

**No. 43 Rotary Year 2017/2018 Date Sept 5**  
**SEPT IS ROTARY NEW GENERATIONS MONTH**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Our Club met at The Royal Yacht Club in Williamstown on Tuesday evening Sept 5. It was a joint meeting with the Hobsons Bay Cluster (Williamstown, Point Gellibrand, Altona and Altona City and Yarraville clubs). There was good representation from most of the Clubs. Yarraville was an apology. Quite a lot of fellowship was had, making for a good evening.

There were 2 Guest Speakers. The Clubs heard firstly from [Jim Markovski](#), General Manager of Youth Services with the Les Twentyman Foundation.



*The Les Twentyman Foundation 'Youth Leadership Program' targets 30 young people annually from various backgrounds who lack self-esteem and self-worth within mainstream society due to personal, social, financial and ethnic circumstances. The program runs a series of workshops and camps over 12 months focusing on building confidence and breaking down the personal barriers restricting them from achieving their full potential.*

*The result is 30 young people, some with severe personal issues, grow into confident young community leaders. After graduating they not only possess the tools to pursue a brighter future they become mentors to the next generation in their community.*



*Point Gellibrand Rotary Club has had an association with this Foundation for 8 years.*



*Following Mark's presentation, [David Whiteley](#), addressed the Clubs on documentation required to be in place when working with children.*

*David Whiteley, Lawyer and Rotarian from Keilor, was very informative and answered many of the members questions in regard to the new Child Safety Act and the importance in relation to many Rotarian activities.*

*Please see Act details below.*

**Rotary**  
District 9800



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DIFFERENCE

# Helping to ensure

## **Child Safe Activities**

### A guide to the obligations of Rotary Clubs in District 9800.

The framework:

The Child Safe Standards from the *Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005* applies to every organisation, unless the organisation does none of the following:

- provide any services specifically for children
- provide any facilities specifically for use by children who are under the entity's supervision
- engage a child as a contractor, employee or volunteer to assist the entity in providing services or facilities.

The *Working with Children Act 2005* implements a scheme to screen persons engaging or intending to engage in child related work. and a child is a person under the age of 18.

While we have focused for many years on the checks obtained in accordance with the *Working with Children*, it is now more logical to see these checks are part of the implementation of the standards, and not as sufficient on their own.

**The Standards.** Each organisation must

1. Develop strategies to embed an organisational culture of child safety, including through effective leadership arrangements
2. Create a child safe policy or statement of commitment child safety
3. Develop a code of conduct that establishes clear expectations for appropriate behaviour with children
4. Develop screening supervision training and other human resources practices that reduce the risks of child abuse by new and existing personnel
5. Develop processes for responding to and reporting suspected child abuse
6. Develop strategies to identify and reduce or remove risks of child abuse
7. Develop strategies to promote the participation and empowerment of children

And some underlying principles.

The response of an organisation to the Standards must consider promoting the cultural safety of Aboriginal children, promoting the cultural safety of children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds; and promoting the safety of children with a disability.

Meeting the Standards

The response of each organisation will be different. Appropriate matters of Clubs to consider might be listed on the following pages.

**1. Develop strategies to embed an organisational culture of child safety, including through effective leadership arrangements.**

- a. Directly address child safety as part of any project planning or review exercise
- b. Appoint a child safe champion
- c. Develop a complaints and concerns process, including record keeping
- d. Seek guest speakers on child safety issues, including the identification of child abuse.

**2. Create a child safe policy or statement of commitment child safety**

The District Protection Policy last updated in August 2016 is such a policy. The key elements of the policy are:

All Rotarians in District 9800:

- Are committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for all participants in ROPs;
- Accept the responsibility to safeguard to the best of their ability the welfare of all children, vulnerable adults and other persons that participate in ROPs;
- Will act to ensure that their spouses or partners and other volunteers engaged in ROPs understand the core principles and strategies of this policy and apply them in their dealings with children, vulnerable adults and other persons that participate in ROPs.
- Are committed to Aboriginal cultural safety, culturally and/or linguistically diverse cultural safety and the safety of children with a disability.

**3. Develop a code of conduct that establishes clear expectations for appropriate behaviour with children.**

The Code of Conduct adopted earlier this year by District is:

Everyone involved in District activities that supply programs or services to children are required to observe child safe principles and expectations for appropriate behaviour towards and in the company of children, as set out in this code.

