

District Governor

David Anderson



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The Power of Rotary

Australia pledges \$50m for polio eradication

PRIME Minister Julia Gillard has used the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Perth to flag her intention to significantly boost Australia's commitment to wiping out polio worldwide. Australia will give \$50million over four years to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative for the purchase of vaccines and to monitor and respond to polio outbreaks.

Polio remains an endemic in only four countries, three of which are members of the Commonwealth - India, Nigeria and Pakistan. The other is Afghanistan.

Shortly before starting the conference's two-day leaders' retreat at Perth's Kings Park yesterday, Ms Gillard was joined in making the announcement by British Prime Minister David Cameron, Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Pakistan's Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gilani and Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan.

Ms Gillard applauded the efforts of those countries that have united in fighting the disease.

She made particular mention of the leadership shown by the governments of India, Nigeria and Pakistan.

President Jonathan committed Nigeria to boosting its funding to the initiative from \$17million to \$30million a year.

Ms Gillard pointed out that when the Queen first visited Perth in 1954, it was in the grip of a polio epidemic to which former Labor leader and current ambassador to Washington Kim Beazley fell victim as a child.

She said the story was a reminder that although polio is no longer an issue in

Australia, it is a disease that had touched us in our lifetime.

Mr Cameron said the new funding commitments meant the world was in sight of completely eradicating polio.

The remaining 1 per cent of cases are proving the most difficult to eradicate.

"Nearly eradicating it isn't good enough," he said. "As long as one child remains at risk, all children remain at risk and that isn't a risk we can take. "Few ideas are more powerful than the eradication of disease."

We congratulate the Prime Minister and

the Government for using the opportunity provided by CHOGM to show leadership on this issue and it proves they are willing to talk and listen to the many Rotarians and others in the community calling for Government support to end Polio in the World.

Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates joined in the announcement via videolink and said his foundation - the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation - would pledge a further \$US40million (\$A37.3million) to the initiative. Mr Gates praised the Australian Government for putting the polio issue on the CHOGM agenda.

The number of polio cases has been slashed by 99 per cent since the eradication initiative was first launched in 1988.

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"RI President Kalyan Banerjee will ask Rotarians to *Reach Within to Embrace Humanity* during the 2011-12 Rotary year.

He urges Rotarians to harness their inner resolve and strength to achieve success in Rotary.

"In order to achieve anything in this world, a person has to use all the resources he can draw on. And the only place to start is with ourselves and within ourselves," Banerjee said.

Once Rotarians find their inner strength, he continued, they can accomplish great things in their communities and around the world.

"Discover yourself, develop the strengths within you, and then unhesitatingly, unflinchingly, go forth and encircle the world, to embrace humanity," he said.

Banerjee emphasized the family as a starting point in serving others. "The communities we live in are not built of individual people but of families -- families living in homes together, sharing their lives and their resources and their common destinies. Good families lead to good neighborhoods, and good neighborhoods build good communities."

Sincerely,

Kaylan Banerjee — RI President, 2011–12



From our DG.....

No month in Rotary is more important than another but November is always a month in which seems to have that little bit more importance. It is Foundation Month, the time of the year when we focus on our charity, the Rotary Foundation, and all that it does.

We should all be proud of what our Foundation does. Its focus or aim is, as then RI President Arch Klumpf said when he proposed an endowment fund at the 1917 Convention, "doing good in the world." They are very simple words but powerful in their intent.

The Rotary Foundation has three main programs. The eradication of polio shall always remain the number one priority of the Foundation. We have done so much in reducing polio by 99%. But the last 1% will be the hardest to achieve. Rotary realised sometime ago that we could not achieve the eradication of polio alone so it is now a partnership of Rotary, the World Health Organisation, UNICEF, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and now the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. All Rotarians should be pleased that the Australian Government's recent announcement of a \$50 million commitment to the eradication of polio will greatly assist in overcoming that last 1 per cent.

As I have said to many Clubs during my visits, all the hard work and efforts of the past are coming to fruition. The National Immunisation Days in India, which some of our members have participated in, have led to now India being polio free for almost a year with just one reported case of polio this year in India last January.

In addition to the eradication of polio, our Foundations implements humanitarian and educational programmes so that we continue to 'do good in the world'. We have finalised our Group Study Exchange Team to D 6980 (Florida, USA) in 2012 and we await details of their team which will visit us in March 2012. The Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship Committee has selected their nomination for 2012 whilst Marika Igawa remains with District 9790 as an Ambassadorial Scholar from Japan throughout 2011.

This Rotary year the District has almost USD\$9000 available for District Simplified grants (20% of our USD\$46,000 under the SHARE system) and Clubs are invited to make applications and submissions to the District Foundation Committee with suitable projects for funding. A small number of Clubs have also applied for Matching Grants for international projects and is one of the most popular programs of the

Rotary Foundation but also one of the least understood.

But we could do so much better. Last year, on average, Rotarians in the District contributed USD\$68.58 to the Foundation Annual Programs Fund. Our goal this year is to achieve a minimum average of USD\$100 per Rotarian in the District and more if the individual challenge of giving up an indulgence once a week is taken up by members. We should be proud of what our Foundation does and as Rotarians we should embrace our Foundation and be a part of the Every Rotarian Every Year program. Each one of us can make a personal contribution to our Foundation at whatever level we feel comfortable with making.

Our District Paul Harris Society began earlier this year with eighteen charter members and the Society has grown since. These are Rotarians who commit to contributing USD\$1000 each year to The Rotary Foundation – and it can be paid off in instalments.

Let us all make our special effort this Rotary year to become a part of the EREY programme, at whatever level we can afford. Together we can make a difference to the lives of others as we reach within and continue "doing good in the world"

Yours in Rotary

David Anderson

District Governor 2011-2012

Rotary District 9790



Member News

New Members

Name	Club
Bruce Leavitt	Albury Hume
Lindsay Radcliffe	Belvoir Wodonga
Robert Harding	Belvoir Wodonga
Ben Spiller	Cobram
Mark Spencer	Cobram
Barry Davies	Kyabram
Asha Pahuja	Preston
Sam Renato	Shepparton
Lyndie Kyte	Southern Mitchell
Pedro Carlus	Sunbury

Paul Harris Fellows

NIL

Gone to Bigger Things

NIL

Nominations

District Governor 2014-2015

Nominations for District Governor must be submitted in the form of a Club Resolution, adopted at a regular meeting of the Club naming the proposed candidate and properly certified by the Club Secretary by Friday, 13th January 2012

Candidates Nominations close on, Sunday, 15th January 2012. Interviews will be on Sunday, 29th January 2012

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40 Hours and Fish 'n Chips

Following an approach from three Tallangatta Secondary College students (Bradley Hick, Annie Montgomery and Maddy Smith) keen to support the 40 Hour Famine, Rotary Club members decided to make a different approach to their weekly dinner meeting on October 10th.

A very pleasant self catered Fish'n Chip night was held in the Anglican Parish Hall where the use of the facility was donated to the cause and members paid their normal dinner fee. Basic costs of the meal were met by the Club with Famous Fish 'n Chip Chefs, Gary Matheson and Jock Cavanagh turning out a delicious combination. Jock's salads and scrumptious desserts from some Rotary ladies' kitchens completed the menu.

