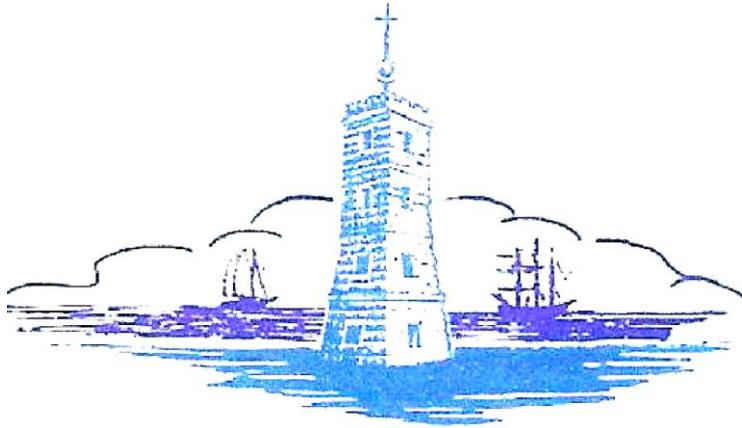




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Official Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Williamstown
Rotary District 9800
Rotary International Club Number 7208

Rotary Year 2019-20

1 June 2020

Fellowship Month

President's Report

Welcome to Patrick, ADG. Apologies from Hazel and Stan.

I sent out a notice from the DG regarding resuming face to face meetings, and also information on the Foundation Grants Seminar on 14 and 18 June. I encourage members to log into one of the seminars to learn about the Rotary Foundation grants.

Signature project: John, Damien, Beres, Stan and Daniel all volunteered to be on the team to help with this project for the Centenary. Thanks to these members for volunteering on that.

I sent out the Club Planning Guide to directors to have a look and have some input. Need back by Friday 5 June. If no comments, just let me know by email. I also attached last year's planning guide.

We've had a discussion on having an EFTPOS facility at the Farmers Markets. (Chris to follow up what Bendigo Bank can offer).

Murray

To follow up on Eddie's announcements, the Grants seminar, which I am organising, is detailed in the Bulletin which has a trybooking link. (The wrong version was in the previous bulletin). With the Grants seminar, and we are running two, one on the **Saturday 14 June** and one on the **Thursday 18 June**, we need at least one person to be there if the Club wants to apply for grants next year. This year about half the Rotary clubs in our district applied for grants. Williamstown hasn't yet done, so I encourage you to attend by clicking on the trybooking link.

Reminder - Awards Ceremony on **Saturday 6 June** at 5pm. Jessie Harman the RI incoming Zone 8 director will be presenting awards for *Service Above Self Award*, *Certificate for Meritorious Service* and *The Inaugural Bob Fels District 9800 Peace Award*. Zoom link in bulletin.

Have been asked by Kevin Sheehan of the Melbourne Club to promote their meeting on **Wed 3 June** at 1pm. They have Australia's chief scientist. Alan Finkel, speaking to give an overview of the Government's response to COVID 19.

Our friend, DGN Daryl Moran, Rotary Club of Rowville-Lysterfield, asked me to promote an event his Club is hosting - they managed to get Sam Neil, well-known New Zealand actor, to be the guest speaker for a Zoom Business Breakfast meeting on **Friday 19 June** at 7.30am, \$25, as a fundraiser. "Wine, Movies, Business and the Way Forward". Details in bulletin.

Also the Club has put money into the End Trachoma project. The Rotary Club of Melbourne has been running film nights on Friday nights, a 90-minute feature, "Homeland Story" about an aboriginal community in Arnhem Land. Rotary been supporting for 20 years. Dates: **29/5, 5/6, 12/6** trybooking - \$10 donation which will be shared with Donydji community and the project to rid Australia of trachoma.

Global Cyber Peace Conference – **27 June**, 24-hour interactive event, from Peace Fellowship Alumni Association.

Morning Tea with DG, still ongoing every Saturday morning. Getting 20 to 30 people along each session.

Many members encouraged to tune in to District Changeover on **Sat 27 June** - 'luncheon event' at 1pm by Zoom. To say goodbye to Grant and to welcome Philip Archer.

Our main feature this evening is to listen to our newest member, Fred, who was only inducted 3 weeks ago, to talk to us. Welcome Fred.

