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District 9810 News

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District Governor's Message

Welcome to another bumper newsletter.

In April, Rotary casts a spotlight on Maternal and Child Health. So many of our Clubs are doing fine work both locally and internationally. You may have read that a regional, centenary project in this area of focus has been formally launched. There is more to share as you will read further on. What a much-needed difference this will make to our Pacific Island neighbours.

April also marks the final quarter of our Rotary year. With less than three months to go, we as Rotarians have two choices to make from this point forward; we can either choose to coast to June 30; or we can enthusiastically continue the momentum by planning for projects and activities to start, stop or continue in the new year. We have so much good to do, so let's all work together for an efficient transition to the incoming leaders.

Council on legislation (CoL) Update – Rotaract Welcomed to Rotary!

The 2019 CoL has concluded its deliberations and President Barry Rassin said in his closing statement, "*You have made transformative changes. You have sent a message to the Rotary world about where you think we need to go for the future.*"

Our District Representative, PDG David Alexander, was in Chicago representing us on 117 pieces of Rotary legislation, including a late inclusion by RI President Barry to elevate Rotaract

to be a formal part of Rotary (as opposed to being a program of Rotary). Apparently, this is the first time a sitting RI President has ever proposed an item to the council.

Newer members may not be aware that individuals are not members of RI, but members of a Rotary Club. Each Rotary Club is in turn, a member of RI. This distinction helps explain why Rotaract clubs will now become members of RI, while their club members remain Rotaractors and not Rotarians. Supporters of this enactment stated that "*The benefit to Rotary is the ability to learn more about Rotaractors and improve the support and resources it offers to help Rotaract grow. As Rotaractors become our partners in service, we will be able to better track their impact and expand our reach.*"

This is brilliant news, and PDG David will share more at the next President's Meeting on May 3, and then in future forums and publications.

Inspiring Rotaractors Making a Difference

On the subject of Rotaract, our partners in service have been busy having fun whilst raising the profile of Rotaract / Rotary, and generating funds for some great causes.

Shelley and I recently attended "*A Night at Hogsmeade*" (hosted by the Rotaract Club of Monash) and a "*Jazz For Polio*" evening (hosted by the Rotaract Club of Yarra Ranges). These guys know how to organise an event, and have a heap of fun!

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Some \$5K and \$1.2K was raised respectively in support of Ovarian Cancer Australia, and The Rotary Foundation.



Jazz for Polio - Happy Snaps



A Night at Hogsmeade –
More Happy Snaps

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The Rotaract Club of Whitehorse held a hugely successful “*Speed Networking*” event in March, and has a fun “*Giant Monopoly*” event planned for May 24. This is always a fun evening and tickets can be ordered here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2309719282419253/>

Governor for 2021-22 Selected

Dr Daryl Moran [RC Rowville-Lysterfield] was selected by our District Nominating Committee to lead our District in 2021-22 on April 14. Please check out Daryl’s biography further on in this newsletter and join in congratulating Daryl and Jenny as they begin the next phase in their Rotary service.

Celebrating 100 Years of Rotary in 2021

As momentum builds to our celebrations of 100 years of Rotary service in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands, many Clubs are already working together to plan their “gift” to their local community / municipality.

Rotary has a significant opportunity to leverage the publicity from this milestone to increase awareness, grow our organisation, and to encourage more community and organisational partnerships. We all have a part to play.

As noted in the April edition of the Rotary Down Under magazine (page 9), a major international project to celebrate this milestone has been approved: **Give Every Child A Future**. Rotary has partnered with UNICEF to give life-saving vaccines to 100,000 children across the Pacific.

With patrons, past RI President Ian Riseley and PDG Juliet, it is fitting that this centenary project be launched in Rotary’s *Maternal and Child Health Month*.

[Click here](#) to see a video message from the Riseleys, and [click here](#) for further details.

I encourage all Rotarians to share this within their networks very worthwhile cause in our part of the world.

Mark Balla – Toilet Warrior (RC of Box Hill Central)

Not my words, but Mark’s! In fact, this is the title of Mark’s recently released book chronicling his Rotary journey (to date) and passion to change people’s lives in India.

I am only part way through the book, but it is an inspiring read, and testament to how one person’s idea can make a difference. RI President Nominee, Sushil Gupta, makes this remark on the back cover: “*I hope that the readers enjoy reading this real story, a story of how one man can change society.*”

The book costs AU\$19.95 + postage, with all profits going toward Water and Sanitation Projects. Click this link to order the book <https://www.toiletwarrior.net/> and this link to see a video by Mark <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eRYqiUQF9M0>

I would suggest that this may make a perfect gift to a potential Rotarian.

