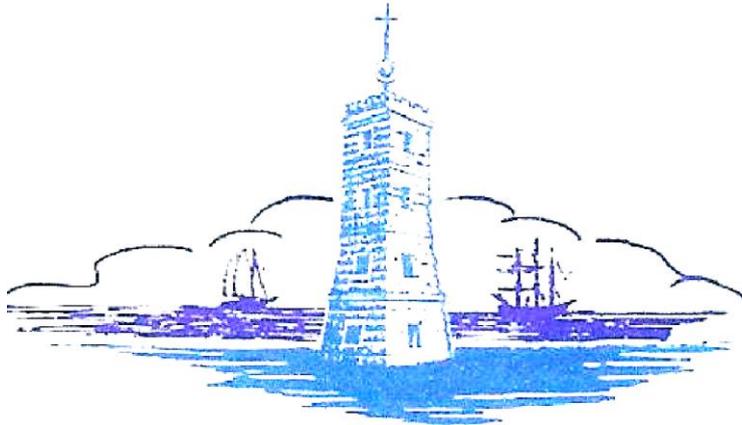




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# The Timeball

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

Rotary Year 2019-20

25 May 2020

Youth Service Month

## President's Report

Welcome to our 9<sup>th</sup> Zoom meeting. Apologies from Beres.

Board has approved Constitution and By-laws. Will be circulated in next few days before Special General Meeting on 22 June – gives us plenty of time.

Organising a celebration dinner in July as no 'changeover' as such. A low key event at a restaurant. More details in coming weeks.

Board members 2020/21. Same as previous year except Kathy coming on to do Vocational Service and Fred doing Club Service

Still keen to develop a strategy plan. Better to get facilitator from outside in order to get more people involved. Will follow through at next Board meeting.

District Budget was approved.

Need to come up with a project. DGE wants to put out a coffee table book with a project from each Club. Could be Wellness Centre or a new project. District Assembly driving to help Clubs with fundraising.

### **Nils**

Sent off a cheque for \$2000 to End Trachoma.

Taking \$40,000 from our Term Deposit to invest in bank shares – working on implementing that.

### **Murray**

District Assembly. 63 presidents in the session and over 360 attendees. Very successful event with positive feedback.

Sat morning tea with DG - 30/5 and then every Saturday until 20 June.

Keep promoting Keep Cups.

### **Future Meetings**

**Sat 6 June** - RI and District recognitions presented at D9800 Special Awards event at 5pm. *Service Above Self Award, Certificate for Meritorious Service and The Inaugural Bob Fels District 9800 Peace Award.* Zoom Link in bulletin.

District 9800 Rotary Foundation Grants seminar - two optional dates: **Sunday 14 at 3pm and Thursday 18 June at 7.30pm.** Details in Bulletin.

**Sat 27 June** - Changeover of D9800 at 'luncheon event' at 1pm by Zoom. To say goodbye to Grant and to welcome Philip Archer.

Transitioning from zoom to face to face – suggestion to meet in a café before formally back at Pelicans.

R100 celebrations. Every club to have a project which will eventually be published into a coffee-table book. Message Tree project to be pursued. Monday night (1 June) during our Zoom meeting, Murray will be showing a short video about the ANZ R100 centenary. Eddie has formed a committee to look at what we can do as a club to mark 100 years of Rotary in Australasia.

### **Guy's Trivia Quiz**

Either Guy's quiz was too hard or Club members have not used their isolation period to brush up their knowledge. Anyhow it was a night of much scratching of heads and laughter. It was suggested that for our next quiz, could we please have multiple choice. This would help those of us in the grey brigade. Thank you Guy for providing us with an opportunity to dig deep into those brain cells and to learn new facts. Now we all know when the Maori people arrived in New Zealand!

## District Governor Grant Hocking

As this will be my last entry into Networker, I wanted to start with a big THANK YOU. This goes to all Rotarians in the district for all the work you do in the name of Rotary.

Every day District 9800 Rotarians are making the world a better place and changing the lives of others and themselves. And that is what Rotary is all about. **ROTARY CHANGES LIVES.**

This phrase can easily be applied to every Rotary activity and project locally and worldwide, across all six areas of focus and beyond. We improve the lives of those around us in every way and in doing so, we also change our own lives.

As mentioned last month we have achieved our goals of **Staying connected**, ensuring we have **projects**, and having some form of **fundraising**. I know this because I have been visiting many club meetings and also many district meetings hearing first hand about the great work being done by Rotarians and clubs in our District. This is a wonderful example of the inventiveness and adaptability of Rotarians moving to new on line meeting formats and activities.

I started the year with a quote from Rotary founder Paul Harris...*'the world is a changing place and we must change with it. The story of Rotary will need to be written again and again.'*

Whilst this has always been the case nobody could predict the challenges we would face this year or how we would respond. As always, we have responded well. The speed of change may have been quicker than we would have normally preferred, but we didn't just manage, we excelled.