Behind the Badge: Fred Grundy

At age 72, Fred is retired with two sons, two stepdaughters and four grandchildren. He lives in Point Cook at the Avington Over 50s Resort where he organises the social and sporting activities. His interests are music, cycling, boating, fishing and billiards. During his career and currently, he likes to dabble in painting, construction and handyman work along with his commitment to RoCan.



Born in the Western suburbs he grew up in Tottenham with two older sisters in a comfortable home with loving parents. His youth was spent camping, fishing, kicking a football or playing cricket with his mates. His father, a professional cyclist, raced until 49 years of age, winning most of the major races of the time including the Melbourne to Lakes Entrance Classic of 200 miles and rode 28 consecutive Melbourne to Warrnambool Road Races. As Fred was growing up, he was fortunate to be in the company of many superstars of sport, including Hubert Opperman, Russell Mockridge, Barry Waddell, Sid Patterson, Ted Whitten, Ron Barassi and others.

Having a pro cyclist father, Fred had ambitions to follow in his footsteps, but his father did not encourage this, due to losing many of his cycling friends to road accidents, including Mockridge. Instead Fred took up another one of his father's passions - boating and speed boats which towed water-skiers. For many years he kept up waterskiing. He still rides a bike in his lycra attire.

His working life has always been dealing with the public, starting in sales and quickly becoming Dunlop's youngest sales rep at age 19, with a company vehicle, a job which occupied him for seven years. An opportunity came for him to represent Malmö, a company making lounge furniture. As his family had previously owned a retail furniture business in Sunshine, Crescent Furnishings, Fred took this on. In three years Fred had turned the fortunes of the company around and the owner suggested they open a business together combining retail and manufacturing. After four years he bought out his partner and continued alone. He was only in his early 30s at the time and this involved hard work, long hours and learning as he went. He was selling to the public and to the furniture trade, involved in designing, manufacturing and distribution. He continued for several years then due to the landlord increasing the rent excessively he decided to close the business.

Around this time he fell in love with a cute, little blond lady who changed his life – Yvonne Moon. They had 39 years together. After being in charge of his own business for so long, he decided he would need retraining. He worked for Reg Hunt Motors for two years selling the Aussie icon 'Holden' which was rewarding financially plus being an education on sales presentation and closing techniques. He became NSW distribution manager for Mobil Oil for seven years until the position was relocated to NSW. Fred didn't fancy moving interstate so moved on. He returned to furniture retail and became manager of Forty Winks Store at Hoppers Crossing for 12 years and then to their opposition, Bedshed and managed stores at Highpoint, Watergardens and Hoppers Crossing until retiring at 65.

RoCan was formed 20 years ago, after their friend, Anna Buckley, died of ovarian cancer. Unable to help her friend, Yvonne promised Anna that she would do what she could to reduce the impact of

ovarian cancer on other women. They realised that funds were necessary for research into an early detection test. At the time, Yvonne was president of Williamstown Rotary and they decided to run a big function and raise some money for research. Rotary supported the idea and a formal dinner at Williamstown Town Hall was organised. They were blown away when 430 people attended making about \$30,000. Thus, RoCan was born and since then much has been raised not only for research into ovarian cancer but also the idea of building a Cancer Wellness Centre.

With his father a Foundation Member and Ex-President of the Rotary Sunshine Club, Fred has a long association with Rotary. His father was also President of the Sunshine Hospital for 30 years and instrumental in establishing the new Sunshine Hospital. For this and numerous other community and charitable achievements he was awarded an MBE and OBE in the Queens Honours List. (Yvonne received an OAM in 2007 for her community service).

Fred is honoured to wear the Rotary Badge and the Paul Harris Award he received two years ago. He intends to continue fundraising for RoCan and the Wellness Centre with Club support, the RoCan Board, the 'Annual Ride to Conference' and help to organise many other fundraising activities.

Bendigo Bank has donated \$5000 to RoCan for the future 20th anniversary/Yvonne Moon Tribute event which will be a fundraiser and arranged when the COVID-19 restrictions allow. In Yvonne's memory Fred will devote his time as a Rotarian to RoCan and to fulfill Yvonne's dreams of building a Cancer Wellness Centre. He thanked everyone for their support during this stressful time.

Guy. Very happy to welcome Fred to the Club. He's been around for so long in the company of Yvonne, attending events and helping in so many ways. Great to have him on board at long last.

