



**District 9800
Club No. 24401
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**Rotary International
President
K. R. Ravi Ravindran**

**District Governor
Julie Mason
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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 8th July 2015

Our meeting this week featured two special guests: Immediate Past District Governor Murray Verso and Royce & Jean Abbey Scholar Jimmy Mussiime.

Murray made 3 special presentations to the club: Club Service and Bulletin Awards announced at the District Changeover, and a surprise presentation of a District Club Builder award to Allan Bruno. The look on his face was priceless!

Jimmy Mussiime gave his final presentation to the club, focussing on his aims and goals, what he has learnt, the places he has visited and how he plans to implement this new knowledge back in Kabale. Jimmy leaves on Friday evening and members thanked him for his friendship and his report today.



Hugh's Column July 8th 2015

Rotarians & friends,

Our meeting this week had two highlights. Immediate Past District Governor Murray Verso presented the club awards announced at the District Changeover and a Rotary Club Builder award to Allan Bruno. Congratulations to Jon, Lesley and Allan. We appreciated Murray adding a 'personal touch' to these awards.

The second highlight was Jimmy Musiime's final presentation to the club.

As the 21st Royce and Jean Abbey Vocational Scholar, Jimmy gave a wonderful insight to his 11-week study of agroforestry and landcare in Victoria, and the learnings he intends to apply on return to his community in Uganda.

Jimmy spent his last week finalising his report and packing. Allan Bruno and I saw him off at the airport on Friday night with 60 kg of checked baggage containing many gifts and other items generously given by Rotarians and supporters during his travels.

On reflection Jimmy said that cultural highlights included the diversity of our food and his newly acquired cooking skills! Culturally, cooking is not his domain in Uganda. Armed with some recipes, he has made a pact with his wife that he will prepare the first meal they eat on his return. He insisted we took photos of him cooking and washing dishes, because he said on return his family would not believe such stories.

Other highlights Jimmy mentioned were taking rides on trains (no train services in Uganda), going to the snowfields, and catching and eating trout at a trout farm in West Gippsland.

Jimmy and I had the pleasure of meeting this week with PDG Ian Knight OAM.

Ian is a member of the Royce & Jean Abbey Scholarship Committee, and is also involved in a new Rotary project in western Uganda.

Ian provided salient advice to Jimmy about how to capitalise on his experiences. Most importantly, I felt, he reinforced to Jimmy that individuals can make a difference and, in part, this depended on building and maintaining strong relationships with people in whom you have trust and confidence.

We were delighted to hear Jimmy say that he intends to join the Rotary Club of Kabale on his return.

This club endorsed his application for the scholarship. From our experience Jimmy has a strong commitment to community and will be a valuable addition to Rotary.

Look forward to seeing you next week.

Enjoy your week in Rotary,

Hugh
President



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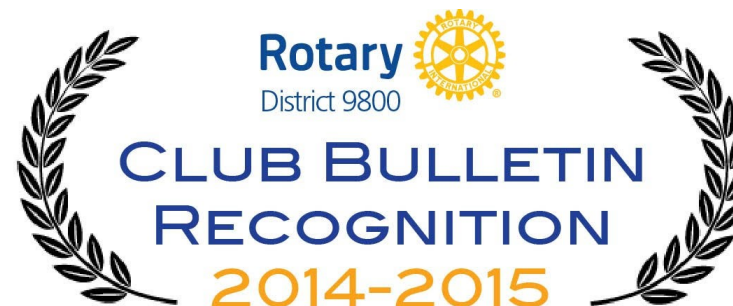


The Rotary Club of Flemington meets for breakfast on a Wednesday: 7.30 for 7.45am at the Quest Apartments, Corner Epsom and Smithfield Roads, Flemington.

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Flemington 3031

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Club Calendar Dates

Date	Event	Location	Contact
Wednesday 15th July	Weekly Meeting FELLOWSHIP	Quest Apartments	Chris Drenen
Tuesday 21st July	Board Meeting	RSL Kensington	Chris Drenen
Wednesday 22nd July	Weekly Meeting	Quest Apartments	Chris Drenen
Wednesday 22nd July	Fundraising BBQ 11.00-3.00	Footscray Football Ground Multicultural event	Allan Bruno
Wednesday 29th July	Blue Moon— Vocational Team to report on visit to Autistic School, Indonesia	Kensington Town Hall, Bellair St	Chris Drenen
Wednesday 5th August	Weekly Meeting— COMMITTEES	Quest Apartments	Chris Drenen
Wednesday 12th August	Weekly Meeting	Quest Apartments	Chris Drenen
Tuesday 18th August	Board Meeting	RSL Kensington	Chris Drenen
Wednesday 19th August	Scatter Meetings	District 9800	Hugh Stewart
Wednesday 26th August	Weekly Meeting Assistant Governor's visit	Quest Apartments	Hugh Stewart
Wednesday 23rd September	District Governor's visit	Quest Apartments	Hugh Stewart

