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Rotary Year 2017/2018

Date May 7

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Murray

On Sunday 5th May, Damien, Nils, Neona & David, Eddie & Rhonda, Irene & Murray joined more than 60 other Rotarians and friends at a special screening of the movie *Breathe*. The evening was organized by the Rotary E- Club of Melbourne as a fundraiser for Rotary's polio eradication program.

Before the movie showing we enjoyed some fellowship with nibbles and drinks in the courtyard outside The Sun Theatre in Yarraville. A short film of Rotary's work to eradicate polio in Africa was shown before the main feature and after the film, some people stayed on for a very pleasant dinner at Yarraville's Railway Hotel.

The movie itself was tear jerker as it told the true story of Richard Cavendish, an Englishman who developed polio at the age of 28. Although paralysed from the neck down he led a surprisingly enjoyable life thanks to the support of his devoted wife and a fun loving group of friends.

An \$800 profit from the evening will be matched by grants for the District 9800 Foundation Committee and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. This will result in an amazing total of \$6000 raised for End Polio.

Congratulations to Saxon Mitchell, and his fellow Rotarians in the E-Club, on organizing such a successful and enjoyable event.



Richard & his son...
Richard in his designer mobility chair made for him by a longtime friend...



Richard & his wife, before polio...

The
Rotary
Foundation



**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

**If you are looking for something to get involved in with your Club
AND raise funds towards ending Polio, consider The Polio
Challenge:**

Polio Challenge

Yes, it has been a long haul and regrettably we are not quite done yet. But we are so close and we cannot give up yet!

Polio has long ceased to be a disease here in Australia but a recent discovery of the polio virus in the Melbourne sewerage system reminds us that it would be so easy for all the work we have done to be in vain if we do not finish the job.

So, here is the deal!

Run a special event to raise funds for Polio eradication in addition to your annual giving for Polio-Plus. District will match your funds raised from its DDF allocation*, which will receive a special 50% bonus allocated by The Rotary Foundation. All of that will be matched 2 to 1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Your club will have the satisfaction of knowing that you really helped to make a difference.

Here is an example:

Club fundraising	\$1,000
District match	\$1,000
50% DDF Bonus	\$500
Sub-total	\$2,500
Gates 2:1 match	\$5,000
Total	\$7,500

What is a special event?

Really anything you want it to be—from a Trivial Pursuit night to a movie night, to buying and selling a special batch of Rotary fruit cakes. And yes, you can direct your \$400 from Star Carnivale to Polio eradication and it will be matched one-for-one from DDF!

*** There is always an ***

District does not have unlimited DDF but will match up to \$50,000—so there is a challenge for clubs to make a difference.

If your club also makes a donation to PolioPlus as part of our annual giving to The Foundation, it will receive a 1:2 DDF match as a “thank you” for your proactive support. Donations must be banked by 31 May 2018.

Cheryl Pisterman

d9800foundation@gmail.com

**Communications/Co-ordinator / Administrator
Rotary District 9800 Foundation Committee**



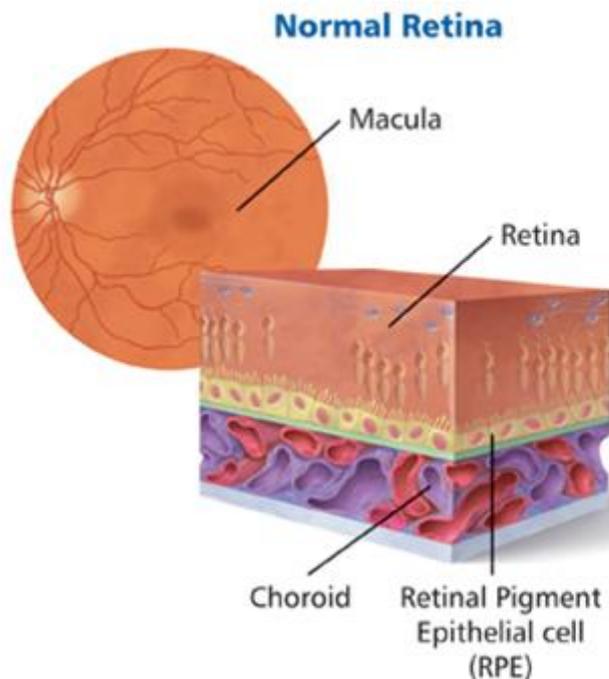
Our focus is your vision

May is Macula Month

Macula Month is an opportunity for everyone in our community to get involved to reduce the incidence and impact of macular disease.

