

The Timeball

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Rotary District 9800
Rotary International Club Number 7208

Rotary Year 2019-20

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Apologies: Yvonne Moon, Brad Saunders Sven Guttenbeil, Daniel Keas, Tony Boyd

Guests. Alana Nguyen, Toni Phu

President's Report

Last Thursday John, Hazel and I attended the Rotary Club of Beaumaris meeting. The guest speaker was Kylie Stanley from the Highlands Foundation. We had the opportunity to present Kylie with the profits from the Christmas Raffle run by Hazel – a cheque for \$2100.

Some articles on the Rotary Foundation were published in the Bulletin. We have also had PDG Murray present to the Club on the value of contributing to the Foundation. The Board also accepted a report from the Club's Foundation Director with the club goals to:

- Donate \$3000 to the Annual Fund
- \$600 to the End Polio Program
- Have at least 20 Centurions donate \$100 each
- Also, DG Grant's challenge of Gimme 5

There will be no meeting here on Monday 23 March. Instead the meeting will be replaced with the RC Altona City at the Koorringal Golf Club with Kevin Sheedy, guest speaker.

Committee Meetings – Reminder to Board Members to meet with committee members.

Future events

Sun March 8 HMAS Yarra Memorial 11.30am and Farmers Market

March 14 District Vocational Workshop Melbourne

April 18 District Vocational Workshop Bendigo
(Club needs to have a representative attend)

Sat March 21 President Elects Training Metro Area

Sat April 4 Presidents Elects Training Country

Announcements

Guy. Book quickly for the 71st dinner on Wednesday 11 March, directly to Club's account. If you put your name down and do not show up, we will still be charged.

Damien. EarlyAct Club meeting this Tuesday at Newport Lakes Primary. Jack and Jo have agreed to attend. *(Please see Jo's report on following pages).*

We have decided as a club to get involved in Play Street Australia. The Council have agreed to the concept of Play Street in our area. We are just waiting on the implementation. The main obstacle facing Council is manpower, however Rotary can supply this. I have been in touch with Jodi Barry, Project Officer for Communities that Care. (CTC is an evidence-based, community-change process for reducing youth problem behaviours, including harmful substance use, low academic achievement, early school leaving, sexual risk-taking, and violence. It uses an early intervention and prevention framework to guide communities towards understanding their local needs, identifying and setting priorities, and implementing effective evidence-based strategies to address those needs).

Nils: Accommodation confirmed at Lakeside in Bendigo. People to pay on arrival. I have booked restaurant for Friday night. We will confirm numbers two days prior.

Behind the Badge – Steve Brydson

Damien briefed us on how he met Steve at the Laverton gym where they are both members. After coming to a few meetings Steve was keen to join the Club and quickly became involved in all activities. Whether it be a packing day for the Highland Foundation, helping out at the Farmers Market BBQ's, marshalling for Around the Bay in a Day, Steve has proven his worth as an able and dependable contributor to the Club.

Steve was born in Footscray and attended Footscray Tech where he applied himself to various trades including sheet metal, woodwork and technical drawing. He realised this was not for him, so he decided to do Business Studies in 6th form. After he left school he tried his hand at accountancy. Again he did not enjoy this, so he applied to work at J.A. Dundas, a subsidiary of Hortico Garden Care

Products. After three years here, Steve went to Ansett Freight Express working on the heavy work of unloading containers and rolling drums on to pallets. This involved shift work from 5am to 1pm. He became Distribution Supervisor and was responsible for truck deliveries around Melbourne. He transferred to the dock at the front of depot supervising van deliveries and unloading freight.

After 20 years he was offered voluntary redundancy. However two weeks later he started working at Kwikasair Express, again in loading and unloading. Later he took a job with TNT Transport where he spent 15 years at the Laverton depot. Then in 2015 TNT opened its largest transport and logistics hub in Melbourne. This was in Tullarmarine and housed 860 employees and operated as Victorian head office and a hub to other depots in regional Victoria and Tasmania. Steve spent six years here and enjoyed the new technology and high tech facilities including modern scanning, reversible conveyor belts, automated parcel sortation system. In the last three years of Steve's employment, TNT was bought by FedEx, but fortunately allowed TNT to manage and keep their staff.

Steve retired in July last year. He is a Blues music man and his favourites are Eric Clapton, Warren Haynes, Gary Moore, Jimmy Hendrix and Stevie Ray Vaughan. He attends the Laverton gym frequently where he also does yoga and Tai-chi. He now lives in Altona Meadows and besides listening to his favourite music, enjoys gardening and spending time with his nephews and nieces.