By taking this approach Rotary was able to raise a total of \$335 to present



to the three students, who have set themselves a goal of raising \$1000 for World Vision. At the same time our members and visitors enjoyed a very pleasant evening and probably sharpened up a few culinary and

other kitchen based skills.

Congratulations to the three youngsters for 'giving a helping hand' – give them a good hearing if they look for your support.

Events in Mansfield

Bringing a cemetery back to life.

Early in October a group of members descended on the historic hamlet of Woods Point to clean up the cemetery.

The graves had been overgrown by long grass & bracken. The task for the working bee was to clear the overgrowth & restore the cemetery. Graves that were hidden from view now sit in cleared land enjoying their new found freedom.

We plan to return in autumn to continue maintenance of this historic cemetery.



Relay for Life

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SHOEBOXES AND BABY BOXES

– Helping mothers and children in developing countries

For the last few years, the Yea community and friends have joined with the Rotary Club of Yea and our Rotary district, to pack Christmas shoeboxes for children in impoverished third world communities. This year we are extending the project as a result of a visit to the Goroka Hospital in Papua New Guinea. While working on a school project in the Eastern Highlands, Yea Rotarians visited the hospital and delivered 'Baby packs' to the neo natal wing. The packages were aimed at encouraging women from outlying areas to come in to the hospital for the births. In this they were very successful and the new mothers were delighted. This must be safer than giving birth in the bush.

So this year the Christmas Box project has been extended to include Baby Packs. All will find their destinations through Rotary sponsorship and there will be no freight charges as all the gifts can be included with other overseas aid.

Christmas Boxes remain the same with shoe boxes filled with gifts for a specified gender and age. Things to include are toys, clothes, books, pens, pencils, toiletries and sport gear. Things to leave out include any battery powered things and any liquid or combustible material or sweets that may melt. Baby boxes may include a small bunny rug, fabric nappies, soaps and washers, baby powder and infant sized garments. All may be the same, as new borns and their mothers need similar things.

As in the past, gifts may be delivered to any Yea Rotarian by the end of November and we will include them in containers of medical and educational materials. We thank those who have participated in the past and include a picture of mothers receiving their baby packs in Goroka hospital. All of our gifts bring great joy to people with very few material possessions.

Rotary Club of Mooroopna

COMMUNITY FISH FARMING
AND HOUSING PROJECT LAKE
VICTORIA, KENYA

We've all heard the saying "If you give a hungry man a fish he will be satisfied for a day, but if you teach a man how to fish he will never go hungry". However, this may not be the case if fish stocks are depleted, such as in Lake Victoria in Kenya!

The Rotary Club of Mooroopna has taken

this concept a step further, with a project to establish community fish farming in the Usigu-Bondo area on the shores of Lake Victoria in Western Kenya. The proposed fish farming will provide food security, enable sustainable fishing and create employment and income for the community. The project will initially construct, stock and manage 2 fish ponds. In addition to covering employment and operating costs, the annual profits from the ponds are anticipated to be sufficient to fund a community housing construction scheme.

The project has been investigated in detail by Mooroopna Rotarians. International Service Director, Leakey Aboura comes from Kenya and has firsthand knowledge of the community and working relationships to facilitate implementation of the project. A comprehensive feasibility report has been prepared. The club has committed \$20,000 to the initial pond and they are keen to mobilise other clubs to partner with them in this exciting project.

The Rotary Club of Mooroopna would be pleased to provide further information or make a presentation to interested clubs. Contact: President Ken Faulkner ken@pworks.com.au or Leakey Aboura leakeytono@yahoo.co.uk 0428 744 920





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Rotary Club of Pascoe Vale

The Rotary Club of Pascoe Vale is proud to announce that we have secured Rob Gell, former television weather man for 30 years, published author and photographer as a guest speaker on December 1st 2011.

Rob is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and an Inaugural Fellow of the Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand. He is a coastal geomorphologist by training; he taught Environmental Science and Physical Geography at tertiary level, then for thirty years has presented television weather. In his professional life he works as an environmental and communications consultant and is a Director of World Wind Pty Ltd. He is a published author and a photographer.

He is the national President of Greening Australia Ltd, Chairman of the Mornington Peninsula and Westernport Biosphere Reserve Foundation Ltd and a member of the Victorian Coastal Council.

Rob Gell is an outstanding communicator who has earned the respect of government, business, and environmental groups for his approach to

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The Rotary Club of Pascoe Vale would like to share this guest speaker with other local Rotary Clubs and invite you to consider conducting a joint meeting with our Club on this date to ensure we make it worth Rob's time and effort to travel from the Mornington Peninsula to share his experiences with us.

To discuss this opportunity further, please contact Steve Webb from the Rotary Club of Pascoe Vale for more



information and we look forward to seeing you there on the night.

All visitors welcome.

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RSVP

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The Rotary Foundation moves up in survey of top nonprofit organizations

The Rotary Foundation has moved up 14 places in the *Chronicle of Philanthropy's* annual survey of the top 400 fundraising charities in the United States.

In the survey, based on fiscal year 2010, the Foundation is 61st on the list of charities that raise funds from private sources, compared with 75th the previous year. Funds raised for Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge contributed to the ranking.

The *Chronicle*, which covers nonprofit news around the world, ranks the fundraising performance of charities based on cash donations, as well as gifts of stock, real estate, art, medicine, food, and other noncash items.

An article published on 16 October provides an overview of the survey and highlights the Foundation's fundraising efforts for polio eradication, particularly among younger donors.

"This is a reflection of yet another

outstanding year of fundraising for our Foundation," says John T. Osterlund, Foundation general manager.

The article also notes that Rotaractors raised nearly \$192,000 and Interactors nearly \$274,000 for the challenge over the year.

Osterlund said involving young donors served as a creative fundraising approach and raised significant dollars.

Based in Washington, D.C., the *Chronicle* is considered the top news source for charity leaders, foundation executives, fundraisers, and others involved in philanthropy.



Above: An Interactor takes part in an immunization campaign. The *Chronicle of Philanthropy* cited the efforts of Interactors and Rotaractors in raising money for polio eradication in its survey which ranked The Rotary Foundation 61st among fundraising charities.

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Polio Eradication Campaign

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

To all the Rotarians who sent letters to the Prime Minister and your local members, or used the electronic links to support our partners at the Global Poverty Project, a very big "thank you". As many of you will know our Australian Government did indeed take the lead at CHOGM and announced a grant of \$50m for the polio eradication campaign. This amount will make a significant dent in the "gap" funding (approximately US\$250m) for the final push to eradi-

cate polio and was exactly what we had asked for.

I am not sure whether our letter and email campaign had a big impact or not, but it certainly helped. Feedback from some government staff indicated that our letters were noticed; and the combination of Rotarians and the younger generation impacted by the Global Poverty Program team did indicate a wide range of Australians who want polio beaten now.

This has been a fantastic result for Rotary and shows what can be done with a genuine cause and genuine commitment.

Thank you again.

Bernie Rodgers
Zone Challenge Coordinator

Prime Minister thanks Rotary

POLIO PLUS

In the coming months, hundreds of Rotary club members from the United States, the United Kingdom, Norway, Denmark and Korea will join thousands of their fellow Rotary members and millions of other volunteers and health workers to immunize children against polio in India, as well as Nigeria and several other African nations.