What Happens?

Macular degeneration is a disease that affects a special layer of cells in the eye called the retinal pigment epithelium. This layer of cells is underneath the retina. The retinal pigment epithelium (RPE) is like a wall or barrier and is responsible for passing oxygen, sugar and other essentials up to the retina and moving waste products down to the blood vessels underneath (these vessels are called the choroid). The RPE also acts as a barrier between the choroid and the retina.



- See more at: <https://www.mdfoundation.com.au/content/what-happens-macular-degeneration#sthash.mqAV2OhJ.dpuf>

2018 Global MS Lunch

"Kiss Goodbye to MS"

Sunday May 27, 2018

1.00 pm for 1.30pm start

Highfield Estate, 330 Barringo Rd New Gisborne Vic 3048

\$50pp includes 2 Course Lunch, Tea or Coffee

Complimentary Glass of Champagne on arrival

Drinks at Bar Prices

(special Dietary requirements please notify when booking)

Fabulous Sunday Afternoon, speakers, entertainment, auction,

"Door Prize" and raffle.

Wear Something Red

Guest speakers: Mandi Wendt: "My Rotary"

Prof. Trevor Kilpatrick: " MS Research Status"

Amanda Campbell: "Living with MS"

Entertainment:

"Listen to Athol Guy (Seekers) Music & Stories

Funds raised go to MSA projects, MSRA and MSIF

RSVP May 22, 2018 to Diana Taurins, 0419564389 or taurins3@vegas.com.au

Any Auction or Raffle Items would be appreciated.

Pay on line Banking Bendigo Bank BSB 633000 Acct No 141307918

DATE FOR THE DIARY – MY ROTARY HANDS ON WORKSHOPS – JUNE 2nd

University and Golden Square Primary in Bendigo

Two different sessions running concurrently at each of the venues:

One session for Presidents Elect, Secretary, Executive Secretary – this will feature Rotary Club Central and other aspects of My Rotary

The other session is for Public Image Club representatives and featuring for them the Brand Centre, Showcase, Ideas etc

Details will be sent out to clubs soon including who to RSVP to, in the meantime Presidents, Secretaries please share this information with the officers listed above so that they can put the date in their diaries.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO GOOD TO MISS



District Club Service Chair Yvonne is looking for a Rotarian willing to fill the role of On-To-Convention Chair for the Hamburg Convention in June 2019.

Interested in taking on this role please contact Yvonne for more details.

Phone: 0418 387 339 Email: clubservice@rotarydistrict9800.org.au

Did you know that Hamburg is the home of the largest model railway in the world - Miniatur Wunderland.

The first Rotary club of Germany.

The Rotary Club of Hamburg was chartered on February 24, 1942 in Hamburg and continues to provide service to the community through projects such as Warm the Children, which provides warm winter clothing for children in need; and funding for not-for-profit organizations such as the Hamburg Counseling Service, the Hamburg Paleontological Society's Penn Dixie Fossil Site and the Lounsbury Adaptive Ski Program. Rotary also funds a literacy program for children, provides college scholarships and mentors the next generation of community leaders through RYLA (Rotary's leadership Program) for college-age young adults and SLAPSHOT for high school students.

IMPORTANT – NEW CHILD SAFETY FORMS – A MUST READ

Presidents and secretaries last month the District Board approved a document entitled "Know Your Volunteer" which contains a new Form 3, and a brief explanatory memorandum.

This month the District Board approved "Involvement in Child and Youth Activities – advice for individuals" and "Involvement in Child and Youth Activities – advice for clubs" You can download these forms below or from the District website <http://rotarydistrict9800.org.au/policies>.

