

Edition 3  
September  
2022



IMAGINE  
What your ROTARY can be



District 9790 Newsletter



Canola in flower

DG David

Well it seems that yellow is the predominate colour of the landscape of our district at the moment. From the endless sea of the yellow of the Canola crops to the various shades of yellow of our wonderful wattle. Its also interesting to see as I drive around the district the different times that wattle blooms based on differences in average temperature. Currently the wattle around North East Victoria is a vivid yellow whereas in my neck of the woods (Deniliquin) the wattle is on the way out.

Anyway, on to Rotary business.

Hopefully by now most members would have had the opportunity to be briefed on the proposed **Regionalisation pilot** so that they can make an informed decision on which way the club will vote.

Voting starts on either 15th or 16th September and the club president will vote on behalf of the club, but this vote must reflect the view of members.

At the time of writing, **I will have completed 33 of the 65 club visits** that I will be conducting, all except one have been in-person. After two years of limited in-person visits from a District Governor, I believed it necessary to get along to the clubs and show that the district is here and willing to support you in all the things that you do at a local, national and international level.

Item	Page
District Governor's message	Cover and page 3
District 9790 Conference Deniliquin	4
Talking Rotary - Growing Rotary with David McPherson	4
PEDS not PETS for 2023-2024?	5
The D.G. Visit to the Whittlesea Rotary Club	6
Whittlesea inaugural combined emergency service and service club dinner.	6
Vocational Service at Work - Rotary Teachers' Awards	7
Peter Toomey Police Officer of the Year Award	8
International Tennis Fellowship of Rotarians	9
Youth News - The dates for the Rotary Youth Leadership Award Conference 2021-22	10
Youth News - Youth Programs Contacts	10
Youth News - Rotary Youth Volunteer Management Explained	11
Youth News - 2023 Inbound Students Arrive - Rotary Youth Exchange	12- 13
The Art of Rotary	14
2022 Zone 8 Rotary & Rotaract :Better Together" Conference	15
Up close and personal with Keith Potger AO	16
An evening with RT Director Jessie Harman	17
Our car raffle, your fundraiser - Rotary Club of Mooroopna	18
Balwyn Rotary Centenary Grants	19
Calendar of Events	20
Rotary Calendar	21
Imagine What's Next, RI Convention, Melbourne, 2023	22

Photo credits: Cover and page 3: courtesy David McPherson and Visit Deni (Facebook); Page 5: courtesy of David McPherson and Bill Purcell; Page 6: courtesy of Michael Hall; Page 7: Victorian Department of Education and Training; Page 8: David Redfearn; Pages 10-13: supplied by Linda Gidlund; Page 18: supplied by Richard Speedy



## District Governor's Message (continued)

**September is Basic Education and Literacy Month** and as such it is a good opportunity for clubs to do something in this area. Our **District Vocational Service Chair Lorraine Greenwood** has initiated a **Teachers Award** (see also **page 6**) with the following 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.

Contact Lorraine Greenwood [l.greenwood53@bigpond.com](mailto:l.greenwood53@bigpond.com) or **0434867663** for more information and to get this happening in your community.

Another idea might be to contact the **Australian Numeracy and Literacy Foundation (ALNF)** whose aim it is to assist marginalised communities gain vital language, literacy and communication skills. ALNF's specialised, innovative and proven programs address the needs of a diverse range of individuals and communities – specifically supporting First Nations, refugee and other vulnerable Australians.

During my visits I have learnt a lot about each club I have visited and I have had some truly amazing experiences. The best experience I have had so far as DG, and as a Rotarian, was at Whittlesea where I was had the **immense pleasure of inducting 8 year old Phoebe as a Junior Rotarian**. I don't think there was a dry eye in the house, me included. We did of course induct her mother as well, along with two other new members on the night.

Another inspiring event was when I had the pleasure of officially presenting **Melissa and Peter Hebbard** with their **Major Donor level 3** crystal and pins. Melissa and Peters generosity will change the lives of children, young people adults, communities and the world to which we all belong. They give of their 'treasure' not knowing the people they help, their stories, their faces, or even their names. Their gift will inspire others to support The Rotary Foundations wonderful projects and programs.

