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District 9810 News

October 2016

District Governor's Report

Doesn't time fly when you're having fun? Frank's and my fun this year continues to be visiting clubs and being absolutely blown away by the range of projects being undertaken, as well as the time given to them.

There is absolutely no doubt in my mind that we are privileged to be part of an organisation which has service so deeply entrenched in the work that it does, locally and internationally.

One of the many highlights for me last month was to hear that District 9810 had been awarded the 2015-2016 Australian Rotary Health Dick White District Achievement Award for the Million Dollar Bike Ride to Conference.

The Ride for Research Dollars, also known as the Ride to Conference, has been an exceptionally successful district activity for many years, with a huge variety of participants – Rotarians, partners, friends, exchange students and all the associated support teams. This is one of those occasions when we can really say, it has been an absolutely AWESOME effort on the part of all those involved.

The award will be presented to PDG David Tolstrup at the Presidents Meeting in November. At the Boronia club visit, there was the opportunity to recognise the amazing work done by the organising committee and Rob Henry (RC Boronia). It's important also to acknowledge the support Rob gets from his club and its members too.

Congratulations all round – many have joined in over the years and created a very successful project for many people with an exceptional benefit to Australian Rotary Health and the people

the organisation supports and assists.

Much of the success we see is based on partnerships, within the clubs, between clubs and with external organisations which enable a greater profile and visibility for projects. Those external partnerships also contribute more funding than might otherwise be available which is definitely a benefit for the beneficiaries of those projects as well the clubs involved. I encourage you to consider new external partnerships whenever that is possible.

In the past months we have mourned the loss of Rotarians who have given great service to the district in many ways over many years – you will read more about PDG Fred Hay and PP Jason Chetty later in the newsletter.

All clubs would be aware of the increased attention on insurance declarations and the updated D9810 Youth Protection Policy, required as part of legislative changes. PDG Tony Monley has completed this herculean task, with input from PDG Merv Ericson (District Club Protection Coordinator) and Roger Smith (District Insurance Officer). I appreciate everything they have done to ensure the district is complying with all the complexities of this legislation.

D9810 has a Youth Protection Policy that has recently been amended to comply with the requirements of the Victorian Government standards. All Rotary clubs in D9810, by virtue of their being members of the incorporated association of D9810, are bound to comply with the policies of D9810, without exception.

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Provisions of the policy apply to all Rotary programs and projects and all associated volunteers, whether Rotary members or not.

All clubs (ideally Presidents and Youth Service or Club Protection Officer) and Youth Service District Committee Chairs are required to participate in the district organised training which is part of implementing the policy. The first training session was held on 22nd October, a second training session will be provided soon. This will then be integrated in the annual round of Learning and Development for Presidents Elect and Club Officers. We'll keep you up to date.

I continue to encourage all Rotarians to participate in the various learning opportunities provided by the district in order that they can learn more about local and international possibilities. I also believe that increased knowledge helps to increase enthusiasm and that can only benefit us all, especially when we share it with others beyond Rotary. The dates are on P.23 of the District Directory with further details in Highlights.

Thank you very much for all you are doing in continuing our great tradition of 'Rotary Serving Humanity' – keep up your wonderful work!

Best wishes to you all,

Carol

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A Note from the Editor

The newsletter is out a little later than scheduled as I have just returned from a two week holiday in New Zealand. I tried to have the newsletter finished before I left but time ran out.

The holiday was fantastic. Sandra and I joined a tour of both islands and were accompanied by three friends, including Joan Gancarski from Boston, USA.

Joan and Sandra are GSE alumni. They have stayed in touch since their GSE experience in 1997. Joan was on a team from Boston exchanging with a team from District 9810 (led by Ian Riseley).

Coincidentally, whilst having a meal at our hotel in Rotorua, a meeting of Inner Wheel, celebrating their 35th anniversary, was also dining there. We spoke to a couple of the Rotarians present; one being PDG Fergus Cumming. Fergus was DG of District 9930 the same year Ian Riseley was DG. Small world!

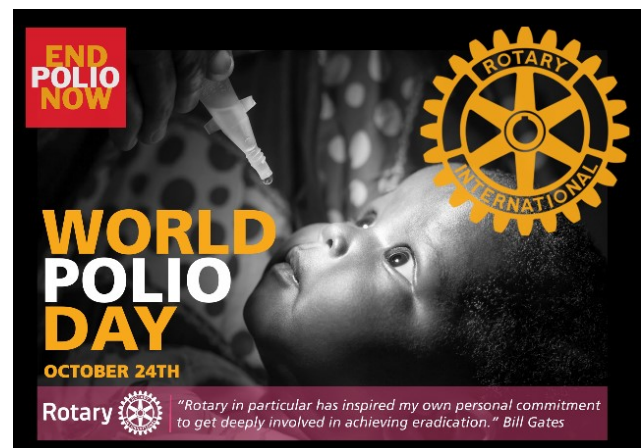
I hope you enjoy the newsletter.