Through Rotary International, the fight against this crippling disease has been largely volunteer-driven. Never before has the influence of the private sector played such a critical role in a global public health effort.

"When Rotary International launched PolioPlus in 1985, more than 125 countries were still polio endemic, and at least a thousand children were paralyzed every day," said United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

"Since then, Rotary has led the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, side by side with the World Health Organization, UNICEF and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control. More than two billion children have been immunized. More than five million children who otherwise would have been paralyzed are walking. There are now only four countries that are still polio endemic. Rotary's vision of a polio-free world is in sharp focus."

End Polio Now

Rotary was recognized in front of all of the media attending the funding announcement in for the Global Polio Eradication Project during the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting in Perth, WA, in October.

Australian Prime Minister Ms Julia Gillard said she wanted "to acknowledge the efforts of Rotary in what has been a long-standing global initiative for change, and I'd like to remind everyone in this room that change is possible."

Canada's Prime Minister, Stephen Harper, told the media that Rotary International first began the campaign that would lead to the 1988 WHO resolution to eradicate polio.

"Poliomyelitis was still a devastating disease all over the world, crippling those it touched for life. Then ... more than 350,000 people in 125 countries, mostly children, were infected."

The \$50 million contribution from the Australian Government was secured in partnership with the Global Poverty Project, a new and dynamic advocacy group based in Australia. They worked with Rotarians in the Rotary Club of Crawley, among others, in successfully advocating to the Australian government.



Christchurch Earthquake Relief Appeal

Rotary Clubs from D9790 have banded together to give much needed relief for some who have had extreme losses or have made an extreme contribution following the devastating earthquake in Christchurch this year.

5 Rotary Clubs have agreed to provide 15 days holiday for 5 couples using similar plans used to host Rotary Friendship Exchanges. These clubs are Diamond Creek, Mooroopna, Appin Park Wangaratta, Myrtleford and Albury Hume. The program will be coordinated from the Rotary Club of Myrtleford. The time for this program is not set in concrete but as an initial guide we have suggested early April 2012. It will be done at a time to suit the hosts and the participants.

Our next step is to try and get contributions from other clubs in our District to pay for air fares from New Zealand to Melbourne and also for travel from Melbourne to Albury. We would like to make this disaster relief break a cost free one to the participants. We have made contact with travel agents for their support without success. We have also contacted the Rotary Travel Coordinator for Australia/New Zealand for their support. At this point Emirates will offer the cheapest flights on the day. I am sure with Rotary's contacts that we can achieve this.

We are coordinating with Lindsay Crossen in New Zealand. He is Rotary District 9970 Inc. Chairman D9970 EQ Response Support Project.

We are asking all clubs in D9790 that you give consideration and make a pledge to assist this cause. It would be even better if someone could get a company sponsor who would cover the costs. It is estimated that we would need \$6000—\$7000 to make this all happen.

If your club would like to find out more information then please contact Lindsay Smith, International Director of the Rotary Club of Myrtleford. Ph. 03 57521013 or 0427 522 278.

We commend this project to help our cousins from across the ditch get some normality back into their lives.

We would be grateful for any financial contribution towards this project.

Every Rotarian Every Year

November is Rotary Foundation month and it's a good time to reflect on what we in District 9790 have been able to achieve with the help of our Foundation.

Many of you will be aware of projects initiated by our clubs but to name a few they include New Born Screening Kits for the Philippines, a mobile dental hospital, a variety of water projects and of course our contribution to the fight to eradicate polio. Along with health we have also had considerable success in the educational field with for example, our Group Study Exchange program - most recently both hosting a team from and sending a team to Germany. Projects like this would not be possible without the funding provided through our support of the Foundation. The funding available to us today through District Simplified Grants or the World Fund is the result of contributions made 3 years ago. The obvious conclusion from this is that our future access to funds is very much dependant on what we contrib-

ute today!

As a District we can take much pride in our contributions, at both club and individual levels, but there is the potential to build on what we already do. The Every Rotarian Every Year program gives us as individual Rotarians the chance to make a personal (tax deductible) contribution to the Rotary Foundation. We can make these contributions knowing that in 3 years time half that contribution will come back to our District for our own programs. As District Governor David has been visiting our clubs he has encouraged each of us to look at what might be possible to lift the overall contributions. Could we each give up a cup of coffee a week and contribute the \$3.50 to Foundation? Over a year that would be \$182 and if 500 Rotarians opted to do this we'd contribute an additional \$91,000. In 2014-15 we'd have an extra \$45,500 available to our District.

There are of course many ways to make a contribution – annually or regular contributions, by cheque or by automatic bank deduction. For those who prefer a regular contribu-

tion, including those who might be tempted to sacrifice a cup of coffee a week, we have Foundation envelopes and Money boxes available. If your club would like to take advantage of this idea please ask your club treasurer to contact me and I'll send a supply. Some clubs run schemes like contributing the fine money each week, or adding a dollar to the cost of meals – what will work in your club?

When making a contribution it's important that it be correctly identified so please use the form available on the District 9790 website.

If your club wants to know more about the Rotary Foundation a member of the District Foundation Committee would be pleased to come and present to you. Please contact me to make these arrangements.

John McColl

Rotary Club of Beechworth

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District Simplified Grants (DSG's)

The District Foundation Committee has allocated the funds it had available for District Simplified Grants (DSG's) in 2011/12 which totalled \$8480 AUD.

Three grants were approved as follows:

RC of Diamond Creek - \$3000

Provision of a Steel Shelter & Store-room at the Diamond Valley Special Development School.

This school caters for children with special needs and the school has a well established Riding for Disabled program providing students with opportunities to develop motor skills, communication skills and develop

confidence and self esteem.

The students, staff and instructors will now be able to conduct their programme using the Shelter to ensure that they have protection from the weather. The storeroom also houses the saddles, bridles, horse rugs etc.

RC of Sunbury \$2740

Refurbishment of Sunbury Rotary Park. The park was established approximately 30 years ago and badly needed upgrading. The area will be landscaped with new paths and an irrigation system will be installed. Play equipment will also be upgraded to ensure it meets modern safety requirements.

RC of Beechworth - \$2740

Upgrade of Queen Victoria Park in Beechworth. It will enhance the lives

of aged members of the community in making the park a better place to exercise and sit and enjoy the open air. New heritage style seating will be provided, roads will be levelled and water pipes will be relocated to provide greater safety. Rotary will be promoted with a Rotary Wheel on the seats when installed.