Two lovely ladies from Deniliquin have been using their talents to either **make or acquire soft toys and crochet blankets** to be included with the wheelchairs produced by Wheelchairs for Kids. **Di Hand and Caroline Short** have found something that they feel they can use their skills to make a difference to underprivileged and disabled children and their families. Each and every Rotarian can find something within the wonderful world of Rotary that ticks their passion for doing good in the world. You just have to look!

**My kids 'Partners project' Wheelchairs for Kids** has a RAWCS account for donations. Individual tax deductible and club donations can be made at: <https://donations.rawcs.com.au/4-2022-23>

### DG David McPherson



Di Hand and Caroline Short with soft toys and blankets they have made



Gold in our spring landscape



DG David inducting Phoebe as Junior Rotarian in Whittlesea

## District 9790 Conference Deniliquin



**District 9790 Conference  
Deniliquin  
17th-19th March 2023  
Celebrating Rural Resilience**

**Deni  
rsl**

**Edward  
River**

**Rotary**   **IMAGINE  
ROTARY**

**Rotary International District 9790 Conference 2023**

The 2023 Rotary International District 9790 Conference is to be held in Deniliquin on the weekend of March 17th-19th 2023

 [trybooking.com](https://trybooking.com) / Mar 16, 2023

[Click here](https://bit.ly/3dz3idf) to book or key in: <https://bit.ly/3dz3idf>

### Talking Rotary

Growing Rotary with David McPherson

AUGUST 14, 2022 WINNIPEG CHARLESWOOD ROTARY CLUB SEASON 2 EPISODE 22



**Talking Rotary**

Growing Rotary with David McPherson

00:00 / 40:02

**LISTEN ON**



**SHARE EPISODE**



[Click here](https://bit.ly/3QwtDY0) or key in: <https://bit.ly/3QwtDY0>



## **PEDS not PETS for 2023-2024?**

In preparation for the Rotary 2023-2024 year, two **President Elect Development (PEDS)** days and a **District Assembly** day have been set.

These are not training days but development sessions. One may say I have been President, I am being recycled, I know what to do and I do not need this. I suggest you do as there have been changes, even in the past year and with the possibility of Regionalisation there may be more that we have to know and act on.

So please put in your diaries , **PEDS 1 -27.11.2022: PEDS 2 - 19.02.2023: District Assembly - 23.04.2023.**

More details regarding content and venues will be published as arrangements are finalized.

**Neta Kirby DGE 2022-2023**



## **High performance Rotary in Tatura**





## D.G. Visit to Whittlesea Rotary



What a wonderful visit we had from the DG David McPherson and ADG Judy Sharp at the Whittlesea Rotary club 15/08/22 whilst DG David spoke about what's happening for this year such as Diversity, inclusiveness, and how Rotary can increase its impact in the community and how the Rotary District can also help us do that.

He showed is a video of our International President Jennifer Jones. It was after that DG. David had the honour of inducting three new members into our Club. Which he really showed his a appreciation and enjoyment by doing the induction. But I think the icing on the cake for David was when he inducted **eight year old Phoebe into our club as a Junior Member (see page 3).**

So I would like to thank David and Judy for coming to our little Club to visit us and you know when everyone has enjoyed themselves when they won't go home.

Thanks again

**Michael Hall President of the Whittlesea Rotary Club.**



## Whittlesea inaugural combined emergency service and service club dinner

We had a great success with our inaugural combined emergency service and service club dinner.

The idea of this meeting is to meet annually with each organisation to promote and share with what each other what they have achieved for the past year and what they hope to achieved for the next year.

We had the Whittlesea Police, CFA, SES, CWA, Lions Club, Agricultural Society and of course us Whittlesea Rotary Club attend the night.

Our keynote speaker was Victoria Police Legacy CEO Lex De Man who spoke on resilience and volunteerism and some of his past career as a CFA full time member who was in charge of volunteerism. and was a detective in Victorian Police. Lex was in involved in an investigation into 'The Family', a cult in Victoria, in the 1970s led by a lady who acquired children from cult members by irregular adoption processes. He was an excellent choice for our speaker

Lex was an excellent choice for our first keynote speaker.

