



BE THE INSPIRATION

District 9810  
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District 9810 News

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## District Governor's Message

Welcome to the first newsletter for the 2018-19 Rotary year.

I am grateful that Gordon Pyke has agreed to continue as editor of this key member publication, and for Communication / Public Image Chair Ken Miller's support with content. This is a bumper edition which highlights the level of activity in our "gem of a District".

Many members have recently returned inspired from the hugely successful RI Convention in Toronto. There are some terrific initiatives being shared, as well as reports of Ian and Juliet being seen around the District. PDG Juliet was our special key note speaker at the recent Foundation Seminar. It is so nice to have them back, even though it may be for a little while.

Shelley and I really enjoyed being part of 30 Changeover celebrations. I congratulate all Clubs on their achievements and extend best wishes with the plans for the year ahead. The entire 2018-19 District Support Team is at your service.

I also congratulate PDG Malcolm, Membership Chair PDG Jenny, and the 2017-18 District Support Team for the fine work that resulted in our District growing last year; the first time in over 20 years. Let's all keep up the momentum as we still have some work to do to achieve our 1,200 target.

Most would be aware by now that our 2018-19 Rotary International President Barry Rassin has asked us to "Be the Inspiration". During my Club visits to date, I have spoken about aspects of this in relation to ourselves; how we can be the

inspiration in our Communities, in our Clubs, and at home; how we can strive to be that person that inspires someone else to join us in our Rotary work. I am certain that we have all been inspired by someone during our lives, so let's all take this message on board and share our passion for service and tell our personal story and share the "gift of Rotary."

To that point, in the August edition of the Rotarian, Barry mentions many things, including thought provoking words "that to do our work effectively, we need to keep our own house in order." He continues that in Rotary, that means conducting ourselves in accordance with the principles of Rotary, treating others with respect, maximising our impact by planning carefully and "stewarding our resources wisely. And that means looking after the long-term health of our organisation by ensuring that our membership is strong, engaged, and healthy."

As August, Rotary's *Membership and New Club Development Month*, draws to a close, I ask that you consider every day of every month an opportunity to secure **Our Future** and increase our impact by growing our organisation. The current *Fighting for our Farmers Drought Relief Appeal* on Channel 9 has placed the Rotary brand in more homes at prime times than we could ever have imagined.

As well as helping our country cousins, are we ready to leverage the benefit of all this publicity? Some food for thought for all our Club leaders:

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1. Is your Club's "house" in order?
2. How does your Club look to the outside world? Your local community?
3. Are you ready for enquiries from the public?
4. Are you clear on your Club's "value proposition" and what we do to help make the world a better place?
5. Are you doing enough to ensure your Clubs are not only relevant in the local community, but indeed represent the diversity of that community?
6. Are we doing enough to be "the organisation of choice for women" as Barry Rassin asked in the Rotarian magazine?

One of my objectives this year is to streamline and modernize some aspects in our District. Earlier this month, we released our new digital presence powered by Club Runner. Our District Technology Team [TechCom], lead by Peter Dalwood and Gus Rozycki, did some excellent work and there is still much to do to add more value to our Club members. They welcome any feedback as this is your resource.

Whilst the outward view is a refreshed website, and smart phone app, the underlying members database is key to District and Club administrative efficiency. Over the next month, our TechCom will be liaising with all Clubs to help permanently synchronize our District member database with Rotary International; effectively one source of the member truth and streamlining information from one Club admin entry point.

The TechCom will then focus on other pressing governance matters. If you have an interest in helping the team, please see a specific note elsewhere in this newsletter.

In closing, it has always been a great time to be part of Rotary, and to share what we do. It is a unique organisation and there is always so much going on. To highlight just a few: there are new and existing projects making a difference, new Rotaract, Interact and Earlyact Clubs in progress, new members to get to know, Rotaractors to partner with, community Rotary Day events being planned, international exchange students here, lots of learning, development and networking opportunities, and lots of fundraising, fun and fellowship!

On top of that, we have the Australia New Zealand Conference coming up in September, as well as our Victorian Multi-District Conference (Australia's first, [click here](#)) planned for February 15-17. This will be formally launched in October, but more on that another time.