Although recently there has been a slight easing of the restrictions, there is a real need to proceed with caution in recommencing face to face meetings. Several factors need to be considered when considering getting back together including the need to meet face to face. The personal preferences of Rotarians will need to be appreciated and accommodated.

Factors to consider include;

- ◆ Age and pre-existing medical conditions of those attending
- ◆ Current health status and the presence of flu like symptoms (headache, runny nose, sore throat, fever). If any symptoms present, they should not attend. If symptoms develop during the event they should leave and seek medical advice
- ◆ Having received the current Flu vaccination
- ◆ Limiting numbers in attendance
- ◆ The ability to maintain social distancing, hand sanitation and other healthy habits
- ◆ Provision of alcohol based hand sanitiser in all common areas
- ◆ Keeping names and contact details of all those attending also needs to occur in case contact tracing is required.
- ◆ Avoiding buffet style meals and ensuring individual serving and utensils
- ◆ The use of disposable cups
- ◆ Regular cleaning and disinfecting of rooms and toilets
- ◆ Minimising congestion

Minimisation of unnecessary exposure and risk mitigation will lessen the risk of cross infection and will need to be maintained for many months to come. The rate at which more restrictions will be eased and not reinstated depends a lot on how we do as a society in limiting the spread of COVID 19. I know all Rotarians are sensible and will do the right thing to lead the way and be an example to the community.

**District Zoom meetings** are now occurring on the weekends with recent ones for Presidents and PEs. In May we have already had presentations on Vocational service, Building a funding pipeline that focussed on external and philanthropic grants.



Last week the District Assembly was also held and was very successful with over 360 people attending. Congratulations to DGE Philip Archer and his team for putting together a wonderful event. The feedback has been very positive and once again we have shown that it's possible to successfully run large events and several concurrent individual sessions.

**Morning Tea with the DG** will continue every Saturday morning at 11 am ending on 20<sup>th</sup> June. This will be an opportunity to chat informally and ask questions about what's going on in the District, clubs and across the Rotary World. There will be the occasional special guest so stayed tuned to Website and Facebook page for details. I started the year holding these regularly and now we can continue on the Zoom platform.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81883114579>

The district and clubs continue to work had there is a lot happening in the district and around Rotary;

- ♦ the Bushfire Response Committee, bushfire support projects and the application process to access funds from our appeal.
- ♦ R100 projects
- ♦ ROCAN CD sales in memory of Yvonne Mooij OAM
- ♦ Keep cups for sale (think about them as a speakers gift)
- ♦ RI Virtual Convention
- ♦ District Changeover

It is necessary to recognise many special people and this will be done over the next month and club meetings and the changeovers. There are special RI and District recognitions that will be presented at the D9800 Special Awards event at 5 pm on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June

I look forward, along with the DGEN (Philip, Dale and Mandi), in joining many of your club changeover events in June and July this year. Likewise, we hope you can join us at our District Changeover on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June commencing at 1 PM.

It is more important in these challenging times to maintain focus and continue to support our communities. We will be judged by how we perform across the entire year but probably more so how we perform during the COVID 19 restrictions. I know when the restrictions are over that we will certainly appreciate our lifestyles, communities and Rotary experiences more than in the past. It is important to stay positive and be supportive.

Its been a wonderful year in Rotary and it has been a great pleasure and honour to serve as your District Governor. Melissa and I look forward to continuing to be involved in Rotary and hope to see you all soon.

Stay Connected, Stay Safe and Stay well.

Rotary changes lives.

Grant Hocking ASM (Melissa)  
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**District Governor 2019-2020**  
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**Rotary**  
District 9800



## *AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY*

You are invited to come and join this very special Award Presentation Ceremony.

Jessie Harman, the RI Incoming Zone 8 Director, will present Awards to three of our outstanding Rotarians.

### *Service Above Self Award*

Prestigious award for Rotarians who demonstrate their commitment to helping others by volunteering their time and talents.

### *Certificate for Meritorious Service*

Honours members who have been actively involved in service related to The Rotary Foundation.

### *The Inaugural Bob Fels District 9800 Peace Award*

A new District Award honouring a Rotarian who has demonstrated their ongoing commitment to Peace.

Date: Saturday 6 June 2020

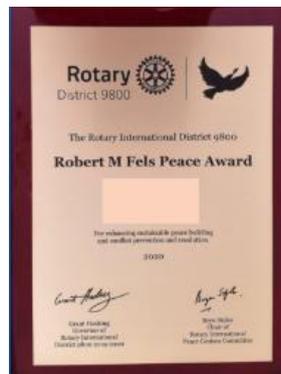
Time: 5pm

Via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82992036908>

ROTARY  
CONNECTS  
THE WORLD

*Please have a drink ready to toast Rotary International and the three Awardees.*

*We look forward to seeing you online on that occasion.*



## Rotary -When is it OK to resume face to face meetings?

Is there a more relevant question at the moment? Is there a more difficult question to answer?

