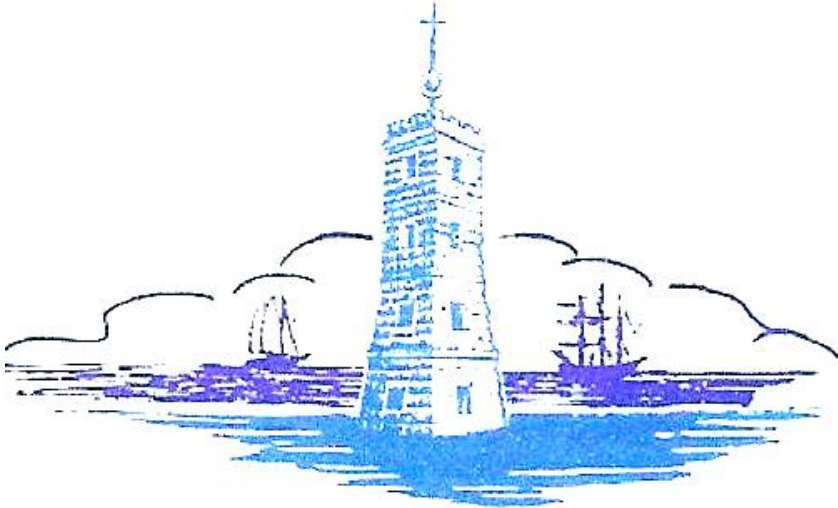


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August is Membership Development and Extension Month

Today we heard from Neona Stiles, Member behind the badge, as she spoke of her life prior to Rotary, her story later in the Bulletin.

We heard from Murray and the Foundation message

WEEK 2

WHAT IS THE ROTARY FOUNDATION? The Rotary Foundation is the charitable arm of Rotary. It is a non-profit that is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of The Rotary Foundation who share its vision of a better world. Its sole mission is to support the efforts of Rotarians through Rotary's mission, and the achievement of world understanding and peace through local, national and international humanitarian and educational programs in your back yard and around the globe.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE ROTARY FOUNDATION AND ITS WORK.

Next week we are trialling a new venue, Shelley restaurant on the Esplanade, get your menu requests in by Friday so Eddie can book you in. If we are to change venue your opinion is important.

Announcements:

Yvonne Moon

Please put your name in the Red Book for these events - Hellenic Republic, Race Day at Moonee Valley and Camp Getaway.

Eddie Knight: Monday 8th August we will be going to Shelley Beach Restaurant for our weekly meetings, Eddie will circulate the menu. Meals \$15 pp with a lemon squash included, partners welcome.

Guy Chatain: Questionnaire sent out in Spanish now has been sent out in English. Guy asks that you return the form by the end of the week. There will be an evening meeting to discuss membership and promotion of the club.

Damien Hynes- Guest speaker next week will talk about the making of Wheel Chairs.
Also RSPCA is raising money selling cup cakes.
In the near future we will have Brian Hynes from City Mission.

As Damien will be away from August 17th - end of September he would like volunteers to attend Early Act meetings at Sandridge School, so he can make a roster up. So if you think you have time to make a meeting let Damien know.

Carl Hurwood will be away 12-16 August visiting Cambodia. TV program showed a fellow who goes to Cambodia regularly to see what he can do to help this poor Country. As Cows are very special to the people there, he bought a cow and gave it to a family for breeding purposes. After a calf is born it is given to another family and so the process goes on. To date 250 calves now, he also distributes rice to the people. His name is Cosi, all money raised goes directly to families. The name of the foundation is HOUSE of CAMBODIA.

Murray Verso -World of Difference has a similar project but using a pig instead.

President George asks if there are any volunteers to help out with Busy Feet, this happens on a Thursday between 5-6pm, at Elenya PAC Dance studio, 324 Koroit Creek Road, Williamstown. Volunteers can be anyone partners or friends.

