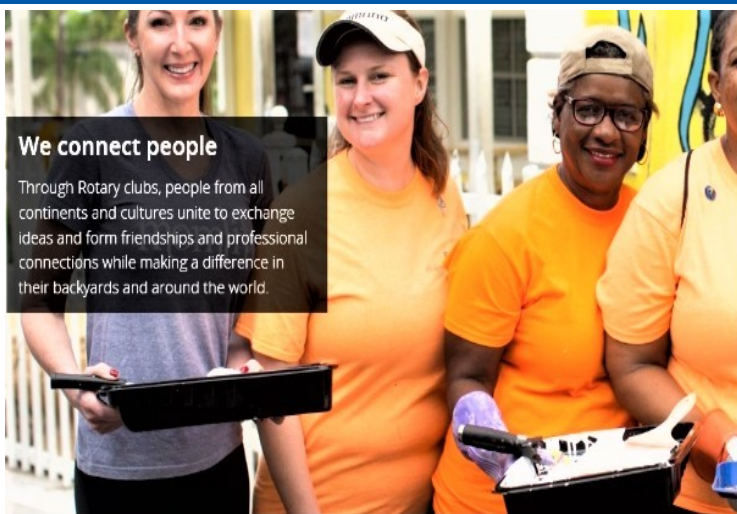


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A publication for Rotarians
and all community minded
people.

We connect people

Through Rotary clubs, people from all continents and cultures unite to exchange ideas and form friendships and professional connections while making a difference in their backyards and around the world.



We think differently

Our members' diverse and multidisciplinary perspectives help us see challenges in unique ways. Members apply their leadership and expertise toward addressing social issues — and finding unique solutions.

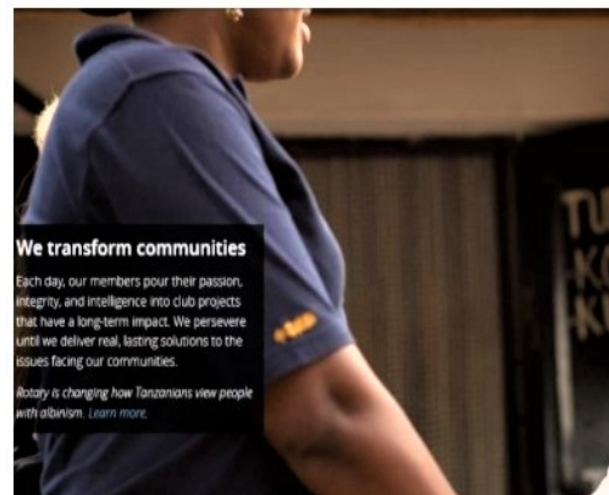
Rotary Peace Center alumni work around the world. [Learn more.](#)



We transform communities

Each day, our members pour their passion, integrity, and intelligence into club projects that have a long-term impact. We persevere until we deliver real, lasting solutions to the issues facing our communities.

Rotary is changing how Tanzanians view people with albinism. [Learn more.](#)



We solve problems

For more than 110 years, we've bridged cultures and connected continents to champion peace, fight illiteracy and poverty, promote clean water and sanitation, save mothers and children, grow economies, and prevent disease.

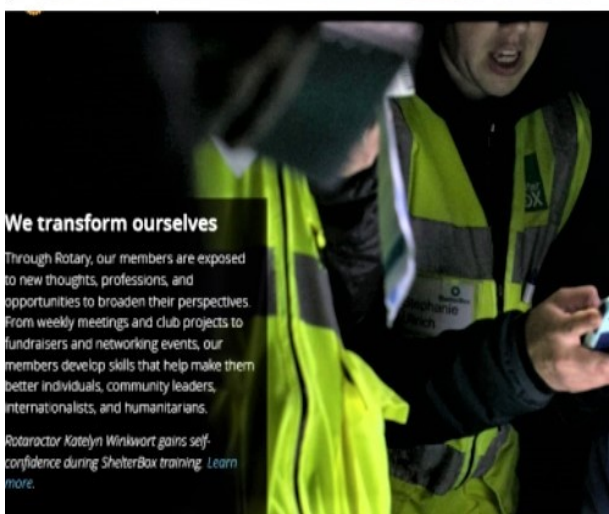
Rotarian and physician Pia Skarabis-Querfeld



We transform ourselves

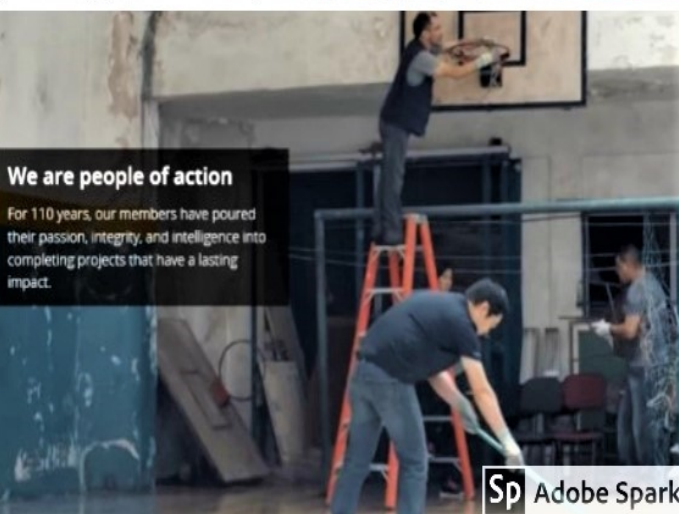
Through Rotary, our members are exposed to new thoughts, professions, and opportunities to broaden their perspectives. From weekly meetings and club projects to fundraisers and networking events, our members develop skills that help make them better individuals, community leaders, internationalists, and humanitarians.

Rotaractor Katelyn Winkwort gains self-confidence during ShelterBox training. [Learn more.](#)



We are people of action

For 110 years, our members have poured their passion, integrity, and intelligence into completing projects that have a lasting impact.



