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IMAGINE
What your ROTARY can be



District 9790 Newsletter



Buckland Gap overlooking Murrumbidgee Basin between Myrtleford, Beechworth and Wangaratta.

DG David

Well, we are now into our second month of this truly revolutionary Rotary year where we have been given this great opportunity to re-Imagine what our Rotary (and Your Rotary) could be.

I hope you have all given this some thought and started to implement these changes.

Start by asking every member in your club what is their passion for doing community service in their community, and then go about implementing programs that fulfill these passions.

Fellowship is also a very important part of Rotary and so its important to have a good mix of service and fellowship as many people join to make friends and have fun.

A great idea for attracting members is to invite potential new members to a Service project rather than a boring meeting. They get a hands-on experience of providing a community service in their community AND have fun doing it. I'm sure most people would not be all that enthused about returning to a club where there was not much happening, or the guest speaking was rather boring and talking about things they had absolutely no interest in.

Let them see what Rotary actually does.

Ask every member on the way into your club what it is they would like to get out of their Rotary experience rather than on the way out as by then its too late.

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District Governor's Message (continued)

August is Membership and New club Development month and as such I would like everyone to turn their mind to these two very important aspects.

At our District Assembly in April this year there was a New club Development workshop run by PDG Andy Rajapakse where seven new clubs were identified that could be developed in our district this year. Rotaract in Albury Wodonga, Thurgoona (a suburb of Albury), Nagambie, Mill Park, Mernda, Northcote and one at Greenvale. These are in addition to the Provisional Rotary club of International Positive Peace that's gathering members prior to chartering, and the potential for a Rotaract in Mooroopna and an Interact club in Shepparton.

If in a short few hours it is possible to come up with all these potential clubs, just Imagine what you and your club members can come up with.

It has been proven time and time again across the Rotary world that 88% of members in a new club are new to Rotary, and the 12% that aren't, were probably going to leave Rotary anyway because their Rotary experience hasn't lived up to their expectations of what they expected of being a Rotary member. Don't be afraid of starting new clubs as they can attract a different demographic to your club and can actually benefit your club.

Examples of some of the types of clubs (apart from a traditional club) are: Satellite clubs, Passport clubs, Corporate clubs, Rotaract clubs, Interact clubs, Cause based clubs (with a focus on a particular cause such as health, aged care, the environment or any other cause you can think of).

Contacts:

The New Club Development Chair in our district is Barb Joyce barliej@bigpond.com 0427 553604 ably assisted by Bill Porter silbill@bigpond.com, both from RC Mooroopna. Contact Barb for any information you may want on starting a new club.

District Membership Chair is Ruth Byers lightwood08@hotmail.com 0447 300839 who is assisted by Norm O'Flaherty normanof69@gmail.com (Membership Engagement), Ellie Stephens boltoncats@gmail.com (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) and Bryce McNair brycemcnair@gmail.com (Membership Attraction). Contact these people for any membership related questions or for assistance.

Membership Resources (Australian):

Membership Voice Webinar's

<https://www.facebook.com/RotaryMembershipVoice/> or

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUFkWXfJR8V11mXqybcfllg>

Rotary on the Move Newsletter <https://hail.to/rotary-on-the-move/publication/REpU4hD>

Rotary International Membership Resources:

<https://my.rotary.org/en/learning-reference/learn-topic/membership>

<https://my.rotary.org/en/club-flexibility>

<https://vimeo.com/channels/rotarymembership>

A suggested strategy for recruiting new members:

- Identify 10 owners / operators of local businesses
- Send them a letter (not an email) with a general introduction to Rotary, our club and the benefits of getting involved
- Follow up the letter with a personal phone call
- For those who express interest, follow up the phone call with an email inviting them to attend a meeting, either via Zoom or in person
- Place the names of interested persons on a contact list for occasional follow-up. Invite them to special events and meetings with attractive speakers.
- Repeat this process approximately every 3-4 weeks.

DG David McPherson



BABY MELENAITE from TONGA

Dear ROMAC team,

What a few busy days we all have had, not counting the many hours and phone calls in planning for any possible risks associated with the transport including for a special evening flight to Canberra.

Thursday evening 7th July, our ROMAC family arrived in Sydney on a Repatriation flight from Tonga. This was the first time that the flights went from Sydney and returned to Sydney. Previously it was from Brisbane. They arrived around 2110. Too late for a flight to Canberra.

The Tongan High Commissioner had sent her Second Secretary Tasimani Telefoni to Sydney to welcome the family to Australia, bringing some warm clothes for both the ladies and to make sure that they were being looked after. Richard met Tasi while waiting for the flight to arrive. Richard then fed the family prior to settling them into their overnight accommodation nearby.

The next morning Richard then transferred them to their flight to Canberra that was to leave at 1005 and arrive in Canberra at 1100. The flight was delayed and did not arrive in Canberra until 1200. The baby did not have any problems throughout their whole journey, in fact slept all the way to Sydney from Tonga.

The NET (Neonatal Emergency Transport) ambulance were waiting to transfer the baby and mother Michelle to the NICU (Neonatal Intensive care Unit) at Canberra Hospital. I collected the luggage and brought Hulitha, the nurse who accompanied them on the flights.

Due to the size of the growth on the bottom, I was not able to have a car seat adjusted that would be safe to transport the baby to the hospital. KidSafe had previously made special cutouts for the car seat to fit our other baby's growths.