**Michael Hall president of Whittlesea Rotary.**



# 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)**

**Email:** [l.greenwood53@bigpond.com](mailto:l.greenwood53@bigpond.com)

**Mobile:** 0434867663





## Peter Toomey Police Officer of the Year Award



The Peter Toomey Police Officer of the Year Award is granted each Rotary year to a Victorian or NSW police officer in District 9790 who shows an exemplary commitment to their local community. It is named in honour of the late Peter Toomey, a distinguished Rotarian and long serving police officer, who helped establish this award at both his local club of Pascoe Vale as well as at the district level.

Victoria Police and NSW Police units within the District encourage their members to become involved within their local community and Rotary Clubs can acknowledge this great work through their own local award as well as through the Peter Toomey Award. It is a win - win for both Rotary and the police.

From a Rotary Club perspective, running your own local club award is a rewarding program with relatively low cost.

You can make your own club award and nominate for the district award or you can nominate directly by Friday 20 January 2023

**David Redfearn OAM**

**Coordinator, Peter Toomey Police Officer of the Year Award.**

**Mobile: 0448 852 747**

**Email: [dredfearn@vtown.com.au](mailto:dredfearn@vtown.com.au)**



**2021-22 winner First Constable Catherine Morgan of Northcote UNI (nominated by Preston Rotary) receiving her award from DG Anne Reid and also with Elaine Price from Preston Rotary**





## 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.

8

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.

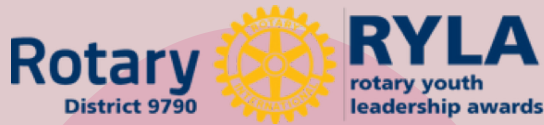
Next November, between the 8th and 12th the city of Salvador will receive the 10th Brazilian ITFR.

Find out on the website [www.itfr.org](http://www.itfr.org).

Join the ITFR and make an ACE in your Service.

Marcos A F Franco  
Chair ITFR 2022-24  
GD 2010-11 D4420

# Youth News



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

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

- Where are they now?
- Where are the Youth Exchange students your club sponsored 10 years ago?
- Where are the RYPEN students your club sponsored 10 years ago?
- Ask them if they would like to attend RYLA!

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.

Here is the link to lodge the Expression of Interest (EOI) - ask the young person to complete this...

Expression of Interest (EOI) location:  
<https://ryla9790.org.au/attend/>

The Expression of Interest (EOI) on the RYLA website is open and will remain open until Thursday, 10 November 2022.

RYLA applicants pay \$80 to place an Expression of Interest (EOI) online.

Clubs pay \$1,300, a discounted rate, if all the information requested in the email sent to the club is completed by Sunday, 31 October 2022. After 31 October the fee is \$1,400.

Invoices are sent to clubs when the transportation details and other administrative information is completed. Meeting the deadline reduces the fee by \$100. Refunds will apply, if necessary, see the club email for more details.

If you or clubs would like support, questions answered, a guest speaker or someone to attend a meeting, please let us know.

Contact the team on Email: [info@ryla9790.org.au](mailto: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 Hosting** – Philip Clancy, M 0428 834 162, Email: [philip.clancy1@gmail.com](mailto:philip.clancy1@gmail.com)

**Interact** – Linda Gidlund, M 0418 173 279, Email: [lleegidlund@gmail.com](mailto:lleegidlund@gmail.com)

**District Rotaract Representative** – Elliot Silcock, M 0483 041 905, Email [drr.9790@rotaract.org.au](mailto:drr.9790@rotaract.org.au)

**National Youth Science Forum (NYSF)** – Nigel Liggins, M 0400 694 618, Email: [nigelligins@bigpond.com](mailto:nigelligins@bigpond.com)

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

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

**Rotary Youth Program of ENrichment (RYPEN)** – Contact Malcolm Watt, M 0439 158 274, Email: [watt.malc@gmail.com](mailto:watt.malc@gmail.com) or [rypen@rotary9790.org.au](mailto:rypen@rotary9790.org.au)

**Rotex** – Contact Rotex by email: [rotex9790@gmail.com](mailto:rotex9790@gmail.com), see the Rotex District 9790 Facebook page.

