

# The Networker



*December is Family of Rotary Month*

## **Rotary Friends and Friends of Rotary,**

For most of us, December is usually a month of celebration. It is a month of merry-making, of greetings and gift giving, of colourful decorations and sparkling lights, of eating and drinking and lots of fun and laughter. The Festive Season is also an opportune time for Rotarians to reflect on how well off most of us are and what is important to us in life – our family, our friends, our work colleagues, our vocations, our personal comfort, wealth and material possessions. Perhaps it is our physical, mental and spiritual health.

But December is not the same for everyone. In many parts of the world people still battle daily with issues of conflict, poor economic circumstances, disease, malnutrition, illiteracy, lack of fresh water and poor sanitation.

Over the last few months Irene and I have the privilege of visiting each of the 71 clubs in District 9800. We have enjoyed gaining an insight into the personnel, the culture and the service priorities of each club. It has been heart-warming to see how clubs are going about tackling the many challenges facing the world locally and globally.



On December 17, 1903 Orville and Wilbur Wright made the first he first aeroplane flight. They were air-borne for only 120 feet but it was historic. So they wrote to their sister, saying, “*We are coming home for Christmas. We just flew like a bird.*” The sister showed the letter to the editor of the local newspaper in Kittyhawk. He looked at the letter, and said to her, “*They are coming home for Christmas. That’s nice. Convey my greetings!*” How he missed the whole point – that history-making point.

Let us not miss the point of what is important to us at this time of year. The traditional Christmas message is “*Peace on Earth and Goodwill Toward Men*”. As Rotarians we strive to promote this message throughout the year.

As Rotarians, it is our primary intention “to do good in this world” so as Christmas approaches and the year comes to a close let us have three good “looks”:

- Let us look back and reflect.
- Let us look forward and plan.
- Let us look around and serve.

In Rotary, December is designated as our Family Month. Elsewhere in this edition of Networker our Director of Public Image & Communication, Chris Don has written an excellent article on what this means and who we regard as family within the Rotary world. This is in fact a bumper edition of the Networker. In it you'll find lots of great articles for you to read over the holiday

season. Thank you to all the Networker volunteers who keep us informed and connected throughout the year

Irene and I wish the entire District 9800 Rotary family (Rotarians, partners, Friends of Rotary, Rotaractors, Interactors, Youth Exchange Students & Scholars) a happy and safe Christmas and New Year. We thank you for your friendship and support throughout the year.

District 9800 is a wonderful District with many committed and hardworking Rotarians. Much has been achieved in 2014 and we look forward to socializing and working with you in 2015 to “**Light Up Rotary**”.

**Murray Verso**  
**District Governor 2014-2015**



The poster features a central graphic of a glowing red and yellow lantern with the Rotary wheel inside. Below the lantern, the text "LIGHT UP ROTARY" is written in large, bold, white capital letters. The background is a gradient of purple and blue with a cityscape at the bottom. Various circular images are scattered around the central text, including portraits of keynote speakers, a group of people, and a globe. The text "keynote speakers" is written in a yellow, curved font. The text "Fantastic entertainment to Light up your Conference" is written in a yellow, curved font. The text "Rotary District 9800 Conference 2015" is written in large, bold, white capital letters. Below this, the text "Illuminating Rotary" is written in a large, yellow, cursive font. The text "Hobart Tours" is written in a yellow, curved font. The text "12-14 March 2015 | Hobart" is written in large, bold, white capital letters. The text "www.rotary9800conference.org.au" is written in a yellow, curved font. The text "Find us on: facebook" is written in a yellow, curved font. The text "www.facebook.com/D9800Conference" is written in a yellow, curved font. The text "See Tasmania" is written in a yellow, curved font.

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## December is Family of Rotary Month

*By Chris Don, District Director Public Image and Communications*

**December is designated as Family Month in the Rotary calendar. As we approach Christmas and the New Year we are more conscious of a focus on our family and family events.**

In Rotary we see our life priorities as family, work and then Rotary. But ideally, we should not isolate Rotary from our family life. It is certainly an appropriate time to reflect on our family values and how Rotary may have shaped those values

Where it is difficult for the family to be involved on a regular basis with our Rotary activities there is a lot to be said for designating a day for some special event that can involve all of our family. Some clubs have Christmas parties for the children (or perhaps in many cases, grandchildren) and some clubs make one of their regular meetings a family Christmas function.

Outside of our own families is the greater Family of Rotary. Its members include our friends and the alumni of all the programs that Rotary presents, both within our local communities as well as internationally.

Sadly, we all too often lose contact with our Rotary alumni after they complete their program. Sometimes, like close family, there is a breakdown in the relationship and we go our separate ways. Too often it is we as Rotarians that fails to reach out and keep that relationship vibrant or at least ongoing. Most of us individually have many names on our Christmas list for which the annual exchange of cards is the only regular contact. It costs nothing to send an annual email or Facebook message to our past program alumni each year, other than the effort to do so.

Rotary alumni have been the beneficiaries of Rotary generosity and it is not unreasonable for us to ask them for assistance in the support of our projects. We should also ideally invite them to club functions from time to time. Many prominent Rotarians began their Rotary life by participating in Rotary Club programs.

During my three years as District Director of Youth Services, I had the great pleasure of attending annual RYLA camps. Many Rylarians stay on with the program for a number of years as facilitators and by the time they move on many in fact have a better knowledge of Rotary and Rotary programs than do some Rotarians. These outstanding young people have all the attributes to make them valuable Rotarians.

Even if they do not join a Rotary club I am certain that they will remain effective, contributing members of the Family of Rotary and will make themselves available to assist Rotary into the future, when asked.



*Jimmy Stewart, Donna Reed and their "family"*

There is no argument that it does take an effort, to develop, nurture and keep the Family of Rotary together, so let's consider allocating this important task to Rotarians who may not be able to do as much of the active hands on work as they used to do. What better job in Rotary than to facilitate this ongoing connection.

As a District we have identified the need and are making a concerted effort to reach back to our Foundation alumni, -past GSE team members, Vocational Training Team members, Post Graduate Global Scholars and Rotary World Peace Scholars as well participants in other Rotary programs.

Can I encourage you and your Rotary colleagues to step up and play a positive role in the The Family of Rotary. The results I am sure will be well worth it.

<http://www.flickr.com/groups/familyofrotary/pool/> shows what other Clubs around the world are doing.

# Philippines Medical Mission

*By Cathie Macmillan, Rotary Club of Boroondara*

I was privileged to be able to join the Rotary Club of Canterbury, led by President Peter May, on their recent Medical Mission to the Philippines. The mission has been an annual event for 18 years. This year 20 people participated in this excellent project including Rotarians and volunteers and four LaTrobe University Orthoptics students who added immense value in the eye screening process.

The project is run in partnership with local Rotary Clubs and the Cataract Foundation of the Philippines who determine the communities to be serviced each year. Originally the project targeted eye screening for preventable causes of blindness such as cataracts and pterygia. Volunteer Filipino

Ophthalmologists provide surgery for free for many of those screened. In more recent years, screening of the ears of primary school age student has been added. This year Rotarians were trained by Christine, audiologist from the Cataract Foundation, in the use of the otoscope to screen ears which proved to be highly successful.