Once in the hospital, we all felt a sense of relief as Melenaita was under the care of the staff and doctors. Nurse Hulitha was asked many questions as



she had looked after the baby and mother in the special care nursery in Tonga and knew the birth history. The hospital then organised an MRI and blood tests in the afternoon.

I then settled them into Ronald McDonald house where Michelle (and Hulitha for a few days) was to stay while the baby was in NICU. It is in the hospital on the floor below. Ronald McDonald always finds a room for our ROMAC mothers and never charges even if for a month's accommodation. It sure helps knowing the Michelle the director over these many years, it is a wonderful service for the community and for our ROMAC families.

I was contacted by Tasimani (Tasi) later that day to let me know that the Tongan High Commissioner HRH Princess Angelika Latufiuepeka Tuku'aho would like to visit the mother and bring some clothes as it is very cold in Canberra. We arranged a time to suit the Princess. Both Hulitha and Michelle were very nervous meeting the Princess. I decided to ask whether we could visit the NICU ward and if the Princess could see Melenaita. I was thrilled that the Director Hazel Carlyle, who was the Director that we have had many discussions with when planning for the admission, was there and gave us permission. We took plenty of photos although we all had masks on. All very exciting! This is the first time the Princess had been in the hospital let alone in the NICU. No exceptions were made as the Princess was told she had to take off all her jewelry on her arms and wash up to her elbows as were the rules in NICU. Her Lady in Waiting had to assist her to remove them. We found this most amusing and pleased the standards were the same for everyone and kept.



BABY MELENAITE from TONGA

Today, Robyn Pearson, my friend who always helps me look after our ROMAC families joined us when we went touring around Canberra to Mt Ainslie and had lunch at the Arboretum. Hulitha stayed with a friend overnight in Canberra and tomorrow I have booked her on the bus to Sydney at 4pm tomorrow and she will stay with cousins until her return flight on Thursday to Tonga.

There is no date as yet set for Melenaité's operation as there will be more tests to have this coming week. Also Dr Celine is in Wagga Wagga for another week and Dr Rajay Rampersaid is on two weeks holiday. Prof David Croaker comes back tomorrow and Dr George Malecky is the only surgeon on duty this week. They will need two Paediatric surgeons to operate and I expect it will be Celine and David as they have the most experience. Dr George said this growth was the biggest they have seen before. The baby is very well and is being tube fed with EBM. (Expressed Breast Milk). We are hoping that she will be able to start breastfeeding soon after the operation as it is too hard in positioning with such a huge growth.



While Melenaité is in NICU, other than regularly expressing, Michelle is free to see a little of Canberra. Following surgery and a few days or a week in NICU, Melenaité will then be transferred to the High Dependency ward and Michelle will then need to stay full time in the same room.

Michelle is a very delightful and intelligent 22 year old young lady. She speaks English well, is confident and very appreciative of our help. She is a joy to look after. This is the first time ROMAC has been connected to the Tongan High Commission. I am sure it will open new doors.

I hope you enjoy my epistle! If there are any further news I will let you know. I have had a number of Rotarians offer to help for a day or so and none as yet to be more responsible for their overall care. I have informed our District Insurance officer that Brian and I will be the main carer family and our Rotary Club of Ginninderra will be the sponsor club unless changes.

I have attached a few photos of interest in addition to the photos on arrival in Sydney.

Yours in ROMAC and Rotary Service

Sandra

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Pushing for change

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LET'S TALK



Pushing for change

“Homelessness is real, some people would think it might be for people experiencing mental or other barriers, but it actually can affect anyone.”



Let's Talk: Kimberley Chu found her voice in helping the community.
Photo: Megan Fisher

It's time to use our voices to make the community a better place

By Caitlyn Grant

“We all have a voice and we can use that to make a better community.”

Kimberley Chu, 24, is an avid volunteer and contributor to the community of City of Greater Shepparton, though it wasn't long ago she was daunted by the prospect of moving to the Goulburn Valley.

And not just because she didn't know anyone.

Online searches of Shepparton returned stories of crime and recurrent threads related to drugs and alcohol, coupled with Facebook posts tarnishing the town — Kimberley was worried.

“I got so freaked out, I didn't know what to do,” she said.

Arriving in Australia in 2020 after completing degrees in engineering in Hong Kong, Kimberley and her partner moved to Melbourne.

Her partner was offered a regional position in engineering, and Kimberley a role in community services.

And so, they took the chance and relocated.

On arrival, she was shocked to find a rather placid country town, but not without its faults.

After having to leave their initial stay in a share house, Kimberley found herself somewhere she never imagined — right in the middle of the housing crisis.

Both Kimberley and her partner were working full-time and though they applied for house after house for more than a month, they had no luck.

They stayed in an Airbnb paying upwards of \$100 a night, eating into the majority of their combined wage.

“There was nowhere to stay so we just had to,” she said.

“It worked for us because we

were both working, but what if some people aren't?”

Kimberley said their applications were up against those from more than 50 families for each rental.

“Homelessness is real, some people would think it might be for people experiencing mental or other barriers, but it actually can affect anyone,” she said.

“It's scary, very scary.”

Soon, Kimberley had made contacts in the community who were able to assist in helping her find somewhere to live.

She noticed the same theme in more than one part of the community — it wasn't what you knew but rather who you knew.

Migrating to a town with no connections, she'd felt isolated.