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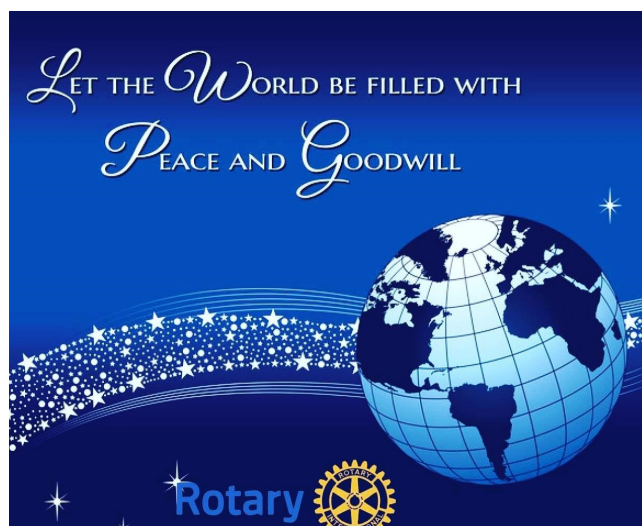


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The Rotary foundation Annual Report has been released and is available at

<https://www.rotary.org/en/annual-report-2018>



The contest closes 15 December 2018, so submit your great photos now. Winners will appear in the June 2019 issue of The Rotarian. <https://www.rotary.org/en/enter-2019-rotarian-photo-contest>

District Governor Bronwyn Stephens

Peace is on my mind and perhaps yours too. Every morning, every time I open my computer or turn on the TV (rarely this year) what will be the sad and horrific news? Thankfully the space Mark and I are occupying in Rotary is a peace building space traveling around and mixing with you and in this editorial may I share some of that?




An induction of a new member, careful crafted, moulded and contemporized so as to make them feel special, honoured and welcomed to their new Rotary Club. Thank you President Graeme Lynas of team Rotary Bendigo Sandhurst for this positive peace building message.....

,You have been chosen to membership in Rotary because your fellow members believe that you have all of the characteristics which exemplify the true spirit of Rotary. Your **** has given you an insight into what "Service above self" really means.

As our newest Rotarian I would like you to:

- Get to know everyone in the club (??although I think you now do already)
- Sit at different tables
- Learn more about Rotary and aspire to leadership through the Rotary Leadership Institute program
- Attend the district Conference
- Become involved in various committees (I think you have)
- Express your opinion freely and often (I know you will)
- Tell everyone you are "in Rotary" and what it means to you
- ◇ Hold myself and the Board to the highest standards, expect a lot from us!
- ◇ Have fun

Would all members and guests please stand as  pins on the badge.



's classification is "".

Congratulations



Response from



Youth Exchange blazer presentation. Seven 15-16 year olds will be experiencing the ultimate peace-brokering, life changing opportunity. This is through the generosity and warm spirit of Rotarians who are willing to sponsor and host. Spending 12 months in another culture, with people who speak another language and have a different political system must give a huge insight in "how to get along" and teach life long lessons. There is a wonderful small book produced each year titled "**Letters from Abroad**". It gives insights into the young people's 12 months "lived" and I would highly recommend reading the pdf version. It can be found here: Previous versions are available also for download.

<http://rotaryyouthexchangedistrict9800.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Letters-From-Abroad-2018.pdf>



MacRob Interact coordinated "**The Great Race**" and over 400 students and teachers enjoyed a positively peaceful day with 20 stations around Albert Park Lake and my "old school" at MacRobertson's Girls High. 3 of the inspirational Youth Leaders of Interact shared some reflections with me in this very short video. <https://youtu.be/3vOhLdfXJAc> **NB please don't post this video on facebook....** I hope you enjoy it and catch up with them at the Multi District Conference after you have attended the Peace through Service....the road to harmony Seminar. February 15th.

Now that we starting to celebrate this special time of the year with family and friends.... may I take the opportunity to wish you a love and peace filled Season.

Rotary for me allows a person to take an idea to help another person, a community or the whole world... and for like minded people to join them to make it happen.

Bronwyn

RI President Barry Rassin ... change

It's traditional that the first *Rotarian* magazine of the Rotary year carries a profile of the incoming Rotary International President and his or her family.

I've always read those profiles with interest, never giving much thought to the possibility that one day, I might be the one bringing a writer from the magazine to my Rotary club meeting! I have never liked a lot of attention, and the idea of having my picture on the magazine cover made me a bit uncomfortable. But when I saw the photo the editors chose, I smiled.

Because the star of that picture definitely isn't me, or even my wife, Esther. It's the flock of flamingos, none of which could care less about Rotary, all strutting past us in the same direction. All of them — except one.

I couldn't think of a more appropriate image to reflect the message I want to convey to Rotarians. That one flamingo, going the other way, represents so much of what we need to do in Rotary.

That flamingo knows everyone's going one way. She sees it. But she also sees that maybe the path they're on isn't the best path. Maybe, just maybe, there's a better path over there, and she wants to get a good look before she goes marching on with her friends.

And if, when she does stop and look, that new path does seem better, she'll call the rest of the crew to come over and check it out with her. And maybe, just maybe, they'll all choose that better path together.

Change is hard. And the longer we've been going one way, the more friends we have with us, the harder it is to be the one who turns around and does it differently. But change — not change for its own sake, but careful, considered, goal-directed change — is essential for any organization that wants to evolve, stay relevant, and move forward in the right direction.

So take a look at that picture, but don't look at me. I'm not the one that cover's about. That cover is about the flamingo. It's about having the curiosity, the courage, and the conviction to look at different paths that might be better — whether you're out for a stroll on a beautiful Bahamas morning, or helping chart the course for our organization.



Barry Rassin
President 2018-19
December 2018

Prancing in the Park for Polio

On Saturday 17th November, District 9800 came together to help take the fight right up to Polio with the very first **End Polio Prance**. 41 Rotarians and Walter the Great (Polio) Dane pranced their way around Albert Park Lake in Melbourne on beautiful morning that raised **\$103,512.75** – give or take a few cents.

Thanks to District & Foundation funds PLUS the matching 2:1 donation from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, we were able to reach and exceed our target.

Special thanks to the Rotary Clubs of Albert Park, Caroline Springs, Laverton Point Cook, Malvern, Melbourne South, North Balwyn, Prahran, Southbank, Woodend and Wyndham who all created teams of Prancers for the day and of course to all the individual Prancers and those who sponsored us.

Look out for the event next year on Saturday, October 26th when we hope to be prancing under the banner of End Polio for the last time.

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District 9800 Rotary Youth Exchange

The excitement is building and departure day is only weeks away. Our **Outbound Students for 2019** have taken part in their final preparations. On the weekend of the 16th to 18th of November there was the ROTEX Camp at Anglesea. Both our inbound and outbound students were at this camp that is run by returned exchange students (ROTEX) who are able to pass on advice on making the most of the experience and how to cope with the difficult times. The ROTEXERS are paired with an outgoing exchange student and carry out the role of mentors throughout the year.







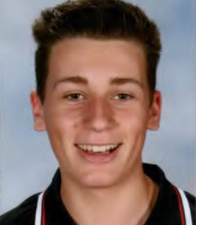


Rotex Camp Anglesea with inbounds, outbounds, ROTEXERS and members of the Youth Exchange Committee.
(Photo Ed Brown)

Last weekend students and parents attended the **Blazer presentation** at Ciloms Airport Lodge in Tullamarine. At the end of an afternoon full of information relating to insurance, self-care, the rules of Exchange (fondly known as the 4 Ds – no drugs, drinking, driving or dating), finances, and being an ambassador for Rotary and Australia it was finally time for the presentation of the blazers. District Governor Bronwyn Stephens was there to help with the presentation and to present a banner to each student to present to their host Rotary Club. Departure day is Saturday 19th January 2019.



