything you could want from attracting new members, to retention, to revitalising your club, to great Rotary projects. Definitely worth a look: http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/membership_resource_list_en.pdf

7. 'Rotary On The Move' Newsletter

Where would we be without this little gem, the monthly Newsletter (except for January) is jam packed with ideas on membership development, retention and growth. Subscribe by emailing the editor [Issa Shalhoub](#).

8. 'Membership Minute'

Not to be outdone by Malcolm's newsletter, RI also produces a regular membership newsletter. It's a handy email newsletter, containing membership development ideas, tips and tools. It regularly features the latest Rotary research, strategies to attract prospective memberships, and tips to retain existing members. It provides a great international perspective on Rotary. Subscribe via 'Member Access' on the RI website, or contact them at membership.minute@rotary.org.

9. 'ABCs of Rotary'

This brochure, available from RI's shop online, is a compilation of short, easy to read and informative articles about Rotary history and projects. Particularly suitable for prospective and new members, or even the older members! Order and purchase by clicking [here](#).

10. Rotary Video Magazine

This one is a little different, but a perfect filler for meetings, conferences and other events. Rotary Video Magazine contains short, professionally produced, video presentations about a host of Rotary projects across all areas of service. Great to introduce new and existing members to the amazing impact of Rotary across the world. View and download now by clicking [here](#).

11. Guest Speakers

Your district may have a number of talented speakers who are able to attend clubs and work through Membership ideas.

12. Webinars Recordings.

The initiative of Jesse Harman, Zone 8 Membership Director. Each webinar features guest panellists with direct experience, as well as a host of useful ideas and tips for Rotarians. Webinars last forty minutes and are recorded for wider distribution. For a list of past webinar recordings, please refer to page 5 of the [June 2017 edition](#) of this Newsletter.



The Rotary Club of Pakuranga (Inc)

District 9920 -- Auckland, New Zealand

Dear Rotarian,

17 Day Rotary Hospitality Tour of New Zealand - April 2018.

Following our very successful 2017 Tour we are running a similar tour again next year and invite you to consider this opportunity for International Rotary Fellowship, as well as participate in our wonderful Tour of New Zealand.

Following are the Tour Key points and Highlights. If interested, please request the full details and pricing by emailing to both peter.hawkins@xtra.co.nz and john.mcmillan@xtra.co.nz.

- The Tour is 17 days long and will commence in Auckland on Friday, the 6th April 2018 and finish in Christchurch on Sunday, the 22nd April 2018. (Attached is the Brief Tour Itinerary.)
- The Tour includes 2 Rotary fellowship events. (A Club Meeting and a 'Home Hosted' meal.)
- The Tour size is limited to 26 persons. (Within a 30/33 seater coach.)
- Accommodation will be 4 to 5 star and include all breakfasts and 11 of 17 dinners.
- We utilise a professional Tour Company and their 'Top Tour Guide' will travel throughout the Tour as your 'Tour Leader'. (Please note the comments below re Sharron.)
- With this Tour we will also be offering an optional 4 day pre-tour to Northland/Bay of Islands.

Here are some of the 62 tours/visits, of which most are included within the Tour price:

Kelly Tarlton's Sea Life Aquarium, Auckland Sky Tower, 2 hour tour of 'Hobbiton', Te Puia (Rotorua centre of Maori culture and geothermal wonders), Huka Falls, Napier wine tasting, Wellington's Te Papa Museum, Weta Workshops, Ferry to Picton, Hanmer Springs, Lake Tekapo, Lake Pukaki, Arrowtown, Queenstown, Milford or Doubtful Sounds, Dunedin and Christchurch City Tours.

Below are some of the typical comments we received from our 2017 Rotarian tourists:

- We thought the tour was fantastic. Sharron (the Tour Guide) was brilliant.
- Thank you very much for a holiday we will fondly remember for a long time.
- We felt the trip was very good ☺ in every way.
- We thoroughly enjoyed every minute of the tour and you are to be congratulated.