She said in the early days, shyness almost got the better of her, and so she threw herself into groups and places she never would have before.

She found a support network

in the Shepparton Community Connector program, volunteered at a myriad of events with the Rotary Club and also became a part of the Fairley Leadership Program.

She grew her confidence and on the way, found her people.

On the flip side, her work focused on finding jobs for people struggling, while the volunteering saw people day after day experiencing disadvantage, domestic violence and addiction.

Kimberley was exposed to the many facets of the town.

In a bid to make further change, she joined the north-east Victoria Youth Parliament team.

“I think Youth Parliament has changed my life so far,” she said.

In contrast to her life prior to Australia, for the first time she felt as though she had a voice and it could be heard.

“I never thought I'd be a part of Parliament, but it gave

me an insight,” she said.

“I am always working on the ground with people directly, making little changes, but once I got into the Parliament and speaking, it felt different, like I could work on a bigger picture, I could work on bringing more impact.”

Kimberley and the team are pushing for regional economic development to give regional residents the same chances to succeed as their metropolitan counterparts.

“Someone who's come from overseas to Shepp, it's so different: it's great, but I think there's more that can be done,” she said.

“But policy, I mean, it takes years and years to work on it.”

“So if you don't start now, when?”

“I don't know how my voice can influence policies and things like that, but I feel like in the future, the advocacy we're doing can hopefully lead to changes to benefit the community.”

• Caitlyn Grant and Megan Fisher are opening the conversation for young people on all things from mental health to success stories in their weekly column, Let's Talk. If you or someone you know has a story, contact caitlyn.grant@mmg.com.au or megan.fisher@sheppnews.com.au

Another great example of how Rotary can get positive messages out to the community via local media.

Breaking the Silence



Having a loved one die is a heartbreaking time, but if they die from suicide the silence is deafening...at least that's how it was eleven years ago for an Albury family. When 15 year-old Mary took her own life after a three year battle with a serious mental illness the stigma and silence that surrounded suicide compounded her family's grief and isolation.

Rather than accept this they decided to confront these attitudes and talk publically about mental health and suicide. Albury's Winter Solstice grew out of this tragic event.

With the growth of Winter Solstice the documentary Solstice came together. Documentary maker Helen Newman has created an extraordinary film that documents the story of Mary's parents, Annette and Stuart, as this personal tragedy propelled them into the public space to confront the challenges of mental illness and help to end the heartbreaking loneliness of those left behind when a person dies by suicide.

Ms Newman said that Solstice is a personal story that has a universal reach. "Suicide and mental illness in general have been unspoken, Solstice aims to break that silence. As part of the project we wanted to ensure it had far reaching impact. To that end we were keen to develop a package for schools to use in the form of an educational tool," she said.

According to the World Health Organisation (2019) one person dies by suicide every 40 seconds. It is a tragedy that affects families, communities and entire countries. For every death by suicide it is estimated that as many

as 30 people attempt to end their lives. Each of these people has been on a mental health journey, where for many reasons they were unable to get the support they needed. With this in mind it's becomes obvious that something needs to be done.

The Rotary Club of Albury North was approached to help with the funding of the Solstice schools package. Club President Sue Paini said it was an easy decision to commit the funds to allow the project to be completed. "Attitudes to suicide along with improving mental health support is essential and a great way to start to create awareness is by involving young people in the conversation," Ms Paini said.

The education package is curriculum based and is being distributed through a teaching resource portal; The Australian Teachers of Media Education Shop. The package contains a study guide as well as a 27 minute version of the film.

"The aim of the package we developed is to start the conversation in a safe and informative environment. Solstice is suitable for senior secondary and tertiary students and is particularly relevant to Personal, Social and Community Health strand of the Health and Physical Education curriculum as well as Media Studies and English (how texts represent the world and human experience)," Ms Newman said.

Cheryl Howell
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International Tennis Fellowship of Rotarians

Rotarians from around the world will be in Melbourne

Five days (May 22-26, 2023), before the Melbourne Convention the ITFR – International Tennis Fellowship of Rotarians will promote its 17th World Championships.

The organization, run by the Rotary Club of Melbourne, has booked six courts at one of the world's most important tennis complexes, Melbourne Park, the same venue where the Rotary International Convention will take place.

It is a unique opportunity to play tennis on the same courts as the Australian Open, where Rod Laver lends his name to the Convention's home arena.

The Fellow of Melbourne have already defined all the programming and registration that can be accessed through the link: <https://dasunpremadasa.wixsite.com/itfr2023>.

The championship, which aims to promote companionship among tennis aficionados, also aims to obtain donations for polio eradication.

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The ITFR, throughout its existence, has contributed just over USD 400,000 to the **Polio Fund**. In April of this year the 8th American South held in Cascavel, contributed almost USD 5,000.

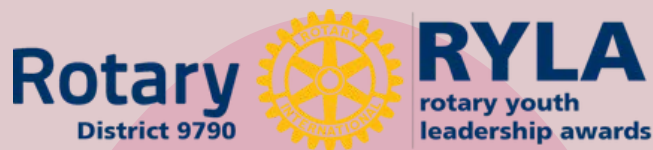
Next November, between the 8th and 12th the city of Salvador will receive the 10th Brazilian ITFR.

Find out on the website www.itfr.org.

Join the ITFR and make an ACE in your Service.