The Blazer Presentation 25th November from left to right:
DG Bronwyn, Bianca, Amanda, Grace, Hamish, Lara, Sabine, Annabelle, Youth Exchange Chair Gabrielle.
(Photo: Barry Mullen)

The 2019 Outbound students:

	<p>Amanda - Finland Sponsored by RC Glen Eira. Hosted by Lempaalan Rotaryklubi. Amanda is artistic with an interest in music, drawing, painting, dancing and acting. She enjoys playing soccer and baking. She is an energetic and outgoing person always up for new experiences. During her exchange she hopes to make lots of new friends, bond with her host families do weird and different things and make it the best time of her life.</p>
	<p>Annabelle – Switzerland Sponsored by RC Bendigo. Hosted by RC Bottmingen Birseck. Annabelle enjoys listening to music, spending time with friends, performing in musicals and attending dance lessons. Annabelle considers herself to be fairly open minded and likes to be on top of things and know what's going on. She hopes to return to Australia a more focussed, driven and independent person.</p>
	<p>Bianca – Austria Sponsored by RC Glenferrie. Hosted by RC Vienna Bianca has been dancing for eleven years and does ballet, hip hop, contemporary and jazz. Bianca has played AFL with a local football team and in her spare time likes to experiment with cooking and enjoys making and decorating birthday cakes for friends. Bianca is organised, persistent, outgoing and independent. On exchange Bianca wants to experience a new culture and meet lots of new people. She would like to develop her independence and her global view.</p>
	<p>Grace – Sweden Sponsored by RC West Footscray. Hosted by Sollentuna Rotaryklubb. Grace is a volunteer at her local Surf Lifesaving Club and enjoys this way of contributing to her local community. Grace is interested in fashion art, and music. She enjoys travel, a wide variety of sports and snow boarding is a love. Grace is respectful, enthusiastic, kind, outgoing and confident. On exchange Grace wants to develop her independence and gain knowledge of another type of lifestyle that will give her another perspective on learning.</p>
	<p>Hamish – France Sponsored by RC Gisborne. Hosted by RC Armentieres. Hamish enjoys playing basketball and plays for his local club. He also plays tennis and particularly likes the teamwork and social elements involved in both sports. Hamish enjoys challenging himself. On exchange he wants to learn a language and to be confident enough in himself to be able to hold a conversation with someone in their native language. He hopes to share what's it's like to live in Australia and see what we have in common.</p>
	<p>Lara – Germany Sponsored by RC Prahran. Hosted by RC Reutlingen Tuebingen. Lara enjoys scrapbooking, browsing the Internet fashion., playing the drums and singing. Lara is passionate about conserving the environment and at school she joined a youth climate protection program to help make her school a more ecologically friendly place. Lara has firm beliefs, is empathic and wants to do humanitarian work in the future. On exchange Lara hopes make lifelong friends and to create that will last the rest of her life. She wants to become more confident and to become more aware of the world around her.</p>
	<p>Sabine – Spain Sponsored by the RC Footscray. Hosted by RC Lloret de Mar. Sabine is interested in music, language and rock climbing. She loves rock climbing because it combines strategy and skill and gives an adrenaline rush every time she climbs. Sabine plays the guitar and has played in many school concerts. She is currently studying Spanish every Saturday morning at the Victorian School of Languages. One of Sabine's characteristics is that she does not let emotion cloud her judgement. On exchange Sabine hopes to grow as a person, visit new places, become fluent in a language, meet new people and develop lifelong friendships.</p>

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Another Rotary Peace Fellow Candidate

Anggie Burcher, has also received a Peace Fellowship to go to Chula in January 2019. She is Indonesian by birth and is a Gender and Protection Specialist with **UNWOMEN** in Papua New Guinea .

She is currently on field work in the Southern Highlands and Hela Province of Papua New Guinea

Through her current **RedR** humanitarian deployment to **UNWOMEN** in Papua New Guinea, Anggie leads an emergency response program which works to ensure women and children who are the most vulnerable and marginalised due to the earthquake in the Papua New Guinea Highlands have access to the support and protection they need during the disaster response.

Anggie works with community leaders to strengthen women's voices and leadership as first responders to meet immediate needs of women and children, improve coping and protection mechanisms and support resilience building for a long-term recovery.

Anggie will participate in the Peace Program in Chulalongkorn University in January.

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Riverside Cluster remembers Sir John Monash

On 27th of November, the Rotary Club of Glenferrie co-hosted a joint Riverside Cluster event at Kooyong. Rotary members from Glenferrie, Hawthorn, Kew, Yarra-Bend, Melbourne, Chadstone - East Malvern, Malvern, Toorak, and District 9800 attended, with the door list including a number of local dignitaries. It was an exhilarating evening where all club presidents from the Cluster contributed as co-chairs.

Master of Ceremonies was Dr Robert Webster, RSL President, Victorian Branch, and the Keynote speaker was The Hon. Ted Baillieu, Former Premier of Victoria and member of Rotary Club of Glenferrie.

Ted spoke about the events leading up to and after the Armistice on the 11th of November leading to the Treaty of Versailles. He also spoke of the key role Sir John Monash played, both in the battlefield and afterwards, in the repatriation of service men and women.

In a presentation rich with information, speaker Ted Baillieu described the challenges that emerged at war's end, the pivotal role the Commander of the Australian Corp., General Sir John Monash played in firstly, helping to bring that war to a close, secondly, in bringing home the survivors of that brutal conflict to a nation in trauma, and thirdly building postwar Australia. In 1914 the population of Australia was less than 5 million, of which 416,809 enlisted, more than 60,000 were killed and over 156,000 wounded, gassed or taken prisoner.

Returning home to a nation engulfed in grief, survivors faced joblessness, disability, psychological trauma, family and social dislocation and a global flu epidemic which killed more than twice as many people worldwide as the war itself.

Attendees heard how Sir John Monash's advanced strategies hastened the end of the war, and how his enlightened approach to repatriation greatly facilitated the road back to civilized society. Earlier, Dr Robert Webster OAM spoke on the enduring legacy left in Europe and the Middle East by those Diggers of World War 1, through lasting respect for Australia.

Former Premier the Honourable Ted Baillieu commenced his talk to an expectant audience November 27th with a question.

How many in the room had served in war? A number of hands went up.

He then asked: How many here have been involved in efforts to make Peace following a conflict?

Not one hand went up. And therein lies a tale.

