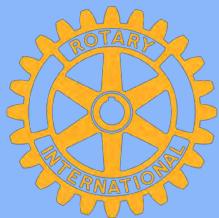


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A publication for Rotarians  
and all community minded  
people.



**Rotary**  
District 9800



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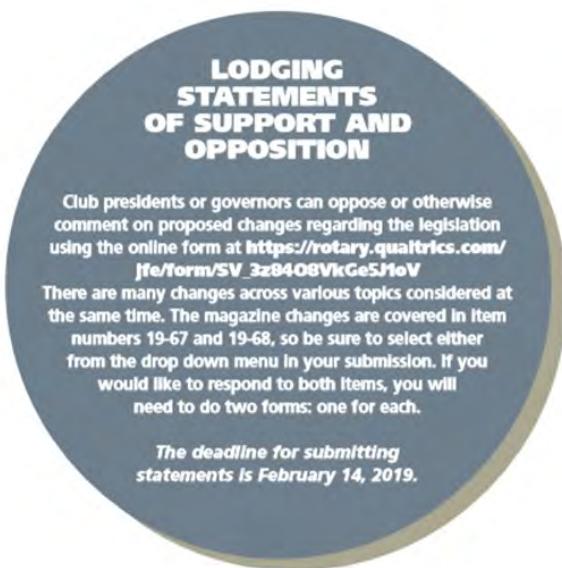
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### Rotary Down Under—

In last month's issue, "RDU R.I.P?" we wrote about the potential closure of *Rotary Down Under* as you know it; a topic set to be debated at next year's Council on Legislation. This provoked impassioned responses from many Rotarians, who have come to value the magazine in its present form.

To read the full story, click on link below:

[Let's Not Lose Our Voice](#)



# **District Governor Bronwyn Stephens**

Even though Rotary is supposed to be taking a break over the Christmas New Year period there has been a lot going on from planning **Rotary's walk as a sign of** togetherness during Pride March on February 3rd in Fitzroy Street St Kilda to these few major involvements I have been in below.

**Rotary Central Melbourne have been busy in India and I won't put words in the mouths of the many Rotarians and friends that went along on this trip but going to Laos myself and opening a school with Rob Hines in November was very special on behalf of their Club.**

Spending time in India myself this last 10 days of January with several Rotarians from Warrnambool, Malvern, Glen Eira and other friends supporting Rotary Nagpur South is a privilege. We will present this End Polio awareness journey at Conference during February.

**Rowan McClean's important start in Vietnam from 2009 has expanded from his first exploration in helping children in remote rural Minh Hac community himself, through just his own Club Rotary North Balwyn, to several Rotary Clubs adopting villages, and now District Recognition for "Rotarians Adopt Vietnamese Communities". Read more about this project and how to get involved further in the District Bulletin. Visit Rowan and the team at "What Rotary Does" at Conference February 16-17th MCEC.**

Rithy Ann from Cambodia is in our home for a month at the moment. Our son married on 12th January which as so many of you know is a milestone in parents lives that we cherish. Our son lived with Rithy and his family while volunteering for 3 months in Cambodia in 2012. Rithy will be involved in the District 9800 Peace Summit in a panel presentation.

**The trip to Laos and the other projects above is just a little tiny taste of what happens in our Clubs and wider....but it was extra special to support Central Melbourne Rotarian Roy Garret when he was unable to attend the school opening in Laos.**

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# *Rotary International 2023 Convention!*



Melbourne will host the 2023 RI Convention!

It is with great excitement that we announce Melbourne as the host city for the 2023 Rotary International Convention, attracting over 20,000 delegates and the largest conference secured this century for Victoria. Thirty years since Melbourne hosted the same international event.

This is a Big Deal

Melbourne is a Big Events City! The global spotlight will be on Melbourne and how we present ourselves to the world.

The Convention will take place in late May 2023 using superb venues; Rod Laver Arena and the Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre. All activities and events are within the Heart and Soul of Melbourne.

This is now a multi-district project initiated by the Rotary Club of Melbourne and District 9800. A vital part of hosting is to have an engaged and energised volunteer team to assist all visitors during the Convention. So, **"Save The Dates" 27-31 May 2023!**

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# *Order of Australia Honours 2019*



Congratulations to the following District 9800 Rotarians who have been honoured in this years Australia Day Awards:

Past District Governor Donald George Jago OAM (Camberwell)		Peter Atholwood Allen (Camberwell)	
	Jill Roslynn Forsyth (Kew)		John Leonard Hudson
Peter Hassal Ross Werribee		David Gordon Inglis (Melbourne)	
	Stephanie Bridget Woollard (Melbourne)	Brian J Lacy (North Balwyn)	

# District Governor Elect Grant Hocking in San Diego

An element of preparation for all Rotary District Governors Elect includes attending International Assembly in the January prior to commencing as District Governor.

