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JANUARY IS “VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kathy advises the following upcoming events

SAVE THE DATE – The Rotary Foundation’s Centennial Gala Dinner – 100 Years of ‘Doing Good In The World’

Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Ray Klingensmith addressed District Governors at the 2016 International Assembly in relation to the celebration of the Foundation's centennial year, 2016-17. Since the Foundation was established in 1917, it has spent more than US\$3 billion on programs and projects to improve the lives of millions worldwide, said Klingensmith. The global centennial celebration officially kicked off in May 2016 at the Rotary Convention in Korea and culminates at the 2017 convention in Atlanta.

In conjunction with District Foundation Chair, PDG Dennis Shore, Southbank Rotary will be assisting with organising a major District event to celebrate 100 years of The Rotary Foundation. This will be an occasion for Rotarians and non-Rotarians alike. More details will be widely circulated before the end of this month but for now, ‘**Save the Date: 31st May 2017**’ at **The Atlantic, Central Pier, Docklands.**

A NEW ROUND OF MEMBERSHIP GRANTS

Earn a \$1,000 grant for your new members to invest in a new Community Project for your Club

Simply induct four members between 1 January and 31 March 2017 and the \$1,000 grant will be presented to your New Members to use as seed funding on a project of their choice!!! A maximum of 10 grants are available.

The District was so successful with the grants so far this year that 18 Clubs have received them and inducted 96 new members.

All clubs in our District are eligible to receive this grant including those clubs that qualified for the previous \$1,000 grants in 2016-17

Full details are contained in the attached flyer. [Download Membership Grant Guidelines](#)

Planning on visiting the RC Malvern

They have a new venue from 25th January - Sagra Bar and Restaurant, 256 Glenferrie Road, Malvern, Ph 9079 5600. All other meetings details are as per the directory.

REMINDER – DISTRICT CONFERENCE – IN MEMORIAM

During the District Conference we will be recognising those members who have passed away since the Bendigo conference in March 2016.

Would Club Secretaries please email me at marbern@bigpond.net.au with the name of the member and the Club.

Please provide the information by 31st January.

We are looking forward to a great conference in Shepparton this year.

A great response to registrations. Only 100 spots left! Don't miss out register now.

www.rotaryconference.org.au

You are invited to attend an exhibition opening and book launch to be held at

Media House, The Age Building
655 Collins Street (opp Spencer St Station)

Thursday 2nd February 6-8:30 pm

RSVP to www.wod.org.au for catering purposes

Preview the book and purchase a copy at www.wod.org.au

*All profits from the sale of the book and the prints
will be used for the education of children in rural Cambodia*



World of Difference

A Rotary International District 9800 managed project,

in association with Julie Wajs Photography

would like to invite you to an exhibition opening and book launch to be held at
Media House Gallery

Ground Floor Mezzanine of The Age Building, 655 Collins St, Melbourne (opp Spencer St Station)

Opening Thursday 2 February 6 - 8.30pm

For catering purposes please RSVP to wod.org.au

All proceeds from print and book sales will fund the continued education of children in rural Cambodia
Prints to be auctioned on the night and books will be available for sale

For more information or to purchase a book go to wod.org.au

Yvonne advises of the following upcoming events:

District 9800 DG Neville John and his committee are organizing a Rotary Showcase dates below

Our club project RoCan has been invited to attend the showcase

Dates Australia Day in Bendigo (Fred and I will do that one)

Saturday 25th of February The Atrium at Federation Square (I know some of our members are going to Jacks birthday)

Echuca Queens Birthday weekend 10th and 11th of June

Would be a great opportunity to showcase our projects and promote what we do

If anyone can lend a hand please email me yvonne.moon@bigpond.com



Rotary
Club of Williamstown

You are invited to join us for the



2017
RoCan Annual Long Dinner
for Teal Day Ovarian Cancer Research

Join us at the Royal Yacht Club, Nelson Place Williamstown
Sunday March 5th 2017 at 5.00pm
\$50 p/hd includes a glass of bubbly and finger food
Entertainment, Raffles and Prize Givaways

BOOK NOW

Email Yvonne Moon: yvonne.moon@bigpond.com or
Vicky Chandler: vickyhandler@integratedtherapies.com.au

www.rotarywilliamstown.org.au

Neona please find recent correspondence with Sokea Seng our foster child, in Cambodia, below:

Dearest Sokea,

Thank you so very much for your email wishing David and I A Happy New Year! And we also wish you A Very Happy New Year. We also wish you a belated happy birthday for the 11th of January. We have been away on holidays and I haven't had access to my computer; however we were thinking of you and talking about you on January 11, hoping you were doing something special with your Flow friends?

