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# Rotary



## Club of Flemington

**District 9800**  
**Club No. 24401**  
**Chartered:**  
**24/4/1987**  
**ABN 47754561417**  
**ACN A0022258J**

**Rotary International**  
**President**  
**K. R. Ravi Ravindran**

**District Governor**  
**Julie Mason**  
**Assistant Governor**  
**Gateway East**  
**Colin Styles**

**President**  
**Hugh Stewart**  
**Past President**  
**Jon Temby**  
**Secretary**  
**Chris Drenen**  
**Treasurer Sam Nicol**

**Meeting Details:**  
**Wednesday morning**  
**7.30am for a 7.45**  
**finish at 8.45am.**

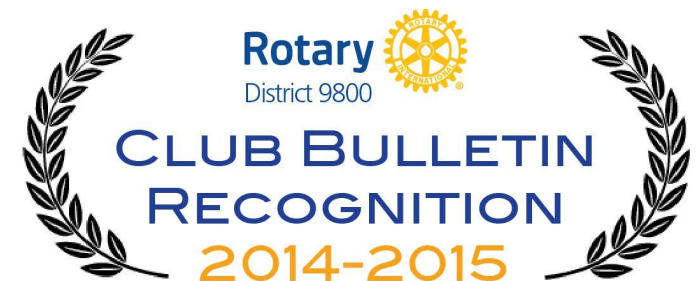
**Quest Apartments,**  
**corner Epsom &**  
**Smithfield Roads**  
**Flemington 3031**

### Flemington Informer 1st July 2015

Congratulations to Past President Jon Temby, and all members of the Rotary Club of Flemington; together with partners, family and friends.

These District awards were announced on Saturday night, and are acknowledgements of our work. See additional awards pages 5-7.

The Rotary Club of Flemington also received a District Governor's Club Citation for addressing all the priority areas throughout the year.



## Hugh's Column July 1st 2015

Rotarians & friends,

The last week has been a bit of a blur for me. Thanks to all members, partners, friends and supporters who attended our club changeover on 24th June. Whilst we were tight for space, the food and atmosphere during the evening was wonderful.

Thanks to John, Lesley, Chris, Allan and others who have assisted my transition to presidency. Our first meeting – our regular committee meeting to be held the first Wednesday of every month – saw further development of the way the committees will function. Thanks to all who put their hands up for chairs and secretaries of committees. We will circulate the list when finalised.

The District Governor Changeover for District 9800 held Saturday 27th June was a great success. Our club had nine in attendance as District Governor Murray Verso inducted Julie Mason. Fittingly, the club received awards for 2014-2015 for 1) 'Club Service Innovation Recognition' and 2) 'Club Bulletin Recognition'. Congratulations to members and Lesley in particular for the second award.

I had the pleasure of spending two days with Jimmy Musiime in central Victoria last week. As our Royce & Jean Abbey Scholar, Jimmy until now has spent most of his time in the Otways. Guided by Rob Youl, President of Australian Landcare International, we were able to show Jimmy some of the drier and more expansive forestry and agricultural landscapes between Avoca and St Arnaud. A highlight was an impromptu visit to the Bible Museum in St Arnaud – here, the curator showed Jimmy a bible from Uganda, printed in 1896, and in his home language! We also toured the garden cultivated with biblical plants and plants for butterflies – five species are bred there. Country Victoria holds some unexpected delights.



Jimmy Musiime will be our guest speaker at break fast next week, **Wednesday 8th July**. This will be his final presentation to the club before he returns to Kibale, Uganda.

I couldn't let my first meeting on 1st July as president pass without mentioning several significant events on that day. It was on that day in 2006 that the great Fred Trueman, the first English cricketer to capture my imagination, passed away. And, on a cricket theme, the ABC was formed on 1st July 1932, and in 1934 produced the first of its 'ABC Cricket Books', which is about the only thing I collect.



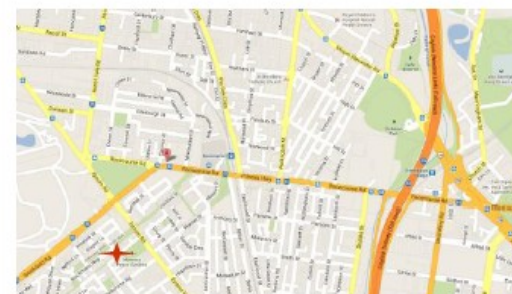
Look forward to seeing you next week.  
Enjoy your week in Rotary,  
*Hugh*  
President



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The Rotary Club of Flemington meets every Wednesday for breakfast at the Quest Apartments, corner Epsom and Smithfield Roads, Flemington, at 7:30 am for 7:45 am start.