The International Assembly has been held in San Diego for many years as it has a venue large enough to accommodate the 525 DGsE and partners as well as the facilitation team and RI members. All are accommodated in the one hotel which is also the site for main sessions (seating well over 1200), meals and breakout sessions which requires dozens of rooms.

International Assembly is a week-long event and every day there are two general sessions and two breakout workshops. The general sessions involve Rotary leaders and guests who provide inspirational speeches and information on the progress of Rotary projects and future planning. All were a fantastic opportunity to learn more about our wonderful organisation.

The breakout workshops involved DGsE in groups of 18-20 working through topics to prepare attendees to serve as District Governor. It was very rewarding to work with incoming DGs from multiple countries and learn more about projects and activities in other districts.

The sessions included simultaneous interpretation (SI) in several languages which enabled easy understanding and communication between all participants. One of the best workshops I attended was convened by a Spanish speaking facilitator where half the participants spoke Spanish and the other half English. The interpreter moved seamlessly between each language.

Partners attended all general sessions and there was a partner's program running during the workshops which covered interesting topics, guest speakers and projects.



The breaks and meal times were extra opportunities to network and make connections with other DGs. The week also included events where meals were shared with participants from all nations. One evening was set aside for a Festival night which involved an opportunity for participants to showcase their countries through a musical performance. **The Australian team did well with a rendition of 'We are Australian' with props included (see photo of the team in our colourful tops).**



The announcement of the new theme '**Rotary Connects the World**' by incoming Rotary World President Mark Maloney was awe inspiring and you will see this at various D9800 events.

<https://my.rotary.org/en/news-media/office-president/presidential-theme>

Past District Governors have all commented that the International Assembly is a once in lifetime event and now having experienced it first hand, I can only endorse this sentiment.

As our district continues with preparations for the 2019-2020 Rotary year I look forward to building on the momentum gained at International Assembly.

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## A new school in Laos — Central Melbourne and Foundation

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**Bronwyn Stephens  
District Governor 2018-2019**

# ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY

## EMERGENCY RELIEF FOOD

# FORaMEAL



An emergency food relief project which provides a nutritious cereal based meal for six people in a heat sealed pack

Includes a sachet of essential vitamins

Provided free of charge to people in need in disaster areas

Packaging and supply chain run entirely by volunteers .

So far we have distributed 100,000 meals in the Philippines, have 60,000 more meals ready to ship and our

**Target for Conference is**

30,000  
meals  
packed in  
90 -120 minutes



**There are many ways to become involved.  
Visit the Canterbury Showcase booth.**

### Join the fun ..

Go online to register\* at

<https://www.trybooking.com/465619>

You don't need to be a Conference delegate. Invite prospective members to visit the Rotary Showcase and join you in the packing. Everyone is welcome.

\* But Registration is ESSENTIAL.

Where :

**Melbourne Convention  
and Exhibition Centre**  
South Wharf, Near Crown Casino.

When :

**Sunday, 17 February, 2019**  
At the conclusion of the  
Rotary Multi District Conference  
which finishes at 1 pm

**Packing starts at 2.00 pm**

# The Belola School is finished!

Please take a bow!

The Belola School is finished and 120 children are about to start their new school-year, *in their own school*. The old school was burnt down in 1999, during the Indonesia withdrawal from East Timor. That was 20 years ago and thanks to your donations, now a new school is about to open!

The school consists of 3 class-rooms, an office, a kitchen and 5 toilets, including water & sewerage. The team worked very efficiently and delivered the school, in time and on budget.

The numbers tell a good story:

\$000,000 The land cost us nothing, it was donated by the Belola community.

\$104,000 Total construction costs, including design, engineering, construction and project-management.

\$ 18,000 Total fit-out costs, including desks, chairs, sporting equipment and the first year of consumables such as exercise books, pens, pencils, rulers. Also includes shipping, port cost & transport to Belola.

Aus\$122,000 Total project cost

Responsibilities and costs were shared between the project partners, Rotary Clubs, the Balibo House Trust and

NGO-Spend it Well

- \* 50% of construction was financed by Rotary Clubs and our generous corporate donors;
- \* 50% of construction was financed by the Balibo House Trust & Spend it Well, our fantastic partners in Australia and Timor Leste.
- \* **Rotary Clubs and Rotary 'Donations in Kind' provided and paid for the school's fit-out and took care of storing, shipping and transport to Timor Leste.**
- \* Balibo House Trust & Spend it Well took care of all Timor Leste activities; liaising with the Belola and Balibo community, the Timor-Leste Dept. of Education and Bobonaro District authorities.