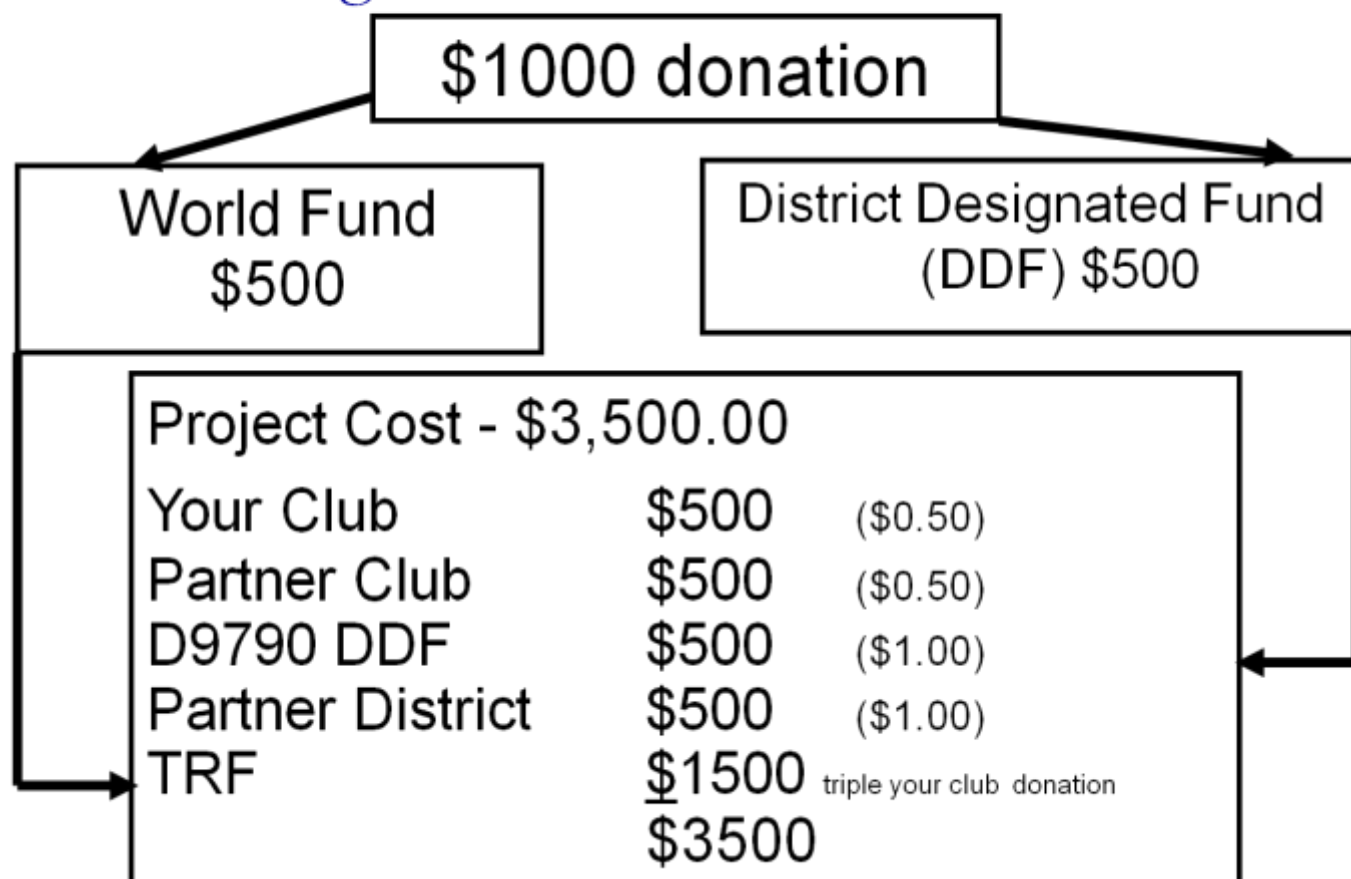
DSG's are available each year from our District Foundations District Designated Funds and all three (3) projects are excellent examples of how funds donated by clubs to our Foundation are able to be returned for the benefit of communities in our districts.

PP Alf Armstrong

District MG & DSG Coordinator.

The Rotary Foundation and Matching Grants

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District 9790 Projects

- Rotary club of Milawa Oxley – Peru
- R/C Belvoir Wodonga – Goroka
- R/C Eltham – Uganda
- R/C Preston – Bunji – Bunji – Australia
- R/C Preston – Philippines
- R/C Greensborough – Thailand
- R/C Wodonga West – Indigenous Project Albury area
- R/C Mt Beauty - Vanuatu

In the pipe line

- R/C Wodonga – Indigenous project
- New Zealand – Earthquake restoration
- South Africa
- District Simplified Projects - \$10,000 approx. available

Cadre of Technical Advisers for Humanitarian Grants

Who are they and what do they do???

The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers is a group of volunteer Rotarians who provide technical expertise and advice to Rotarians planning and implementing projects around the world. Cadre members support Foundation programs by reviewing, monitoring, and evaluating projects and ensuring the proper stewardship of grant funds.

Cadre member eligibility requirements

- Be current, active member of a functioning Rotary club
- Be in good standing with The Rotary Foundation and Rotary International
- Possess professional experience in at least one of the technical sectors
- Receive endorsement from district governor

Technical sectors

The technical sectors of the cadre correlate with the Future Vision Plan's six areas of focus. In addition, a team of auditors review project finances and grant management.

Technical Sector(s)

Professions

Peace and conflict prevention/resolution	Lawyers, diplomats, teachers, social workers, mediators, arbitrators
Maternal and child health Disease prevention and treatment	Obstetricians, doctors, nurses, midwives, public health professionals, epidemiologists
Water and sanitation	Engineers (civil, environmental, mechanical, biological), city planners
Basic education and literacy	Teachers, community educators, education advocates, administrators
Economic and community development	Small-business owners, bankers, city planners, community organizers, real estate professionals, revitalization specialists, agronomists
Auditing	(applies to all technical sectors) Accountants, financial advisers

A team of technical coordinators is appointed to help recruit cadre members and serve as leaders in each of the technical sectors.





In YOUR RDU This Month

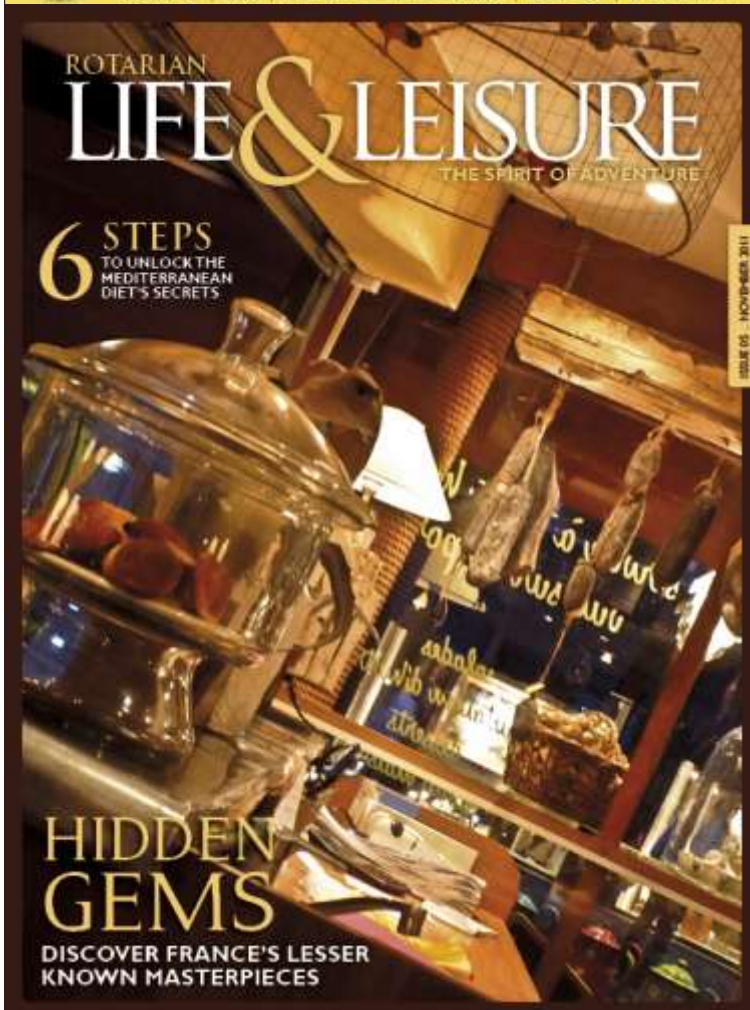
We've been following the Yellow Boat Road for a couple of months and so the efforts of Rob Pennicott and Mick Souter to circumnavigate Australia in two tiny yellow-hulled rigid inflatable dinghies have found their way on to our November edition cover.