Since it is the war that is most often recalled, but the peace efforts that ultimately leave an enduring legacy. It was perhaps, following the First World War, the failure of the peace efforts to provide an enduring peace which was the greatest failure of all, leading ultimately to the Second World War, the conflicts in the Middle East and ultimately the current tensions in the world today. How different it all could have been.

It was a great evening with 130 people booked to hear this wonderful story of Sir John Monash, Australia's role in post war treaties and post-war life in Australia. A big thank you to Richard Blakeman for organising this wonderful event. Rotarians have dreams and goals, trying to make it work. These are the examples showing the power of Rotary.



THE 2018 ROTARY COUNCIL ON RESOLUTIONS HAS VOTED

The Rotary Council on Resolutions, which now votes online annually has voted for the second time. A separate Council on Legislation continues to meet in person every three years and will convene again in 2019, with the authority to amend Rotary constitutional documents.

Resolutions are not legislative but are recommendations to the RI Board (or Foundation Trustees), which can be adopted by the Board or become the catalyst for future legislation to be enacted.

Using an on-line platform, representatives from all of Rotary's districts had the opportunity to vote (over a one month period) on resolutions that districts have proposed or endorsed. An analysis of the votes cast shows that more than 40 Districts (and as many as 50) did not vote or abstained on every resolution. Presumably some Districts did not vote at all and others only voted on Resolutions that resonated with them. We can only speculate why that might be so.

Fifty-five resolutions were considered, significantly more than the thirty-eight Resolutions considered at the first Council and 21 were adopted. Full details of the proposed Resolutions and the voting is available at <https://my.rotary.org/en/cor/vote>

As with the first Council, the largest number of the Resolutions were proposed from Japan (23 of the 55) and many could be interpreted as wanting to emphasise the formality and rules based administration of Rotary but also for promoting vocational service. 12 of the 23 proposed resolutions were adopted, which demonstrates that there is support for these aspects of Rotary.

District 9800 voted differently to the majority for 14 Resolutions so D9800 Rotarians will be interested to understand how we arrived at our apparently contrary voting intentions. Most of the Resolutions where we voted differently to the majority were approved or rejected by a narrow margin, suggesting there was no overwhelming appetite for change. For example we supported a request for the Rotary International Board to consider adopting a definition of positive peace, which was rejected by a margin of 254 (against) to 242 (for).

In arriving at our voting decision for our district, each member of the District Resolutions Committee independently reviewed every resolution on the basis of their experience and understanding of the issues. In addition to myself, the Committee comprises the 3 previous Council on Legislation Representatives (PDG Gordon McKern, PDG Ian Knight and PDG Don Jago) as well as PDG Murray Verso who is the D9800 Alternate Representative.

Across the board our views were similar and where different there was no strong disagreement. We took a majority consensus and discussed any remaining differences. We took the view that the Standard Club Constitution should avoid being overly prescriptive and many of the proposals were to make it more so.

A few of the Resolutions where there was a significant vote contrary to our vote are worth discussion. As you know we have adopted the **EarlyAct** program in our District and voted for it to be an official RI program (like Interact). A strong majority of Districts did not agree and neither did they agree to support a similar program called Rotary Kids. Quite possibly the supporters of that program voted against EarlyAct and vice-versa, thereby ensuring that neither program was strongly supported. It might be time that Rotarians concentrate on the program itself rather than the name of the program, which seems to be an issue. There are differences in the programs so some other compromises might be necessary as well.

There was clear support for expanding **The Rotary Foundation District Grant program**, which suggests that the “**Future Vision**” format is still not embraced everywhere and perhaps a reflection that many Districts seem to find Global Grants just too difficult.

We did not support the several proposals that relate to expanding the District Grants program because our experience is that the 50% of available District Designated Fund that can be allocated to District Grants is more than sufficient to ensure that all quality District Grant applications can be approved. But it does send a powerful signal to the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation that most Districts find the current process for Global Grants too onerous or that for many Districts International service through Global Grants is not well supported.

Another Resolution that was strongly rejected but which we supported was a proposal for the RI Board to consider establishing regional decision-making bodies. This was not intended to replicate a body with the powers of RIBI (Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland) but rather to provide some capacity to work on a regional basis to better promote and represent Rotary and deal with local issues as required.

At the recent Rotary ANZ Conference a proposal submitted by IPDG Peter Frueh to develop models for a Rotary Australia Reference Group was adopted.

The annual on-line voting has merit in that it reduces costs and allows for more frequent consideration of matters that are considered important but the downside is that there is no facility for debate or discussion. I believe this would have influenced a different outcome in at least some of the resolutions, when unintended implications are identified.

Notwithstanding, the process worked efficiently and some issues of concern will no doubt receive lively debate by the RI Board and Foundation Trustees. The Board or the Foundation Trustees do not have to endorse or act on any of the outcomes from the Council but we can be assured these outcomes will influence future decision making.

Strong support for some items may also translate into proposals for consideration at a future Council on Legislation, where they can become constitutionally implemented. As for last year, the real concern is not the voting outcomes but the fact that so many Districts chose not to have their voice heard.

I'm happy to share our voting details with anyone who would like them and discuss the reasons for our voting.

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Rotary Day at the UN in Nairobi

Innovation was the theme at Rotary Day at the United Nations on 10 November.

Nearly one thousand Rotary leaders, members, and guests from around the world met in Nairobi, Kenya, to hear about creative solutions to challenging world problems.

The annual event, held at the only UN headquarters in Africa, recognizes Rotary's long-standing special relationship with the **United Nations**. UN officials and humanitarian experts inspired participants to find innovative strategies for addressing humanitarian needs both locally and globally.

The event honoured young innovators and their role in creating change. Six Rotaract and Rotary members aged 35 or under were also honoured as **Rotary People of Action:**

Young Innovators.

All of these leaders spoke about how they used ingenuity to launch efforts that brought about measurable and lasting results.

General sessions and workshops covered the UN Sustainable Development Goals, the technology revolution, and young people's role in creating change. A special session on the environment emphasized the importance of sustainable development and suggested concrete actions that people of all generations can take to build a clean and healthy future.

For the first time, the event also featured an Innovation Fair where Rotary clubs, businesses, and other organizations exhibited projects and cutting-edge technology designed to address humanitarian challenges. Keynote speakers included RI President Barry Rassin, who is a member of the Rotary Club of East Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas, and Sushil Kumar Gupta, Rotary International president-nominee and a member of the Rotary Club of Delhi Midwest, Delhi, India.

Rassin said the Innovation Fair inspired him to pair Rotary's older generations' resources and experience with the energy and ideas of young people.

"We want to take you on as equals, as colleagues," Rassin told the young audience members.