Guest speaker

Alana Nguyen attended RYLA Camp in December at Mt Evelyn. RYLA stands for Rotary Youth Leadership Awards - a week long camp for 18 to 25 year olds to provide opportunities for personal growth and leadership development.

The camp exceeded her expectations. It empowered her and changed her outlook on life. She felt a strong sense of community and it was the best week for her own personal development. From the very first session which was on vision and values, she was hooked. She understood that our core values are what fundamentally determine the decisions we make in our lives. She learnt what her life vision was - to ignite love, life, laughter and light into people around her and into the world, to be the best person she can be and then to help others to do and achieve the same. From there, all of this was consolidated and further built on through not only the sessions with the presenters but also through the interactions with the participants, the mentors and the facilitators.

One of the important things Alana got from the program was the value of reflection. Every day they would be allocated an hour of "me time". She used this time for journaling and working through what she had learnt that day. Doing this for a week showed her the power of reflection and how impactful it can be on her mind and perspective.

Most importantly, she learnt what it takes to be a leader. To summarise, she took away from RYLA:

- A newfound sense of confidence in who she is and who she is going to be

- A new outlook on her life

- An abundance of treasured friendships.

She has already put her name down to return to RYLA as a facilitator next year and also wants to join the Rotaracts Club. She thanked the Club for the opportunity of being in the program.

Toni, Alana's mother, also thanked the Club for the opportunity for her daughter to experience and develop herself. She thanked Murray for encouraging her to get involved in RYLA and said that Alana had grown into a very wise lady – open, confident and knowing how to conduct herself.



Hazel Ackland with volunteers on packing day



for Hyland Foundation.



Jack Tahi with EarlyAct students from Newport Lakes Primary working on their project



EarlyAct's latest project is with Wildlife Victoria helping in the recovery efforts of animals affected by recent bushfires. Their plan is to write to local businesses to convince them to donate \$100 each to match the \$100 in their own account.

Alanna, the group leader, has created a GoFundMe website and the students are preparing to write the spiel for the site, also to write the persuasive letter to go to businesses. They have agreed that the old-fashioned approach of a written letter rather than an email will elicit more responses. They are also preparing certificates for each potential business to acknowledge their donation.



ROTARY CLUB OF WILLIAMSTOWN 71ST CHARTER ANNIVERSARY



COME AND JOIN US TO CELEBRATE OUR
CLUB'S ANNIVERSARY

VENUE: SANTORINI RESTAURANT

DATE: WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH AT 7.00 PM

COST: \$50.00 PP, DRINKS AT BAR PRICE



RSVP: guychatain@hotmail.com by Friday 6th March

Melbourne Celtic Festival

Gather your clan and join us to celebrate all things Celtic on St Patrick's Day, Tuesday, March 17, 2020 Brand New Festival for Melbourne.

Dates and times

17/03/2020

Tue: 9.40am – 11pm.... Main festival from midday

Celtic Brunch 10am with optional sung Celtic Blessing at 9.40am.

Location

717 Flinders Street
Docklands VIC 3008

Contact details

0410 953 039
www.melbournecelticfestival.com.au



CLAYMORE



MIKE BRADY

Melbourne's brand-new music and arts festival celebrates all things Celtic on St Patrick's Day in the heart of the city. The event is family-friendly, and ticket proceeds will go to Mission to Seafarers and Rotary mental health initiatives.

The stellar line-up of Australia's most celebrated Celtic musicians features Mike Brady, Claymore, Wendy Stapleton's Australian Women's Choir, Bhan Tre, Claire Patti, Saoirse Oz, Emma-Kate Tobia, Maria Forde, Play it Martha, Victoria Welsh Choir, Platform 9 3/4, Comhaltas Melbourne, Geoff Jones (Scottish smallpipes), Cath Connelly and Kathryn Clements (acts are subject to change).

Special events include a Celtic Brunch at 10am, with MC Russell 'Robbo' Robertson, special guest artist Mike Brady, guest speakers and Irish dancers. At 7.30pm, the musical drama Barry Versus Kelly, by Felix Meagher, tells the intriguing story of Australia's controversial folk hero, Ned Kelly, and the judge who sentenced him.

Hosted by Sherri McIver, writing workshops at 2pm and 6pm will help you explore your hidden poet or work on your craft in a friendly, expressive and supportive space.

There will be free children's activities from 4pm to 6pm, with storytelling, face painting, interactive music and a traditional Irish singing workshop with Kathryn Clements.