The circumnavigation raised in excess of \$250,000 for Rotary's Global Challenge to eradicate polio, and garnered media interest throughout the land. A fitting tribute, coinciding as it does, with Rotary's Foundation Month. Read all about it from Page 14.

Rotary Down Under is fortunate to be supported by some real Rotary heavy hitters, and the November edition contains interesting columns from just a few, such as managing director of the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness program Terry Birss and the CEO of Disaster Aid Australia Jenny Heenan. We also have the latest in a regular series from Kerrie Kornhauser on women in Rotary. Looking for ideas? *Rotary Down Under* in November is where you'll find them.

The quarterly publication from Rotary International, *Global Outlook*, is also featured in this month's *Rotary Down Under*. This time the theme tackles the "Plus" in "PolioPlus" in which the myriad of benefits that came about as a result of Rotary's establishment of the project in 1985 are discussed. It's a fascinating and user-friendly read for all Rotarians, but one that will be of particular benefit to new Rotarians who may still be learning of the extent of one of the world's great humanitarian efforts.

You'll find another quarterly publication in the plastic envelope this month in *Rotarian Life & Leisure*. Editor Meagan Jones has a tough job, as evidenced by the report on her recent trip to France. According to Meagan, "France offers more national icons than you can wave a baguette at, but just as impressive are the small, unexpected gems you stumble across in your travels". Her four-page feature takes you through a few of those gems.





On behalf of the Foundation Committee of District 9790, I am writing to encourage your interest in identifying appropriate candidates either for a Rotary World Peace Scholarship or for the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program for Professional Development.

In these uncertain times, there is a growing demand for well trained international leaders to promote national and international cooperation and peace throughout their lives, in their careers and through service activities. The challenges of the 21st Century require people skilled in the art of diplomacy, mediation and conflict resolution. The Rotary Peace Fellowship program was developed to meet this very need.

Rotary is seeking non-Rotarian professionals interested in expanding their knowledge in international relations, public administration, sustainable development, public health, human rights, peace studies and conflict resolution or a related field. Each year, up to 100 Rotary Peace fellowships (50 master's degree fellowships and 50 professional development certificate fellowships) are offered on a competitive basis at Rotary Peace Centres in six prestigious universities around the world.

The Fellowships are very generous and applicants participating in the master's degree program gain access to:

- Up to two years of fully funded graduate study towards a master's degree at one of our six Rotary Peace Centres in the US, the UK, Argentina, Japan and Australia;
- Training in the root causes of conflict, theories of international relations, and effective models of cooperation, conflict resolution, and negotiation including a three

Month Applied Field Experience (AFE);

- A growing linked network of committed alumni employed around the world in diplomacy, government, non-governmental organizations and private corporations;
- Funding for round trip travel, tuition and fees, room and board and other limited expenses including the AFE averages \$US70,000.

Mid-career professionals already working in the field of peace and conflict studies may opt for the three-month professional development certificate program at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok. Both programs require, at minimum, a bachelor's degree in a related field; three years of relevant work experience for the MA program and five years for the professional development certificate. As well as excellent leadership skills, candidates must demonstrate a commitment to peace and international understanding through their professional and academic achievements and/or personal and community service activities.

I invite you and your Club's members to urge employers to tell potential candidates of these generous opportunities for career development. Suitable candidates are likely to be found in non-government humanitarian organizations, government departments, religious and service institutions, local universities, police and the armed services. These organisations will know how to contact people working both for them and with them.

Further details, eligibility and application information are available at: www.rotary.org/rotarycenters

In the meantime, you are invited to contact me if you consider that I could

be of further assistance to you or your Club's members.

Applications must be made through a Rotary Club and forwarded to me by May 4th 2012 for studies commencing the 1st of July 2013.

This is a fantastic opportunity for the right individuals so please consider this program.

Lee Strahan
Foundation Committee Representative District 9790
0414 751 959
Email: leestonecraft@hotmail.com

**If you are one that feels
we never see the money
we send to Foundation**

Or your looking to play a major role in
shaping a unique individuals life's
work

Here is your chance to act

"PLEASE NOTE"

**To date District 9790 have never
had a World Peace Scholar
This Program is fully paid for by
Rotary International and therefore
there is no other burden on a club,
bar to find a candidate**

**So the money is there
The Programs are there
But it is up to us**

\$70,000.00 US

POLIO PLUS

As of 15 September 2011, Rotarians have [raised about \\$190 million](#) for Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge. These contributions will help Rotary raise \$200 million to match \$355 million in challenge grants received from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The resulting \$555 million will directly support immunization campaigns in developing countries, where polio continues to infect and paralyze children, robbing them of their futures and compounding the hardships faced by their families. As long as polio threatens even one child anywhere in the world, children everywhere remain at risk. The stakes are that high.

After 20 years of hard work, Rotary and its partners are on the brink of eradicating this tenacious disease, but a strong push is needed now to root it out once and for all. It is a window of opportunity of historic proportions. We are so close.

Your contribution will help Rotary raise the funds needed to reach our goal.



What is Polio

Polio is:

- A crippling and potentially fatal infectious disease, polio (poliomyelitis) still strikes children mainly under the age of five in countries in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East.
- Polio can cause paralysis and sometimes death. Because there is no cure for polio, the best protection is prevention. For as little as US\$0.60 worth of vaccine, a child can be protected against this crippling disease for life.
- It can cause paralysis within hours, and polio paralysis is almost always irreversible.
- In the most severe cases, polio attacks the motor neurons of the

brain stem, causing breathing difficulty or even death.

- Historically, polio has been the world's greatest cause of disability.

If polio isn't eradicated, the world will continue to live under the threat of the disease. More than 10 million children will be paralyzed in the next 40 years if the world fails to capitalize on its US\$5 billion global investment in eradication.

Please make a contribution now either through your club or personally direct to the District Secretary to wipe out this cruel, debilitating disease.

PDG David Cooke
Polio Plus Coordinator D9790

STUDENT EXCHANGE WEEKEND 2011

In 1943, Rotary adopted the Four-Way Test which asks the following four questions:

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

We at the Rotary Club of Tatura say the our Annual DISTRICT YOUTH EXCHANGE WEEKEND meets all four elements.

This year the Rotary Club of Tatura hosted the District Youth Exchange Students, for a social weekend, on Oct 15 -16.