"You bring to the table your ideas, your ambitions, your perspective on the world's problems. We help you to enlarge your horizons, to think big, and to make your innovations practical."

He added, "Youth innovators and Rotary can make the impossible possible."

With more young people in the world today than ever before — more than 50 percent of the population is under age 30 — it's imperative for them to harness their talents, said Hanna S. Tetteh, director-general of the United Nations Office at Nairobi.



Ludobvic Grosjean, Melbourne City Rotaract addresses the audience at Rotary Day.

By Ryan Hyland and Arnold R. Grahl

Rotary International

<https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-un-day-2018-honors-innovators>

North Balwyn supports new ARH Researcher

At its **Charity Golf Day** in February this year, the **Rotary Club of North Balwyn** pledged that the funds raised would go to **Australian Rotary Health**, to be used in the area of Youth Mental Health.

It was a successful event and the \$20,000 profit then prompted the Club to adopt its own researcher through ARH's Funding Partner program.

Following the selection of researchers from over 300 national grant applicants as judged by the ARH Research Committee, chaired by Professor Jane Pirkis from the University of Melbourne, Jacqueline Kuruppu was awarded an Ian Scott Scholarship. She is the researcher whom the Rotary Club of North Balwyn will fund for the next three years.



The title of Jacqueline's research study is: 'Co-designing a decision-making tool to assist GP's and Practice Nurses in the decision to report Child Abuse.'

She visited North Balwyn on Thursday 22 November to meet and thank President Nino Sofra and Rotarians from North Balwyn.

Jacqueline's research project is scheduled to take three years. She will regularly update the Rotary Club with her progress and both she and members of the Rotary Club of North Balwyn are excited to be taking this research journey together.

Jacqueline is pictured with President Nino Sofra.

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Rotary recognizes UK Prime Minister Theresa May with polio champion award

Rotary honoured Theresa May, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, with the **Polio Eradication Champion Award** for her leadership and political support toward ending polio.

Rotary International President Barry Rassin presented the prestigious award to Alistair Burt, the UK minister of state for international development and minister of state for the Middle East, at a roundtable discussion on polio eradication on 27 November in London, England.

Rassin told Burt, who accepted the award on May's behalf, that the UK has repeatedly demonstrated an unwavering commitment toward a polio-free world.

"Britain's leadership in making multiyear commitments in support of global polio eradication has been an example for other countries to follow," Rassin said. He added that flexible funding from the UK has given the Global Polio Eradication Initiative more resources to respond quickly to "dynamic needs."

Under May's leadership in 2017, the UK pledged about **\$130 million to the GPEI** for 2017-19, bringing the country's cumulative support for polio eradication to \$1.6 billion — second only to the United States. May has also been a strong advocate for other countries in the G-20 and G-7 to maintain their financial and political support for a polio-free world, Rassin said.

Rotary established the Polio Eradication Champion Award in 1996 to recognize heads of state, health agency leaders, and others who have made significant contributions to ending polio.

Past recipients include Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari, and former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

By Ryan Hyland

<https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-honors-uk-prime-minister-theresa-may>



Alistair Burt, left, the UK minister of state for international development and minister of state for the Middle East, accepts the Polio Eradication Champion Award from RI President Barry Rassin.

3 WAYS YOU CAN BUILD PEACE

How do you define peace? Is it living in harmony with others? Is it having a well-functioning government and the free flow of information? Or is it the absence of violence and war?

There is no one right way to define peace. But there are many ways to work toward achieving it.

Rotary is partnering with the **Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP)** to enable Rotary members, peace fellows, and community members to design and execute stronger peace projects and promote peace more broadly. Through this partnership, Rotary and the IEP have created webinars, interactive tools, and workshops that teach new peacebuilding methods and training in the Positive Peace concept.

The IEP is the world's leading think tank dedicated to analyzing peace and quantifying its economic value. Learn more about Rotary's partnership with the IEP and how together we're creating opportunities for peace to thrive.

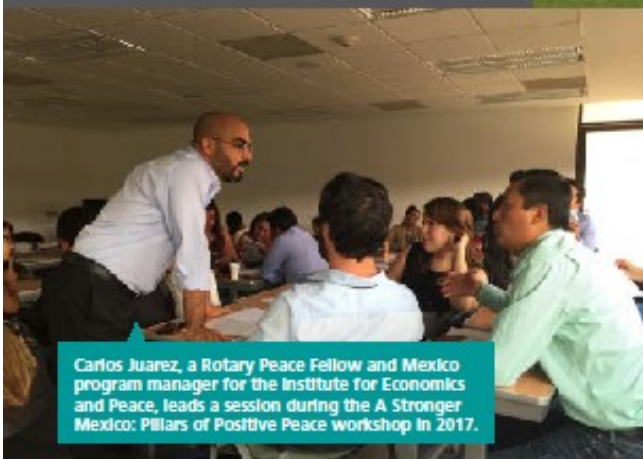
<https://my.rotary.org/en/join-rotary-peace-academy>

1 TAKE THE ROTARY PEACE ACADEMY COURSE

Learn how to build and sustain peace in your community through this free, self-paced online course which you can complete in under two hours. Discover how peace is measured, what Positive Peace is, and how to work for peace and conflict resolution through Rotary using Positive Peace concepts.



Participants work together during a mapping exercise to understand how the eight pillars of Positive Peace are interconnected during a workshop in Mexico in 2017.



Carlos Juarez, a Rotary Peace Fellow and Mexico program manager for the Institute for Economics and Peace, leads a session during the A Stronger Mexico: Pillars of Positive Peace workshop in 2017.

2 START A CONVERSATION ABOUT POSITIVE PEACE

Organize a diverse gathering of community leaders and peacebuilders to discuss the practical ways you can foster peace in your community. Use our presentation guides to facilitate the discussion.



Rotaractors from 70 clubs in Uganda receive training in preventing and mediating conflict during a 2016 Bringing Positive Peace to Uganda workshop.

3 HOST A POSITIVE PEACE WORKSHOP — COMING SOON

You can equip young leaders with the knowledge they need to build and sustain peace in their communities: hold large-scale Positive Peace workshops. Hosted by Rotary clubs and districts using Rotary Foundation global grant funds, these workshops connect participants with real opportunities to take action. A curriculum will be available in 2019.

The New Port of Melbourne—Webb Dock

The Port of Melbourne is Australia's biggest and busiest container port, and to ensure it has the capacity to deal with future trade, it needed to get even bigger. Victoria International Container Terminal (VICT) won an international bid in May 2014 for the design, construction and operation of Webb Dock which included the re-engineering of existing wharves at Webb Dock East, a new 900m wharf at Webb Dock West and associated dredging and navigation works.