**Albury North - Rotary Youth Program of ENrichment (RYPEN)** – Contact Warwick Tasker, M 0439 158 274, Email RYPEN Coordinator M 0408 052 386, Email [warnel@bigpond.com](mailto:warnel@bigpond.com)

**Youth Volunteer Management** - Contact Bruce McIntyre, M 0427 623 142, Email [bruce.mcintyre1@bigpond.com](mailto:bruce.mcintyre1@bigpond.com)

If you would like further information please contact **Linda Gidlund** on **0418 173 279** or [lleegidlund@gmail.com](mailto:lleegidlund@gmail.com)





## Youth News

# Rotary Youth Volunteer Management Explained

Here are some dot points about the program to be able to assist you explain it to your fellow Rotarians and non-Rotarian volunteers:

**1.** Rotary International, our Insurance provider and our various State legislative authorities have certain minimal and/or mandatory requirements for youth program volunteers, and are now requiring us to show evidence that these requirements are being met by clubs and the individuals concerned.

**2.** All people deemed to be volunteers (Rotarians and non-Rotarians), involved in delivering the programs need to be screened and approved - to the best of our ability.

**3.** At District level, we want all club executives (President, President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer), Club YPO, Club Youth Chair (New Generations) and youth committee members to be screened and approved. For those involved with Youth Exchange programs, the counsellors need to be approved as well as the host families' members over 18 living at home.

**4.** Other club members need to be assessed as to whether they fit under a volunteer status or a responsible adult status. We do encourage as many members as possible to undertake the accreditation.

(a) Volunteers - those who are likely to have a 1 on 1 (or similar) association with youth or vulnerable people, or are involved with any overnight stays e.g. camps, Youth Exchange situations. As well as those listed above.

(b) Responsible Adults: those who will only ever have association with children/vulnerable people in a group situation. We still recommend these people, as a minimum, do some basic training.

**5.** The approval and accreditation process is done on-line by the individual, using their own personal email address. It is not a one size fits all situation.

**6.** This process should have been happening for many years, but has been very poorly implemented. The Youth Volunteer Management (YVM) is a new computer program that makes this simple and compliant.

**7.** Registering in the YVM system is a 3 step process:

(1) Once I receive notification that an individual wants to undertake the process, and I have their appropriate email address, then I send them a message from the YVM program with a link, unique for them, to commence completing their Volunteer Information

and Declaration Form (VIDF), formerly known as a Form 3. This requires them to complete some personal details, to nominate 3 referees and to sign a statement that they have no criminal convictions (affidavit). Once I receive their VIDF and lodge it, their referees will immediately receive their link to commence their references. Once the references are received, there is a follow-up phone call to those people as due diligence and to further their comments made. Correct email addresses and mobile phone numbers make the job simpler.

(2) The individual sends me a copy of their current and valid WWCC. This is checked to be still current and valid.

(3) The individuals are sent links to the training modules from the NAYEN system (North American Youth Exchange Network). For those not involved in any YE program, there are 2 modules:

- <1> Youth Protection Awareness
- <2> Volunteer Training.

When your club is involved with the YE program, all the executive and others listed above should do the YE requirements, which is 4 training modules:

- <1> Youth Protection Awareness
- <2> Volunteer Training
- <3> Counsellor Training
- <4> Culture Shock and Reverse Culture Shock

Once I have received all the relevant information and the training programs have been successfully completed (pass score of 80% for each program) then the individual receives an email stating they have successfully completed the program and are approved to participate in all Rotary Youth programs. The duration of the accreditation lasts until the expiry of their Working With Children Check (WWCC). If, however, your WWCC expiry is, say, 6 months on from your enrolment, then the duration will be extended until the new expiry date of your WWCC.

I believe these are the main points. Let me know if you have further questions - I will do my best to answer them.

I hope to be bombarded with applicants from District 9790 Clubs.

**Bruce McIntyre, D9790 YVM Coordinator.**

# Youth News

## Rotary Youth Exchange

### 2023 Inbound Students Arrive - Rotary Youth Exchange

The 13-14th August saw an excited group of long-term Inbound and Outbound students gather at Corowa Bowling Club for our first joint orientation weekend in three years.

Supported by their parents and Rotary Club representatives, the weekend was a wonderful opportunity for our newly arrived Inbound students to meet one another, and for our Outbound students to talk to them about their proposed host country. Twenty-three Outbound students is our largest group in over 20 years, and is a testament to the trust and respect our program has developed and maintained for over half a century. Team that with ten students currently on 6 month exchange, five students already on 12 month exchanges and six students leaving on three month exchanges in November, and our district will send out 44 students this Rotary year – what an amazing effort coming out of a pandemic.

