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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Apologies: Sven, Yvonne, Neona, Stan, Tony

Guests: Hamish Williams, Grant & Melissa Hocking

A young man by the name of Hamish Williams gave our Club a brief presentation of an upcoming event he is promoting. Hamish, who lives in Williamstown, was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Flemington, in 2014, to spend the year in Sweden as a Rotary Youth Exchange Student. Hamish, and two other former Aussie exchange students, have decided to ride in the Mongol Car Rally in July. The rally will begin in England and end in Mongolia. One of the conditions of entry is that participants have to fund raise for a charity. Hamish and his mates, in recognition of the great life changing experience that they were given by Rotary, have decided to raise money for Rotary's End Polio campaign. They are looking for Rotary Clubs to sponsor them. Sponsoring Clubs will have their names on the vehicle.

More info: <https://www.willyandhobby.com.au/news/williamstown-rallies-behind-hamish-williams-to-end-polio/>

Hamish has organised a Go Fund page, and donations are also gratefully received via the Batterbing (fish and chip) shop in Douglas Parade.



Guest speaker, Grant, from the Rotary Club of Woodend, spoke of the Halloween Party they hold each year on October 31. It has turned into a large community event of which is held in a local park. They have gained good local support from businesses, the scout group; and the local newspaper assist with advertising. They have minimised costs by keeping it simple. They only have the Rotary club providing sausages, and a coffee truck for hot drinks. Everyone seems to get into the swing of things by dressing up and participating in the fun, each year they have different types of entertainment. Entertainment includes storytellers, magicians and novelty games/activities. While Grant was speaking he was showing photos of the event, the event is free but the club finds most people want to donate some money to the club. Grant was asked to speak to our club to help us look at other ways to have a community event other than the Christmas Fair.



Melissa & Grant Hocking

Woodend Rotary Community Halloween event 2017 – Grant Hocking

Once again the Community Halloween party at the Woodend Childrens Park (Nicholson St) was a great success. This free event now in its 8th year is a way of Woodend Rotary saying thanks to the community for supporting our events throughout the year.

This is a fantastic community event which is supported by local business including major sponsor Fairhurst Conveyancing who have sponsored the event for the past few years. Blackbird cakes once again provide a delicious and spooky cake for everyone to enjoy.

Partnership with other community groups has led to more activities each year to keep the ever increasing crowd entertained. Cobaw Health sponsored Red the Clown for a second year, and Woodend scouts assisted again with the BBQ. A new addition this year was the games and activities which were sponsored by Woodend Library whose team got into the spirit of the event with costumes. Library manager Lulu Cockram attended planning meetings and preparation events to ensure the games were a success.

Woodend Rotary led the planning and provided the sausages, popcorn and fairy floss as well as lollies for the children. As in recent years crowd numbers were around 1000 with many in costumes and everyone enjoying the fun, food, music and activities for the children in a safe and festive environment.

Woodend Rotary would like to thank the sponsors, partners and the community for their support of the event.

Grant Hocking

Woodend Rotary

Georgia Mitchell, daughter of Dowell Mitchell, who recently lost his battle with Leukaemia, is participating in the World's Greatest Shave.

Her Rotary Club of Yarraville is hosting an event on Wednesday, 21st March at the Yarraville Club, we will forgo our normal meeting on the 19th March and attend this event.



I'm taking part in the World's Greatest Shave for the Leukemia Foundation in honour of my father Dowell Mitchell, who passed away August 2017 from AML (Acute Myeloid Leukemia). I'm also honouring some friends of mine's parents who also passed this year, Vicki Giachin and Doris Carroll. All taken from us way too soon.

Please sponsor me to give Aussie families facing blood cancer the emotional and practical support they need.

Blood cancer claims more lives than breast cancer or melanoma.

Will you help by sponsoring me? Your support will help ensure someone being treated in hospital gets a personal visit from a highly-trained health professional, so they get the extra support they need.

Please click the button and sponsor me today.

You can sponsor me online or come to this event.