Marcos A F Franco
Chair ITFR 2022-24
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Youth News



The dates for the Rotary Youth Leadership Award Conference 2021-22:

New Dates - New Dates - New Dates!!!!!!

**Sunday, 20 November 2022 to
Saturday, 26 November 2022**

Yes, yes, yes, the Expression of Interest (EOI) on the RYLA website is open and ready to go! Have your future RYLarians lodge an Expression of Interest (EOI). Make sure you give them your name, contact phone number and the correct sponsoring club name.

Contact the team on Email: info@ryla9790.org.au
Website: <https://ryla9790.org.au/>

Kerry Jones Secretary M 0414 861 557 & Linda Gidlund, Chair, M 0418 173 279



Youth Programs Contacts

International University Student Rotary Home

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Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) – Meredith Miegel, M 0417 246 546, Email: chairperson@rye9790.org.au

Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) – Kerry Jones, Secretary M 0414 861 557, Email: info@ryla9790.org.au

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Youth News

Rotary Youth Exchange

2022 Outgoing Youth Exchange Students from District 9790



Back Row (L to R): Sarah Cofield (Japan) Rutherglen RC; Bridget Pizzini (Germany) Appin Park RC; Emilie Vincent (Germany) Beechworth RC; Cooper Connell (Germany) Corowa RC; Alex Murphy (Finland) Benalla RC; Lochlan Moffat (France) Bellbridge Lake-Hume RC; Sinead McClay (France) Diamond Creek RC; Jordan Bonicci (Germany) Ivanhoe RC

Front Row (L to R): Isabella Howe (Czech Republic) Albury West RC; Kelsey Scriven (Finland) Benalla RC; Ada McKechie (Switzerland) Albury Hume RC; DG David McPherson; Ruby Kadaoui (Czech Republic) Albury Hume RC; Abbey Conallin (Czech Republic) Albury RC; Lyla Hayne (Japan) Albury West; Elizabeth Hogg (Italy) Belvoir Wodonga RC

Youth News

Rotary Youth Exchange

Hoi, Wie gats?

(Hello, how are you doing?)

On a chilly 6 degrees C winter Monday morning, Linda and I headed to Melbourne International airport to meet and collect our Youth Exchange Student from Switzerland and welcome her to Melbourne. Tamara arrived a touch early on United Airline flight UA60 from San Francisco, and managed to collect her luggage and clear customs within forty minutes. Over a cup of green tea Linda, Max and I discovered our exchange student is a grounded and beautiful person who seems really focused and open to the adventure ahead. Her energetic and bubbly personality, despite a 16 hour flight, already seemed quite worldly.

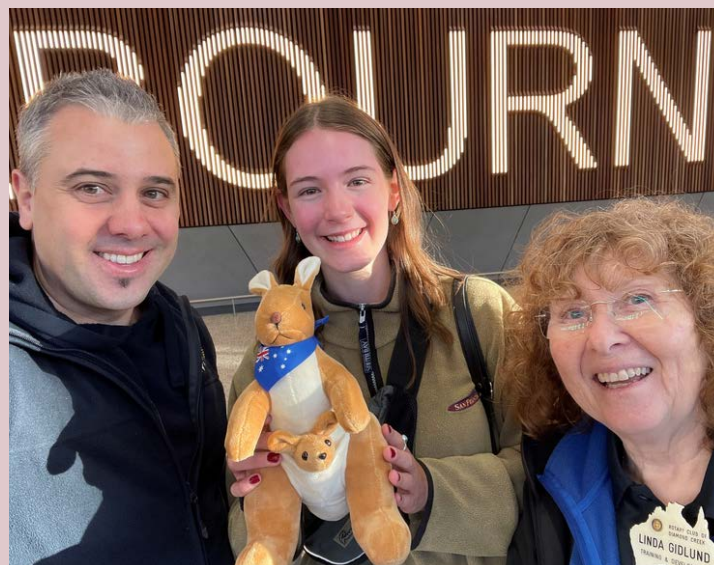
After unpacking and a hot shower we embarked on quick tour to Bendigo Bank, Diamond Creek to open a bank account, Telstra at Greensborough to arrange a sim card and Sushi Sushi to fill our bellies. It was then home to Research for a nap.

The after school craziness at the Palermo household was buzz of excitement as the rest of the family got to meet Tamara. The afternoon seem to fly by as Tamara was asked a million and one questions about her life, school and her family. It soon became apparent that none of the Palermo children will complain about school again, as they discovered that students in Switzerland start school at 8.00am and finish at 5.00pm. Dinner was in fact very civil tonight, and surprisingly involved no bickering or arguing at all for a change, as we all learnt some key Swiss/German phrases and the cuisine of Switzerland. It became very evident that today is the beginning not only of Tamara's adventure and exchange in Australia, but also a great new experience for all of us and a very welcomed new member to Diamond Creek Rotary and the Palermo family.