Price From \$20

Bookings

[Book online](#)

Payment method accepted

All major cards

Accessibility

Wheelchair accessible

Limited accessibility

Ramp access

Features

All ages

License

How to get there

[Public Transport Victoria](#)

FRIDAY, 27 th March	
5:30pm – 7pm	<p>Welcome & Registrations <i>Bendigo Town Hall, 189-193 Hargreaves St, Bendigo</i> Smoking Ceremony by Dja Dja Wurrung, followed by light refreshments</p>
7pm onwards	<p>Club & Cluster Dinners <i>Various locations arranged by clubs</i></p>
SATURDAY, 28 th March	
7:00am – 8:15am	<p>Rotary Foundation Breakfast <i>Shamrock Hotel, Pail Mall, Bendigo</i></p>
8:00am – 9:00am	<p>Registration <i>Ulumbarra Theatre, 10 Gaol Rd, Bendigo</i></p>
9:00am – 10:10am	<p>Plenary Session 1 <i>Ulumbarra Theatre</i> Youth Exchange Flag Parade Official Welcome Keynote Speaker – Zoe Daniel Ride to Conference Bike Riders - Yvonne Moon OAM</p>
10:10am – 10:50am	<p>Morning Tea & Showcase <i>Gymnasium, Bendigo Secondary College (80m walk)</i></p>
10:50am – 12:30pm	<p>Plenary Session 2 <i>Ulumbarra Theatre</i> Keynote Speaker – Gihan Perera Keynote Speaker – Tony Walker Entertainment Keynote Speaker – Michelle Scott Tucker</p>
12:30pm – 1:30pm	<p>Lunch & Showcase <i>Gymnasium, Bendigo Secondary College (80m walk)</i></p>
1:30pm - 3:00pm	<p>Plenary Session 3 <i>Ulumbarra Theatre</i> Keynote Speaker – Tim Cape Entertainment Keynote Speaker – Eric Wright Keynote Speaker – Andrew Crisp</p>

Program continues overleaf



SATURDAY, 28 th March	
3:00pm – 3:40pm	Afternoon Tea & Showcase <i>Gymnasium, Bendigo Secondary College (80m walk)</i>
3:40pm – 5:00pm	Plenary Session 4 <i>Ulumbarra Theatre</i> Video Presentation – Lucienne Heyworth Keynote Speaker – Mary Galea Entertainment Keynote Speaker – Jeremy Forbes
6:30pm – 11:00pm	Gala Dinner <i>Bendigo Stadium, 91 Inglis Street, West Bendigo</i> Central Victorian Lion Dance Team Acoustic Guitarist & DJ – Knot Music

SUNDAY, 29 th March	
8:45am – 9:00am	Farewell Youth Exchange Students <i>Ulumbarra Theatre, 10 Gaol Rd, Bendigo</i>
9:20am – 11:00am	Plenary Session 5 <i>Ulumbarra Theatre</i> In Memoriam Australian Rotary Health Panel Keynote Speaker – Ro Allen Polio Survivor – Bev Watson Polio Update – Murray Verso PDG
11:00am – 11:40am	Morning Tea & Showcase <i>Gymnasium, Bendigo Secondary College (80m walk)</i>
11:40am – 12:40pm	Plenary Session 6 <i>Ulumbarra Theatre</i> Banner Exchange and Conference 2021 DG Grant Hocking Melbourne Gay & Lesbian Chorus
1:00pm – 2:00pm	BBQ Lunch <i>Rosalind Park</i>
2:00pm – 4:00pm	Hands on Project - FORaMEAL <i>Gymnasium, Bendigo Secondary College (80m walk)</i>

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Professor Mary Galea

Professor Mary Galea, AM, BAppSc (Physio), BA, PhD, is a physiotherapist and neuroscientist whose research program includes both laboratory-based and clinical projects with the overall theme of control of voluntary movement by the brain, and factors that promote recovery following nervous system damage.

Professor Galea is Professorial Fellow in the Department of Medicine (Royal Melbourne Hospital) at the University of Melbourne, and previously Foundation Professor of Clinical Physiotherapy at the University of Melbourne and Austin Health.

Her current research program is concerned with the use of technology to drive recovery after stroke and spinal cord injury, and wearable sensors to measure rehabilitation outcomes

Tony Walker, CEO Ambulance Victoria

Tony Walker ASM is Chief Executive Officer of Ambulance Victoria. He is a Registered Paramedic with over three decades experience working in a range of senior clinical, operational and leadership roles within the ambulance sector.

Over past five years Tony has led significant transformation at Ambulance Victoria to improve the health and wellbeing of their workforce and the response they provide to the community.

Tony holds an adjunct appointment as Associate Professor in the College of Health and Biomedicine at Victoria University and is a Fellow of Paramedics Australasia, a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Managers and Leaders, and a Board Director of the Emergency Services Foundation, the Australasian Council of Ambulance Authorities and the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia. Tony is a recipient of the Ambulance Service Medal (ASM) for his contribution to the development of ambulance services at a state and national level and has also been awarded the National Heart Foundation President's Award and the Australian Resuscitation Council Medal for his significant contributions to improving cardiovascular health and resuscitation practice and outcomes.