Positive Obligations:

Each of us are responsible for supporting the safety, participation, wellbeing and empowerment of children by:

taking all reasonable steps to protect children from abuse.

treating everyone with respect.

listening and responding to the views and concerns of children, particularly if they

are telling you that they or another child has been abused and/or are worried about their safety or the safety of another.

promoting the cultural safety, participation and empowerment of children with Aboriginal, culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds (for example, by having a zero tolerance of discrimination), in addition to the safety of children with a disability

ensuring as far as practicable that adults are not left alone with a child.

reporting any allegations of child abuse to the District Protection Officer and ensure that any allegation is reported to the police.

reporting any child safety concerns to the District Protection Officer.

if an allegation of child abuse is made, ensure as quickly as possible that the child is safe.

encouraging children to “have a say” and participate in all relevant organisational activities where possible, especially on issues that are important to them.

### **Prohibitions:**

Each of us must not

develop a relationship with children that could be interpreted as favouritism.

exhibit behaviour with children which may be construed as unnecessary physical contact.

put children at risk of abuse.

engage in open discussions of a mature or adult nature in the presence of children.

use inappropriate language in the presence of children.

express personal views on cultures, race or sexuality in the presence of children.

discriminate against any child, including because of culture, race, ethnicity or disability.

ignore or disregard any suspected or disclosed child abuse.

### **Concerns**

What to do when an allegation of child abuse is made

Any adult to whom a student reports an allegation of sexual abuse or harassment must follow the reporting guidelines at Appendix 1 of the Rotary District 9800 Youth Abuse and Harassment Prevention Policy (Sexual Abuse and Harassment Allegation Reporting Guidelines).

In addition to the above if the program you are involved with is a Youth Exchange program that you also agree to abide by the Youth Exchange Code of Conduct. You are required to read it, it is located at <http://bit.ly/2ft8F8Z> OR

<http://rotaryyouthexchangedistrict9800.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Volunteer-Form-inc.-Code-of-Conduct.pdf>

A hard copy can be provided on request.

#### **4. Develop screening supervision training and other human resources practices that reduce the risks of child abuse by new and existing personnel**

To date we have relied on the Working with Children checks, but all advice is that is not now sufficient. It is suggested that to adequately screen it will now be necessary to:

- a. Check Working with Children check status
- b. Establish identity and any claimed qualifications that might be relevant
- c. Investigate history of work/activities involving children
- d. Obtain references that address the applicant’s suitability for the activity and working with children.

District’s view is that this requires a positive vetting, and that a mere WWC is insufficient. A pro forma form is attached.

The expectation is that the form will be completed and maintained by the Club. With the consent of the volunteer it may be made available for other Clubs or District committees.

**5. Develop processes for responding to and reporting suspected child abuse**

The District Protection Policy meets the requirements of this standard

**6. Develop strategies to identify and reduce or remove risks of child abuse**

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**7. Develop strategies to promote the participation and empowerment of children**

Organisations need to ensure children feel safe and comfortable in reporting concerns or allegations of abuse. Organisations should have simple and accessible processes that help children understand what to do if they want to report abuse, inappropriate behaviour or concerns for their safety. All personnel need to have an awareness of children's rights and adults' responsibilities regarding child abuse.

The District Protection Policy will be revised to ensure that it meets the requirements of this standard

## **Working with Children**

It is important to note that changes to the Working with Children legislation came into effect on 1 August 2017. They mean that in some instances checks will now be required when they were not previously.

Specifically:

Assume that your activity is **child related work** that involves direct contact with a child, unless there is only occasional direct contact with children that is incidental to the work (eg selling sausages at Bunnings. Selling sausages at a school fete does not involve only occasional direct contact)

**Direct contact** now means any contact between a person and a child that involves—  
(a) physical contact; or (b) face to face contact; or (c) contact by post or other written communication; or (d) contact by telephone or other oral communication; or (e) contact by email or other electronic communication.

August 2017



**Yvonne:** has booked a table of 10 for the “Point Gellibrand Breast Cancer Breakfast” please let her know if you can attend.



*Date: Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017*

*Time: 6.45am – 9am*

*Venue: Royal Victorian Motor Yacht Club, 260 Nelson, Place Williamstown*

A fun night is planned to raise awareness for ovarian cancer and cancer research. Rocan’s mission is to realize an early detection test for Ovarian Cancer of which there isn’t one; and to establish a Wellness Centre, here in our West, to support those and their families on a journey with any type of cancer.

A colorful poster for a RoCan event titled "Life in The 70's for cancer research & wellness centre". The poster features a purple awareness ribbon, a purple flower, and photos of people. Text includes "Class Action", "Special Performance by Long Time ROCAN CANCER Supporters", "Teresa Vee", and "John St. Peeters". The event is on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2017, 7-11pm at Yarraville Club - 135 Stephen St Yarraville Vic. Bookings: [trybooking.com](http://trybooking.com) \$55pp.