Contact us at the **Opportunity Shop**,  
444 Racecourse Rd, Flemington  
Next to ABC Childcare

TEL: 0487 334 068

[www.rotaryflemington.org.au/](http://www.rotaryflemington.org.au/)

Rotary District 9800  
[www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au](http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au)

Rotary Down Under  
[www.rotarydownunder.com.au/](http://www.rotarydownunder.com.au/)

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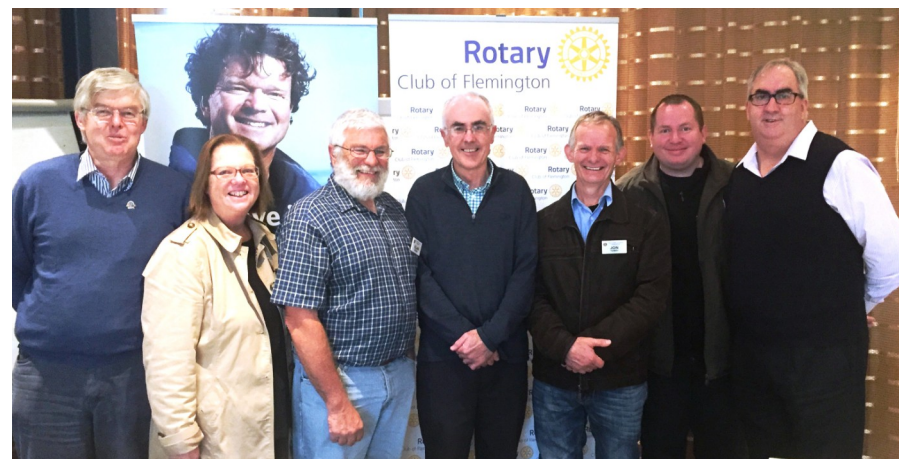


## Club Calendar Dates

Date	Event	Club	Location	Contact
Wednesday 8th July	Weekly Meeting Final report by Jimmy Mussiime	Flemington	Quest Apartments	Chris Drenen
Wednesday 15th July	Weekly Meeting FELLOWSHIP	Flemington	Quest Apartments	Chris Drenen
Tuesday 21st July	Board Meeting	Flemington	RSL Kensing- ton	Chris Drenen
Wednesday 22nd July	Weekly Meeting	Flemington	Quest Apartments	Chris Drenen
Wednesday 29th July	Blue Moon— Vocational Team to report on visit to Autistic School, Indonesia	Flemington	Kensington Town Hall, Bellair St	Chris Drenen
Wednesday 5th August	Weekly Meeting— Committees	Flemington	Quest Apartments	Chris Drenen
Wednesday 12th August	Weekly Meeting	Flemington	Quest Apartments	Chris Drenen

## 2015—2016 Rotary Club of Flemington Board

President	Hugh Stewart	<a href="mailto:htlewart@gmail.com">htlewart@gmail.com</a>
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## District Governor's Changeover evening



## Cluster and District Calendar Dates

Date	Event	Club	Location	Contact
Thursday 9th July	District Leadership Meeting	D9800	International House	Mark Stephens
Thursday 9th July	Club Changeover	Footscray	Royal Yacht Club Williams-	bmtnewport @bigpond.com
Sunday 12th July	Rotary International Expo	D9800	Queen Victoria Market	Rowan McLean
1st August	Rotaract Gala Changeover Expo	Rotaract District 9800	Meat Market, North Melbourne	Cameron Waller

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Opportunity Shop

444 Racecourse Road  
Flemington  
next to Goodstart Early Learning Centre



Bring in your unwanted items and we will find good homes for them.

We need household goods, bric-a-brac, blankets and clothing.

The shop is open 10.00am to 4.00pm Tuesday to Friday and  
Saturday 9.00-12.00

Call in and say hi to Sam, the Manager, and the Rotarians and volunteers in the shop.



The Rotary Club of Flemington meets for breakfast every Wednesday at the Quest Apartments, corner Epsom and Smithfield Road, Flemington at 7.30am. Visitors welcome.

Funds raised through the Opportunity Shop are used to support the Rotary Club of Flemington community, education and international service projects including Polio Plus.