The restrictions have challenged our communities, our Rotary clubs and ourselves.

Overall, Australians can feel proud of their response and results in limiting the spread of COVID-19 and Rotary can feel proud of the way we have responded. The rapid transition to video conferencing platforms, and establishing new projects and fundraising activities has been nothing short of amazing. You all deserve a big and hearty congratulations.

Although there has recently been a slight easing of the restrictions, there is a real need to proceed with caution in recommencing face to face meetings or public events and activities. I have been asked by many over recent weeks for the District or Rotary to provide some guidance around Rotary clubs resuming meetings and events.

So, whilst not wanting to dictate a particular course of action I feel it is prudent to provide some guidance on this matter. The last thing anyone wants is an outbreak or COVID -19 cluster occurring due to a Rotary meeting or activity. The public relations nightmare and reputational damage is not worth the risk. The best advice is to hasten slowly and cautiously when deciding to recommence your face to face meetings or activities. The overarching principle is to meet face to face or hold an event **'only if you really need to'** (these words are in the Victorian Government recommendations).

Several factors need to be considered when considering getting back together including the need to meet face to face. Factors to consider include;

- The restriction requirements of your local and federal Governments
- The personal preferences of Rotarians will need to be appreciated and accommodated
- Age and pre-existing medical conditions of those attending
- Current health status of attendees and the presence of flu like symptoms (headache, runny nose, sore throat, fever). If any symptoms present, they should not attend. If symptoms develop during the event they should leave and seek medical advice
- Having received the current Influenza vaccination
- Limiting numbers in attendance
- Ability to maintain social distancing, hand sanitation and other healthy habits
- No close social contact such as handshakes, hugs or kisses
- Provision of hand washing facilities and alcohol-based hand sanitiser in all common areas
- Keeping names and contact details of all those attending in case contact tracing is required
- Avoiding buffet style meals and ensuring individual serving and utensils including the use of disposable cups (sorry to the environment)
- Regular cleaning and disinfecting of rooms, surfaces and toilets
- Minimising congestion in common areas

I realise it is a long list, but it is a necessary list.

Minimisation of unnecessary exposure and risk mitigation will lessen the risk of cross infection and should be foremost in the minds of all Rotarians. Restrictions will be with us for a while and will need to be maintained for many months to come.

The rate at which more restrictions will be eased and not reinstated depends a lot on how we do as a society in limiting the spread of COVID 19. If the spread of the virus is contained and clusters limited then the easing will continue. If not then its back to more severe restrictions.

It is important in these challenging times to maintain focus and continue to support our communities. People judge Rotary by how we perform generally, but we will probably be judged more on how we perform during the COVID 19 restrictions.

I know when the restrictions are over that we will certainly appreciate our lifestyles, communities and Rotary experiences more than in the past. It is important to stay positive and be supportive. Look to your leaders for guidance but the ultimate decision is yours to make. Having all the information and following advice of health professionals and government is crucial.

Congratulations on the results so far but there is a way to go before it is over. I know all Rotarians are sensible and will do the right thing to lead the way and be an example to the community.

Most importantly stay safe and stay well.

Grant Hocking

District Governor, Rotary International District 9800



## District Assembly—Sunday May 24th via ZOOM

A record 350+ Rotarians participated in the first District Assembly via Zoom this year.

District Governor Elect Phillip Archer presented an excellent learning and information assembly supported by Secretary Elect Gary Goldsmith and a team of experienced Rotarians. Highlights were the prepared videos from Hugh Bucknall on the Rotary Centenary; Sue Vincent on Diversity & Equity, John McCaskill & Fabienne Nicola on ESRAG, EarlyACT, InterACT and Rotaract with PDG Julie Mason; the Millennial Satellite Club initiative with Rose Prosenik and Oliver Sheales.

Phillip also shared a video clip from incoming RI President Holger Knack. We even had the traditional musical interlude with Michael Lapina.

The recording and presentations will be available on the District website in coming days.