EVENT DETAILS:

Wednesday, 21 March 2018 (Dad's birthday)

7pm - 8.30pm

Location: The Yarraville Club 135 Stephen Street, Yarraville

Drinks and food at bar prices. My fellow Yarraville Rotarians will be hosting this event, so we'll have raffle's and other things happening on the night, so come along and support a great cause – Georgia xx

Guy the **membership picnic day drive has been postponed** until later in this year. The dates proposed clashed with other commitments held by too many Club members, to make the day worthwhile.



Rotary Club of Williamstown Friends of Rotary

In addition to Rotary membership, the Rotary Club of Williamstown also offers a “Friends of Rotary” programme.

The primary role of the Friends of Rotary programme is to provide an opportunity for community minded people to become connected to our Club. In addition, such a Friends of Rotary would have a vehicle through which to volunteer their time and become connected to their community.

Reasons for someone choosing to become a Friend of Rotary, as opposed to becoming a regular Rotary member might include time, work or financial constraints. Nevertheless they would still seek to be actively involved in their community.

Friends of Rotary are more than welcome to apply to full Rotary membership at any time.

As a Friend of Rotary the minimum level of commitment required is attendance of one Club meeting a quarter and participation in one Club activity a semester. A Friend of Rotary *must comply* with all District Protection Policies with respect to programmes and activities of the Club that involve youth and vulnerable adults.

Cost: \$50.00 per annum.

Benefits:

- Meet new friends
- Opportunity to network
- Get involved in local projects
- Connect to the community
- Have some fun!
- Attend social and official functions run by the Club
- Assist in fund raising and volunteer activities
- Be part of overseas Rotary projects.

Murray Chris Don, District Chair of Foundation Giving, has written to all Club Presidents and Club Secretaries encouraging them to donate, or to make a pledge (towards their **Club's annual contribution to the Rotary Foundation**) at the forthcoming District 9800 conference.

Murray has been invited to speak on the Rotary Foundation at the following major events: District 9810 Conference, Bendigo on March 3. Victorian Multi District Presidents Elect Training Weekend of March 24 & 25 and Gateway Cluster Foundation Dinner on April 10.



A 'One off' Event

Rotary Albert Park invites all Rotary Clubs in Victoria to this unique event to join us at an evening of fun and excitement (never before experienced) to raise funds and celebrate 100 years of The Rotary Foundation.

*The Melbourne Star have agreed to light up the wheel in Rotary colours for the night of **22nd April 2018**. This will be a promotion of Rotary on that evening...visible from all around Melbourne and the environs. The Melbourne Star will be dedicated to Rotary only and the audience is Rotary club members, their families and friends.*

The Star stands 120 metres above the city and has unparalleled 360 degree panoramic views stretching 40Kms from Melbourne's CBD.

The Melbourne Star contains 21 pods and each pod accommodates 20 people. A revolution of the wheel takes 30 minutes. Tickets can be purchased individually (\$35 per person), or a complete Pod can be bought for \$700. If a pod is purchased by a club, a credit of \$400.00 will be allocated to The Rotary Foundation in that club's name.

There will be other activities on the night. The large conference room at the Melbourne Star will also feature a talk by Astrophysicist Dr Rachel Livermore and live music 'covers' by 'Australian Stars' such as John Farnham, Kylie Minogue and others will be played to sing and dance along to. For further information and bookings, go to: <http://www.rotaryalbertparkevents.org.au/>



Rotary Foundation Cluster Dinner

Hosted by  **Rotary** |  **Club of
Essendon Inc.**

Lien Trinh

Manager of End Trachoma 2020

Lien holds a Bachelor of Optometry from the University of Melbourne and Master of Optometry from the University of NSW. She has experience working in low-income settings internationally as well as throughout Australia. In 2013 she was awarded the inaugural D9800 Global Grant from the Rotary Foundation to study a Master of Public Health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. She has since worked at Indigenous Eye Health, and now manages 2 delightful tots as well as our Project EndTrachoma by 2020



Trachoma is the leading infectious cause of blindness globally. Australia remains the world's last developed country where it still persists. Blindness from recurrent trachoma infections is irreversible. But trachoma is an entirely preventable disease, and infections can be treated quickly and effectively.

