

Flemington Rotary Club



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District 9800
Club No. 24401
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Meeting Details:
Wednesday morning
7.30am for a 7.45 start-
finish at 8.45am.

Quest Apartments,
corner Epsom &
Smithfield Roads
Flemington 3031

Our Corporate
Members:



December is Rotary Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

This monthly theme has been a Rotary focus for many years and has seen the successful work against Polio in partnership with the Gates Foundation. Thanks to the End Polio Now campaign, fundraising and work on the ground, just 2 countries have reported cases this year—Afghanistan and Pakistan. The work is not finished but we are so close.

As this half of the Rotary year draws to a close, many of us are preparing for the festive season; parties, gifts, planning for Christmas Day. As Rotarians, it is also a particular time when many of us think of those less fortunate, not just through the Rotary Areas of Focus—Promoting Peace, Fighting Disease, Providing clean Water, supporting Mothers and babies, supporting Education and growing local economies.



We also think of our local charities such as Donations in Kind, Rotary Health and the many RAWCS projects we are involved with.

We also give thought to our local communities and people close to us geographically who we can assist.

One such group is **Gateway Community Services** in South Kingsville. This group has been supporting local communities through a range of projects, including an extensive Food Bank for many years. Their end of year annual **Volunteer & Community Recognition Dinner** will be held next Friday December 11th at the Yarraville Club. Beate McManus, member of RC Flemington has been a strong supporter of this group for many years and would be delighted to see a strong attendance. Just \$40 per person, RSVP to:

fatimam@gatewaycommunityservices.org.au



Meeting Minutes December 2nd 2015

From our President:

1. The club currently has 14 members registered for the 2106 District Conference. early Berd registrations have closed.
2. We are conducting the BBQ for the Moonee Valley Carols by CXandleight at Queens Park on 13th December.
3. The Christmas party will be held at Fredrick's Restaurant on Tuesday 15th December.
4. Lisa Murr attended the ROTEX Camp at Anglesea for the Inbound and Outbound students and supported the Outbounds to Germany in 2016. There were 32 students in attendance, 16 inbound and 16 outbound.
5. Hugh will attend the Mt Alexander College end of year presentation on Monday 14th December at Flemington Primary School.
6. Our last meeting for this year is next Wednesday, 9th December. We return to our usual meeting schedule on January 20th 2016.

Hugh then asked Lisa to report on the ROTEX Camp which she did. She enjoyed the weekend and it was great to meet u with the outhur inbounds students and help those heading off to Germany.

After breakfast, members then gathered in sub committees to work on future plans. Each committee chair reported on their plans and progress. Some exciting opportunities ahead.

Meeting Minutiae:

Apologies: Len Seddon, Jon Temby, Vance Hilton, Donal Murtagh, Josie Magri, Mick Lawn, Craig Skelton. Peter Donnellan, Peter Cribb

Make Ups: Eugene Odachowski, Hugh Stewart, Chris Drenen, John Sklenar, Paul Perrottet, Lesley McCarthy

Visitors: Ryan Currie, Jellis Craig Real Estate

Visiting Rotarians: RYE Lisa Murr

Raffle: Geoff Cawsey

Nominations for District Governor 2018-2019

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30th November 2015

Dear President,

RE: District Governor 2018 -19 Nominations

All District 9800 Clubs are invited to nominate a candidate for the position of District Governor, District 9800 Inc. to take office in the Rotary year 2018 -19.

Attached to this letter is an extract from the 2013 Manual of Procedure which outlines the status, qualifications and duties of the District Governor, the Governor Elect and the Governor Nominee. Also attached is information from the Rotary International website regarding the role of the District Governor.

The Manual of Procedure (MOP) requires each nomination to be submitted in the form of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the club naming the suggested candidate. The resolution shall be certified by the club secretary. A Club may suggest only one of its own members as a candidate for governor nominee. (RIB 13.020.4.)

Nominations for District Governor 2018 – 19 are to be posted to me in the style as suggested on the pro forma below together with a letter from the proposed candidate agreeing to serve if selected.

The candidate must prepare and send to the District Governor before the closing date for nominations (31st January 2016) a curriculum vitae (C.V.) detailing his or her Rotary and professional careers.

The successful candidate will be required to attend the Governor Nominee Training Seminar (GNTS) and the RI Zone Institute which will be held in September 2016. The precise dates and location will be advised. The cost of attending this event will be covered by D9800 Inc.

The closing date for nominations for District Governor Nominee 2018 -19 who will take office on 1st. July 2018 is Friday 29th January 2016.

All interviews for the position will take place on Sunday 21st February 2016.

Yours in Rotary Service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie Mason".

Julie Mason
District Governor
2015-2016
Rotary District 9800

District Governor Julie Mason

December is Rotary Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

Medical science has proven time and again that when the resources are provided, great progress in the treatment, cure, and prevention of disease can occur. Michael J. Fox

In the olden days people died through starvation, a lack of cleanliness and medical knowledge. Now we have plenty of food, we wash our hands with soap, go to the doctor when ill and use all sorts of technology to diagnose and treat conditions that effect our quality of life. However in the western world our desire to live longer and better, has created life threatening conditions such as high blood pressure, obesity, Diabetes, cancer and coronary heart disease.