Vital to the daily lives of people across Victoria and South-eastern Australia, the Port supports thousands of businesses and provides trade links to the rest of the world. But infrastructure this valuable can't just be maintained – it needs to be able grow and to cater for more traffic. It needs to be able to cope with issues 50 years from now. It needs to help boost the economy by providing thousands more jobs.

Project Summary



Capacity to handle vessels up to 12,000 Standard Containers	\$1.6BN Investment	Port Handling capacity of 2.6 million TEU's pa.
570m upgraded and rehabilitated wharf	600,000 + vehicles to be handled annually	

Webb Dock East is a 37 hectare man-made facility that has been developed into Australia's first fully automatic container terminal. Projections suggest that the expansion project will create 2,600 direct and 1,900 indirect jobs. It will return Webb Dock East to its original role as an international container handling facility, and will introduce a new terminal capable of handling over one million containers per year. Most importantly, it will ensure that the Port of Melbourne continues to be a key economic asset for many decades to come.

During early 2015 RCPM was contacted by a representative of McConnell Dowell, a very large multi-national infrastructure construction company which had been awarded a contract by VICT to build the new Webb Dock terminal.

We were asked if we would be interested to provide the construction workforce of between 50 and 70 men & women during their early morning break a BBQ breakfast including eggs, bacon, sausage, cheese and bread or buns. This would alternate between the crews on Webb Dock West and then Webb Dock East as construction work progressed.

So of course - we said yes. RCPM volunteers arranged and picked up food during each shift in the early morning and arrived at Webb Dock security barriers by 8am to be checked and signed in. This was critical as we had to set up and cook on the BBQ's everything ready to serve the work crew's breakfast starting at 10.30 am. And yes, they often all arrived at the same time.

McConnell Dowell provided two large BBQ's, the facilities and serving tables inside a very, very large Warehouse facility adjacent to the Webb Dock site. However, the building had no sealed doors so it was often like working in a wind tunnel. In summer this was acceptable but come winter it was rather challenging as we were standing still at the BBQ's or serving tables.

We started at 8am and usually finished after clean up around 12 mid-day. However, with very hungry hard-working men & women standing in a queue expecting food to be served quickly we soon learnt the necessary skills of being quick and responding in a positive manner because their break only lasted 30mins.



As the days past we found ways to be more efficient and adjust the quantities we were cooking particularly when we realised that most workers expected to each have 2 Buns filled with Bacon or Sausage, Cheese and 2 fried eggs.

It was amazing how adept and quick we became at frying 120 plus eggs without breaking them. Also, we had to cater for some of the men who worked underwater in the docks. They would come to the serving tables in their black diving suits. However, they did remove the face masks!!

On some occasion we also provided breakfast for members of the management team who gave us the Thumbs Up for the cooking (Phew!).

We provided the breakfast BBQ service until June 2016 when the construction of the Webb Dock was almost complete: These are the new Reachstackers just being delivered.



During the two years that we were involved it sometimes demanded a lot of commitment from our volunteers who regularly had early starts and sometimes very demanding weather conditions. However, the staff at McConnell Dowell and all of the workforce were always polite and often gave us a kind remark or even tossing an even larger donation in our bucket.

Overall, we are very grateful to McConnell Dowell for the opportunity they gave us as it did allow us to generate significant funds for our Projects in both the local Community and Overseas. When we provided our last Breakfast BBQ in June 2016 and thought that this was the end of our relationship with Webb Dock.



However, in April 2017 we were contacted by Victoria International Container Terminal (VICT) to operate a BBQ on Princes Pier. VICT opened the doors to the terminal and offered regular bus tours departing every 30 minutes. This gave the local community the opportunity to see the newly build terminal. There was a lot of interest from the community as every bus tour was booked out. Some students from Albert Park College had artworks on display and the community were invited to stay around and enjoy them.

We were delighted to be able to provide a BBQ on Princes Pier for this event. We offered sausage and bacon buns plus salads and drinks to the visitors. The weather although windy was bright and the event and bus tours of the facility proved very enjoyable. Some of our volunteers were fortunate to be able to join the tour and finally see the completed and operational Webb Dock East facility.

VICT is the third international container terminal in the Port of Melbourne, and has been operating since March 2017. VICT has increased the port capacity and can handle up to 1 million+ standard containers annually.

Graham Read
President Port Melbourne Rotary Club
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Who Named “ROMAC”— and why?

Marlene Reilly, wife of Kevin Reilly of the Rotary Club of Bendigo, tells us the name ROMAC took her 10-15 minutes to come up with.

Barrie Cooper, from the Rotary Club of Kangaroo Flat, invited a group of Rotarians from the Bendigo District, and others, to accompany him on a humanitarian project trip to Fiji. There were Fijian children with serious medical problems that the Australians wanted to help.

Marlene went along on the trip with her husband Kevin. She said: "We were all impressed and saw the benefit of an expanded Rotary project aimed at helping children receive medical aid. We thought that the District should take it on.

During the flight home, we agreed that it would be a good start if the six Bendigo Rotary Clubs could send delegates to an inaugural Committee meeting in Bendigo. On the day of the meeting, Barrie Cooper and my husband worked on drawing up the Agenda for the meeting. I was asked to type this Agenda from the notes they gave me. They didn't have a name for the Committee - they just left it up to me to "Come up with something". The name ROMAC actually took me about 10-15 minutes to come up with.

From my experience, any projects with an acronym starting with R for Rotary, seemed to be ones that Clubs adopted e.g. RYLA, RYPEN etc.

So the first initial had to be **R** for Rotary.

The children were from Fiji, but I knew the Rotarians had bigger plans for the project. I thought **O** for Overseas was a better option.

It was medical aid so an **M** had to feature in the name.

The project did help children but I thought an **A** for Aid would fit better.

It was a Committee so the letter **C** was added.

ROMAC

So when put together, it became **Rotary Overseas Medical Aid Committee**. I then typed this as a heading on the top of the Agenda for the first meeting.

Later in the year, Kevin and I went to a Rotary Quiz night and one of the questions was: "What do the initials ROMAC stand for?" Kevin promptly answered **Rotary Overseas Medical Aid Committee** and was astounded to hear he was wrong. The meaning of the acronym by this time had become - what **Really Only Matters Are Children** - because it was apparently inappropriate for a Committee to use the word Rotary to name something without permission.

I like the fact that the acronym ROMAC has survived even if the meaning has changed at times", said Marlene.

We all owe Marlene and those original project participants our gratitude for their inspiration.

Rob Wilkinson
ROMAC Chair

<https://www.romac.org.au/about-romac/media-articles/>



Letters From Abroad 2018

In January 2018, 7 very excited students departed for a year as a rotary Youth Exchange student. This was to be a challenging, rewarding and life changing experience for them.