Shelley and I look forward to continuing to serve the District, and to meeting as many members and partners as possible during our Club visits.

Take care and **Be the Inspiration.**

Best regards,

*Russell*

*PS – can I ask that each Club's Membership Chair please ensure that our new(er) members are receiving this publication. This will be one key benefit of RI database integration!*

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## News Flash

Karen and I are extremely pleased to announce the contributions to the Governor's Partner's Project (Karen's project) funding an Aboriginal Education Worker within the Purnululu Independent Aboriginal Community School raised \$14,350.00.

Thank you to all the Clubs in District 9810, both Karen and I really appreciate your generosity and kindness.

**PDG Malcolm Chiverton  
(RC Box Hill Central)**

## District Technology Committee



Having rolled out the new District website and associated ClubRunner back-end database, our District Technology Committee is now ready to turn its attention to some other aspects of technology.

The next tasks on the agenda include:

- a review of online document archiving and storage facilities with a focus on Club and District documentation requirements associated with statutory and Rotary Youth Protection
- the rollout of District committee, role-based email accounts
- a review of tools for sharing meetings, seminars and conferences online.

If you have expertise or interest in either of these topics, and are willing to share your time and knowledge, please contact Committee chair, Peter Dalwood.

# Disaster Updates

## Drought Relief Partnership with D9650 in NSW

Members may be aware that our District has partnered with District 9650 to make a direct connection with one of the worst affected areas. Sadly, there are many other Districts in NSW and Qld that need just as much help.

District 9650 set up a special RAWCS Drought Relief fund earlier this year as the dire situation there became clearer. Many Clubs have already generously donated to this fund, and I encourage other Clubs to consider this fund given our direct connection. All donations to this fund are exempt from the normal RAWCS service fee.

There are dozens of stories where the direct, personal Rotary connection has made a difference, and in one known case, saved a life. One example in a remote rural community related to what they needed right now. They recently received some hay and water. Their request was feed for their working dogs, and “some shampoo, if it could be spared.” We are dealing with such proud people who rarely ask for help.

I am aware that many Clubs have exciting and innovative fundraising projects that will not only raise much needed funds, but will also raise our profile in the local community. Who knows, more people may enquire as to who we are, and what we do!

Our District's efforts are now being coordinated by our **Community Recovery and Assistance Committee**, Chair Roy Marshall (RC Doncaster), with the support of former farmers, Ian and Marg Vesey (RC Rowville-Lysterfield). If your Club would like to partner with one in D9650, please let Ian or Marg know so we can make a direct connection.

## National Drought Relief Appeal

The Fighting for our Farmers Drought Relief Appeal (a partnership between “Rotary Australia”, Channel Nine, and the National Farmer's Federation) is just over three weeks in and has already raised almost \$9.5M into the RAWCS fund ([click here](#)) set up for this purpose.

Over \$2M in funds have been distributed to three organisations in QLD and NSW, with the rest of the donations to be distributed after being thoroughly examined by the National Farmers' Federation in a longer-term effort. [Click this link for more information.](#)

The scale is such that our direct District / Club support model mentioned above is recommended.

## Lombok Earthquake Update

Many members have asked how we can support this disaster. At this stage, we are respecting the Indonesian Government's position that “international assistance is not required.” Disaster Aid Australia are closely monitoring the situation as noted in their latest update ([Click here](#))

## Indian Floods / Hawaii Cat 4 Storm

Just to confirm that we have a watching brief on these and no formal request for support has been received.

# Hay to Farmers

Our farmers in Victoria are suffering from the “green drought”. It may look like green paddocks however nothing is growing.

Rotary is doing a great job through RAWCS and the Channel 9 Today Show however, we, at the Rotary Club of Lilydale wondered what we could do to help – to make a difference.

One of our Charter Members who passed away in April 2017 left a Trust Fund. He was also a cattle farmer. So we approached the Executor of the Estate and were given \$10,000 to assist sending hay to Bairnsdale to farmers in need.

