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District 9800 News

Interact Conference Victoria 2020

This one day event for all Interactors from the 5 Victorian Rotary Districts will be held on **Saturday 23 May 2020** at 10:00am at Camp Getaway, 161- 163 Kimbolton-Axedale Road, Axedale, Victoria 3551
The theme is sustainability and the environment.

We are looking for significant growth for Interact in the next few years and the Organising committee, comprising Rotarians from all Districts with a passion for Interact, are hard at work preparing a wonderful opportunity for Interact members from all Victorian clubs to meet, get to know each other and discuss their current and future projects. The Interact Conference is not just for current Interact clubs and their sponsor Rotary clubs, but for any Rotary club thinking about chartering an Interact club - This will be a great opportunity to see Interact in action. It should be noted that one of the goals/benefits of growing Interact is to provide a clear pathway for year 12 departing Interactors to find their way to a Rotaract club, so this is a very important initiative for Rotaract as well

Des O'Shanassy
Chair 2020 Interact Conference Planning committee
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District Recognitions

Each year Rotary District 9800 takes the opportunity to recognise and thank Members and clubs for their hard work and dedication to a wide variety of projects, both locally and internationally.

Traditionally these awards have been selected closer to District Changeover in June and awarded then. This year there is a change in timeframe to allow the successful applications to be announced at this year's Annual District Conference. This is a good time **for District 9800 to thank you** for all your dedication to changing lives for the better and to congratulate Clubs on their commitment to serve others.

Contact your Assistant Governor or the Avenue of Service Chair for more information.

[More information here.](#)
[Nomination form here.](#)

Social Impact Forum

A date for your diary - 2nd May at RMIT.
More information to follow.

Do you know an amazing speaker? Applications for speakers. If you are interested in taking to the stage, email hello@vollie.com.au, and in 100 words or less, describe your topic and what you would like to bring to the forum.



Vocational Services Workshop

You are reminded to register to attend the discussion on how you and Clubs across D9800 can enhance and scale-up successful Vocational Service projects (the "essence" of Rotary) to inspire the next generation. Two workshops are scheduled - one in Melbourne on Saturday 14th March and one in Bendigo on Saturday 18th April. For more information contact Mary Barry at RC Melbourne. marybarry1@gmail.com

[Here are more details](#)

District Governor Grant Hocking

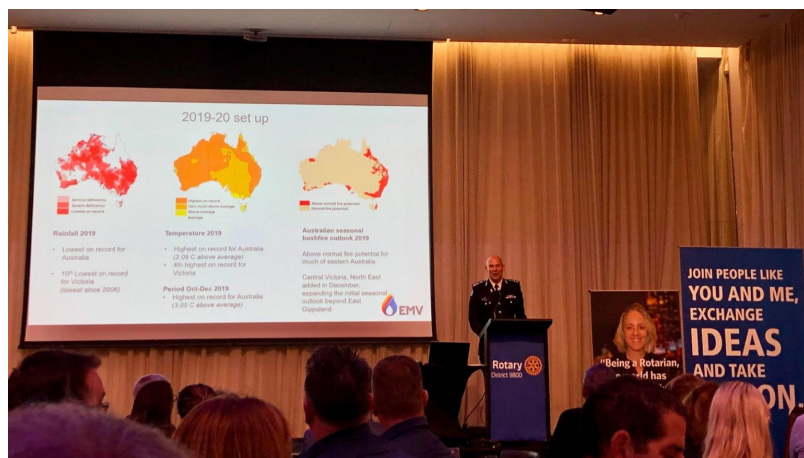
Hopefully you are all aware now that we recently completed the District Governor selection process and information has been sent to all clubs highlighting that **Amanda Wendt (RC Melbourne) was successful and will be District Governor in the 2022-2023 Rotary year**. Congratulations Mandi.

I recently attended the **Multi District President Elect Training** session (PETS) in Ballarat to support DGE Philip and his training team. As always the session provided a great opportunity to prepare Presidents for the coming year leading their club. A very positive experience and great opportunity to start planning for the coming Rotary year and get to know each other better.

The "G" Train at PETS in Ballarat last weekend.
District Governor Grant Hocking, District Governor Elect Phillip Archer {2020-2021} District Governor Nominee Dale Hoy {2021-2022}
District Governor Nominee Elect Amanda Wendt {2022-2023}.



