



# Rotary



Edition I

## District 9810 News

August 2019

## District Governor's Message

**August is Membership Month** at Rotary, and as RI President Mark Maloney says, for us to do more in our communities and around the world, "we must grow our service, we must grow the impacts of our projects and we must grow our membership so that we can achieve more".

As Rotary Connects the World, we must Connect Rotary with the World.

For us in District 9810 that means inviting more people to join our clubs, retain our existing membership by making our clubs vibrant and keeping our members engaged and starting new clubs which are different to what we have today.

To do this we need to promote Rotary so that people know what we do and we need to ask people to join us. It was great to see so many people at both the Membership seminar and the Marketing/Social Media seminar.

At the few clubs visits I have been to so far, membership and promoting what we do is high on everyone's agenda. There is a real drive to see our clubs and District grow so we can do more for our local and international communities.

I am looking forward to visiting more clubs, hearing what projects you are passionate about, and the steps you are planning to put into place to grow your clubs and increase the impact you have on your local and chosen international communities.

Have a sensationally **FUN** year, as Rotary Connects the World.

*Shia*

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## From the Editor

This edition is out later than planned because of another two hats that I am wearing; that of President, and Choral Registrar of the Monash Youth Music Festival (formerly Waverley Music Eisteddfod). The festival runs each August, this year from 3rd August until 19th August, ending with the choral sections at Robert Blackwood Hall, Monash University. It was a busy time with nearly 700 entrants over the 10 disciplines. There was also quite a deal of post-festival work to be completed.

Now back with the newsletter, I have enjoyed putting it together, reading the inspirational and interesting articles about District 9810 activities.

I hope you also enjoy reading the articles.

**Gordon Pyke**  
Editor

# End Polio Now Update

## Mega Polio Campaign 2020

Between 3rd and 5th January 2020 there will be a Mega Polio Campaign in Agra, India

Engage in the door to door polio campaign and rally; oral vaccination in rural areas.

[Click here](#) for further details and to complete the Interest/Pre-Registration form.

## Polioplus Fact Sheet

If polio is not eradicated, within 10 years, as many as 200,000 children will be paralyzed by polio each year.

In 2018 more than 400 million children were vaccinated multiple times using more than two billion doses of oral polio vaccine.

Just two of the facts included in the fact sheet.

[Click here](#) to read the complete document.

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*"You will never be the **same** after you have looked into the **appreciative eyes** of someone whose life you **have changed**"*

# RC Oakleigh's Final Event

After 62years RC Oakleigh has merged with RC Clayton and RC Huntingdale.

As a send-off we gathered at the Sandringham Club on Sunday, July 14 2019.

The historic occasion was organized by Peter Child and Felicity.

Long serving current and old members gave very entertaining and interesting speeches on their time with Oakleigh, going to New Guinea on water projects, and local activities.

The fellowship and friendships came through strongly in the talks by Ian Phelan, Peter Norman, Peter Child, Ian James, John Hall and Danny Petrie among others.

**Peter Holdenson**  
RC Oakleigh Clayton Huntingdale



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## Queen's Birthday Honours 2019

In the June newsletter there was recognition of two Rotarians in the district who had received Queen's Birthday Honours for their service to the community (Ern Dawes - RC Doncaster, and Geoff Limmer - RC Box Hill Central).

PDG Russell requested details of any other Rotarians similarly recognized to be sent to the Editor.

I subsequently received advice of another OAM recipient:

**John Mason - RC Bentleigh Moorabbin Central - For service to the community.**

Congratulations John, and again to Ern and Geoff.

(Details for nominating a Rotarian for an honour can be found on page 11 of the District Directory; the District Liaison Member is Alan Rae OAM.)



# D9810 Cycling Fellowship Weekly Sunday Rides

Why don't you join us on a Sunday at 8am for a 2 hr /35km bike ride, riding the safe bike tracks around Melbourne, plus coffee and cake at the end.

We have been riding every Sunday for the past 15 years since the then DG, Denis Hyland, suggested we form a group to help improve Rotarians' health.

A few times a year we end up having brunch with our partners at the end of the ride.

We have a few weekend rides each year, and this year, six of us did a 1,300km ride together in Spain.

To hear more, please contact Ron Brooks 0413 042 043 [ronbrooks1942@gmail.com](mailto:ronbrooks1942@gmail.com)



# National MUNA Success

District 9810 has just participated in National MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly) which brings together the winners of District MUNA events to debate United Nations related issues in the National Capital.

Seventy students participated. They came from Bribie Island in the North to Tasmania in the South. Each of the 26 teams represented a nation at a simulated United Nations Assembly.

Before attending, delegates thoroughly familiarised themselves with the nation they were to represent to faithfully depict the views and interests of their chosen country, rather than their own opinions. A number of embassies welcomed visits by students and embassy representatives attended functions.

Six resolutions were debated over the weekend. They were: Measures to Prevent the Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons on the Korean Peninsula; Regulating International Migration; International Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space; Protection of Global Climate for Present and Future Generations of Humankind; the Situation of Human Rights in Venezuela, and the Protection of Journalistic Freedoms.