Thank you Carl for stepping in as Sargent, apparently a very profitable fines (Happy/Sad) session

Apologies: Kathy, Brad, Claude, Adrian, Sven, Beres, Jack

Next week's meeting is at Shelley Restaurant and our speaker will talking about the making of wheel chairs.

Jokers Wild



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**Guy was the winner!!!!
\$715.00 Jackpot- drinks on you Guy.**



August Birthdays

28th Murray Verso

The Person Behind the Badge - Neona Stiles nee Connolly



Thought I would weave my personal story in with my working history as they have gone hand in hand for me throughout my life.

I am an only child. My father grew up in the 30's as the middle child of divorced parents this was bad in a Catholic family in those times. My Dad had many jobs throughout his life and at the time he met my Mum he was a coach captain, taking a tour to Queensland of which my Mum was a passenger. My Mum and I were the greatest things to ever happen to my Father. He was 40 when I was born. At 45 Dad developed asthma, and we believed it to be manageable with medication, and medical guidance.

I completed my HSC at Mount St. Joseph's Girls College in Altona, and during this year my father began having epileptic fits. If I was to go on to Tertiary Study, he would have kept working, if I deferred for a year he would retire on an invalid pension. I decided to go with the latter. My father was retired 6 weeks and he had a massive asthma attack and died.

My Mother and I were shattered. I was working in the telex department of the State Bank of Victoria at the time. My parents had great friends who had never had children and whom managed hotels, motels up and down the East Coast of Australia. It was easy to get office jobs at that time, and I began a cycle that went for about 5 years. I would work in Melbourne for 12 months then take my 4 weeks annual leave and head up to where my Uncle and Aunt were, work a little with them, be a tourist, and then come back to Mum in Melbourne and start another job for another 12 months. My Uncle was a Coach Captain, like Dad, and trained race horses, another great passion of my Father's, and I felt somewhat close to Dad when with him.

I was working for a small trade publisher in Melbourne and one of my Print Representatives approached me about going to work for McPherson's Printing Group, who at the time were the largest sheet fed colour printer in the Southern Hemisphere. I began as a sales cadet and then moved into the production department.

I was at this job for nearly 6 years, this is the longest time I have been employed, besides self-employment. It was here that I met my ex-husband.

We were beginning to see signs of what was going to happen in the printing industry, and I was teaching a little piano in the evenings following my job at the printer. My ex-husband and I were planning to have a family and so I left my printing job and began expanding my music business.

Having a family was not meant to be for us as I found I had uterine cancer. Following treatment and many surgeries I had a hysterectomy retaining my ovaries. Several months later the marriage was over, and within 10 months of my hysterectomy I was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. This began the biggest challenge of my life thus far.

With more surgery and chemotherapy my life was saved. However it was an extremely difficult physical and emotional time for me. I had so much racing through my head: a divorce, financial settlement, infertility, when would I be well enough to start working again, how would I survive, and for how long would I survive? In order for the chemotherapy to do its job I had to relax and get sleep. I was prescribed Stilnox of which I became dependent upon and eventually had a massive breakdown.

I admitted myself into rehabilitation, cleaned myself up and came out 11 days later. I was having breakfast at a café in Pier Street, Altona where a friend spotted me. He asked me what I was doing these days. I said nothing, and he asked me to come and look at the restaurant he and 2 friends were setting up following my breakfast. I did, he introduced me to the Manager who gave me a shirt and I began working there that night. I was there for 2 years.

Hospitality is for young people, and I had no free time to catch up with friends or see my Mum, and I wondered for how much longer my body could take racing around a restaurant floor and bar. I took a job selling advertising space for a community newspaper. This was the shortest job I have ever had, I was there 3 months, it was also the most soul destroying job I have ever had.

My darling David, state school friend and great teenager mate, returned to my life around the time of the paper, when I was in a dilemma regarding what to do for employment. He wisely said to me “Nee, I’m a sheet metal worker, that’s what I do; maybe you’re a piano teacher, because all I hear from people is how good you were at that” and so I began building “Music with Neona” and have in excess of 55 students.