We also held a very successful **Bushfire Breakfast** which was well supported by businesses, Rotarians and guests. Emergency Services Commissioner Andrew Crisp enthralled and impressed the 150 people attending Park Hyatt. There is more happening with the response to the bushfires and an update will be provided soon.



On 23rd February we celebrated 115 years of Rotary worldwide and in 2021 we will celebrate **100 years of Rotary Down Under**. It's a special time. Rotary in Australia and NZ celebrates the First 100 years of Service in 2021. It's the time to mark the occasion and create a legacy that propels Rotary into the next century of service. This is so important – we will not have another chance in our lifetime!

Clubs are asked to undertake a project either on your own or in partnership with Rotary/Rotaract clubs in your area/cluster/district. Projects are already underway. Centenary Rotary Projects that address a real community need, propel us into the next century of community service, energise members, provide a magnet for new members, find new partners and raise our profile. More information at <https://www.rotary100downunder.com/>

District Conference 27-29 March in Bendigo.

The 2020 District Conference in Bendigo is going to be a spectacular event. The program and activities are varied with inspiration and entertainment guaranteed from Rotary and general interest presenters with something of interest for everyone. Single day attendance and Dinner only tickets are now also available. All details and registration information can be found on the District website:

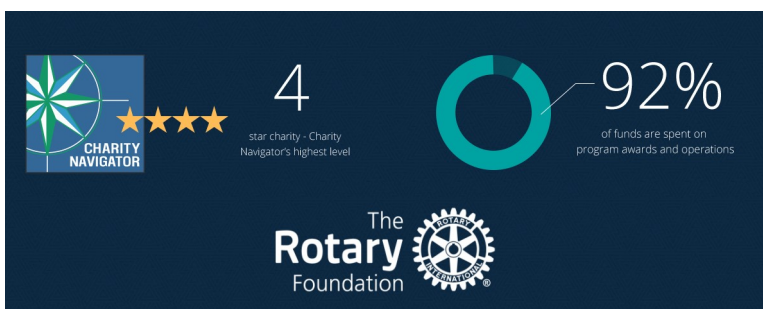
<https://rotarydistrict9800.org.au/sitepage/conference2020/district-9800-conference>

There is still time to book and we look forward to seeing you at the Bendigo 2020 D9800 Conference. Register NOW. [Just click here.](#)

We are having an opportunity at the District Conference for donations to be made to Foundation and End Polio Now. We will be showing the totals raised during the conference and mentioning club contributions. Please consider your contributions this year as Rotary Foundation is still the best charity we know and contributions go towards sustainable projects and help build the Rotary brand.

The Rotary Foundation has been recognised with a perfect score by Charity Navigator for 12 years consecutively.

<https://www.charitynavigator.org/index.cfm?bay=search.summary&orgid=4553>



I hope to see many of you at these upcoming events:

International Women's Day Breakfast 5th March

Vocational service workshops -14th March Melbourne and 18th April Bendigo

Social Impact Form on 2nd May at RMIT Melbourne,

Interact Conference Victoria on 23rd May at Camp Getaway Axedale

More details on all these important events is provided in this edition of Networker or on the District website.

Keep having fun in Rotary and remember 'We Change Lives'.

Grant Hocking ASM (Melissa)

Woodend Rotary

District 9800

District Governor 2019-2020

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Creating a more peaceful world

Through service projects, peace fellowships, and scholarships, our members are addressing underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, inequality, ethnic tension, poor access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.

During February, which is **Rotary's Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month**, you can build peace and mitigate conflict:

1. Incorporate conflict resolution and mediation into service projects that involve local schools, orphanages, workplaces, and community centers.
2. Support groups that are at risk of violence or persecution by providing relief to those who have fled areas of conflict.
3. Participate in fellowship and service activities with Rotary clubs in other parts of the world to promote greater international understanding.

Recruit candidates for a [Rotary Peace Fellowship](#). Up to 100 peace fellowships are offered each year at Rotary Peace Centers at universities around the world.

Support your district's participation in the [Rotary Youth Exchange program](#), which sends students ages 15 to 19 abroad to live in another culture and build international bridges.

Join your district's [Rotary Friendship Exchange program](#) to experience service, fellowship, or a profession in a different country while making new friends and fostering international awareness.

Start an [Intercountry Committee](#): a network of clubs or districts in two or more countries that strengthens global goodwill and service.