Rotary Club of Flemington, PO Box 64, Flemington, Vic 3031  
[www.rotarydistrict9800.org/flemington](http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org/flemington)



## District Awards & Recognitions 2014-2015

One of the privileges of being a District Governor is the opportunity to see the enormous breadth of work being undertaken by our clubs. Your service is truly breath taking; some clubs are very innovative when it comes to promoting Rotary and others have very effective and systematic strategies for attracting and retaining members.

Much of this good work goes unheralded but we believe it is important for us to recognise “best practices” because there are inspiring lessons for us all when we share and learn from each other.

Congratulations and thanks to all clubs which are being recognised in 2014-2015.

You have well and truly been able to “*Light Up Rotary*”.



### Priority #1 Growing & Strengthening Clubs

#### Membership increases:

Melbourne Park 20.7%, Balwyn 18.6%, Wyndham 16.1%, Bendigo Strathdale 13.6%, Glenferrie 12.5%, Melton Valley 12.5%, Woodend 11.8%, Brighton North 10.4% and Hoppers Crossing 10% .

#### Club Service Recognitions for Innovation :

Bendigo, Bendigo South, Bendigo Strathdale, Eaglehawk, Kangaroo Flat, Kew, Yarra Bend and Balwyn for staging and participating in an International Service Expo on Australia Day in Bendigo.

#### Club Service Recognitions for Innovation :

Melbourne which broke with tradition by staging its first evening meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> of October to attract new members.

#### Club Service Recognitions for Innovation :

The e-Club of Melbourne for developing a unique Technology Use learning and Development Program to support D9800 Clubs and Rotarians.

#### Club Service Recognitions for Innovation :

**Flemington** for establishing a new decision making and planning club structure including Membership, Engagement and Public Relations and Marketing Committees.



## District Awards & Recognitions 2014-2015

### Priority #2

#### Focussing and Increasing Humanitarian Service:

##### Rotary Foundation Giving Recognitions:

awarded to Brimbank Central, Eaglehawk Central Melbourne Sunrise Wyndham and Essendon North .

##### Rotary Health Recognitions:

are granted to Williamstown, Keilor and Bendigo Sandhurst for their ongoing support and very generous donations to Australkian Rotary Health.

**Vance Hilton Community Service Recognitions** are awarded to ... Essendon and Essendon North which partnered with the RC of Strathmore and the Moonee Valley Council to fund and erect a Community Men's Shed.

Footscray which partnered with the Maribyrnong Council to provide reconditioned second hand bicycles for refugees, asylum seekers and disadvantaged community members

##### A Bill King Vocational Recognition:

is granted to Brimbank Central which worked closely with schools, teachers and community members to stage an impressive Art Show to celebrate 40 years of Rotary humanitarian service.

##### A Youth Service Recognition:

is awarded to Camberwell for their impressive Anzac Day Centenary project which raised student's awareness of the importance of peace and remembrance, encouraged reflection and acknowledgement of war service of previous generations, the demonstration of city pride and the engagement of a whole community in the 100 year Australian commemorations. A highlight of the project was to involve students in the writing of essays and/or the production of mutli media projects to qualify for final selection to go to Turkey, and represent their city and school in April 2015 as 'Seeds of Peace Scholars'.

**Jack Nankervis International Service Recognitions** are granted to Camberwell for refurbishing the tractor and trailer which enables the 170 children from poorer villages and minority ethnic groups and the carers at the Vin Son Orphanage in the Central Highlands of Vietnam to work the land and earn money to sustain themselves.

Essendon which donated a mechanised vehicle which has dramatically changed the lives and circumstances of the children at the Hope for Myanmar Children's Centre Orphanage. Female members of the Club delegation also staged a "days for girls" presentation for the young girls in the orphanage.



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International  
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- Volunteering
- Disaster recovery
- International aid
- Club projects
- Overseas projects

Queen Victoria  
Market

**Sunday 12 July**  
**9am-4pm**

**International  
Public  
Expo**



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- Cultural Bands
- Timorese Coffee
- Live Jazz bands

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For more information :  
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## *Rotary Club of Flemington*

### *Blue Moon Wednesday*

**Place:** Kensington Town Hall  
30 Bellair Street, Kensington

**Date:** Wednesday 29 July 2015

**Time:** 6:00 pm until 8.30pm

**Cost:** \$25 per person  
Finger-food and drinks provided

**Guest Speakers:** Gabriella Vascotto & Adele Jones, Western  
Autistic School Laverton

"Our Vocational visit to the School for Autistic Children, Bogor, Indonesia"

A project of the Rotary Club of Flemington,  
supported by the Western Autistic School.