### 2020-2021 District Leadership Team:

**District Governor Phillip Archer ~ RC Southbank**

**District Governor Elect Dale Hoy ~ RC Brighton**

**District Vice Governor Neville John ~ RC Central Melbourne**

**District Governor Nominee Elect Mandi Wendt ~ RC Melbourne**

Secretary: Gary Goldsmith RC Camberwell

Treasurer: Melissa McIntosh RC Carlton

Foundation: PDG Murray Verso RC Williamstown

District Optimisation: PDG Grant Hocking RC Woodend

Governance: Gabrielle Morgan RC West Footscray

Membership: PDG Peter Frueh RC Balwyn

External Relations: Quin Scalzo RC Melbourne

Public Image & Communications: Pia Demsky RC Prahran

Executive Assistant Governor: Kate Strain RC Brighton North

Club Service: Rowan McLean RC North Balwyn

Community: Sue Foley RC South Melbourne

International: Jenny Foster Passport Club

Vocational: Mary Barry RC Melbourne

Youth: Khuram Khan RC Hoppers Crossing

Learning & Development: Keith Ryall RC Carlton

Finance Committee Chair: PDG Dennis Shore RC Hawthorn

Support to District Governor and District Secretary: Sandi Fulcher RC Chadstone East Malvern

Deputy Executive Assistant Governor: Tracey Farnsworth RC Chadstone East Malvern

District Secretary Elect: Jane Pennington RC North Balwyn

Rotaract Liaison: Michael Horridge, Gateway Rotaract

### Assistant Governors are:

Batman—Kate Strain, RC Brighton North

Beachside—Charlotte England RC Hawthorn

Calder—Christine Richardson RC Essendon North

Chimside—Amritpal Singh RC Southbank

Eastside—Casey Tan RC Carlton

Gateway East—Michael Donnelly RC Keilor East

Gateway West—Domenic Cichello RC Wyndham Harbour

Goldfields North—Ron Payne RC Eaglehawk

Goldfields South—Graeme Lynas RC Bendigo Sandhurst

Heritage—Vijay Susarla RC Camberwell

Hobsons Bay—Patrick Docherty RC Camberwell

Port Phillip—Lili Teichman RC Glen Eira

Riverside—Sandi Fulcher RC Chadstone East Malvern

Stonnington—Rosemary Waghorne RC Canterbury

Westside—Josephine Falzanaro RC Woodend

For contact details and photos: [rotarydistrict9800.org.au/DistrictOrganizationChart/2020](http://rotarydistrict9800.org.au/DistrictOrganizationChart/2020)

## Learnings from isolation ,....

Matiu Bush, Assistant Director of the Health Transformation Lab at RMIT, and a member of Flemington Kensington Rotary are exploring a project on resilience.



Only a few months ago, we could not have imagined COVID; a virus that has changed the way we live, work and connect. It is a time where our personal and community resilience is being tested; where the choices we make can save lives. While it's a time of great concern and sadness, as a community we have united in our care for one another.

We have surprised governments and ourselves by what we have been able to achieve.

**Letter to my pre-COVID self** is about capturing and sharing what this experience has been like for individuals personally. It is also a chance to reflect on the ways you have grown and adapted in these changing times. The questions were developed in conjunction with a psychologist with expertise in positive psychology. Three questions were developed to elicit positive reflections from community members.

**#Letter to My Pre-COVID self** aims to:

- ∞ Give people the opportunity to reframe what might otherwise be a negative perspective, into a story of personal growth and resilience.
- ∞ Create a repository of how people have grown, changed and adapted during the COVID experience.
- ∞ Gain a better understanding of the experiences of resilience and growth through COVID, which may also help to inform future research and work.
- ∞ Curate #isoportraitsand #lettertopreCOVIDself to form an exhibition after social distancing is over.

While Mati is using photographs of people at their homes with their reflections, which will form a photo exhibition later on this year, Flemington Kensington Rotary is developing a **Story Tree** based on Mati's sentence starters.

Working with elderly, isolated and multicultural residents as well as children from the local childcare centre, they will create a Story Tree which will be displayed at a central location and form a focus for their Arts Festival in 2021. Photocopied leaf shapes will be distributed with coloured pencils and texta's to encourage contributions.



1. Over the past few months I've missed not being able to.....

2. A good thing I discovered about myself during COVID pandemic is.....

3. If I was to give advice to my pre-COVID self, I would tell them.....

What would your responses be to these questions?

For more information or to be a part of this project in your community, contact:  
Anne McMahon at Flemington Kensington Rotary on [anne.mc209@gmail.com](mailto:anne.mc209@gmail.com)  
Matiu Bush at [matibush@gmail.com](mailto:matibush@gmail.com)

Or contribute your own responses at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9QDGQRG>

Lesley McCarthy  
President  
Rotary Club of Flemington Kensington  
[Lillico2009@gmail.com](mailto:Lillico2009@gmail.com)



## Rotary International President Mark Daniel Maloney

My Rotary journey began 40 years ago when I joined the Rotary Club of Decatur, Alabama, at the age of 25, and it has brought my family and me many unforgettable moments.

But nothing could have prepared me for connecting with the world as president of Rotary International. My individual Rotary journey has become a shared Rotary journey with each of you.