Bring your project ideas to life with guidance from a Rotary Action Group:

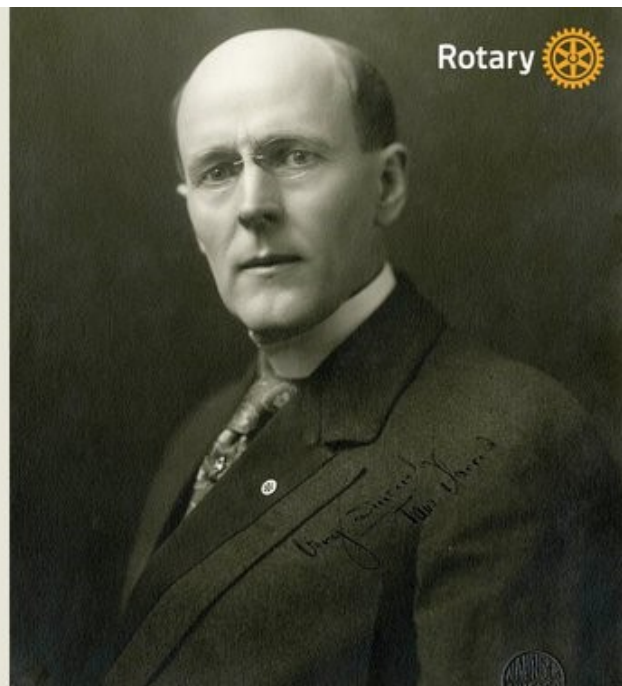
The [Rotarian Action Group for Peace](#) gives Rotary members resources and support to advance world peace and turn ambitious ideas into life-changing realities.

The [Rotarian Action Group for Family Safety: Breaking the Family Violence Cycle](#) helps clubs and districts implement programs and projects that aim to stop domestic violence.

The [Rotarian Action Group Against Slavery](#) supports anti-slavery and anti-trafficking projects, programs, and campaigns.

"I have no hesitation in saying that world peace could be achieved and made permanent if reared on Rotary's firm foundation of friendliness, tolerance, and usefulness."

Paul Harris
founder of Rotary International
1940 Convention



The Four-Way Test is a mirror, not a window



In our contentious society, I see friends who are members of Rotary use [The Four-Way Test](#) to support opposing political and social arguments and to criticize the thoughts, statements, and actions of others.

I see members with completely opposing viewpoints use the same Four-Way Test to both support their argument and demean others. Rotarians and others are using all forms of social media to share their opinions about perceived violations of The Four-Way Test, causing others to pile on additional comments and insults, all with little thought to how this affects our public image. Which leads me to this basic premise:

The Four-Way Test is a mirror, not a window

Rotary members should not use The Four-Way Test to look at others but rather to look at themselves in considering the ramifications of a thought, statement, or action. It should not be a *window* through which we look to judge others. It is a *mirror* at which we look to judge ourselves.

The argument I've heard Rotarians make is that if they determine some thought, statement, or action violates any part of the test, it is their duty to declare that thought, statement, or action wrong. I have heard The Four-Way Test used to support any number of topics, some which readers would find hard to support. Yet through the Internet, one can cobble together any sort of argument to back any thought or concept with a plethora of "facts."

I do not believe that is what The Four-Way Test is about. I believe the test is more about how we treat each other than how we measure ideas.

Of course, it is a challenging standard. It's difficult to keep from **thinking** something. But what is more important is how you act on that thought. If you **think** to yourself, "I don't like this person," it becomes a matter of what you **do** with that thought. You can try to dispel it as well as any urge to take some negative action to satisfy your dislike of the person. You can also decide whether you **say** something to that person or tell others what you think.

This is where social media distorts things, because society now seems to embrace negative, vitriolic, or fake comments – as long as the comments agree with our own views. Posting such comments even in the name of The Four-Way Test is certainly not **FAIR** to all concerned and definitely does not build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**.

This brings me to the realization that using The Four-Way Test to argue political and social issues is in itself contrary to the test. We must never use the test to support a position while opposing or berating someone else's position. We should not use The Four-Way Test to support or oppose contentious "hot button" issues, to comment on political discord, or to respond to another's comment.



We need to **teach** The Four-Way Test to all of our friends. We don't need to **preach** it. Rotary takes pride that it is a non-political, non-religious organization. That has allowed us to make inroads in parts of the world where governments and religious organizations can't. Let's not sully Rotary's reputation by using these 24 words of ethical and moral thought to tear each other down.