They are intended to assist volunteers and clubs in understanding what it is that they need to do, and why they should do it. A Working with Children Check is simply not enough. In the time in which these documents have been prepared there have been many discussions and debates about whether a Working with Children Check is sufficient on its own (or not). From a Rotary Club perspective, the answer is no, never. Our requirements under the code of policies from Rotary International, the obligations of the Clubs under the Working with Children Act and the Child Safety and Well-Being Act mean that a working with children check might be all that a member/volunteer requires, but will almost never be sufficient for a club that uses a member/volunteer in a youth/child activity. And that's before we get to the question of insurance. It's a requirement of our insurers that the policies of Rotary International and District be followed in order for insurance to be forthcoming. Why risk it? If you have any questions that you would like to put forward that could be included in a "frequently asked questions" section as part of the Form 3 documentation please send them to governance@rotarydistrict9800.org.au, and that form will be updated to reflect the questions.

David Whiting

District Director Governance, (please share with your Club Protection Officer and your President and Secretary Elect), [Know Your Volunteers](#), [Involvement in Child and Youth Activities – advice for individuals](#), [Involvement in Child and Youth Activities – advice for clubs](#)



CANCELLATION

Rotary District 9800 MODEL UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY (MUNA) May 25 to May 27

Dear Rotarians at clubs that arranged or tried to arrange student Registrations for MUNA,

I am writing to let you know I have taken a very tough decision to cancel the D9800 MUNA this year.

I am very sorry that this decision had to be taken. Many of the students had indicated their excitement about MUNA to me.

This decision has come about for three main reasons

The number of registered teams of two students each who had registered by Wednesday May 9 was too few. There were only 15 registered teams but MUNA needs 21 to 25 so there is a wide diversity of countries represented across the four "blocs" of countries. i.e. Western bloc, Middle East bloc, Asian bloc and Developing bloc. By comparison D9810 Rotary MUNA run last weekend had 39 or 40 teams.

I could not take registrations any later because those teams would have insufficient time (say 2 weeks from May 11 to May 25) to be properly prepared given all the other work students have to do in their lives. I have observed in the past that teams that fall into this trap are not very effective for MUNA or themselves.

MUNA with 15 teams at Camp Getaway is not financially viable. About 20 teams are needed for it to be.

Given the above I had no choice but cancel this District 9800 MUNA 2018.

However I believe MUNA next year can be made a success. I can see how MUNA can be close to a large number of schools in D9800.

MUNA can be promoted much more directly to key teachers in schools. We might get the use of an online Registration software from another district such as 9810.

Parents, teachers and Rotarians could come, watch and listen to MUNA over the 2 days. **This would raise the MUNA profile for future years.**

Students could travel daily by suburban train to and from MUNA. There would be no need to be away from home overnight. This would simplify some Working With Children matters.

Costs of overnight accommodation could be eliminated except for a small number of country students that could be billeted for 2 nights.

MUNA could be promoted on Internet social media and in D9800 area suburban papers.

Once again I am sorry for all students who have lost the MUNA opportunity this year. I have asked all students to thank their teachers if they were instrumental to get them to register.

FINALLY I thank all you Rotarians who did or tried very hard to get teams for MUNA.

I have already advised all students who Registered that MUNA is cancelled. Likewise I will advise three teachers with whom I dealt directly.

I wish everyone of you the very best. Please call me if you wish.

Newton Langford

D9800 MUNA 2018 Chairperson

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National Youth Science Forum - Applications close 31 May 2018 - <https://www.nysf.edu.au>

District Changeover - early bird registrations close 18th May -
www.trybooking.com/367423

Book Now

District 9800 Changeover

A promotional banner for the District 9800 Changeover. The top section is a dark red bar with the text 'DISTRICT 9800 CHANGEOVER' in large white letters, and 'Sunday June 3rd 2018 11.30am for 12 noon - 3pm' below it. The middle section is split into two halves: the left half has a blue background with a circular logo of colorful hands and the text 'ROTARY MAKING A DIFFERENCE'; the right half has a yellow and orange background with a circular logo of colorful waves and the text 'BE THE INSPIRATION'. The bottom section is an orange bar with the text 'Brighton International 81 Bay Street, Brighton' and 'Featuring The Barking Dogs LET'S CELEBRATE TOGETHER WITH LOTS OF FUN'. The very bottom is a dark red bar with the website 'www.trybooking.com/367423', pricing 'Early Bird price: \$68 per person \$75 per person (after 18th May).', and logos for 'REDGUM Wealth Group' and 'Brighton BMW'.