So, is there really a role for Rotary in disease prevention and treatment and will we as Rotarians live long and healthy lives to enable us to take on such a role.

Studies show that a 'primal' diet made up of fruits, vegetables, nuts and seeds, as well as meat, fish and eggs, is best for weight control and improvement in risk markers for illnesses, such as heart disease and diabetes. The notion of eating mindfully, drinking plenty of water and getting enough sunlight, and sleep, as well as walking regularly with a touch of resistance exercises to maintain muscle mass and strength seems achievable. It has been suggested that practising **random acts of kindness** and **active appreciation** of such things as friends and family, a beautiful landscape or sunset, can significantly lift our mood.

So if **we** keep fit and healthy in mind and body what can and should we do about good health in the rest of the Rotary world. Well, being an active participant in the Rotary movement to **Eradicate Polio**, comes to mind and Donations to the Rotary Foundation Polio plus Fund will be gratefully received at any time this Rotary year. The work of our Foundation never stops!

But what about **Malaria**, a disease close to our country and seen as very important in all continents. I remember well, being in San Diego at my international training, and talking about something quite unique, **Rotary Australia World Community Service**. I gave the participants in this workshop the web page and they were very impressed. One of the platform programs of RAWCS is Rotarians against Malaria. The primary focus of RAM has been the distribution of insecticide-treated nets to vulnerable populations in Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and Timor Leste. Over \$1.6 million has been donated to eliminate malaria and RAM works closely with the Health authorities in each country and complements the work of other malaria organisations, most notably the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

The battle is being fought in several ways, the distribution of Long lasting insecticidal bed nets to homes and hospitals, insecticide treated curtains and an Australian developed repellent is certainly making a difference. Scientists at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute are close to developing drugs to provide new treatment and a vaccine to treat this disease and a scholarship for a Post Graduate student from the Solomon Islands has been granted to Edgar Pollard who has commenced studies at James Cook University.

So as we do our Christmas shopping, and look forward to the festive season perhaps some consideration could be given to a donation to RAM to fund some life-saving mosquito nets. This would certainly constitute a Random Act of Kindness and would make a lifesaving difference in our world.

Enjoy Rotary as you are..... a Gift to the World.

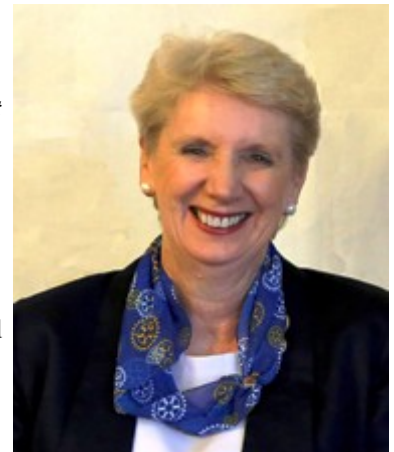
Ubuntu: I am, because you are.

Julie Mason
District Governor

Following a rigorous selection process, the successful applicant for the RAM PhD Scholarship, Mr Edgar Pollard MSc. from the Solomon Islands commenced his PhD at James Cook University on 5th November 2015.

His research topic is:-

"Understanding mosquito flight to maximize malaria and dengue control by insecticide impregnated barriers."



David Dippie, RC Keilor on Disease Prevention Month

We are close to 100% Club Support for Disease Prevention

We believe that every Club in our District is supporter Foundation Disease Prevention Area of Focus in some way but often they don't make the connection. Which of the following is your Club involved in. These are some of the ways we are making a difference.



PolioPlus is our flagship Disease Prevention Project and with support from Rotary throughout the world we continue to get closer to eliminating the dreadful disease.

This is an area where Foundation Grants are particularly effective. The support that RC Keilor and Port Melbourne have received will result in the first Dental Clinic in Balibo Timor Leste that will service, 15,000 people

Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM) is dramatically reducing infection rates in neighbouring countries and highlights how effective we can be when we work together on projects. [Rotary Against Malaria - rawcs](#)



Our Clubs are making a major difference through **RAWCS Projects** there are 18 projects in 9 countries where our Clubs are making a difference [Current Projects](#) **RAWCS Volunteers** from our District are working on some brilliant projects find out more at

[Project Volunteers - rawcs](#)



May Clubs are putting the material that is available for free from Donation In Kind to equip hospitals and improve patient care. [Rotary Donations In Kind](#)

Our **Safe Water & Sewerage Projects** dramatically reduce

the risk of infection in many places. [Current Projects](#)

If your Club is yet to support a project in this Area of Focus please consider supporting one of these projects and let's end this month with 100% support.



Bulletin Editors: December is the **Rotary Foundation Area of Focus - Disease Prevention and Treatment Month**.