As a result of us hosting this weekend for the past 42 years we find it is a highlight on our annual calendar of events. This year

we hosted some 18 young people, both Inbound and Outbound. They were billeted with Rotary and Friends of Rotary families and were hosted to a number of events over the weekend.

The Students enjoyed the opportunity to network, socialize and share experiences, with the Saturday night concert being the main event.

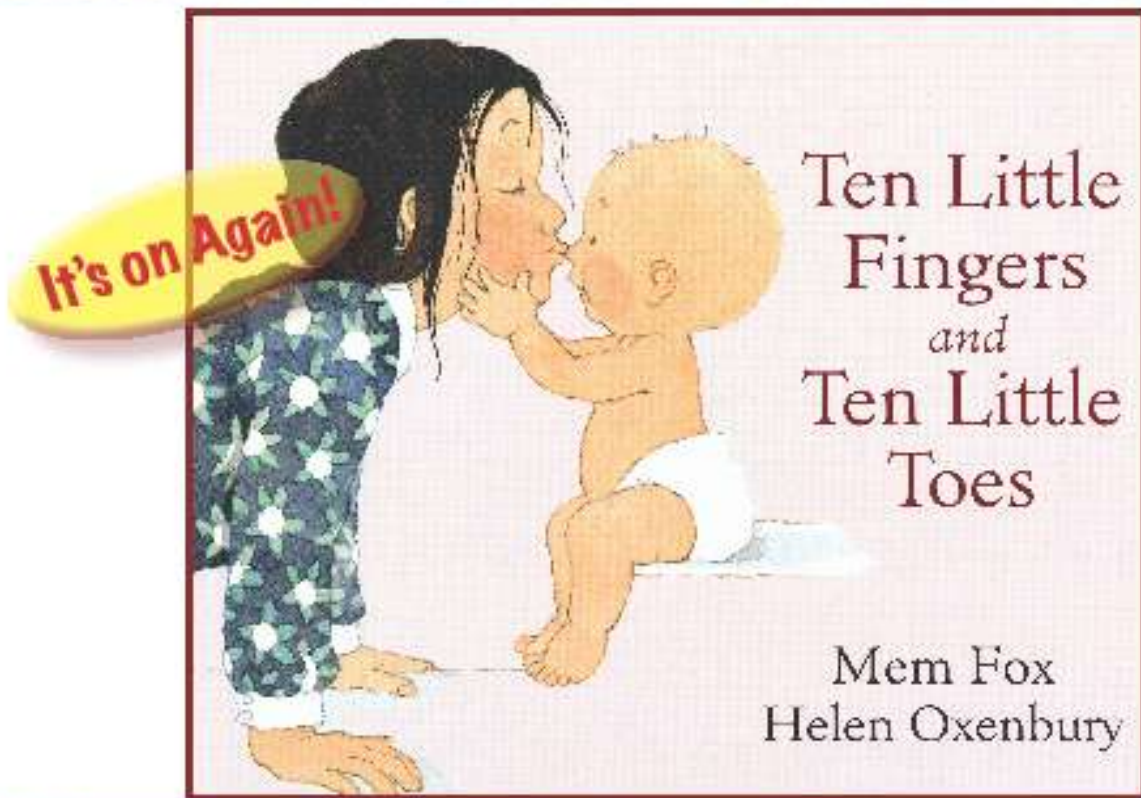
What we do has captured the imagination of many individuals over many generations and we at Tatura are proud to be involved in the Rotary Youth Exchange programme. Everyone loves being involved and both Rotarians, Friends of the Rotary Club of Tatura and Students benefit and gain enormously from this student gathering.

Q. What was the highlight of the student weekend?

A. Ballroom dancing Saturday night in an adjacent hall to where we were meeting.



D9790 Public Relations



Books for Babies Programme

In the week commencing Sunday, 11 March 2012 Rotary in Australia will run a nationwide "Books for Babies" project as part of Rotary's Literacy month. Last February 2011 the inaugural "Books for Babies" project was launched with Rotarians from Rotary Clubs across Australia visiting Maternity Hospitals to deliver the gift of a book to mothers for their newborn babies. For some babies, it was one of many gifts celebrating their arrival into the world - for some, sadly, it was the only gift that they would be receiving.

In total 1,480 books were presented. For all involved — the Rotarians, new parents, grandparents and the hospital staff - it was a resounding success. It proved to be a wonderful way of connecting with our communities and raising Public Awareness of Rotary. So please, actively involved with "Books for Babies" in 2012. Even the smallest Club can be involved with this nationwide event, and it will give their members a worthwhile ready-made project for Rotary Literacy Month.

The promotion of child literacy is a major concern and ongoing commitment by Rotary in Australia, and where better to start than at the beginning. So, here is one of the most popular Baby Books of all time, to encourage reading from the very earliest stage.

You need to act promptly!

Contact Phil Macdonald — pr@rotary9790.org.au

Here are a few words from Mem Fox :

"I am thrilled to endorse the excellent work of Rotary, in particular their read-to-your baby birthday programme. Reading aloud and sharing the magical world of books brings great joy, laughter and peace to everyone involved.

And literacy follows ... as night does day.

Well done Rotary for knowing what's important in the lives of Children."

Mem Fox Adelaide January 2011

Interested Clubs can contact Phil Macdonald — pr@rotary9790.org.au



Annual fund raiser for the group five 'Ovens' group of clubs

The annual fund raiser for the group five 'Ovens' group of clubs is once again being held at Remel 185, Whorouly, on Tuesday 28th February 2012

In 2012 the function is being organised by the Rotary club of Beechworth, funds raised will be directed to an international project.

All welcome, come along and join members of the Ovens group of clubs in their annual joint fellowship night.

Tuesday 28th February 2012

6.30 pm for 7.00 pm

Remel 185 at Whorouly

Cost: about \$37 (to be confirmed)

Get Involved:

Send your cheque to:

Rotary Club of Beechworth,

PO Box 118, Beechworth, 3747

Email: beechworthsvp@rotary9790.org.au

Phone: 03 5728 1656





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Complete this form individually or as a group then either

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 Box 149,
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2. Deposit the required payment to the
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 Acc No. 14288188
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Please send any correspondence to
conferencewine@rotary9790.org.au

How can you help improve Indigenous health?

Even in an age where a person can receive basic medical treatment over the phone, Australia's Indigenous population remain the sub group of Australians with the highest number of health problems

Members of the Indigenous population are nearly twice as likely to develop heart disease or die from a life-style related cancer. Diabetes is 3.5 times more common in Indigenous



communities and those over the age of 18 are twice as likely to develop psychological distress than someone of non-Indigenous descent.

Almost a quarter of Australia's Indigenous population live in remote Australia, where access to medical services and facilities is limited. Further complicating matters is the fact that Indigenous Australians are known to seek out treatments from other members of the Indigenous community with whom they feel a spiritual understanding.

The Indigenous Health Scholarship program is a collaborative project between Australian Rotary Health, participating Rotary Clubs, the State Governments of South Australia, New South Wales and Victoria and the Australian Government.

Since 2002, Indigenous Health Scholarships have been available to encourage Indigenous students to undertake training as a health professional in areas including medicine, nursing, social work, physiotherapy, psychology and dentistry.