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Tim Cope, Adventurer, Author, & Filmmaker

Australian adventurer, Tim Cope, only in his mid 30s, is the veteran of some extraordinary journeys.

Highlights have included training as a Wilderness Guide in the Arctic, the forest regions of Finland and north-west Russia, riding a bicycle 10,000 km across Russia and Mongolia, and rowing a wooden boat through Siberia to the Arctic Ocean.

Tim has been recognised in many ways including being named Young Australian Adventurer of the Year in 2002. American magazine Outside also chose him to be one of their 25 top athletes/explorers in the world under the age of 25.

Tim's experiences have enabled him to develop skills in capturing the essence of place and experience both on camera and in writing. Tim is an articulate and moving speaker with some stunning audio-visual support.

Learn more about Tim here <https://timcopejourneys.com/>

Andrew Crisp, Emergency Management Commissioner, Emergency Management Victoria

Andrew Crisp is Victoria's Emergency Management Commissioner and has responsibility for coordination before, during and after major emergencies.

During his career, which includes experience in senior emergency management and policing leadership positions, Andrew has developed a passion for community safety across metropolitan and regional Victoria and while working overseas in Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste.

Andrew has been involved in responses to a number of major incidents, such as the Ash Wednesday Bushfires, the 2009 Victorian Bushfires, Christchurch earthquake, Queensland floods and the 2017 Bourke Street Tragedy.

He is passionate about connecting communities, with a focus on building an emergency management sector that reflects and meets the needs of communities. Advocating for people and communities is a priority for him.

Hear how Andrew is committed to learning and listening so our emergency management sector and communities can work together to keep people safe.

Find out more about Andrew and how we can become more resilient <https://www.emv.vic.gov.au>



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Ro Allen, Victorian Commissioner for Gender and Sexuality

Rotary District 9800 is committed to inclusion, equity and diversity. What's that exactly?

Diversity refers to inclusion of people from many groups. It is a source of innovation, as well as one of Rotary's core values. Having members with different backgrounds and viewpoints gives your club a broader understanding of the community, its problems, and possible solutions.

As Victoria's first Commissioner for Gender and Sexuality, Ro Allen is a leader and advocate in lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and alternative policies.

Gender and sexuality can be challenging topics for a variety of reasons. A person of faith, Ro's background and perspectives are a unique link to our recently established Rotary District 9800 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee.

Ro will guide us through the often-complex topics of gender and sexuality, so your club is better positioned to create a culture of inclusion, where differences are respected, supported, and valued.

Find out more about Ro's work here <https://www.vic.gov.au/ourgbtiq-equality>



Gihan Perera, Futurist

Gihan Perera is a futurist, conference speaker, author and consultant who gives you a glimpse into what's ahead – and how you can become fit for the future, in your professional and personal life.

Since 1997, he has worked with business leaders, thought leaders, entrepreneurs, and other change agents – helping them with their strategy for thriving in a fast-changing world.

Forbes magazine rated him the #5 social media influencer in the world (and #1 in Australia) in his area of expertise.

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Zoe Daniel, ABC Washington Bureau Chief

The media affects us every day, it influences the way we think and live.

What's it like to be on the front line, listening, questioning and getting the facts to tell a story to millions of people?

Zoe Daniel has been Australian Broadcasting Corporation's United States of America Bureau Chief based in Washington since December 2015.

Zoe was ABC's South East Asia Correspondent from 2009-2013 and Africa Correspondent from 2005 until 2007. Zoe co-hosted the international news program "The World" on ABC News 24 and "Australia Plus".



Commencing her career with ABC Rural, Zoe is the author of *Storyteller*, a personal insight into her life as a foreign correspondent, as well as juggling a family. Zoe will share with us her insights and experiences having reported on two USA administrations under President Obama and Trump.

You'll be inspired by Zoe's humility and determination to communicate the stories that matter and her love of the people and their characteristics that make up our diverse and often complicated world.

Michelle Scott Tucker, Author & Motivator

"...behind every great man there had to be a great woman." – Eurythmics.

Behind many of our great Rotarians there has been and still are many great women.



Michelle Scott Tucker shines a light on an often-overlooked aspect of Australia's history in this fascinating story of a remarkable woman, Elizabeth Macarthur.

In 1788 a young gentlewoman, Elizabeth raised in the vicarage of an English village married a handsome, haughty and penniless army officer, John. In any Austen novel that would be the end of the story, but for the real-life woman who became an Australian farming entrepreneur, it was just the beginning.