Some of the stats from our mission include:

- Screening 7800 kids ears i.e. 15,600 ears at 11 Primary Schools
- 156 perforated eardrums diagnosed and countless ear infections
- Several insects and a blue bead in ears!
- 923 free medications distributed to treat ear infections and impacted wax
- Eye screening stats are yet to be finalised but four doctors volunteered their time and performed 325 free eye surgeries including cataracts and pterygia.



It was extremely rewarding to be part of this mission and I would definitely recommend it to any other Rotarians who may be interested in participating in the future.

*Photos, Above: Cathie Macmillan screening a student's ears at Thomas M Conde Central School, Placer, Masbate.*

*Left: Cathie Macmillan, Eglin Sia and Teofilo Tambago (RC of Masbate), Jim Clements (RC of Rizal West) and happy students at Milagros East Central School Milagros, Masbate.*

## Boroondara Emergency Services Awards

*By Matt Pollard, Rotary Club of Yarra Bend*

The inaugural Boroondara Emergency Services Awards were presented at a formal dinner meeting of Yarra Bend Rotary Club on 29 October 2014.

The Mayor of the City of Boroondara, Councillor Coral Ross made the presentations to four recipients. The meeting heard from the Mayor of her support for the event and on behalf of the citizens of Boroondara she expressed her appreciation for the members of the police, fire, ambulance and state emergency services and the families that support them. Their services make a major contribution to making the City of Boroondara such a safe and attractive place to live.

The meeting also heard a keynote address from Deputy Commissioner Joe Buffone of the newly formed umbrella body responsible for

emergency services Emergency Management Victoria. Mr Buffone also congratulated Yarra Bend Rotary on its initiative in establishing the awards, which are founded on recognising Service Above Self.

The winners of the category awards were:

**State Emergency Service – David Smith** - in recognition of his tireless work as a volunteer since 1995 providing emergency assistance and specialist search and rescue leadership in the local community and beyond.

**Metropolitan Fire Brigade – David Nicholson** - in recognition of his tireless work as a volunteer promoting fire safety to the most vulnerable people in the community to ensure they can live safely at home.

**Ambulance Victoria – Claire Oliveri** - in recognition of her commitment not only to the development of excellence in paramedical performance through training and leadership of others, but also for her significant role facilitating participation in community health and fund raising programs.

**Victoria Police – Daryl Cullen** - in recognition of his outstanding leadership and professionalism in managing the Criminal Investigation Unit at Boroondara and in providing exemplary service to the citizens of Boroondara in that role for a period in excess of 20 years.

**The overall award carrying a perpetual trophy and \$5,000 prize was presented to David Smith of the SES.**

David's specialist skills and qualifications include Alpine Search & Rescue, Divisional Commander, Boat coxswain. He is also a VICSES workplace trainer and assessor; all of these qualifications have been gained in his volunteer time representing his SES unit. These skills and qualifications are utilised not only by Whitehorse SES but he has also given up his spare time to assist neighbouring SES units. He has coordinated and responded to over 10,000 requests for assistance in his time with the unit. David Smith further demonstrated Service Above Self by indicating that the prize money should be directed to his SES unit for needed equipment.

Full story and more photos at

<http://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000009575/en-ca/files/homepage/bulletin-3-november-2014/Bulletin%20November%202014.pdf>



*Award winners Daryl Cullen, Claire Oliveri, David Smith and David Nicholson*

## National Youth Science Forum

*By Anne Brown, RC Yarra Bend*

On 20<sup>th</sup> October the NYSF Orientation occurred at International House for District 9800. There were 23 selected students in attendance, 22 of who will be attending Canberra and 1 attending Auckland New Zealand in January 2015. District Governor Murray Verso, District Governor Elect Julie Mason, District Governor Nominee Neville John and Chair of Youth Services Gabrielle Morgan attended as well as parents, teachers and Rotary representatives of their sponsoring clubs.



There were 3 excellent guest speakers; Associate Professor Jane Munro AO, head of International House, Trung Nguyen, past student and Jamie Robertson AO, father of a past student. A team from the NYSF from Canberra Director Damien Pearce and two Staffee's spoke about what students can expect from their experience at the forum and some of the benefits following.

This year we selected Hayley Houston whose mother Anna attended the first NYSF (Called the National Summer Science School then). Here are Anna's recollections of her experience from January 1984:

*"It was with the wonderful support of the Williamstown Rotary Club who kindly sponsored me that I was able to go. We were so busy in those two weeks in January.*

*"Staying at the Australian National University the group experienced the life of a university student.*

*"Being interested in pharmacology I got to see what it involved. We went to Parliament House where Prime Minister Bob Hawke spoke to us. I was in awe of the incredible radio telescopes at the Tidbinbilla Observatory. We were hands on at this amazing place called the Questacon.*

*"This incredible couple of weeks opened my mind to the boundless world of science and whenever I think back I have the fondest memories.*

*"I eventually went on to study Applied Mathematics and Computer Science at university and have had the opportunity to work on some fascinating and leading edge technologies. Some of these projects included using numerical analysis for analysing different types of composites for use in hip prostheses. I was also part of a major project involving two countries in which we did a full scale structural fatigue test of an aircraft.*

*"The National Science Summer School was the start of my exciting journey into science. The forum opened a window onto a big wide world. It was an honour and a thrill to have had the opportunity to attend such a wonderful program and for my daughter to also be able to have this experience thirty one years later is incredible to say the least!*

*"I am so delighted and proud to have my daughter, Hayley, attend the National Youth Science Forum."* - Anna (Ibrahim) Houston



*A family affair: Hayley and her mother, Anna.*

## Busy people create BusyFeet for kids

*By Tony Thomas, RC Central Melbourne-Sunrise*

Four years ago, Lin Hughes, of Chadstone/East Malvern Rotary Club, Melbourne, was half-listening to the Saturday morning TV. She heard Lucy Ricardo from Waverley talking about how her 11-year-old with Down's Syndrome was enjoying special dance classes for children with disabilities.

Lin was intrigued because she lived near Waverley Road. But when she got in touch, Lucy was in Waverley NSW.

Lucy explained to Lin how to get a dance class set up. It Lin's club took two frustrating years until the first session in February 2012, with five children.

Now a dozen from 6 to 16 years old immerse themselves in "BusyFeet" – a weekly hour of music and dance at the Stonnington Community Centre.

Last month the BusyFeet class did a dance demonstration before 2000 athletes and adults at the closing ceremony of the Special Olympics National Games at St Kilda.

Melton Valley Rotary Club started a class in October, with the help of a Melton City Council grant. A dozen clubs have asked Lin for help. Two clubs are ready to start classes, but are still looking for dance teachers.

Lin's BusyFeet has 17 children registered, most with autism and some with Down's Syndrome. "Even if they just come onto the floor and move a bit and have fun, it's special to them and we see them gain confidence," Lin says.