Meeting Minutes July 8th, 2015

President Hugh Stewart welcomed everyone with special acknowledgements to Jimmy Mussiime, Royce & Jean Abbey Agricultural Scholar, and to Immediate Past District Governor Murray Verso.

He then advised:

1. Jimmy is returning home to Uganda on Friday evening and will give his final presentation to the club today.
2. The Blue Moon will be held at Kensington Town Hall on Wednesday 29th July. Please RSVP to Allan Bruno for catering purposes. The 2 teachers from Western Autistic school will make their presentation following the vocational visit to the School for Autistic Children in Bogor Indonesia.
3. District Conference in Bendigo next year, members need to book accommodation asap as the weekend is very busy. The City Centre Motel is that chosen for our club and is close to the venue. We currently have 16 attending from the club and Beate is our Conference Leader.
4. Members are reminded about the District International Expo at Queen Victoria Market this Sunday. Please attend if possible.

Guest Speaker Jimmy Mussiime, Royce & Jean Abbey Scholar then made his presentation to the club. He showed us a map where Kabale is in the southern part of Uganda, close to the border with Rwanda. His aim is to build a vibrant network of small, medium and large farmers and foresters and improve practice through peer mentoring and sharing of the knowledge and information he has gained through his visit. See page 4.

Immediate Past District Governor Murray Verso then made 3 special presentations to the club. See page 5.

Acting Sergeant Paul Perrottet thanked Jimmy and Murray for their presentations, and requested all to donate as time was up for today.

Meeting Minutiae:

Apologies: Geoff Cawsey, Len Seddon, Vance Hilton, Del King, Peter Cribb, Anwar Alishek, Josie Magri, Mick Lawn, Craig Skelton

Make Ups: Eugene Odachowski, Tony McManus, Paul Perrottet, Chris Drenen, Lesley McCarthy

Visiting Rotarians: IPDG Murray Verso

Visitors: Jimmy Mussiime

Raffle: Ted Frank who donated the prize to Jimmy Mussiime

Jimmy Mussiime Final Report to club



Jimmy displayed a presentation and draft of his report, prepared as his study tour comes to an end. Jimmy has been in Victoria for 10 weeks now and flies home to Uganda on Friday evening.

Jimmy articulated his aims and goals for this agricultural scholar program and detailed the work he has

undertaken, places he has visited and what he has learnt. He also discussed the differences between our way of working and that in Uganda—here we use machinery and tools to make the work easier, in Uganda they use labour and just hire more people.

He also spoke about the associated microbusinesses which he has seen—piggeries, poultry raising, aeroculture and hydraconics, irrigation, fruit orchards and mushrooms as well as tree growing. These are all ideas he will take back with him.

He has a small but dedicated Board to work with and hopes to develop a peer mentoring program teaching others what he has learnt, and also taking the knowledge into schools as he sw in the Junior Landcare projects. He has also vowed to join the Rotary Club of Kabale and continue the partnerships he has developed while here.

Jimmy expressed his gratitude to Rotary and the Rotary Club of Flemington for their support in obtaining the Royce & Jean Abbey Scholarship to support him and his Kabale Agricultural Network. He was also very grateful to the members of the Otway Agricultural Network, and the people who hosted him during his stay especially Hugh, Andrew & Jill Stewart.

Cluster and District Calendar Dates

Date	Event	Club	Location	Contact
Sunday 12th July	Rotary International Expo	D9800	Queen Victoria Market	Rowan McLean
Friday 17th July	Rotary Presents David Jones AM	Essendon	Ascot House Fenton St Ascot Vale	Veronica O'Sullivan 0418537253
Thursday 23rd July	Gateway Super Cluster meeting	Gateway East & Gateway West Clusters		Lesley McCarthy 0417532259
1st August	Rotaract Gala Changeover Expo	Rotaract District 9800	Meat Market, North Melbourne	Cameron Waller

