







# The Timeball

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August is Membership Development and Extension Month Editors Note

This week we had a night meeting held at Shelly's restaurant, Guy Chatain held a Membership Forum based on the Questionnaire responses he received. Although being disappointed with the overall number of replies, he put together a powerpoint presentation and involved the club in a brain storming session in ways we can attract and retain new members.

Sunday, 14th August, saw the arrival of the Tall Ship Tenacious, apparently the largest tall ship in the world. We were there and held a successful BBQ. It was a beautiful and sunny afternoon, the official party included the Mayor of Hobson Bay, Peter Hemphill.

Monday, 22nd August will see us back at Customs House for our normal lunch time meeting. Eddie will be asking the club members about their impressions of Shellys restaurant and whether the club should move meeting venues.

#### **Announcements:**

Nils informed us of the results of the 2 BBQ's on Sunday we made a Net profit of \$918. Well done everyone.

George announced Rotary Badges are on sale for \$6.00, could members please wear their Rotary badge at meetings.

John asked for volunters at Cross St. Warehouse for a working bee on Saturday 20th August, commencing at 9.30am to help WERN tidy up the area.

Yvonne gave a reminder the Hellenic Republic dinner is on this coming Wednesday night between 6-8pm.

More numbers are needed for the Camp Getaway working bee weekend on 26-28th August.

Damien reminded the club he is away for 4 weeks so can he have some names for a roster to attend Early Act club meetings. Please put your name in the red book.

Murray and Neona are writing to our sponsored child in Cambodia, Sokea. Below is a letter form her

Dear Aunty Neona, Uncle Murray and Aunty Irene,

Thank you for writing to me! I am really happy to get your letters. It was fun to play with the Taiwanese guests. I am reading book about bears, but I don't understand what it is about. I like bears and I like cats.

I wish Aunty Neona, Uncle Murray and Aunty Irene a lot of happiness!

Loves,

Sokea

Apologies: Neona, Brad, Claude

Guests: Vicky Chandler, Sadie. Zac and Sam Papazisis, Rhonda Knight, Hilma Chatain, Michelle Guttenbeil, Fred Grundy.

Next weeks speaker is Russell Hayes, talking about Wheelchair for Kids.

Wheelchairs For Kids are a group of retiree volunteers in Australia who use your donations to make and distribute up to 300 wheelchairs per month to poor disabled children in developing countries.



Fundraising Cup cakes from the Early Act club, they managed to raise \$420 for the RSPCA.



## Membership forum at Shellys

Guy led the club in a Brain storming session. At present our membership is 21 with average meeting attendance of only 60%. The club needs to take action to gain more members and retain them. When the results are collated Guy will circulate them to the members



There are plans for a Cocktail party in October, where we will invite local business owners and have a short presentation about what Rotary is and what it does on a local and international level.



#### ROTARY INTERNATIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN

#### Our vision for the future

Our vision for Rotary in the future encapsulates a dynamic, vibrant and thriving service club organisation – where members are proud to join and keen to stay. It is a service club organisation characterised by:

- Diversity
- Informed and skilled Rotarians
- Innovative and flexible clubs
- Strategic partnerships, with a
- Well recognised, understood and trusted brand.

It is this vision for the future of Rotary in Australia, New Zealand and South Pacific Islands which underpins our Membership Development Plan. The characteristics we identify represent our strategic goals for the next three years.





## Networker Article on attracting new members

#### ATTRACTING AND KEEPING NEW MEMBERS

By Rosemary Castle, Rotary Club of Woden Daybreak, ACT

The Rotary Club of Woden Daybreak in Canberra has welcomed 15 new members over the last three years. In the same period, five members left (four of them moved interstate). We now have 38 members, ranging from their late 20s to early 70s.

Here are some things we have learned. Of course, it's still a work in progress!

- 1. Our 15 new members were attracted by word of mouth (7), exposure to Rotary or its programs (4), our presence at an event (2) and by being a guest speaker (2).
- 2. Most checked our website. The website can be simple but it should be organised, attractive, provide basic information, speak with the club's 'voice' and be up-to-date (but aim for a website that doesn't have to be updated too often). A lively facebook page presents a dynamic and connected face to the world. You need a website and Facebook, not one or the other. They serve different purposes.