The partnership of the Balibo House Trust and Rotary started in 2008 and has since delivered many improvements to the Balibo community:

- \* **Education; The 'Balibo 5' Kindergarten, the** Belola Primary School and the CLC or *Community Learning Centre* which delivers vocational training in computers, mechanics, catering and English Language
- \* **Health; Construction & operation of the Balibo Dental Clinic. Equipment & consumables to the Balibo State Hospital. 'Days for Girls' sanitary pads, ensuring girls can attend school on as many days as boys.**
- \* **Commercial & Job Creation Initiatives; Restoration of the 350 year old Balibo Portuguese Fort and redevelopment of it into a small 4 Star Hotel. Construction of a Community Kitchen and a Mechanic's Shop, both also used for vocational training.**

These initiatives attract tourism and volunteers to the Balibo area, increasing commercial activity in farming and retail. They have also created more than 40 full-time jobs across hospitality, teaching, nursing and dental-care

Our sincere thanks to all Belola donors which included:

City of Geelong, Omnitech Playgrounds, Sparrows Early Learning [Childcare Centres] Advantage Kitchens, Stoney Creek Trust, Rotary's 'Donations in Kind' and the Rotary Clubs of Port Melbourne, Keilor, Melbourne South, Flemington, Pakenham, Berwick, Bentleigh-Moorabbin, Windsor [NSW] & Plimmerton [NZ]

Next project: a new school for the children of Railuli. Same story, another town who's school was burned down in 1999 during the Indonesian withdrawal from Timor Leste. And YES, we are hoping for your help with this one too

<http://rcpm.org.au/>

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## Balibo Project Partnership

# PROBUS—A Rotary Community Service Program

## WHAT IS PROBUS

Probus is about Friendship, Fellowship and Fun in retirement.

Probus provides the opportunity to join together in clubs and to progress healthy minds and active bodies through social interaction and activities with retirees in the community.

Probus opens the door to new experiences and friendships. Good informative guest speakers, companionship and activities provide value adding opportunities to members and ‘attractiveness’ for prospective members.

To quote a recent Probus Club member **“the day I joined my Probus Club, I instantly had 100 new friends”**.

## HISTORY OF PROBUS

Probus has its origins in the United Kingdom, with the development of two community-based social clubs in the 1960s.

Both clubs were formed to meet the social and intellectual needs of retired businessmen.

The first Probus club in the South Pacific region was the Probus Club of Kapiti Coast, New Zealand. The club was formed in 1974 and was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Paraparaumu. This was soon followed by the formation of the Probus Club of Hunters Hill, NSW in 1976.

The first Probus club for women in the region was the Ladies Club of St Heliers, New Zealand in 1982. This was closely followed by Bateau Bay, NSW later that year. Following the advent of single gender clubs, the concept of **combined gender clubs was developed. Today, there are men's, ladies' and combined clubs**.

Since the first clubs were established in New Zealand and Australia, Probus has grown at an astonishing rate, and is administered by Probus South Pacific Limited, based in Parramatta NSW. Probus is a worldwide movement in 23 countries.

## WHAT IS THE ROTARY PROBUS CONNECTION

Is there a relationship between Rotary and Probus?

YES - Probus is a Community Service Activity of Rotary clubs.

Probus is an association of retired and semi-retired people who join together in clubs, the basic purpose of which is to provide regular opportunities for them to keep their minds active, expand their interests and to enjoy the fellowship of new friends.

Probus clubs may only be formed/sponsored by a Rotary Club.

Each Probus club is aligned with a Rotary District.

Once Rotary sponsors a Probus club and it is accredited by Probus South Pacific Limited (PSP) it operates within **the parameters of its' Constitution and accreditation requirements**.

The vision of the Probus South Pacific Limited (PSP) is to co-ordinate the growth, development and on-going support for Probus clubs, as the most widely recognized organisation for active retirees, in fostering the true spirit of Probus – *friendship, fellowship and fun.*”

## PROBUS IN AUSTRALIA HAS CELEBRATED 40 YEARS



The first club formed in Australia was the Probus Club of Hunters Hill in February 1976. It celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary February 2016.

#### ABOUT PROBUS IN ROTARY DISTRICT 9800

There are 89 Probus clubs in District 9800 with a total membership of about 7100.

Club sizes range from 30 to 200. There are many clubs with over 100 members and a few clubs with waiting lists.

#### *Some Characteristics of Strong Probus Clubs*

Good membership age profile and capabilities.

Good meeting venues and access.

Value adding activities and meetings.

Attractiveness to prospective members particularly newly retired.

Noticeable Fun, Fellowship and Friendship (Probus core values).