I have now been a Rotarian for 12 months and it is one of the most rewarding experiences my life has seen.

Neona Stiles nee Connolly

DG Neville John's Message

Rotary
District 9800



August is Membership Development and Extension Month

With the simple aim this year for each club to be stronger on 1 July 2017 than on 1 July 2016, the first strategic pillar of **'strengthening our clubs'** is an important one.

During Governor-Elect leadership training last year, John Germ commented that the need for Rotary in our communities today is more important than it ever was, and tomorrow it will be even greater. Additionally, there is also reason to believe that some time during 2016-2017, the last reported case of the wild poliovirus could be announced. When that moment comes, Rotary International will work hard to ensure that it receives the recognition it rightly deserves, and the world will know what Rotary has done and is capable of with

its huge powerful networks of members in all parts of the world, with their diverse skills and experience. This is something that no other organization has.

With that prospect will come a once in a lifetime opportunity for clubs to leverage that success in regard to membership development, with people who want to be part of Rotary. So we need to be ready, with friendly clubs that engages its members with interesting projects and ensures the local community knows what we do. What can you do to help make your club the best it can be, so that existing members are proud to stay and prospective members are keen to join? Be innovative, ask why not rather than are we allowed to, and think about what we need to do differently. With recent Council On Legislation changes, clubs now control how they want to conduct their meetings.



DG Neville John and Rebecca

How many members does your club need to be a vibrant, well functioning club that delivers what the community needs? Well, that's for you to answer, but I would be surprised if any club believes it has all the members it needs. Membership is never static, as people come and go for all sorts of reasons, so we must all constantly be on the lookout for the right people to join. Last year, the objective of 3,000 members was set for District 9800, with the total now heading toward 2,500. My expectation is that we will continue in that direction and the result at the end of the 2016-2017 year will be the product of our individual club efforts to develop and retain members. Let's see what that success turns into.



*DG Neville and Rebecca at Southbank RC,
with AG Kate Strain, Justine Murphy and
new Rotarian Michael Lapina.*

During President-Elect training last year, we drilled down into the characteristics of a vibrant club and Presidents discussed what this meant. Things like:

- ∞ Decide where your club wants to be in three to five years time
- ∞ How diverse is the club & does it reflect your community profile
- ∞ Ask female members to ask their female friends to events
- ∞ Listen to your community on what their needs are
- ∞ Set annual goals and enter them into Rotary Club Central on My Rotary
- ∞ Develop strong relationships within your club
- ∞ Create committees that are practical
- ∞ Develop a Membership Recruitment and Retention Plan
- ∞ Hold club forums regularly to keep members engaged and involved
- ∞ Prepare members for future roles to maintain a smooth leadership pipeline
- ∞ Develop members as future leaders in the club

Women are still considerably under-represented in Rotary with 27% female membership in our District. There is an opportunity for clubs to accelerate that by developing flexible, innovative ways for membership to be possible. For example, E-Meeting access or satellite meetings for young mum's that cannot attend regular meetings in person.

The concept of vibrant clubs is supported at District level with experienced committees led by Philip Archer (Membership), Adrian Nelson (Marketing & Public Image) and PDG Julie Mason (Learning & Leadership Development). Let's use their experience and knowledge to build stronger clubs.

District Membership & Public Image Seminar

The District Membership & Public Image Seminar will be held at Trinity Grammar on Saturday 27 August 2016, and is a collaborative effort between the Membership & Public Image Committees. Invitations will be sent out shortly and details are available in this edition of The Networker. Come along and hear some success stories and be part of interactive sessions to discuss innovative ways to develop something that will work for your club.

The member a month campaign last year was very successful, so it will be continued, with a grant being provided to any club that recruits at least four new members between the period 1 June to 31 October 2016. This will be outlined at the seminar, but in the meantime any questions in relation to how it works can be directed to Philip Archer or Chris Eggar. Some clubs have already achieved four new members and have applied for grants. The grant funds (maximum of \$1,000) over that period, are to be used by the new members on a club project of their choice.