Sunday 3rd June, 11.30 for 12.00 pm until 3.00 pm

LOCATION

Brighton International
81 Bay Street, Brighton, Vic, 3186

CONTACT DETAILS:

Sue Jones
Mobile 0412 336 918
Email suejones@oiltech.com.au

Rotary Club of Hampton
Presents

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VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING

Understanding End of Life Choices

COMMUNITY FORUM

7pm, 29 May 2018

Milanos, 4 The Esplanade, Brighton

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/365071

GUEST SPEAKER

Fiona Patten MLC

*Initiated the End of Life Choices Enquiry
Blueprint for the **Dying with Dignity** legislation*





To our fabulous supporters John, Heather and the team at Williamstown Rotary who have helped The Highlands Foundation.

On the arrival of our two most recent containers to the PNG port, we stopped to reflect on what has been achieved since 2006 when we started this foundation to address the high maternal and neonatal mortality rates in Papua New Guinea. We have sent twelve containers filled with essential medical equipment and mother and baby bundles that aim at decreasing the number of babies that die due to pneumonia and women that die due to infections. The total cost to achieve this is over \$75,000.

It is through the ongoing donation of your; time; commitment; sewing baby hats, jackets and booties; making beautiful baby blankets and quilts; collecting second hand clothing; packing of containers; donating medical, nursing and midwifery books and collecting hospital equipment that allows us to be what we are. Your continued support in all areas of our organisation is invaluable. Thank you for your sausage sizzles, donation of shed space, cash contributions and most importantly your time. We are very lucky to be sponsored by your club. John you have been fantastic in your role as International Project Coordinator. You give your time so generously. We look forward to continuing on our work with Heather at the helm.

We continue to fundraise and improve the awareness of the issues of PNG through our talks to Probus clubs, Rotary clubs, schools, retirement villages, football clubs and churches. A big thank you to all who have invited us and have made donations to this cause. Thank you.

Due to two recent events; the difficulty of getting our two containers to their destinations in PNG and the devastating earthquakes, we have decided to change our focus for 2018/19. We are going to dedicate our money and time resources to collecting, purchasing and putting together midwifery packs to give directly to midwives working in the field. The items included will help midwives directly whilst consulting with expectant mothers and birthing babies.

We will continue to share information about his project and how you can help. We hope to see you at the next packing day were we will talk to everyone about this new focus and we hope to have you all involved with the High Tea to be held in August (more info to come soon).

We can continue through your kind hearts.
Thank you all,

Marie Treloar, Founder and President

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Williamstown Literary Festival....

2018 is an exciting year for the Willy Lit Fest as we celebrate our 15th year. We look forward to bringing you some of Australia's best loved authors across a weekend that promises something for everyone.

Our theme for 2018 is **From Little Things...**, fitting for a festival that started with a small group of friends who had a little idea that's grown into one of Melbourne's best loved festivals. We'll explore the power of chance encounters. We'll play with little ideas that take hold, germinate, sprout and bloom. We'll meet poets, performers and playwrights across every genre; the steady, tenacious, unstoppable ones who don't give up until their tales are told. And, little by little, we'll discover and delight in their stories.

Special guest for this year's Official Program Launch is Willy Lit Fest favourite, **Andy Griffiths**. Andy, a world renowned children's author and current Hobsons Bay Citizen of The Year, was at the very first Festival and has remained one of our greatest supporters. We are thrilled that he can join us once again.

Light refreshments will be provided and **tickets will go on sale right after the launch!** We look forward to seeing you on Monday 14th May at 11.00am at the Williamstown Town Hall.

Please RSVP via the buttons below, or email info@willylitfest.org.au by Monday 7 May 2018.

Held over the weekend 16 & 17 June 2018 the Willy Lit Fest is the **biggest and boldest literary festival** in the western suburbs of Melbourne, and we can't wait to share this year's program with you.