"One mother told me her daughter was thrilled to have her own extra-curricular activity to go to, the same as other kids.

"One kid asks every morning, 'Is it BusyFeet today?' We see kids who don't talk much, starting to chat after a few months, and remembering dance se-

quences. The mums are also able to network and chat, or maybe have a break for some me-time."

The club's dance teacher is volunteer Gaynor Maxwell, who runs a nearby jazz centre. Gaynor has led the class since it started in 2012. For stage shows and concerts, a dozen of her own students come along to coach the children individually.



It's an intense activity for Lin's 50-member club, involving six members, two partners and volunteers. About 15 adults are required each week, for one-on-one roles and tasks such as making sure all the children stay in the room.

The start-up difficulties included wading through the red tape of the disability sector, and an entire year's work – unsuccessful – by Lin's club to establish a not-for-profit entity. "We now have a handbook for clubs on what to do – and especially, what not to do," Lin says with a smile.

BusyFeet follows the template of DanceAbility NSW, which is part of a network of the dance classes, with names like Merry Makers, Dance Chance, Dancing Hearts and BrightStars.



The Chadstone club got three \$5000 annual grants from the Stonnington Council, and uses two council rooms for a modest charge.

The families pay only an optional gold coin, as most are beset by heavy expenses.

Dance teachers are needed urgently. Can you volunteer? Contact [linhughes@aol.com.au](mailto:linhughes@aol.com.au) [www.busyfeet.org.au](http://www.busyfeet.org.au)

## Gateway Cluster Membership Event

*By Lesley McCarthy, RC Flemington*

On Wednesday November 5<sup>th</sup> in excess of 120 people gather at St. Bernard's College to attend the inaugural Gateway Cluster Membership Event. There were a number of dignitaries in attendance including DGE – Julie Mason, DGN – Neville John, Ben Carroll MP, Chris Egger District Membership, David Dippie from DiK as well as Rotarians, partners and their guests from 9 clubs from the cluster.

Early arrivals had the opportunity to mingle and renew or develop friendships with those from across the cluster. Drinks and nibbles organised by RC Keilor East and an array of Rotary materials were displayed. AG Austen Burleigh and RC Keilor East's Marianne Potgeiter were selling raffle tickets and taking the gold coin donations while Cherie Osborne and Annie Webb "manned" the drinks.

The event started with the Roger Clempson narrated video, "What is Rotary?", which outlined what Rotary is and how people can get involved in projects to improve the lives of people throughout the world.

Ingrid Olsson, Rotary Youth Exchange student from Sweden, {Host Club RC Essendon North} gave an inspiring 5 minute presentation of how she is experiencing her exchange program; and challenges and changes she is experiencing since arriving in Australia just 111 days ago.

Supported by Emanuel Tumino, Ingrid spoke on behalf of all the Exchange Students in our Cluster (Ellen, Fonzie, Rebecca and Meryem) who supported Ingrid by standing with her on the stage.



Our Cluster and District are fortunate to have 5 wonderful exchange students for the 2014 – 2015 year.

Jonathan Kohlieb (Rotary World Peace Fellow, 2004–2006) gave an in depth recount of his experiences and a sincere appreciation to Rotary for the opportunities it gave him through the double Master's degree at UCLA - Berkley, California.

His speech was inspired: from his early days assisting his father after attending Rotary events and the profound impact it had upon his life from then on. His interest in international affairs was tremendously broadened through his studies, and he has developed and maintains close friendships with his worldwide associates.

He recalled the recent passing of fellow Australian Peace Scholar, Scott Field who recently died in a French Alps avalanche and this impact felt by him and others who were undertaking Rotary fellowship program with Scott.

Finally, our keynote speaker Mr. Bernard Saundry gave us a broad and in depth outline of Racing Victoria. Bernard had an unfortunate Melbourne Cup night in that his team had to meet and discuss how to handle the aftermath of the two deaths of horses related to this year's Melbourne Cup race. He and his staff stayed up until 1.00am Wednesday to prepare information for News reports for early that morning.

Through Bernard we gained an insight into the personnel involved throughout the thoroughbred industry from trainers, jockeys, strappers, training foreman, stewards, club administrators and venue facilities.

He told us about the administration of racing and the allocation \$300+ million to clubs, programs and facilities. And he gave an outline of possible changes within the racing industry to improve both jockey and animal welfare. Bernard took and answered many insightful questions from the audience before concluding.

There were five main raffle prizes which were donated by the clubs, as well as four significant items up for Silent Auction. The event raised over \$1200 for Donations in Kind.

Following the speeches, guests then enjoyed drinks and a light supper with more discussions, collegiality and Rotarian good humour before the evening wound up at 9.00pm.

# Fifty Years of Service

*By Robyn Lucas, RC Rochester*



**In October, the Rotary Club of Rochester celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the presentation of its Charter.**

The Rochester Shire Hall, the venue for the original function held on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 1964, was decorated in the Rotary colours of blue and gold.

Amongst visitors welcomed by Rotary President Noel Lucas were Rotarians from many of the District 9800 Clubs that have had a close association with the Rochester Club over most of those 50 years. Guests included District Governor Dr Murray Verso, Past District Governors, Presidents of the Goldfields Cluster Clubs of Echuca Moama, Bendigo Strathdale, Bendigo Sandhurst, Bendigo Next Generations, Eaglehawk and Kangaroo Flat along with former members and of the Rotary Club of Rochester and family members of Rochester Charter members. Former exchange students and members of the Rotary Foundation Group Study Teams who had been sponsored by the Rochester Club were also in attendance.

Prior to the commencement of the celebration luncheon, several members of the Rotary Club of Echuca Moama, Rochester's sponsor club, arrived by steam driven

truck in recognition of the assistance given by Rochester members to the Annual Horse and Steam Rally.

During the afternoon musical entertainment matching the theme of the celebrations, was provided by Mrs Joyce Giffen, Miss Florrie Bickley, Mr Graeme Watson and Mr Peter Gibson. Commencing with a bracket of Beatles hits from 1964 through to musical items with an association to Rotary projects, the group delighted their audience.

A highlight of the celebrations was the presentation of a Paul Harris Sapphire recognition to Mr Noel Schier. Named in honour of the Founder of Rotary International, this was given for his outstanding service to the ideals of Rotary.

Mr Cliff Downey, President Rotary Club of Echuca Moama assisted by Mrs Shirley Nelson representing past Charter members, cut the birthday cake that had been decorated by Mrs Judith White.



*DG Murray Verso and Irene with Robyn and Noel Lucas.*

## Speaker Bank Update

*By Jill Weeks, RC Hawthorn*



Have you heard any really good speakers lately?

The D9800 Speaker Bank Committee would love to add them to our list of entertaining and informative speakers.