All of the incredible people Gay and I met this year — Rotarians, Rotaractors, and the extended family of Rotary — will be an inspiration for the rest of our lives. We visited clubs and projects from Uruguay to Ukraine, from Nigeria to New Zealand, and beyond. We were privileged to crisscross the globe, circumnavigating it twice and moving back and forth between the Northern and Southern hemispheres. Each country and each stop held its own Rotary magic. While in Zimbabwe in March, we participated in a medical vocational training team mission with Rotarians from India, providing health, hope, and life itself to the thousands who came for treatment. We also felt the energy of more than 300 young people at a Rotary Youth Symposium in Harare. What a thrill it was to be with these young people!

This year Rotary launched our new Action Plan, and I trust each club is putting that plan to use. And I have been energized by the efforts to embrace the priorities I set for this Rotary year: engaging families, providing leadership opportunities for all ages, celebrating our history with the United Nations in its 75th year, and, most significantly, growing Rotary.

As COVID-19 reached around the globe, we found ourselves in a world transformed. We have been forced to connect in ways we could never have imagined, testing our ability to adapt. We have made tough decisions, including canceling club meetings, district conferences, presidential conferences, and, much to our regret, the 2020 Rotary International Convention in Honolulu. Together everyone is placing the public good and welfare first, despite the loss of meetings, events, and experiences that had been planned for years.

As we looked forward to the Rotary Convention in Honolulu, we learned about the aloha spirit. Our Rotary friends in Hawaii showed us that "aloha" means mutual regard and affection. It extends warmth and caring with no expectation of anything in return. The spirit of aloha applies wherever in the world we may live. As Rotarians, Rotaractors, and members of the family of Rotary, we are connected, and as aloha has been defined to me: Our connection to one another is based upon mutual respect for our differences as well as our appreciation for what we have in common. Community is the sum of individuals — individuals who have concern for one another, who care, share, and take responsibility.

As I have witnessed the members of the Rotary community act to care for humanity amid the coronavirus pandemic, I have seen the aloha of Rotary. We are indeed people of action. Every day, but particularly during this pandemic, the Rotary community has demonstrated its aloha spirit. It is a gift to be shared, and we are each a steward of this gift of Rotary. Gay and I have been amazed, inspired, and humbled by all of you within the family of Rotary. Indeed, I would say that the last part of our shared Rotary year was transformational. We found new ways to make the lives of others better, new ways to move forward together. And, together, we will continue to grow Rotary so that we may increase our gift of Rotary to our local and global communities.

Gay and I will always remember and treasure our year with you, our shared journey, as *Rotary Connects the World!*

Mark Daniel Maloney  
RI President 2019-2020



## Donations in Kind News ...

In the last couple of weeks, we were able to despatch three containers to Somaliland and this has given us some breathing space in the store.

We will now look to get a revamped schedule for the containers we had to abort when we closed in March as well as get organised those school furniture collections we had to put on hold as well.

We will resume operations on **Tuesday June 2nd** and while clearly we will be a little restricted in what we are able to do and still manage the appropriate social distancing, space in lunch rooms etc but all are doable with a little care and organisation. So there will be plenty to do at the store.

We are about to send out the requests for your 2020/2021 rental contributions and any donations clubs are able to make to our costs would be appreciated as the end of the Rotary year arrives.

Bob and Lauri

### Memory CD for Yvonne Moon OAM



- ❑ "Songs of Wellness" CD to raise funds for the ROCAN Cancer Wellness Centre.
- ❑ Dedicated to the memory of Yvonne who instigated the concept of building this facility in the western suburbs.
- ❑ Rotarians and Ride to conference bike riders want to see her vision fulfilled
- ❑ Vocals Arthur ( Archie ) Gee / Production Adrian Alexander  
Bonus Tracks Vocals & Instrumentals Adrian Alexander
- ❑ Cost \$22 incl postage all proceeds to the RoCan "Cancer Wellness Centre Fund "

Order online: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/sessions?eid=624492>

### Rotary Enviro 'Keep Cups'

- Ordered for District 9800 Conference.
- Now available for purchase.
- Prices include postage direct to your home.
- Cost:
  - 1 cup \$22 |
  - 2 cups \$40
  - 3 cups \$60
  - 4 cups \$80.....
- Order: <https://www.trybooking.com/BJKLH>



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ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD:  
THE 2020 ROTARY  
VIRTUAL CONVENTION**

**20-26 June 2020**



Rotary International President Mark Daniel Maloney and his team have also been busy organising the RI Virtual Convention programming. The dates and times shown below detail how it will be broadcast at a few set times each day. Additionally, if you miss the live broadcasts, they will be readily available on the convention website, providing some flexibility for you and your event attendees to participate at your own convenience.

The Virtual Convention is free to all attendees, however, there will be a sign in process in order to access the programming. Detailed Instructions for this process will be provided before the event. Look for additional messages in the coming weeks and check the [convention website](#) regularly.