Capacity and capability for succession planning.

#### *Maintain the Bridge – Rotary and Probus*

Both organisations change their leadership every year. It is highly likely that with the passage of time some Rotary clubs may not be aware of having chartered a Probus club and similarly a Probus club may not remember what Rotary club chartered them. Sadly also there are cases where the charter Rotary clubs has returned its Rotary charter: in these cases we need to replace the original Rotary charter club with a current club so we have the opportunity for current connection and recognition.

#### *Recommended Bridge Maintenance*

We will display a list of District 9800 Probus clubs and charter Rotary clubs in the D9800 members area. Your assistance to consider the following ‘bridge maintenance’ is encouraged and requested:

*Make connection with Probus club(s) your Rotary club has chartered.*

*Invite the Probus club President to the annual DG’s visit*

*Attend one Probus club meeting per year*

*If you see a Probus club with a non current Rotary charter club, consider chartering the Probus club.*

Be aware the Probus club data base is not on-line and is only updated annually.

There are many opportunities to grow interrelationships and derive and explore mutual and beneficial value.

More about Probus can be found at [https://www.probussouthpacific.org/pages/join\\_probus\\_why\\_join\\_probus](https://www.probussouthpacific.org/pages/join_probus_why_join_probus)

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# International Fellowship of Cricketing Rotarians

Well the men in white have arrived in Melbourne from across the globe and the game is on.

The International Fellowship of Cricketing Rotarians (IFCR) is one of the most popular of all Rotary Fellowships with a membership now touching 1350.

Melbourne hosted this festival from January 20—25th following in the footsteps of Christchurch (2017), Nottingham (2014), Vapi in India (2012), Durban (2010), Colombo (2007) and Hunter Valley (2004).

185 players from 9 countries and 85 non-players together with family and friends will descend on grounds at Caulfield Park and East Caulfield Reserve as well a special game at the spiritual home of Australian IFCR at Strath Creek which is 70k from Melbourne.

A novel feature of this festival is that players will play in mixed teams. The spirit of cricket and the fellowship of Rotary will be assured across all competing countries.

The Opening Night dinner at the MCG featured Guest Speaker Tim Lane as well as dignitaries from Cricket Australia. Many attendees relished the opportunity for photos at the hallowed ground!



Mayor of Glen Eira Jamie Hyams with Alan Samuels from the Rotary Club of Glen Eira.



Eric Bish, Rotary Club of Rochester, one of the players, with former ABC Commentator Tim Lane.



Patrick O'Shea presenting Graeme Amoore with a Life Membership of IFCR,

# International Fellowship of Cricketing Rotarians

IFCR (International Fellowship of Cricket Loving Rotarians) is one of the many fellowships of Rotary. Fellowships are created when Rotarians with a common interest get together to share their experiences both in relation to Rotary and their special interest. The cricketing fellowship is one of the largest fellowships.

The Australian fellowship was formed in 1993 when a group of Rotarians got together at Melbourne Cricket ground to discuss the creation. Since then 9 festivals have been held around the world in South Africa, England, Australia, Sri Lanka, New Zealand, and India. The 10th festival returned to Australia and is being played during the week ending 25 January.

There are 14 teams playing with Rotarians from 9 countries. For three days, the teams are made up of Rotarians from the various countries. Tuesday was **"National" day where teams were selected based on their country of residence**. Australian Rotarians made up 4 teams. The matches are played in true Rotary Fellowship ,scores are kept (as that is just cricket) but there are no winners. At the end of each day reports are heard from each match with highlights mentioned. Additionally, each captain announces a "man of the match " award.

In addition to the international festival each country holds their own national festival. After this festival, the next Australian festival will be held in Cairns from 21 June 2020 to 26 June 2020. The next international festival will be in July 2021 and will be in Kandy, Sri Lanka.

Many thanks to Ian Ballantyne from the Rotary Club of Bentleigh Moorabbin for the excellent photographs which can be viewed at  
<http://www.rotarybmc.org.au/10th-world-ifcr-cricket-festival/>

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# 26<sup>th</sup> Paul Harris Breakfast packs RACV

About 225 guests from 23 Rotary Clubs filled the 17<sup>th</sup> Floor RACV dining room on November 28 for Rotary Central Melbourne's Paul Harris Breakfast. It was the 26<sup>th</sup> annual event and raised about \$9,000 net for the Rotary Foundation. It was the fourth successive year with 200-plus attending.

Speaker Air Chief Marshal Sir Angus Houston AK, AFC (Ret'd) outlined the inspirational career of surgeon

Sir Albert Coates, with his service and self-sacrifice for war prisoners on the Thai-Burma railway where 2800 Australians perished. Post-war Sir Albert was also president of RC Melbourne 1954-55.