Please contact me at

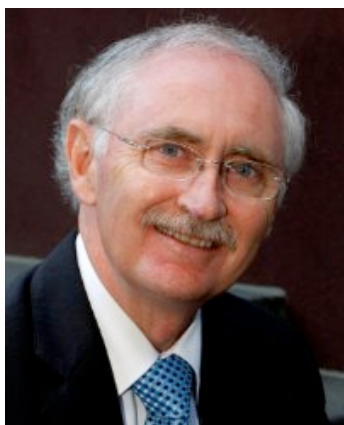
[tellus@where2retire.com.au](mailto:tellus@where2retire.com.au)

Left: *The Orator*- By Magnus Zeller  
circa 1920

### **Laughter Lady**

Lynette Mitchell heard about laughter clubs in 2005 and started the free community Ferntree Gully Laughter Club, which meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday behind the Ferntree Gully Library. Lynette believes in the power of laughter and connecting people together in communities and does this through sharing laughter and at times other topics related to personal growth. Since then she has been involved with the laughter movement and facilitates laughter yoga sessions throughout Melbourne, reminding people to be joyful and de-stress through the power of regularly laughing.

Contact: Telephone: 9763 5475 Mobile: 0425 799 258 Email: [lynette@laughterforliving.com.au](mailto:lynette@laughterforliving.com.au).



**Grasping Social Media** - the personal journey of a baby boomer  
Grasping Social Media is Matt English's personal journey to understanding and accepting social media as a driver of social change with enormous potential and opportunity. In it, he shares a process of shifting focus from concern over the loss of traditional personal contact and conversation to the positive outcomes of greater connection, community, and collaboration that the Internet provides.

This guide addresses how to prepare for the transition and how to enjoy the experience; it also describes what challenges to expect and even how social media is a key to improving business models. At its heart, Matt English's social media story is about how we can all benefit, personally and professionally, from this enormous social network that continues to rapidly evolve right before our eyes.

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## Don't Limit your Thinking

by David Dippie RC Keilor



At times we all fall into this trap. When you think hospitals, what do you see? Doctors, Nurses, Patients, Operations, the things we see when we visit, or on TV. We forget that they are complex businesses with administration divisions, and have sophisticated catering services that feed hundreds of people each day. Today hospitals want to recycle all of the material they no longer require and it is a pleasure to announce that we have formed a relationship with Northern Health to help them do this.



As you can see first donation from Epping Hospital is quality kitchen equipment that will be prized by the recipients, but it's not the type of equipment usually requested for hospitals. **Often people with wishlists have limited thinking.** Word association can also contribute and the source of a donation should not limit where you think it can be used. Catering **equipment can be used in many areas locally and overseas.** The goods at Donations In Kind are available for any Rotary Project so **Community Committees, don't limit your thinking** because DIK is in the International Box.

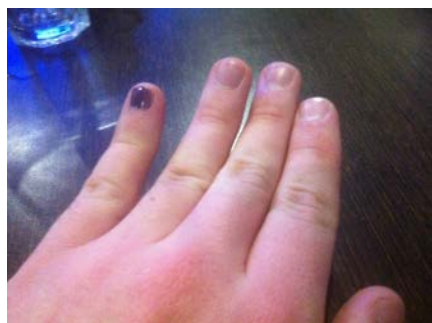
If a DIK Store is not aware of what you are looking for they can't help you. Donations In Kind should be considered as a total Club resource available for all Avenues of Service and all Members should be on the lookout for potential donations.

If your Club is interested in commercial kitchen equipment please advise Laurie Fisher  
[dik.vic.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:dik.vic.rotary@gmail.com)

## Rotary Nails go Purple

By Matthew Scott, RC Bendigo South

PURPLE fingernails and Rotary don't usually go together in the same sentence. However, at Bendigo South Rotary Club this Thursday, it was the order of the evening.



In an effort to raise further funds for Rotary's global aim of eradicating polio, members had purple nail polish splashed over their fin-

ger nails to signify their donation to the cause.

The reason for the application of purple nail polish to members pinky fingers is quite significant. When Rotarians enter a polio endemic country to make their vaccinations, locals have their pinky fingernails

painted purple, so that those doing the vaccinations know who has already received the live saving injection.

It was back in 1978 when Rotary International and its members really began to focus their efforts on eradicating polio worldwide. Now thanks to the efforts of Rotarians worldwide, as well as substantial funding grants from several governments around the globe as well as from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, polio has recently been eradicated from India and can only be found epidemically in three remaining countries: Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Donations received on the evening were quite substantial, and will go towards eliminating the polio disease in the three remaining countries around the world. As well as fundraising for a serious cause, Rotarians and friends at the Rotary Club of Bendigo South have a lot of fun.

For more information on the activities of the club visit [bendigosouthrotary.org.au](http://bendigosouthrotary.org.au)

## Woodend Halloween Party

*By Grant Hocking, RC Woodend*

**Woodend Rotary hosted the annual Halloween Party on Friday 31st of October at the Woodend Childrens Park with 800 people from the Macedon ranges in attendance enjoying Halloween in a safe family environment.**



This was the club's fifth Halloween event in succession and the community support is better than ever, this year seeing the largest attendance with many in imaginative and creative costumes. "It is such a great community event and good party atmosphere," Rotary President Howard Bradfield said.

Designed to encourage connectivity and to give back to the broader community, Woodend's Rotary Club provided a free sausage sizzle for all and lolly bags for the kids. "Woodend Rotary likes to go out into the community and participate in a variety of ways and take pride in our community involvement. The Halloween Party is our way of thanking the locals



who support our various activities though out the year," said Mr Bradfield.

"Woodend Rotary was grateful of a grant this year from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council, which saw the inclusion of extra activities," said Mr Bradfield. The activities included lolly hunt, story teller and a live broadcast by Highlands FM.

Fairy floss and popcorn were provided by Newrap costume hire in Kyneton and Shaz from Blackbird Cakes again provided a marvellous themed cake of a pumpkin who was feeling unwell. Support also came from other local business including The Bakery Cafe and Blackforest meats.



It appears that Woodend Rotary is unique in this activity but feels it offers a safe alternative to children roaming the streets. "If the support continues the event next year will be bigger and better, with planning commencing earlier and more community involvement expected," Mr Bradfield said.

Visit the Woodend Rotary website at <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/9589> or [www.facebook.com/rotarywoodend](http://www.facebook.com/rotarywoodend) to stay up to date with our activities.

*Photos:*

*Left upper: Sharyn Frantz, owner of Balckbird Cakes Woodend, and her family.*

*Left lower: the crowd at Woodend*

*Above: Author Grant Hocking with AG David Bourke*

## How good are these bikes!

*by David Dippie RC Keilor*



**It's Christmas, and you have the opportunity to make a major difference in a child's life.**

This is the time of year when many organizations are looking for support, but we feel that this is a little special. In rural Timor Leste there is no public transport and primary schools have to be built within walking distance of the children. For many this means walking more than an hour, which is a struggle for a young child who often has a meagre diet.

Donations In Kind have been lucky enough to receive a donation of excellent children's bikes from a road safety school that closed. They are children's bikes ideal for 5-8 year olds and we have around 50 in stock. Because they are small they only cost \$25.00 (tax deductible) to ship and would make ideal Christmas Present. Santa helpers come in many disguises and the ones in the Store would be happy to pack your present into a container that is leaving for Dili soon.