Four and a half years ago David and I were married in a tiny wooden church at the very top of Australia in a town called Port Douglas. We haven't been back to that town since we were married; and so we have just come back from our second honeymoon! There were a 100 of our family and friends who flew all the way from Melbourne to share our wedding day with us - I have attached a picture of our special day for you to see.

We were so happy to return to Port Douglas and see that not a lot had changed. We are home now feeling very rested and refreshed. I have attached some pictures of our holiday. There is a picture of David and I having dinner on New Year's Day with the port in the background, the water of the port may look beautiful however it is where a prehistoric animal called the crocodile lives! Have you seen pictures of crocodiles before? They live in the northern parts of Australia and other parts of the world. They eat you up so best to swim in swimming pools and not the sea water!

We were driving one day and we stumbled upon a sculpture garden at the side of the road and edge of the beach, David and I made a sculpture together and I have attached a picture of David placing the final touches on our stone master piece!

Another day we were having a picnic in a rainforest and 3 lizards came out from the trees to see what we were doing! There are many types of these goannas native to Australia and some can grow quite large. They say if you see one you should not stand still as they may think you are a tree and climb you!!!

Bronwyn has sent me recent pictures of you and your brother Ton. How lovely you were able to spend some time together. David and I will be seeing Bronwyn and her husband next week and looking forward to hearing about their recent trip to Cambodia and spending time with you and Ton.

I have to dash now Sokea and get David and Mum's dinner ready. I do hope you are well, and can't wait to receive your next email and learn all your recent news.

We send our love as always - Neona, David & Grandma





“ADRIAN” FOR JANUARY 29!

The fellas and Rhonda enjoying a bevy at Hobson’s Bay Cluster BBQ!



The Beacon

Rotary
Club of Point Gellibrand 

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This Week

President Bruce welcomed 13 attendees and stated that the main topic for this first and informal meeting of the year would be the Big Bay Swim. He advised that our next meeting will be at the RYCV on 31st January at the normal time. This will be a Partners’ Night and we hope to have Chloe McCardel who has now surpassed Des Renfrew’s record for the most English Channel swims culminating in an awe-inspiring 21 crossings.

Big Bay Swim

Mario ran through the requirements that are all on track with Kevin Gunn taking over the Finish tasks. Kevin stepped through all the Finish organizational arrangements.

Merger Discussion

President Bruce acquainted us with the latest news and will be writing a letter to the President of the Williamstown Club.

Next Meeting

31st January at RYCV a Partners' meeting. We will then meet on a weekly basis at the RYCV until after the BBS.

Important Dates for your Diary:

Big Bay Swim Sunday 26th February 2017

21-25 March Dad's Day for Challenge Cancer

1st April Pirates' Day



A little "ditty" :

The rain was pouring down. And there standing in front of a big puddle outside the pub, was an old Irishman, drenched, holding a stick with a piece of string dangling in the water. A passer-by stopped and asked, "What are you doing?"

"Fishing" replied the old man....

Feeling sorry for the old man, the gent said, "Come in out of the rain and have a drink with me."

In the warmth of the pub, as they sip their whiskeys, the gentleman cannot resist asking, "So how many have you caught today?"

"You're the eighth" said the old man.

CALENDAR JANUARY

2017

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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15.	16.	17.	18.	19.	20.	21.
29.	30. lunch time meeting at Pelican's Landing	31.				

The Rotary Club of Williamstown, District 9800

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The Rotary Club of Williamstown meets every Monday, 12.45pm at the Customs House Hotel, Nelson Place, Williamstown.

Contact us: Kathy Roberts 0404 896 305

Find us on the web at www.rotarywilliamstown.org.au

Rotary District 9800 www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au

Rotary Down Under www.rotarydownunder.com.au

Networker District 9800's weekly newsletter www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/

The Rotary Club of Williamstown is on Facebook – any Facebook user can join the group, and we promote the Club's activities and successes on this page.