John Macarthur took credit for establishing the Australian wool industry and would feature on the two-dollar note, but it was practically Elizabeth who managed their holdings—while dealing with the results of John's manias: duels, quarrels, court cases, a military coup, long absences overseas, grandiose construction projects and, finally, his descent into certified insanity.

Author and businesswoman, Michelle Scott Tucker lives on a small farm in regional Victoria with her husband and children. Elizabeth Macarthur is her first book.

"Tucker's great achievement is to have scraped back the familiar historical material to uncover a fresh and compelling portrait of Elizabeth Macarthur in her own words and the words of those who knew her." - Australian

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Our promise to the world



THE END GAME STRATEGY

Dr. Catherine (Kitty) O'Connor

DECEMBER 2019

What a year it's been

This year has seen so many ways that as Rotarians and friends we were able to contribute to the eradication of this disease. We walked, we trained, we held bbqs and we even flew a few hot air balloons. We tagged our pinkies purple and we wore those red shirts. At every event I had the honour of attending there was always one, wearing that shirt proudly.

In District 9800 as at November 2019, we've contributed \$107,667.78. That's including the nearly \$12,500 we raised at both the Polio Walk and the Last Stop for Polio Event at Federation Square.

I would especially like to thank Ron Payne who lead the Bendigo Campaign raising \$2,277.20 in their very first Polio Walk.

Next year, it's on again and so you can mark it down that Saturday 24th October, is not only World Polio Day, but its the day to unite and Walk the Lake again.

See you all there!



LETTER TO D9800 CLUBS

Dear Club Foundation Chair

The purposes of every Rotary Club in the world are enshrined in the club's Constitution (or Rules and Statement of Purpose) that defines the purposes of the club are to:

(a) pursue the Object of Rotary; (b) carry out successful service projects based on the five Avenues of Service; (c) contribute to the advancement of Rotary by strengthening membership; (d) *support The Rotary Foundation*; and (e) develop leaders beyond the club level.

In the last Rotary year, all but 2 clubs in our district made a contribution to at least one of the 3 funds of The Rotary Foundation. In most clubs that included personal donations from club members and even people who are not Rotarians, but who admire and respect what is accomplished through The Rotary Foundation.

It's through the generosity of Rotary clubs, Rotarians, and others who understand what Rotary does that The Rotary Foundation is able to *empower your club members to do good in the world*, both locally and globally, through sustainable projects and programs for the six critical causes Rotary supports.

Many clubs have fewer members than they once did and fund raising seems to be more challenging so we understand that we are asking clubs to make their support for The Rotary Foundation a priority. We are not asking for or expecting all of your fundraising to go to The Rotary Foundation. Typically clubs might want to think in terms of 15% of your fundraising or ideally the equivalent of \$150 per member (whichever is more). We would ask that you think about prioritising your commitment to The Foundation and then distributing the balance against other projects or programs. Often it seems the decision is made the other way around.

We acknowledge that this message asks you to give - but to give for a reason! The whole point of The Rotary Foundation is to accumulate and then draw funds from it so that you can plan and manage projects that will do good in the world. The Foundation presents exceptional opportunities for Rotarians to achieve its mission, but it is just a big pot of money that achieves absolutely nothing until, and unless, Rotarians get hold of, and use, that money to really make a difference.

Some clubs have told us that The Foundation is not a priority for them for a whole range of reasons, but many of these reasons are based on information that is simply not correct.

The power of The Foundation is to enable Rotarians to do projects of scale that can make a meaningful difference. These projects may be overseas but they can be in your own back yard if that is what your club prefers.

THE CAUSES WE SUPPORT – ROTARY'S AREAS OF FOCUS

PROVIDING CLEAN WATER
SANITATION AND HYGIENE



SUPPORTING
EDUCATION



FIGHTING
DISEASE



SAVING MOTHERS
AND CHILDREN



GROWING LOCAL
ECONOMIES



PROMOTING
PEACE



See below 10 fast facts for your consideration:

1. The Rotary Foundation is a charity and it is **OUR** charity
2. It is rated as one of the world's very best charities with 100% accountability and transparency
3. It has lower administration costs than almost all charities
4. Almost every dollar your club or an individual gives to the Annual Fund is returned for projects or programs under the SHARE system
5. The Rotary Foundation is mission driven to deliver sustainable programs with measurable outcomes
6. Rotarians decide how the funds are used and manage the programs. We have 1.2 million professional and community leaders working together collectively to transform the world through our nearly 36,000 Rotary clubs
7. D9800 is a significant beneficiary of The Rotary Foundation, thanks to matching of DDF for Global Grants and for the 40 people who have been accepted as Rotary Peace Fellows through D9800
8. The impact of every dollar a club gives is multiplied thanks to the grant system and partnerships with other organizations. For instance, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation matches every dollar committed to polio eradication 2:1, tripling your club's donation
9. Club donations receive recognition points through which you can acknowledge club members and community members or organisations, too, for their volunteer work (PHF)
10. Your contributions are retained and managed in Australia until they are disbursed