**Saturday 20 June**

8:00 – 9:15 Chicago Time (UTC-5) – *Together We Connect* –General Session 1

23:00-00:15 Sydney, Melbourne, Australia

**Sunday 21 June**

8:00 – 9:15 Chicago Time (UTC-5) – *Together We Learn* –General Session 2

23:00-00:15 Sydney, Melbourne, Australia

**Monday 22 June – Friday 26 June – Featured Breakouts at 8:00, 12:00 and 18:00 Chicago time.**

<https://www.riconvention.org/en/honolulu/breakout-sessions-schedule>

These Live Sessions will be recorded and made available for On Demand viewing

Monday, 22 June

Using Virtual Tools to Engage Members // Engaging Rotary Alumni // Greening Rotary Events: Be Plastic-free, Offset Carbon, and More!

Tuesday, 23 June

Grow Rotary Through New Club Types // President-Nominee Session // How to Start and Manage RAGM Microfinance

Wednesday, 24 June

Adopt-a-River Initiative: A Rotary & UNEP Partnership Model // Rotaract Elevated, Now What? // Disruptive Innovation in Rotary Clubs

Thursday, 25 June

How to Submit a Great Global Grant Application // President-Elect Session // Digital Trends of 2021: Using Tech to Engage Millennials

Friday, 26 June

Engage Young Families with Service and Alternative Meetings // The Rotary Brand // Personal Growth Opportunities: Rotary's Alliance with Toastmasters

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**THE 2020 DISTRICT 9800  
ROTARY FOUNDATION  
GRANTS MANAGEMENT  
SEMINAR**

This year's Grants Seminar will be held online with a choice of two optional dates.  
Each session will run for 90 minutes.

**For your club to qualify for a Rotary Foundation Grant in the 2020-2021 Rotary year, at least one club member must have attended one of the two sessions.**



**Sunday June 14**  
at 3.00pm  
or  
**Thursday June 18**  
at 7.30pm



**Who should attend?**

This seminar will be useful for Club Presidents, Foundation Chairs, Avenues of Service Chairs, or any member interested in developing a District or Global Grant funded by the Rotary Foundation. A club can register as many participants as desired.

**What you will learn:**

- How to qualify your club for a Foundation Grant.
- How grants enable your club to benefit from ongoing donations to the Annual Fund
- District Grants: What are they? How to apply?
- Global Grants: How to build a successful Global Grant
- The importance of grant stewardship.
- How to use the resources of the District Foundation Grants committee.

**Please complete and return this registration form to your District 9800 Team via email:**  
[foundationstewardship@rotarydistrict9800.org.au](mailto:foundationstewardship@rotarydistrict9800.org.au)

Rotary Club	Name of Rotarian	2020 – 2021 Position	Email

**NB: Zoom details will be sent to all registered participants**





## **We want your help to shape the next 100 years of Rotary in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific.**

It is a very exciting time to be a Rotarian in our part of the world. With the celebration of 100 years of Rotary and the Melbourne International Convention in 2023 we have a once in a generation opportunity to showcase our impact as people of action.

Whilst we celebrate our longevity and success as a service organisation, we need to also ensure we are well placed to be relevant, compelling and impactful into the next 100 years.

Rotary is great in many ways, and we must keep doing the things that make us who we are – our values, our vision, our passion for helping others.

However we cannot ignore the data:

- For many years we have seen a year on year decline in membership across our region, and a rising age profile – 24% drop in membership in the last 10 years, the average age in our clubs is over 60. Of the 50% of ages reported in My Rotary, 37.3% are over 60.
- We lose the majority of members who leave within their first 3 years of joining, so we are not engaging them well or not meeting expectations. In many cases we are not reflecting the make up of our communities and we have some difficulty attracting younger members. We hear that cost and time are barriers to joining.
- Many clubs struggle to get members to take on leadership roles, often because these are seen as too onerous.
- Global and local research has shown that the Rotary brand is highly respected but not very visible. We do not have a single Rotary voice in our region that not only identifies us but also enables others to easily connect.
- We have few national partners or sponsors.



**We want your help on how best to capitalise on these opportunities and take us into the next 100 years.**

### **>> What we are aiming to do**

The District Governors of 2018-19 petitioned the RI Board to develop a proposed pilot structure for Rotary in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific.

### **The purpose:**

To develop a possible structure for our region that will help us be relevant for our members, contemporary, and flexible. We want a structure that will support Rotary clubs for service and growth, and enable us to take a coordinated and efficient regional approach to strategy, leadership, learning and development, public image, and local Rotary entities and programs. We want it to help support

change while retaining the best of the existing. And we must also recognise our different cultures – we are 14 countries.

**The scope:**

To develop a pilot **regional** structure to support clubs – RI is out of scope, individual club structures are out of scope. In other words – what sort of regional structure will best serve our clubs?