**RoCan Celebrates - Life in The 70's  
for cancer research & wellness centre**

**RoCan**  
CANCER RESEARCH  
and  
CANCER WELLNESS CENTRE  
Supporting all forms of Cancer

**Class Action**

**70s**

**Special Performance  
by Long Time  
ROCAN CANCER  
Supporters**

**Teresa Vee**

**John  
St. Peeters**

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# INVITATION TO A PRIVATE VIEWING

SUN THEATRE LYRIC ROOM 8 BALLARAT ST YARRAVILLE

THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 6 PM

COST \$18 BOOKINGS YVONNE 0407303255



THE GREENEDGE STORY

## SUPPORTING ROCAN AND RIDE FOR A CAUSE





Something for the diary, “Second Hand Heaven” at Seaworks, Nelson Place, Williamstown on Sunday October 29, 10am to 3pm, gold coin donation. Any interested stall holders please contact Jenny Baker on email address: [secondhandheaven2@gmail.com](mailto:secondhandheaven2@gmail.com)

## New Member Seminars - no cost to Clubs!

To register your members please contact: Vicki Teschke [vicki@teschke.id.au](mailto:vicki@teschke.id.au)

The New Members Seminar will address members' Rotary knowledge, Rotary's goals and structures and further learning opportunities all in a friendly, facilitated training environment.

We know from Rotary research many new members leave our organisation when they are not fully informed and in sync with what Rotary stands for and what Rotary can offer Rotary club members by way of service, personal development, mentoring and rewards in assisting others. The Training Team have developed a significant opportunity for Clubs to access a central training seminar to assist in the development of their newer Rotarians.

**Metropolitan Program: September 17, 2017**

**South Melbourne:** Montague Continuing Education Centre, 100 Montague St, Sth Melb

**Rural Program: October 29, 2017**

**Bendigo:** Golden Square Primary School, 19 Maple Street, Bendigo



FreakingNews.com

People coming together to make a positive and lasting change within communities!



Must dash Sokea, it is pouring with rain and Ariel and Lexi are getting soaked outside.  
Have to bring them in out of the cold.  
Look forward to hearing from you.  
With lots, and lots of love as always - Aunty Neona, Uncle David & Grandma



The usual crew!



David, Geetha & film festival trophy!

## Interplast Fundraiser Event

### Changing futures with some help from our friends

We are very excited to announce a special one-night-only event featuring some of Australia's most-loved entertainers coming together to raise funds for Interplast's life-changing work across the Asia Pacific.

Hosted by radio identity and comedian Richard Stubbs, the evening's entertainment includes performances by Daryl Braithwaite and Russell Morris and their bands, supported by Chris Wilson.

Join us for a fantastic evening of Australian music and lots of laughs at Melbourne's historic Athenaeum Theatre on Wednesday, 11 October from 7.30pm.

Book your tickets now on the Ticketek website. Group bookings of 10 or more will be charged at the concession price. To make a group booking call the Ticketek Groups Booking line on 1300 364 001.

**All proceeds from the evening will go to Interplast.**

Tickets are already selling fast so don't delay and risk missing out!

Please feel free to share with friends, family and colleagues who could be interested in joining us for the evening.



# Homelessness Forum

- Date:** Sunday 10 September
- Time:** 9.30am for a 9.45am start, finishing at 1.00pm
- Venue:** Trinity Grammar School, Centre for the Arts - East Room,  
Charles Street, Kew
- Parking:** There is plenty of street parking in Charles Street.
- Cost:** \$10 to be paid on the day which includes a light lunch

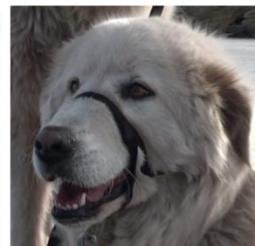
**Action to take:** If you, your Club, or a Club member, are involved in activities in this area, please encourage a response to share the experience and hear about what others are doing. We want to hear about as much involvement as possible.