To assist with catering, please RSVP to Allan Bruno:  
[allan.bruno@bigpond.com](mailto:allan.bruno@bigpond.com) or 0438 557 720 by 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2015.

## *District Awards & Recognitions 2014-2015*

### **Priority #3**

#### **Enhancing Public Image and Awareness:**

#### **Club Bulletin Recognitions**

are granted to Altona, **Flemington** and Footscray for the production and circulation of attractive Bulletins that provide local, Club, District and Rotary International news and information and highlight the commitment and work of Rotarians, family members and friends and their Club partners.

#### **A Club Technology**

**Recognition** is awarded to Brimbank Central for reviewing and reworking their Club Website to ensure it is a modern, graphic and easy to navigate site that contains up-to-date information about the Club and its partners, District 9800 and Rotary International.

#### **A Bill King Rotary Image Recognition**

is granted to Rochester for using the Rochester Mural Festival to stage a graphic and informative display about their club and its projects including their commitment to their community and the participation of club members in World of Difference Tours and projects in Timor Leste.

#### **A Thomas Lothian Rotary Awareness Recognition**

is awarded to Brimbank Central for their continued commitment to the importance of seeking publicity and press coverage of club business, news and projects including their involvement in a very touching and highly successful ROMAC project.

### **PRESIDENTIAL CITATIONS:**

The 2014-15 RI President, Gary Huang, has awarded the following District 9800 Clubs with a Presidential Citation. The Presidential Citation recognizes Rotary clubs that take action to increase their membership, enhance their service impact and expand their network.

#### **Presidential Citation**

**Gary C.K. Huang**  
2014-15 RI President

- Essendon
- Keilor
- Melton Valley
- Melton
- Rotaract Club of Gateway
- Rotaract Club of Bayside
- Interact Club of MacRob

Thanks to all District 9800 Clubs which ...  
responded to this call



donated goods and funds and worked at our Shed



encouraged Rotarians to participate in  
learning and development opportunities



undertook a forward thinking and planning event



engaged in crucial conversations



visited and worked at



used and wore our brand with pride



and applied for District and Global Grants  
to do amazing things.



Prepared by Bronwen Scarffe, the District 9800 Learning and Development Director, on behalf of DG Murray Verso and his District Leadership Team.

**Hours Worked** We continue to have excellent support in most areas and volunteers contributed 11000 hours. The D9790 staff have settled in well. At times we have difficulty coping with the number of Clubs and Youth Groups that wish to help. Where we continue to need help is with

- Collections during the week
- Management support with scope from people to work from home
- Clubs and individuals to host and feed visitors on week nights and Saturdays.

**DIK Targets** We exceeded our container target and should have exceeded with the beds, but some projects cancelled. Direct shipments from schools increased significantly. The previous year we ran a "special" for the Friends of East Timor groups and they were down significantly. Some of the money was used to ship a large number of school lockers and increased shipping cost are a factor. Our promotion to D9800 Clubs was down on previous years and the effect was noticeable.

	Containers 20' unit	Beds	School Chairs	School Desks
Target	70	400	8000	3000
Actual	76	378		
Previous Year	65	408	7789	3241

**Marketing and Promotion** We made progress in some areas and introduced a Facebook page, we also went backwards in some areas. The same resources are being spread over four Districts and the people are also being used to ship more goods. It is pleasing that Store visits increased significantly, but it was the same few people who had to feed and host them.

We need to think seriously about our fundraising priorities particularly in the new Districts. We have to fund the Store and getting a wider DIK Inc Membership is essential, but this competes directly with funds to ship goods. Our D9800 supporter base comes from Clubs who use the Store and have experience the value.

**Improvements** We need to acknowledge the great job that RC Flemington has done refurbishing the toilet and lunch room. A significant amount of new racking has been installed at the rear of the store.

#### Future

As discussed previously the Store has the capacity to ship 100 container units per year. Obtaining goods and labour to pack is not a problem. There is significant scope to increase participation from the new Districts but this will only happen if the effort is made to increase awareness. The easy way to grow is to form partnerships and obtain grants. If several Clubs had combined their efforts and made a commitment at the start of last year they may have obtained three DDF Grants which would have resulted in 20 additional units being shipped. This would have eliminated a lot of congestion as goods could have been shipped when they were received. Note: Foundation Grants for DIK Projects are not available from D9800.

