





The Timeball

Official Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Williamstown
Rotary District 9800
Rotary International Club Number 7208

Rotary Year 2019-20 Date: 22 July 2019

President's Report

Board members have agreed to give \$500 each in supporting the two Williamstown Lacrosse girls to travel to the World Lacrosse Championships in Canada. It is proposed they will report to us about their experience on their return.

At the Cluster meeting on Thursday the main three items discussed were:

- Promotion of the Bendigo conference in March. Suggest new members especially attend as great opportunity to hear world-class speakers.
- An opportunity to be involved in multi club project (an overseas water and sanitation project in Timor-Leste). Club can be involved in hands-on, financial or part of the steering committee. Will discuss options at Board Meeting.
- A proposal put forward for a cluster activity food packing event "FORaMEAL" organised by the Canterbury Rotary Club.

Reminder on:

- DG's Gimme 5 campaign to have every Rotarian contribute \$5 to Rotary Foundation.
- Dinner with the RI President in Ballarat on 24 September
- Rotary Leadership Institute sessions in Melbourne on Sunday 13 and 20 October. Also option on 27 October in Bendigo for full day 9.30 to 5pm.

Details of these items in the Bulletin.

1st Board meeting will be on Thursday 1 August at my home – 19 Little Osborne St. Notice and Agenda to be sent out.

Apologies: Yvonne, Carl, George, Kathy, Nils

Guests: Greg and Kath Thorpe

Announcements

Hazel. Dinner is planned at Sebastian's in Williamstown on Monday 12 August. \$45 a head. Mediterranean tapas style sharing platters.

Murray. Members who don't get the opportunity to meet RI President, Mark Maloney in Ballarat can meet past world president, K. R. Ravi Ravindran, of Sri Lanka who will be visiting Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne in November. Details posted in further Bulletins.

Our speaker - Greg Thorpe

Greg refers to himself as a Shared History Facilitator (history concerning Australia's First Peoples). He has been involved as the Project Coordinator for The Message Tree, a community project funded as a Vibrant Community Grant from Hobsons Bay City Council.

Background/history

The tree was an ancient Sheoak in Williamstown – significant to the Boonwurrung indigenous people and known as The Message Tree to European settlers. It stood at the foot of Thompson Street between the Old Customs House and Williamstown police station. The tree was used by Europeans to post messages and share news, while the Boonwurrung conducted formal ceremonies at the site.

The ancient name for this area is Koort Boork Boork meaning clumps of many She-oaks. In 1837 the place was renamed Williams's Town by British colonists to honour their King. British invasion of the Boonwurrung Estate was a catastrophic event that caused the rapid decline of Boonwurrung people.

Williamstown became the deep-water anchorage for British ships and gave rise to a tiny village. In the first years of the colony Melbourne newspapers arrived far too late in Williamstown to be useful, so the townsfolk used the old She-oak tree that once stood here as their Message Tree. News, advertising and public opinions were written on placards and nailed to the tree.

The Message Tree was removed by Williamstown Council as part of road construction works in Nelson Place in early 1857. Local residents fought to save the tree, partly because of its ancient association as a ceremonial place for the first people of Hobsons Bay, the Yalukit Weelam clan of the Boonwurrung language group.

Project involvement

The project is about rediscovering a story about a tree that was special to the Boonwurrung people and then it was special to the first colonists in Williamstown.

The Message Tree project has had the support of Williamstown police and Hobsons Bay reconciliation group, Get Up Out West, who partnered with Greg Thorpe's consultant company Yalukit Marnang, owned by descendants of the Boonwurrung.

Future

In a desire to show respect to Australia's First Peoples, break the 'Great Australian Silence' and publicly celebrate more shared history, Hobson's Bay City Council is now committing to take a lead role through their recently released Innovative Reconciliation Action Plan 2019-2021

Part of the vision is:

- Replant a She-oak, protect it and install interpretive panels around it.
- Create a place for tour groups to assemble
- Take back some street to honour the campaigners of 1856 divert or 'bend' Nelson Place.
- Add artwork and to use technology to see film of Boonwurrung speaking about the story.
- Add power so it can be used as a stage with microphones
- Work with Council in the design for its construction.
- Keep Yalukit Marnang involved to ensure First People's voice is integral to the process.

Greg invites our Rotary Club to endorse a letter of support for Alliance for Shared History and to join the mailing list and contribute a member to the group workshops.