Centenary Project

Murray

Next year in April marks the 100th anniversary of Rotary in Australia and NZ. Four clubs formed in 1921 - Melbourne, Sydney, Auckland and Wellington – all in the space of a few weeks of each other. So it's appropriate that this milestone be recognised.

Eddie.

Whilst we have a committee going, I invite anyone to come up with suggestions. The whole idea of the committee is to get together and narrow down things and come back to the club. Any ideas please forward to me and we will discuss at a committee level. We are on a short timeframe as well, as by middle of July, they want to have something in writing so they can go to print with the coffee table publication. The book will not just feature the centenary signature project but other projects that have been done by the Clubs over the last 100 years.

We've talked about doing something, maybe on a Council basis, also the possibility of the Westgate tunnel which has community grants. Need to be able to deliver project in this short time-frame. Members to come forward with anything they can.

Patrick

I haven't at this stage spoken to any of the cluster clubs about the project. Nothing formalised yet. But great to get a cluster project up and running. Need someone to come up with the idea and share with Cluster clubs.

Yvonne's memory shines

Yvonne Moon's devotion to ovarian cancer research continues to inspire others, even after her death.

The family of the staunch fundraiser, who died in March at the age of 71, is determined to honour her legacy and complete one of her greatest missions - building a cancer wellness centre in the western suburbs.

With her husband Fred, Ms Moon founded a charitable trust called RoCan (Rotary Against Ovarian Cancer) in 2003.

Ms Moon spoke at clubs, community groups and events to raise funds for RoCan, and organised dinners, fashion parades and annual bike rides, helping to raise about \$1 million.

Ms Moon received an Order of Australia medal in 2007 for her service to the community.

Ms Moon's daughter, Leanne Wills, said that about three years ago, her mother realised there was a need for a Cancer Wellness Centre in the west.

RoCan began raising funds to establish the centre, and in 2018 purchased land in Werribee for a future build.

Since her mother's death supporters and Rotary clubs across the state have continued fundraising for the project.

A musical CD created in Ms Moon's memory, with vocals by western suburbs artist Arthur Gee, has been produced to raise funds for the centre.

"Mum was such an inspiration. She was funny and cheeky, loving, strong, brave and determined," Ms Wills said.

Ms Moon was the first female president of the Rotary Club of Williamstown.

She was also the club's director of community services for 18 years.

See trybooking.com/BJNUY to purchase the CD.

Alesha Capone

FROM STAR WEEKLY – 3 June

From: kevin@kevinsheehan.com.au
<kevin@kevinsheehan.com.au>
Sent: Saturday, 30 May 2020 9:07 AM
To: verson@netspace.net.au
Subject: FW: Rotary Melbourne

Dear Murray,

FYI: We have an outstanding program for our Zoom meeting this coming Wednesday which features our two esteemed Honorary Members, **Dr Alan Finkel AO** as our Speaker and **Dr Tilman Ruff AO** as our Chair of the Day, all detailed on the attached flyer.

You and any of your RC Williamstown Members would be most welcome to join us.

Regards,

Kevin

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Celebrating 100 years of service in 2021

Another Great Rotary Online Event
Wed 3rd June @ 1-2pm
Guest Speaker, our Honorary Member

Dr Alan Finkel AO,
Australia's Chief Scientist

Working in isolation – what's been occupying Australia's Chief Scientist in 2020?'

Introduced by Rotary Melbourne Honorary Member; Nobel Peace Laureate Dr Tilman Ruff AO,
public health and infectious diseases physician

Dr Finkel will present an overview of his work so far in 2020 – supporting the government's response to COVID-19 including convening the Rapid Research Information Forum to provide rapid responses to questions arising from the pandemic; chairing the Expert Advisory Panel for the CSIRO Report on Climate and Disaster Resilience; and chairing the Technology Investment Roadmap Ministerial Reference Group.



