

District Governor's Message

Welcome to this first edition of the 2014-15 District 9810 Newsletter in which we will Light up Rotary.

My thanks go to Geoff Limmer for stepping up to the role of editor of this publication.

Before looking at the year ahead, on behalf of all our readers I thank Merv, the District Leadership Team and the Presidents of 2013-14 for their achievements. 2013-14 was a year of change with the embedding of the Rotary Foundation's new grants model.

With the successful take-up of grants over the last year, it is clear that our District have embraced this change, due largely to the communication and training rolled out by our District Foundation Committee.

In the year ahead we're asked by Rotary International President Gary Huang to Light up Rotary.



When Gary talks about this theme, he reflects on the Confucian expression that it is better to light a single candle than curse the darkness. In expanding on this theme, Gary talks about the need to shine a light on the positive work done by Rotary in a world where we're surrounded by bad news. Gary encourages us to

hold a Rotary Day to invite our communities to see what we do. He talks further about the imperative of building our membership base to sustain the good work of Rotary by inviting our extended family into the organization. Finally, Gary reminds us that we are so close to our goal of eradicating polio that we just cannot lose pace now. All worthy and relevant goals I'm sure you will agree – goals which are reflected in our District's priorities for the year.

The District's role is to support clubs in being effective in their communities. With that context, we have set a number of priorities for the year ahead:

1. Supporting and strengthening clubs

- Our District Membership Committee have developed an impressive toolkit to support clubs in running membership interest events. Marketing materials have been developed for identified market segments and a team of Game Changers have convened to develop and execute cluster-based public interest events. I encourage all clubs to engage in this ground-breaking initiative.
- We need to look at options for new clubs to tap a broader demographic so to that end, we will be looking to start two new clubs this year.
- With the annual turnover of office-bearers in Rotary, it is important that we have effective succession plans and leadership development initiatives. We will continue building on the workshop-based learning & development program for incoming presidents and office bearers started last year.

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We will continue with the Rotary Leadership Institute as a means of building Rotary knowledge. This year we will introduce a Future Leaders Seminar on the day preceding the District Conference where we will engage the next generation of future club and district leaders in workshops with some of our current leaders.

2. Focusing and increasing humanitarian service

- It is important that we share and learn from our successes. This year we will be holding seminars for our avenues of service to showcase successful projects and programs. Similarly, the quarterly presidents meeting will also be used as medium for introducing and sharing projects and programs.
- We need to be more effective in our communications and meetings to make best use of people's time so that we're focusing on projects rather than administration. I am convening a technology advisory group to help the District and clubs make better use of available technology. My vision is that: it becomes easy to hold virtual meetings; we can podcast or YouTube key presentations; we have a robust on-line membership database; we can access and share project case studies on line.
- The Rotary Foundation is our engine room. We must continue to add to this to provide the financial resources that fund our grants.
- Over the past couple of years the District have established District 9810 Project Funds Ltd as a legal entity to meet several needs: to facilitate tax-deductible third party funding of Rotary projects; to accumulate tax-deductible funds for emergency relief; and to hold assets on behalf of clubs where there is shared funding. We've now reached the point of execution – our goal this year is to run a number of projects through this entity.

3. Enhancing Rotary's public image and awareness

- We need to get the best return we can for our limited public image resourcing. To that end, we're encouraging clubs to work in clusters in marketing and promotional activities. In particular, we'd like clubs to work jointly in running a Rotary Day event to capture the public's attention.

- Rotary's reputation is our most important asset and we must protect and enhance it. This year we are undertaking a comprehensive review of our youth policies and associated procedures to ensure that: we understand and manage risks to a level expected by our community; and the programs that we offer actually deliver what we expect them to deliver.

My thanks go to this year's District Leadership Team and Club Presidents for their support and encouragement. We have an exciting year ahead!

Tony Monley

2014-15 Governor, Rotary District 9810,
Victoria, Australia



Malaria is one of the major health threats in the world today. It's a disease of the developing world that impacts on more than 10% of the world's population and kills about 600,000 a year mostly in Africa and South East Asia. The most vulnerable being pregnant women and children under five.

Since 1996 RAM has been one of the elements of RAWCS (Rotary Australia World Community Service) that assists clubs with the development and management of international community service projects. RAM's objective is to promote better knowledge of the risks of malaria, its prevention and control while supporting anti-malaria projects that aim to slow the transmission of this terrible disease.

RAM Australia is giving priority to anti-malaria programs in our Pacific neighbourhood namely Papua New Guinea, Timor Leste and the Solomon Islands. Rotarians in Australia are working with the World Health Organisation, the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute, AusAid and the relevant government agencies in these three countries, to reduce the incidence of malaria.