David Palermo
Diamond Creek Rotary



Origin	Airline	Flight	Codeshare	STA	ETA	Status
Los Angeles	United	QF094	AA7356	06:00	06:00	LANDED
Dusseldorf	United	QF046		06:00	06:38	LANDED
Dusseldorf	United	JQ036		06:35	07:21	LANDED
Singapore	United	QF268		06:45	06:47	LANDED
Singapore	United	JQ008		06:45	06:59	LANDED
Singapore	United	QF282		07:25	06:59	LANDED
San Francisco	United	SQ227	LX9024	07:30	07:22	LANDED
San Francisco	United	UA060		07:30	07:22	LANDED
Tokyo Narita	United	JL773		07:55	07:37	
Kuala Lumpur	United	MH149	LA8925	07:55	07:47	
Christchurch	United	NZ211		08:00	07:40	
Wellington	United	NZ253		08:10	08:10	CANCELLED
Auckland	United	QF152	EK5132	08:15	08:04	
Ho Chi Minh City	United	VN781		08:35	08:35	



2021-22: Building Our Foundation

As the 2022-23 Rotary Foundation year begins, it is timely to reflect on the achievements of the recently ended Rotary year and the growing financial support the Foundation has received throughout the District.



Across the Rotary world, contributions to all Rotary Foundation funds totalled almost USD \$269m or about AUD \$389m. This was an increase of 6.5% over the previous year. Fifty-four percent (54%) of this is contributed to the Annual Fund: USD \$145m [AUD \$210m] and it is from this that the District receives its DDF (District Designated Funds) to spend as in three years time.

Following the easing of COVID 19 restrictions and as Clubs return to more 'normal' activities, there has been a rebound in our contributions to the Foundation. Whilst contributions to the Annual Fund across Australia declined 4.2%, contributions from Clubs and individuals across District 9790 increased by USD \$16,241 or 12.8% percent. Rotarians, non-Rotarians and Clubs should all feel very of this achievement.

Whilst the numbers of Clubs contributing to the Foundation remained stable, the number of individuals contributing to either the Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) increased by 53 to 330. There were small increases in the numbers of Sustaining Members and Paul Harris Society members. On average, with all contributions to the Annual Fund by Clubs and individuals, the per capita contribution across the District was USD \$98.56.

For the Polio Plus Fund, Australia's contribution remained unchanged from the previous year whilst in District 9790, contributions declined by 12% to USD \$39,221, a figure almost matched by the increase in contributions to the Annual Fund.

A huge thank you to all who personally contributed to the Foundation in 2021-22. And a huge thank you to all Clubs who contributed to any of the Foundation funds throughout 2021-22. **IMAGINE** what could be done to do more *good in the world* if we increase our contributions in 2022-23

DAVID ANDERSON
Rotary District Foundation Chair.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE AT WORK

ROTARY TEACHERS' AWARDS

ROTARY TEACHERS' AWARDS

Several weeks ago, the Principal of a local primary school was guest speaker at my Rotary club. He spoke about the challenges faced during the pandemic lockdowns, by students, families and the teachers, and the on-going issues resulting from this major disruption to student learning.

He also spoke about the pressure and demands placed on the teachers dealing with home schooling, and then the return to classrooms where many students are still unsettled and unable to focus. The principal praised those teachers who are also parents, as they had to monitor the home schooling for their own children, while teaching perhaps 25 other children, some with little or no family support. The teachers with no children of their own, who may live on their own, found the isolation difficult, and often chose to work at the school. Although the school had rostered days for staff to attend, some of these teachers were on the premises almost every day.

Much of this is familiar to everyone, especially those people who had to cope with home schooling, as well as working from home.

However, for many teachers, the impacts of the Covid lockdowns are far from over. The principal emphasised that, at the moment, the two primary focuses of his school are re-building social connections and relationships, and getting students physically active again, after several years of restricted movement and play. It may take a long time before school staff and students feel that things are 'back to normal'.

And so at this stage in the Covid journey, perhaps it is an excellent time to acknowledge the fantastic work of so many dedicated teachers in our schools. Through Vocational Service we:

1. Serve Others by using our unique skills to address community needs
2. Empower others through training and skill development

Establishing a Teachers' Awards Program enables Clubs to meet the third aspect of Vocational Service:

3. Inspire Others to act with integrity by following Rotary's guiding principles.

OBJECTIVES

- *Recognise and honour outstanding performance in local schools (both as individuals and teams).*
- *Encourage early career stage teachers (eg. 1st year teachers), experienced teachers, and outstanding teamwork in Schools.*
- *Open opportunities for increased collaboration between Rotary and Schools, increase Rotary visibility, attract new members.*



GENERAL APPROACH

- *Invite local schools to nominate Teachers and/or support staff to be recognized at an event organized and hosted by Rotary.*
- *Rotary Vocational Service Award Certificates to be presented to successful nominees at the event by Local Mayor, Dignitary or Rotarian.*
- *Event to be promoted to local media and via Rotary Club Newsletters & Website.*

POSSIBLE AWARD CATEGORIES

- *Encouragement Awards: for early career stage teachers.*
- *Achievement Awards: for more experienced teachers.*
- *Team Awards: where a group of teachers have collaborated effectively to address an important challenge or new development for a school.*

Half way through Term 3 is an excellent time to consider an awards program for teachers in your local area. The awards could be presented at a special event towards the end of the school year, acknowledging the efforts and achievements of teachers throughout the past three years of the pandemic, or they may just be for 2022.

If your club is considering this excellent Vocational Service Award, additional information will be available on the District 9790 website. If you cannot access this site, please send me an email and I will forward it to you.

I would like to acknowledge Rotarians from District 9800 who have allowed me to access ideas and material from their Vocational Service website. Their Teacher Awards were introduced by D9800 PDG Julie Mason AM, and have been very successful in many of their clubs.