We approached the Yarra Valley area to purchase hay – there is not a lot left as everyone is buying it up – and were able to secure 72 large round bales of hay. We then approached Kenworth Trucks who in turn went to their dealerships and were able to secure two semi-trailers, one from Grinter Transport and one from Willaton Transport through the dealership Gippsland Truck Centre. These companies have agreed to transport the hay at no cost to us.

Our next step was to find out how to disperse the hay to needy farmers. We approached the Rotary Club of Bairnsdale and they were only too happy to assist. They have sourced a “drop off point” for the hay and then will supervise the distribution through the National Farmers’ Federation list of needy farmers. Bairnsdale Rotary have also organised unloading the trucks through their members and contacts.

One of the Rotarians from Bairnsdale said there was a drought there about 20 years ago and the Yarra Valley came to the rescue and he thought Lilydale assisted with hay then.

As we were unable to source any further good quality large round bales and had \$4,000 left plus another \$2,000 donation – we have asked the Rotary Club of Bairnsdale to source grain for the sheep and petrol vouchers for the farmers.

Helping each other is what Rotary is all about.

**Ron Haines**  
**President**  
**Rotary Club of Lilydale**



Hay ready to roll.  
With generous assistance from:  
Above:  
Grinter Transport  
Left:  
Willaton Transport



# Tathra Fires Update

It is time to provide you all with another update where the community is at following the 18 March fires that impacted Tathra.

Most of the Rotary Clubs contributed to the Mayoral Appeal and this fund has now accumulated over \$1.5m. The seven member committee set up to distribute these funds to individuals included 4 community members, one of whom is Bega Rotary Past President Richard Galton.

- Stage 1 - Initial distributions of a “flat rate” of \$300,000 have been made to people where their house was destroyed either as primary residence owned or renting.
- Stage 2 – Payments totalling approximately \$609,000 have been made to 105 people with damage to their property.

Stage 3 - The criteria for the third distribution is currently being confirmed.

As previously advised, funds that were donated to Bega Rotary are being held and will be used as we identify specific cases that other funds do not cover. As previously indicated we have a long-term focus in this regard. The local Lions Clubs are taking a similar approach.

A summary of the current status:

- All blocks have now been cleared of fire debris.
- Council has moved the “one stop” office to Tathra. This is to assist people work through the planning and development process for any rebuild. There are also dedicated people to address the emotional and social needs.
- Replacement of retaining walls and repairs to damaged property is well advanced.
- The first houses to be rebuilt are in progress – one already has frame & roof complete and the other the frame is being erected. Several others have materials on site and are ready to start.
- I am aware 4 to 5 properties have been sold after the fires. The prices paid have been higher than if sold before the fire.
- As expected, social welfare issues have emerged with some families or individuals struggling with the situation on “rollercoaster” periods as predicted.
- Two Rotary ladies have organised two “Ladies lunches” for the locals to get together as part of moving forward. Over 50 ladies attended each lunch.
- Rotary has sponsored the publishing of a book by students at Tathra Primary School telling of their experience of being affected by the fires. These funds were from proceeds of our Winter Book Fair.
- Rotary members have assisted in landscaping for an elderly couple that had fire damage. This will move into plantings in burnt gardens as we get into spring. Tathra Lions have been very active in this area.

I hope this provides some insight as to the current position.

**PP Charlie Blomfield**  
**RC Bega, NSW**  
**(27 August 2018)**

# International Students Arrive

Six international Youth Exchange students recently arrived into the care of our District for their one year stay and adventure of a lifetime!

Guilia (Italy), Lea (Switzerland), Gabrielle (France), Jade (Brazil) and Phillip & Lynn (Germany) are already endearing themselves to everyone they meet as they familiarize themselves with their host families, new friends, and Club members. Please make them feel welcome and consider inviting them to visit your Club or event.

Contact YE Chair Tim Bray, or YE Deputy Chair / Secretary, Barrie Vickers. ([Click here for details](#))



## Meanwhile, Overseas

Sarah Cumming is an outbound student currently in Brazil.

Sarah is sponsored by RC Rowville-Lysterfield and is being hosted by RC Coronel Fabriciano Melo Viana in D4520 Brazil.

She participated in the club's End Polio public awareness day where every car was stopped and given information about Rotary and the End Polio Campaign.