In the absence of a vaccine, long lasting insecticide treated mosquito nets (LLIN's) have been found to be the most effective way of treating malaria. They are a physical barrier and a way of significantly reducing the number of mosquitos in communities. The nets, certified by the WHO Pesticide Evaluation Scheme, are treated with a chemical harmless to humans and domestic animals and remain active for five years. (continued on page 3)

Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM)

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In 2004 the RC of Port Moresby embarked on a massive program – the “Adopt A Village” (AAV) program. Rotary Clubs, corporate groups, individuals etc could adopt a village in PNG.

When a village is adopted every person in it is provided with a lifesaving LLIN.

The program was extended to the Solomon Islands in 2005 and to Timor Leste in 2011. The implementation of the AAV concept has seen Rotary Clubs across Australia accept the opportunity to fund the provision of bed nets to villages and clusters of villages.

The very successful Adopt a Village (AAV) initiative must now change in response to international funds being made available to governments for the provision of these nets. All donations will now assist in a wide range of anti-malarial endeavours for nominated villages such as:

- The provision and distribution of nets to areas not covered by the Global Funds
- The provision of equipment and tools to enable villagers to **clean up village** areas and eliminate mosquito breeding sites
- The provision of sprays
- The production of appropriate community educational materials to better inform villagers how to protect themselves against malaria



Have you introduced a new member?

Why not ? Give it a try!

Ask a work colleague

Ask a Neighbour

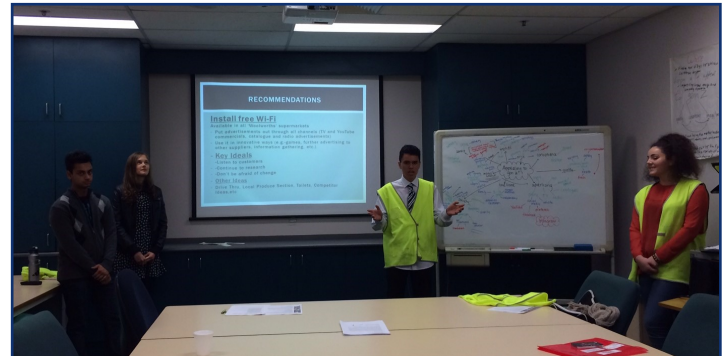
Ask a Business Associate

Rotary Club of Wheelers Hill Mindshop Excellence Program

Paul Isaac of the RC Wheelers Hill is excited about the The Mindshop Excellence Program at Woolworth's Distribution Centre where 4 students from Wellington College did their weeks work experience.

Paul and Connie Tzelepis, from the club attended the student's presentation to management and parents on a given topic by the company.

These students gave an excellent report and slide presentation concluding with recommendations the company could use to improve their business.



Some of the feedback received from the students was:

“I am able to take with me my new experience and everything I've learnt here with me in my future. It was very different to standard work experience that I valued and enjoyed a lot”.

“I really enjoyed learning all the tools that Mindshop taught us, as well as making new friends and having a tour of the warehouse.”

“I have no suggestions for improvement in the week, I loved it!”

Rotary Club of Doncaster Launches World Class Leadership Training Program

Since 1992 the Rotary Club of Doncaster has organized and undertaken specialist-training programs targeted at enhancing the management skills of tomorrow's leaders in our community. This year's program has been significantly changed and rebranded by drawing on the extensively researched and internationally acclaimed material written by Kouzes and Posner, whose book has sold over 2 million copies.

This year the new programs cast their enduring work on the key fundamentals of leadership, with best-in-class published materials and a tried and tested training program, that incorporates a pre- and post online assessment.

The program is being marketed under "The Challenge to Lead" brand and will be the Club's major fund raising activity for 2014, the income from which will be used to underpin its many community and national assistance programs

The objective of the course is to provide a content overview on The Challenge to Lead program for High Potential Leaders that is an exciting and intensive residential program.

The content, which is presented by qualified facilitators of one facilitator for every 10 participants, draws on Kouzes and Posner's "The Five Practices of Exemplary Leadership" under the following key headings:

Model the Way:

- Create standards of excellence and then set an example for others to follow.
- Clarify values, find your personal voice and affirm shared values.
- Set the example by aligning actions with shared values.

Inspire a Shared Vision:

- Passionately believe that you can make a difference.
- Envision the future by imagining exciting and ennobling possibilities.
- Enlist others in a common vision by appealing to share aspirations

Challenge the Process:

- Search for opportunities to change the status quo.
- Search for opportunities by seizing the initiative and looking outward for innovative ways to improve.
- Experiment and take risks by constantly generating small wins and learning from experiences.

Enable Others to Act:

- Foster collaboration and spirited teams by building trust, human dignity and facilitating relationships.
- Strengthen others by increasing self-determination and developing competence.

Encourage the Heart:

- Recognise contributions by showing appreciation for individual excellence.
- Celebrate the values and victories by creating a spirit of community and making people feel like heroes.