Martin "Marty" Postic Jr., Past District Governor,
District 5750 and a member of the Rotary Club of OKC Sunrise, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, USA

PROBUS on the move ...

The **Rotary Club of Malvern** had 80 interested people attend the German Club Tivoli recently, resulting in the Foundation of the **Armada Probud Club**. Peter Milburn reported that 38 people signed up on the spot and paid their Membership and Joining Fees at that time; from this group of committed individuals, appointments were made to the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Welfare Officer, Tours Officer and Speakers' Chairman, so it would appear that the Club is off to a great start!

Probus South Pacific in Sydney have arranged for the next 2 monthly meetings to be held at the German Club on the first Friday of the month; beyond that, it is up to the club members to determine if that time, day and location suits them, or if they would prefer to meet at a different location and/or at a different time or day of the week.



Bearbrass Probus had 30 attendees at Dock Library, Docklands for the successful launch of the newest Probus for active retirees. Rotary Central Melbourne President Warwick opened the meeting, which was chaired by Probus former national director and treasurer Robert Renshaw of Glen Waverley RC and District 9810. By meeting's end Bearbrass had signed on 15 members with about five more in absentia, and a near complete tally of office bearers was enrolled. Peter Duras and Roger Thornton joined with Anne King (banker-extraordinaire) to help Tony Thomas run the launch.

Robert will now apply to Probus HQ for the club's ratification. Its first regular meeting will be at 10am at the Dock on Tuesday March 10, thereafter second Tuesdays of the month. Typically, Probus clubs grow rapidly by word of mouth after formation.

Melbourne Sunrise Probus president Jill Tabart and several Sunrise members came as a goodwill delegation. Bearbrass is the first Probus Club started by District 9800 since 2016 and the first new city-based Probus since RCM launched Sunrise Probus in 2011. In District 9800, there's now 90 Probus clubs with 7100 members, compared with 65 Rotary clubs and 2200 members.

The inaugural Bearbrass President is Dr Winsome Roberts, originally a social anthropologist and now a with distinguished research history at Melbourne University in social and community analysis.

<https://www.facebook.com/tthomas061/>

For further information about these two clubs, contact Tony Thomas at RC Central Melbourne or Peter Milburn at RC Malvern.

Robert Renshaw has launched two outer-suburban clubs this year, after previously launching eight since 2016. The recent clubs were Clarinda Probus (January 23) and Keysborough Probus (February 6). Another Melbourne club, Armadale, started February 7, and March will see launch of Warrigal & District Probus (March 16) and Mornington Beach (March 26).

Three opportunities to make a World of Difference in Cambodia 2021



3rd - 16th January - Skills Transfer Tour

10th-22nd January - Working Together (Hands On) Tour

16th-31st January - Humanitarian and Cultural Immersion Tour



SKILLS TRANSFER TOUR

Local teachers in two remote communities have identified that without professional development they struggle to maintain enthusiasm and contemporary knowledge. We will gently assist in classroom mentoring, dental hygiene lessons, hand and toilet hygiene and safe water assessments.

Contact tour leader **Bronwyn Stephens** 0410 324 537 or bronstephens@gmail.com

WORKING TOGETHER (HANDS ON) TOUR

Rotary Chadstone East Malvern is leading a World of Difference to the village of La'ak about 3 hours out of Siem Reap. The tour will involve focused project work in one village with a mix of intense hands on work and relaxation back in Siem Reap.

Project activities in La'ak will be selected from the four-year village transformation plan managed by Build Your Future Today (Cambodian NGO led by Cambodians). You will be immersed in village life in very remote Cambodia where the standard of facilities is so low that we need to stay in the nearest regional centre.

Contact tour leader **Paul Rake** 0409 937 080 or paul.rake@bigpond.com

HUMANITARIAN AND CULTURAL IMMERSION TOUR

Rotary Hawthorn will explore several volunteering opportunities as well as historical and cultural unique aspects of Cambodia for 14 days. Participants will journey from Phnom Penh to Kampong Speu then fly to Siem Reap where Kulen Phnom an ancient wonder of the world in Angkor Wat awaits.