**Sir Angus' spelt out his own five leadership principles:**

1. Provide clear direction; 2. Establish and maintain the right culture; 3. Commitment to leadership from the beginning to end; 4. Communication again and again; and 5. Constructive relationships.



Past District Governor Peter Frueh presented certificates to clubs for donations of US\$1,500 or more in 2017-18 for polio eradication. Recipients were the Rotary Clubs of Camberwell, Central Melbourne, E-Club of Melbourne, Melbourne, Melbourne South and Prahran. (RC Bendigo and RC Eaglehawk received certificates at the Foundation Dinner in Kangaroo Flat on 29 November).

RC Camberwell won the banner for highest District per capita annual giving to The Rotary Foundation. RC Wyndham was runner up. Peter Frueh's own Club, Balwyn, had already received its banner for third place.

District 9800 Foundation Director PDG Dennis Shore said The Rotary Foundation had just received its 11<sup>th</sup> perfect score in a row from Charity Navigator for integrity and transparency.

New polio victims had fallen in 30 years from 350,000 to 27 – unfortunately an increase over the 14 in 2017. Big efforts must continue to make the virus extinct.

Dennis also noted that 34 of 1,200 Rotary Peace Fellows are from our District – the only District in the world with a successful nomination every year since inception in 2002, thanks to Rotarians including Bob Fels and Rob Helme.

Rotary Central Melbourne president Neville Taylor gave special thanks to auction prize sponsors RACV City Club (for an accommodation package), Melbourne BMW (for a BMW X5 weekend driving experience), Phillip Island Nature Parks (Two two adult tickets to the VIP experience at the world famous Penguin Parade) and Three nights accommodation at Smiths Beach from Bryan Cain of JA Cain who was also the breakfast auctioneer on the day



By Tony Thomas  
Rotary Club f Central Melbourne

# National Youth Science Forum—a Brisbane perspective

I can attempt to describe what the National Youth Science Forum felt like, but truly, words cannot encompass what it was like. NYSF was amazing, inspiring and life-changing. For those that don't know, I had the once in a lifetime opportunity to attend the National Youth Science Forum, a 12-day STEM focussed camp, which for me was held in Brisbane. But NYSF was more than just a 'nerd camp', it was a camp that truly fostered friendships, confidence, and self-discovery as well as encouraging careers in STEM.

Personally, it was one of the first times that I "found my tribe". I found an amazing group of friends that I can call my second family. I am so lucky to have gone to NYSF knowing only 2 people but coming out with a family of 200. I was in the Physics group called "Wu", named after Chien-Shiung Wu, the first lady of physics. All of the interest groups were named after famous scientists. 'Wu Crew' as we named ourselves, went everywhere together and became really good friends towards the end of NYSF. We bonded through trying to use "Wu" as our team chant because we thought it was so creative.



One of the biggest components of the NYSF Program was the STEM Visits, lectures, and electives. The Wu Group and the Newton Group (Physics and Engineering) visited many places together. Some of them included: Sikorsky Australia, Cochlear Institute, participating in a Robotics workshop run by Micromelon Robotics as well as visiting Fishburner, a start-up coworking space and the Australian Centre for Robotic Vision. All of these STEM visits and the lectures opened my eyes to the possibilities that a career in science can hold for me.

But NYSF wasn't just about science and making friendships. It was also about having a lot of fun! On Day 2 of NYSF, we participated in an NYSF Olympics, where we went around in our interest groups and played a bunch of games that involved quick thinking, creativity and teamwork. A highlight from that event was playing the human knot game with the Wu Crew. Doing this activity encouraged us to work together as a team, and also allowed me to gain a lot of communication skills.

There is a lot more that I can tell you about NYSF as this is merely a snapshot of what I experienced. In summary, it was definitely not what I expected it to be. NYSF was about fun, friendships, and creating an environment where future scientists could be inspired. It was about creating the leaders of tomorrow AND today. And it was about creating global citizens that would change the world.

I am forever thankful to the Rotary Club of Bendigo Strathdale for their kind support and encouragement from the very beginning. You have all believed in me and I am so grateful that Rotarians exist to help our community. Thank you for providing this invaluable experience for youth around the country.

For NYSF Participants, the journey doesn't end here. We have the opportunity to attend "Next Step" programs and become a staffie. Hopefully, I'll be able to continue my journey with NYSF in the future. There are not enough words to describe how much this experience has changed me and I look forward to becoming a Rotarian one day!

Alyssa Lai, Bendigo

## Around The Clubs ...

Congratulations to Past District Governor Colin Muir, a member of the Rotary Club of Werribee, who has accepted an invitation from District 9920 in New Zealand to be the Rotary International President's Representative at their conference in Napier in May.