Sarah's exchange has been everything she ever wished for and more. That was the comment passed on by her father at the recent Mid Year Dinner held for the parents of the outbound students. He further stated: "As a proud indigenous Australian she's been able to share her own culture with many other cultures in Brazil including in the Amazon". He also thanked Rotary for the unbelievable opportunity that Rotary is providing Sarah.

**Stuart McDonald**  
**District 9810 Youth Exchange Committee**  
**(RC Healesville)**

# Meanwhile, Overseas



Left & Below:  
Sarah and Rotarians promoting the End Polio  
Now campaign Brazilian style.



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## Pick My Project - People Power

Our State government has set-up **Pick My Project** as a Victorian-first community grants initiative, with at least \$1 million in funding available in each metro and regional area.

The RC of Glen Waverley are seeking “people power” to support three project ideas in the Monash community, and to help make them a reality.

Even if you are out of area, it would be wonderful if all Rotarians could take five minutes to have a look at the Pick My Project web site ([click here](#)), search for these projects, register and vote by September 17:

1. Supporting Youth Mental Health
2. Messages for the Community
3. Men on the Move reducing the social isolation of men





# District Interplast News

Many thanks to District 9810 Rotary Clubs who kindly donated funds to support Interplast Repairing Bodies & Rebuilding Lives in the Asia Pacific Region.

With your valuable support District 9810 has funded Surgical & Training Programs in Samoa and the Philippines. Further funding raised by the Wandin Club has enabled a program in Fiji and, after obtaining a Global Grant, a program in the Philippines.

Well done District 9810 Clubs!

Our District Governor; Russell Gurney, is asking all District 9810 Club to support the Interplast Program in this Rotary year, 2018–2019.

In Papua New Guinea, a 26 year old woman had her right hand severed above the elbow during an attack with a bush knife. A deep laceration on her left arm forced her fingers into a clawed position and it was unable to be extended. Without the use of her remaining hand, Jane had lost her ability to care for herself and her 3 year old son. Before the attack, Jane was supporting her son and training to become a mechanic. After the trauma, she relied heavily on her ageing parents and younger siblings to help her with her son. Fortunately for Jane, she heard that an Interplast medical team was coming to the Modilon General Hospital in Madang, Papua New Guinea. She was able to travel to the hospital and receive hand surgery. After surgery she was involved in physiotherapy. In time she taught herself how to write and care for herself, and her three year old. She now has hope of better things to come!



You too can bring hope to many people like Jane by supporting Interplast to achieve its mission of enhancing people's health and wellbeing by enabling access to life-changing reconstructive surgery and related medical services.

**PP Liz Guiver,  
District 9810 Interplast Chair  
(RC Warrandyte-Donvale)**

**Supported by committee members: Brian Hodgson, Harvey Lane, Peter Lewis, Chris Mara, Geoff Weeks and Bob Williams.**

Note: If you would like an Interplast speaker then contact one of the above.



**Interplast**<sup>TM</sup>

Repairing bodies & rebuilding lives  
in the Asia Pacific region

# Rotaract Changeover

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> of July, all the Rotaract clubs in District 9810 gathered to changeover to the new year over a yummy high tea. The Rotaractors from Monash, Whitehorse, Yarra Ranges and Manningham (our new provisional club!) were there in full force. We were thrilled to have such strong support from our Rotary partners, with the whole District G-train – Malcolm, Russell, Shia and Alma – plus three other past District Governors in attendance! Not to mention the other fifty Rotarians who filled the room. What a wonderful afternoon it was, hearing about all the achievements from the 2017-18 crew and welcoming in the 2018-19 one.



## MY DRR GOALS

- 1) Support our presidents and ensure we grow our organisation in a sustainable way – in terms of size (new members, *maybe* even new clubs!), but *more importantly* in terms of impact and providing a wholesome volunteer experience for our members
- 2) Foster intra-district relationships – bring all the clubs even closer together through district events, stronger communication and shared resources
- 3) Improve our presence on a bigger scale especially with our Rotary partners – letting everyone know and proving that while we are younger, we are equally potent partners who could (should?) be collaborated with!

