



No. 36 Rotary Year 2016/17 Date June 26 JUNE IS “  
ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS” MONTH



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MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Apologies:** Claude, Beres, Jack, Sven, Neona & Vicky

**Guests:** Christine

**Kathy:** Monday night's meeting was held at Yvonne and Fred's home. It was Yvonne's birthday and a wonderful feast was put on for the enjoyment of Club members. President George prepared Saganaki as an entree and the whole evening had a festive air.

It was a Club Day and the board members gave their reports.



Yvonne & President George!

### President George's Report

Thank you for the privilege of serving as Club President 2016-2017

It gives me great pleasure that the traditions of our club will continue with our PE Damian Hynes & I will miss chairing the meetings the dearly.

I am pleased & thankful to all of our members for contributing in the many initiatives undertaken.

This evening is our final meeting of the year & is our final club day meeting as well.

Board members will say a few words regarding their reports pursuant to their Directorship.

Wellness house will be open for discussion and motion.

In light of the wellness matter I conclude that weather or not the club support this initiative, Yvonne will continue to find a way to open a wellness house.

Tentative booking for our Greek night Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2017

George has also taken on temporary Next of Kin responsibilities for his friend Peter during the rehabilitation phase, following amputation surgery. Peter needs to find new accommodation post rehab. Vicky and George are going to tidy up his flat, clear the fridge etc., whilst he is in hospital. Our Club is contributing \$500 towards maintenance at Peter's property and new bed linen.

### Treasurer Nils' Report for the month of May

The BBQ show a profit of \$836. We donated \$550 to the Williamstown Literary Festival and we put down deposits for the Childrens XMAS party to the tune of \$2,840 .

We have \$41,963 in our Cheque Account , \$1911 in the future activity account, \$657 in cash and \$61,968 in Term Deposit as per 31/5/17.

The surplus from catering at our meetings was \$250.

Our may expenses were \$2000 deposit on our upcoming changeover and a \$480 payment for our RDU magazine for our members.

\$250 Williamstown Bridge Club for new table cloths.

## Annual Community Service Report 2016/2017

### Director Yvonne Moon OAM

Numerous events took place this Rotary year , thank you to all involved.

**Rotary Club of Fitzroy** held their Annual Crackerjack night for RoCan raised \$1,500.

**Annual Golf Day at Kooringal** Thank you to Rotarian Tony Boyd for organising the Golf day and proceeds to RoCan raised over \$4,000 thank you to the members for helping .

#### **Lift the Lid for Mental Health**

Club Members wore hats and painted their nails purple for ARH Mental Health Month.

**Summer lights** event for the Olivia Newton John cancer centre.

Wine, beer, cheese and biscuits were provided at the HMAS Yarra site to honour those lost to cancer.

The marquee was erected and candles were lit as we all had a night of fun with a couple of drinks

**Women in Rotary Breakfast** a table of 10 booked a great Annual event.

The Rotary Club of Rochester held a pie and port night for RoCan raised \$549 and a donation was made for \$500 from President Bryan Griffiths .

#### **Annual Teal Long table event**

This event is growing each year with over 100 attending .

Thank you to MC Peter Shephard for taking the role of MC.

Also to Rotarian Vicky Chandler for all her help in getting vouchers etc for our raffle and Auction.

**Rotary Showcase** Attended the showcase in Bendigo, Federation Square, and Echuca.

Thank you to Hazel for helping at Federation square, and Fred as well.

Echuca steam rally was a great couple of days, sold over \$200 for our merchandise,

and a \$100 donation . I have been invited to return to do a broadcast on the local FM community Radio.

**Rotary District 9800 Assembly** RoCan booth at the TABCORP in Melton .

### **RoCan fundraising breakfast**

A very successful breakfast with inspiring Susan Alberti AC, 98 people attended and were inspired by Susan's presentation.

1 table from Bendigo bank corporate branch, and 1 from the Keilor East Community bank .

A very generous donation of \$5,000 was made to RoCan from Susan Alberti, we raised almost \$12,000.