Lorraine Greenwood
District 9790
Vocational Service Chair (2022-2023)
lorraine email



Come along to the THE DIAMOND CREEK ROTARY TOWN FAIR!!



Come along to Diamond Creek on Saturday 10th September and be a part of the largest and most exciting event in the spring calendar in the northern suburbs of Melbourne.

The Rotary Club of Diamond Creek has been running the Diamond Creek Rotary Town Fair every year since 2001, with a little break in 2020 and 2021 when COVID 19 got in the way! Each year the fair has become bigger and better, with more attractions and larger numbers attending. When it was last held in 2019, the weather truly smiled upon us and around 40,000 people attended.

The fair brings people together to celebrate and create a sense of pride in community and inclusiveness of all groups.

The day commences at 10am with the colourful Grand Parade through the Main Street of Diamond Creek. You can watch local students from schools and pre-schools dressed in bright costumes proudly march along as they are joined by members of a variety of community groups who are delighted to wave at the onlookers on the sidewalk.

Every year there is a theme and this year's theme is Superheroes. Those participating in the Parade, or those just attending the Fair can come dressed at their favourite Superhero and make an impact by emulating them for just one day.



After the Grand Parade, you can join the crowds on the ovals and delight in the diverse market stalls, revel in the exhilarating carnival rides, taste the delicious food from around the world or just enjoy the varied entertainment on the stages. This year we will have some amazing acts including the Australian Army Rock Band.

In the evening you can be entranced by the stirring CFA Torchlight Parade and then be regaled by the superb entertainment on the main stage. End your day by being mesmerised by the fantastic fireworks display.

The Diamond Creek Rotary Town Fair is the largest fundraiser for the Rotary Club of Diamond Creek and all funds raised from this community event are used to support the local community.

Please join us on Saturday 10 September. You can be a part of a day filled with community, culture and fun. It truly is a celebration of community spirit.

Kerry Jones

President – Rotary Club of Diamond Creek





ELTHAM ART SHOW

The Art Heritage of the Nillumbik Shire

1st - 4th September 2022

In September 2022, as a tribute to the well-recognised and established local Art community, the Rotary Club of Eltham will present its inaugural selective Art Exhibition in the Eltham Community and Reception Centre. This event is exclusively for the display of the creative talents of artists who have an association with the Nillumbik Community

A premier event, fully curated by leading Art Consultant, Brenda Innes. Works for display will be selected by a panel of independent art selectors and judged by eminent member of the arts community Caroline Field.

Gala Opening Thursday 1st September

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Our car raffle, your fundraiser Rotary Club of Mooroopna



The last car raffle culminated in an exciting draw on April 22nd with Marian and Anne taking home the prizes. In all, we raised \$59000 for the community with \$27000 of that raised by our on-selling clubs.

This year your club can again use our car raffle to raise funds for your projects. On-selling clubs get 60% of all money raised. The Mooroopna Club covers all the costs of the prizes.

We have a white auto Hyundai i30 Active with alloy wheels, a leather interior and all on road costs, valued at \$30150 and three \$1000 vouchers to give away. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

The selling period will be from September to December with the draw on 31/12/22.



Rotary members handing over the prizes.



Very happy new car owners, Marian and Chris.

**If you think your club might like to participate and generate risk free funds, then
Contact Richard Speedy on 0490792601 or rspeedy@iinet.net.au
to obtain more details.**

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Ken Masson - President of Rotary World Disability Advocacy will speak about his Club's work and his experience, working as a long-time supporter and advocate for people with disabilities.

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Link to RWDA
: <https://rotary7910.org/stories/rotary-club-of-world-disability-advocacy-and-district-disabilities-advisors-group>



On The Move

Rotary On The Move - August 2022



August 2022

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Talking Rotary

Growing Rotary with David McPherson

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On this episode with Australian David McPherson we talk Paralympics, diversity, equity, inclusion and growing Rotary in the 21st century.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE REPORT 2021-2022

Vocational Service is the area of Service that sets Rotary apart from most other service organisations. From the very beginning, Paul Harris made the vocation of Rotarians fundamental to their role in the organisation, asking that they bring their vocation into Rotary and that they take Rotary into their workplace.

Having a vocation, in its broadest sense, is about having a sense of dignity and usefulness, being able to provide for oneself and family members, and of having a respected place in the world. In District 9790, we encourage Rotarians to see Vocational Service as having two main areas of focus.

The first focus is to emphasize how each member can use his/her vocational skills for the benefit of Rotary and the wider community. Members can contribute their skills to Vocational Service activities directly, or work cooperatively with the other four areas of service to enhance the outcomes for everyone.

The second focus is that an important goal for Rotary is to assist others to gain a vocation. Any projects that we do to help community members gain employment, such as mentoring programs, career advice and life skills programs can be considered to be Vocational Service programs, as well as Youth or Community programs.

There are many individuals who contribute their skills, expertise and passion to make their communities more caring places. Significant contributions to both Rotary and the wider community have been recognised in our District in the past twelve months.

SHINE ON AWARDS

The Shine On Awards were established in 1993 to recognise the outstanding community service given by people with disabilities, who by their actions, serve as "shining examples" to the community. Through their commitment to helping others in the Rotary spirit of Service Above Self, they provide a significant contribution to the community.

The awards are organised and presented each year by a committee representing the Southern Rotary Districts of eastern Australia. This year, after several years of lockdowns, the presentation ceremony was held on May 14th at the Templestowe Baptist Church where the nominees for the past two years were acknowledged.