Often Members forget that your projects are supporting some of the Area of Focus and this is a good opportunity to remind them. You may supporting some of the following

- PolioPlus
- Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM)
- RAWCS Projects
- RAWCS Volunteers
- Donation In Kind
- Safe Water & Sewerage Projects



**ROTARY AUSTRALIA
WORLD COMMUNITY
SERVICE**

Rotary International President's December Message

K.R. Ravindran
President 2015-16

December 2015

When the Canadian army liberated the Netherlands in 1945, they found the country on the brink of starvation. Seeing the suffering of so many, and especially moved by the faces of the children, four Canadian privates stationed near Apeldoorn that year decided to make that Christmas special for as many Dutch children as they could.



Together, they made the rounds among their fellow soldiers, collecting chocolate bars and chewing gum, candy and comic books. In their spare moments, they built toy trucks out of wood and wire, sawed scrap lumber for building blocks; one, risking the military police, sold his cigarette ration on the black market, using the money to buy rag dolls. Each thought longingly of his own family at home; each channeled his energies instead toward the children whose Christmas they knew they could brighten.

By 1 December, four sacks of gifts lay ready; the soldiers eagerly looked forward to the 25th. But two days later, they learned the date they were to depart for Canada: 6 December, long before Christmas. With mixed emotions, the soldiers decided that the best plan simply would be to take their sacks over to the local orphanage and leave them there to await Christmas.

The night before they were to leave the Netherlands, the four set off for the orphanage, one of them in a makeshift white beard and red cap. On their way, they were surprised to hear church bells ringing and see houses lit brightly, with Christmas still some weeks away. As they approached the orphanage, boots crunching in the snow, they saw through the windows that the children, two dozen girls and boys, were gathered at their evening meal. Only a few months after the war's end, food was still scarce; the meal was small, and the children's faces pale and thin.

"Santa Claus" raised the knocker on the door and knocked three times, hard. As if by magic, the chatter of young voices inside fell silent; a priest opened the door. His polite expression gave way to one of shock, as the children behind him erupted into cheers, rushing forward and swarming the private who had dressed for Christmas three weeks early – but exactly on time. For in the Netherlands, Sinterklaas comes on St. Nicholas Eve: 5 December.

For an hour, joyful chaos reigned as packages were opened and exclaimed over, sweets were tasted, dolls caressed. The last wooden truck, the last bar of chocolate, went into the hands of a little boy who had been waiting patiently all the while. After thanking the men, he turned to the priest and said something to him in Dutch, his face alight with happiness. The priest smiled and nodded. "What did he say?" one of the soldiers asked.

The priest looked at them with eyes full of tears. "He said, 'We told you he would come.'"

By sending joy out into the world, we do not sacrifice it for ourselves – we only multiply it. As we enter this season of giving, let us multiply the gifts we have been given by sharing them with others. Through acts of caring, kindness, and generosity, in our clubs and through our Foundation, we become and remain a gift to the world.

The Rotarian Photo Competition

Do you have a great shot from a club project or fundraiser?

Did you capture a memorable moment at the convention or during an international trip?

Enter your images in The Rotarian's 2015 photo contest and you might see them in the pages of the magazine.

You may enter up to three photos taken since 1 January 2015.

This year, our contest has three categories: people, places, and projects.

While some photos might have elements of all three, select one category to enter your photo.

Our previous guest judges have included Pulitzer Prize-winning photographers David Hume Kennerly and Carol Guzy and Kathy Ryan, director of photography for the New York Times Magazine. This year's judge will be announced soon.

Deadline is 29 February 2016

Enter Here <https://www.facebook.com/therotarianmagazine/app/234658916574732>

Send us your best shot

THE ROTARIAN'S 2016 PHOTO CONTEST



2015 annual photo contest third-place winner / ELISSA EBERSOLD

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Register Online at www.rotaryconference.org.au

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Club Calendar Dates

Date	Event	Location	Contact
Wednesday 9th December	Weekly Meeting Final meeting for 2015	Quest Apartments	Chris Drenen
Sunday 13th December	BBQ – MVCC Carols by Candlelight	Queens Park, Moonee Ponds	Allan Bruno
Tuesday 15th December	Club Christmas Party	Fredricks Restaurant	Hugh Stewart
Wednesday 20th January 2016	Weekly Meeting	Quest Apartments	Chris Drenen

Cluster and District Calendar Dates

Date	Event	Club	Location	Contact
Thursday 11th December	District Leadership Team	District 9800	International House	Mark Stephens
24th February 2016	40th Anniversary	Essendon North	Ascot House, Ascot Vale	Sam Pennisi, Grant Maggs
26th February	Trivia Night and Fund-raising event for Bahay Tuluyan, Philippines	Essendon	St Bernards, Pavilion	Shirley Kukk
28th February 2016	President Elect Training Seminar #2	District 9800	Baden Park College, Hoppers Crossing	DGE Neville John
28 May—1st June 2016	Rotary International Convention	Rotary International	Seoul, South Korea	www.riconvention.org

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