Donations can be sent directly to Donations In Kind PO Box 4139 West Footscray VIC 3012, or contact Laurie Fisher [dik.vic.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:dik.vic.rotary@gmail.com) 0428 550 574 and he will supply bank account details.



## Charity gets a paint make-over

*By Tony Thomas, RC Central Melbourne Sunrise*



When 17 Rotarians from the Rotary Clubs of Central Melbourne-Sunrise and Melbourne Park agreed to paint the fence at McAuley House, North Melbourne, they didn't expect the job would need 30 litres of paint. That's what it took to paint 60 metres of pickets and palings last month.

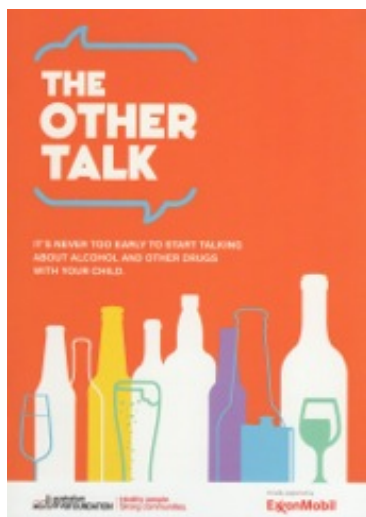
McAuley House accommodates about 20 homeless women, typically aged 30-50. Central Melbourne-Sunrise Rotary has been doing working bees there for several years, transforming the gardens and grounds and giving the women outdoor recreation spaces.

"Our women are thrilled at how fresh the grounds look," says McAuley service response and development leader Eleni Kyrpikidis. "It's great to get a helping hand from another community group."

## Concerned about alcohol and drugs?

By Marjorie Gerlinger, District Community Service Chair

Research has found that parents can have the greatest influence on their children, so the Australian Drug Foundation has launched **The Other Talk** website and booklet to help parents talk with their children about these substances.



The Other Talk is about Australian families talking openly about alcohol and other drugs, and is an important step towards preparing for teenage parties.

But families can start talking when the child is as young as eight years old (in an age appropriate way), to make sure they have the right

information and attitudes when they reach high school.

Starting the conversation early also means creating an understanding that when it comes to alcohol and other drugs, no question is too silly and no topic is off limits. These topics could include related issues such as peer pressure, health, and safety.



Many parents fear *The Other Talk* because it may raise questions that they feel ill-equipped to answer or explain appropriately.

As an independent, evidence-based organisation that has been working closely with parent groups, the Australian Drug Foundation has all the information

parents need to have *The Other Talk* with their children. Our website and guides are resources for parents wanting to learn about alcohol and other drugs to protect their children from associated harms.

The Australian Drug Foundation has free copies of three new resources to help parents have *The Other Talk*.



### The Other Talk Booklet

This colourful booklet for parents provides facts about alcohol and drugs, and tips on starting a discussion about these substances with their children. Perfect handout for parent group discussions addressing this topic. The booklet includes a tear-out **Safe Party Planner**.

### The Other Talk Discussion Guide

This handy guide lists questions that can be used to promote discussion at school parents sessions or parents groups.

### Safe Partying Guide

This pocket-sized leaflet for children aged 10+ covers safe partying tips, facts about alcohol and drugs, teen drinking laws, and why young people should delay drinking.

To order your free copies of these resources contact the Australian Drug Foundation on 1300 85 85 84 or [druginfo@adf.org.au](mailto:druginfo@adf.org.au). You can also download them at [www.TheOtherTalk.org.au](http://www.TheOtherTalk.org.au)

## Rotary Club led Foundation launched

*By Peter Allen, RC Camberwell*

### ***“The end of the beginning”***

***It is not every day in the life of Rotary that the leaders and members of many clubs, get together with their Rotary District colleagues, council and community representatives to advance a major service opportunity. The fourteenth of November 2015 was such a day.***

More than seventy guests accepted the generous hospitality of Swinburne University to share in the launch of the Boroondara Cares Foundation in the lecture theatre of the magnificent new Advanced Manufacturing Design in Burwood Road, Hawthorn.

The notion of a Rotary club led foundation was conceived in the Rotary Club of Camberwell in 2012 as part of a wider agenda to awaken the successful Boroondara Cares program from its self-imposed hibernation after several years of service to the drought challenged Moira Shire on the Murray. Adopted by the Eastside Cluster of Rotary Clubs, soon the Yarra cluster came on board. Boroondara Cares was reborn in its new mode “for the good of Boroondara”. A sub-committee soon followed to develop the vision for a plan to source funds from the wider community to fund Rotary club led and endorsed programs.



Fortuitously, the existing Foundation Boroondara accepted an invitation to explore the possibilities for a shared “win-win” development. Rotary programs would gain new funding and the existing foundation would, after some changes, expand its services within the borders of Boroondara. The

rest is, as they say, “history”. Directors of Foundation Boroondara, most of whom were Rotarians, joined the steering committee and the vision was confidently pursued. Rotary District and Foundation leaders were kept well-informed and were supportive.

Particular thanks are now due and offered to the four District Governors who have supported both Boroondara Cares and its ambitions for a new Rotary foundation—Past District Governors Don Jago, Dennis Shore, Ross Butterworth and District Governor 2014-2015 Murray Verso. Largely thanks to them we have our new foundation.

To borrow the words of Winston Churchill,

***“This is not the end... or the beginning of the end... but it is perhaps the end of the beginning.”***



*PDG Dennis Shore, PDG John Wigley, Peter Allen, David Baker, DG Murray Verso, DGE Julie Mason, Denbeigh Richards, Cr. Coral Ross, Mayor of Boroondara, and Professor Jennelle Kyd, Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Provost of Swinburne University.*

## Lord Mayor sees Sydney eclipsed

*By Tony Thomas, RC Central Melbourne-Sunrise*

**Melbourne Lord Mayor Robert Doyle forecasts that Melbourne will overtake Sydney to become Australia's biggest capital city in a little more than a decade.**

He was speaking at the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Paul Harris Breakfast of the Rotary Club of Central Melbourne-Sunrise on November 18 at the RACV. He said that while Sydney boasts its 22 hectare Barangaroo redevelopment, Melbourne's redevelopment schedule covers 610ha.

About 230 people and 30 clubs were represented at the breakfast, and the event raised \$9000 for charity. It included the auction of a bottle of 1967 Grange Hermitage (donated by a member of RCCMS) which fetched \$950.

Doyle said that while Southbank was 90% complete and Docklands half complete, Fishermen's Bend covered 200ha and the renewal program had not even started there. Expressions of interest are in train for E-gate near Etihad Stadium with 25ha. That could link Docklands to North Melbourne station and create 11,500 residents and 6000 jobs. To the north is 112ha including the health, research and education precincts. The massive Arden-Macaulay precinct involves 147ha and could bring in 18,000 residents and 20,000 jobs.