Warm regards,

The Team at Willy Lit Fest

[Yes thanks, I'll be there!](#)

[No thanks, I am unable to attend.](#)

Willy Lit Fest: 16 & 17 June 2018



Saluting Monash Council

The Saluting Monash Council's objective is to achieve the posthumous promotion of General Sir John Monash GCMG KCB VD to the rank of Field Marshal by 11 November, 2018.

Dear District Governors and Secretaries of Rotary Districts across Australia,
RE: Members Statement and Petition to Legislative Assembly Victorian State Parliament.

On behalf of the Hon Tim Fischer AC and the Saluting Monash Council I thank you for Rotary's declared support and confirm that all individual Letters have been lodged with the Prime Ministers Office as promised.

For those Victorian Districts who have not submitted Letters of Support we still welcome them and assure you they will be lodged in Canberra.

We have received extremely strong endorsement for the promotion of General Sir John Monash from all segments of the Australian community including Defence Force veterans and descendants of WW1 Diggers, approximately 500 RSL sub-branches, prominent Australians and Associations, 140 plus Rotary Clubs and many parliamentarians across Parties have endorsed the promotion.

Even a former Commandant of the Royal Military Academy- Sandhurst has written, giving his support for the promotion and declared that Sir John was the "There is no doubt that General Sir John Monash is the greatest soldier that Australia has yet produced, a commander whose performance on the battlefield far outstripped the performance of the Allies other field commanders".

I write to ask for your help and co-operation on a separate initiative proposed by David Southwick MP, State Member for Caulfield. Last Friday he offered to spearhead a campaign within the Legislative Assembly of our State Parliament to solicit Members Statements of Support and the endorsement of the State Government. You will agree I am sure that it is appropriate as the government of Sir John's home state. I have just heard that he made his Members Statement in the House this morning (30th March).

I add that a similar endorsement has already been lodged in the NSW State Parliament.

As part of his campaign, David Southwick requests the lodgement of signed petitions as an indication of wide community support for the initiative. The more names the better.

I therefore ask for your assistance by soliciting signatures and contact details on the attached Petition "Support the Jerilderie Proposition" and mail completed forms to David Southwick MP, 1/193 Balaclava Road, Caulfield North Vic 3161 by Friday 20 April. Thus the call to action is urgent.

Alternatively, the petition can be downloaded from David Southwick's home page <http://www.davidsouthwick.com.au/2018/03/28/recognising-the-work-of-general-sir-john-monash/>

If you require further information or clarification please contact me on retsyngy@netspace.net.au . Also attached is a summary of issues relating to the posthumous promotion.

Kind regards, Michael Headberry

Director- Saluting Monash Council (Victoria), Chairman- Monash Pioneers Sir John Monash Project Board, 6 Sunburst Ave, North Balwyn Vic 3104, Tel 61 3 9859 2965, Mob 0414 509 540, retsyngy@netspace.net.au



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There's a world of opportunity waiting for you in Toronto, home of the 2018 Rotary International Convention. Join RI President Ian Riseley for an unforgettable week of fun, friendship, and discovery as you connect with Rotarians from around the world.

Register at riconvention.org

District On-To-Conference contact: Kevin Beagle, kmbeagle@gmail.com

Arrive a day early to attend the Rotary Peacebuilding Summit on 22 and 23 June. You'll join leaders from around the world to explore how to create peace in your community. Register today while space is still available.



CALENDAR MAY 2018

Sun Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri Sat

	30. April - Kathy won Joker's Wild but no Joker	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
6.	7. lunch meeting - work day, Halloween/Golf day	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.
13. Mother's Day - farmer's market BBQ	14. evening meeting - guest speaker, Peter Shepherd, Queen Vic Market	15. board meeting	16.	17.	18.	19.
20.	21. lunch meeting - speaker, Jason Cranage "Dads of Newport"	22.	23. tree planting	24.	25.	26.
27. farmer's market BBQ	28. evening meeting - club day, followed by board meeting	29.	30.	31.		



John May 15, and Chris May 28!!!

The Rotary Club of Williamstown, District 9800

President: Damien Hynes Treasurer: Nils Oman
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Marketing/PR &
Protection Officer: Brad Saunders Sergeant at Arms: John Barry
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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

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.