Gordon Pyke

#MembershipMatters

We all have a part to play in promoting a positive Rotary image and one tool in our marketing kit is the smart use of social media, particularly Facebook given the extraordinary possible reach.

Almost 50 Rotarians in our District recently gave up part of their Friday evening to attend our 2016 Social Media Masterclass conducted by Rotary “superhero” Evan Burrell. It was a fun and interactive approach to the areas highlighted by Clubs surveyed earlier this year. Most returned the next day to further explore areas of interest to them and all gave the initiative a big thumbs up!



Many topics were covered including:

1. That FB is not all about the likes, but interaction and creating a positive story.
2. Telling our story more effectively through interesting posts with fun and creative pictures.
3. Some Do's and Don'ts re pictures. A live demonstration clearly made the point!
4. Having a Club budget for paid promotions and how to effectively boost your post reach.
5. The elements of an effective ad campaign strategy.
6. Productively tools; scheduling posts, reviewing metrics, hashtags
7. Getting your marketing house in order (modern, clean image).
8. [Top 10 Social Media Tips](#).

We agreed to provide a repository of images and other PR collateral for all Clubs to use. [These can be found here](#). We also discussed all Clubs actively promoting **World Polio Day on October 24**. [Some specific images that may be useful can be found here](#). Let's all raise our voice to the world!

For those who were not able to make the evening, material can be accessed by [clicking here](#) or via the resources tab on www.membershipmadeeasy.org.au. Well worth checking out as there are lots of PR and membership material only a click away. We'll add a video recording when available. Remember that we would love to add your Club's success stories, and would welcome any feedback. This is your resource.

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#MembershipMatters

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Tip of the Month: Use interesting, well framed photos in your FB posts. Consider a collage rather than posting separate images. This free tool may be helpful www.picmonkey.com

One for the diary: Mid-year Membership Forum brunch – November 22, 9:30am – 1:30pm. Details to follow.

RUSSELL GURNEY

Membership Chair 2016-2017

District Governor Nominee

Fred Hay - A Life in Rotary

We are saddened by the death of our dear friend and colleague Frederick Hay on 6th September. However let us rejoice in the knowledge that during his lifetime he gave 48 years of dedicated Rotary service to the community of Monash, the State of Victoria and places further afield.

This service was of benefit to the young, the elderly, the disabled, those affected by natural disasters and the less fortunate in our community.

Fred was not a hot gospeller, nor did he beat his own drum, but through his innate kindness, sincerity and genuine accessibility, he endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact.



Fred joined the Rotary Club of Waverley in June 1968, two years after the Club had been chartered. He spent over 20 years on the Board of Directors and served as chairman of the various avenues of service on numerous occasions throughout his membership.

In 1972 he helped charter the Rotary Club of Glen Waverley and the Rotaract Club of Waverley. He was also instrumental in the formation of two other Rotary Clubs, Waverley Central (now Mount Waverley) in 1958 and Monash in 1995.

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During 1974, with wife Irene and fellow Club member Ted Cooper and his wife Margaret, Fred spent three weeks in Papua New Guinea helping in the renovation of the Madang hospital. This work was as a member of a F.A.I.M. (Fourth Avenue in Motion) team.

Fred was elected to be president of Waverley for 1978/79 and for a second term in 1996/97. He was elected to be the first Governor of the newly formed District 981 for the year 1982/83. At his District Conference in Launceston attended by some 800 delegates, Fred was recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow, the first of his many awards.

After stepping down from Governor, he spent four years, three as Chairman, of the Victorian Council of Community Service Clubs. Then followed eight years, 1986-94, as a board member of the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund, six of these as Victorian Co-ordinator. For the period 1994-1996 Fred was the District representative on the Council of Legislation for Rotary International.

Whilst all of these activities were taking place, Fred was still active in all the major and minor activities of his own Club. This included youth and apprentice exchange programmes, Club Annual Art Show 1985-97, the building of two houses – one in Jordanville for homeless youth and the other in Wheelers Hill as a fund raising and apprentice training project. Also golf days, community raffle, the setting up of a charitable trust fund etc., etc.

The Australian Rotary Health Christmas Card Project was of immense proportions. Fred was involved in all its 22 years of its operation 1992-2014, 10 of these years as Chairman. Fred was also a keen figure in the formation of many Probus Clubs in the City of Monash.

Fred's awards for his outstanding Rotary service include – viz. Paul Harris Medal 1983, three Sapphires, 1st in 1990, 2nd in 1999, 3rd in 2010; Service Above Self District Award in 1999; Australian Rotary Health Companion 1992; Gold Companion 2000; Ruby Companion 2011; Life Member 1996; Rotary Health Medal 1999.