Date: 03-Jun-20
Time: 1-2pm
Zoom Registration:

<https://zoom.us/j/911538359?pwd=Z3NjNytXYVVWSnJDUoNlV2hxc1Rhdz09>
Cost optional donation <https://www.trybooking.com/BJUJZ>



Wednesday 3rd June 2020 Time 1-2pm

Zoom Registration <https://zoom.us/j/911538359?pwd=Z3NjNytXYVVWSnJDUoNlV2hxc1Rhdz09>

Hosted
by
DGN Daryl Moran

To register:
www.trybooking.com/BJUJZ

ROTARY CLUB OF ROWVILLE-LYSTERFIELD
D9810 MELBOURNE AUSTRALIA

Zoom Business Breakfast



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Join Hollywood star
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as he chats about

**'Wine, Movies, Business
and the Way Forward.'**

7.30am AEST
Friday 19th June 2020
\$25.00

Corporate discounts available on
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Proceeds to charities to support out-of-work actors and entertainers in NZ and Australia

To register for this Zoom Webinar go to

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

End Trachoma fundraiser

"Homeland Story" is an intimate portrait of Donydji, a small Indigenous community in Arnhem Land in the far north of Australia which has been supported by the Rotary Club of Melbourne and a group of Vietnam veterans.

Watch this movie from the comfort of your own home via zoom over the next 2 Friday nights.

Friday 5th June 7:30pm AEST,
Friday 12th June 7:30pm AEST.

Watch the Trailer: vimeo.com/336773143

The cost is a donation of \$10 which will be shared with the Donydji Community and our project to rid Australia of trachoma.

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/BJRSD>

Any questions, please contact Sandi Fulcher via email:
sandi@endtrachoma2020.org.au

FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR LOUNGEROOM

HOMELAND STORY

Saving Country
A film by Gaiardo Kumbly

Join us on Zoom:

- * Friday 29th May '20
- * Friday 5th June '20
- * Friday 12th June '20

7:30pm AEST
7:00pm ACST
5:30pm AWST

Cost \$10

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

Rotary Districts of Australia | EndTrachoma by 2020
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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 register via Trybooking link:

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

For more information email:

foundationstewardship@rotarydistrict9800.org.au

NB: Zoom details will be sent to all registered participants



Fellow Rotarians,

Invitation to become a Donor to the Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) is Rotary International's charity and the charity of choice for many Rotarians. Since its formation in 1917, our Foundation has been *"doing good in the world"* by spending more than US\$4.5 billion on humanitarian aid & education programs.

Most Australians give to at least three charities each year. We are asking all Rotarians to consider making regular contributions to our charity as part of their regular giving. Contributions to TRF are tax deductible.

Our Foundation supports Peace Fellows, Postgraduate Scholars, Vocational Training Teams, the End Polio program and six critical causes:



There are several ways you can support the Rotary Foundation:

- **Every Rotarian Every Year** – Donate any amount per year
- **Centurion Program** - \$100 per year or \$25 per quarter
- **Paul Harris Society** – US\$1000 per year or approximately AUD\$140 per month
- **Benefactor** – Leave US\$1000+ in your will
- **Bequest Society** – Leave US\$10,000 in your will
- Ensure that your club makes an annual donation to the **Annual Fund and Polio Plus**.

To make an online donation, simply click on this link: <https://my.rotary.org/en/donate>.

Alternatively, please complete the attached form and post it to the **Australian Rotary Foundation Trust, PO Box 1415, Parramatta NSW 2124**.

THANK YOU for making the Rotary Foundation one of your charities of choice.

Yours in Rotary

Grant Hocking
Governor of Rotary International
District 9800, 2019-2020

PDG Murray Verso
Rotary International District 9800
Foundation Chair, 2019-2022

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

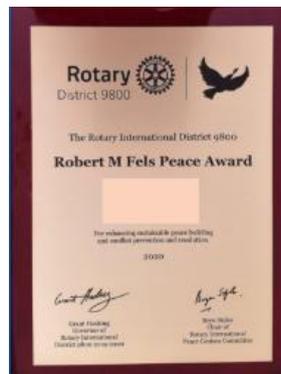
Time: 5pm

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.





**Morning tea with the DG
proudly presents a
presentation on
Crowdfunding
by
Gerrie Carr**

Saturday June 13th at 11.00 am AEST

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Gerrie recently presented a session to D09800 on Creating a Funding pipeline and at this session will present Crowdfunding tips and techniques for Rotary clubs to maximise their success.

This will be followed by a short Q&A session.

Gerrie Carr is an acknowledged wordsmith, an experienced grant-writer-maker and workshop facilitator. She has worked as a CEO in regional development and not-for-profit organisations, and now uses her skills to assist community groups build local and regional capacity.