Here is something else to consider:

1. For club members, personal donations are tax deductible (if applicable) and who does not love a tax deduction! This is also relevant for some clubs.
2. As individuals we tend to give to charities we know, and we often give on the basis of events or stories that move us. But what do we know? Often what we think we know is the product of slick advertising and promotion, all of which comes at a cost.
3. Mother Theresa once said, *"it's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving."* How could we not agree? But giving with love does not imply giving blindly.
4. With The Rotary Foundation you know exactly what you are getting and you know the money donated goes to do good in the world. Have a good look at some of the high profile charities out there. You might be surprised how little of the money collected actually goes to their programs.

Thank you for supporting The Rotary Foundation,

PDG Murray Verso

District 9800 Rotary Foundation Director

For further assistance and information contact:

For Club Annual Giving: PDG Dennis Shore

For Personal Giving: PP Gabe Hau

Paul Harris Society: PDG Julie Mason



YOUR FOUNDATION – OUR FOUNDATION – THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



PORTABLE POTABLE WATER TANKS IN THE APY LANDS



Overcrowding in communities has long been known to be an issue of concern. Strain on existing water and waste disposal infrastructure in communities become exacerbated when events such as Sorry Business or sporting events take place, bringing in extra crowds. Health clinics experience greater incidences of infectious diseases during these times.

As part of a funding collaboration between Rotary D9570, Prime Minister and Cabinet, and SA Health, we worked with Rotarian Neil Ross and his engineering company in Alice Springs to deliver three robust, portable potable water tanks to the APY Lands. One was delivered to the Environmental Health Unit of Nganampa Health Council and immediately put into service post build at a Sorry Business Camp in Pipalyatjara/Kalka in October. The Regional Anangu Services Aboriginal Corporation will take ownership of the remaining two, which are expected to be having a good work out over these current months during Mens Business.

WHAT PROJECTS ARE NEXT?

10,000 Bath Towels for WA -

Too many people don't have their own towel. Imagine that! In collaboration with the #endingtrachoma program in WA, 10,000 towels will find their way into at-risk communities and those in need. Cost \$50,000.



Health Hardware - providing access to health giving services in the Titjikala Community. Cost \$30,000. District 9550 are major contributors for this project.

Hygiene Kits - 500 were donated to Nganampa Health Council to be dispensed at health clinics in the APY Lands to ensure that infectious disease presentations are not only treated, but prevented as well.

Funding an **Environmental Health Worker** in Central Australia, jointly with Central Australian Aboriginal Congress and Fred Hollows Foundation. Cost \$50,000

Hygiene Station for the Alekerange School \$1,200



Our Project Manager - Lien Trinh with Stephan Rainow from Nganampa Health Council, APY Lands, who have been wonderful co-collaborators on a number of projects.

PROJECTS UNDERGOING DEVELOPMENT

We currently have a number of projects in development with at risk communities in trachoma endemic regions. Potential requests include:

- Portaloos (~\$11 269 each)
- Semi permanent ablution blocks (~\$58 200 each)
- Portable water tanks (~\$20 000 each)
- WA #endingtrachoma Health Promotion trailers (~\$43 115)
- Health hardware kits for schools - just like those being created by the Dorriggo Schools and Community

If your club would like to find out more about these projects with a view to sponsoring them, please contact Lien Trinh at lien@endtrachoma2020.org.au





A SPECIAL THANK YOU

to all who have provided support during 2019. It's been a great year and we look forward to an even better one in 2020 as we approach Australia's collective goal to end trachoma in our country.

From all of us on the **EndTrachoma by 2020** team, we wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

SUPPORT FOR REMOTE SCHOOLS:

The Rotary community of Dorrigo, NSW, together with Dorrigo High and Primary schools, have not only been busy fighting the threat of bushfires, but their humongous hearts have extended to EndTrachoma by 2020. To date, they have managed to fill **52 Hygiene kits** with face washers, dental and personal hygiene products, as well as a photo of their schools to demonstrate support from one Australian school to another. They will make enough of these gifts to support a fellow school in a remote community in the next school year. Thank you for your enthusiasm and open hearts Dorrigo! Please let us know if your community or Rotary Club would like to do something similar to support hygiene and sanitation in remote community schools.



