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ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH, JUNE designated as "Rotary Fellowships Month" by the RI Board to recognize the importance of international fellowship and good will among Rotarians with similar recreational interests, vocations, and health and medical issue-oriented interests, to promote increased participation in fellowships and increase understanding of this program. The RI Board encourages fellowships groups to highlight activities through projects, activities, and events in celebration of "Rotary Fellowships Month" in June.

"Fellowship is wonderful; it illuminates life's pathway, spreads good cheer, and is worth high price."

Rotary Founder, Paul Harris

Rotary Fellowships are international, independently organized groups of Rotarians, Rotarian spouses, and Rotaractors who share a common vocation or recreational interest. Rotary Fellowships give their members the opportunity to have fun, make new friends around the world, and enhance their experience in Rotary.

Rotary Fellowships began informally in 1928 when Rotarians with a shared interest in the international language Esperanto joined together. In 1947, a group of Rotarian boating enthusiasts began flying the Rotary flag from their crafts, calling themselves the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians — which now holds the distinction of being the oldest continuing fellowship. The scope of fellowships has changed significantly over the years, but their purpose remains the same: to unite Rotarians in friendship and provide opportunities to enjoy favourite recreational or professional activities..



Our yachts at Willy!!!

Many fellowships also use their special interests to serve others. For example, the Fellowship of Canoeing Rotarians has organized clean-ups of polluted rivers; members of the International Computer Users Fellowship of Rotarians conduct training sessions for Rotarians and others in their community; and members of the International Fellowship of Rotarian Scuba Divers join local Rotary clubs to undertake service projects on each of their diving trips.



Canoeing at Willy!

Rotary International has established specific policies for forming a Rotary Fellowship. The RI Board of Directors evaluates each prospective group before deciding whether to formally recognize it. However, each fellowship operates independently of RI, with its own rules, dues requirements, and administrative structure. Membership is open to all Rotarians, Rotarian spouses, and Rotaractors.

To learn about the fellowships currently recognized by RI, go to www.rotary.org/fellowships.

Strengthen Your Clubs Workshops

The District Support Team is conducting three facilitated workshops in August 2018, involving Warwick Cavell (Facilitator), Kerry Kornhauser OAM (Public Image/Communications), Yvonne Flynn (Club Service) and PDG Neville John (Membership Director).

These workshops will be hands-on interactive sessions that will include:

- Leading change in your Club
- Identifying the elements of a strong, vibrant club
- Project identification and selection
- Member and Community engagement
- Promoting your club projects and activities
- Your One-Page plan on membership recruitment and retention

Details are:

• 12 August 2018

Rotary Gateway Function Centre, 26 High St, Kangaroo Flat 3555

• 19 August 2018

Baden Powell College, 81 Baden Powell Drive, Tarneit 3029

• 26 August 2018

Montague Street Continuing Education Centre, 100 Montague St, South Melbourne 3205

All sessions are 8.30 am for 9 am start and finish at 1.00 pm with a light lunch.

RSVP by 6th August, detailing session you will attend and any dietary requirements to:

Marjorie Gerlinger, marbern@bigpond.net.au, 0419 302 109

Vibrant Clubs provide opportunities for its members and other community stakeholders to engage in a range of interesting humanitarian projects that promote what Rotary does to make a difference to the lives of others.

*Neville John
District Director Membership*



VicTrack is seeking expressions of interest for Victoria's retired trams

Since 1889, Victoria's trams - including the iconic W-Class - have transported millions of Victorians, connected our communities and are an integral part of Victoria's rich heritage.

As our transport system has modernised and the needs of public transport users' evolved, older rolling stock on Melbourne's tram network has been progressively retired from the network. Whilst some of these trams have been re-purposed and now provide tourist services such as the City Circle, most have been stored away at the Newport Railway Workshops, are in varying states of repair. Most are beyond restoration for operational purposes as they cannot meet modern safety and accessibility requirements.

However, these important assets, whilst now retired, have the potential to once again be re-used and re-purposed for a range of other uses and be preserved for future generations to enjoy.

VicTrack is delighted to inform you that we are commencing an Expression of Interest (EOI) process for the members of the public, community organisations and commercial entities to acquire one of these retired trams. The EOI is a key recommendation of the Retired Trams Strategy as endorsed by the Minister for Public Transport, Jacinta Allan MP, which followed the work of the Retired Trams Stakeholder Reference Group.

The EOI will be conducted over a six-week period from Monday 28 May to Friday 6 July 2018 and will be overseen by an independent evaluation panel.

The panel's terms of reference ensure the EOI will preference recipients who can demonstrate how they intend to re-use the tram and how it will be used to maximise community benefit.

Potential recipients of a retired tram need to be aware of the conditions associated with the transport and storage of these assets. For further details about retired trams, the EOI process and application for a retired trams please visit:

www.victrack.com.au/trams.

If you have further questions, please email us at trams@victrack.com.au

Colin Campbell
Retired Trams Project Manager VicTrack



District website including database moving to ClubRunner on July 1, 2018

Dear Presidents and Secretaries

Many of you would have heard the presentation at Assembly by Mark Stephens in relation to the District website moving to a new platform. This will occur on July 1. To ensure the smooth transition of member data you are requested to do the following:

1. Update your Club membership data in My Rotary by 30th June - this means entering all new members on the database and remove any resigning. This will have two benefits one is that the invoice you receive from RI and District for your first half dues will be correct as your membership numbers are correct and additionally it will mean that the data download from My Rotary to District will be correct.
2. We then ask that you **do not** update any membership changes from July 1 until advised by District to ensure that the data being entered into ClubRunner from the RI database is accurate. This may take up to 14 days.
3. Once the download of data is completed you will be advised how to update you member data through ClubRunner which will automatically update it to RI. You will still need to update the RDU database as a separate task.

Please share this information with your incoming team.

Regards
Bronwyn Stephens



District Governor Elect



Williamstown Literary Festival....

Dear Nils

Thank you so much to the Rotary Club of Williamstown for helping to make the Williamstown Literary Festival such a wonderful success. We are delighted with the gracious and warm response from our patrons who enjoyed a big-hearted Festival that, over 15 years, has indeed grown.

How exciting to see the Williamstown Town Hall and Library abuzz with authors, presenters and patrons of all ages, all united by their love of reading, writing and performance. Our patrons told us that they loved the program variety, having time to meet and chat with their favourite authors, and they loved the energy that everyone brought to the weekend. The success of the Festival depends on the generous support of our sponsors. Thank you so much for helping us to bring this event to an appreciative community.

We acknowledged your support most recently just before the weekend in our e-news which goes out to over 4,000 Festival subscribers.

You can find some wonderful photos of the Festival at www.flickr.com/photos/151996363@N05. Please feel free to share and please credit our photographers. Those photos with a watermark in the bottom right hand corner were taken by Deb Winfield.

Thank you again and we look forward to working with you in 2019.

Warmest regards.

Angela Altair and the Willy Lit Fest Team

W: www.willylitfest.org.au, F: www.facebook.com/willylitfest



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

CALENDAR JUNE 2018

Sun Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri Sat

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| 3. | 4. lunch meeting | 5. | 6. | 7. | 8. | 9. |
| 10. | 11. Queen's Birthday | 12. | 13. | 14. | 15. | 16. |
| 17. | 18. lunch meeting | 19. | 20. | 21. | 22. | 23. |
| 24. | 25. evening - club day | 26. | 27. | 28. | 29. | 30. |



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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
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Rocan, Wellness Centre
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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

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.