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Youth Exchange Students Are On Safari

Our wonderful 2019 YE students are just over the half way mark of their Australian safari.

School maybe out, but early morning starts (sometimes predawn) continue, albeit with some breathtaking views.

Many of us have seen the exciting Facebook posts showing the fun and fellowship being had. It is yet another reminder about the contrasting beauty that is Australia. It is also clear that the flies are having a field day!

I know we all look forward to hearing about their adventures first hand on their return.

From the Bay to the Hills



rotary
youth
exchange



2019 Shine On Awards an Inspiration

Shelley, I and many other Rotarians from our District (and across Victoria), recently attended the Southern District's Shine On event. We count ourselves fortunate to once again be part of celebrating the outstanding contributions made by people who are less able, and by their actions, serve as "shining examples" to our community.

I had the opportunity to meet all the 25 awardees, and learned first-hand the amazing work that they do. I also found that many are now Rotarians and enjoying the opportunities available through Rotary's inclusiveness.

Congratulations to Katie, Maddi and Jack [Endorsed by RC Doncaster], Amir [endorsed by RC Box Hill Central], Jack [endorsed by RC Oakleigh], Jordie [endorsed by RC Glen Waverley], and Warren [endorsed by RC Manningham].

Our District will be hosting this event in 2020, and I commend all Clubs consider becoming involved in this celebration.

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RC of Waverley Homeless Project

Many would recall the inspiring address by Melbourne Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, on homelessness at the 2019 MD Conference. There was also a breakout session with this focus.

President Bill Haywood is seeking support for his Club's partnership with the Collingwood Football Club and the Salvation Army in identifying suitable rental properties.

[Click here](#) to see more information on the project and how you may be able to help or make connections.

Rotarians Against Malaria [RAM] Fundraising / Information Luncheon

A reminder that everyone is invited to this event on May 18 to hear the latest on research efforts, and to provide professional guidance on staying well overseas.

There will be special door prizes, a silent auction, and a raffle to raise funds for more bed nets, education and vaccine research. One item on offer is a child's ride-on BMW!

Master of Ceremonies, Warrick Merry, will add excitement and will join us in welcoming Assoc Professor Justin Boddey, and Professor Edward Ogden.

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Details are in this linked flyer ([click here](#)), and bookings can be made by [clicking here](#).

This event would be a good opportunity to bring along a potential member or community partner.

Quotable quote: “*The best way to predict your future is to create it*” (Attributed to Abraham Lincoln and Peter Drucker.)

In closing, Shelley and I wish you every success in your Rotary endeavours and look forward to our paths crossing soon.

Take care and ***Be the Inspiration***.

Russell

Introducing DGN-D Daryl Moran

Past President Dr Daryl Moran has been appointed as District Governor Nominee Designate to serve as Governor of our District in 2021-22.

Daryl joined Rotary as a member of the Rotary Club of Caulfield (D9800) in 1990 before serving in the clubs of Mulgrave, Rowville.com and Rowville-Lysterfield, where he was a Charter member.

A retired school teacher, he also worked as a Head of Junior Schools at Caulfield Grammar School - Wheelers Hill, Haileybury College - Brighton and at Eltham College. With wife Jenny, he also worked for two years at an International school in India. He completed his PhD at Melbourne University in 2009 and wrote a thesis dealing with Educational Leadership in Primary Schools.

At Club level he has held various positions and is the current President of the RC of Rowville-Lysterfield. At District level he has served on various District Conference committees, worked as the Conference MC, as an Assistant Governor and is currently serving as the District Youth Service Chair.

A particular passion for Daryl has been the establishment of Earlyact clubs for primary aged children and he is pleased to note that D9810 now sponsors five such clubs. His son was a Youth Exchange student to Germany from this District in 1994 and Daryl and Jenny have been hosts and guardians to four such international students.

Daryl and Jenny have a son and a daughter and five grandchildren. Having recently retired from secondary school teaching, Jenny has also become a Rotarian at Rowville-Lysterfield and is already an active member with a personal interest in the Days for Girls program.

Both Daryl and Jenny are looking forward to the wonderful opportunity to further serve D9810 into the future and are greatly encouraged by the warm wishes and support they have already received.



Autumn News from Australian Rotary Health



[Click here](#) for the Autumn Update.