The nominees from District 9790 were:

2020

Rotary Club of Beechworth – John Van Aken

Rotary Club of Benalla – Wayne Lewis

Rotary Club of Eltham – Joshua Young

Rotary Club of Kyabram – Denise Gemmill

2021

Rotary Club of Diamond Creek – Ebony Watson

Rotary Club of Shepparton – Anthenna Papadatos

We congratulate all of our nominees for the wonderful contributions they make to their communities, and the Rotary Clubs who chose to recognise them in this way.

If you would like to know more about the Shine On organisation, visit their website:

www.rotarydownunder.com.au

Nominations for next year's recognitions will begin in September 2022. Up-to-date information will be published on the Shine On Facebook page: www.facebook.com/shineonsd

ROYCE ABBEY AWARD

The Royce Abbey Award and the Royce and Jean Abbey Vocational Training Team Programme were established in recognition of Royce Abbey's contribution to Rotary as an inspirational Rotary member and leader since 1954, and his role as President of Rotary International in 1988-89.

The Royce Abbey Award recognises Rotarians who show enthusiasm and commitment to the Object of Rotary. The Award represents a contribution of AU\$1,000 to the Royce and Jean Abbey Endowed Fund.

The earnings of the Fund are used for humanitarian programmes, in particular to fund individuals and teams from the Asia Pacific Region to undertake practical training in Australia in the areas of food production, forestry, agriculture, environmental research and community development.



Shine On Awards



Rotarian Ebony Watson receiving her Shine On Award from Mark Humphries, PDG 9820, 2020-21



Bruce McIntyre, RC Benalla, with his family after the presentation of the Royce Abbey Award April 2022

VOCATIONAL SERVICE REPORT 2021-2022 (continued)

This year we congratulate the latest recipient of the Royce Abbey Award, Bruce McIntyre from the Rotary Club of Benalla.

The award was presented by PDG Bruce Anderson to acknowledge the extraordinary contribution Bruce McIntyre has made to District 9790 Youth Exchange program. His passion for youth exchange and his enthusiastic leadership saw the expansion of the program to make it one of the most successful in Australia. Further information about this award can be found at: <https://www.royceabbey.com>

VICTORIAN POLICE LEADERS MENTORING PROGRAM (VPLMP)

Victoria Police, Rotary and the Victorian business community have established a successful partnership to deliver the mentoring program for police members who are considered to be high performing leaders within their field.

Senior Sergeants (Stream 2) manage over 70% of the Victoria Police membership and are responsible for the front-line delivery of service to the community. It is because of Rotary's commitment to community service that it is invited to provide mentors to Stream 2 mentees.

This multi-District program is coordinated by PP Kevin Love, from the Rotary Club of Central Melbourne. It is designed to run for approximately 12 months each year (March 2022 – May 2023), although it has been interrupted, like so many other things, by the Covid 19 restrictions. More detailed information is available on the Central Melbourne RC website.

District 9790 currently has three mentors who began the program in February this year, with induction training and a welcome ceremony in Melbourne. Thank you to the AGs from our District who spread the word and helped us to find these mentors for the program.

Ross McDonald - RC Eltham

I have met with my mentee in person. We have had four meetings and we have spoken on the telephone – including his attendance at one of the Rotary Club of Eltham meetings, an invitation for me to attend the official opening of his police station and a meeting again at the station. We both also attended the program launch, dinner and speaker.

The program is going well. I think we are good match. I am pleased I put my hand up.

The Victorian Police Leaders' Mentoring program is very well run with detailed guidelines, communications and briefings. For the action project, this has helped frame the thinking, against suggested criteria, and it has also assisted me in defining my role. My mentee is gradually shaping the goals and, once this is clear, we will frame some of the community involvement/partnerships where Rotary and other groups could be involved or assist. The program has also started to give me an understating of Policing!

Matthew Burke - RC Wodonga

My mentee and I have held 3 meetings so far, and he is currently working on his 'Community Initiative' which I believe will involve 'prevention of youth crime', for kids between the ages of 13-16. Once he develops this program, my Rotary club will assist with delivery into schools around Wodonga.

Alan Field - RC Eltham

Mentoring is one of the greatest gifts we can make. I have been mentoring for some 30 years, and it is still very fulfilling. When I am asked to speak on the subject of mentoring, I always make this statement. "There are many, many successful people here and across the community and that is very encouraging. But there are few successful people who walk back to bring others through. Those few I see as the "great people" who give out relentlessly to others. To walk back and to help others find their way through the jungle of advancement."

Many who are contemplating mentoring say that they will not know what to say to the Mentee. However, it is the art of constructive listening and prompting that sees you through. Many have the right answers within them.

The VPLMP will be recruiting for the next program in the first quarter of 2023, at this stage with a planned start in June / July 2023. If you are interested in becoming involved with the program, I am sure the current Rotarian mentors would be very happy to share their experiences and knowledge.