Contrasts from day to day on this trip range from volunteering in remote schools, developing safe water programs, building toilets and exploring a possible global grant orthopaedic medical facility. Places are very limited on this tour

Contact tour leader **Katrina Flinn** 0417 475 415 or katrinaflinn@gmail.com

As with all World of Difference trips every dollar is used in Cambodia direct to fund projects

This Rotary District 9800 Managed Project news can be found at

www.wod.org.au or <https://www.facebook.com/WODHT>

People of WASH

Annual Photograph and Video Competition



The Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group (WASRAG) plans to create a digital library of photographs and videos available to all Rotarians to promote WASH projects on social media, websites, flyers and other promotional materials.

We need pictures and videos that capture Rotarians working on water, sanitation, and/or hygiene projects. For example, we are looking for people building washrooms, constructing dams, and children washing their hands. While important, we do not want ribbon cuttings or check presentations.

PRIZES:

Photography (There will be an Amateur and Professional category)

First	\$200	Second	\$100	Third	\$50
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Videos (There will be an Amateur and Professional category)

First	\$500	Second	\$250	Third	\$100
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This is an annual competition. **Submissions are due by 1 May of each year** and the winners will be announced at the WASRAG Annual Meeting, held at the time of the Rotary International Convention.

To make a submission to the competition, please send an email to PeopleofWASH@wasrag.org to determine the best way to make a submission based on file size.

Please visit <https://wasrag.org/page/people-of-wash> for rules and guidelines.



Featured Club

One of the newest clubs in District 9800 is powering ahead with activity, service and engagement.

The Rotary Club of Wyndham Harbour was chartered on 23rd February 2019—yes, that's right, they are just one year old! But have they taken off at speed.

In their first year, under the leadership of President Rosemarie Kinyua, members have:

Supported 6 members to attend the Rotary Leadership Institute for Rotary learning.

Attended WynSpeak.

Participated in the ANZAC Day Dawn Service at the Werribee Cenotaph.

Started conversations with Health in Kind about how to assist the First South Pacific Paediatric Cardiac Hospital in Fiji

Participated in the Lunar Festival at Point Cook and fundraised for Bushfire Relief.

Started the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle routine—they have conducted several already.

Donated E-learning Tabletops to the students at Warringa Park Special School.

Assembled 200 Birthing Kits for distribution through Zonta.

Collected and distributed 12 pallets of clothing to the homeless in Wyndham.

Participated in Clean Up the River at Riverbend Historic Park Werribee,

Supported a student to attend RYPEN.

Joined forces with the Salvation Army to distribute toiletries to the homeless at Werribee and Queen Victoria Market and helped with food distribution.

Participated in the Melbourne Marathon to raise funds for End Trachoma.

Visited Donations in Kind.

Learned about the Club Visioning process.

Taken part in National Tree Planting Day.

Partnered with the Rotary Club of North Melbourne on the election day BBQ.

And, they have had so much fun along the way.

Congratulations to everyone at Wyndham Harbour Rotary.

<https://www.facebook.com/RCofWH/>



Rotaract Trivia success



On Saturday night, Rotary District Governor Grant Hocking ASM announced that Rotary had raised well over the million dollar mark and was geared up for the second phase of its Bushfire recovery efforts - the rebuilding stage. It never ceases to amaze me what can be accomplished when us humans get together in aid of a cause.

The Rotaract e Club of Melbourne together with Gateway Rotaract ran a very successful Trivia night at Flem-Ken Bowling Club. They were delighted with the participation and the numerous donations for both the raffle and the Silent Auction. So many generous people contributed items and in kind assistance.

The Rotaractors demonstrated their project management skills in organising this event and were astounded at the success: as Richard said, they had never attempted anything of this magnitude previously.

As well as the trivia, there were a number of 'fun' challenges including eating Oreos without using your hands, and rock, paper, scissors.

Of course there can only be one winner, or winning team, but how amazing that there had to be a face-off for third place. Scores were that close!

Congratulations to the Rotabots on their knowledge. 2nd Jumpin Joeys and 3rd Okay Boomers.

<https://www.facebook.com/emelbournerotaract/photos/pcb.3225613957452080/3225613354118807/?type=3&theater>



WERN road trip for bushfire assistance

PDG Ross Butterworth received a call for assistance from the Rotary Clubs in Bairnsdale and surrounds who are implementing East Gippsland Fire Relief. Help! We need household supplies.