A representative Planning Group and five Working Groups have been developing objectives to describe what we want to achieve/deliver from a regional structure. We do not yet have a defined structure.

**Find out more:**

The proposed pilot regional structure initiative has been featured in:

- [The November 2019](#) and
- [April 2020](#) editions of the Rotary Down Under magazine (RDU).



**How can you get involved?**

We are inviting all Rotarians to provide us with feedback on three simple questions.

1. What is good in Rotary and Rotaract and should be retained?
2. What needs to change and why?
3. In an ideal world, how would Rotary and Rotaract be structured and operated?

Your responses will be collated and shared with the Working Groups to help them develop their proposed strategies and structure, which will feed into the design of a pilot structure for our region.

**Important!** This is just the start of the conversation. If you wish to participate in future surveys or focus groups, we will send invitations to the email you provide.

**>> Provide your honest and bold feedback – by 1 June 2020:**

You can send us your thoughts in two ways:

1. Email your answers to [rotaryregionalpilot@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryregionalpilot@gmail.com)
2. Complete an online survey which will send your answers to that same email address <https://tinyurl.com/rotarypilot>

*We sincerely thank you for your interest and look forward to receiving a diversity of views and continuing the conversation with you.*



Dear previous webinar registrant,

The Rotary Coordinator Team Adrian Roach, Tim Moore with RMO Barbara Mifsud have planned another webinar you may be interested in.

**Our Virtual Rotary World: Best practices for online meetings, changeovers, PHFs and the Virtual World Convention**

We welcome all Rotarians to this webinar to discuss how to make your online meetings fun, interesting and engaging, concentrating on our end of Rotary year ceremonies – how to make them different in this Covid 19 world.

4 great presenters with take home strategies for you to try and share. RI Director Nominee Jessie Harman, Kero O'Shea – Membership Voice, Michael Buckeridge DG 9570 and Stephen Sennett, Melbourne EClub

If you would like to join us Wednesday 3rd June, 2020 at 6pm AEST please follow this registration link!

*You are invited to a Zoom webinar.*

*When: Jun 3, 2020 18:00 Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney*

*Topic: Our Virtual Rotary World: Best practices for online meetings, changeovers, PHFs and World Convention*

*Register in advance for this webinar:*

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_ZC3MT6bzQXuBK-mKOrBleq](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ZC3MT6bzQXuBK-mKOrBleq)

## District 9800 Changeover 2020

Zoom function

June 27, 2020 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM



District 9800 G-Train

A totally different Changeover saying goodbye to DG Grant Hocking and his team and welcoming in DGE Philip Archer and his team.

More details to follow

## What clubs are doing in lock down:

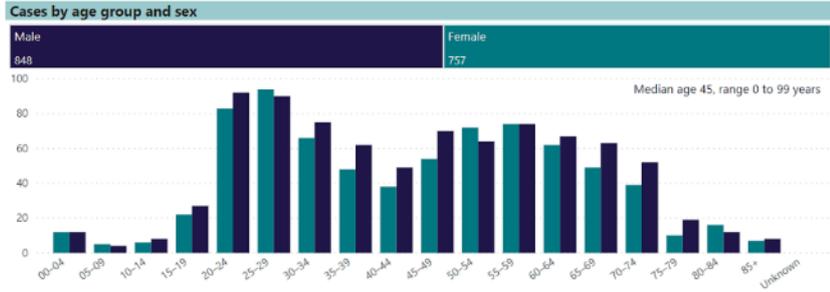
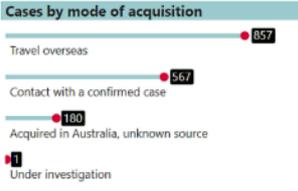
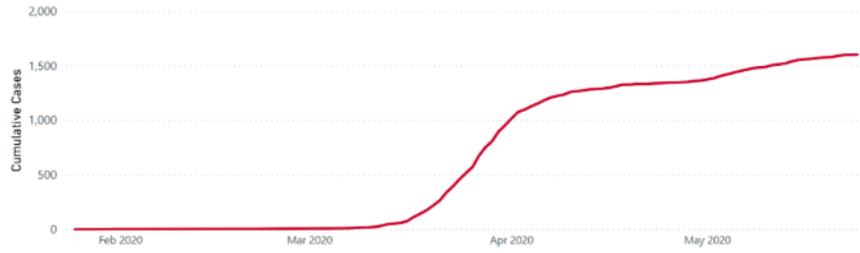
CLUB	IDEA
Castlemaine	Create pen pals and write letters to lonely nursing home residents
Passport Club	Run a Book Club for members to share thoughts on books read
Melbourne Park	Provide free coffee from a coffee van for hospital staff working night shift
Mt Lawley, WA	Check out online meetings of clubs around the world.
Woodend	Donate gift basket to local Ambo stations and hospitals -chocolates,, fruit, nuts....
Carlton	Trivia Night for members and friends (Quiz, Pictionary, Would I lie to You?)
Brighton	Childhood photos online or at meetings.
?	Cooking demonstrations with members favourite recipes
Rotary Learning Centre	Improve Rotary knowledge
Rotary Radio	Listen to Podcasts from the Rotary & Community Service Radio Show <a href="http://www.3wbc.org.au">http://www.3wbc.org.au</a>
District 9800	Invite other cluster clubs to share online meetings
District 9800	Donate meal costs not being spent each week into a club fund, the Foundation or End Polio