Our greatest risk is the lack of support / replacements for the existing management team. They are now five years older than when they took over from Bill Dagg and their ability to work as long as they have in the past is reducing. For a period this year only one person was available to run the Store.





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## Rotary Donations In Kind

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### Donations In Kind Activity 2014-15 (Provisional)

**Containers Ship** Another record year and the growth continues to be excellent, from 65 x 20' units last year to 76 this year a 17% increase and a 156% increase over four years.

The goods shipped can be grouped into

- Club Projects where they select the project and pay for the freight
- Club assist projects, where we help other groups with their projects and others pay all/most of the freight
- Store assist projects as above
- Store shipments to Timor Leste where the Store generates the funds

Country	Club	Club Assist	Store	Numbers 20' container units
Cambodia	1			Essendon D9800
Chile	2			Port Melbourne D9800
Fiji	1			Milawa D9790
Ghana	2		2	Greensborough D9790
Kenya	1			Eltham D9790
Philippines	8			4 x Canterbury, 2 x Brighton Beach, 1 x Prahran, 1 x Essendon all D9800
PNG	2			1 x Williamstown D9800, 1 x Berwick D9820
Sri Lanka	2			Greensborough D9790
Somalia		2	8	Flemington D9800
Solomon's	1			North Balwyn D9800
Sudan		2		West Footscray D9800
Tanzania		2		West Footscray D9800
Timor Leste	2 4		30	Mixed loads significant D9800 involvement Hawthorn D9800 Bendigo direct D9800
Tonga	1			Melton Valley D9800
Vanuatu	1			D9800 Clubs
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>40</b>	

Some of the shipments to Timor Leste are Club projects that share the container. Other Clubs ask us to find a suitable cause and this is the best and probably our only option.

## Meeting Minutes July 1st, 2015

Our new President Hugh Stewart welcomed everyone to today's meeting, the first for the new Rotary year. He welcomed visitor Mary Ivancic, guest of Beate and Eugene. He then reported the following:

1. The Blue Moon will be held on Wednesday July 29th at Kensington Town Hall in Bellairs St. See flyer in the bulletin. This evening will feature the 2 teachers from Western Autistic School reporting on their Vocational trip to the Autistic School in Bogor, Indonesia.
2. RC Footscray changeover is next Thursday 9th July.
3. Thanked the members of the Essendon Choral Society for their participation and assistance with the Food Handling Course.
4. Advised that Jimmy Musiime is currently in West Gippsland and will give his final report to our club at next week's meeting.
5. Thanked everyone for the success of our club changeover last week.

**Paul Perrottet** then reported on the District Changeover last Saturday.

Our club had 9 in attendance with over 400 attending from across the District. It was a great night and the district has had a very successful year.

The new District Governor Julie Mason was inducted, she is from RC Wyndham and was previously our club's Assistant Governor.

The RC Flemington received 2 awards—Club Service and Club Bulletin as well as receiving the District Club Citation.

**Allan Bruno** then reported:

The Mens Shed Health Expo lunch in conjunction with MVCC last week was a great success. he has never seen so many people so grateful for an event.

The club is committed to a BBQ at Footscray Football ground for a Multicultural event on 22nd July. We will be providing lunch for about 200-300 people and help is needed 11.30-3.00pm.

**Lesley McCarthy** reminded all of the District International Projects Expo at Queen Victoria Market on Sunday 12th July. This is an opportunity to promote the work of Rotary and she encourages all to attend bringing along guests.

**Beate McManus** advised that registrations for the District Conference accommodation are filling fast. Please advise Beate if you are attending. See bulletin for details and registration. Please contact Hugh if you wish to stay with members as a group asap.

Committees then met and discussed their roles and responsibilities, selecting Chair and Secretaries. Minutes book are to be kept for future reference and documentation of decisions and planning.

## *Meeting Minutes July 1st continued .....*

### **Sergeant's Session:**

Allan Bruno again took on the role and had a list ready for this first meeting of the new Rotary year.

Anwar was fined for Ramadan {even though he doesn't follow the tradition}, Lesley was fined for interrupting, Eugene was fined for being so flexible at exercise class, Beate was also fined for being so flexible, Lynn was fined for the last time for finishing certificate distributions for the food handling course, Paul was fined—as the oracle of Rotary, for an error in his report about club bulletin awards. Jon Sklenar fined again for the soccer, Tony for again helping with the Bread Run, Mick Lawn was fined for Jason day lying down on the job, Peter Donnellan was fined for forgetting about the DG changeover on Saturday, Sam was fined for not sending the cheque to pay for the DG Changeover, Ted was fined for being Ted, Hugh fined for his first week as President.