Membership flyers were placed on the tables and a presentation made for the Highland Foundation with 2 Paul Harris fellow awards.

Thank you to Nils for organising trybooking and taking ticket sales at the function.

**EarlyAct** the wonderful students from EarlyAct donated \$1,000 to RoCan from their fundraising event thank you to Daryl and the students- a great effort Thank you !



**Yvonne, Kathy and the children proudly presenting us their cheque!**

**Cancer Wellness Centre** Continued meetings with govt and Councils.

A meeting was held with Burbank Homes last week, and have discussed a purpose-built centre when we can fund and purchase the land.

### **Million Dollar Foundation Dinner**

President George, Hazel, Murray, Irene and I attended the Million \$ dinner for the 100 years of the Foundation The venue, the food and the entertainment were excellent, we all enjoyed the event.

I heard the amount raised was over 5 million dollars.

I attend regular meetings for the Christmas Fair.

Thank you to President George and Rotary members for all their support this year

I look forward to another busy Rotary Year with President elect Damian Hynes

### **Murray 2016-2017 Club Foundation Goals:**

I'm pleased to report that the club's Foundation goals, as advised in each of my monthly reports, and as notified to Rotary International via the My Rotary website at the start of the year, have been achieved:

Donation to the Annual Fund: \$AUD 3000 made in May 2017 (= goal)

Donation to Polio Eradication: \$AUD 2222 made in August 2016 from the previous year's funds (> goal of \$700)

Bequest Society Member (ie pledged \$10,000+ in their Will to the Foundation):  
One member

Benefactor (ie pledged any amount in their Will to the Foundation): Unknown

EREY Centurions (ie donated \$AUD 100 to Foundation this year):

Pending. If you have not already done so, please make your annual contribution before 30th June.

### **District 9800 sponsored Foundation Centennial Dinner**

George, Hazel, Yvonne, Irene and I represented the club at the recent Rotary Foundation Centennial Celebration Dinner, hosted by Rotary District 9800 and managed by the Rotary Club of Southbank. It was held in the spectacular Peninsula Room at Docklands on Wednesday 31st May. 380 Rotarians and friends enjoyed an evening of world-class entertainment, including inspiring guest speakers, exquisite food and wines and lively auctions. The goal of achieving \$1 million in donations and bequests to the Foundation at this event, was exceeded with a staggering \$5 million raised. I have sent written congratulations to the principal organisers, DG Neville John, PDG Dennis Shore and Phillip Archer.

### **Meetings with Paul Netzel, the Chairman of the Rotary Foundation Trustees.**

The incoming chairman of the Rotary Foundation, Paul Netzel, was the key note speaker for the Foundation Dinner. He flew in from his home city of Los Angeles for the event and spent 3 days in Melbourne. I was invited to take part in several other functions with him during his stay. These included giving him a briefing on the End Trachoma project, taking him to a tree dedication in his honour at Rotary Park next to the Botanical Gardens, attending a small group private dinner with him at The Windsor and attending a Peace Conference held at RMIT University. It was an interesting few days.



## **Presentations of Paul Harris Recognitions**

The well deserved PHF Recognitions to Kayleen Scuderi and Marie Trealar from the PNG Highlands Foundation were very well received by both the recipients and the audience when President George presented them at the ROCAN breakfast last month. Kayleen and Marie both spoke very well after receiving their surprise Recognitions. The occasion also provided an opportunity to briefly highlight the work of the Rotary Foundation to the Rotarians and non Rotarians in the audience.

## **District 9800 Assembly**

In preparation for the 2017-18 Rotary year, the District Assembly was held on Sunday 21st May. It was attended by 420 Rotarians, including several from our club, to learn about aspects of their Rotary roles in the coming year ahead. As well as giving presentations on Club Vision during the Club Service session and the new national End Trachoma project during the Community Service session, I was honoured to be invited to open the Rotary Foundation session by giving an overview of the work of our Foundation.