In February 2011, Fred received a letter from Rotary International informing him that he had been honoured with the most prestigious Rotary International Service Above Self Award. The award, which was signed by Ed Futa, General Secretary, Rotary International Evanston, Illinois, U.S.A noted: "With this award, you are being recognized for the contributions you have made through Rotary over the years. I am honoured to have you as a fellow Rotarian and I believe you are an extraordinary example of how each Rotarian can make a difference."

In conclusion may I say it was a journey that ranks Fred as one of the most highly decorated Rotarians in Victoria and Australia.

We will be poorer by the death of Fred, but richer for having been around him and we are blessed by the wonderful heritage he has left behind him.

Ken Pollard OAM
Rotary Club of Waverley



Fred being presented with a Ruby Companion of the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund.

A Tribute to Jason Chetty

I'm writing on behalf of the Rotary Club of Moorleigh Moorabbin. This was Jason's club and formed a big part of his life in the last few years. He joined our club in 2011. His induction was timely as we were losing some good members. It's fair to say he revitalized our club. He had a passion and enthusiasm for life and for Rotary. Our club saw Jason as our spiritual leader as well as our president for two years running.

His infectious personality was larger than life. He inspired all our members and many in the other 44 clubs in our district with his compassion for those less fortunate. Rotary's motto "Service above Self" fitted his own philosophy.

Mt Kilimanjaro has prematurely taken the heart of our Rotary club. We will miss Jason's presence for a long, long time and it will be hard to replace his enthusiasm, his dynamism and the purpose he gave the club. He was the model Rotarian. I know his spirit will remain with those he touched whether for the briefest moment or if they were privileged to work with him on a project at club or district level.



All 44 clubs are grieving his loss. He played a prominent role in the ROMAC program for which he will be remembered by most clubs through visiting them to promote his cause, his passion. He visited many ROMAC patients who were hospitalized in Melbourne from overseas, as well as hosting one from Timor -Leste throughout his rehabilitation.

I personally will miss our chats over a cuppa about plans for our club and how we could improve our community. I was even invited to try his baking skills, his carrot cake, but I'd rather talk about his other talents. He had the gift of the gab when it came to speaking to an audience; no doubt his career in high finance and venture capitalism with the Toronto Dominion bank had a part to play in forming those skills. He was a devoted family man and pity help you if you touched upon the subject of grandchildren. It was a challenge to change the subject. He was an excellent golfer, a member at Huntingdale, and encouraging to those of lesser talent like me for example. He loved running marathons and fun runs when the opportunity arose, which makes it more difficult to accept his passing on Mt Kilimanjaro.

Jason's religion is the Hindu faith. I have no doubts his soul will move to a higher level of consciousness with the karma he has left on earth. He has left a legacy of inspiration for all of us to transcend our limitations and make the world a better place.

Our hearts reach out to Jason's family with love and we wish them well finding peace and contentment with Jason's spirit within them.

Geoff Gray
Rotary Club of Moorleigh Moorabbin

ROMAC in Action

Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children is a project owned and run by volunteer Rotarians across Australia and New Zealand providing specialist treatment for children from developing countries in the form of life saving and dignity restoring surgery, not accessible in their own country.

Bradley Bola from PNG has recently returned to his family ready to tackle his future thanks to the work of ROMAC.

I farewelled Bradley on September 16th after his final operations to correct facial structures and his eye sight, resulting from problems from birth. Bradley underwent treatment at 18 months when ROMAC first brought him to Melbourne suffering Crouzon's Syndrome. This problem, where the bones of the skull are fused from birth, required specialist surgeries on the skull and face as he grew. Brain surgery to relieve pressure and facial reconstruction saw Bradley return at age 10, 17, and finally at 19.

The D9810 ROMAC volunteers supported the wonderful surgeons and medical teams at the Epworth and St Vincent's Hospitals as well as his host family of Teresa and Michael Cox. Prof. Andrew Heggie again performed the facial surgery and Dr Lionel Kowal (Strabismus Specialist) did the eye straightening surgery, both of which could not be done in PNG, supporting the work of ROMAC pro bono. Our sincere thanks to all involved in the life saving and dignity restoring work for Bradley.

The Rotary Club of Nunawading hosted Bradley and were supported by the Rotary Club of Wandin who sponsored his participation in RYLA during his stay. This helped make a big difference to Bradley.

In the ROMAC annual report available at <http://www.romac.org.au> Bradley's words of thanks are quoted: "This morning I woke with tears in my eyes looking in the mirror after 19 years of pain and struggle in my life. It has finally come to an end and I am so AMAZED with my new looks. Big thanks to the people who have supported me since I was an 18 month old baby up until today. Rotary, my friends and family here in Melbourne and the rest in my homeland Papua New Guinea, thanks for all your support, care and love. Love you all, Bradley Bola."