We have also welcomed ten inbound students and expect to welcome a few more in January from our South American exchange partners. None of this would be possible without the wonderful support we have had from our sponsor and host Rotary Clubs. We are thrilled that we are getting clubs back into the exchange program after a long absence, or joining it for the first time. Thank you to Beechworth, Diamond Creek, Holbrook, Kinglake Ranges, Kyabram, Mansfield, Mt. Beauty and Tallangatta for answering the call and giving your student an opportunity of a lifetime. Thanks also to Appin Park and Southern Mitchell for hosting our Inbound students as new or returned clubs. That's an addition of ten clubs to the Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) team!

Thank you also to the clubs which have supported RYE consistently over the years, and have never lost sight of what Youth Exchange means to Rotary: Albury, Albury Hume, Albury North, Albury West, Belvoir-Wodonga, Benalla, Corowa, Milawa-Oxley, Myrtleford and Yea. Without these 20 clubs the Youth Exchange program would not exist in this

***We have one more orientation weekend in November before our Outbound students depart in January 2023. If your club would like to know how the District RYE committee could help you get involved, please don't hesitate to ask - we would love to hear from you!!!!***

***Meredith Miegel – Chair***

***Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/RYE9790>***





# Youth News

## Rotary Youth Exchange

### 2023 Inbound Students Arrive - Rotary Youth Exchange

ROTARY CLUB	OUTBOUND STUDENTS			INBOUND STUDENTS
Albury	Tanner Kirwin to Chile	Kye Oag to Czech Republic/Slovakia		Aliina Rautava from Finland
Albury Hume	Matthew Allen to Argentina	Neeve McGown to Denmark		Linda Vitova from Czech Republic
Albury North	Abi Sexton to Finland			Amélia Ropers from France
Albury West	Sarah Marsh to Switzerland			Jana Skalkova from Czech Republic
Appin Park and Beechworth				Henning Gortzen from Germany
Beechworth	Matilda Collins to France			
Belvoir-Wodonga	Christian Heeps to Czech Republic/ Slovakia	Tahji Brown to Brazil	Isla Kirk to Germany	Ilona Horodyvskyy from Germany
Benalla	Lyndsey Hill to Argentina	Sienna Koop short term to Argentina	Emelia Koop short term to Italy	Lotta Klaus from Germany
Corowa	Emily Price to Chile	Niamh Lavis to Italy		Andrej Smizansky from Slovakia
Diamond Creek	Hannah Phillips to Japan			Tamara Dennler from Switzerland
Holbrook		Audrey Lieschke short term to Italy	Madison Lieschke short term to Germany	
Kinglake Ranges and Mansfield	Freya Foster to Germany			
Kyabram	Jack Freeman to Czech Republic/Slovakia			
Milawa Oxley	Abbey McLaughlin to France	Ruby Bastin to Switzerland		
Myrtleford	George Whitford to Germany	Emlyn Connor to Japan		
Mt Beauty	Harri Silvester to Italy			
Southern Mitchell				Maddi Antonietti from Italy
Tallangatta	Matilda La Fontaine to France			
Yea	Nakaiah Kerr to Denmark			



# THE ART OF ROTARY

**Yours for the bidding – and help the  
Rotary Foundation**



"Imagine One's Dream" is a limited-edition print, signed and dated by Darren Jones, a Chicago artist and brother to RI President Jennifer Jones

The "Imagine One's Dream" original painting was a combination of acrylic paints, industrial staples, shredded studio paperwork, plaster and beach sand painted on wooden panel. For this piece, Jones used beach sand from their family cottage in Ontario, and paper he shredded and used from the Rotary website to include the "Objects of Rotary and the Four Way Test." After the textures were layered and dry, Jones said he began the colour process by literally applying paint to his hands and then onto the panel. The colour palette was inspired by the colours of Rotary and the Presidential theme. The artist has said: "The gradient shading is also done on purpose to create a more landscape emotion, representing the horizon we all walk towards!"