Stamp Out Trachoma

Remember to keep the Xmas Stamps

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!

Please send your used stamps to our new friend:
Rotarian Camille Rogers
245A, Glenferrie Rd., Malvern. Vic 3144
email: camille@sacredsource.com.au Phone: 03 9509 2421

TRACHOMA FACTS AUSTRALIA, 2019

UPDATED WITH THE LATEST 2018 NTSRU REPORT DATA

We are seeing less!



Trachoma was eliminated from mainstream Australia 100 years ago, and since 2008 it has dropped from over 20% of children in at-risk remote Aboriginal communities, to just under 5%

We are seeing less trichiasis



This painful and potential blinding condition of inturned eye lashes reduced by over half among Aboriginal Australians living in remote communities between 2010 and 2015, from 2.1% to 0.9%

We are seeing less at-risk communities



There has been a steady decline in the number of communities at risk of this infectious disease, from 244 classified communities in 2010, to 120 in 2018, as reported by each of the states and territory

Was trachoma introduced to Australia through settlement?



It may have been introduced, but a couple of studies suggest trachoma could have pre-dated European settlement. Either way, it should not exist as a problem in our country today

We need to improve the living standards of our least advantaged communities



Trachoma disappeared from many countries not because of regular antibiotic use, but because of improved hygiene and sanitation

Our goal in 2020



To provide hygiene infrastructure asked for and owned by communities, who are empowered now and into the future with the tools and knowledge needed to sustain strong minds and bodies

Good hygiene will eliminate this disease



COMPLETED PROJECTS

7230 Mirrors installed in homes across WA, SA & NT!

2428 x Towel Hooks installed in WA

1 x Educational Water Trailer

3 x Portable Potable Water Tanks

Donations In Kind (DIK) have shipped over \$10,000 in product to communities in NT and SA

Rotary Community Day in Ltyentye Apurte (Santa Teresa) March 2019

Laundry Facility in Ltyentye Apurte (Santa Teresa)

Hygiene Kits for health clinics in APY Lands and health promotion teams in the NT

Some pilot projects were discontinued post-evaluation:

Soap Making Classes that enable discussions about hygiene and health were deemed too high cost

Face towels found challenges with appropriate laundering; distribution continues through health promotion strategies with health hardware kits

EzyWash Washing Machines suspended due to spare parts not being readily available.

FOR ALICE SPRINGS AND WA

EndTrachoma by 2020 is more than about improving hygiene and sanitation in communities.

In August 2019, we received over 40 boxes of organic Sukin products



from a generous Rotarian benefactor to support positive body self-care programs in Central Australia and WA. Products included facial cleansers, body moisturisers, baby massage oil and hand creams. Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Womens' Council (NPYWC) a Council governed and directed by Aboriginal women across 26 desert communities, run programs to improve life for all Anangu people in the region. The WA #endingtrachoma program were also recipients of these wonderful products.

CLOTHES FOR SANTA TERESA



During our group visit to Santa Teresa NT in March 2019, District 9820 Champion **Sally Dell** asked the question - *What does this community need?*

The local people said that they were in need of suitable clothing to wear to funerals – clothes that gave them dignity and respect. Since then, clothing has been collected from within 9820 with great support from Rotary Drouin and Bairnsdale, and now many items of clothing are in Santa Teresa. Along with these items, warm clothing for children has been sent to the community centre.

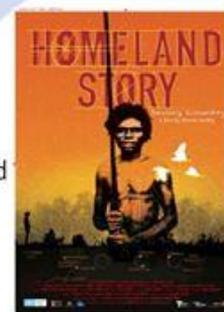
HOMELAND STORY

is a remarkable story of cross-cultural cooperation in the development of Donydji, an Indigenous Homeland in Arnhem Land. They have been supported by the Rotary Club of Melbourne, and Vietnam Veterans working with the young men of Donydji. The film charts the Donydji community's transition from nomadic life to the digital age, from the 1960s to the present day, and the work of genetic anthropologist and Vietnam Veteran, Dr Neville White.

Trailer -<https://vimeo.com/336773143>

EndTrachoma by 2020 has been given the exclusive opportunity to hold screenings around Australia, to not only benefit our project but also to help the Donydji community and enlighten as many as possible about our Indigenous Australians. Our first screening was held at Balwyn Cinema, Vic. on 5th December and was a great evening.

Contact your District Champion to find out when this film will be shown in your District. If you would like to hold a screening, please contact Sandi: sandi@endtrachoma2020.org.au



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It's time to **INSPIRE**

The world is not the same as it was when Rotary began in 1905:

- demographics have shifted, the pace of change has accelerated
- technology while creating new opportunities for connection and service has also fuelled the explosion of "fake news"
- ethics, integrity and morality in private and professional life seem to have taken a back seat.