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6:45pm

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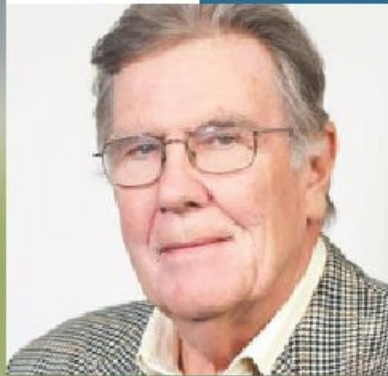
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**ROTARY
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DAVID JONES AM



- What really goes on behind closed doors at the AFL Tribunal?
- **Sentencing:**
The Community's Sense of Justice
- **The Life of a Judge:**
Success, Pressure & Competing Demands
- **Crime, Violence and Society:**
Where we've come from, where we're going and the emergence of Ice and other illicit drugs
- **Terrorism:**
Our Legal Approach

A GALA LUNCH WITH RENOWNED LAWYER, LEGAL EXPERT & AFL TRIBUNAL CHAIRMAN

AFL Tribunal Chairman, former Country Court Judge and renowned lawyer David Jones AM shares his stories, insights and legal knowledge exclusively with Essendon Rotary. Join us for a three course lunch, inclusive of drinks. Pre-drinks begin from 12pm.

The Rotary Presents series connects rotarians, business owners and the wider community to Australia's foremost thinkers and public figures. Dine, network and see the work of Rotary first-hand.

DETAILS

**FRIDAY
17
JULY**

12.30 - 2.30PM
Pre-drinks from 12pm

ASCOT HOUSE
50 Fenton St, Ascot Vale

\$75
PER PERSON

Includes three-course lunch, wine & dessert & all beverages, beer, wine, soft drink, tea & coffee

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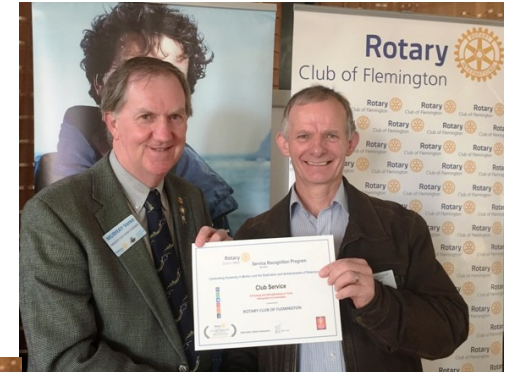
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IPDG Murray Verso

Immediate Past District Governor Murray Verso joined us for today's meeting and made 3 special presentations.

The first was a **Club Service** award to PP Jon Temby for the club's efforts in innovation and planning club structural changes.



The second was a **Club Bulletin** Award to Lesley McCarthy for an outstanding bulletin.

The third award was a special presentation to Allan Bruno—a **Club Builder Award** for all Allan's work for the club, community and Donations in Kind over many years including inducting 6 new members and his work at the op Shop and as BBQ King.



District Governor Julie Mason's July Networker



And so a new Rotary Year begins, a new theme, a time to reflect on achievements, maintain successful programs and projects, and embrace new ideas.

After a wonderful District Changeover Dinner on the 27th of June Murray Verso handed over the Chains of Office to me and there is no great weight of dreaded responsibility, rather a sense of excitement and optimism as we continue to serve our local and world community in the name of Rotary.

Murray and all Past District Governors have contributed time, energy, inspiration and quite amazing outcomes that define our Rotary District 9800. It is a delight to have so many mentors to call upon as I embrace the role as your District Governor.

The Theme for the Rotary year 2015/16 is **Be a Gift to the World** and the new Rotary International **President Ravi Ravindran** chose this theme as he believes that as Rotarians we bring personal talents and gifts to our professional, personal and Rotary life. My journey in Rotary certainly supports that theory as over twenty years as a member of the Rotary Club of Wyndham and then a member of the District Leadership Team I have had the privilege to work along a multitude of humble Rotarians using personal skills and passion to achieve extraordinary outcomes.

So what are the special skills and talents that you bring to your Rotary club? Are you a visionary, a planner, a facilitator, a project manager, a financial controller, a team builder, a mediator? I need you all in this Rotary year. You, and the application of your gifts, can make such a difference as your club responds to community needs. Your service in Rotary can improve the life of the marginalised and disadvantaged, inspire leadership in our youth and model peaceful practices in troubled times.