WE WANT YOUR RUBBISH!

Specifically:

- Dental Floss Containers
- Empty Toothpaste Tubes
- Plain Cotton and Flannelette material
- Used Beauty Cream Tubes
- Used Coffee Pods made with foil (e.g. Nespresso pods)
- Used Toothbrushes
- Small Hard Soaps
- Small Liquid Soaps (e.g. Body Wash, Shampoo, Conditioner)
- Small Makeup Bags

Rotary
Club of Monash



Bring along to one of our meetings or post to PO Box 563, Mount Waverley, Victoria 3149, Australia. Items are either donated to Days for Girls or sold with proceeds going to Days for Girls

This Year's NYSF Application - Process Update



All Clubs should have now received a letter from the National Youth Science Forum [NTSF] with information regarding applications. Should your Club not have received this, a copy is linked below.

We ask that all Clubs note the following:

1. There is no limit on the number of applicants a Club can endorse. However, Clubs should satisfy themselves that the student is a worthy candidate for a District interview.
2. There is no obligation to provide funding along with endorsement. However, it must be made clear as to what if any funding the Club will supply and what the student and their family is responsible for.
3. If a student and their family is able to pay all of the fee, then they can proceed directly to District selections.
4. Funding assistance is available through the Equity Scholarship Fund.
5. Please ask all students that approach you to indicate in their on-line application that they are seeking selection through District 9810. This is important so that Paul can see the number of students in total that will be part of the District interviews.
6. **Please note this piece of information is different from what I advised in an earlier communication. Clubs are asked to finalise their elections/nominations by Monday May 20.**

This is necessary so students can complete their on-line application by May 31. Paul had previously asked Clubs to finalise their selections by May 31, but this is impractical given the NYSF application closure date.

As always, if you have any questions please contact Paul Taranto at paul.taranto@qenos.com

For more information [click here](#)



End Trachoma 2020 Highlights

Project Directors and District Champions meet in Alice Springs.

Some District Champions and Directors travelled at their own expense for a week of Trachoma related activities. The Indigenous Eye Health conference was a great opportunity to network with health providers and promote the EndTrachoma goals.

Santa Teresa community laundry opened during community health promotion day.

On Wednesday the 13th of March we joined with a variety of health related organisations for a community health promotion day and laundry opening, at this well run community some 90km south east of Alice. See photos.



At the Community health day!

1. Jim from RC Melbourne demonstrates the water trailer game to the kids with MILPA spreading the “Clean Faces Strong Eyes” message.
2. Kerry, RC Melbourne, Lesley ATA, ADG Ron & Mel RC of Mbantua, Alice Springs at the very healthy sausage sizzle!

Past Governor General Sir Michael Jeffrey congratulates Rotary for our work on End Trachoma and is compelling in his insistence that we keep up the good work!

On the Tuesday we had a dinner meeting with members of the ATA (Australian Trachoma Alliance) chaired by past Governor General Sir Michael Jeffrey.

Over 200 Eye health professionals, Indigenous Health Providers and Volunteers meet and call for better housing maintenance in remote indigenous communities to improve health outcomes.

We attended the National Closing the Gap conference on Indigenous Eye Health at the Alice Springs Conference centre March 14-15. The issue of better maintenance of housing was widely discussed and in eliminating Trachoma spin off outcomes for other health issues such as Rheumatic Heart Disease were anticipated.

In District 9810, if we include Carol Farmers’ great work with stamp collecting, over \$30,000 has been raised for the EndTrachoma2020 project.

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End Trachoma 2020 Highlights

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Over 3500 mirrors have been distributed for installation in homes , schools and remote community facilities.

EndTrachoma2020 has partnered with the WA Dept. of Health to enhance basic maintenance in remote communities with the provision of flexible mirrors.

Russell Marnock
EndTrachoma2020 Champion
(PP RC Emerald and District)

The Search for a Malaria Vaccine

Australia leads the World in research for an effective malaria vaccine. It is one of the main reasons why Melbourne hosted the 1st Malaria World Conference in July 2018 bringing over 1000 attendees from 64 countries here to pool our resources and knowledge, and to start to plan a coordinated attack to defeat a disease which still infects 200,000,000 each year and kills 450,000, mainly children under 5 years old. The “Holy Grail” will be an effective, long lasting, single dose, cheap and robust vaccine. With this we just might achieve the Millennium Goal of a World free of malaria by 2040.