The numbered print includes a signed Certificate of Authenticity and is valued at USD \$800. It has been beautifully framed in brushed silver as suggested by the artist. It would be a beautiful addition to a home or office to reflect the importance Rotary plays in the lives of people around the world.

Each of the 530 plus District Governors have been provided with one of the limited-edition prints as a tool to raise money for The Rotary Foundation. The goal is that the prints will help raise anywhere from USD \$500,000 to one million US dollars for the Foundation by the end of June 2023.

The sale of our limited-edition will be a combination of online bidding commencing in Foundation Month, November, culminating in a live auction at either the District Conference in Deniliquin or the Rotary Foundation Dinner on 4 June 2023. The opening bid at the auction will be the highest bid received during the online bidding up to the start of the auction. Keep an eye out on our social media pages from 1 November.





## 2022 ZONE 8 ROTARY & ROTARACT 'BETTER TOGETHER' CONFERENCE

Dear Rotary member,

Time is running out to secure your ticket for the 2022 Better Together Rotary and Rotaract conference in Canberra, ACT.

With a speaker list jam-packed, audiences will hear inspirational tales from business and community leaders and experts in their fields. Their stories are sure to inspire and captivate you and leave you taking away key ideas to transform your club and local community.

Speakers include creative publishing platform Canva's Product Design Lead Sally Woellner, Humanitix Chief of Staff Jenny Chung along with Ola Ioane, the General Manager of Diversity Works NZ.

You will also hear from Ukraine's Ambassador to Australia His Excellency, Vasyl Myroshnychenko about the vital work Rotary is doing in supporting humanitarian efforts.

Conference attendees will get the opportunity to participate in a Q&A with Rotary International President, Elect Gordon McNally and have the chance to hear directly from Rotaract leaders about the great work young people are doing right across the zone.

The conference will kick off on **October 28** with the official welcome and a networking hour followed by district dinners and social activities on the Friday night, before a special conference dinner at Australia's Old Parliament House on the Saturday night.

For more information and to purchase tickets head to the [conference website](https://conference.rotaryzone8.org) or key in: <https://conference.rotaryzone8.org>

Sincerely,

Your South Pacific and Philippines Club and District Support Team

[Andrew Best - Supervisor](#)

[Trudy Grice – Australian regional Coordinator](#)

[Mary Jayne Desmond – Philippines regional Coordinator](#)



The Rotary Club of Heidelberg  
proudly presents

*Up close and personal with* **Keith Potger AO**

*I'll Never Find Another You  
Morningtown Ride  
A World Of Our Own*

Founding  
member of  
The Seekers

**Thursday**  
**3rd November 2022**  
**Doors: 6.00pm**  
**Show: 6.30pm**

**Red Olive Restaurant**  
**191 Burgundy Street,**  
**Heidelberg**

Included in the ticket price  
is a substantial donation to  
Destiny Rescue & Support Act

**THREE COURSE  
DINNER + SHOW \$95**  
**or \$760 for a table of eight**

+ booking fee

Drinks are at bar prices

Dress is smart casual

**Bookings:**  
**[trybooking.com/CBXZD](https://trybooking.com/CBXZD)**



**RED OLIVE**  
RESTAURANT & CAFE



7

**Miles**  
EST. 1924

**Rotary**  
Club of Heidelberg



# AN EVENING WITH RI DIRECTOR JESSIE HARMAN

*Imagine the  
difference you  
can make*



NOV  
25TH



6:30PM  
FOR  
7PM



HUME  
GLOBAL  
LEARNING  
CENTRE  
SUNBURY



JOIN US FOR  
FINGER FOOD, ADDRESS  
AND INFORMAL Q&A  
SESSION



Jessie will talk from her heart, explaining her path from RYLA, to becoming one of the first female directors on the International Board of Rotary International. As we Imagine Rotary, and what Rotary might be, Jessie will give an update on the RI Board meeting after the Regionalisation vote.

Whether you are relatively new to Rotary or been a member for years, come and listen to the direction Rotary is moving in and how you can be part of the action.

Together we see a world, where people unite and take action, to create lasting change, across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves.