Please ensure you email both Peter and John. We have arranged this to ensure your request will be actioned promptly in case one of us is absent. If you have a problem please phone or txt Peter on +6421758478 or John on +64274973135

Yours in Rotary,
Peter Hawkins & John McMillan
NZ Tour 2018 Coordinators.

Notices and Events . . rotarydistrict9800.org/events

Rotary Club of Keilor—Days for Girls Fundraiser


Viewing of “My Cousin Rachel”

When: Wednesday 12th July

Where: The Sun Theatre, Yarraville at 6.15pm

\$22 including a lollybag

Trybooking.com/QLK




**Days for Girls
Keilor Gateway Cluster
Movie Fundraiser**

When: Wed 12 July 2017
Where: Sun Theatre
8 Ballarat St
Yarraville
Time: 6.15pm
Cost: \$22.00 (including a lolly bag)
KVP: Sunday 25 June 2017

Please book early at:
<https://www.trybooking.com/QLK>
Please print and bring your ticket on the night

**Seating is limited, and tickets
will be allocated in order of
receipt of booking/payment.**

Contact:
Jesse O'Leary
0403 924889
jess@trybooking.com.au



My Cousin Rachel

Adapted from Daphne Du Maurier's novel of the same name, a young Englishman plots revenge against his mysterious, beautiful cousin, believing that she murdered his guardian. But his feelings become complicated as he finds himself falling under the beguiling spell of her charms.

Director: Roger Michell
Stars: Sam Claflin, Rachel Weisz, Holliday Grainger

Money raised from our inaugural fundraiser will enable us to continue to make reusable sanitary hygiene kits for girls in developing countries. Unfortunately due to lack of funds, females who have reached puberty can lack access to products for their sanitary needs, putting themselves at risk of infection and exploitation. Without such access girls can miss up to two months of school each year, lowering their education standards and their chances of earning a reasonable income. Once employed it further impacts their ability to consistently attend work. DFG helps by alleviating these problems.

Rotaract District 9800 Changeover

Rotaract District 9800 is pleased to invite you to OurSpace 2017 at Fitzroy Town Hall,

supported by our major sponsor Yarra City Council. OurSpace will feature all four Rotaract Clubs in District 9800; Gateway Rotaract, Melbourne City Rotaract, Swinburne Rotaract and the provisional Stonnington Rotaract club..

When: Saturday 12th August 2017

Where: Fitzroy Town Hall, 201 Napier St., Fitzroy

Time: 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start till 12:30am

Dress: Cocktail

Event cost: from \$35

Contact details: Michael Galluzzo - 0404 637 078

trybooking.com/book/event?embed&id=294881

[facebook.com/events/174716051557643](https://www.facebook.com/events/174716051557643)



Rotaract District 9800 presents
OurSpace

**12 August 2017
7pm onwards**

Fitzroy Town Hall

**Early Bird Tickets
from \$35**

Sponsored by YARRA

Gateway • Melbourne City • Stonnington • Swinburne

*provisional club

2017-18 Membership & Marketing Seminar

Date: Sunday 13th August 2017

Time: 9:30AM to 1:00PM

Location: Trinity Grammar School, 51 Charles Street, Kew

Located between Civic Drive and Cotham Road.




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Rotary Club of Caulfield

Art of Dance—Free admission

3—20 August

Glen Eira City Council Annexe, cnr Hawthorn & Glen Eira Rds, Caulfield.

10am to 5pm M-F, 1pm-5pm Sat—Sun



**Rotary Club of
Caulfield**

Invites you to an exhibition

Art of Dance


3 – 20 August, 2017

Free Admission

at the Glen Eira City Council Annexe
Cnr Hawthorn and Glen Eira Roads, Caulfield, 3162

Hours 10am to 5pm Monday to Friday, 1pm to 5pm Saturday and Sundays

Dance is performance or participatory art expressed through the human body in motion. This exhibition celebrates dance and the art which it inspires- music, choreography, designs for costumes and scenery. The depiction of dance and dancers is explored through diverse mediums including photography, sculpture, drawing and painting.



Visit the Exhibition and vote in the Popular Choice Awards for your chance to win a random voter prize.
To vote on-line in the Popular Choice Awards, search Facebook for Rotary Caulfield Exhibitions/ Photo Album for Art of Dance Exhibition 2017 and like your favourite entries.