ROSA MCKENNA, ACTING SENIOR SERGEANT GLYN WOOLLEY, GREG THORPE, SENIOR SERGEANT CHRIS ALLEN AND ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER KEITH RANDALL ARE APPEALING FOR DESCENDANTS OF HISTORICAL FIGURES ASSOCIATED WITH 'THE MESSAGE TREE'.





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This program is perfect for members who have joined Rotary in the last 12 months and indeed people who may be interested in becoming involved in Rotary activities.

What: Rotary Leadership Institute

Where: Montague School

Montague Street, South Melbourne

When: Sunday 13 and 20 October from 9:30 am to 2:30pm

Cost: No cost to you or your Club

Reply: A response is needed by Monday 7 October 2019

Please email the completed Registration Form to

rlid9800@gmail.com

More Information: From Jane Pennington, RLI Administrator

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What: Rotary Leadership Institute

Where: Golden Square Primary School

Maple Street, Golden Square, Bendigo

When: Sunday 27 October from 9:30 am to 5:00pm

Cost: No cost to you or your Club

Reply: A response is needed by Monday 21 October 2019

Please email the completed Registration Form to

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DISTRICT 9780 WELCOMES ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT MARK DANIEL MALONEY TO BALLARAT



PRESIDENTIAL DINNER

Tuesday, 24 September 2019

6.30pm pre dinner drink 7.00pm dinner

The Mercure Ballarat 613 Main Road, Ballarat VIC

COST: \$60/person (incl. booking fee)
Includes 2 course meal
& pre dinner drink.
Drinks at bar prices.

Tickets available at https://www.trybooking.com/

PEOPLE OF ACTION: www.rotary9780.org



Gimme 5 Campaign

Here's an explanation.

The goal is to have every D9800 Rotarian gave a personal \$5 donation to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) this year.

Most Rotarians don't donate to The Rotary Foundation and this needs to change.

Rotarians already donating money each year should keep doing it and know that it is appreciated. It is our charity and helps fund all the wonderful projects of Rotary and Rotary clubs locally and globally.

- 95% goes directly to great projects.
- Rated highest rating by charity navigator for 11 consecutive years.
- It is tax deductible.

There are three ways to donate:

If you are on My Rotary (RI website) the click here and follow this link: https://my.rotary.org/en/donate

If you would prefer to electronically transfer funds here are the details:

BSB: 332-084 Account Number: 551038195

Account Name: The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust

When you transfer funds please email the Parramatta office: risppo@rotary.org and put in the description box the name of the club e.g "PARRAMATTA18077". Omit the club number if unsure and omit the word "Rotary Club of" because we can only see limited characters.

If you would prefer to ring and pay with a credit card over the phone, please ring the Parramatta office on **02-8894-9800** and the donation will be processed.

It would be wonderful if you could give more than \$5.00 - imagine how much good that money could do!!



Continues for another year - 2019-2020

Collect used stamps from Work, Schools, Universities, Hospitals, Medical Clinics, Council Offices etc- and the sale of the stamps that come from all districts (except 9810), will go to EndTrachoma by 2020.

Remember every stamp helps!





EndTrachoma by 2020

Building Healthy Communities

You can send your used stamps to Guy Chatain:

Rotary Club of Williamstown PO Box 111, Williamstown. Vic 3016

email: guychatain@hotmail.com Phone: 0409 936 040

District Governor Grant Hocking, ASM

Hello Rotarians

As I sit a write these few words Melissa and I are sitting in a lovely café in North Melbourne. Together in the past 6 weeks we have attended 21 changeover functions and commenced our visits to clubs (DG visits) having completed 12 so far. It's a busy time but so enjoyable and interesting learning more about Rotarians and clubs in our district.

During the DG visit I am updating clubs on the new district committees and club formats being explored. The opportunity to meet with the board members and Rotarians before and after the meeting is a great opportunity to answer questions and support. We are getting lots of wonderful feedback which is appreciated.

The other opportunity for discussion and access to the District team is occurring at the 'Morning Tea with the DG' events. The first was held at Bendigo last week and 20 people turned up and stayed for 2 hours enjoying the opportunity to chat. The aim is to allow an opportunity for every Rotarian to chat with the DG, AG and DST members in a more relaxed setting to seek support, advice, or just to get to know each other better. Already at this first opportunity connections were made between clubs on a joint project and questions were answered.



More dates for 'Morning Tea with the DG' will be announced a few weeks before the date so the venue and AG/DST involvement can occur. Clubs will be notified via the AG or keep your eyes on the District facebook page (Rotary District 9800 Discussion Group)

We have also been out and about at events including Rotaract GOT (Game of Thrones) trivia night, a walk in

Trentham and have plans for the coming few weeks.