# Coronavirus COVID-19 in Victoria

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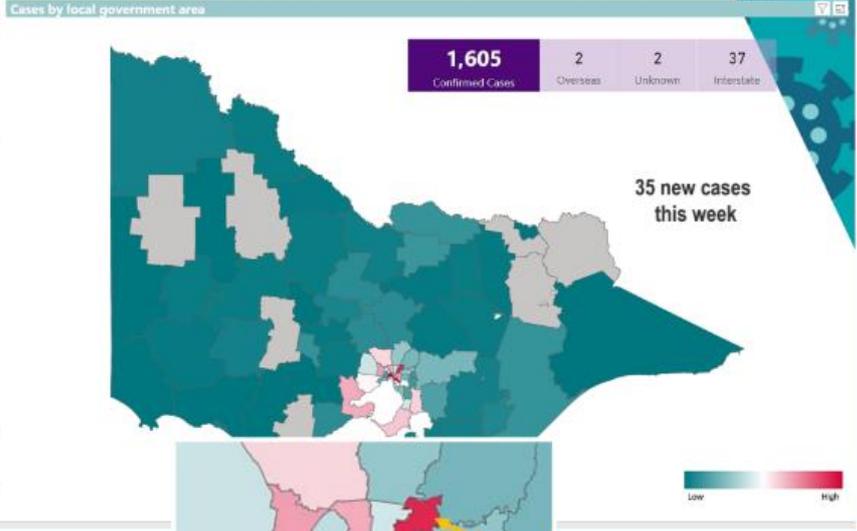
- 1,605**  
Confirmed cases
- 19**  
Deaths
- 1,520**  
Recovered
- 431,878**  
Tests



# Coronavirus COVID-19 in Victoria

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LGA name	Cases
Ararat (RC)	5
Ballarat (C)	11
Banyule (C)	91
Bass Coast (S)	4
Baw Baw (S)	5
Baykide (C)	31
Benvilla (RC)	3
Boroondara (C)	69
Brimbank (C)	67
Campaspe (S)	4
Cardinia (S)	16
Casey (C)	58
Central Goldfields (S)	1
Corangamite (S)	1
Darebin (C)	41
East Gippsland (S)	1
Frankston (C)	41
Gannawarra (S)	2
Glen Eira (C)	51
Glennelg (S)	1
Golden Plains (S)	1



Hobsons Bay 15 cases

Melbourne 102 cases

Banyule 91 cases

Stonnington 95 cases



## Calendar of Events

Monday 1 June	RCW Zoom meeting <b>Fred Grundy – Behind the Badge</b>  <b>R100 Centenary discussion and video</b>	7pm
Wednesday 3 June	<b><i>Our Virtual Rotary World Webinar</i></b> (Zoom) Details in Bulletin	6pm
Saturday 6 June	<b>D9800 Special Awards</b> (Zoom) <i>RI and District recognitions</i>	5pm
Monday 8 June	RCW Zoom meeting	7pm
Sunday 14 June or Thursday 18 June	<b>D9800 Rotary Foundation Grants Seminar</b>	3pm 7.30pm
Monday 15 June	RCW Zoom meeting	7pm
Monday 22 June	RCW Special General Meeting (Zoom) Constitution and Bylaws	7pm
Saturday 27 June	<b>D9800 changeover</b> (Zoom) <i>Farewell to Grant and welcome to Philip Archer</i>	1pm

Further events will be scheduled as restrictions are eased in the coming weeks.

*The Rotary Club of Williamstown, District 9800*

<i>President:</i>	<i>Eddie Knight</i>	<i>Treasurer:</i>	<i>Nils Oman</i>
<i>Secretary/ Public Officer:</i>	<i>Jo Walker</i>	<i>Foundation:</i>	<i>Chris James</i>
<i>Membership Development:</i>	<i>Damien Hynes</i>	<i>Club Service:</i>	<i>Guy Chatain</i>
<i>Youth:</i>	<i>Damien Hynes</i>		
<i>Marketing/PR &amp;</i>	<i>Brad Saunders</i>		
<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>		

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Grant Hocking*

<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au>

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*The Rotary Club of Williamstown meets every Monday, 7pm  
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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*