## **Invitation to join the Polio campaign in India**

I have been sent details of a tour intended for Rotarians, from around the world, to go to India in January 2018. The main purpose of the tour is to take part in a National Immunization Day for children in the city of Agra. The tour highlights include sightseeing in the cities of Delhi and Agra, a visit to the Taj Mahal and dinners with local Rotarians. I have already been to those places so I won't be going on this tour but I would recommend it highly to others. Let me know if you are interested and want more information.

## **Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator (ARRC) for Zone 8**

I have been reappointed by Rotary International, for a third year, to be an ARRC with responsibility for Foundation matters ( e.g. grants, fund raising & promotion) in Rotary Districts 9800, 9810 & 9820 in Victoria and 9830 in Tasmania.

I would like to thank President George and the Board for its support for the Rotary Foundation throughout the past Rotary year, the Foundation's Centennial year. Long may it continue.

## **Youth services - Damien Hynes**

EARLY ACT .Meetings are held regularly on Wednesdays between 12.30 and 1.30.

They are planning a learning task for the grade 5's which involves working with the Rotary Club of Rowville Lysterfield to provide a drought proof solution for the market gardens of Kirawina Islanders in PNG. This is for a \$5000 district grant and Daryl is asking if Williamstown would come on board as part of a joint submission. More details to be explained at the meeting.

Early Act held their Changeover at our lunchtime meeting.



Kathy, Mr Garret and the Children.

Sandridge will be involved in our Christmas Fair as per last year.

Can we again cover the cost of tops for the earlyactors?

Unfortunately contact with Williamstown High School has dropped off but attempts to change this will be enacted.

VUSC students project funding. Discussion

It was decided to support Claire Tang's venture to Africa with \$350.



Claire Tang, venturing to Africa to participate in building libraries with Thrive Africa.

4th Williamstown sea scouts request for ideas to raise funds.

Documents relating to changes to child safety standards to be discussed as a club.

### Club Service- Eddie Knight

The new format of alternating lunch and dinner meetings doesn't seem to have had a dramatic impact on attendance figures.

There is a higher number attending the evening but that is boosted usually by partners and guests.

A survey was distributed amongst the members for feedback on the venue, people overall were happy with the venue in regard to view and location but not so happy about the food.

It was probably more people were in favour of the set meal as opposed to the buffet, but the service has been haphazard and hard to regulate the timing of the meals.

So at present we will probably stay at Pelicans until another suitable venue can be found.

### PR/ Marketing- Brad Saunders

Brad continues to work on the website, adding photos, events and special occasions, keeping the information up to date.

We continue to have email enquiries via the website, the majority asking for the possibility to talk to the club to fund raise for the particular concern or organisation.

The question was raised what do we do with these requests, we like to have informative speakers not people continually asking for a handout. All of them should be responded to and usually are, so do we as a club have a filter for these requests or establish a protocol. The club does not have infinite funds and funding all requests is not possible, we need to have clear guidelines and a definite budget for all our donations.

### International Report- John Barry

PNG Highlands continues to be our main International project that we have supported this year. Our Club has committed support of \$500.

We as a club helped at 3 packing days which included cleaning the area, packing and filling the container.

The \$1,000 donation to DIK allowed the group access to medical and hospital equipment needed for the Highlands.

Our club also supports Cambodian orphan, Sokea, and Neona keeps up regular correspondence with her.





**Kathy:** RoCan Wellness Centre discussion.

Tony led the discussion on the possibility of the Club/ RoCan buying Yvonne and Fred's house.

For the last 2 years Yvonne has been working hard to fundraise, find land and possible partners in this project. She has approached local authorities, hospitals, construction companies all in the hope of proceeding with the project. So far she has hit a brick wall except for the fundraising, with the help of the bike ride to conference, donations from individuals and other Rotary clubs she has raised the grand sum of \$450,000, which is an outstanding effort. Yvonne and Fred have decided to sell their current house, with the inability of funding suitable land, the idea was mooted that their house is in a perfect location for the Wellness centre, good size land which fits Council regulations and there is public transport right outside the door and it is in close proximity to Werribee's local hospitals.