Children are warmly welcomed at our meetings and activities.

Collecting for the ShelterBox Syria Refugee Appeal

- 3. It's a huge step to join a Rotary Club.

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  Many people worry about the time commitment. We say, whatever you can give in time, is enough
  for us. This is especially true if you want young parents to join. And it doesn't matter if some people
  rarely make meetings. They may do things behind the scenes or join in more when their
  circumstances change. Be flexible. Stay in touch.
- 4. At the very least, answer any membership inquiries on the same day. Be warm, enthusiastic and lively. Invite people to come along as many times as they like to try Rotary. Arrange for someone to meet them and bring them into the room. And it's not enough to welcome them to their first meeting. There needs to be follow-up, offers to meet outside meetings, information on what it means to belong. We have handy documents on our website but people often want chats and some Rotary 'decoding' as they go along.
- 5. New members need to be looked after well by a variety of people (not just one) until they find their feet. It can be lonely and confronting to join. There is no excuse ever for visitors or new members standing or sitting with no-one to talk to. Actively watch out for transport and cost issues. Don't assume everyone will be comfortable after a few meetings. Some will but personally, it took a full 12 months before I felt OK.
- 6. It's crucial to get to know new members. Try featuring them in your Bulletin. Once you know them, you can help them find activities that really motivate them. We hold social dinners in members' homes so that new and old members have a chance to get acquainted. Move fast to help them enter the life of the club if that's what they want but don't rush them if they want to take it slowly.

#### Attracting and Keeping New Members - Continued:

- 7. If new members take on club roles (a great idea!), provide plenty of ongoing support. It takes a while to get the hang of it all and new Board members often don't really get going until their second year. Board meetings should be relaxed and enjoyable, and devoid of acronyms, with references to past history explained (this one is hard!).
- 8. Run with members' ideas and passions where you can. Nothing is more dampening than to be told the club tried something previously and it didn't work. Perhaps it will this time. New members bring enormous energy and enthusiasm, as well as fresh eyes.



- 9. We are truly family friendly so we aim to know family members, ensure they have name badges and welcome them to meetings and activities. Taking the shoe around for fines is a much sought after role by our under 10s. Some of our children write to our sponsored child for us. Many people like their families to be brought informally into the Rotary family. What a boost for our clubs.
- 10. A well-being officer to whom news of members' big life events can be fed, is a huge asset. Ours helps us respond to the good and the bad. A lot of news breaks first on Facebook and you need to catch that. And don't let members just fade away. Before too long, find out what is going on.
- 11. Don't stress too much about traditions as long as your membership is rising. We have members who like to toast the queen and others who don't. The person rostered on each week chooses. Most members accept any bits that aren't quite right for them as long as the club is satisfying overall.
- 12. Club meetings need to have a lively 'vibe'. Host youth exchange students and global scholars if you can. They automatically liven up meetings and are great assets when your youth program candidates come along. Try having your youth exchange student run a club meeting (we haven't done this but have heard of clubs that have seems to have been a hoot).
- 13. Ask about members' interest in developmental opportunities. We have a Chinese student who is going to run a segment of an international conference. He has been practising on us while running fines. Members sometimes see leadership or public speaking opportunities as a way of acquiring skills to help their careers.
- 14. It's really all about valuing individuals rather than fancy PR, although good PR helps. Some of your members will love this people-based approach. Use them!
- 15. The more members you have, the easier it is to get and retain members as there will be more good stuff going on. And make sure there is plenty of varied social activity so that people can have fun together. An outward looking, truly passionate Rotary club with strong and positive internal relationships sells itself.

Good luck!

## Rotary District 9800 Success Seminar



#### Help make your Rotary Club ready for the FUTURE!

- Join us at our annual Rotary
   District 9800 Success Seminar!
- A seminar for every type of Rotarian - new, old, big or small!
- What does the future have in store for Rotary?
- Where will your next members come from?
- How to make your club even better and how to promote it!

Where Trinity Grammar, Kew When: Saturday 27th August 2016 9.30 for 10am until 12.30pm, followed by light hunch (included). Cost: \$20 per person

Rotary District 9800

A joint collaboration between Membership & Public Image Chairs.

WHEN: 27th August, Trinity Grammar School, Kew. Ar lunch will conclude the day by 1pm.