Proudly supported by Glen Eira City Council

Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM) National Conference

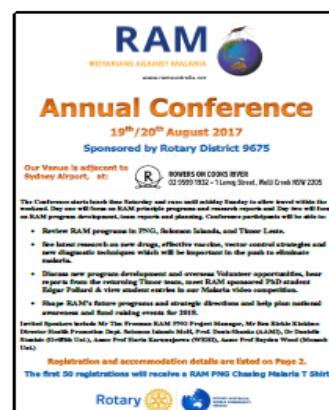
Saturday 19th – Sunday 20th August 2017

(Conference runs 1 pm Sat. till 1 pm Sun)

Rowers on Cooks River (adjacent to Sydney Airport)

Sponsored by Rotary District 9675

<http://ram.rawcs.com.au/ram-national-conference/>



Rotary Club of Flemington

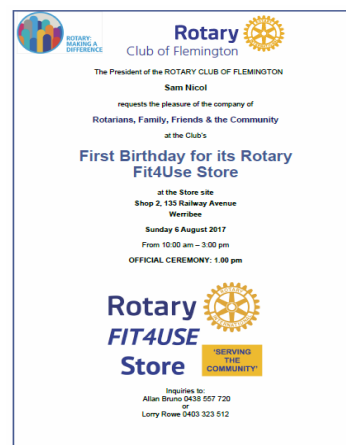
1st Birthday of the Fit4Use Store Sunday 6th August

135 Railway Avenue, Werribee

10am to 3pm—official ceremony at 1pm

Inquiries to Allan Bruno 0438 557 720

or Lorry Rowe 0403 323512



Rotary Club of Melbourne

2017 Around the Bay Event - Sunday 8 October

Trevor Nink tnink@outlook.com 0404 084 283
 Jim Orchard jimporchard@gmail.com 0452 639 329
 Phil Endersbee philip@wildernesswear.com.au 0419 321 521

VOLUNTEER ANNOUNCEMENT



Rotary Club of Camberwell presents
 the Camberwell Art Show
 Saturday 8th to Sunday 16th July.

Swinburne University
 427 Burwood Road Hawthorn

www.camberwellartshow.org.au

Western Emergency Relief Network

Accepts all donations of good condition household items such as: Bedding: Doonas & Covers, Pillows & Covers, Linen i.e. Sheets, Towels & Blankets. Kitchen Items: Kettles, Toasters, Crockery, Glasses, Cutlery, Pots & Pans Furniture: Beds all sizes, Clean mattresses. Tallboys, Dressing Tables, Bookcases, Dining Tables and Chairs, TV's White Goods: Fridges, Freezers, Washing Machines, Dryers, Fans & Heaters.
 If you'd like to donate items call Ross 0476104736 to organise a pick up.



Our Contributors



Peter Frueh is the current District 9800 Governor.

He is a member of the Rotary Club of Balwyn.

He and Anne are busy visiting clubs.



Susie Cole is the Immediate Past President of the Rotary Club of Prahran. She completed the latest RLI course with her team.



Bronwyn Stephens is District 9800 District Governor Elect. She attended the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta with husband Mark. Bronwyn is also the Chair of the District Managed World of Difference, Cambodia Project. She is a member of the Rotary Club of Melbourne South.



PDG Jim Studebaker is the District RAWCS Chair and Chair, Rotary District 9800 Foundation Grants Review Committee



David Dippie of the Rotary Club of Keilor contributes on all matters pertinent to Donations in Kind.



Tony Thomas frequently contributes to "The Networker", and blogs at quadrant.org.au



Peter Greaney is the Rotary District 9800 Peace Fellow currently participating in the Peace Centre at the Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand.



Ellery is replacing Clarice as the face of Networker. She is keen to hear from all Rotary Clubs about the amazing work they are doing.



Maria Kouppas is the Immediate Past President of the Rotary Club of Essendon.



Bronwyn Fanning is a District 9800 photo artist and contributes regularly to Networker.