All-up the renewal zones are five times the size of the present CBD, for staged development over the next 40 years. It would contribute to boosting Melbourne's population from 4m to 5-8m.

He said, "Our challenge is to enhance our lifestyle. We have learned the lessons of the first 10 years development at Docklands and we must not stuff it up."



Melbourne infrastructure – transport, telecoms, lifts – almost failed during the 2009 heatwave when there ten days in a row over 104degF. The bushfires killed 173 but 500 people died of heat in the city. The city through the urban heat island effect gets 5deg hotter than the local countryside. The solution adopted was massive tree plantings. About 3000 trees are being planted annually which in six years will double canopy area to 40% of the CBD and cool the city by 4deg.

"We've put in an extra 10,000square metres of green space in the city since 2012, including converting 5000sm from asphalt to parkland," he said.

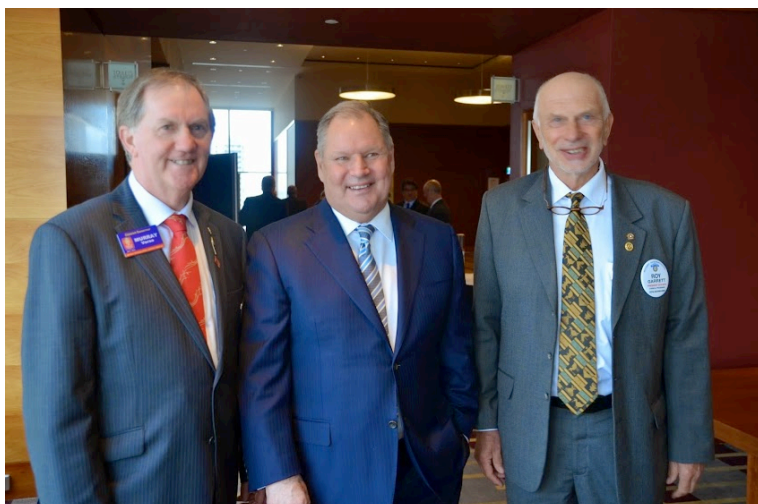
Stormwater catchments are added to ensure the gardens are drought-proofed – these systems now provide 25% of the park irrigation needed, rising to 40% soon, he said.

There are now 38,000 more restaurant/cafe seats than six years ago – great for employment of young .

Some people over-stressed loss of car jobs. "Even if you took every single automotive job out of Victoria, that would be 24,800 jobs lost. But in the past six years the city centre generated 76,000 new jobs – construction, health, hospitality – and half the jobs are in knowledge work like biotech, advanced manufacturing, education."

CBD residents are up 23% and on an average day 840,000 people pass through the city centre. On a busy day it's 1m. Two-thirds of the city's trips are on foot, showing that people feel safe and comfortable. In the latest year crimes against property were down 22% and against persons, 14%.

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**DG Murray Verso, Lord Mayor Robert Doyle and Central Melbourne-Sunrise President Roy Garrett.**

A typical innovation is that a flower-seller right outside the Town Hall is required to stay open until 2am nightly, not so that late husbands can square off with their wives but to create a cheerful and well-lit ambience.

“For each 10% we increase walking connectivity in the city centre, there’s \$2.1b added to the economy,” he said.

In the past five years Melbourne has intensified its festivals program, encouraging things like comedy and jazz, without a focus on drinking.

Federation Square might have been criticised architecturally, but it has become a thriving gathering-place. Doyle hopes to achieve the same effect with Queen Victo-

ria Market to the north, converting ugly asphalt parking to parkland.

In questions he was asked about dangerous bike-riders along the Southbank riverfront. He said the city might need to put in knobbly surfaces to slow the bikes down. He was inspecting the area and a bloke biked past at 30kph and shouted to him, “This is a cycle path you idiot!” Doyle roared back, “No it’s a shared path you friggin’ idiot!”

Asked about cars in the city, he said cars making needless trips through the city had to be curbed. A third of city traffic was just passing through and 20% of drivers were just cruising around looking for a parking space, one of only 3000 on-street places available. “Good luck with that,” he said.

## Rotary Foundation Successes



District Foundation Director John Wigley said membership of the Paul Harris Society, which involves an annual donation of US\$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation, has risen from 33 to 87 in the past 18 months.

“I am please to say that our unbroken record of successfully nominating Peace Fellows continues. Last week our nominee Lucienne Heywood (now working in Jordan) was selected to study at Uppsala Peace and Conflict Research Centre in Sweden. Inspector Chris Gilbert from VicPol will take the Peace Fellowship course in Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok for people working in emergency services.



Wigley said Global Scholar Lien Trinh (left) has just returned from London’s School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine after completing her Master’s in Public Health. She already holds a Master’s in Optometry and she aims to work on eye care in third-world countries.

Wigley also noted that Inspector Russell Patten had just completed the Fellowship in Peace and Conflict Resolution at Chulalongkorn University

# Steps to a Better Future

*By Tony Thomas, RC Central Melbourne-Sunrise*

**Anne Mitchell 58, has run Steps Outreach Services for young homeless people in Melbourne for seven years without any government funding.**

"The Flinders Street Station steps are my 'office'," she says. "We don't take government money because of the restrictions that come with it, like how many times you can help a person."

Steps is funded by charity trusts and donations but is struggling on \$100,000 a year for all expenses. Anne says charity trusts every year are besieged by extra groups seeking funding. Steps now faces the prospect of losing its part-time youth worker.

Anne, who has been with Steps for 13 years, says Rotary clubs have supported Steps for more than a decade. They include Southbank RC which helped Steps create a book of poetry by homeless people, and Central Melbourne-Sunrise RC --- 600 Christmas hampers and 500 toiletry packs.



Anne goes to the Flinders Station steps Wednesday and Thursday nights with two or three volunteers and makes contact with up to 50 young homeless a week. Then she and helpers drive to see them and provide support during the day – anywhere from Werribee to Pakenham.

They take them to government agencies and help them fill forms and make a case for help with family problems, housing, detox, police, school or health.

Anne says, "We can always find something to like about the kids. We told one lad who had not eaten all day, that he could eat free meals at charity



kitchens. He said, 'Oh no, that food's for poor people, I've only been homeless seven weeks.'

"One homeless girl was still of primary school age but told us that her family was 'very bad'. That could mean anything from drugs, mentally unwell parents, crime, family violence or abuse from step-parents. "But they love coming every year to our Christmas lunch in Collingwood where they all get a hot lunch and a Rotary hamper."

Chronically homeless people impose heavy costs on society, Anne says. One woman from the age of 12 to 21 costs the State \$5.5 million in sanctions and support.

Next May 8, Steps Outreach Service celebrates its 30th anniversary with a Concert for Homelessness.

For more information, contact  
[anne.mitchell@concernaustralia.org.au](mailto:anne.mitchell@concernaustralia.org.au)



## Welcome New Members



Hawthorn RC President Chris Hanson with new member Professor Pam Green, Director of Graduate Studies at Swinburne University.