An Indigenous Health Scholarship valued at \$5,000 can make the world of difference to a struggling student. For a commitment of only \$2,500 per year, your Rotary club could directly help improve the health and wellbeing of Australia's Indigenous population.

If you would like to know more about this program and how you can help improve the health and education outcomes for Australia's Indigenous communities, please contact Cheryl Deguara, Programs Co-ordinator, on 02 8837 1900 or email cheryldeguara@australianrotaryhealth.org.au.

Rotary Club of Benalla build Access Ramp for Foodshare and Benalla Health offices

Neil Stott from Benalla Health recently approached The Rotary Club of Benalla to assist in building a ramp for wheelchair access to Foodshare and Benalla Health's West Benalla offices.

A number of Rotarians volunteered to help with the project and under the

guidance of Neil Smith and Terry Turner the project was recently completed and has already been a great success.

By providing wheelchair access clients now have easy access as do

delivery personnel and other customers.



MAY 18, 2012

What is your Club planning for Hat Day 2012?

Let's Giggle !

A friend hosted a dinner party for people from work and everyone was encouraged to bring their children. All during the sit-down dinner one co-worker's four-year-old girl stared at the man sitting across from her. The girl could hardly eat her food for staring. The man checked his tie, felt his face for food, patted his hair in place but nothing stopped her from staring at him.

He tried his best to just ignore her but finally it was too much for him. He asked her "Why are you staring at me?" Everyone at the table had noticed her behavior and the table went quiet for her response.

The little girl said "I just want to see how you drink like a fish."

A priest dies and is waiting in line at the Pearly Gates. Ahead of him is a guy who's dressed in sunglasses, a loud shirt, leather jacket, and jeans. Saint Peter addresses this cool guy, 'Who are you, so that I may know whether or not to admit you to the Kingdom of Heaven ? 'The guy replies, 'I'm Jack, retired airline pilot from Houston.' Saint Peter consults his list. He smiles and says to the pilot, 'Take this silken robe and golden staff and enter the Kingdom.' The pilot goes into Heaven with his robe and staff.

Next, it's the priest's turn. He stands erect and booms out, 'I am Father Bob, pastor of Saint Mary's for the last 43 years.' Saint Peter consults his list. He says to the priest, 'Take this cotton robe and wooden staff and enter the Kingdom. 'Just a minute,' says the good father.

'That man was a pilot and he gets a silken robe and golden staff and I get only cotton and wood. How can this be? 'Up here - we go by results,' says Saint Peter. 'When you preached - people slept. When he flew, people prayed.'

At a recent wedding, the master of ceremonies yelled, "All the married men please stand next to the one person who has made your life worth living." The bartender was nearly crushed to death.

The phone rang. It was a salesman from a mortgage refinance company. "Do you have a second mortgage on your home?"

"No," I replied.

"Would you like to consolidate all your debts?"

"I really don't have any," I said.

"How about freeing up cash for home improvements?" he tried.

"I don't need any. I just recently had some done and paid cash," I parried.

There was a brief silence, and then he asked, "Are you looking for a husband?"

SLEEPING WITH MICK

The guys were on a bike tour. No one wanted to room with Mick, because he snored so badly. They decided it wasn't fair to make one of them stay with him the whole time, so they voted to take turns. The first guy slept with Mick and comes to breakfast the next morning with his hair a mess and his eyes all bloodshot.

They said, "Man, what happened to you? He said, "Mick snored so loudly, I just sat up and watched him all night."

The next night it was a different guy's turn. In the morning, same thing, hair all standing up, eyes all bloodshot.

They said, "Man, what happened to you? You look awful! He said, 'Man, that Mick shakes the roof with his snoring. I watched him all night.'

The third night was Bill's turn. He was a tanned, older biker, a man's man.. The next morning he came to breakfast bright-eyed and bushy-tailed.

"Good morning!" he said. They couldn't believe it. They said, "Man, what happened?" He said, "Well, we got ready for bed. I went and tucked Mick into bed, patted him on the arse, and kissed him good night on the lips. Mick sat up and watched me all night."

THE ITALIAN ELBOW

An Italian grandmother is giving directions to her grown grandson who is coming to visit with his wife.

"You comma to de front door of the apartmenta. I am inna apartmenta 301.

There issa bigga panel at the front door.

With you elbow, pusha button 301.

I will buzza you in. Come inside, the elevator is on the right. Get in, and with you elbow, pusha 3.

When you get out, I'mma on the left. With you elbow, hit my doorbell."

"Grandma, that sounds easy, but, why am I hitting all these buttons with my elbow?"

"What You coming empty handed?"

Wise Italian Grandfather

Why Italian Fathers and Grandfathers pass their handguns down through the family.

An old Italian man is dying. He calls his grandson to his bedside, Guido, I wan' you lissina me. I wan' you to take-a my chrome plated38 revolver so you will always remember me."

"But grandpa, I really don't like guns. How about you leave me your Rolex watch instead?"

"You lissina me, boy. Somma day you gonna be runna da business, you gonna have a beautiful wife, lotsa money, a big-a home and maybe a couple of bambinos. "

"Somma day you gonna come-a home and maybe finda you wife inna bed with another man.

"Whatta you gonna do then? Pointa to you watch and say, 'timesa up' ? "

The Sheriff pulled up next to the guy unloading garbage out of his pick-up into the ditch.

The Sheriff asked, "Why are you dumping garbage in the ditch?"

Don't you see that sign right over your head." "Yep," he replied.

"That's why I'm dumpin' it here, 'cause it says: 'Fine For Dumping Garbage.' "

There I was sitting at the bar staring at my drink when a large, trouble-making biker steps up next to me, grabs my drink and gulps it down in one swig. "Well, whatcha' gonna do about it?" he says, menacingly, as I burst into tears.

"Come on, man," the biker says, "I didn't think you'd CRY. I can't stand to see a man crying." "This is the worst day of my life," I say. "I'm a complete failure. I was late to a meeting and my boss fired me. When I went to the parking lot, I found my car had been stolen and I don't have any insurance. I left my wallet in the cab I took home. I found my wife with another man and then my dog bit me..."

"...So I came to this bar to work up the courage to put an end to it all. I buy a drink, I drop a capsule in and sit here watching the poison dissolve; then you show up and drink the whole thing!...But enough about me, how's your day going?"