She brings loads of grant-writing and project management experience to her clients. Her work has included constructing strategic planning documents, facilitating community project development, and writing successful funding applications for small to large projects across New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria.



**MULTI DISTRICT
AUSTRALIAN
VISIT BY 2019-2020
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
PRESIDENT
MARK DANIEL MALONEY**

**Saturday June 20 at 11.00 am AEST
(10.30 am CST)**

This unique opportunity is being offered to District 9520 (DG Tim Klar),
District 9780 (DG Rosanne Kava) and District 9800 (DG Grant Hocking).

**Come and join us for this great opportunity to
hear from the RI President.**

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Mark will speak about his reflections on his year as RI President and his view on the shape and future of Rotary in the current COVID-19 period and beyond. This will be followed by a short Q&A session.

Questions must be sent through to your respective DG by Thursday 18th June.

We may not get to ask all questions due to time constraints and will group similar questions to save time.

Biography: Mark Daniel Maloney, President 2019-20, Rotary Club of Decatur, Alabama, USA. Mark Daniel Maloney is a principal in the law firm of Blackburn, Maloney, and Schuppert LLC, with a focus on taxation, estate planning, and agricultural law. He represents large farming operations in the Southeastern and Midwestern United States, and has chaired the American Bar Association's Committee on Agriculture in the section of taxation. He is a member of the American Bar Association, Alabama State Bar Association, and the Alabama Law Institute.

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ROTARY DISTRICT 9800 CHANGEOVER

DG Grant Hocking & DGE Philip Archer

Invite you to attend the District 9800 Changeover

ZOOM MEETING

SATURDAY 27th JUNE 2020
1.00 PM – 3.00 PM



RSVP: 22nd June 2020

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

Zoom link will be sent upon RSVP



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Alumni Association

GLOBAL CYBER PEACE CONFERENCE

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AFTER THE GREAT PAUSE

SAVE THE DATE

You are invited to participate in an interactive experience to imagine how we can reconstruct a world on the values of positive peace.

This 24-hour event features offset Time Zone Tracks to include the voices & regional perspectives of those who are at the heart of peacebuilding & the edge of innovation.

Come be part of a world you choose to live in.

Registration begins JUNE 1st

JUNE 27, 2020



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 it's 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

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 "

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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

Convert Chicago time to your city.

<https://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/converter.html?iso=20200622T130000&p1=64>



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

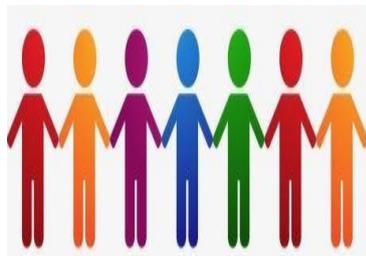
It is a very exciting time to be a Rotarian in our part of the world. With the celebration of 100 years of Rotary and the Melbourne International Convention in 2023 we have a once in a generation opportunity to showcase our impact as people of action.

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
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.

Calendar of Events

Saturday 6 June	D9800 Special Awards (Zoom) <i>RI and District recognitions</i>	5pm
Monday 8 June	No meeting (public holiday)	
Friday 12 June	Movie night 'Homeland Story' – End Trachoma fundraiser \$10 donation	7.30pm
Saturday 13 June	Morning Tea with the DG Presentation on Crowdfunding by Gerrie Carr.	11am
Sunday 14 June or Thursday 18 June	D9800 Rotary Foundation Grants Seminar	3pm 7.30pm
Monday 15 June	RCW Zoom meeting Guest speaker. Ken Maxfield, Camp Getaway	7pm
Friday 19 June	Zoom Business Breakfast with Sam Neill	7.30am
Saturday 20 June	Multi-District Australian visit by 2019-2020 RI President, Mark Maloney Zoom meeting	11 am
Monday 22 June	RCW Special General Meeting (Zoom) Constitution and Bylaws	7pm
Saturday 27 June	D9800 changeover (Zoom) <i>Farewell to Grant and welcome to Philip Archer</i>	1-3pm
Monday 29 June	RCW Zoom meeting Guest speaker Chris Gerry, West Welcome Wagon	7pm

Details on links to above events in this Bulletin.

The Rotary Club of Williamstown, District 9800

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<i>Sergeant at Arms:</i>	<i>Jack Tahy/ Stan Panten</i>		
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<i>Community Service:</i>	<i>John Barry</i>		

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