Being a Rotarian is an honour – The opportunity to Serve is a Privilege

Our founder, Paul Harris believed that the opportunity to serve humanity is the most worthwhile thing any one of us can do with our lives. Being invited to join Rotary is an honour and the opportunity to help others, a privilege.

John Germ believes that Rotarians see that opportunity to serve for what it truly is, not a small opportunity, but a great one. The opportunity to help others by doing **what we can, when we can, with whatever time we have.**

When do we ever have enough time to do anything? We don't need a lot of time in Rotary – Just the right heart, because we are doing what we do together. If someone you think should be a member says they don't have the time, tell them you'll take whatever they have, then be patient, nurture them and one day they will give you more when they can. They will!

Neville John

District Governor 2016-2017



***The first four Rotarians: Silvester Schiele,
Paul P. Harris, Hiram Shorey, and Gustavus
Loehr, circa 1905-1912.
IPTC - Credit: Courtesy of Rotary
International***

BUSY FEET OUR HOBSONS BAY CLUSTER PROJECT

Sessions are every Thursday, at Elenya P.A.C. Dance studio 324 Kororoit Creek Rd Williamstown.

Come along and have a look see if it is something you want to participate in.

BusyFeet expanding horizons with dance

FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

BusyFeet is an established program designed to create a special place for children with intellectual and physical disabilities through dance and music.

Conducted in a fun and safe environment, it's a place where everyone feels special and is respected for their individual ability.



BusyFeet is:

- A dance activity with one on one support
- With qualified dance teachers
- For children 6–16 years
- Weekly group classes – totally volunteer based
- Classes at [redacted]
- Parents/Carers can sit for a quiet chat over coffee or read a book or go for a walk

How lucky I have been to be involved with BusyFeet. To dance with these very special children, to see them over the past few months, grow as they learn new dance steps, has been a privilege.

Jenny M.
BusyFeet Volunteer

Thanks very much to you and all of the volunteers for providing such a wonderful opportunity, it is very much appreciated. Thank you again. See you next week!
Kind Regards,
Sally

W just loves music and dancing and I am sure his face lights up when he comes to class. Many thanks again for holding this great event for families with disabilities.

I look forward to being able to do my weekly shop when he's dancing!!!
Many thanks,

C cannot wait for BusyFeet day!



E absolutely loves coming to Busy feet. Its the Highlight of her week
Jeanette

I can not express how much I appreciate this opportunity for J to have an extra curricular activity just like any other child. We look forward to returning next term.

Applicants/Volunteers Invited to register at
www.busyfeet.org.au or [redacted]

An evening at the Hellenic Republic



ESTABLISHED 2016

HELLENIC HOTEL

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17TH

COST: \$55 PP

COME JOIN US FOR FUN, FELLOWSHIP AND GOOD FOOD

DRINKS AT BAR PRICES

District 9800 Rotaract Changeovers 2016

Rotaract 9800 presents "OUR SPACE 2016"



Description

Our Space celebrates young inspiring adults making a difference in local and global communities. Our Space is a celebration for the past, present and future activities of the Rotaract Clubs of Swinburne, Gateway and Melbourne City. Our Space welcomes everybody including friends, family, Rotarians and the wider community to enjoy a night of entertainment, celebration and delicious food.

Venue

Richmond Town Hall
333 Bridge Road
Richmond, Victoria 3121

Contact Details:

Cameron Williams- 0425 828 893

<https://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=209817>



January 2017 tour filling fast with 13 or 16 day options

Experience an authentic blend of Cambodian culture and immersion in local village communities

Rotary has enabled Cambodian rural to develop and schools to flourish. Be part of the monitoring and continuing assessment of the projects.

New projects are being developed and rolled out. Project leader Rithy will supervise the local workers in our participation in these projects. We will assist and also teach some dental and hygiene lessons.