Thus, WERN Chair Tony Ebejer and volunteer Troy Willems made the 11 hour round trip to Bairnsdale with a truck filled with kitchen tables and chairs, bedding, fridges, washing machines, cutlery, toasters and kettles.



On arrival, Robyn Counihan and her team of helpers from the Bairnsdale Sunrise Rotary Club assisted in unloading our truck.

Some big hugs and thank you's were had before turning around and heading back home.

The story also featured in the East Gippsland News.

Receiving the goods, representatives from Bairnsdale Sunrise Rotary
Geoff Carpenter, Malcolm Findlay, Dick Hughes, John Fallon,
Troy Willems from WERN and Robyn Counihan

WERN couldn't do this without the efforts of many, in particular "the organiser" Ross Butterworth, Warehouse Manager and assistant David Hall and Ken Daley and the team at EERN for the supply of more mattresses.

<https://www.facebook.com/WesternEmergencyReliefNetwork/>



WERN has now received a request for 24 units of Fridges and washing machines to assist the families in recovery as an initial stock for distribution. I dare say many more will be required. Not to impact on WERN's ability to service our regular clients the WERN Board agreed this week to put out an Appeal for funds to purchase units to meet this request and also for additional donations of fridges and washing machines from the public to meet the expected future demands of WERN.

A Quote of a per unit cost of \$325.00 is currently being considered by the committee and WERN is asking if your Club or Members would like to consider making a donation towards this tangible effort in support of the recent Bushfire victims in Gippsland. Member Clubs of WERN have already provided between \$1,000.00 and \$2,000.00 each to start this Appeal.

A BIG shout out and thanks to Flemington-Kensington, Wyndham and Hoppers Crossing for kick-starting what I suspect will be a long-haul. WERN in the main intends to focus at this point on the supply of good quality white-goods for the duration of this appeal.

Donations can be made by eft to: Western Emergency Relief Network Foundation Bank Account:
Bendigo Bank BSB: 633-000 Account Number: 166389122



WESTERN EMERGENCY RELIEF NETWORK (WERN) **BUSHFIRE RELIEF FUND**



Can you help our communities affected across Victoria. WERN is raising funds for those in crisis and 100% of funds will be disbursed through the local Rotary Recovery efforts.

Call Ross Butterworth on 0411 228 311 for more information.

Donations can be made directly to:

Name of Account: Western Emergency Relief Network Inc.

BSB: 633-000 Account Number: 166389122

For Tax Receipts of donations please ensure when making payment you provide the donor's name on the Bank Reference Details and email a request to administration@wern.org providing date of donation, name and address of the donor.

Cheques can be made payable to Western Emergency Relief Network and posted to PO Box 779, Melton 3337



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2020 DISTRICT 9800 CONFERENCE

GUEST SPEAKERS

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District 9800



Professor Mary Galea
Physiotherapist and
Neuroscientist



Tony Walker
CEO Ambulance Victoria



Tim Cope
Author & Filmmaker



Gihan Perera
Futurist



Ro Allen
Victorian Commissioner
for Gender & Sexuality



Andrew Crisp
Emergency Management
Commissioner - EMV



Zoe Daniel
ABC Washington Bureau Chief



Michelle Scott Tucker
Author & Motivator

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Around the Clubs

Rochester Rotarians visited the Rochester Sports Museum and were in awe at the wealth of memorabilia displayed.

John Forbes was also present and told members how over his many years working for Puma, John has been given, by many and varied sportspeople, the memorabilia he has in this collection which he has gifted to the Rochester Sports museum. A huge undertaking by the Lions Club, and thanks to Lions Bob Knight and Bruce Major the guides. The collection, the names and information bring back many sporting memories from over the past forty years.



The **Rotary Club of Bacchus Marsh** paid a visit to the **Ballan District Vintage Machinery & Vintage Club** recently. The group works with iron not wood like most Men's sheds, and unlike most museums, this one is not filled with static displays, all the engines are restored to operating condition, often proving quite a challenge, and a point of pride to the members



Sue McCarthy from **Melbourne Rotary** is regular Second Bite volunteer sorting the donated food ready for deliver to Second Bite kitchens. If you are interested in helping on Second Bite Sundays, Bob Glindemann would be happy to chat with you.

Julie Vecht and the team from the **Rotary Club of Bendigo Strathdale** were busy packing hampers for East Loddon Foodshare again. They were assisted by 5 VCAL students.