Arrive at 9.30am for 10am. Light

#### Want to sing the success of your club?

Join us at the annual Rotary District 9800 Success Seminar! A seminar for every type of Rotarian - new, old, big or small! Learn how to make your club even better and how to promote it!

#### The seminar will include:

- a special guest futurist talking about how Rotary fits into the Rotary of the future
- What is a Rotary Showcase?
- What is a Rotary Ambassador and what does s/he do?
- What can we do better?
- How can we tell our Rotary stories?
- Multicultural Rotary, Young Rotary, Women in Rotary, and Experienced Rotarians working together - Rotary in Harmony!

#### Who should attend?

New Members
 Forward thinking Rotarians
 Old Members
 Club Presidents

Club Secretaries Club Membership Directors
 Club Communicators Anyone interested in Rotary

Anyone interested in improving their Rotary Club

This is a great opportunity to learn more about Rotary and help your club stand out in the community.

Cost is \$20 per head. **BOOKINGS OPEN NEXT WEEK** 

For specific enquiries, e-mail: publicimage@rotarydistrict9800.org.au

# FOUNDATION FACTS

#### **POLIO PLUS**

When Rotary launched the PolioPlus program in 1985, there were more than 350,000 polio cases in over 125 countries. Since 1988, when Rotary began working with its partners in the Global Polio Eradication, the incidence of polio has decreased 99.9 percent.

Rotary has contributed more than \$1.5 billion and countless volunteer hours to immunize more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries.

In the 1980s, there were about 1,000 new polio cases per day. As of August 2016, there have only been 19 new cases this year. Only 2 countries (Afghanistan and Pakistan) remain to stop transmission of the wild poliovirus.

None of this would be possible if it weren't for Rotary's leadership and vision.

What a wonderful legacy we are leaving to the children of the world. Goodbye Polio.



#### **OUR NIGHT AT HELLENIC REPUBLIC**

A small group met for fellowship and food last Wednesday night to try the culinary delights of this new restaurant. We were joined by Adrian as well.



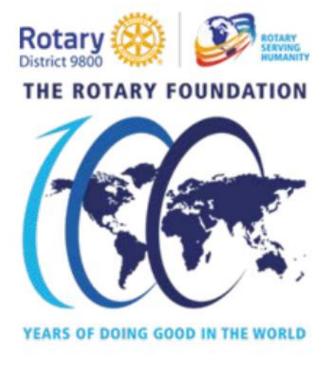


#### BUSY FEET OUR HOBSONS BAY CLUSTER PROJECT

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.





#### Celebrate the Foundation's Centennial

The Rotary Foundation turns 100 this Rotary year. Dedicated and connected volunteers like you have contributed significantly to its longevity. Our goal for this special year is to work together to raise a record-breaking \$300 million so Rotarians can continue serving communities for another 100 years.

This year, publicize your district's successful grant projects through testimonials, videos, and photos. Spotlighting local projects illustrates the power of The Rotary Foundation and raises more funds for grants.

See inspiring videos about life-changing grants that our Foundation funds: http://video.rotary.org



The Susan Alberti Medical Research Foundation together with Rotary Club of Brighton and Women in Rotary

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Friday 2 September 2016 — 7am to 9am

MCC Dining Room at the Melbourne Cricket Ground

Dress code – Lounge Suit

Zickets Now Available

\$90 per head or \$900 per table of 10

# GROUP VOCATIONAL EXCHANGE (GVE) TO D3280 PHILIPPINES TEAM MEMBERS REQUIRED – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST INVITED

From mid-February to mid-March 2017, District 9800 will be conducting a four-week GVE with District 3280 in the Philippines.

The GVE team will be comprised of an experienced Rotarian team leader and four suitably qualified team members aged between 25 and 35 years to be sourced and put forward by D9800 Clubs for final selection by District interview on September 18 2016. Details of how to apply are noted below. The team leader will be selected by separate process and is not part of this call for applicants.

The primary aim of the exchange is to expose each team member to four days in each of the four weeks away to vocational experiences relevant to their profession. At the same time, there will be deep cultural immersion in many aspects of the host country.