District 9810 was represented by Rose Hensher and Thomas White, students of Box Hill High, whose outstanding efforts led them to being awarded the Totenhofer Peace Prize.

## Totenhofer Peace Prize

The highly prestigious Totenhofer Peace Prize is a perpetual trophy awarded to the team that is judged to have made the greatest overall contribution to issues concerned with the promotion of world peace at MUNA.

It was named in honour of Rotarian Frank Totenhofer, who was deeply engaged in working in fields of peace and indigenous rights. He donated the Peace Prize to MUNA to further emphasise the UN goal of world peace.

The prize is clearly distinguished from the debating prizes, which are judged according to standard debating criteria. The judging of the Totenhofer Peace Prize is undertaken by a separate panel of judges to specific principles.

The team awarded this prize has continuously and skilfully demonstrated their solutions, negotiations and recommendations for the peaceful settlement of any situation, regardless of origin, which might impair friendly relations among nations.

Rose and Thomas are to be commended on their incredible input and the spirit of cooperation they have shown leading to them being awarded the Totenhofer Peace Prize - an excellent result.

**Glenys Grant OAM**  
**MUNA Committee**  
**(RC Forest Hill)**





# Now from the MUNA Participants

From the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> of August, we, being Thomas White and Rose Hensher, students from Box Hill High School, represented Egypt at the National Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) Competition in Canberra with the support of Rotary District 9810 and the Rotary Club of Forest Hill.

On the first day of the conference, instead of attending a tour at Old Parliament, we had the amazing privilege of meeting the Deputy Head of the Egyptian mission in Australia, Ms. Aliaa Abouelnaga, at the Egyptian Embassy. This was a truly unique experience and we were able to gain some very deep insights into the Egyptian nation and mindset. We used these insights in the following days of debates.

Following fierce negotiation with other teams about what topics we should cover over the weekend, everyone settled upon six resolutions (laws from the UN) that we should debate, those being Korea, migration, climate change, space, Venezuela, and journalistic freedoms. We had the amazing opportunity to debate all of these topics in the House of Representatives at the Old Parliament House, which we both thoroughly enjoyed.

On the Saturday night, we all enjoyed a formal dinner, where we got to socialise with each other, our personal guests, Rotarians from around the country, and Fred Smith, a diplomat and musician in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) who served in Afghanistan and Bougainville. The stories he told us were really heartfelt, and we very much appreciated his presence.

By the end of the weekend, after very rigorous debate, six prizes were handed out, for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>, as well as two honourable mentions, and the prestigious Totenhofer Peace Prize, that was given to the team that most promoted world peace.

We are so pleased to announce that as Egypt, representing the Rotary Club of Forest Hill, Rotary District 9810, and Box Hill High School, we won the peace prize, and will keep the perpetual trophy until next year.

We hope that we have made Rotary and the MUNA committee proud, and are so thankful for all the support that we got to be part of this. It was among the best experiences of our lives, and we will never forget everything that Rotary has done to get us here.

**Thomas White & Rose Hensher**  
**(National MUNA in Canberra)**



# Now from the MUNA Participants



Left:

Sarah Weyenberg, and Ms Aliaa Abouelnaga, Deputy Head of the Egyptian Mission in Australia, with Thomas and Rose at the Egyptian Embassy.

Right:

Thomas and Rose, representing Egypt.



Left to Right:

Peter Ford, DG District 9710; Rose; Thomas; Lain Dare, Pres RC Canberra Sunrise, with the Totenhofer Peace Prize perpetual trophy.

# Rotary/LL0 Workshop

A recent initiative of the District 9810 Resource Network was the Rotary/Learn Local Workshop, bringing together Rotarians and LLO (Learn Local Organisations) workers in a networking exercise.

David Alexander, D9810 Resource Network Coordinator, forwarded an article from the Cire Services (one of the LLOs) website, reporting on the workshop. The article follows:

## **Rotary Throws its Weight Behind Learn Locals**

Cire Services recently participated in a workshop organised by Rotary District 9810 to explore ways of working together to best meet the needs of vulnerable and disadvantaged adult learners in our region. Cire was among several Learn Local providers (LL) who were invited to attend the session to brainstorm ideas, share experiences including their challenges and how these could be addressed in partnership with Rotary.

In facilitating the session, John Maddock from Box Hill Central Rotary explained that basic education and literacy (BEL) is an area of focus for Rotary.

‘There is a massive need locally to make basic education and literacy accessible particularly to vulnerable and disadvantaged adult learners,’ said John who chairs District 9810’s Basic Education and Literacy Expert Group.

District 9810 extends from Hampton to the Upper Yarra with many of its member clubs working with primary and secondary schools and in the tertiary sector. There is a strong desire to also contribute to the Learn Local sector which delivers pre-accredited and accredited training across a variety of learning topics.