Rotary Melbourne welcomed Ellen Kendall, Rotary Steamboat Springs, Colorado, USA to a recent meeting. She is pictured with Vice President Cynthia Edgell exchanging banners.



Prahran Rotarians enjoying a Picnic in the Park. PP Sue Vincent trains for the RoCan Ride to Conference,



President Thelma Hutchison of **Glenferrie Rotary** attended the Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony at Booroondara where 137 people from 35 countries received their citizenship awards. Ted Wilkins from the Rotary **Club of North Balwyn** was announced as Citizen of the Year. The 2019 Citizen of the Year was Glenferrie's John Hudson.

The **Rotary Clubs in Bendigo** support the Science and Engineering Challenge for secondary students each year. The team from Bendigo South East College won the Victorian competition and competed in the National finals in WA in October.

Watch the video here: <https://youtu.be/tWNPaGFKQjM>



Welcome to our newest Rotarians

The Rotary Club of Melbourne welcomed 3 new members in February.

Rob Hines is pictured with Kirsten Sayers, Robyn Hollands and Drasko Kraguljac.



The Rotary Club of Bendigo South welcomed Mark Tracy as a member this month. Mark was introduced to the club by Paul Gibbons and is pictured being 'pinned'.



The Rotary Club of Richmond has welcomed Mark Millar, formerly from the Rotary Club of Yarra Bend.



The Rotary Club of Camberwell have inducted Cynthia Watson, Mayor of Booroondara as an Honorary Member.

Vale

The Rotary Club of North Balwyn is saddened by the death of Anthony Stokes. A member for 31 years, Anthony was Club Secretary 2004-2006, Bulletin Editor 1996-1997, and was on the District RYPEN Committee for many years. Sympathies are extended to his wife Barbara and family.



The Rotary Club of Bendigo Sandhurst reports the passing of former member, Chris Gobel.



The Rotary Club of Flemington Kensington recently welcomed DGE Ajith Weerasinghe from the Rotary Club of Negombo, Sri Lanka with his family. Ajith has recently returned from the Rotary Assembly in San Diego and is interested in establishing a deeper relationship with the club and district as he takes over in July. Flemington Kensington Rotary manages the Rotary Overseas Recycled Playgrounds program with Sri Lanka. Also attending were DGE Phillip Archer, AG Ian Ada and the Sri Lankan Consul General Mr Kapila Fonseca.

If your club is interested in participating in RORP, give Peter Cribb a call or visit the website for more information.
<https://www.rotaryflemington.org.au/sitepage/rotary-overseas-recycled-playgrounds-1/welcome>
Peter: 0401 548 543

We have also sent playgrounds to Timor Leste, the Philippines and Tanzania.

*A high powered team:
DGE Phillip Archer, DGE Ajith Weerasinghe,
President Lesley McCarthy, Mr Kapila Fonseca,
DG Grant Hocking and PP Peter Cribb.*





Help us celebrate shipping the
600th container
this century!



Join us on Saturday 29th of February 10.00 - 3.00
Shed 39 / 400 Somerville Road, West Footscray
(official short speech at 12.30)

It's a party so food and drink will be available
We hope you will be able to join us and share in the fun.
Please RSVP for catering purposes to dik.vic.rotary@gmail.com



Your Invitation to help Inspire a better future

Come join the discussion on how you and your Club can change more lives for the better.....



It's time to INSPIRE

By scaling up successful vocational service projects “the essence of Rotary” we can *inspire a new generation by:*

- Empowering people through training and skill development and;
- Encouraging them to act with integrity by following Rotary's guiding principles (e.g. the Four Way Test).