Further information is available at:

www.challengetolead.com.au

Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS)

RAWCS can provide front-end advice on projects, including needs assessment and cross-cultural strategies. They can also put you in touch with clubs that may have set up projects in your intended country/area of activity for advice.

RAWCS can help link you with clubs for on-the-ground cooperation and to avoid duplication, overlap and wastage. They will help obtain tax deductibility for eligible projects and provide free travel insurance for teams travelling overseas.

Importantly, RAWCS can help you ensure sustainability of the benefits and impact of your projects.

For more information go to <http://www.rawcs.com.au>



New Vice President of Rotary International

Anne Matthews a Rotarian from the Rotary Club of South Carolina USA has been appointed Vice President of Rotary International effective from 1st July 2014. She is the first woman to be appointed to this position.

Koorie Academy of Excellence

There are approximately 8,000 indigenous children in schools throughout Victoria. 10 years ago virtually none of these children would have reached Year 12, let alone gone on to tertiary and vocational education. Unlike other parts of the country where there are large indigenous peer groups in a school class, the Victorian cohort is typically widespread, with children isolated and without role models and a strong support group. Many of these young people do not currently make it into tertiary and vocational education. For those who do progress through Year 12 into the tertiary system, many of them are the first in their families to make this progression. Without trans-generational knowledge to help them engage in the education system, many of these young people fail to complete their course.

The Koorie Academy of Excellence is a pilot program initiated by the Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Inc, supported by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and now partnered with Latrobe University. The Academy provides mentoring and other programs to support indigenous children through their school years and into tertiary and vocational education. Now in its third year, there are 80 young people in the program with the first group now progressing through Year 12. Latrobe University students are selected as mentors while other networks are used to source indigenous role models and vocational guidance. The overriding goal of the program is to prepare indigenous youth for the full range of tertiary and vocational education opportunities open to all Australians.

Rotary District 9810's 2014-15 Governor's Partner's Project is in support of this program.

The Goals are:

1. To raise at least \$15,000 in 2014-15 to be used to provide scholarships for indigenous students within the program.
2. To engage the Rotary network in providing vocational mentors and employment opportunities for indigenous youth.
3. To raise the awareness of the difficulties faced by indigenous youth in progressing through the education system.

Contact Kathy Monley for more information.

Rotary Club of Montrose and District changes its meeting time



Please note that the new meeting time is 6:30pm for 7:00pm. Meeting Venue is Club Kilsyth, corner Canterbury and Colchester roads Kilsyth on Wednesday Evenings.

Rotary 2015 Gallipoli Peace Conference 18 April 2015 Istanbul, Turkey

An international conference is to be hosted by all Rotary Districts of Turkey with support from Australian and New Zealand Rotarians as well as RI President Gary Huang who has been invited.

The objective of the conference is to undertake a world class conference on Peace and Friendship in 2015 on the occasion of the Centenary of Anzac Day with the theme:

"To promote peace and friendship through a holistic approach which combines conflict resolution methods, peace building and conflict prevention with an emphasis on more sustainable economic, political and human development."

During the Gallipoli campaign, which lasted for eight and a half months in 1915, nearly one million men from all sides fought each other on the Gallipoli Peninsula; with, approximately, half of them becoming casualties. Yet, adversaries of yesterday are close friends and allies today. Gallipoli Peninsula, as the location of the tragic campaign, occupies a special place in the national memories of Australia, New Zealand and Turkey as the spiritual birthplace of their respective nations. Moreover, from this conflict a unique friendship grew between Turkey, Australia and New Zealand which could be showcased to the world as an example of Rotary principles of peace.

Themes to be covered during the Conference will include:

- The campaign from Turkish, Australian and New Zealand perspectives
- The Rotary perspective of peace & conflict resolution
- The Rotary action for world peace.

For further information please contact Australian Representatives of the Conference, DG-9810 Tony Monley [Email: anthony.monley@bigpond.com] or Dr John Basarin, President, RC of Hampton, D-9810 [Email: jbasarin@hamptonrotary.org.au]

To receive further information about the **Rotary 2015 Gallipoli Peace Conference**, please subscribe by visiting Web site: www.gallipoli100.net

Interplast 'Repairing Bodies and Rebuilding lives in the Asia and Pacific Region'



Past President Len Brear of the RC of Nunawading is the Chairman of District 9810 Interplast Committee.

Len is keen to keep Clubs up-to-date on the Progress of Interplast which has as its Theme:

"Repairing Bodies and Rebuilding lives in the Asia and Pacific Region".

Interplast Australia and New Zealand is a partnership of the Australasian College of Surgeons and Rotary.

It is a not-for-profit organisation which has provided 31 years of free surgical treatment and training by medical volunteers in developing countries.

It is reliant for funding from Rotarians, their clubs and districts. In recent times funding has diminished and there is a need to become actively promoting its cause and raising funds.