The volunteer Rotarians and committee members supported Bradley by providing warm clothing, much from the Rotary run op shops of Mitcham and Doncaster, and by transporting him to all medical appointments, social outings, a holiday, trips and RYLA camp. Bradley has established a relationship with the Melbourne Storm Rugby League club and, with the support of Gavin McIntyre from the R.C.Wandin and the Storm Team, attended training and matches held here in Melbourne.

During the period of convalescence between operations, Bradley was able to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Award, make new friends and learn new skills. Bradley then spoke about his experiences to members at the Rotary Clubs at Nunawading, Montrose & District, Healesville, Monash and Wandin – a fantastic opportunity and growth experience for Bradley.



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Bradley's story is but one of over 400 success stories (100 from Timor Leste) of Our Patients. During the last Rotary Year, D9810 saw Heldericky (Ricky) and Teretoriano (Anton) successfully return to Timor Leste following lifesaving surgery.

The District 9810 ROMAC committee are saddened by the deaths of two supporters of ROMAC in Jason Chetty (R.C. Moorleigh-Moorabbin) and Max Walker, who was an ambassador for ROMAC over many years before his illness. Vale.

The Southern Region meeting in August discussed ways of "Building and Strengthening District Teams". We had seven members attend and set our target to save the lives of two children by seeking to raise \$50,000 this Rotary Year.

Donations can be sent to ROMAC, PO Box 779 Parramatta NSW, 2124 OR by electronic transfer to ROMAC AUSTRALIA, BSB Number: 633 000; Account Number: 154 008 676, reference your name and district, or send donations through the D9810 Chairman, Graeme Chester, P.O.Box 1186 Healesville, 3777.

Please Like and Share the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/RomacAustralia.

Norm Casey
Acting Chairman D9810 ROMAC Committee



Bradley with hosts the Cox family and friend.



“Best weekend. Ever. I have new friends that I think I will have for a long, long, long time.”

“I really appreciate being able to come to RYPEN. Thank you to everyone who was part of this amazing weekend.”

These are just three messages of appreciation we have received. There are many, many more. In fact with a full program of 48 participants, plus our 6 Colour Group Leaders and the 10 adults, this year's RYPEN Experience achieved all the set targets.

RYPEN – Rotary Youth Program of ENrichment is offered to participants in the 14 – 17 year age bracket. A participant is sponsored by a Rotary Club and the selection process is done by the Rotary Club, often with the recommendations from the school. RYPEN is targeted to the participant who will benefit from an opportunity to explore team building and leadership of a team in a trusting and supported environment.

The principles that underpin the content of the program are:

- Determining my personal values
- Learning self awareness
- My community, my future
- Asserting self esteem
- Building healthy relationships
- Using a variety of communication skills
- Being a team member, being a team leader

The program is delivered, embracing the principles of youth leading youth. Participants are allocated to one of six colour groups and each colour group has a youth leader who was a participant at the previous year's RYPEN Experience. (Colour Group Leaders and participants are all under 18.) An adult mentor is attached to each colour group. Colour Groups are utilised for a number of, but not every activity. One measure of success is the ability for all participants to spend some time with everyone who is sharing the RYPEN Experience.



The RYPEN 2016 Experience Group Shot – 48 participants, 6 Colour Group Leaders and 10 adults.



A key enabler of the success of the RYPEN Experience is the preparation work.

Colour Group Leaders join with the adult leadership team in late May and there are four training days during which the program is refined to respond to the experience and feedback from the previous year. The activities in the program are further developed and practiced so that the Colour Group Leaders, supported by the adult mentors lead the program when we arrive at RYPEN. The training days include leadership theory to build the understanding of the team. A key example is the exercise that is conducted on personality types – the objective of this component of the training is the discussion around how different personality types work together and looking at the scenarios that can arise when a team has a dominance of one or another personality type.

This year through the support of the clubs in District 9810 we provided the largest program, to date. A quick snap shot of the details this year is captured in the attached graph which plots the last five years of RYPEN in District 9810.