Congratulations to Leon Mancini of the Rotary Club of Altona City who was presented with a Royce Abbey Award recently. Leon is pictured with President Bronwyn Fanning and PDG John King.



The Rotary Club of Brighton are celebrating the 100th birthday of one of their long serving members Joh Akhurst. John's birthday is January 25th and the club are holding a special evening on January 31st to celebrate his long life and experiences on the Kokoda Track.

The Rotary Club of Bendigo South welcomed Mike and Leonie Kiley from Fame Scotland recently. Fame of course is the birthplace of Bon Scott of ACDC.



Members of the Rotary Club of Malvern spent 3 very busy days parking at the Kooyong Tennis



The luck winner of the magnificent Rotary Club of Bendigo Strathdale Christmas Trailer Raffle.

# VALE



It is with deep sadness and the fondest of memories that members of the Rotary Club of Laverton Point Cook share news of the passing of Michael Nash, Past President and Paul Harris Fellow - Sapphire.

We bid farewell to an inspirational soul. A giant heart beat within his giant chest and he will be greatly missed. Our condolences to his loving wife Cheryl

Allan Puli, Charter Member of the Rotary Club of Brimbank Central and honorary member of the Rotary Club of Keilor East died on January 15th.

Allan was President 1978/1979 and 2007/2007; a Paul Harris Fellow with 5 Sapphires and was a Rotarian for 43 years, holding most club positions.

Sympathies are extended to his wife Carmen and their children.



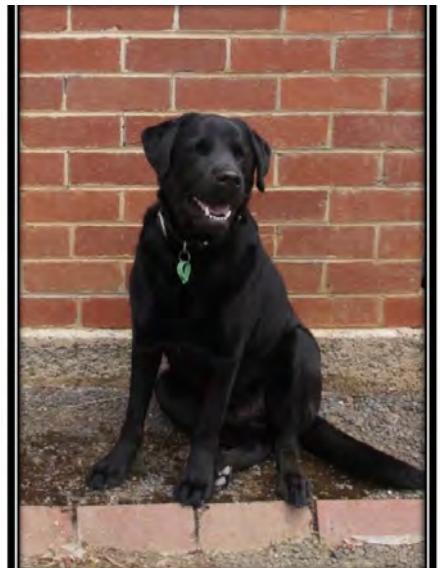
Bill Dagg and members of the Rotary Club of Point Gellibrand mourn the passing of honorary canine member Sooty.

**Sooty was Bill's faithful companion for 12 years and attended**  
numerous Rotary events including Camp Getaway, Pirates Day and at Donations in Kind.

**Sooty was a trained Seeing Eye Dog who didn't pass the final exam but was a**  
most wonderful, loyal devout companion for Bill.

He passed away on 27th December after a happy Christmas.

VALE Sooty



## Welcome to our newest Rotarians ...

The Rotary Club of Prahran welcomed Diana Muenzberg at the first meeting of 2019. Diana was sponsored by Sarah Flannery, and will be mentored by PP Susie Cole.



## Vocational Service News!

Raphael Wong a Hit in Bavaria

**Raphael Wong was District 9800's first outgoing** participant in the New Generations Service Exchange performing in several concerts in Bavaria and was a faculty member at a Rotary Summer music Camp.



**Raphael's visit was covered in local print and TV media.**

Raphael and Hannah Weigl our 2017 incoming NGSE participant will be performing at the 2019 World Convention in Hamburg. NGSE is a little known program in the Rotary world having been adopted by Rotary International a few years ago.

NGSE is a service oriented professional development program for 18 to 30 years olds as individuals or in groups. It is very flexible ranging from one to three months and is not necessarily reciprocal between Districts. Whilst our first exchange was in the music field, we are looking for candidates who would like to volunteer as an intern in their chosen profession overseas in 2019 with a strong focus on service to the host community.

Contact Alan Seale

Mob: 0407 285 177

Email: [aseale@bigpond.net.au](mailto:aseale@bigpond.net.au)

**It's not too late to register? Dinner registration closes Feb 3rd.**

All the information about the conference is available at [www.rotaryconference.org.au](http://www.rotaryconference.org.au)



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## Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Dr Tilman Ruff AM

**"The Humanitarian Imperative to Eliminate Nuclear Weapons"**

Rotarians and their guests are invited to join  
Rotary Club of Melbourne Members at this very special Luncheon.