*“I’M A ROTARIAN... HOW CAN I HELP?”... AND HOW CAN ROTARACT HELP YOU?*

- **Collaboration!** Have you got a project we might be able to assist with? We bring enthusiasm, different skillsets (including but not limited to technological!) and help prove that Rotary is truly an inter-generational organisation.
- **New members!** Do you know anyone aged 18-30 who is interested in helping, learning, and enjoying? Have you sponsored someone lately for a Youth program? Have you got an Interact club with graduating year 12s?
- **Include and support!** Come and enjoy our events and projects, and please invite us to yours!

Rotaract Clubs are like Rotary clubs but perhaps a bit more cost-effective and flexible. We are very self-sufficient and capable of functioning in our own little bubble, but together with Rotary we could both be so much stronger. I’m very much looking forward to working with Russell – already a trailblazer for Rotaract – to see how we can pave a future where our organisations work closely together in partnership to serve above ourselves.

**Kai-Xing Goh**

**District Rotaract Representative 2018/19  
(Rotaract Club of Whitehorse)**

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# Rotaract Changeover



Left:  
Rotaract personified.  
PDG Malcolm, Tegan, Kai-Xing, Bianca  
& DG Russell

Right:  
The whole bunch!  
Rotaractors from Monash, Whitehorse,  
Yarra Ranges and Manningham.



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## Vocational Training Team to Indonesia - Water, Sanitation and Health

Keen District 9810 Facebook followers would be aware that PDG David Alexander, together with Bill Chapman and five other volunteers, are currently in Central Java, Indonesia, for two weeks.

This has been some time in the planning and are our District's first VTT and are linked to RI District 3420. Their objective is to improve the health and well-being of some remote communities that lack access to safe water and sanitation, and to highlight the related benefits that can be achieved through improved hygiene practices.

We look forward to hearing more about their adventures, and the sustainable impact of this initiative, when their return early in September.

# Rotarians Against Malaria News

The very successful First Malaria World Congress was held at the Melbourne Convention Centre in early July. It ran for five days and I attended on Days 3 and 4. Sixty countries were represented, 1,000 delegates attended and there were close to 200 speakers from all over the world. Some of the speakers gave individual presentations and some were members of panels who answered questions on the topic that had been the theme of the preceding speaker. Participants that were from Australia and around the world all united in one strong purpose – the elimination of malaria.

These numbers illustrate how extensive the global battle is against malaria which for many reasons remains to this day, one of the most persistent and devastating human health challenges.

91 countries are malaria endemic and although over the years there's been a decrease in the number of cases, the worrying trend at the moment is that progress has stalled.

Latest statistics from WHO are that in 2016, 200 million cases were reported globally and 445,000 died, a large percentage being children under 5.

In the two days I attended, the 3 focusses were partnerships, commitment and business case (funding). All essential elements of a malaria elimination program.

The Congress provided an opportunity for those on the forefront of discovering and implementing ways to eliminate this terrible disease to:

- talk and work together
- hear different perspectives
- value the contributions made by many to the common objective of malaria control
- share successes
- suggest ways to address challenges and complex issues

For more detailed information of Days 3 and 4, please [click here](#) to read my report.

**Gloria Hargreaves**  
**Southern Region RAM Coordinator**  
**(RC Emerald & District)**



# RYLA - Making a Difference

The 2018 Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) event extravaganza may have concluded early July, however the friendships and personal experiences will last a life time!

Alan Wong, Don Kerley, Sath Andradi, Roujeh Mizher and the amazing RYLA leadership team, did another amazing job and have influenced so many of our future leaders. This was clearly evident during the week and particularly during the closing ceremony.

A recent email to me from a participant is a case-in-point and highlights one of the reasons we do what we do:

*"I could write many pages about the value of RYLA to young people's lives. However, I will summarise three key things I have taken away from this experience. Firstly, RYLA has taught me to value myself as a person and as a leader. Secondly, I have learnt to appreciate diversity and what we can learn from others by talking and listening. Lastly, that there are some truly inspiring and giving people in society, who display the qualities all people should try to achieve. I thank you and Rotary again, for enabling me to attend RYLA. I learnt so much and have been inspired to contribute to the community and selflessly give to others."*

On behalf of all members in our District, I also had the privilege of making Sath a Paul Harris Fellow for her contribution to our RYLA program over an extended period of time. We are indeed fortunate to have such fine people volunteer their time and talents. Well done Sath!