Letters From Abroad is a collection of images and stories from this years students.

<http://rotaryyouthexchangedistrict9800.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Letters-From-Abroad-2018.pdf>



RI President 2020-2021 announced

Fourth Indian to head global membership organization

Sushil Kumar Gupta, chair and managing director of Asian Hotels (West) Ltd. and owner of Hyatt Regency Mumbai and JW Marriott Hotel New Delhi Aerocity, will begin his one-year term as president of Rotary International on 1 July 2020.

Sushil Kumar Gupta, a member of the service organization for 41 years, belongs to the Rotary Club of Delhi Midwest, will begin his one-year term as president of Rotary International on 1 July 2020.

Gupta, a member of the service organization for 41 years, belongs to the Rotary Club of Delhi Midwest. As head of Rotary's global network of 35,000 clubs, Gupta aims to increase the organization's humanitarian impact and club member diversity.



"I'm humbled to join the distinguished ranks of those who have led this organization before me," Gupta said. "I hope to leave a mark on Rotary that reflects selfless leadership and an unwavering commitment to service."

India's 3,700 Rotary clubs and 146,000 members take action to address humanitarian challenges and implement sustainable projects that fight disease, promote peace, provide clean water, support education, save mothers and children and grow local economies. More than \$221 million awarded over the past several years through The Rotary Foundation has supported these programs.

Last month, Dakoju Ravishankar, a real-estate investor and Rotary member from Bengaluru, donated \$14.7 million to The Foundation.

"People support Rotary because it is a trusted organization that supports communities through tangible projects," Gupta said. "In fact, CNBC named Rotary one of its top 10 charities in the world. In India alone, Rotary has positively impacted our communities through polio eradication, installing sustainable and safe latrines, building schools, providing potable water, and countless good deeds."

Gupta has served as president of the Federation of Hotel and Restaurant Associations of India and on the board of directors of Tourism Finance Corporation of India Ltd. He was the president of Experience India Society, a public-private partnership between the tourism industry and the government of India that promotes India as a tourist destination. He is currently vice chair of the Himalayan Environment Trust and serves on the board of Operation Eyesight Universal in India.

Rotary brings together a global network of volunteer leaders dedicated to tackling the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. Rotary connects 1.2 million members of more than 35,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas. Their work improves lives at both the local and international levels, from helping families in need in their own communities to working toward a polio-free world.

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Rochester's Creative Seeds Exhibition Flourishes

Over the last few years, events such as the Mural Festival, the bi-annual Rochester Fine Arts Exhibition and the amazing paintings by Jimmy D'vte on our silos have raised Rochester's arts profile.

A need was identified to provide an opportunity for the local creative community to display their work to the public. With the support of Rotary Club of Rochester, the **'Creative Seeds' Exhibition** has come into being.

The talent and creativity of the artists who have contributed works to the exhibition was outstanding: there was a diverse range of artwork in a variety of mediums.

The Heritage Court House Rochester is a lovely historic building and the perfect space to showcase events such as this exhibition. The Rotary Club of Rochester have been working hard to save this piece of Rochester's history. Proceeds from the exhibition will go towards continued renovations and garden development at the Heritage Court House Rochester.

The Rotary Club of Rochester has undertaken to be caretakers of the Heritage Court House. It has invested around \$250,000 (using Heritage Victoria, Shire of Campaspe and Flood Relief grants and Club funds) on renovations to the building and garden, to date. There is still much more work to be done to complete the renovation thus, Sharon suggested that the proceeds from the Exhibition go towards the Heritage Court House renovations and upkeep.

The Rotary Club of Rochester is pleased, and proud, to support the Exhibition for these established and emerging artists who have their artworks on display.

Heather Watson
President
Rotary Club of Rochester



Creative Seeds

An Exhibition of Art
by established and emerging artists
from Rochester and District
will be held at the
Heritage Court House Rochester

23rd November—2nd December 2018

Open 10 am - 5pm Sat, Sun
4pm - 7pm weekdays

Official Opening Friday 23rd November at 7.30 pm

The Creative Seeds
Exhibition is
Supported by the
Rotary Club of Rochester



Welcome to our newest Rotarians ...



The **Rotary Club of Richmond** welcomes new member Eiman. Eiman was born in South Sudan in 1994 and was raised by a single mother. Her family was granted a humanitarian visa by the UN in 2003 to Finland and she moved to Australia 4 years ago to be reunited with my mother. .

The **Rotary Club of Richmond** also inducted Goldit Mathiang as a member. Goldit was also born in Sudan and migrated to Australia in 2006.



The **Rotary Club of Melton** inducted **three** new members this month. Pictured with President Lyn Leonard are Martin Farrugia., Ruth Cross, and Liz Peischl.

The **Rotary Club of Canterbury** welcomed Austin King as a new member. He has been associated with the club for some months being a Friend of Rotary and assisting with For-a-Meal packing.



He is pictured with President Steve Wylie.

Rotary Wyndham welcomed Ian—Well done Mario for being the inspiration to entice Ian to join us in service and fun. Long term Club member, Peter McCalman will be "at the ready" to answer any question you may have whilst settling in.



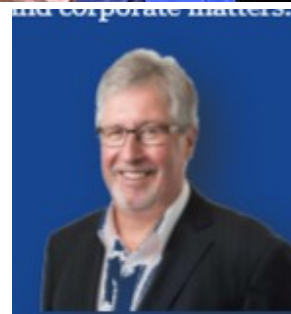
The Rotary Club of Altona City welcomed John Shaw as a member at their last meeting. John Shaw, who is a former CEO of the Altona Council, is a holder of the prestigious PSM (Public Service Medal), and is a passionate supporter of the Essendon Football Club. He is pictured with Sponsor Leon Mancini and President Bronwyn Fanning.



The Rotary Club of Bendigo Sandhurst welcomed Barb Mitchell as a new member. Barb is well known to members through her long association with Rotary through the RC of Williamstown, Camp Getaway and her husband Dowell {former manager of Camp Getaway, deceased} as a Past President of our club



The Rotary Club of Glenferrie inducted Peter Moore at a recent meeting. Peter is a solicitor with Danaher Legal.



The Rotary Club of Daylesford inducted two new members at their recent meeting. Luigi Soccio and Terrie Oprean have been participating in events and activities over recent months and are warmly welcomed.

Save your Christmas card and mail stamps for ROMAC

ROMAC's Southern Region wants the stamps off CHRISTMAS CARDS and MAIL posted to YOU during the festive season, which will raise money to help ROMAC patients, and won't cost you a cent!

All you need to do is this:

1. Once you open your mail, locate the stamp and cut around it (PLEASE DO NOT PEEL OFF!) leaving roughly a 2cm border.
2. Make a collection and post it, with a note saying "FOR ROMAC", to:

Shields Stamps and Coins Pty Ltd
52 Burgundy St
Heidelberg, Victoria
Australia 3084.