Date: Wednesday 20 February 2019  
Time: 12.40 for 12.50pm start till 2pm prompt  
Venue: 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Dining Rooms, Sofitel Hotel  
Cost: \$45 two course lunch

Guest Bookings to Jo Mavros  
E: office@rotaryclubofmelbourne.org.au  
T: 03 9654 7242

Dr Tilman Ruff MB, BS (Hons), FRACP, AM will deliver the 49<sup>th</sup> Angus Mitchell Oration on Wednesday 20 February 2019.

Tilman is Co-President of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War and founding international and Australian Chair of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2017 "for its work to draw attention to the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of any use of nuclear weapons and for its groundbreaking efforts to achieve a treaty-based prohibition of such weapons".

*"For far too long these weapons have loomed over humanity, threatening to obliterate us any day."*

Tilman is Associate Professor in the Nossal Institute for Global Health, University of Melbourne; and international medical advisor for Australian Red Cross. He was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia "for service to the promotion of peace as an advocate for the abolition of nuclear weapons, and to public health through the promotion of immunisation programs in the South East Asia-Pacific region".



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International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons

# A Night with Hayden Vale -Winner of “The Block 2018

Event Date and Time: Thursday 21st February at 6.30pm  
Event Location: Croatia House, 72 Whitehall St, Footscray  
Event Cost: \$30 includes 2 course meal  
RSVP Date and Contact: RSVP by 14th Feb [Suzanne.zammit@gmail.com](mailto:Suzanne.zammit@gmail.com)  
Further information: <http://rotaryfootscray.org.au>

Proceeds to support our exchange student.

**Thursday 21 February 2019**

## **NIGHT WITH HAYDEN VALE – WINNER OF “THE BLOCK 2018” GATWICK HOTEL**

**Sara Tumino, the daughter of a D9800 Rotarian, and husband Hayden Vale were controversial winners of the Block 2018 representing NSW.**



ROTARY CLUB OF FOOTSCRAY

Croatia House, 72 Whitehall Street, Footscray

Cost: \$30 (includes 2 course meal)

TIME: 6.45pm for 7.00pm

Rsvp by Feb 14th to [suz.zammit@gmail.com](mailto:suz.zammit@gmail.com)

**Come and spend a night with Hayden as he gives a “behind the scenes” insight into the Show and their involvement, starting with their strategy, the criticism thrown their way and the ultimate result that saw Sara and Hayden confound the experts and walk away with \$645,000.**

**Painted as the ‘villains’ of the season, they endured the hostilities of social media and a national television audience, while at the same time, coping with an impossible construction timetable and having little contact with their baby daughter for 3 months.**

- What was their strategy?
- How did they cope?
- What was the role of editing and what REALLY happened?

**Hayden will also answer questions about the Show.**

# International Women's Day Breakfast

This year's theme for International Women's Day is 'Balance for Better' and we will be delighted to provide an update to your club on the **Women in Rotary International Women's Day Breakfast** being held on Thursday 7th March.

This is an event not to be missed, with early bird tickets still available - why not host a table, bring a friend or colleague.



We'll make contact with your Club's Speaker Organiser/President soon to schedule a time between 14th January - 18th February to provide Rotarians with a 5 minute update on plans for this year's event.

#rotary

#womeninrotary

#iwd #iwd2019

#BalanceforBetter

Michelle Crawford  
Central Melbourne Rotary  
[michelle.crawford@concernaustralia.org.au](mailto:michelle.crawford@concernaustralia.org.au)

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

**Celebrate International Women's Day**



A day to signal and strengthen the resolve of working together and, that balance is better.

 Book today for \$10 discount.  
There are only a limited number of Early Bird Seats available.

A gender balanced world is now expected. Everyone has a part to play- all the time, everywhere. Join us to celebrate the achievements and be reminded of its absence. Take away ideas to help create more balance. Start the day at the Palladium for a scrumptious breakfast, network with clients and colleagues and hear from those who lead the way on gender balance and equity in Australia.

# 5th ANNUAL MOONEE VALLEY ART SHOW 2019



## ART EXHIBITION & SALES

Saturday 16 March 11am – 5pm

Sunday 17 March 10am – 4pm

North Park Mansion, 69 Woodland St, Essendon

- PLUS
- Live music
  - Food and beverages
  - Devonshire tea

To enter art, or purchase Gala Opening tickets

[www.mooneevalleyartshow.com.au](http://www.mooneevalleyartshow.com.au)

Exhibition tickets at the door

Entry: Adults \$10, students & pensioners \$5, family \$20, under 12 free

Call 0412 165 912 for more information

**MOONEE VALLEY**  
Art Show  
Rotary



Rotary Club of Kallista East  
Rotary Club of Essendon

**Werribee  
Rotary**



**Make a difference  
by joining us for the  
2019 Charity Golf Day  
Friday 1st March  
Werribee Park Golf Club**



**Proceeds will be used for  
the Re-Furnishing of the  
Secure Dementia Unit at  
Manor Court Werribee  
Aged Care Facility**

**"Hole in One"  
Competition  
Win a Brand New Car**



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**Why We Need Your Help**

Manor Court Werribee Aged Care was started by Werribee Rotary in 1973. After 2 years of negotiation by Werribee Rotary, land was acquired from the Shire of Werribee, and a Federal Government grant was received, allowing for the construction of the first stage. The first residents moved into the facility on 12th February 1979. The facility has been expanded on five occasions since then, and now comprises of 100 residential care beds. Manor Court Werribee Aged Care is a community, not for profit, supported by Werribee Rotary.