PDG Dr. Murray Verso

Murray is a retired medical practitioner. He has been a member of the Rotary Club of Williamstown since 1981. He was Governor of Rotary International District 9800. He is now a Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator and is also a member of the End Trachoma Core Team.

David Abbey

Son of Royce and Jean Abbey, David will speak about the Royce and Jean Vocational Scholarship and the Royce Abbey Award. 2018 marks 30 years since Rotary Club of Essendon member, PP Royce Abbey, was Rotary International World President.

WHEN Tues 10 April 2018 6:30pm for 7pm start

WHERE Waterloo Cup Hotel, 252 Maribymong Rd, Moonee Ponds

COST \$45 pp 3 Course meal, Drinks at bar prices

BOOK <https://www.trybooking.com/TXPB>

RSVP Monday 26 March

For further information: Roger Leask 0412 706 566 or Jane Carbone 0417329 005



Neona recent correspondence from Sokea, at FLO, and Rob Hail of EGlobal who is still in Cambodia visiting FLO

Date: March 10, 2018

Dear Uncle Murray and Aunty Irene,

Thank you, Uncle! I am happy to hear from you. On Thursday Boo Rob took us to the waterpark. This is my second time to the waterpark and it was a lot of fun. We had lunch there and we played till 2 in the afternoon.

I am very happy because I was ranked number the 5th out of 58 students in my class at my public school.

Sending love,

Kea



Rob Hail has been at Flow for some time now, and recently they took some of the children to visit their relatives in nearby towns!

Date: March 10, 2018

Dear Aunty Neona, Uncle David & Grandma,

I am very happy to see your letter! I am sorry to hear that Grandma is not well. I hope she feels better soon! Mr. Rithy got the DVD of Mary Poppins and he told me that he will bring it to me.

I don't remember that you told me about visiting school friend in Gin Gin. I can see Sean in the house, and we don't have any twins in FLO.

Boo Rob took us to the waterpark yesterday. This is my second time to the waterpark and it was a lot of fun. We had lunch there and we played till 2 in the afternoon.

I am very happy because I was ranked number the 5th out of 58 students in my class at my public school.

We had pizza and juice last night. Each got two slices. It is my favorite food.

Sending love,

From the desk of RI President Ian Riseley

Dear fellow Rotarians

As we pass the halfway point of this Rotary year, it's time to take stock of what we've achieved so far and what we still have to do. The [Rotary Citation](#) is not only an honor, but also a useful tool that helps clubs plan their service. Club leaders will receive an achievement guide by email in mid-March, with valuable resources to help you reach your goals. If you're on track to receive a citation, congratulations! Your club is well on its way to a very productive year.

Here in Evanston, we are working hard to achieve the goals that Rotarians have laid out for us. In a Rotary-wide survey of Rotarians and Rotaractors, 90% of respondents asked for improved training, better methods to connect with other clubs, more planning resources, and better online tools. In response, your 2016 Council on Legislation passed a \$4 dues increase that is now allowing us to invest in the improved resources, processes, and technology you've asked for.

One of the many improvements we've made (and are continuing to make) has been to Rotary Club Central, which has been completely redesigned to be faster and easier to navigate. As you already know, this year we are asking all Rotary clubs to submit two numbers to Rotary: the number of volunteer hours worked and the money invested in service. The fastest and easiest way to submit these numbers is through Rotary Club Central. If you're already tracking your projects using Rotary Club Central, make sure you've entered the number of volunteer hours and amount spent for each project you're tracking. Otherwise, remember to enter those two key numbers in the Goal Center, under the Rotary Citation tab.

On 23 January we unveiled changes to the global grant reporting section of the [Grant Center](#). You'll find that the report has an updated look, its content has been aligned with the global grant application, and the financial portion will be much simpler to use. We hope these changes will make it easier for clubs to report on the tremendous work that they accomplish through global grants.