Lorraine Greenwood
Rotary Club of Numurkah
District 9790 Vocational Service Chair 2021-2022

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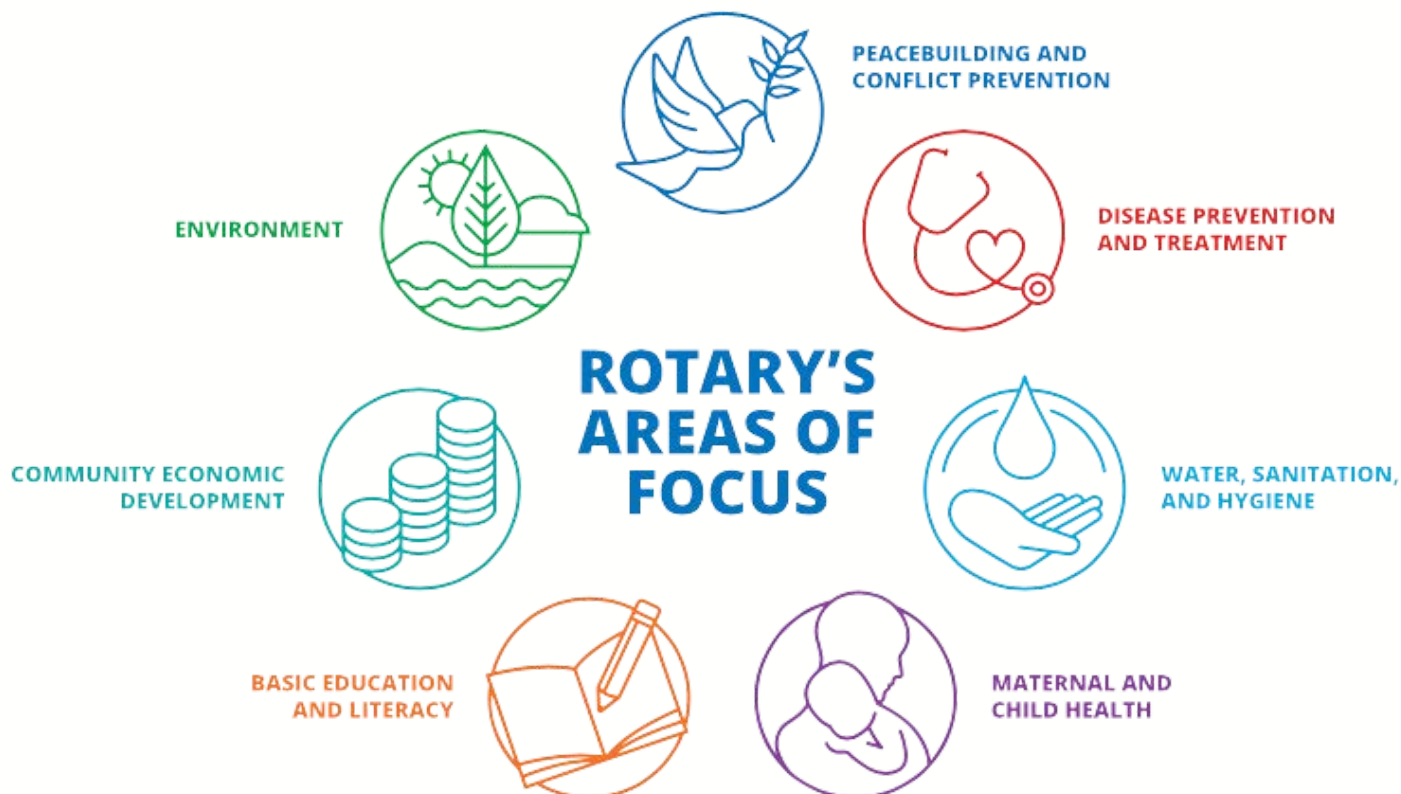
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Event	Location	Date(s)	Contact
Rotary Youth Program of ENrichment (RYPEN) – The next District 9790 RYPEN is coming in October 2022.	TBA	The next District 9790 RYPEN is coming in October 2022.	Malcolm Watt, M: 0439 158 274, Email: watt.malc@gmail.com
Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) Conference (page 9 for more details)	TBA	Sunday, 20 November 2022 to Saturday, 26 November 2022	Kerry Jones, Secretary M: 0414 861 557, E: info@ryla9790.org.au

Deadlines

Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)	Expressions of Interest are open and will remain open. Offers will be on a first in basis, as there will be limited openings.	Kerry Jones, Secretary M: 0414 861 557, E: info@ryla9790.org.au
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August 2022 is Membership and New Club Development Month



ROTARY CALENDAR

Visit this calendar throughout the year to find award nomination due dates and convention and event information. Develop meeting agendas, projects, or public image campaigns based on these special occasions. All dates are subject to change.

August 2022

Membership and New Club Development Month

September 2022

Basic Education and Literacy Month

October 2022

Community Economic and Development Month

3-9 October – Rotary Alumni Reconnect Week

24 October – World Polio Day

November 2022

Rotary Foundation Month

31 October - 5 November World Interact Week

December 2022

Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

15 December – Last day for early registration discount for the Rotary International Convention

January 2023

Vocational Service Month

8-12 January – International Assembly, Orlando, Florida, USA

February 2023

Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month

23 February – Rotary's anniversary

March 2023

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month

13-19 March – World Rotaract Week

31 March – Preregistration discount ends for the Rotary International Convention

April 2023

Maternal and Child Health Month

30 April – Rotary International Convention registrations and ticket cancellations are due

May 2023

Youth Service Month

June 2023

Rotary Fellowships Month

27-31 May – Rotary International Convention, Melbourne, Australia

30 June – Rotary Citation for Rotary Clubs Award nominations are due

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