Around the Clubs

On her recent visit to the **Rotary Club of Rochester** District Governor Bronwyn Stephens presented **PP Noel Lucas**, with a 50 year membership of Rotary Certificate. Noel's anniversary is actually 2019 but he will be in Timor Leste at the time.



The **Rotary E-Club;s** Madu s again in Taiwan teaching English as a Rotary Volunteer. She is currently in Kaichung which is Central Taiwan and in Dadu District for the next 45 days.



Les Porter of the Rotary Club of Wyndham has completed the Wyndham 1000 , riding 1,000km in this special trike. He has now raised over \$12,000 for the Salvation Army.



Congratulations to the **Rotary Club of Richmond** which was acknowledged with an award for Community Initiative of the Year by the City of Yarra recently. This award acknowledges the club's community projects especially their youth projects which were mentioned in a speech by the Mayor.

Pictured are former Mayor Daniel with members Tim Baker and Trevor Pang.

The Rotary Club of Keilor East have recently assembled 124 Birthing Kits to be sent to the Philippines. It is hard for us to imagine women giving birth in less than pristine conditions but these kits will be invaluable in saving lives in developing countries. Many of the materials for the Kits are sourced from Rotary's Donations In Kind store in Footscray.

The Birthing Kit assembly team included Annie Webb, Joy Ryan, Barbara Rafter, Laraine Barnes, Cherrie Osborn, John Rafter and David Barnes.



These kits have now been collected by 2 local Philippine Groups (Pampangueno Club and Ilonggo Association) who fundraise to support needy families and communities in the Philippines.

In past years, the Rotary Club of Brimbank Central made over 1,000 birthing kits which were distributed by these 2 Philippine Groups and with the support of Rotary Clubs in the Philippines.

Pictured Barbara Rafter with a representative collecting the kits.



The **Rotary Club of Albert Park** has made a donation of \$11,000 to Eric Dempster-Hoad of Bravery Trust. Kevin Sheedy, spoke at the Club's Footy Breakfast in support of this organisation. <https://braverytrust.org.au/>



The **Rotary Club of North Balwyn** is proud to announce that PP Bill Oakley has received a prestigious award for his dedicated service to camping. Bill has also served at District level as the Coordinator for **Rotarians Against Malaria {RAM}** and has been heavily involved in RC North Balwyn's work in the Solomon Islands.

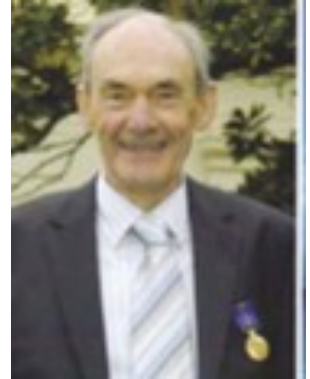


VALE:

Yarra Bend Rotary advises of the passing of one of their Founding Members, **Graham King** who died on 3rd November. He served as President of Kew East, now Rotary Club of Yarra Bend. A tribute will be made to the Stroke Foundation in his memory.

The **Rotary Cub of Balwyn** advises of the passing of Past President Ted Gillies OAM who passed away on 13th November. Ted joined the club on 9th December 1974 and along with PP Ian Nisbet & others was instrumental in researching, evaluating and recommending that the Sunday Market was secured by the then Club Board under President Jim Hopper

Ted Gillies was President in 1979-1980 and served in a number of roles and committees over the years. Ted also served for 20 years on a number of District committees. He continued to provide Service above Self in Rotary by leading projects in his 80th year and serving on Committees in his 87th year.



When most Rotarians of this age do not expect to participate actively - and in fact are regarded as "Senior Active" – Ted continued his exceptional standard of service and, as such, serves as an inspiration to others and a guide to younger Rotarians. Ted was acknowledged with an OAM in 2008.

In Rotary – we have Avenue of Service Committees that are responsible for the broader Community Service areas we cover. Ted in his Rotary life Chaired pretty much every one of these. He also served in every important office in the Club.

VALE PAUL HENNINGHAM – FOUNDER OF ROTARY DOWN UNDER

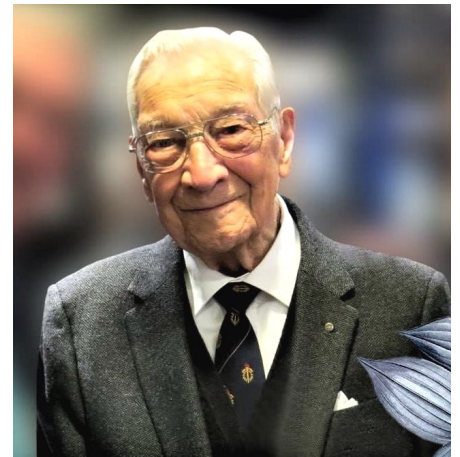
One of the true legends of Rotary in Australia, Past District Governor Paul Henningham OAM died at his home in Springwood on Sunday, December 2nd – aged 97 years.

A returned serviceman who saw active service on the Kokoda Trail, PNG, in World War 2, Paul founded Rotary Down Under magazine in 1965 and served as managing editor from 1965 to 1984.

He nurtured the growth of Rotary's regional magazines around the world, and was a leading mentor of many other Rotary projects and associated publications.

A complete tribute to the life and times of HERBERT PAUL HENNINGHAM will be published in the February issue of Rotary Down Under.

Bob Aitken AM.



**ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE
A CHANCE OF A LIFETIME!
HOST FAMILIES INVITED NOW!**



Rotary Youth Exchange invites kind and caring Host Families within the community to assist local Rotary Clubs offer an outstanding exchange program to young people from all over the World.

A Host Family is a vital part of this cultural and educational exchange and typically hosts a student on a voluntary basis for a period of between 10 to 16 weeks.

In doing so, a Host family officially becomes a Friend of Rotary International. The Host Family plays an integral role in offering the student the experience of a new culture and language, whilst at the same time learning about a different culture from a young leader. It is a direct window to the world for all members of a Host family. You not only share a young person's hopes and dreams, but more importantly, you make those dreams possible.

Hosting is the beginning of a lifelong friendship and connection with a student and family overseas. Whilst it can be challenging to help a young person transition to a new culture and ease into the surroundings, it is always fun and the rewards are immeasurable.

Host Families in the Rotary Youth Exchange program come in many shapes and sizes! Young children, older children, no children at all, extended families and older generations – all have been successful in hosting Exchange Students.

Please consider this amazing and rewarding opportunity now. Enquiries are most welcome.

Further information is available at www.rotaryyouthexchangedistrict9800.com.au



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