### *Conference Cluster Presentations*

The 2014 Conference Cluster presentations are now available on a dedicated District 9800 YouTube Channel. Share your Cluster presentations on your Club or personal Facebook page. For more information contact

[webmaster@rotarydistrict9800.com.au](mailto:webmaster@rotarydistrict9800.com.au)

<https://www.youtube.com/user/RotaryDistrict9800/videos>



***DG Murray and Irene are in New Zealand for a few days R&R, and the Zone Institute in Wellington. We expect them back on 6th December.***

## Attendance and Membership

District 9800		Attendance		Membership				
2014/2015		October-14		At July 1	October-14			
Club	Cluster							
		No. of meets	Month %		Start	End	Net gain /loss	%change
Melbourne Pk	Heritage	6	78%	29	31	33	4	13.8%
Bendigo S'dale	Goldfields S	4	75%	22	24	25	3	13.6%
Woodend	Calder	5	67%	17	19	19	2	11.8%
Brunswick	Heritage			19		21	2	10.5%
Yarra Bend	Riverside	5	83%	19	21	21	2	10.5%
Altona City	Hobsons B	4	84%	21	23	23	2	9.5%
Gisborne	Calder	4	73%	28	30	30	2	7.1%
Balwyn	Eastside	4	64%	59	63	63	4	6.8%
Kangaroo Flat	Goldfields S	4	57%	30	32	32	2	6.7%
Richmond	Heritage	4	91%	31	33	33	2	6.5%
Wyndham	Chirnside	5	81%	31	33	33	2	6.5%
Footscray	Gateway E	5	42%	48	51	51	3	6.3%
Melton Valley	Westside	5	98%	16	17	17	1	6.3%
Essendon N	Gateway E	5	81%	23	24	24	1	4.3%
Laverton Pt Ck	Chirnside	5	68%	23	23	24	1	4.3%
Brighton N	Beachside	5	78%	48	50	50	2	4.2%
Kew	Riverside	5	67%	52	53	54	2	3.8%
Point G'brand	Hobsons B	4	79%	26	26	27	1	3.8%
Bendigo South	Goldfields S			34		35	1	2.9%
Castlemaine	Calder	5	63%	34	35	35	1	2.9%
Kyneton	Calder	4	60%	42	43	43	1	2.4%
C'ral Mel S'rise	Batman	4	64%	46	47	47	1	2.2%
Albert Park	Port Phillip	5	56%	58	59	59	1	1.7%
Melbourne	Batman	4	73%	233	233	234	1	0.4%
Altona	Hobsons B			26		26	0	0.0%
Bendigo Next G	Goldfields S	3	68%	17	16	17	0	0.0%
Bendigo S'hurst	Goldfields N			59		59	0	0.0%
Brighton Beach	Beachside	4	64%	21	21	21	0	0.0%
Brimbank Cent	Gateway W	5	77%	29	29	29	0	0.0%
Carlton	Heritage	4	95%	37	38	37	0	0.0%
Caulfield	Beachside	4	78%	10	10	10	0	0.0%
Collingwood	Heritage	3	58%	14	16	14	0	0.0%
Docklands	Batman			6		6	0	0.0%
Essendon	Gateway E			63		63	0	0.0%

Fitzroy	Heritage	4	64%	22	22	22	0	0.0%
Glen Eira	Beachside			18		18	0	0.0%
Hoppers Xing	Chirnside			20		20	0	0.0%
Keilor	Gateway W	4	68%	38	38	38	0	0.0%
Malvern	Stonnington			30		30	0	0.0%
N Melbourne	Batman			20		20	0	0.0%
Pt Melbourne	Port Phillip	4	60%	15	15	15	0	0.0%
Prahran	Stonnington			26		26	0	0.0%
Rochester	Goldfields N	5	73%	9	9	9	0	0.0%
Southbank	Batman	4	64%	22	23	22	0	0.0%
Sunshine	Gateway W	4	88%	12	12	12	0	0.0%
Toorak	Stonnington	4	70%	24	24	24	0	0.0%
Tullamarine	Gateway W	4	50%	10	10	10	0	0.0%
W Footscray	Gateway E	5	60%	21	21	21	0	0.0%
Yarraville	Hobsons B	4	68%	14	14	14	0	0.0%
Brighton	Beachside	3	53%	110	110	109	-1	-0.9%
Camberwell	Eastside	5	81%	75	75	74	-1	-1.3%
Canterbury	Eastside	4	67%	50	49	49	-1	-2.0%
Keilor East	Gateway W	4	86%	41	41	40	-1	-2.4%
Glenferrie	Riverside	3	72%	40	39	39	-1	-2.5%
Werribee	Chirnside	4	74%	38	38	37	-1	-2.6%
North Balwyn	Eastside	5	88%	73	71	71	-2	-2.7%
Bacchus Marsh	Westside	5	50%	36	36	35	-1	-2.8%
Eaglehawk	Goldfields S	4	83%	36	36	35	-1	-2.8%
Williamstown	Hobsons B	4	64%	29	28	28	-1	-3.4%
Melton	Westside			26		25	-1	-3.8%
Daylesford	Westside	3	93%	24	23	23	-1	-4.2%
Bendigo	Goldfields N	4	64%	66	65	63	-3	-4.5%
C'stone /EMalv	Stonnington	5	73%	54	51	51	-3	-5.6%
Hawthorn	Riverside			48		45	-3	-6.3%
Boroondara	Eastside	4	61%	15	15	14	-1	-6.7%
Flemington	Gateway E	4	75%	29	27	27	-2	-6.9%
E-Club of Melb	Batman	4	60%	13	12	12	-1	-7.7%
St Kilda	Port Phillip	3	57%	12	11	11	-1	-8.3%
Echuca-Moama	Goldfields N	4	67%	23	23	21	-2	-8.7%
Moonee Valley	Gateway E	5	68%	11	10	10	-1	-9.1%
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<b>No. of Clubs Reporting</b>			58		58			
<b>No. of Members</b>				2441		2453	12	0.5%
<b>% Average of Those Reported</b>			70.1%					
<b>% of Clubs Reporting Attendance</b>			82%					

## Notices and Events

### Rotary Club of Essendon Shopping Dash

Win a Trolley full of groceries from LaManna Direct - Buy your tickets from November 6 to December 17 to be in the draw.- See more at:

[http://www.rotarydistrict9800.com.au/notices\\_and\\_events\\_future#sthash.rkp480tF.dpuf](http://www.rotarydistrict9800.com.au/notices_and_events_future#sthash.rkp480tF.dpuf)



### Support Donations In Kind Wine Sales

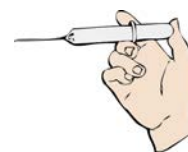
Buy quality wines for Xmas! All of the proceeds will be credited to your Club and if the present indications are held we would hope that this "profit" will be in the order of \$35 per dozen across the wines offered. All of the wine purchased will be delivered to DIK unless other arrangements are specifically made as listed on the flyer.