[Jane.Pennington@bigpond.com](mailto:Jane.Pennington@bigpond.com)

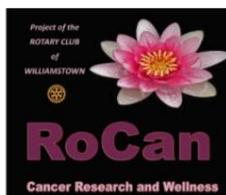
## District Conference Early Bird Bookings Now Open

**THE POWER TO MAKE  
A DIFFERENCE**  
2018 DISTRICT 9800 CONFERENCE  
16-18 March / Warrnambool / Victoria



[www.rotaryconference.org.au](http://www.rotaryconference.org.au)

Tony: has emailed members necessary application and sponsorship forms, please print and share



INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

# CHARITY GOLF DAY

**Korringal Golf Club**

Date Wednesday 25th October 2017 Time 12pm Shotgun Start

Presented by the Rotary Club of Williamstown

Supporting the

***RoCan Cancer Wellness Centre***

***Funds raised will support the planned Cancer Wellness Centre for Men and Women in the Wyndham Shire to facilitate patients and families receiving treatment at the Mercy and St Vincents Hospitals.***

The cancer Wellness center will provide services such as Yoga, Music Room, Legal and Financial advice a Men's Shed and many other services.

To date we have raised in excess of \$400,000 towards this project but will need much more to bring it to fruition.

The facility will be built in the Western suburbs of Melbourne providing accommodation to families that cannot afford to stay in the city due to the high cost of Cancer treatment.

We have all been touched by cancer in some way and by the effects.

***Together we can make a Difference***

Your support of the Golf Day is appreciated as these events rely heavily on sponsorship and participation and our club is seeking the assistance of your organization in supporting this event.

Please help us raise the necessary funds to complete this essential project by either joining us on the day, Sponsoring a hole or making a donation.

Enclosed is a Registration Form and Sponsorship document.

**GET YOUR TEAM TOGETHER AND REGISTER**

Ring



Tony Boyd 9397 6388 or Mobile 0418 101516

[info@abinteriors.com.au](mailto:info@abinteriors.com.au)

**Kathy:** There is to be another PNG Highlands Packing Day at Cross Street Warehouse, Footscray on Saturday, 9th September.

Volunteers are needed for Mother/Baby bundle packing and also packing the Container.

This does clash with the Football event but hopefully we can spread ourselves around.

Last week lunch time meeting we didn't have a speaker and the club enjoyed an hour of sharing recent events like the Membership night and the possibility of gaining some new members for the club. We also had general fellowship and spoke of up coming events.

We had the board meeting on Tuesday, at which it was decided to donate \$250 to Yasmin Poole who was looking for funding to attend The Harvard Conference for young leaders in Sydney on 17<sup>th</sup> August.

## **Stroke Week this year is Monday 4 to Sunday 10 September**

Stroke Week aims to draw attention to the common causes of stroke that is a major cause of disability for over 12,000 Victorians each year, across all ages and genders. A predominant cause of stroke is hypertension manifested by undiagnosed/untreated high blood pressure. Identification of blood pressure irregularities can save lives and prevent unnecessary major disability.

Rotary has been invited by the Stroke Foundation to assist with random blood pressure monitoring during and around Stroke Week 4 – 10 September 2017. I have been nominated as D9800 representative as an extension of the D9800 DEP Life After Stroke program.

This accords with the Blood Pressure Awareness (BPA) program being developed by Kew Rotary.

Participation is simple, and can be conducted in conjunction with normal Rotary activities e.g., markets, BBQs, regular meetings etc., etc.

There is no cost – the Stroke Foundation will provide all you need.

Would those clubs interested please contact me ASAP and I will organise equipment and instructions. [bob\\_slater1@outlook.com](mailto:bob_slater1@outlook.com)

Bob Slater

Rotary Club of Kew

D9800 Life After Stroke Coordinator

Knowing your blood pressure numbers is **key** to a **longer, healthier** life.

- Track your blood pressure & set up text reminders
- Improve your heart health
- Enjoy your best life

**Take the first step.**  
Sign up for our tracker today.

# World Of Difference Tours 2017-2018



World of Difference is pleased to confirm three exciting tours to Cambodia and Laos. If you or anyone you know is looking to get involved at an International level in something exciting and different then one of World of Difference's humanitarian adventure tours to Asia could be the perfect offering.

Over the next 9 months you have three exciting tours to choose from. Please take a moment to have a look and please pass this email onto any of your friends who you think may be interested: -

## **Cambodian Humanitarian Adventure Tour**

**13 Days from 5th of November 2017**

This tour is perfect for those who would like to roll up their sleeves and get involved in some humanitarian work. During this 13 day tour, you will visit Cambodia's spectacular tourist attractions including Angkor Wat and it's many temples, museums that capture the dark past of Cambodia during the cold war and get involved in humanitarian activities such as teaching at a school, building water filters or helping out at one of the legitimate orphanages.

## **Cambodian Humanitarian Family Adventure Tour**

**16 Days from 5th of January 2018**

This Humanitarian Tour is the perfect educational life experience for families to share whether it be parents and their children or grandparents and their grandchildren. Following a similar format to our November tour, this tour will provide families with an opportunity to experience Asian culture at the grass roots, as well as enable you to change the way our children think about the world, while making a World of Difference in the lives of those less fortunate.