*Russell*



Left:  
DG Russell presents Sath with a well deserved PHF.  
They are joined by RYLA Chair Alan Wong.

Right:  
The 2018 RYLA participants  
and team leaders



# The Rotary Foundation News

## 2017-18 District Designated Fund (DDF)

In the last Rotary year our District had a DDF of USD224,452, comprising unspent funds brought forward from prior year of USD86,576, 2017-18 SHARE distribution of USD129,887 and other adjustments of USD7,989. The DDF was then distributed as follows:

- District Grants - USD65,014 (AUD83,218) – the maximum allowable under TRF rules
- District Donations to Polio Elimination – USD20,000 (*matched to Club contributions*)
- District Donation to Rotary Peace Centres – USD5,000
- District Donation to the Ian & Juliet Riselely Endowed Fund for Peace and Conflict Resolution - USD5,000
- Leaving a remainder of USD129,438 available for Global Grants.

As usual for our District, our District Grant pool was fully subscribed. Pleasingly, this last year also saw increasing use of Global Grant funds, resulting in a marked reduction in funds rolled over to 2018-19 of USD56,485. Funds are not helping anyone while sitting in the bank, so it is important that we utilise our available grant funding. Approved Global Grant projects for 2017-18 utilising USD72,953 of DDF were:

- Water, Sanitation & Hygiene Vocational Training Team to Indonesia – Project Cost USD41,400; DDF USD20,453 – Sponsor: D9810.
- Six mobile medical camps and training programs in Moradabad, Sambhal and Amroha, Uttar Pradesh, India – Project Cost USD74,117; DDF USD10,000 – Sponsor: RC Clayton.
- Portable continuous Doppler Ultrasound equipment at Lviv Hospital, Turkey, to assist detection and repair of new-born heart defects – Project Cost USD45,000; DDF USD2,500 – Sponsor: RC Manisa, Turkey.
- Establishment of tertiary education curricula to reduce violence against women and children in Timor-Leste – Project Cost USD54,774; DDF USD10,000 – Sponsor: RC Manningham.
- Water systems for the communities of Hatu Balico, Timor-Leste – Project Cost USD50,336; DDF USD10,000 – Sponsor: RC Hampton.
- Taveuni eye project, Fiji – Project Cost USD94,370; DDF USD5,000 – Sponsor: RC Newmarket, NZ (& RC Boronia).
- Scholarship for Turuni Roy Khurana PhD (Malaria researcher) to fund Master of Public Health at Columbia University, NYC – Project Cost USD30,000; DDF USD15,000 – Sponsor: RC Cheltenham.

## 2018-19 District Designated Fund (DDF)

This Rotary year we have USD168,840 of available DDF, comprising USD56,485 brought forward from prior year, 2018-19 SHARE distribution of USD107,748 and other adjustments of USD4,607. Our DDF Spending Plan for 2018-19 is:

- District Grants – USD53,945 (AUD72,826) – the maximum allowable under TRF rules.
- District Donations to Polio Elimination – USD10,000 (*matched to club contributions*)
- District Donation to Rotary Peace Centres – USD5,000

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# The Rotary Foundation News

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- Reserved for an *End Trachoma* Global Grant project, should one emerge – USD10,000 (*If a suitable project doesn't emerge, funds will be re-allocated to Polio Elimination*).
- Leaving a remainder of USD89,895 available for Global Grants.

Once again, our District Grant pool is fully subscribed. Consistent with prior years, should proposed applications for District Grants not be received by November, the pool will be re-opened for new submissions. Of our Global Grant pool, USD12,500 is committed to yet-to-be-approved projects and USD18,250 is reserved for developing projects. This leaves sufficient funds for approximately a further six global grant projects.

## Giving to the Foundation

Whilst it is pleasing to see a trend of increasing personal donations to the Foundation from our District, overall giving to the Annual Fund is reducing year-on-year. At the current trend, our future SHARE distribution (available DDF) will drop below USD100,000 p.a., impacting our ability to *do good in the world*. We encourage clubs to set annual goals for giving to the Foundation, enter those goals into *My Rotary* and then monitor contributions.