District Governor Official Visits

JULY

13th - Rotary Club of Seymour
 20th - Rotary Club of Myrtleford
 21st - Rotary Club of Romsey Lancefield
 25th - Rotary Club of Whittlesea
 25th - Rotary Club of Heidelberg
 26th - Rotary Club of Southern Mitchell
 26th - Rotary Club of Broadmeadows
 27th - Rotary Club of Greensborough
 27th - Rotary Club of Bundoora
 28th - Rotary Club of Euroa

AUGUST

1st - Rotary Club of Deniliquin
 2nd - Rotary Club of Shepparton
 3rd - Rotary Club of Preston
 3rd - Rotary Club of Rosanna
 4th - Rotary Club of Eltham
 8th - Rotary Club of Wangaratta
 9th - Rotary Club of Albury North
 9th - Rotary Club of Lavington
 10th - Rotary Club of Albury Hume
 10th - Rotary Club of Belvoir Wodonga
 11th - Rotary Club of Appin Park Wangaratta

15th - Rotary Club of Riddells Creek
 16th - Rotary Club of Diamond Creek
 17th - Rotary Club of Mansfield
 18th - Rotary Club of Pascoe Vale
 22nd - Rotary Club of Mt Beauty
 23rd - Rotary Club of Bellbridge Lake Hume

SEPTEMBER

5th - Rotary Club of Reservoir
 6th - Rotary Club of Sunbury
 7th - Rotary Club of Ivanhoe
 7th - Rotary Club of Strathmore
 8th - Rotary Club of Benalla
 12th - Rotary Club of Tallangatta
 13th - Rotary Club of Beechworth
 14th - Rotary Club of Rutherglen
 15th - Rotary Club of Corowa
 20th - Rotary Club of Wodonga
 21st - Rotary Club of Albury West
 22nd - Rotary Club of Wodonga West
 26th - Rotary Club of Mooroopna
 28th - Rotary Club of Coburg
 28th - Rotary Club of Kinglake Ranges
 29th - Rotary Club of Nathalia

OCTOBER

3rd - Rotary Club of Numurkah
 4th - Rotary Club of Tocumwal
 5th - Rotary Club of Cobram
 10th - Rotary Club of Albury
 18th - Rotary Club of Craigieburn
 19th - Rotary Club of Moreland
 20th - Rotary Club of Bright
 26th - Rotary Club of Shepparton Central
 26th - Rotary Club of East Shepparton
 26th - Rotary Club of Shepparton South

NOVEMBER

2nd - Rotary Club of Tatura
 3rd - Rotary Club of Holbrook
 8th - Rotary Club of Milawa Oxley
 9th - Rotary Club of Kyabram
 14th - Rotary Club of Yarrawonga Mulwala
 15th - Rotary Club of Finley
 16th - Rotary Club of Alexandra
 17th - Rotary Club of Yea
 29th - Rotary Club of Corryong



ROTARY DISTRICT 9790



Community Service

Communities for Nature

Applications are now open for a \$20 million Communities for Nature grants program.

Communities for Nature grants are for local community groups and organisations looking to improve their natural environment and conserve local biodiversity values.

The program seeks to:

- support practical community action to deliver measurable environmental outcomes
- support community groups and volunteers undertaking works of primarily an environmental na-

ture; and

- support communities with relevant and timely information to assess priorities at the local level to determine the best returns in undertaking on-ground works.

The program will run for four years, with \$4 million available in 2011.

This year, two streams of funding are being offered; small grants of up to \$10,000 and large grants for \$10,000 to \$150,000.

The Department of Sustainability and Environment is implementing this Victorian Government program.

For more information on the assessment criteria and application process: visit www.dse.vic.gov.au/communitiesfornature

or contact the Grants Information Line on 1300 366 356.

Applications close on Monday 19th December 2011.

ClubName	Start	Members	Change	NewMembers	Terminated	MeetingsHeld	MonthPerCent	Position
Albury	35	31	-4	0	0	4	80.00	11
Albury Hume	38	39	1	2		4	75.79	21
Albury North	61	61	0		1	4	69.29	31
Albury West	49	49	0			4	72.00	27
Alexandra	37	37	0			4	77.00	18
Appin Park Wangaratta	33	32	-1			5	66.00	35
Beechworth	22	19	-3	1	0	4	59.20	43
Bellbridge Lake Hume	10	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	61
Belvoir Wodonga	37	39	2	0	0	4	74.14	24
Benalla	73	79	6			5	75.25	22
Bright	32	32	0	0	0	5	64.80	38
Broadmeadows	17	17	0	0	0	4	79.38	15
Bundoora	16	16	0			4	87.50	5
Cobram	27	27	0	0		4	76.50	19
Coburg	18	20	2			4	71.25	28
Corowa	24	27	3	0	0	5	82.00	10
Corryong	18	13	-5	0	0	4	90.00	2
Craigieburn	16	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	61
Deniliquin	25	26	1	0	0	4	61.60	40
Diamond Creek	25	27	2	0	0	4	85.00	6
East Shepparton	21	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	61
Eltham	51	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	61
Euroa	50	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	61
Finley	18	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	61
Greensborough	35	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	61
Heidelberg	37	37	0			4	63.57	39
Holbrook	27	26	-1			5	83.00	8
Ivanhoe	16	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	61
Kinglake Ranges	25	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	61
Kyabram	32	34	2	1	0	4	69.00	33
Lavington	12	12	0	0	0	4	97.92	1
Mansfield	35	31	-4	0	5	4	74.65	23
Milawa Oxley	25	25	0			4	78.00	17
Mooroopna	35	27	-8			4	59.26	42
Moreland	10	4	-6	0	0	4	70.00	30
Mount Beauty	27	26	-1	0	0	4	70.40	29
Myrtleford	26	25	-1	0	0	4	76.00	20
Nathalia	18	18	0			5	82.22	9
Numurkah	33	33	0	0	0	4	69.29	32
Pascoe Vale	28	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	61
Preston	40	40	0			4	56.90	44
Riddells Creek	13	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	61
Romsey Lancefield	9	10	1	0	0	5	90.00	3
Rosanna	30	30	0	0	0	4	79.81	14
Rutherglen	37	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	61
Seymour	39	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	61
Shepparton	51	48	-3	0	0	4	66.00	36
Shepparton Central	37	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	61
Shepparton South	47	47	0	0	0	4	84.72	7
Southern Mitchell	27	26	-1	1	2	4	72.56	26
Strathmore	26	28	2			4	65.00	37
Sunbury	40	38	-2	0	2	4	60.00	41
Tallangatta	15	18	3			4	88.40	4
Tatura	30	30	0	0	0	4	45.80	45
Tocumwal	14	13	-1			4	74.00	25
Wangaratta	23	23	0	0	0	4	78.26	16
Whittlesea	16	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	61
Wodonga	25	25	0	0	0	4	80.00	12
Wodonga West	33	34	1	1	0	4	69.00	34
Yarrawonga Mulwala	41	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	61
Yea	36	36	0			5	80.00	13

Attendance for September 2011



Rotary Expo



Previously known as the Conference Lounge or House of Friendship

Our ambition is that the Rotary Expo will provide awareness of Rotary activities and projects in order to:

- motivate and inspire further action
- provide a greater knowledge of what Rotary does
- provide choice for club cooperation
- help Rotarians to enhance the public image of Rotary in the community

The Rotary Expo is immediately adjacent to the registration desk in the Inner Circle on level 3. The Rotary Expo is created as an ideal venue for meeting and greeting. Collect your tea or coffee and enjoy fellowship in the Rotary Expo. Exhibitors are asked to provide stimulating information and ideas to meet the Rotary Expo ambition.

This year at Moonee Valley the final summer night racing series will be held on Friday March 23rd and the Rotary Expo will be open to the racing public giving us wider exposure. Rotary is sponsoring the first race of the meeting and it is anticipated that in excess of 8,000 racegoers will attend providing great PR from this exposure.

We invite interested groups and clubs to register an expression of interest for the Rotary Expo. Expressions of Interest will close Friday 16th of December 2011.

Opportunities are also available for marketing and sponsorship which includes a booth in the Rotary Expo for the duration of the Conference. Details available on application.



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