Over the past few weeks I have been delighted to attend many Club Change Over events and I am grateful for the warmth of welcome, and the opportunity to meet so many of your fabulous members. To experience the pride felt by members as a litany of achievements is shared by outgoing Presidents is quite humbling. Then to hear the particular stories that lead to acknowledgement through Club Rotarian of the Year awards, Paul Harris Fellowships and Royce Abbey Awards is such an affirmation of the power of Rotary as meaningful force for good in the world.



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Rotary's amazing
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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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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 or 0438 557 720 by 22nd July 2015.

In every instance the recipient noted that they gained more that they gave! I would suggest to all club presidents that next year at each Change Over event there is a table set aside for prospective members, because once they hear the Rotary story as told at your **Change Over** you will be inundated with people who want to be a part of all that you stand for.

Your club President and I are on a leadership journey together and my District Leadership team is here to help us all. We are here to support you to achieve your Rotary aspirations, to offer guidance and advice if needed, to be a sounding board and a resource. Your Assistant Governor is my window to your world and will be your best friend this year.

I have set myself some goals for this year and they are not complicated. I will at every opportunity share the current Rotary Story as seen in amazing club projects, support you to increase membership, encourage and explore new ideas, and provide visible, timely, practical support for your Club.

We have some exciting signature events planned throughout this year and every initiative that takes my time will be seen as an opportunity to share my passion for our great organisation and ask that more join us in the fun and satisfaction that we gain through our Rotary life.

This year in your newsletter [The Networker](#) we will showcase new and exciting club activities, interesting Member Moments, fascinating and fabulous individual and team achievements. Let The Networker be means to encourage people in your community to join us as we make a difference through fun filled Rotary service, deliver some copies to the local school, milk bar, community notice board. Send a copy to your local mayor and club sponsors.

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

Ubuntu: I am, because you are.

Julie Mason, District Governor District 9800 2015-2016

http://rotarydistrict9800.com.au/news/13443/welcome-to-the-new-rotary-year/?no_follow=1



Rotary International President K.R. Ravi Ravindran

An excerpt from an article in The Rotarian: July 2015
by Diana Schoberg, photography by Alyce Henson

Before he gives a speech, K.R. “Ravi” Ravindran doesn’t like flowery, adulatory introductions. They make him uncomfortable. The 2015-16 Rotary president would rather keep a low profile and share the credit. If it were up to him, you probably wouldn’t even be reading this article.

Negotiating **Days of Tranquility** during the Sri Lankan civil war so that health workers could administer drops of polio vaccine? Although it was on his desk that the agreement landed, he says, a lot of people worked to make that happen. Rebuilding 23 tsunami-damaged schools for 14,000 children?

He merely led the committee. Taking a label-printing business from a small outfit operating in a space the size of a garage to a global powerhouse in the packaging business that has helped change the value-added tea industry in his country? Well, he simply happened to be in the right place at the right time.

“I’m sometimes introduced as a self-made man,” says Ravindran, a member of the **Rotary Club of Colombo**. “You’ve got to be utterly egocentric to believe you are self-made. Each one of us is made because so many people helped us become who we are. One of the reasons I work so much for Rotary is that I have been helped by so many people, and often you never have a chance to reciprocate,” he explains. “The only way you can is by helping others. When the people I help ask me, ‘What can I do?’ I say, ‘Go and help someone else in return.’” For Ravindran, paying it forward isn’t a fad, it’s a way of life. His theme for this Rotary year, **Be a Gift to the World**, also summarizes his personal philosophy.

This is heaven. A dizzying drive has led us up 5,000 feet, past rice paddies, gem mines, and the occasional elephant roaming in the fields, over a thundering waterfall, and down a bumpy cobblestone road to the tea estate of Ravindran’s family. Lush tea bushes blanket the rocky cliff sides. We’re at the edge of the world, above the clouds, in a scene from a movie come to life.

The property, called Kelburne, is mere miles from the fields where Thomas Lipton – yes, that Lipton – began growing Ceylon tea. Ravindran frequently takes his visitors to tour Lipton’s first factory, a long white building humming with conveyor belts, dryers, and fans.