What hasn't changed is the need for the values that define Rotary: *fellowship, integrity, diversity, service, and leadership*. Today more than ever we need leadership; leadership that can work with the emerging generations to [inspire](#) a better future.

Join the discussion on how you and Clubs across D9800 can enhance and scale-up successful Vocational Service projects (the "[essence](#)" of Rotary) to inspire the next generation by:

- *empowering them through training and skill development and;*
- *encouraging them to act with integrity by following Rotary's guiding principles (e.g. the Four Way Test).*

This will help ensure Rotary not only remains relevant but thrives as we enter a new decade of the 21st Century.

Save the Date

District workshop in Melbourne: Sat 14th March

District workshop in Bendigo: Sat 18th April 2020

Invitations and further details will be sent in February

The
Rotary
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130 fellowships for fully funded university training in peace and conflict resolution, are now available

Applications to district 9800 close 15th May 2020

Through application of their training, study, networking, and practice Rotary Peace Fellows become leaders and catalysts for peace and conflict resolution.

Many go on to careers in national governments, NGOs, the military, law enforcement, peace education, media, international organizations like the United Nations and World Bank, and grass roots organisations working in communities. See also: <https://rotaryclubofmelbourne.org.au/peace>; <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/peace-fellowships>

Rotary International is committed to this program. Since 2002 more than 1,300 graduates have been trained.

THE ROTARY PEACE FELLOWSHIP INCLUDES:

- Tuition, fees and course materials
- Room and board
- Round-trip transportation
- Internship/field study expenses
- Insurance

TWO YEAR MASTERS DEGREE

Up to two years of fully funded graduate study at an internationally recognised program in England (University of Bradford), Japan (International Christian University), Sweden (Uppsala University), or United States (Duke and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill).

THREE MONTH PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE

Designed for mid-career professionals already working in the field of peace and conflict resolution. This fully funded course at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok and Makerere University Kampala offers a mix of theory and practical skills in both a classroom environment and in the field.

ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicants for Rotary Peace Fellowships must have the following:

- A strong commitment to peacebuilding demonstrated through professional and academic achievements
- Excellent leadership skills
- Proficiency in English
- For the master's program, a bachelor's degree or equivalent, plus three years of full-time relevant work experience
- For the certificate program, a strong academic background, plus five years of full-time relevant work experience

HOW TO APPLY

Rotary Peace Fellows are selected through a competitive worldwide process.

REVIEW: The entire application online at <https://my.rotary.org/en/peace-fellowship-application>

SPEAK TO: A Rotarian that you know, before 31st March 2020

CONTACTS: Rob Helme, Tania Miletic (Peace Fellow Alumnus) or Bob Fels at office@rotaryclubofmelbourne.org.au

DISTRICT 9800

District 9800 has recruited and mentored more successful Rotary Peace Fellow applicants than any other district, worldwide. **On-line applications for peace fellowships require District endorsement.**



Gimme 5 Campaign

Here's an explanation.

The goal is to have every D9800 Rotarian give 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!!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 8 March	7.30-1.30 11.30	Farmers Market HMAs Yarra Memorial
Mon 9 March		NO MEETING Labour Day Public Holiday
Wed 11 March	7pm	71 st Charter Anniversary Dinner
Mon 16 March	Evening	Business Meeting Pelicans Landing
Sunday 22 March	7.30-1.30	Farmers Market
Mon 23 March	6.30pm	Rotary Club Altona City Guest speaker: Kevin Sheedy
27-29 MARCH	Weekend	9800 CONFERENCE BENDIGO
Mon 30 March	Evening	Business Meeting Pelicans Landing
Mon 6 April	Evening	Business Meeting Pelicans Landing
Sun 12 April	7.30-1.30	Farmers Market
Mon 13 April		NO MEETING EASTER MONDAY

March birthdays

Carl Hurwood 1 March

Anniversaries

Chris James 1 March – 33 years

Sven Guttenbeil 24 March - 6 years

The Rotary Club of Williamstown, District 9800

<i>President:</i>	<i>Eddie Knight</i>	<i>Treasurer:</i>	<i>Nils Oman</i>
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<i>Protection Officer:</i>	<i>Brad Saunders</i>		
<i>Sergeant at Arms:</i>	<i>Jack Tahj/ Stan Panten</i>		
<i>International Service:</i>	<i>Hazel Ackland</i>		
<i>Community Service:</i>	<i>John Barry</i>		
<i>Community Service RoCan, Wellness Centre</i> <i>Chair:</i>	<i>Yvonne Moon</i>		

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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