There are many vaccine contenders in various stages of development, but leading the pack is a vaccine based on using modified versions of the malaria parasite in the vaccine to provoke the human immune system into action early to rid the body of malaria. Called Plasprotect it is being developed by Professor Michael Goode and a team from the Institute of Glycomics - part of Griffith University in Queensland. The research to discover the vaccine was funded by the Australian Government, but they would not support the essential trials needed to bring the vaccine to safe use. Rotary District 9640 in Queensland agreed to mount a campaign to raise \$500,000 to get the vaccine to the first stage of human trials. With RAM's help the funds were raised by late last year and human trials have now commenced.

Griffith University hosted the Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM) National Conference on the Gold Coast in August last year when we agreed to continue this support and seek a further \$500,000 to complete human trials in a “Non-Malaria Challenged” country (Australia) We hope that if these trials are successful the major Global malaria funds will take on the multi-million dollar task of testing the vaccine in a country where malaria is endemic - probably in Africa.

[Click here](#) to read the full article where the Federal Government has matched the \$500,000 raised for the Malaria Vaccine Project by Rotarians all over Australia.

Keys to International Project Success

One of the great benefits of being a Rotarian is to be able to give back by using your skills and knowledge in projects that improve the lives of others. Rotary, being a truly international organisation of like-minded people, offers unlimited opportunities to take part in humanitarian projects both here and overseas.

Contrary to popular belief, far more Rotary club funds are applied to local projects than international projects. This is partly because to identify, develop, and manage an international project can be very challenging but can also be extremely rewarding.

The recipe for success for any international project is to have good partners and a clear understanding of the project's purpose based on a detailed Community Needs Analysis. The Rotary Foundation now requires a Community Needs Analysis to be completed before any Global Grant can commence to ensure that the project is sustainable and gives ownership to the community that it serves.

The Rotary Club of Box Hill Central is very active locally and overseas. Our signature international projects are Operation Cleft, Operation Toilets and End Slavery.

Experience and careful management are key factors in running successful Rotary projects.

We first became involved in Operation Cleft fourteen years ago that has now completed over 12,000 cleft repairs for disadvantaged children in Bangladesh at a cost of around AUD3.1 million.

To ensure viability of these international projects we have structured Operation Cleft Australia and Operation Toilets Australia as "Incorporated Associations" that clearly separates finances and responsibilities. They operate as "independent silos" with separate committees but they all are ultimately accountable to the club board and each committee must be made up of a majority of members of the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central. Operation Cleft is a registered charity and has Designated Gift Recipient (DGR) tax deductibility status and Operation Toilets is a registered charity and has associated tax deductibility status as a registered project with Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS). Our other Incorporated Association is Rotary Recycle, our very successful shop in Wattle Park that brings in substantial funds that supports many of the club's projects and programs.

Experience and careful management not only applies to how to structure projects but how also to run them. We have a program of succession planning where the chair of each entity changes every three or four years and we endeavour to include new members on committees and change over existing club members on committees on a regular basis.

For a new international project like Operation Toilets that involves construction services and program delivery in different locations as separate projects over a number of years as opposed to a once off project, it is recommended that you undertake a pilot project to test your idea after approval by your club's board. Once this has been successfully completed you should then set up a management committee to administer the project and if you decide to set up a new entity, talk to the Rotary insurance brokers providing them with copies of your rules to prove that the project is technically under the control of your Rotary club and therefore covered by the Rotary insurance program.

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Once this has been done you can then take this “Rotary club badged” project out into the Rotary network for support for future projects. It does not take too long to build up a track record. In just four years Operation Toilets has completed projects in India and Ethiopia to the value of USD256,360 (AUD360,700) and has in planning Global Grants to the value of USD412,224 (AUD508,000) in two projects in Delhi and another project in Nasik, India. Rotary Foundation Matching Grants are always calculated in US dollars. Rotary Foundation Global Grants are very attractive as a funding source where donations from Rotary clubs are matched 50% by the Foundation and donations by Rotary Districts are matched 100% by the Foundation. In some circumstances the Matching Grants system can add up to more than 60% of the total donations to a project by Rotary clubs and districts. Operation Toilets have been able to attract USD52,000 in donations from Rotary clubs and districts in Chicago, Michigan and North Carolina for one of our upcoming Delhi Global Grants. This is a good example of the benefits of the Rotary international network. These U.S. donations were a result of a speaking tour undertaken by our project manager, PN Mark Balla in 2018 at a number of U.S. Rotary clubs and Rotary district conferences that was funded by those districts.