This has been further driven by a 2018 report entitled ‘Future Opportunities for Adult Learners in Victoria – Pathways to Participation and Jobs. The report highlighted the importance of adult education community providers engaging community organisations such as Rotary to help respond to the increasing number of people seeking education pathways but experience non-vocational barriers such as mental health issues and socio-economic disadvantage.

In sharing a snapshot of Cire Training, Business Development Manager, Nina Bekker, said 32,000 hours of training was delivered in 2018 and \$300,000 in government funding received.

Nina said the majority of Cire’s LL students were women, looking to return to work. She noted there were an estimated 16,000 small to medium sized business in the Yarra Ranges Shire with most operated by women.

‘One of our greatest areas of need at present is to help improve the literacy of men aged 45 and older who had been retrenched or are unemployed,’ Nina explained.

In addressing the group, John Maddock noted that Rotary had a wealth of expertise within its ranks as well as funding opportunities to help assist LLOs.

Participating LLOs are now considering how best they can work with Rotary to achieve their goals and address identified needs, with plans for the group to reconvene later in the year.



# Rotary/LL0 Workshop

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In addition to Cire Training, other organisations represented included Orana at Knox, Kerrie Neighbourhood House, Glen Waverley, Task Force Moorabbin, Cheltenham Community Centre, and Springvale Learning and Activity Centre.

The size and reach of each of the LLOs varied considerably and so too did their challenges and the local needs.

Rotary is the oldest service club in the world, bringing together a global network of volunteer leaders who dedicate their time and talent to tackle the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. Rotary connects 1.2 million members from more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Their work impacts lives at both local and international levels.

In District 9810, clubs commit more than \$1.5 million every year to local projects. The combined contribution is valued at an estimated at \$10 million when the number of volunteer hours is included.

Cire is one of the first organisational members of Wandin Rotary.



John Maddock, RC Box Hill Central and Chair of District 9810's Basic Education and Literacy Expert Group; Cire's Nina Bekker; District Governor-elect Shia Smart, RC Mont Albert and Surrey Hills and Sue O'Brien, Senior Project Officer, Regional Engagement – North Eastern Victoria Department of Education and Training/Rotarian.

## Acknowledgement:

CIRE Website <https://www.cire.org.au/2019/05/31/rotary-throws-weight-behind-learn-locals/>

# A Probus First!

On the right is a photograph taken at the Dorset Gardens Hotel, at the AGM, of the induction of our first Honorary Member of Croydon Park Probus Club Inc.

Mr Lance Deveson (RC Boronia), was inducted by the inaugural President Garth Willey, who thanked him and the Rotary Club of Boronia, for their initial and ongoing support of our club which was formed in October 2016.

I believe that our club maybe the first one to bestow this honour on a Rotarian.

Photo shows L-R:

Outgoing President Jane Johnson, Rotarian Lance Deveson, Inaugural President Garth Willey.

**Anne Oughtibridge OAM**  
**9810 Committee & Liaison**  
**for Croydon Park Probus Club**



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## A Shipment of Toiletries

It was an email from District Secretary, Judith Eadon that set District Rotarians into action, heading off to a factory in Heidelberg West to collect boxes of toiletries.

A shipment of toiletries had been donated to Rotary by a corporate supplier. The products were within "best by" dates and in perfect condition.

The provisos for collecting any of the products was that whole boxes be taken, that the products were not for sale, that they were intended to be donations to people being supported by Rotary and community groups, and that any appreciation expressed was to be to Rotary.

On Saturday, 10th August Rotarians from Districts 9800 and 9810, including Sandra and myself, on behalf of RC Monash, were like bees around a honey pot at the factory. After checking in and being given a list of goods each club had been allocated, we all buzzed around the various pallets to locate the individual boxes (oils, creams, moisturisers, etc.).

Sandra and I collected our allocated eight boxes. The beneficiary of our boxes was Impact for Women, an organisation that RC Monash supports.

(From their website (<http://www.impactforwomen.org.au>) Impact for Women notes that the organisation is a completely volunteer charity committed to making a difference to Victorian women and children fleeing extreme violence at home. The donated toiletries will be included in the "bags of love" which are provided to women for Mothers' Day, and at Christmas. Further from the website: "We expect to be packing over 1500 Bags of Love to distribute to Victorian women in hiding due to family violence this Xmas - New Year's period.")

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District 9810 Rotarians collecting their allocated toiletries.  
Sandra (Monash); Stuart (Forest Hill); Anne (MASH);  
Kathy (Manningham).

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## District Conference

Join us at the Dungula Event Centre for our 2020 District Conference! The historic Echuca/Moama area is a fabulous destination to spend a few days - or more and the Dungula Centre is a simply spectacular venue for our conference.

With this great location, a super conference venue and the Grand Rotary Paddle Steamer Flotilla on Saturday afternoon, you will have a stimulating, exciting and entertaining experience with lots of time to **Celebrate Achievements!**

You can now register for the conference.

Go to: <http://www.9810rotaryconference.org.au/registration1.html>