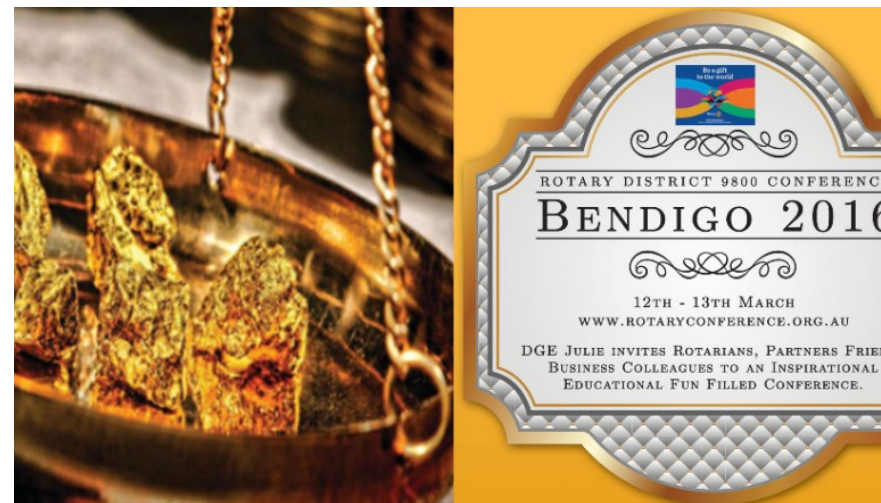
Ravindran’s maternal grandfather grew tea at Kelburne in the 1950s; he was one of the first Sri Lankans to buy land from British plantation owners in that region. After Ravi came back here to learn the business side of the estate.



Rotary District 9800 Conference Bendigo

<http://rotary9800conference.org.au/>

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12TH - 13TH MARCH | BENDIGO

Geoff Cawsey & Len Seddon on holidays

Alan Bruno reports that Geoff and Dulcie, Len and Audrey are enjoying their trip to Queensland and relishing the warmer weather.

Hi Al and Marg.

Just thought you would like to know what Len gets up to on. holidays We are on a picnic at the Weir at Charters Towers, then going to a farm to check on the water for the cattle,



Thought you would like to see how these two are spending the holiday, haven't broken many.
The B &B was so good we decided to stay two nights; ,good rates good meals and great tour guides.

Regards Audrey, Len, Carol, Jim,
Geoff and Dulcie

He moved to the country's capital, Colombo, and began helping out at the family commercial printing business, which also produced stationery and ledgers for tea estates. But Ravindran was restless. He knew that Sri Lankan tea was being shipped out in bulk and packaged elsewhere for customers in places such as Europe, Australia, and the United States. He figured that if good packaging were available in Sri Lanka, the business would move to his country, with its lower costs. So he launched a new company to provide high-quality packaging for tea bags – tags, sachets, and boxes – a move that would help jump-start the value-added tea industry in his country. There were many who placed their trust in him. His business partner (and now friend and mentor), the founder of Sri Lanka's esteemed Dilmah tea, invested with him even though he barely knew him. A bank manager took a chance on him in his early days; they were members of the same Rotary club. Ravindran's wife, Vanathy – whom he'd met in college and married in Colombo – and their son and daughter, Krishna and Prashanthi, supported him through the long hours and uncertain future of a fledgling business owner.

Today, the company is arguably one of the best-known suppliers of tea bag packaging in the world. Value-added tea – tea that's packaged in Sri Lanka rather than shipped overseas in bulk – plays a significant role in the country's economy.

Ravindran implemented a matching grants program, similar to that of The Rotary Foundation, through which his company helps the community. The company matches the combined contributions of its 700 workers on a mutually agreed-upon project, often with a focus on water and sanitation for area schools. Children of workers who earn less than a certain amount receive free books, funds for transportation, and shoes for school. (Education itself is free in Sri Lanka.)

Fellow members of the Colombo club say Ravindran has high standards that he expects people to meet – and they do. "He has the attitude, 'Don't tell me why you can't do it,'" says Derek de S Wijeyeratne. Adds Ruzly Hussain: "He has the innate ability of making his dream and his vision also your dream and your vision. It's not 'I did it,' it's 'We all did it together.'"

If Ravindran has any regrets about becoming Rotary president, they can be summed up in his ear-to-ear smile as he cradles his first grandchild, Raika, who was born in October. Living in Evanston, Ill., where Rotary headquarters is located, he'll miss the early moments of her life that he otherwise would have been involved in.

As Rotary president, he'll help put his tiny island nation on the global map. "My national anthem will be played in every country that I visit. My flag will fly wherever I go. The flag of this country will fly outside Rotary headquarters," he says. "What more can I do for my country than this?"

Ravindran says he doesn't expect to leave a legacy as Rotary president, but he hopes to use his skills to leave the organization better than he found it – and **pay forward his debts to all the people who got him where he is today.** "Rotary moulded me," he says. "Rotary changed me, and that is why what I do for Rotary now is a hundredth of what I've gotten out of Rotary."