There was a lot of conversation around the idea, pros and cons put forward, all in a positive manner, as the general feeling of the club is we want the project to go ahead. Yvonne has established the property fits Council regulations of zoning and what their requirements would be, has a promise for help from a local Construction company for manpower needed for renovating the property and to increase the accommodation available and has approached Bendigo Bank for a special loan to cover the extra costs of of renovation and building. Several issues arose that may be a problem with going ahead with this plan, there is a an approx \$400,000 shortfall to the project and the loan is not set in place yet only at a possibility stage. The loan has to have Guarantors, someone or several people have to guarantee the loan, it is very uncommon for Rotary to own property. Other wellness centres are in partnership with a medical body who eventually take over the running of the centre. To make the whole transaction look above board the price for the house would have to have a sworn valuation, which has been done and has come in with a very low price, so it is unfair on Yvonne and Fred to accept less than a fair price for their house as they are heading towards retirement. There were other issues in regards to the continuing running and upkeep of the property, although we do have a reasonable sum of money in the bank which could go towards these expenses, we would be very dependent on future fundraising. Overall the general consensus of the group felt although the project is very worthwhile, there needs to be further investigation in how we can do this effectively and without putting the club at financial risk.

### Membership Report- Guy Chatain

For the year we inducted 2 new members but unfortunately one left due to lack of time due to increased business at work.

There are plans for another Membership night early in the new Rotary year.

Our club was one of 10 who were awarded a Membership award, the award is calculated on a percentage increase.





**Rotary**  
Club of Point Gellibrand



President Bruce McCracken & PE John Allcock  
cordially invite you to attend our  
**Annual Presidential Changeover Dinner.**

**Date: Saturday July 15th, 6:30 for 7 pm**

**Place: The Pirates Bar, Seaworks,  
Lower Anne St, Williamstown**

**Cost: \$60.00 per head  
Includes 2 Course Meal & Canapes.  
(drinks at bar prices)**

**Please RSVP by July 1st to:  
email: [landinggear1991@hotmail.com](mailto:landinggear1991@hotmail.com)  
Phone: 0414 397 376**

**Payments can be made by direct deposit or cash at the door**

**Account details:  
Rotary Club of Point Gellibrand Williamstown Inc  
BSB: 633 108  
Account No: 1320 07808  
Please use your surname and "handover" as reference.**

**Dress code: "Embrace the Great White North" ie: Canada.**

Some ideas for the theme on page 2.  
**Prize for the best dressed !**



**We look forward to seeing you there !**



# CALENDAR JUNE 2017

Sunday    Monday    Tuesday    Wednesday    Thursday    Friday    Saturday

				1.	2.	3.
4.	5. Claire Tang – lunch meeting	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.
11. Farmer's Market	12. Queen's Birthday Public Holiday – no meeting	13.	14.	15.	16.	17.
18.	19. Sandridge School Early Act Changeover – lunch meeting	20.	21.	22.	23.	24.
25. Farmer's Market	26. Club Day – night meeting	27.	28.	29.	30. Our Changeover	

## The Rotary Club of Williamstown, District 9800

President:	George Papazisis	Treasurer:	Nils Oman
Vice President:	Kathy Roberts	Secretary:	Kathy Roberts
Marketing/PR:	Brad Saunders	Sergeant at Arms:	Jack Tahí
Foundation:	Murray Verso	Club Service:	Eddie Knight
International:	John Barry	Community:	Yvonne Moon
Youth Services:	Damien Hynes	Membership:	Guy Chatain

### President Rotary International

John F. Germ <http://www.rotary.org/>

### Rotary District 9800 Governor

Neville John <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au>

### Assistant Governor Hobsons Bay Cluster

Richard Shortt

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

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Rotary District 9800 [www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au](http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au)

Rotary Down Under [www.rotarydownunder.com.au](http://www.rotarydownunder.com.au)

**Networker** District 9800's weekly newsletter [www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/](http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/)

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