Where: Sunbury Hume Global Learning Centre  
44 Macedon Street, Sunbury 3429

From: 6:30 November 25, 2022

Canapes and wine will be served on the evening

Price: \$25 per person to mainly cover costs, any profits to Rotary Foundation

Bookings at <https://www.trybooking.com/CCBUV>

## **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](mailto:rspeedy@iinet.net.au)  
to obtain more details.**





# GOT A GREAT PROJECT— JUST NEED FUNDS!

## Balwyn Rotary Centenary Grants

To celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Rotary in Australia in 2021, Balwyn Rotary is donating a significant portion of its annual income—generated from its Camberwell Sunday Market—to assist other Rotary Clubs in Australia to fulfill their dreams of making the world a better place. Balwyn Rotary has committed approximately \$1,000,000 over the next 5 years to assist funding of Rotary Clubs in Australia projects. Grants of between \$10,000 and \$50,000 are being awarded.

**First Round for 2022 has closed**

**SECOND ROUND** —Applications close 30-Sep with outcomes notified by 30-Nov

In November last year Balwyn Rotary provided \$45,000 to Warrnambool Rotary for their PNG Water Provision Project and \$25,000 to Sandy Bay Rotary to support their Southern Tasmania Kitchen Project.

Warrnambool Rotary's fifty pumps for fifty villages project delivers water bores in remote villages.



The next round provided \$25,000 towards Rotary Inner Melbourne Emergency Relief Network (RIMERN) towards the purchase of a truck and granting of \$24,000 to the

The Rotary Club of Sandy Bay embarked on a project to fund the purchase of a commercial kitchen and cooking equipment for Loaves and Fishes Tasmania which feed Tasmanians experiencing food insecurity.



Rotary Clubs of Central and South Launceston towards their water bore project in Tanzania.

For more information go to: <https://balwynrotary.org.au/centenary-grants/>



BALWYN ROTARY.ORG.AU



BALWYN ROTARY FACEBOOK

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: <a href="mailto:watt.malc@gmail.com">watt.malc@gmail.com</a>
Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) Conference (page 9 for more details)	Location of RYLA is Doxa - Drummond North, Victoria; transportation to the Conference is by coach. Rotarians provide transportation home.	Sunday, 20 November 2022 to Saturday, 26 November 2022	Kerry Jones, Secretary M: 0414 861 557, E: <a href="mailto:info@ryla9790.org.au">info@ryla9790.org.au</a>

## 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: <a href="mailto:info@ryla9790.org.au">info@ryla9790.org.au</a>
--------------------------------------	---	---

## September 2022 is Basic Education and Literacy 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.

### 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

**OUR DISTRICT, OUR VOICE** IS THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF ROTARY DISTRICT 9790 INC.  
[WWW.ROTARY9790.ORG.AU](http://WWW.ROTARY9790.ORG.AU)

PUBLISHER/EDITOR: DAVID REDFEARN ART DIRECTOR: DAVID REDFEARN ADVERTISING: DAVID REDFEARN OTHER DUTIES AS REQUIRED: DAVID REDFEARN

NOTE: ALL PHOTOGRAPHS/IMAGES SUBMITTED MUST INCLUDE DETAILED CAPTIONS I.E. NAMES OF PEOPLE, EVENT LOCATIONS ETC. IT IS PRESUMED THAT THE SUPPLIER OF THE PHOTOGRAPH/IMAGE HAS APPROVAL OF THE OWNER OF SAID COPYRIGHT TO REPRODUCE THE PHOTOGRAPH/IMAGE

CLOSING DATE IS 30 SEPTEMBER 2022 ALL ARTICLES AND PHOTOGRAPHS IMAGES TO [dredfearn@vtown.com.au](mailto:dredfearn@vtown.com.au)

NOTE: THE VIEWS EXPRESSED IN THIS PUBLICATION REPRESENT THOSE OF THE CONTRIBUTOR/S AND ARE NOT NECESSARILY THOSE OF OR SHARED BY THE DISTRICT, THE COMMITTEE, ANY CLUB, THE MEMBERS OR THE MAGAZINE

THIS BULLETIN IS DESIGNED ON CANVA ([WWW.CANVA.COM](http://WWW.CANVA.COM))





# IMAGINE WHAT'S NEXT

## MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

27-31 MAY 2023

#Rotary23



For more information or to register, go to:

<https://bit.ly/3IkI7I4>