Contact Len to arrange Speakers to attend your club to promote and explain the good work of Interplast.

Email Len at: lhbrear@bigpond.com

Rotary Club of Box Hill Central Completes 8700 Cleft Repairs

The Rotary Club of Box Hill Central has just completed its 8700 cleft repair operation in Bangladesh.

The club's Signature Project is Operation Cleft Inc. which funds Cleft Repair Surgery on needy children by local surgeons in Bangladesh.

The club is always on the lookout for funds and has a number of people who could come to your meeting and make a Presentation on the Project.

If you would like to book a Guest Speaker you can contact the Chairman of the Club's Operation Cleft Committee, Vici Funnell by email at : v.funnell@bigpond.com



Rotary Programs for Indigenous Australians

Within District 9810 there are few Rotary Programs to assist our indigenous population.

In 2008 – 2009 District Governor John Barnes highlighted the fact that the district was doing very little to support the indigenous community.

When asked for a comment PDG John Barnes said

"In my time leading up to being DG in 2008-2009 I spent some time looking at the programs and projects we supported at District level and noticed that whilst we provided support and encouragement in a wide range of areas both at home and abroad there was very little for our Indigenous communities. Apart from Indigenous Educational Scholarships through Australian Rotary Health there seemed little that we were promoting as a District. I enquired of my fellow DG's and found much the same story apart from a couple of districts in Northern Australia who had 2 or 3 programs running. I thought it important that we at least try and see what we could do for Indigenous Australians so I appointed an Indigenous Affairs Officer in Liz Guiver, knowing Liz's passion for this cause."

Despite the inherent problems that the Indigenous people face with alcohol, it is alarming that the average life expectancy of Indigenous people in Rural Australia is 30 years shorter than the general population.

In Rural Australia the Indigenous population is suffering from cronic diabetes, severe dental health issues and blindness.

Associate Professor Neale Cohen from the Baker IDI Institute speaking at a recent club meeting reported that he was treating young teenagers for Type 2 diabetes with blood sugar readings 3 times the level of safe levels.

With blood sugar readings so high kidney failure, nerve damage, and blindness could be expected to follow in the subsequent 10 years of life.

It is curious that there are numerous water and sewage projects being supported by Rotary around the world yet back home the health problems of the indigenous community are almost being ignored.

In 2008/09 PDG John Barnes highlighted the need for clubs to consider projects to assist the indigenous community.

He appointed Liz Guiver the District Chairman of the District 9810 Indigenous Support Committee.

This year's District Governor's Partner's Project is in support of the Koorie Academy of Excellence which is reported separately in this edition of the District Newsletter.

Kathy Monley encourages all clubs to support this Program.

Liz Guiver would welcome moves by clubs to consider projects that would assist the Indigenous Community, whether that be education or health.

Liz can be contacted at: eliza.g@optusnet.com.au

Rotary Club of Croydon helps rejuvenate the Community Space

The children's play area that the Rotary Club of Croydon donated to the Croydon community fifteen years ago had reached the end of its lifecycle.

With a contribution of \$10,000, they helped fund a new play area to commemorate 40 years of service to the community of Croydon. Maroondah City that covers Croydon and the Victorian State Government provided the main financial resources to enable the establishment of the park at a total cost of \$440,000.



The play area, dubbed the X pace, abuts the Y space, which incorporates, among others, a series of concrete skate elements, a table tennis table and a multi-use court for ball sports.

The X and Y Spaces are located in Croydon Park off Mt Dandenong Rd, Croydon, opposite Arndale Shopping Centre. They have been designed to provide a variety of activities to meet the needs of young people and the wider community.

Art Building Children's Dreams

ABCD has just completed the building of a third pre-school at Niusawa on Taveuni Island, Fiji, thanks to the fantastic work by the Rotary Club of Wandin, the Rotary Club of Taveuni Island and the volunteers from the Deakin University Global Citizenship Program. This partnership funded the sponsorship of 23 children to attend the new pre-school and raised another \$24,000 to cover the full cost of the building operations.



ABCD: Art Building Children's Dreams (Australia) Inc. is growing rapidly thanks to the support of many Rotary Clubs in and around D9810. New projects planned for 2014 and beyond, include schools in Malawi, Sri Lanka, South Africa and Samoa.

The most ambitious project to date starts in Malawi in October with the refurbishment of the All Angel's Primary School in Senga Bay with the Rotary Club of Montrose leading the way with support from volunteer students from the Deakin University partnership.

Also planned is a sewing workshop near the school site in conjunction with the Days For Girls organisation. Further plans are to start building a new high school next to the primary school – one classroom a year for five years – and this is where more Rotary Clubs could come on board!

Further information : Ken Wall, Rotary Club of Templestowe on 0412 561 768 or kenjwall@gmail.com

District Membership