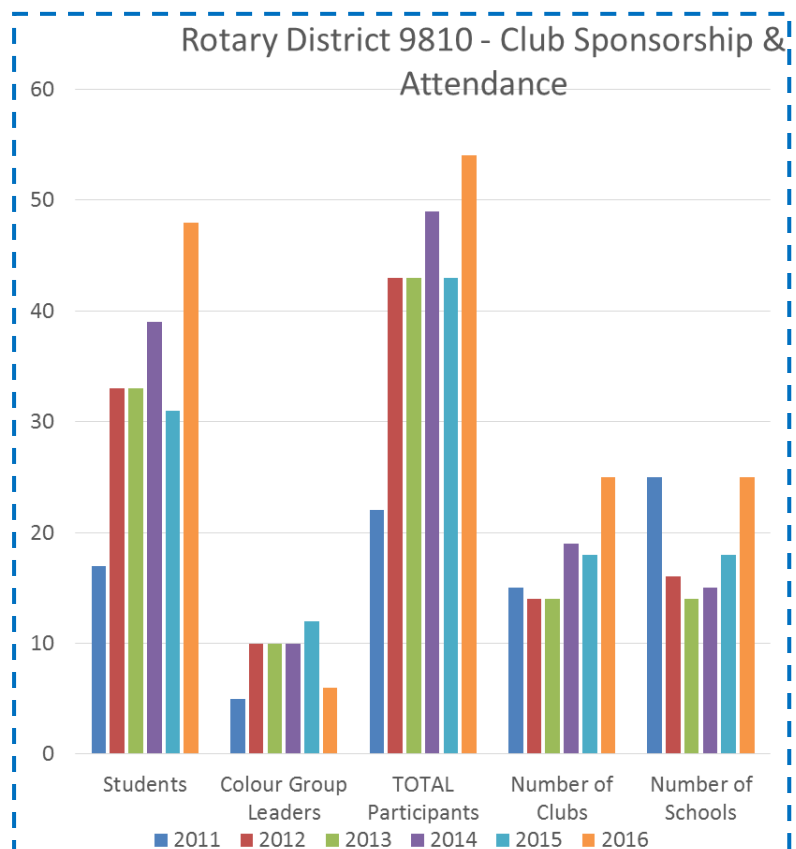
Some club members ask: “What can the RYPEN program deliver for our club?”

- Parents of participants are appreciative of the opportunity provided to their children – they are a source of new members for the sponsoring club.
- Clubs that have an Interact Club find that RYPEN is a source of keen young people who want to do more in their community.
- Participants at RYPEN leave the program and many reach out looking for other ways to contribute to their community – this is a valuable pool of both resourcefulness and resource for a Rotary Club active in their community.

The words of others are often very powerful, and it is no less true in reflecting on RYPEN.

“RYPEN was like a fun and magic experience, I knew no-one and I have come away with over 50 new friends. I was able to challenge myself to do things I would never dream of doing, I was accepted for who I am, and I know that I can be who I want to be.”

Diane Fisher
District 9810 – RYPEN Committee





We operate on one rule at RYPEN – Respect. If your actions can demonstrate how Respect is involved, then what you are doing is okay. If you can't, then it is not okay.



Each of the activities is linked to the principles of the program – communication skills, being a team member/team leader, personal values and self awareness underpin the Amazing Race in our program of which the Crate Climb is one of the activities. (RYPEN record – 19 crates!)

Feed the Little Children Thanks D9810

Recently the Rotary Club of Box Hill welcomed Padmini and Richard Baker to provide an update on Feed the Little Children (FTLC), one of the beneficiaries of last year's District Governor Partner Project. Members of our District Indigenous Support Committee and Rotarians from other Clubs also attended.

Padmini is a Rotarian from the Rotary Club of Broome and a Board Member of the food relief charity FTLC. She was the initial contact I was given when choosing the DGPP. This was the start of two years of emails and phone calls between us so I really appreciated the opportunity to meet Padmini in person. She was visiting Melbourne and asked to attend a meeting to thank the members of our District for their generous donation of just over \$13,000 which was raised last year.

Padmini was a former member of the Rotary Club of Dingley Village until the move to Broome due to Richard's work as a paramedic. They both joined the Rotary Club where Richard is currently President. Padmini's involvement with FTLC began when she read an article in the local newspaper seeking volunteers. She began by helping with the cooking and has become so passionate about FTLC that she became a Committee member, and now is on the Board. The Rotary Club of Broome is also heavily involved with FTLC.

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Padmini updated us on statistics showing a decrease in petty theft on the nights the children receive meals. It was this shocking scenario of young children stealing food that led to the development of FTLC. The earlier that children commit any crime, the more likely it is to be entrenched in later life. In this area, prevention is so important and the benefit has been quantified in dollar form as huge savings to the justice system.

FTLC is well supported by volunteers but can only afford to provide meals 2 nights of the week – they would dearly love to increase that number, but are limited by funding which is solely from donations. The benefits are also seen as some families have moved off the list of meal recipients. The support of FTLC has helped them improve their circumstances and be more independent.

Our donation has specifically gone into funding the program to teach the oldest child from each family to cook nutritious meals at home. They expect to take the first batch of students shortly and will keep us updated on the progress.

FTLC is indeed fortunate to have the benefit of such committed, competent and passionate people as Padmini and Richard. They aim to continue this support and involvement with FTLC when the time comes for them to leave Broome and return to Melbourne.



Alison Tolstrup

UNICEF NEEDS YOUR FOREIGN COINS

More and more of us are heading overseas and we always seem to return with useless foreign coins that end up in the bottom of a drawer somewhere.

Ron Brooks, RC of Forest Hill, coordinates their collection in this successful D9810 project. In the last 2 years, 120kgs of coins and notes sent to UNICEF were valued by them at **\$4,700.64**. Put out a labelled 6oz coffee jar at your weekly club meeting (email Ron for a label) which will hold over 2.2kg of coins.