The USD52,000 donation will grow to USD88,000 with USD36,000 added by Matching Grants representing a major contribution to the overall project budget of USD244,350 (AUD343,762) to fund our second Delhi Global Grant. This project involves the implementation of WASH in Schools in 19 schools located in north and north central Delhi. It will benefit to over 7,200 families (30,000 people) with 7,289 children (3,912 boys and 3,377 girls) studying in these schools.

The third Delhi Global Grant currently being planned has a budget of USD57,649 (AUD80,800) will benefit over 1,300 families (5,000 people) with 1,321 children (691 boys and 630 girls) studying in these schools.

Both projects will include:

- Construction/renovation of toilets
- Construction of group handwashing stations and drinking water facilities
- Provision of a hygiene education program by World Vision
- School cleaning, painting and maintenance

A recent highlight for Operation Toilets has been its reference in the current “Fluid approach to Water” article on the RI website at:

<https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-water-programs-shift-focus-education-and-sustainability>

In conclusion, we find that not all clubs are involved in international projects and if you can present a “Rotary club badged” project with a proven track record you can attract Rotary club partners from around the world. We do have some excellent Rotary partners in our international projects but with that said it still takes a lot of careful joint management to ensure each project is successful.

PDG Brian Martin
Chair, Operation Toilets Australia
(RC Box Hill Central)

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Above:

Photographed at a new school wash station at
Vidya Prashala School, Talegaon are:

PDG Brian Martin, PP Don Sweeney, PDG Jenny Coburn and
Operation Toilets Project Manager, PN Mark Balla.

They are all members of the Operation Toilets committee on a
self-funded trip to visit projects in India in January this year.



Above:

Rotary Foundation Trustee Julia
Phelps performing the opening
ceremony at
Vidya Prashala School.



Left:

Some beneficiaries of an Operation
Toilets project in Nasik, India.

Meet the Rotaractors

Name: Morgan Macleod-Finke

Club: Rotaract Club of Manningham (currently provisional, but soon to charter by the end of this Rotary year!)

Years in Rotaract: 0.75

What you do for work/study?

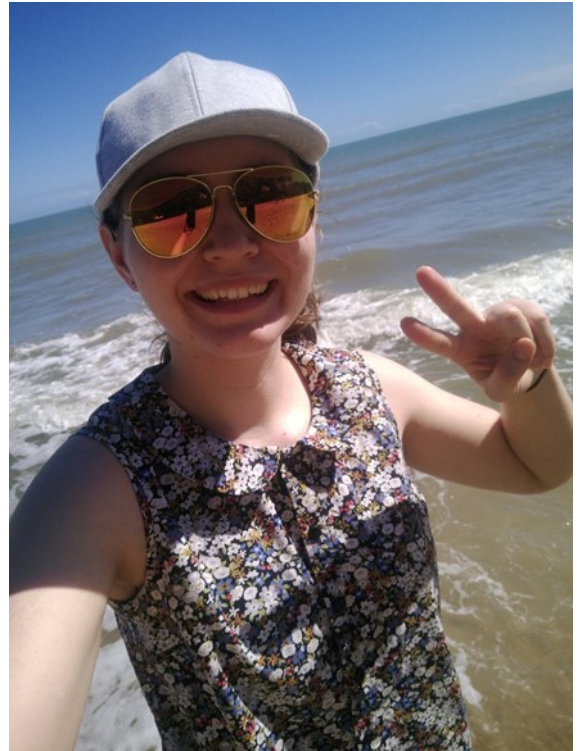
Full-time student in Biomedical Science and Electrical Engineering; and also working in a String Music Shop

Why did you join Rotaract?

I wanted to find an easier way to get into volunteering and community engagement, as well as boost my resume for professional development.

Why did you stay in Rotaract?

I got swept up in the awesome Rotaract community – everyone was so welcoming and enthusiastic that it was impossible not to be inspired to stay.



***Fun fact:** Morgan's dad Mike Finke is the current President of the Rotary Club of Forest Hill!*

District Grant Does Good in Laos

An inspiring, feel good story highlighting the work by Rotarians from RC of Box Hill Central.



[Click here](#) for more information.

Wheelchairs for Kids at Tintern Grammar

On 1 March 2019 all of the junior school students took part in a Wheelathon to raise money for the Rotary Wheelchairs for Kids (WFK) charity. It was a hot day, starting at 22 degrees and rapidly heading to 38 degrees.