You should have noticed that registrations for the **District Conference 2020** have opened and there is a Conference page on the District website (rotaryconference.org.au)

Registrations are now being accepted. The early bird price available until 31st November 2019 is \$300 which includes the entire conference, welcome reception and Saturday dinner. This is very competitive when compared to previous conferences.

The committee is organising some amazing entertainment, guest speakers and activities planned for the weekend (keep your eyes on our District 9800 Conference <u>Facebook page</u> or webpage for announcements!). We've drawn inspiration from the 19/20 motto Rotary Connects the World, and can't wait to share the weekend with you.

Finally let me highlight the District Bulletin opportunities for clubs to advertise events, programs, and fundraisers. Your contributions are vital to ensure that all activities are sent to the District bulletin editor Lesley McCarthy well ahead of time. The District bulletin is published at the beginning of each month so plan ahead and get your stories in early. It's a great way to promote your club and celebrate the great work being done. Word documents are required and high-quality photos attached separately (not embedded in the word document).

We are planning a Polio walk, and train ride in October with more information available soon.

Melissa and I are looking forward to seeing you all during the DG visits and also at you club events.

Remember - Rotary Connects the World!

Rotary International President Mark D Maloney

Rotarians and members of the family of Rotary,

I love to travel!

I even enjoy the mundane process of getting from here to there. But last year, my wife, Gay, and I had one of those experiences that would strain the optimism of even the most cheerful traveller. We found ourselves with six hours to wait, at an airport where we were not scheduled to be, on a day we had not planned still to be traveling, having woken up that morning at a hotel unknown to us the night before. It was one of those days.



As we waited at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York City, Gay and I took a walk to people watch. We went from one end of the terminal to the other and back, looking at every gate, every destination, every group of people waiting for their flights.

Each gate was its own island of humanity. When we walked down the centre of the concourse, we were in New York, moving along with everyone in one river. But when you veered off into those seats, you left that cur-rent and landed on an island. You were already in Delhi or Paris or Tel Aviv.

As we started our walk, I thought:

"All these different people, all these different countries, all in one place. This is like Rotary!"

But as we walked past gate after gate, I realized something. It was not like Rotary at all. Because everyone in that river was heading for an island. And every island stayed an island. The people heading to Taipei might be talking to one another, but they were not talking to the people heading to Cairo or Lagos.

Contrast that with Rotary. Rotary allows us to connect with one another, in deep and meaningful ways, across our differences. It connects us with people we would never otherwise have met, who are more like us than we ever could have known. It connects us with our communities, to professional opportunities, and to the people who need our help.

Connection is what makes the experience of Rotary so very different from walking along that concourse at JFK Airport. In Rotary, none of us is an island. All of us are in Rotary together, whoever we are, wherever we are from, whatever language we speak or traditions we follow. We are all connected to one another — part of our communities and members not only of our clubs, but also of the global community to which we all belong.

This connection is what lies at the heart of the Rotary experience. It is what brings us to Rotary. It is why we stay. Please join your fellow Rotarians on this journey as *Rotary Connects the World*.

Yours in Rotary, Mark Daniel Maloney President, Rotary International 2019-2020





Registrations for the 2020 District 9800 Conference are now open!!

Tickets are priced as follows -

Rotarians and Partners (Early-bird Price available until 30/11/19)	\$300.00
First Time Attendees	\$250.00
Rotaractors and Exchange Students	\$200.00

We've got some amazing entertainment, guest speakers and activities planned for the weekend (keep your eyes on our Facebook page for announcements!).

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WESTERN EMERGENCY RELIEF NETWORK (W.E.R.N.)

The Story to Date:

	<u>2015-2018</u>	2018-2019
Number of Clients	910	474
Nominal Value of Goods	\$ 576,150.00	\$351,940.00
Number of Items	17,532	12,718
No. Monthly Volunteer Hours	7,301	2,789
No. Collections	732	522

Municipal Usage

2017-2018 % 2018-2019 % 2018-2019

	Full Year		Full Year		Approx. Nominal Value
Brimbank	85	23	91	21	\$ 72,288
Hobsons Bay	24	7	20	5	5 15,872
Hume	8	2	13	3	\$ 10,311
Maribynong	70	19	79	18	\$ 62,750
Melton	43	12	66	15	\$ 52,439
Moonee Valley	18	5	53	12	\$ 42,092
Moorabool	0	0	5	1	5 3,976
Moreland	5	1	9	2	5 7,144
Wyndham	96	26	93	21	\$ 73,872
Other	18	5	14	3	\$ 11,121
Unidentified/TBA	25		31		
Totals	392	100	474	100	\$351,940