Eammon Bryant, UNICEF Partnerships Manager emailed “We see Rotary and UNICEF as a perfect match. Our history working with, and converting foreign coins to help children in need matched with your unparalleled reach across Australian communities, we think, makes it a dream fit”. UNICEF works in over 190 countries to support children’s health needs, clean water and sanitation, quality basic education, and protection from violence, exploitation, and HIV. Rotary also has these ideals.

So, far over 18 clubs in the district have joined enthusiastically into this initiative. We are 25.8kgs into the next collection. Please be part of this no cost project.

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*\$2 will provide a severely malnourished child enough therapeutic super food for one day
\$6 will provide 20 doses of potentially life-saving measles vaccine*

So, get out that coffee jar and let's recycle our waste coins into something valuable for kids.

Contact: Ron Brooks ronbrooks1942@gmail.com 0413-042-043

A Conference Reminder



ARH News Item - October 2016



Hat Day and newly created mental health research campaign, Lift the Lid, have both proved to be quite successful yet again in 2016.

On Friday, October 7, we saw Rotary clubs, businesses and other groups right across Australia, enthusiastically donning their weirdest and wackiest hats to support mental health research.

Some went to their local Bunnings store or railway station to collect donations from the public, while others held themed trivia nights, morning teas and fundraising dinners.

We are very grateful for the support and donations that have been received so far and expect they will continue coming in throughout Mental Health Month and the rest of the year.

To say thank you, we have compiled some photographs from Hat Day and Lift the Lid to create a short video. We invite you to watch it on our YouTube channel at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jMEQnMSVNPg>

Feel free to continue sending through photos from Lift the Lid and Hat Day to: jessica@arh.org.au for a special mention on our Australian Rotary Health social media pages.

Remember, it is never too late to support us in our endeavor to help the 1 in 5 Australians suffering from a mental illness every year. Donate today: <https://australianrotaryhealth.org.au/donations/donate-now/>

REPORT TO D9810 ROTARIANS ON THE USE OF THE DISTRICT DESIGNATED FUND FOR 2015/16

Due to very good contributions to The Rotary Foundation in the 2012/13 year, and a favourable Rotary exchange rate in late 2015, we received over \$100,000 for the 2015/16 District Grant. This enabled an increase in the number of clubs participating, and a significant increase in the number of grants awarded.

Global Grant projects continued to be developed through the year, six of which were approved including some that had been submitted in 2014/15. There were three further Global projects that were submitted during the year, but which had not been approved by year end, and in fact these have still not been approved at the time of reporting.

Overall, the DDF “pool” was very well utilised by club and district projects, contributions were made to projects managed outside the District, and contributions to Polio and the Peace Centres increased.

District Designated Funds in 2015/16

The following table outlines the District’s allocation and use of the District Designated Fund during 2015/16. Note that we account to The Rotary Foundation in USD, but manage the money for District Grants in AUD.

HOW FOUNDATION FUNDS HELPED CLUB PROJECTS IN 2015/16		
	<u>AUD</u>	<u>USD</u>
<u>Available District Designated Funds (DDF)</u>		
2015/16 SHARE Funds - Half Giving from 2012/13 Year (DG Brian Martin)		143,644
Brought Forward from 2014/15		72,014
Share of Interest from the (Permanent) Endowment Fund		135
Unused Funds Returned from previous Grants		7,782
TOTAL DDF Available for 2015/16		223,575
<u>DDF Usage</u>		
Funds Received for 2015/16 District Grants (~50% of 2015/16 SHARE)	101,215	71,784
Paid to Clubs for Approved District Grant Projects	92,903	
Paid to 5 Clubs for 2-year Low-Level Scholarships	5,000	
Grant Administration Expense	1,768	
Returned to The Foundation (for 2016/17 Global Grant Use)	1,544	
Reserves & Donations from DDF		
Reserve for 2016/17 DDF Pool		5,000
Donation: Centre for International Studies in Peace & Conflict Resolution		5,000
Donation: Polio Program (used to match Club donations)		10,000
DDF Funds Contributed to Approved Global Grant Projects		
Approved Grants		43,000
Total DDF Usage		134,784
DDF Funds Carried Forward to 2016/17		
Global Grants Awaiting Foundation Approval		40,453
Carry Forward for D9810 Global Grant Use in 2015/16		48,338
Total Carried Forward		88,791
		223,575

District Grants

The District received \$101,215 Australian dollars for club projects at a Rotary exchange rate of US\$1 = A\$1.41. This supported 33 club projects and 5 Low-Level, 2-year Scholarship grants. 23 clubs participated in the District Grant program, and there was great variety in the projects that were undertaken. At the time of reporting, seven projects had not been completed and we anticipate returning only \$1,544 of unused funds to the Foundation. This compares with over \$9,000 that was returned at the end of the previous year. Administration costs included the purchase of data projector equipment for use in promotion and communication of Rotary Foundation programs. This will be available for other District purposes, if necessary.