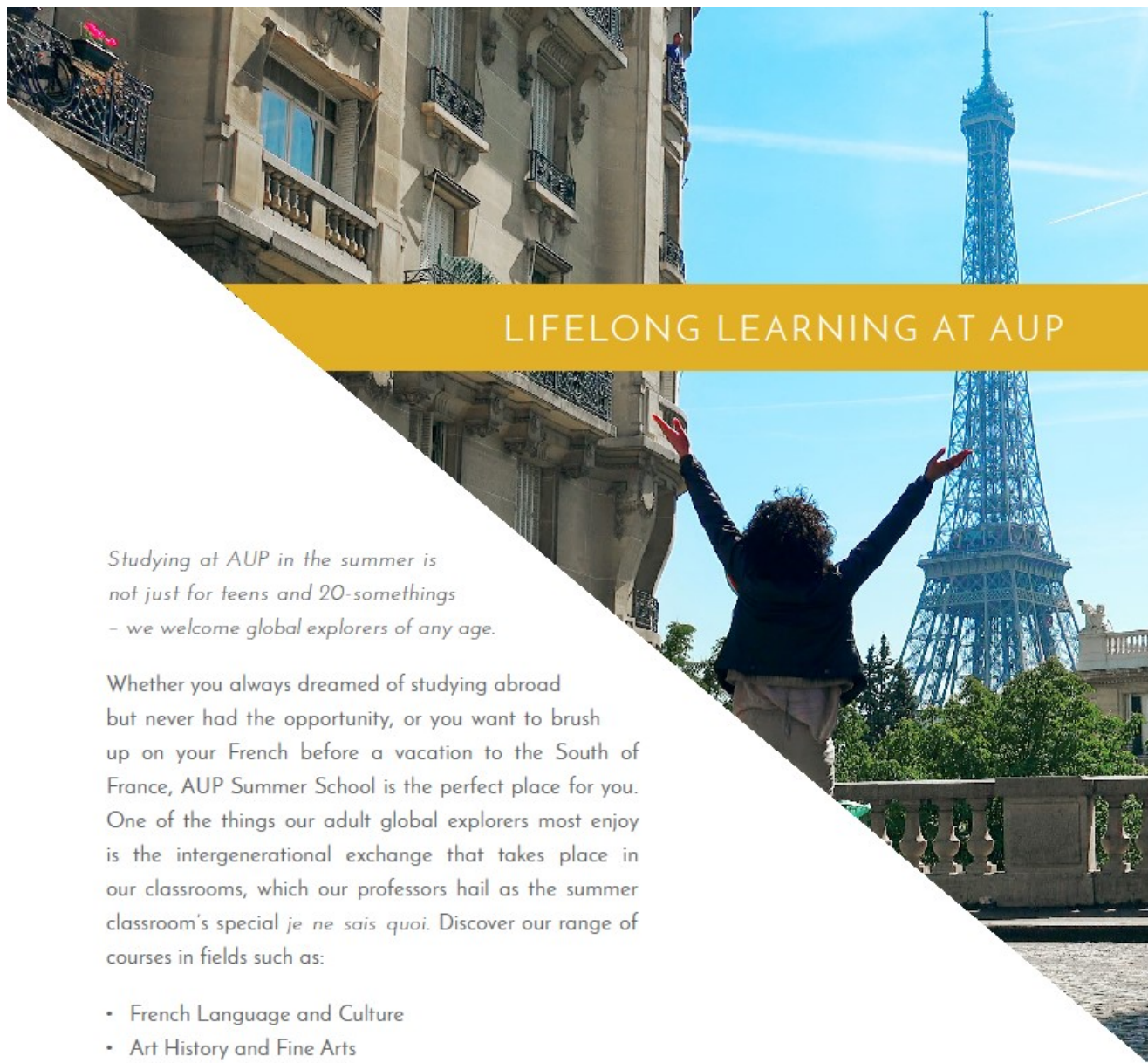
Inspiring others through vocational service will enhance their skills, broaden their networks, develop them professionally, help them gain world understanding, and make lifelong friendships – all while Club members are volunteering to improve lives and bring lasting, positive change to communities.

Workshop Details

1. **Melbourne:** Sat 14th March - 9.00am – 1.00pm (including light lunch)
Montague Centre, South Melbourne
RSVP: marybarry1@gmail.com by **28th February 2020**
2. **Bendigo:** Sat 18th April – 9.00am – 1.00pm (including light lunch)
Rotary Gateway Park, High Street, Kangaroo Flat.
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THE Business of Winning LUNCHEON



Your MC
Graham 'Smokey' Dawson



Friday 3rd April 2020, 12 noon
in the MCG Members' Dining Room

Lunch with Winners at the G!

The Business of Winning panel members are 'signed' and on board. Leigh Matthews, Peggy O'Neal, Peter Hudson, Gareth Andrews and Chelsea Roffey are ready and keen to walk our guests through the lighter side of winning as we raise funds to support the vital work of Myeloma Australia. Corporate lunches have never been so entertaining. Join us with your clients, friends and family for a first-class lunch in the prestigious surroundings of the Melbourne Cricket Club.

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