Manor Court Werribee Aged Care has a vision to be the facility of choice for residential aged care in the Wyndham community

**Project**  
Re-Furnish the Secure Dementia Unit.  
**Our Target for 2019 is**  
**\$20,000**

**Werribee  
Rotary**



**2019 Charity Golf Day  
Friday 1st March, 2019  
Werribee Park Golf Club**

Registration commences	11.00 am
Welcome / Pre-game briefing	12 midday
Teams at allocated holes	12.10 pm
Shot-gun start	12.20 pm
Presentation Dinner	6.00 pm

**Scoring**  
4 ball Ambrose Competition  
GA Handicap  
or  
Social Handicap (MAX Men 18 and Women 27)

**Novelty Events**  
\$10 per player— Hole in One—Win A Car  
\$5 for 2 putts - Putting Comp

**Prizes**  
1st, 2nd & 3rd Best Net Ambrose Score  
Nearest the Pin, Longest Drive, Straightest Drive

**Registration**  
Fax this form to (03) 9646 6748  
or  
Scan/email this form to [rossaconley@gmail.com](mailto:rossaconley@gmail.com)  
Entries close Friday 22nd February 2019

**Registration Enquiries**  
Ross Conley Mobile: 0411 846 553  
Email: [rossaconley@gmail.com](mailto:rossaconley@gmail.com)

<b>Sponsorship</b> Sponsorship (please tick)				
Gold Sponsorship	\$ 1600	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Silver Sponsorship	\$ 800	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Bronze Sponsorship	\$ 400	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Hole or Golf Day Sponsor	\$ 400	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Individual Player	\$ 130	<input type="checkbox"/>		

**Registration Details**

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

No.	Player Name	GA Handicap	Social Handicap	Are you staying for dinner Y/N
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				

To ensure we have accurate catering numbers, could you please indicate the number of players in your team who will be staying for dinner. This will assist us in maximising our fund raising efforts

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Mobile \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsorship Opportunities**

Gold Sponsor	2 teams ( 8 players)	\$1600
Silver Sponsor	1 team (4 players)	\$800
Bronze Sponsor	2 players	\$400
Hole Sponsor	Signage on 1 hole	\$400
Golf Day Sponsor	Sponsor the event	\$400
Individual Player	1 player, 18 holes	\$130

**Gold, Silver and Bronze  
Sponsorship Benefits**

18 Holes golf  
Lunch and Dinner  
On-course drinks -Beer, Water and Soft Drinks  
1.8m x 0.9m digitally printed sign on a golf hole  
PowerPoint with your logo at presentation dinner  
Acknowledged during presentation dinner

**Payment Options**

Method of Payment: Cheque, EFT or Credit Card  
**Cheque:**  
Mail (with cheque) to Werribee Rotary, PO Box 174, Werribee 3030  
**EFT:**  
BSB: 633 000 Account No: 1558 20681 Name: Werribee Rotary  
Please include your Team Name  
**Credit Card:**  
Card Type: MASTERCARD or VISA (Please circle)  
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Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / 2019  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

From bottle tops to Helping Hands



Bottle caps are fully recyclable. Unfortunately, as reported on ABC's 'war on waste' they aren't recycled. Bottle caps fall through machinery and get sent to landfill or, in worst case scenarios if attached to a bottle, can explode and force expensive re packing issues.

This overlooked waste product is almost entirely made from HDPE (High Density Poly-Ethylene). After considerable experimentation we have successfully taken this plastic and extruded it to create functioning filament for 3D printers.

For more information, contact Peter Nicholls or Alan Davidge at the Rotary Club of Wyndham.

## 2019 District 9800 Learning & Leadership Development

[Further information → Learning and Development in District menu](#)



### Metropolitan Program

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March (PARTS 1&2)**

Montague Special School SOUTH MELBOURNE

**31<sup>st</sup> March (PARTS 3&4)**



### Rural Program

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April (PARTS 1-4)**

Golden Square Primary School

<https://rotarydistrict9800.org.au/sitepage/learning-and-development/learning-and-development-programs>