The following table lists the projects undertaken.

2015/16 CLUB DISTRICT GRANT PROJECTS				
No.	Club	Project	Grant \$	Total \$
DG02	Emerald	Assist logistics costs for a community event for Cerebral Palsy Educ'n Centre	2,000	4,191
DG03	Whealers Hill	Help fund a Patient Mobile Hoist for the WATCH Disability Centre	1,642	3,300
DG04	Monash	Provide transport, flags & band for school children to attend ANZAC Service	2,748	5,495
DG05	Lilydale	Help fund water storage & reticulation for vegetable & fruit growing in E.Timor	5,000	23,887
DG07	Mordialloc	Help to provide playground equipment for Women & Children's Refuge	2,049	4,097
DG12	Noble Park	Assist to provide Cultural Exchange with Indigenous School for Noble Pk P.S.	3,000	6,319
DG13	Manningham	Provide a Cystoscope to Sarajevo Hospital	4,944	9,887
DG15	Sandringham	Provide Books and Teaching Aids for a School Library, Moradabad, India	5,000	13,906
DG17	Manningham	Provide Equipment & Consumables for Dental Treatment Clinics, Peru	3,350	6,700
DG18	Manningham	Help Fund the Development of a Mobile App for the Dads' Group	3,000	8,000
DG19	MASH	Provide a Defibrillator for the Alkira Centre, Box Hill	1,200	2,400
DG20	MASH	Provide Text Books and Other Literacy Teaching Aids for Whitehorse Schools	1,602	3,204
DG21	Rowville-Lys.	Fund Freight Charges for Hospital Beds Sent to Kiriwina, Trobriand Is Group	5,000	15,060
DG22	Healesville	Provide Purification & Filter System, and Reticulation for Water & Sanitation	5,000	26,640
DG23	Healesville	Fund Teaching Resources for New Literacy Program at Healesville PS	2,075	4,150
DG24	Templestowe	Fund Transport & Logistics for schools to Attend ANZAC Service	1,936	3,873
DG25	MASH	Provide Computers & iPads for RAWA Indigenous Community School, WA	3,000	9,580
DG26	Croydon	Sponsor Two <i>Safe Futures</i> Staff to a Domestic Violence World Conference	4,000	8,000
DG27	Templestowe	Re-tiling of 15 Classrooms at St Bede's School, Savusavu, Fiji	5,000	17,000
DG28	Beaumaris	Provide "Coats for Kids" Packages for 10 Indigenous Students, Melbourne	3,000	6,000
DG29	Boronia	Sponsor 180 Selected, Disadvantaged Students to Attend KIOSC Program	1,530	3,060
DG30	Glen Wav'ley	Help Sponsor Equipment Carrier for New Monash SES Truck	3,000	6,000
DG31	Manningham	Help fund Water Bore & Reticulation for Construction & Sanitation, Sth Sudan	5,000	10,000
DG32	Glen Wav'ley	Provide Laptop Computers for Disabled Students at Glenallen School	1,040	2,080
DG33	MASH	Laptop Computers for Financially Disadvantaged Students, Koonung S.C.	2,000	4,000
DG34	BHC	Fund Swim Classes for Disadvantaged Refugee Students at Mitcham PS	1,000	2,000
DG35	Ringwood	Assist Equipping of COGS Birthing Centre, The Gambia	1,980	3,960
DG37	Boronia	Provide Emergency School Accom. & Freight for Lavena Village, Taveuni Is.	5,000	11,170
DG38	M-M'bin	Assist Funding of Courses for 3 Disadvantaged Students via MOIRA	1,807	3,613
DG39	Monash	1-yr Scholarship for Financially Disadvantaged Rural Student, Longerenong	1,000	2,000
DG40	Beaumaris	Establishment of a 34 Plot Bayside Community Garden	2,000	4,000
DG41	Boronia	Re-Roof & Repairs to Vunika PS, Taveuni Is. Following Cyclone Winston	2,000	4,500
DG42	Glen Wav'ley	Customised Computing Equipment for 2 Disabled Students at Glenallen	1,000	2,006
DGS02	Cheltenham	First Payment of 2-yr Scholarship for Yr 11 Fin. Disadv. Student	1,000	2,000
DGS04	Noble Park	First Payment of 2-yr Scholarship for Yr 11 Fin. Disadv. Student	1,000	2,000
DGS07	Ferntree G'ly	First Payment of 2-yr Scholarship for Yr 11 Fin. Disadv. Student	1,000	2,000
DGS08	M-M'bin	First Payment of 2-yr Scholarship for Yr 11 Fin. Disadv. Student	1,000	2,000
DGS09	Doncaster	First Payment of 2-yr Scholarship for Yr 11 Fin. Disadv. Student	1,000	2,000
Totals for 2015/16 Club District Grants			97,903	250,078

Donations

D9810 has traditionally supported Rotary's Peace Centres with an annual donation.