WERN Facts to share with our Partners:

WERN has helped 1,384 families since commencement:

To Date:

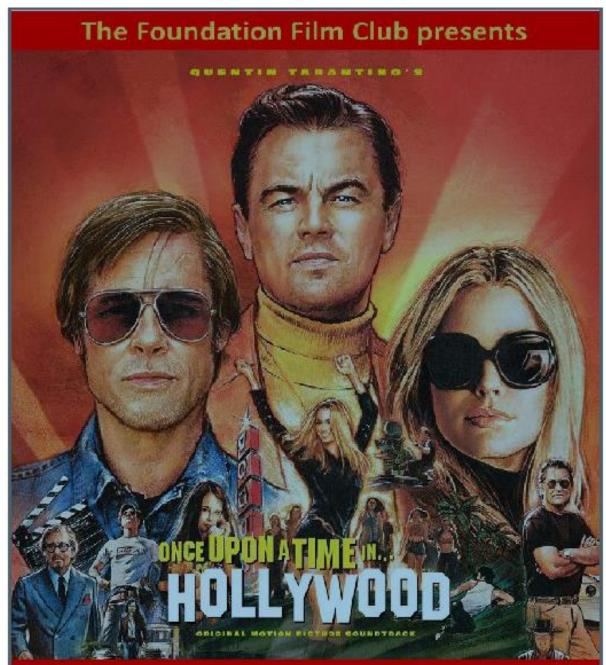
- Over \$925,000.00 worth of goods have been donated;
- 30,250 items provided to families in need;
- Almost 10,100 Volunteer Hours provided: &
- Over 1,250 collections completed.

Current Accredited Caseworkers – 373 & 51 Partner Support Agencies

Member Rotary Clubs of WERN:

Bacchus Marsh; Caroline Springs; Essendon North; Flemington-Kensington; Hoppers Crossing; Melton Valley; Werribee; Williamstown, Wyndham; & Yarraville – with room for more!

Western Emergency Relief Network (WERN)
Chair: PDG Ross Butterworth
Factory 18, 22 Makland Dve. Derrimut 3030
P. 0411 228311 E. westernemergencyreliefnwork@outlook.com



Join us at 6.30pm on Sunday 18th August, 2019 at the Sun Theatre 8 Ballarat Street, Yarraville, 3013

Tickets \$25

Book by emailing to rotaryaltona@gmail.com Rotar
Bookings close Friday 2nd August, 2019
District 980



\$30 a head



CALENDER OF UPCOMING EVENTS

July 29	EVENING	Business meeting Pelicans Landing Speaker: Cathy Booth Umoja Orphanage Kenya Project
August 5	EVENING	Business meeting Pelicans Landing SPEAKER
Sunday Aug 11	7.30-1.30pm	Farmers Market
August 12	EVENING	Dinner at Sebastian's
Sunday August 18	6.30pm	Foundation Film Club "Once Upon a Time in Hollywood" Sun Theatre
August 19	EVENING	Business meeting Pelicans Landing Person behind the Badge: Roger Banks
Sunday Aug 25	7.30-1.30pm	Farmers Market
August 26	EVENING	INTERNATIONAL CUISINE

Birthdays

Sven Guttenbeil 21 July Kathy Roberts 29 July

Anniversaries

Carl Hurwood 1 August - 40 years

The Rotary Club of Williamstown, District 9800

President: Eddie Knight Treasurer: Nils Oman

Secretary/ Public Officer: Jo Walker Foundation: Chris James

Membership Development: Damien Hynes Club Service: Guy Chatain

Youth: Damien Hynes

Marketing/PR & Brad Saunders

Protection Officer: Brad Saunders Sergeant at Arms: Jack Tahi/ Stan Panten

International Service: Hazel Ackland

Community Service: John Barry

Community Service RoCan, Wellness Centre

Chair: Yvonne Moon

President Rotary International Mark Daniel Maloney

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Grant Hocking
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The Rotary Club of Williamstown meets every Monday, 7pm Pelicans Landing, 1 Syme St, Williamstown

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Rotary District 9800 www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au

Rotary Down Under <u>www.rotarydownunder.com.au</u>

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