Enjoy comfortable accommodation. Meals are fully catered. With safety our prime concern Rotary insurance will be there, Rotarians Rithy our guide and for the last time join Bronwyn as tour leader.

Interested ? visit www.wod.org.au

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A DAY AT THE RACES

MOONEE VALLEY CITY COUNCIL & ROTARY

MAYORAL CHARITY COMMUNITY RACE DAY

SATURDAY AUGUST 20, 2016

COST \$120 PP

**TABLE SPONSORSHIP PROPOSAL- SUPPORTING
ROCAN AND PROSTATE CANCER**



2016 FUTURE LEADERS SEMINAR

The 2016 Future Leaders Seminar will be an interactive day of shared ideas, presentations by speakers from Rotary International, and workshops led by successful community and business leaders who are also Rotarians.

The aims of the Seminar are to:

- Instil a desire for leadership and to motivate Future Leaders
- Encourage Rotary leadership in our clubs and districts and beyond. Inform of the leadership opportunities in our Rotary world
- Build knowledge of Rotary topics
- Revitalise Rotary by inspiring participants to action

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Who can attend: The Seminar is open to all Rotarians throughout Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands who would like to learn more about the current issues in Rotary and develop their leadership skills through Rotary at all levels (in the club, district and above):

For clubs : Who in your club are up and coming leaders? Encourage them to register for this Seminar.

For individual Rotarians: You do not have to be nominated by your district or club. You can "nominate" yourself.

When: **Wednesday 31st August**, 8.30am arrival for 9.00am to 5.00pm sessions.

All Future Leaders' Seminar participants are also invited to attend Rotary Institute **Thursday 1st to Saturday 3rd September**.

Where: Penrith Panthers – Ron Mullock Room (Penrith, NSW)

Includes: A day of stimulating networking, informational and highly motivating speakers and breakout discussion groups, plus lunch and tea breaks.

Cost: Future Leaders' Seminar is AUD\$125 per person. Rotary Institute and other associated activities are at additional cost.

Registration: At www.rotaryinstitute.org.au





ROTARY CLUB of WILLIAMSTOWN

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Camp Getaway Weekend

Friday 26th August - Sunday 27th August



Arrive Friday night (optional) for Dinner at the pub at your expense
Saturday Working B at the Camp
Saturday night dinner and entertainment
Sunday breakfast included then spend the day relaxing

Cost:

\$65 per head

Includes breakfast Saturday and Sunday, 2 nights accommodation
and Dinner Saturday night

Invite friends and family for a fun weekend!

Bookings : Yvonne Moon Phone 0407 303 255

Email: Yvonne.moon@bigpond.com

CALENDER FOR AUGUST

August 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Member behind the badge	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Shelley's Restaurant meeting	9 Board Meeting	10	11	12	13
14 Farmers market	15 Club Day	16	17 Hellenic Republic	18	19	20 Moonee Valley Race Day
21	22	23	24	25	26 Camp Getaway	27 Camp Getaway
28 Farmers Market	29	30	31			



Next Farmers Market BBQ Sunday, August 14th

**2017 DISTRICT 9800
CONFERENCE
SHEPPARTON - VICTORIA
30 MARCH - 1 APRIL**



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Rotary Club of Williamstown, District 9800

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Vice President:	Kathy Roberts	Secretary:	Kathy Roberts
Marketing/ PR	Brad Saunders	Sargeant at Arms:	Jack Tah
Foundation:	Murray Verso	Club Service:	Eddie Knight
International:	John Barry	Community:	Yvonne Moon
Youth Services	Damien Hynes	Membership:	Guy Chatain

President, Rotary International John F. Germ http://www.rotary.org/	Rotary District 9800 Governor Neville John http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au	Assistant Governor Hobsons Bay Cluster Richard Shortt
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The Rotary Club of Williamstown meets every Monday, 12:45pm

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Contact us: **Kathy Roberts**
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