Lesley then crossfined Allan for his comments at our club changeover not observing Rotary protocols, and Lesley was crossfined by Allan for interrupting again.

### **Guest Speaker Mary Ivancic**

Mary holds exercise classes at Ascot Vale Community Centre and Beate and Eugene are 2 of her students. Her classes focus on strength fitness and balance for the over 65s—although she now sees that this age group is not reflected in today's audience!!! She focuses on core strength and flexibility and encourages us all to participate in this type of exercise as we age.

### **Meeting Minutiae:**

Apologies: Geoff Cawsey, Vance Hilton, Len Seddon, Del King, Peter Cribb

Make Ups: Eugene Odachowski, Tony McManus, Lesley McCarthy, Hugh Stewart, Chris Drenen, Allan Bruno, Josie Magri

Visitors: Mary Ivancic

Raffle Winner: Anwar Alishek

Meeting closed 9.00

## *Cluster Changeovers*



Left: President Gerard Mahoney, RC Keilor East presents Allan Bruno with a cheque for \$1000 for DiK.

Below: Gerard with AG Lesley McCarthy.



Above:  
Gateway Rotaract  
representatives.

Right: AGs Austen  
and Lesley with PP  
Ted Haydon and new  
President Tom Barber  
at RC Keilor.





## *Rotary International President K.R. Ravi Ravindran*

### **President 2015-16 Rotary Club of Colombo Sri Lanka**

K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran is CEO and founder of a publicly listed company with a worldwide clientele in the tea packaging industry. His company, Printcare Plc, is the winner of national and international awards of excellence. He also serves on the board of several other companies and charitable trusts. He is the founding president of the Sri Lanka Anti-Narcotics Association.



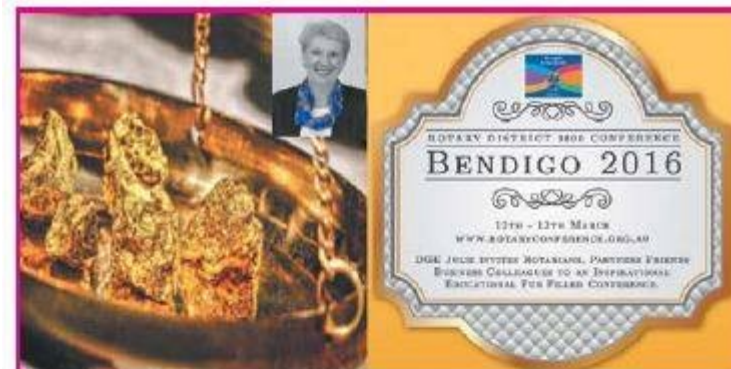
A Rotarian since 1974, Ravindran has served RI as treasurer; director; Foundation trustee; committee member, vice chair, and chair; task force member; RI training leader; and district governor.

As his country's national PolioPlus chair, Ravindran headed a task force consisting of the government, UNICEF, and Rotary and worked closely with UNICEF to successfully negotiate a ceasefire with the northern militants during National Immunization Days. He also chaired the Schools Reawakening project, sponsored by Rotary clubs and districts in Sri Lanka, to rebuild 25 tsunami-devastated schools to benefit 15,000 children.

RI President-elect K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran chose *Be a Gift to the World* as his theme for 2015-16. Ravindran urges Rotary members to give the gifts of time, talent, and knowledge to improve lives in communities across the globe. "Through Rotary, we can take these gifts and make a genuine difference in the lives of others and in our world."



## *Rotary District 9800 Conference Bendigo*



### **Registration for the Rotary Conference in Bendigo in March 2016 is now OPEN.**

The Rotary Club of Wyndham and the District Conference Team are so pleased that we are able to stage a contemporary conference rich in Rotary content, with innovative technology and a presentation style that will excite, motivate and entertain.

**Remember: "You'll Never, Never Know if you Never Bendigo!"**

The Ulumbarra Centre will hold 1000 people and the ambiance will enthrall as you enter the building! Our Rotary Friends in Bendigo along with the City of Bendigo and the Bendigo Tourism Centre are extending a warm welcome to all who will attend. Bendigo plays host to many excellent events and a range of accommodation awaits those who book early.

**We urge you to register early, book accommodation early and enjoy the lead up to what will be a Conference to remember.**

**REGISTRATION is through the District 9800 system. Please make sure to logon with your email address and password first.**