The donation to Polio was administered such that where clubs donated the equivalent of \$500 USD or more to the Polio Program, it was matched from the \$10,000 allocation, with \$500 USD. When received by TRF, the DDF component was matched at 0.50c for \$1, thus adding \$250 to the donation. Then, as part of the agreement with the Gates Foundation, the total donation was again matched at \$2 for \$1, which built the \$500 club donation to a total value of \$3,750 for the Polio program. This occurred for the first 20 clubs that donated, resulting in the Polio program receiving \$75,000 USD for the \$10,000 allocation from the District's DDF.

Global Grants

Six Global Grant projects were approved by The Rotary Foundation during 2015/16. Each of these projects received contributions from D9810's DDF. An additional three projects had been submitted prior to the year end, one of which was approved in September. DDF funds have been reserved for these projects.

D9810 GLOBAL GRANT PROJECTS BENEFITTING FROM 2015/16 DDF					
GG No.	Primary Clubs	Project	D9810 DDF	TRF Grant Value	Project Value
Projects Approved by TRF during 2015/16					
1524497	Host: Taveuni Is D9920, Fiji Int'l: Newmarket, D9920, NZ	Taveuni Eye Project to provide for 300 cataract & pterygium eye surgeries	\$5,000	\$25,394	\$63,032
1528717	Host: Calcutta Metro D3291, India Int'l: Thousand Oaks, D5240, OR, USA	"From Darkness Into Light" Project: 1000 Phacoemulsification Cataract Surgeries for Kolkata and selected villages, West Bengal, India	\$5,000	\$32,800	\$75,925
1531512	Host: Nasik Road, D3030, India Int'l: Box Hill Central D9810	Provide Toilet blocks, containing 135 cubicles, in 4 schools plus the rural community, in Nasik and Ahmednagar districts, Maharashtra, India	\$10,000	\$37,151	\$96,452
1531914	Host: D3300, Malaysia Int'l: Croydon, D9810	Early Intervention Training for Teachers & Primary Care-Givers of Autistic Children, Malaysia	\$3,000	\$15,000	\$31,500
1637271	Host: Boroko D9600, PNG Int'l: R'ville-L'fld, D9810	Provide water supply filtration system. Renew plumbing in hospital & toilets in P.S., and provide workshop to build 90 school desks, Kiriwina Is., PNG	\$10,000	\$28,000	\$74,000
1639648	Host: Croydon D9810 Int'l: Teluk Intan, D3300, Malaysia	The Big Red Kidney Bus Project. Fit Out and Modification of a 3-Patient, Mobile Holiday Dialysis Bus, Australia	\$10,000	\$47,113	\$112,667
		Totals for Approved Projects	\$43,000	\$185,458	\$453,576

D9810 GLOBAL GRANT PROJECTS BENEFITTING FROM 2015/16 DDF

GG No.	Primary Clubs	Project	D9810 DDF	TRF Grant Value	Project Value
Projects Awaiting TRF Approval (at 1st July 2016)					
1419639	H: Suva East D9920, Fiji I: Manningham D9810	Upgrade W & S systems & provide maintenance training and hygiene workshops in 16 rural communities on Viti Levu, Fiji	\$10,000	\$156,150	\$408,450
1635310	Host: Surabaya Metro, D3420, Indonesia Int'l: D9810 Australia	WaSH VTT Team to Indonesia. A project to develop standards and guidelines for WaSH projects in the Asia/Pacific regions.	\$20,453	\$20,616	\$41,399
1636390	Host: Delhi Ashoka D3012, India Int'l: Box Hill Central, D9810	WaSH in Schools Project, Delhi, India	\$10,000	\$46,809	\$108,209
			\$40,453	\$223,575	\$558,058

Outlook for 2016/17

Since July, two additional Global Grant projects have been submitted and approved. These are for a District sponsored project to provide modern ultrasound equipment for the Kitwe Central Hospital, in Zambia and the Taveuni Eye Project 2016, sponsored by the RC of Taveuni, Fiji and the RC of Newmarket, NZ, to which D9810 contributed \$5,000 of DDF.

Current reservations of DDF for Global Grants known to be under development leave a little over \$69,000 available for further Global Grants.

On Friday 21st October, our application for the 2016/17 District Grant was approved by The Rotary Foundation. This approval was delayed by a late response from clubs to advise confirmed projects, and an unknown requirement for additional information required for projects to be undertaken in India.

We anticipate that when paid, about \$79,000 AUD will be available for club District Grants. This is well down on last year (\$101,215), so the grant will not support as many projects as were approved in 2015/16.

PP Graham Richardson
D9810 Grants Subcommittee Chair
 23rd October 2016