One of the new initiatives I'm most excited about in this Rotary year is the Group Cultural Exchange program, a type of [Rotary Friendship Exchange](#) that brings together international teams of Rotarians, non-Rotarians, and young professionals. Contact your district's Rotary Friendship Exchange Committee Chair for more information about exchange opportunities through your district. If you have questions, or an experience you'd like to share, contact rotary.service@rotary.org.

Depending on where you are in the world, it may be the right time to plant your club's trees. Not only is planting trees one of the best things you can do for the environment, it also brings you one step closer to your Rotary Citation. Be sure to plant your trees by 22 April (Earth Day), and take care of the trees you've planted until they're thriving on their own.



Help a young person achieve their driver licence

L2P
LEARNER
DRIVER
MENTOR
PROGRAM

Volunteer mentors needed

"I am very grateful for the many hours my mentor, Peter, has put in to teach me how to drive safely and well. I appreciate his support to achieve a big goal in my life - getting a licence!"

Julia - L2P Learner



To become a volunteer driving mentor you must:

- Hold a current Victorian driver licence
- Attend training to prepare you for the role
- Be interested in helping young people who do not have access to a supervising driver
- Commit to helping them to become safe drivers and increase their ability to seek employment and opportunity
- Commit to supervising one driving session per week

Mentors will be provided with a car, petrol, insurance, training and support.

To find out more please contact the L2P Program Officer:
T 0487465687 l2p@lcis.org.au <http://lcis.org.au/>

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Opportunity to attend a live recording of Millionaire Hot Seat

I am getting in touch from Channel Nine to see if you, your friends, work colleagues or Rotary Group would be interested in being an audience member at a live recording of Channel Nine's Millionaire Hot Seat with Eddie McGuire?

It's a great day out for friends and family, full of laughs and entertainment. You get to see Eddie live in action as he changes the lives of ordinary people and experience the thrill of watching Australia's favourite game show.

Audience members enter a draw to win \$1000 as well as other prizes and food, drinks and free parking are provided. We ensure that we as a team make the day enjoyable for all those who attend.

Our upcoming recording dates are below:

Wednesday 21st February

Thursday 22nd February

Monday 26th March

Tuesday 27th March

Feel free to give me a call on +61 3 9420 3190 for more information or to lock in dates. Email: ohains@nine.com.au

We hope to see you there, *Kind Regards, Olivia, Channel Nine*



The Rotary Club of Eaglehawk are pleased to announce that the Inaugural Camping Swap Meet is to be held on the 24th and 25th March. Aimed at all things camping – fishing/tents/boats/cooking utensils, you name it, and you will either be able to sell it or buy it! Is your shed full of unused camping gear? Are you looking to upgrade and need to make some space? Then this is your answer, book a site or simply come along to browse what the stall holders have on offer. For additional information and online site bookings simply go to www.greataussiecampingswap.com.au or find us on Facebook - www.facebook.com/greataussiecampingswap Reasonable site fees and an easily accessible venue, makes for a great weekend!

Please feel free to share this information to any of your contacts and associates who may benefit from knowing about this fantastic opportunity.

Regards,

Rotarian Mick Costello,

The Great Aussie Camping Swap Meet, 0491 014049



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

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

Are you ready to report trees planted?

Our [Tree Planting Recorder](#) is coming soon! [Visit our Tree FAQ Here](#)

CALENDAR MAR 2018

Sun Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri Sat

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4.	5. Grant Hocking RC Woodend & Hamish Williams End Polio fundraising	6.	7.	.	9.	10.
11.	12. Labour Day public holiday - no meeting	13. Govt house afternoon tea with Ian Riseley	14.	15.	16.	17.
18.	19. no meeting	20.	21. World's Greatest Shave Yarraville Club	22. Board meeting	23.	24.
25.	26. Lunch meeting	27.	28.	29.	30.	31.

The Rotary Club of Williamstown, District 9800

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The Rotary Club of Williamstown meets every Monday, Alternating lunch and evening meetings.
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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.