Along with teaching staff and the WFK team, Russell Hayes and Peter Klaaysen, a number of Rotarians came to help including three RC of Bayswater members; PE Roy Bennett, AG Barrie Vickers and PP Tim Bray.

To make things a bit easier, an earlier than planned start was made and the youngest children (Year 1 and Year 2) completed their laps on the tennis court.

After listening carefully to the explanation about how the wheelchairs work, and instructions about which way to go and how to change from pushing to being pushed, they set off to complete as many laps as possible. Of course, they celebrated at the end by throwing their WFK hats into the air with a cheer.



The Year 3 to Year 6 students moved to the oval, as did the Preps who were helpfully pushed by the Year 6 students.

Once on the oval a bit of extra cooling was provided by a sprinkler (and the occasional helping hand!) and some shade, each group celebrating in the usual way as they completed their turn.

All the students (and some of the helpers) also had an icy-pole (or two) along the way to help with hydration and cooling.



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Wheelchairs for Kids at Tintern Grammar

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Much to the relief of the helpers, all the students had completed their sessions by around 1.00pm. Of course, no Rotary related event is complete without sausages – even on a hot day – so it was sausages for all at lunchtime.

In the few weeks leading up to the Wheelathon the students busily collected sponsors for each lap they completed or donations from family and friends. After the event they collected the funds and returned them to school.

On 18 March 2019 a special assembly with all the students who participated and a number of parents present was held to reveal the total amount raised and hand over a cheque to the WFK team.

The special assembly started with a video that gave the students a reminder of the work done by the WFK volunteers in Western Australia to build and prepare the wheelchairs distribution. The video also showed several of the wheelchairs in use by the recipients overseas.

Following a build-up accompanied by the cheering of all present, the 2019 total was revealed as \$7,314.10, just a little less than was raised in 2017.



This is enough to build 36 new wheelchairs for distribution to somewhere like Ghana where there is a huge demand.

A big thank you to all at Tintern and the Rotarians who supported the event on the day.

We hope that Tintern are already thinking about the next Wheelathon – probably in 2021.

Do You Have a Club Google Drive?

In the last newsletter, Kai-Xing Goh, District Rotaract Representative 2018-2019, gave us some valuable tips on clubs' Facebook use.

This issue Kai-Xing has provided a tutorial on:

GOOGLE DRIVE – A PLATFORM FOR RESOURCE-SHARING AND COLLABORATION

Why your club should consider making a Club Google Drive, if you haven't already got one

Although Kai-Xing advised: "... it is a bit long and I understand if you can't fit it in" I have read the tutorial and believe it could be a valuable tool for clubs.

A Google Drive can be used in several ways; members can work on documents collaboratively, prepare sign-ups to events, work on presentations, or complete forms that need to be printed/scanned/emailed.

So you can also read about Google Drives, I have arranged for Kai-Xing's tutorial to be uploaded on the District archive.

[Click here](#) to read and learn about this valuable club resource.

Thanks Kai-Xing.

Gordon Pyke, Editor



CENTENARY CELEBRATION WORKING GROUP EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST SOUGHT

In April, 2021, we will celebrate a century of Rotary in Australia and New Zealand.

Here in District 9810 a small working group is needed to help us plan our participation in the celebrations and add our own unique activity to this special event.

What that activity will be is still to be decided.

Rotarians interested in being part of our "Centenary Celebration Working Group" please contact DGN Alma Reynolds before the end of February at almareynolds.rotary@gmail.com

An initial get-together to "explore the possibilities" will be held soon.

THE TIME TO COMMENCE OUR PLANNING IS NOW

Probus Honorary Membership Precedent?

**Bestowal of Honorary Membership to Boronia Rotary's 2016 President, Lance Deveson
Croydon Park Probus Club's 3rd Annual General Meeting on 21st March 2019**

Bestowed in appreciation of the Rotary Club of Boronia sponsoring Croydon Park Probus Club's formation in October 2016 and continuing keen interest in the club's progress, which now has a membership cap of 150.

Lance was inducted by the Foundation President Garth Willey, who thanked him for his ongoing personal interest and maintenance of our relationship with Boronia Rotary Club.

The photo below shows Croydon Park Probus Club's outgoing second President, Jane Johnson, at left, Rotarian Lance Deveson centre, and Foundation President Garth Willey at right.

Many thanks.

In friendship,

**Anne Oughtibridge OAM
Croydon Park Probus Club**