The theme of the exchange will be aligned with any of the RI Foundation areas of focus, namely:

- \*Peace and conflict resolution
- \*Maternal and Child Health
- \*Water and Sanitation
- \*Basic Education and Literacy
- \*Economic and Community Development
- \*Disease Prevention and Treatment.

In short, any person in the broad fields of medicine, or education, or engineering, or emergency services, or social services can be "suitably qualified" to be put forward for final selection.

In turn, in the same February/March period 2017, D9800 will be hosting a similarly composed team from the Philippines (team leader and four team members) for complementary vocational and cultural experiences. The District Vocational Committee is arranging the vocational experiences, leaving the host Clubs to participate in and enjoy the cultural aspect.

Clearly that indicates that we need registration of willingness from four clubs (or Clusters) from around the District to provide families to home-host the visiting team members for one week each over the four weeks duration of the exchange.

Given that it may be that we have more Clubs interested than the four required, District must have the discretion to select those Clubs that amongst other things, geographically suit the vocational locations (not as yet determined) to maximise convenience and minimise travel time for both Club and student.



Please join us at the beautiful Royal Victorian Motor Yacht Club for a morning of light entertainment and enlightening guest speaker to help raise awareness and support for Breast Cancer Research.

All proceeds from our fabulous breakfast will go to The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute and The National Breast Cancer Foundation. Soak in the atmosphere of the Motor Yacht Club and enjoy the vista of the Melbourne city skyline.

Treat yourself to a gorgeous morning in Williamstown!



Tuesday 27th September

Time 6:45am to 9:00am

Royal Victorian Motor Yacht Club 260 Nelson Place, Williamstown

\$55.00 per head

includes a glass of champagne on arrival and a full breakfast. Raffle, silent auction, and door prizes to be won. Early Bird discount of 10% applies if booking a table of 10 by the 17/9/16.

ROUP

22nd September 2016

# Gyest Speaker:

Lisa Sheeran from the Peter
MacCallum Cancer Centre who
has a very personal story to tell
about how Cancer has affected
her and her role as a Breast
Care Nurse and the services at
the new cancer center.

## Enquiries/Tickets

Marlene - 0409 320 684

Tickets can be purchased online at rotarypinkbreakfast.com or instore at Novel Kitchen, 80 Ferguson St, Williamstown

rotarypinkbreakfast.com



# **ART SHOW**

Presented by Rotary Club of Altona











# 29th September – 2nd October 2016

Thursday 6:30pm PreView Evening
Friday-Saturday 10am-5pm/Sunday 10am-4pm
Friday and Weekend Entry Costs \$5/\$2 conc + stds

#### At SeaWorks

82 Nelson Place, Williamstown Mel ref: Pg56 E9

# Enquiries & PreView Evening bookings visit

# www.hobsonsbayartshow.com.au

A Fundraising event to support local community projects

Latitudes, KickStart Breakfast in Schools,

White Ribbon Foundation, Wellness Centre in WEST.

Come and support us in our Fundraising

\*Donations are Tax deductible

www.altone@rotervdistrict9800.org













#### **BOTARY CLUB OF WILLIAMSTOWN**



# 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

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# Next Farmers Market BBQ Sunday, August 28th



**MURRAY VERSO - 28th August** 

Rotary Club of Williamstown, District 9800

President: George Papazizis Treasurer: Nils Oman

Vice President: Kathy Roberts Secretary: Kathy Roberts

Marketing/PR Brad Saunders Sargeant at Arms: Jack Tahi

Foundation: Murray Verso Club Service: Eddie Knight

International: John Barry Community: Yvonne Moon

Youth Services Damien Hynes Membership: Guy Chatain

President, Rotary International Rotary District 9800 Governor Assistant Governor Hobsons Bay
Cluster

John F. Germ Neville John

http://www.rotary.org/ http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au Richard Shortt

The Rotary Club of Williamstown meets every Monday, 12:45pm

Customs House Hotel, Nelsons Place, Williamstown.

Contact us: Kathy Roberts

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Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/

Rotary District 9800 www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au

Rotary Down Under www.rotarydownunder.com.au

NETWORKER District 9800's weekly newsletter. www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/

#### Find us on Facebook

Rotary Club of Williamstown is on Facebook – any Facebook user can join the group and we promote the club's various activities and successes on this page