[http://www.rotaryclubofmelbourne.org.au/files/OJSXGZENZM/Wine\\_Flyer\\_2014.pdf](http://www.rotaryclubofmelbourne.org.au/files/OJSXGZENZM/Wine_Flyer_2014.pdf)



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### World of Difference Gift Cards

Cambodia is the 4th poorest country in our world. Choose a gift to help in a meaningful way. Gift cards available from \$8 (school uniform and shoes) to \$860 (a cow) with lots of options in between. All money donated is used in Cambodia without administration charges.

<http://wod.org.au>



### Anzac 2015 Centennial Tour 15th - 29th April, 2015

The Rotary Club of Balwyn, District 9800, the Rotary Club of Goksu and District 2420, invites you to join the Rotary ANZAC Centennial Tour Gallipoli 2015... **ONLY 10 CABINS remaining**

- See more at:

[http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org/news/1742/anzac-2015-centennial-tour/?type\\_fr=36](http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org/news/1742/anzac-2015-centennial-tour/?type_fr=36)



### Rotary Leadership Institute - Dates updated to June 2015

The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a multi-district leadership development program which seeks to have Rotary Clubs identify those Rotarians who seem to have the potential for future club leadership (not necessarily as club presidents) and provide those so identified with a quality education in Rotary knowledge and leadership skills for voluntary organisations. More:

[http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org/news/1627/rotary-leadership-institute/?type\\_fr=36](http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org/news/1627/rotary-leadership-institute/?type_fr=36)



### Group Study Exchange 2015

Applications NOW OPEN for team members and team leaders

Group Study Exchange (GSE) is a cultural and vocational exchange program for professional business men and women, aged between 25 and 40 years, and in the early years of their professional lives. Each exchange team is comprised of a Rotarian acting as the team leader and four specially selected team members.

- See more at: [http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org/notices\\_and\\_events\\_future#sthash.V0z4Tu3X.dpuf](http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org/notices_and_events_future#sthash.V0z4Tu3X.dpuf)



## National Immunisation Day in India

Rotarian Rahul Wadwa from India has contacted our district about an exciting opportunity to experience India, become a part of a National Immunisation Day and help vaccinate Children from Polio while also touring many of the Indian sites. The first 30 registered participants around the world will also receive a US\$100 Polio sustaining membership certificate ( free ) as an contribution to Rotary Foundation as Polio.

<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.com.au/news/10554/participate-in-a-national-immunisation-day-in-india>



## Cityscape-Art In the Urban Environment Exhibition 1<sup>st</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> December

Glen Eira Gallery Annexe, cnr Hawthorn and Glen Eira Roads, Caulfield.

There will also be an information piece by the Glen Eira Historical Society Inc., about the history of Carnegie and Koornang Road, in particular, which is where the artists painted the works for the Exhibition.

When you attend, please vote in the Rotary Club of Caulfield sponsored Peoples Choice Awards, as there will be a gift for a randomly selected voter.



## Shine On Awards nominations closing date 15<sup>th</sup> December

This is an outstanding annual Australia-wide Rotary award recognising exceptional service to others by people with disabilities. Clubs may nominate people who meet the criteria and all nominees will receive recognition with a Certificate of Commendation.

The 'Shine On' Awards recognise and acknowledge service to the community by people with disabilities. The application form has been forwarded to clubs and further copies can be downloaded from the District website:



## Sainsbury's Xmas Advertisment



**While we don't normally carry commercial advertising, we think Sainsbury's advert on YouTube is worth a look - Ed.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NWF2JBbIbvM&feature=youtu.be>

## RI Club Invoicing

**This information has been received from the RI South Pacific Office:**

We are aware that there have been, and will continue to be, many changes for clubs to adapt to. One of the largest is the change in the Club Invoicing that comes into effect with the January 2015 invoice.

To assist your clubs through the requirements, our office has prepared a presentation on the New Club Invoice and the changes that will be occurring, together with the inclusion of Rotary Down Under magazine subscription costs on the RI invoice.

The presentation is in the form of Powerpoint with an audio commentary, and can be viewed on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HsfCAitGXfQ&feature=youtu.be>

It would be appreciated if you could forward this information and the link to your clubs, so that they are able to receive the most up to date information that is available. If they have any questions regarding this process they should contact our office on +61 2 8894 9800 or email to [risppo@rotary.org](mailto:risppo@rotary.org)

Regards  
Joy Walker  
Acting International Office Manager  
Manager, Club & District Support



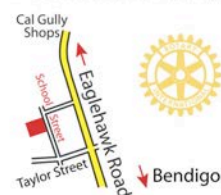
**TWILIGHT MARKETS**  
*Second Thursday of each month*  
**All Proceeds to Rotary Youth Programs**

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- Indoor & Outdoor Stalls
- Come and find a bargain!



**Location:** CAL GULLY MECHANICS HALL  
8 School Street, California Gully

**Dates:** 2nd Thursday of each month  
**First Market:** 13th November 2014  
**Time:** 4:00 - 7:00pm (weather permitting)

**General Enquiries:**  
**Gordon:** 0409 266 836  
**Ron:** 0457 516 752

**Stall Holder Enquiries Welcome**  
Contact June:  
Tel: 0434 639 329  
E-mail: [adalavina@hotmail.com](mailto:adalavina@hotmail.com)



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Please consider giving gifts this Christmas to friends that will make a World of Difference to children and families in Cambodia.

You will receive a colourful gift card explaining the gift you are giving.

*Gifts that keep on giving for Christmas*

**THANKYOU**  
You have just made the children and families in Cambodia as Bright as this Card

**World of Difference**  
Please consider giving gifts this Christmas to friends that will make a World of Difference to children and families in Cambodia.

**Light Up Rotary**  
You have been given seeds for crops in Boreale village, Kampong Speu province, Cambodia.

**World of Difference**  
The people of this village were starving. Lack of water and sustainable income perpetuated poverty. A dam which has filled with water has paved the way for sustainability through agriculture and livestock.

**Light Up Rotary**  
Your gift will give the opportunity for food.



## Dates for your Diary

**Rotary's 110th Birthday** 23 February, 2015

**District Conference** 12-14 March, 2015  
[http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org/notices\\_and\\_events\\_regular#sthash.Z3b1knU6.dpuf](http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org/notices_and_events_regular#sthash.Z3b1knU6.dpuf)

**Multi District PETS Training** Saturday 28th – 1st March  
[http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org/notices\\_and\\_events\\_regular#sthash.Z3b1knU6.dpuf](http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org/notices_and_events_regular#sthash.Z3b1knU6.dpuf)

**Rotary and Friends @ Work Month** April 2015

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11 nights & 12 days\*

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16<sup>th</sup> November 2014  
18<sup>th</sup> January 2015  
22<sup>nd</sup> February 2015

**Highlights**

- First 30 participants globally get US\$100 Polio sustaining membership gift certificate\*
- Polio Eradication, Rotary Meeting and Rotary Projects
- Distribute flyers, Polio drops, take part in the Polio Rally/Road Show
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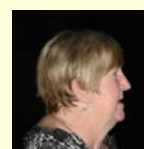
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