The *Centurion Program* is an Australian innovation set up some time ago to encourage personal donations of AUD100 p.a. to The Rotary Foundation. Reliant on a manual annual renewal process, the program is cumbersome to administer and a source of frustration to many Rotarians. We are encouraging Rotarians to move away from this manual process and to take control of their own donations. By setting up an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT), you can make a periodic, personal, tax-deductible donation to the Foundation and not be bothered with annual renewal paperwork. To put this into effect, please download our District's Foundation Giving Guide from the District website or contact our District Foundation Committee.

**PDG Tony Monley OAM**  
**Chair, District 9810 Foundation Committee**  
**(RC Manningham)**

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## Bowelscan

Bowel cancer affects around 1 in 20 people. 90% of sufferers are successfully treated, if detected early. There are many recent, and not-so-recent, good news stories across our District of the life-saving benefits of this simple test.

Whether you avail yourself to the Rotary kit, or the Federal Government National Screening program, consider doing something sooner rather than later.



# End Trachoma 2020

Our very own 2017-18 Rotary International President, Ian Riseley, asked us all to help make Australia trachoma-free by 2021, Rotary's 100th year in Australia. Ian highlighted that we are the world's only developed country with trachoma, an infectious eye disease that can be prevented with good hygiene practices.

We are fortunate to have many passionate ET2020 advocates, and PP Russell Marnock, RC of Emerald and District, is coordinating our District's efforts. He would welcome speaking at your Club, or engaging with your community and organisational partners to help us with this cause.

Click this banner for the latest update:



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## Lift the Lid on Mental Illness

Lift the Lid on Mental Illness is Australian Rotary Health's National annual fundraising day for mental health research.

Your Club can support this wonderful initiative by holding an event, or operating a fundraiser, and having fun at your Club meeting by wearing your most eye-catching hat on World Mental Health Day:

**Wednesday October 10**





# Portrait of a New Member

I first joined Rotary in 2009 when I was living in Outback Australia. The first female President of the Rotary Club of Alice Springs tapped me on the shoulder and invited me to join. She had been a professional mentor supporting me while I was building my career as a communications strategist. I quickly found myself active in Rotary projects and appointed the New Generations Director. This role helped me significantly with my public speaking and governance skills.



A few years ago I returned to the City of Monash. I've spent my life going from the area to other parts of the world and returning. My family and I are now firmly committed to staying in the area. Last year, I realised that after living in an outback town, where I was so connected to the community, I found myself feeling very isolated and disconnected. I was building my business and working with companies based in the CBD, and continuing to have clients across remote Australia, but my question to myself was 'What's Missing?'

I found myself on Instagram one day and just happened to look up Rotary International's page. And it just happened to be that the 2017 Rotary Convention was on in Atlanta and a woman called Brittany Arthur who used to be a member from our district (and is now based in Berlin), was about to do a presentation on Rotary alumni, and RI had tagged her. So I messaged her and said 'Good luck with your presentation. Watching this Instagram feed about the convention is motivating me to join Rotary'. She immediately responded as she was about to hit the stage and said 'Miranda, hearing that has made my day!'.

So, I Googled the Rotary Club of Mount Waverley and rang the membership person. I was warmly welcomed and was even chauffeur driven to the first few meetings by a lovely couple who are now close friends.

Joining Rotary here in Melbourne has given me a community of people again. My network has quickly opened up, and I even have an active client base in the City of Monash, in large part thanks to the confidence and inspiration Rotary has given me to jump back into the community spirit!

One of the things I love about Rotary is the intergenerational aspect. I'm 41, and I've got older people who offer me professional advice, knowledge exchange and pastoral care. But I also love that I've got involved with some of the Rotaractors in the district, and they too are teaching me things all the time, particularly when it comes to helping strengthen our Club's branding utilising social media. I'm always learning from Rotarians!

We're a group of active volunteers who are committed to the community, local and global and rejoining Rotary has reminded me of my place in the world, my commitment to service and connection to others! Thank you Rotary!

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