

No. 70

Rotary Year 2017/2018

Date May 20

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eddie: Tree Planting day yesterday at MAGO Park, alongside Altona R.C.



Nils: District is conducting a workshop in how to use MyRotary. It is free and runs on 2 June. If you want to find out a bit more about My Rotary please reply to me so I can put your name down. There is a max of 2 attendees per club so reply fast or you might miss out!



Hands On My Rotary



**A District 9800 Sponsored Training Workshop facilitated by
the
Rotary E-Club of Melbourne**

10am to 12 noon Saturday 2 June

<u>Melbourne</u> Computer Labs on Level 6, AMDC building, Swinburne University, Hawthorn (access via Burwood Road)	<u>Bendigo</u> Golden Square Primary School First Floor, 19 Maple St, Golden Square
See page 2 for maps and directions	

This is an invitation to all **District 9800 Club Public Image Representatives** to attend this free, fun and collaborative workshop facilitated by Kerry Kornhauser and Amanda Wendt.

You will learn and teach other members how to:

- Update your personal profile
- Join a discussion group
- Browse and add an existing project to Rotary Showcase
- Add a proposed project to Rotary Ideas to raise funds
- Create club logos and brochures
- Explore the magic of Social Media

Please RSVP, including location, before Wednesday 30 May 2018 by email to Jane Pennington Jane.Pennington@bigpond.com

Maximum 2 attendees per club. This is a free workshop. Tea, coffee, morning tea provided.

Bring My Rotary login username and password.

Joanna: I had the opportunity to attend the District Training Assembly at Melton. It was excellent. I strongly endorse this for all new members. Everything more or less came together for me and I left with a curiosity to learn more, research more, and a commitment to join Rotary and become a Rotarian, not just a 'member' as was implied if we just went along for the comradery and/or meal!

I went to the New Members Breakout Session at 10am presented by Julie Mason who led the main group at 9am. This was most worthwhile. Julie is a passionate Rotarian of 23 years and if one had only been thinking of joining Rotary, Julie's enthusiasm and persuasive manner would have done the trick. **There were about 35 of us and we had to arrange ourselves according to our 'newness'. I was of three who have not yet been inducted. However I've been attending the meetings for a longer period of time than the other two newbies.** Julie gave us each a handout on the background and culture of Rotary beginning with Paul Harris and we broke into small groups to discuss this and share back with the big group. Among topics she focused on were the different mottoes over the years, the four-way test, the timeline and the areas of focus. We also discussed the Rotarian Action Groups.

My next break out session was the International Community. I had been considering Local Community but when I saw the displays from such groups as RAWCS, ROMAC, DIK, RAM, WOD and Interplast, I decided I wanted to learn more. These were countries I had either lived in or visited so it seemed a natural fit. This session was very interesting indeed, the chairperson, speakers and videos were inspiring as were the videos. I was most impressed with the talk on Shed 39 and it was suggested that one of our club's weekly meetings could be held here. I think this would be a great idea.

During my Uber ride to the airport I chatted to the driver, an Australian who was born and grew up here. He had heard of Rotary but really knew little about it, thinking it was some sort of Freemasons group. I was able to enlighten him! I do agree that many of the public have a warped or uninformed impression of Rotary. Many still regard it as an old boys club where professional people exchange ideas and network, not understanding it has developed into a dynamic organisation serving the community. In Julie's session we had discussed one of the goals was to enhance public image and awareness.

So I thank the Club for giving me this opportunity. It was certainly worthwhile delaying my trip to Auckland by one day.

And thank you to Nils and Murray for the rides.