## **Laos & Cambodia**

**16 Days from 20th of March 2018**

A unique opportunity to join our first WOD tour to Laos. We will be based at the world heritage Luang Prabang and attend the opening ceremony for the latest Rotary primary school project in the remote village of Ban Heuthan. This tour will not include the usual WOD hands on volunteering but rather will be an opportunity to experience the real Laos that is not often seen by tourists.

Please click on the following links to view the tour brochure or booking form for more information and prices.

[https://gallery.mailchimp.com/4348a4ac76a55a07e4b20a852/files/6bc869d3-3da0-4f94-bde2-55cadf8de5ae/WOD\\_Upcoming\\_Tours\\_old.pdf](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/4348a4ac76a55a07e4b20a852/files/6bc869d3-3da0-4f94-bde2-55cadf8de5ae/WOD_Upcoming_Tours_old.pdf)

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Rob or Barry.

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0407877550

[barry.hickman@gmail.com](mailto:barry.hickman@gmail.com)



## Engage in the Challenge

**PLANT A TREE BY APRIL 22, 2018!**

Here's how you can get involved

Develop projects with Rotaract and Interact Clubs

Collaborate with community partners and local experts

Create international partnerships where tree planting can lift up entire communities

## WHY PLANT

Trees are engines of economic development

High nutrition foods for humans, animals, wildlife and insects

Sustainable building materials and fuel

Canopies in urban areas to cool, reduce energy use, absorb pollution and increase property values

Trees protect our environment

Increase ground water recharge, prevent runoff and loss of soil

Create habitat for wildlife

Produce oxygen, use carbon dioxide, improve public health

Slow global warming by storing carbon

Trees and woodlands provide spiritual renewal and life

Walking in the woods stimulates the mind and soothes the soul

Trees and woodlands provide homes for birds, and many other species  
Send your reasons for planting trees to [trees@esrag.org](mailto:trees@esrag.org)

## TREE PLANTING PRACTICES & PRINCIPLES

Consult local professionals

Carefully plan the project

Evaluate the site: sunlight, water, wind, temperature, soil, fertility and security

Select trees adapted to the site and pest and disease resistant

Plant at the right time using proper planting techniques

Establish a maintenance schedule

Care for the trees until they are established and flourishing

## TREES BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER

What are other Rotary Club and Districts doing?

What global and local resources are available?

How can we get started? Do you need ideas?

Do you want to read success stories?

Do you have a question? Write to [trees@esrag.org](mailto:trees@esrag.org)

Are you ready to report trees planted?

Our **Tree Planting Recorder** is coming soon!

**Visit our Tree FAQ Here**



# CALENDAR SEPT 2017

Sun                      Mon                      Tues                      Wed                      Thurs                      Fri                      Sat

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3. Father's Day - volunteers collecting entrance fees to Williamstown Football Club, Senior finals game	4.	5. Cluster meeting with the P.G. Club, at the RVYC - Guest Speaker David Whiting	6.	7.	8.	9. Volunteers collecting entrance fees to Williamstown Football Club, Senior finals game
10. Farmer's Market BBQ, and BBQ for Toyota Family Day at Seaworks	11.	12. Board meeting at Outlets in Newport	13.	14.	15.	16.
17	18.	19.	20.	21.	22.	23.
24.	25.	26.	27.	28.	29.	30.

### The Rotary Club of Williamstown, District 9800

President: Damien Hynes      Treasurer: Nils Oman  
Secretary/ Public Officer: Kathy Roberts      Foundation: Murray Verso  
Membership Development: Guy Chatain      Club Service: Eddie Knight  
Marketing/PR &  
Protection Officer: Brad Saunders      Sergeant at Arms: John Barry  
Community Service: George Papazisis  
Community Service,  
Rocan, Wellness Centre  
Chair: Yvonne Moon  
International Service: John Barry, Hazel Ackland,  
International/Program: Vicky Chandler  
Bulletin/Youth Service: Neona Stiles

### President Rotary International

Ian Risely <http://www.rotary.org/>

### Rotary District 9800 Governor

Peter Frueh <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au>

### Assistant Governor Hobsons Bay Cluster

Peter Rogers

The Rotary Club of Williamstown meets every Monday, Alternating lunch and evening meetings.  
Pelicans Landing, 1 Syme St, Williamstown

Contact us: Kathy Roberts 0404 896 305

Find us on the web at [www.rotarywilliamstown.org.au](http://www.rotarywilliamstown.org.au)

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/)

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.