Jo



ROCAN CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO ATTEND THE

RoCan Gala Night

"I CAN, YOU CAN, WE CAN, ROCAN"

**ALL FUNDS RAISED ARE TO BE ALLOCATED TO THE CANCER
WELLNESS & ACCOMMODATION CENTRE PLANNED FOR WERRIBEE**

FEATURING
ANDREW MCSWAIN'S 20PC BIG BAND & SPECIAL GUEST ARTISTS



JOHN DEEKS
Ch7 Presenter &
MC for the Night



DONNIE SUTHERLAND
Music Guru, Compere of
SOUNDS for 13 years



JOHN ST. PEETERS
One of Australia's
Premium Artists & Creative
Director of this event



JACK GATTO
26 year old Jack
Gatto is the Worlds
newest Elvis sensation



JAMES CUPPLES
Sings the heart and
soul of Tom Jones



RAY BURGESS
Television & Recording
Artist



TERESA VEE
Hear one of the most
distinctive female voices



MICHAEL YULE
Performs the new RoCan song
FIGHT FOR LIFE (Composed
by John St. Peeters & Michael)

Tickets:

Includes sumptuous dinner & drinks

GUESTS \$150pp, VIP \$400pp, (VIP Tables of 10
includes Limousine pick up and premium wines)

When & Where:

23rd JUNE 2018 at the LAKEVIEW BALLROOM LAKESIDE
BANQUET AND CONVENTION CENTRE
65 Melton Hwy, Taylors Lakes VIC 3038
6.30pm Pre Drinks 7.00pm Dinner & Program (BLACK TIE EVENT)

For bookings please contact:

Yvonne Moon OAM at yvonne.moon@bigpond.com or call 0407 303 255

Gina Lombardo at gina.lombardo3034@gmail.com or call 0419 396 979



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**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**



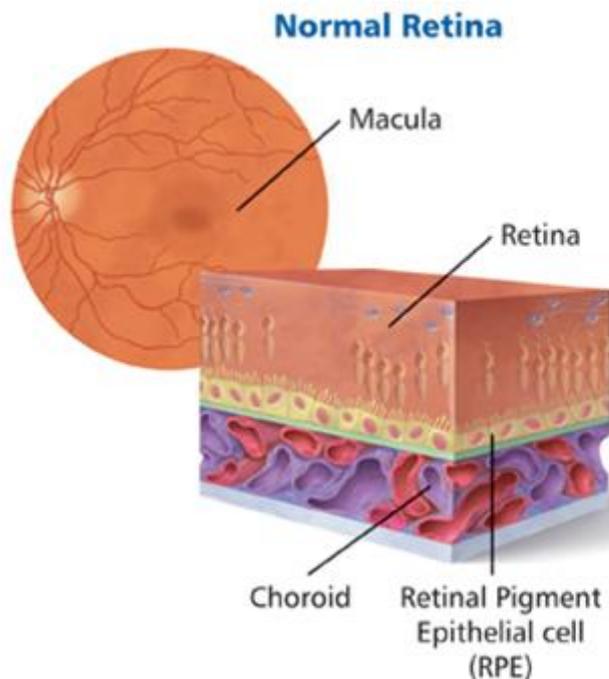
Our focus is your vision

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>

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 pink bar with the text 'DISTRICT 9800 CHANGEOVER' in large white letters, followed by 'Sunday June 3rd 2018 11.30am for 12 noon - 3pm'. Below this is a central graphic with a blue and yellow sunburst background. On the left, a circular logo shows stylized human figures in various colors, with the text 'ROTARY MAKING A DIFFERENCE' below it. On the right, a circular logo shows a stylized wave or swirl in blue and yellow, with the text 'BE THE INSPIRATION' below it. Below the central graphic is an orange bar with the text 'Brighton International 81 Bay Street, Brighton' and 'Featuring The Barking Dogs'. Below that is a pink bar with the text 'LET'S CELEBRATE TOGETHER WITH LOTS OF FUN'. At the bottom, there are three logos: 'REDGUM Wealth Group' on the left, 'www.trybooking.com/367423' and 'Early Bird price: \$68 per person \$75 per person (after 18th May).' in the center, and 'Brighton BMW' on the right.

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

LOCATION

Brighton International
81 Bay Street, Brighton, Vic, 3186

CONTACT DETAILS:

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Email suejones@oiltech.com.au



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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23-27 JUNE 2018
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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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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.

