

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.

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Flemington 3031

**Our Corporate
Members:**



January is Rotary Vocational Service Month

Welcome back to Rotary and a Happy New Year to you all! I do hope everyone has enjoyed some form of holiday/relaxation/rest since Christmas and that you are all energised for the second half of this Rotary year.

Last week, PP Chris Drenen joined with Rosemary and other members of the District Youth Exchange team to greet the returning students who have spent the past year living overseas as a Rotary District 9800 Youth Exchange student.
See Vaughan's story on Pages 4-5.

Our first meeting for 2016 is this Wednesday, 20th January at the Quest as per usual. and President Hugh Stewart encourages all members to attend.

The following week, Wednesday 27th, we welcome Joshua Harbour as a Guest Speaker. Josh was College Captain at Mount Alexander College last year and completed the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. He also spent 2 weeks in Cambodia in lieu of "schoolies" supported by the Rotary Club of Frankston Long Island in a Community Service project.

Looking forward to seeing everyone again.

Be a Gift to the World!

Lesley
16th January 2016

January is Rotary Vocational Service Month

What is Vocational Service and what is our largest project?

By David Dippie, RC Keilor

Should our concept of Vocational Service be limited to a specific range of projects or should we include all of the projects where Rotarians use their vocation and vocational skill to help others?



Is encouraging organizations to reduce waste and recycle reusable material a traditional Vocational objective? Most of the goods worth \$10 million that **Donations In Kind** shipped nationally last year were donated by organizations that trust Rotary and respect what we do. DIK volunteers also contributed 30,000 hours. **Is this our largest Vocational Project?** [Rotary Donations In Kind](http://www.rotary.org.au/donations-in-kind)



Could it be the fantastic work that **RAWCS Volunteers** do when they use their vocational skills to help others overseas, as great example of Vocational Service? Last year over 800 volunteers in 151 teams worked in 28 different countries. **Is this our largest project?** See where our Member's vocational skills are being used to help others. [RAWCS | Current Projects](http://www.rawcs.org.au)



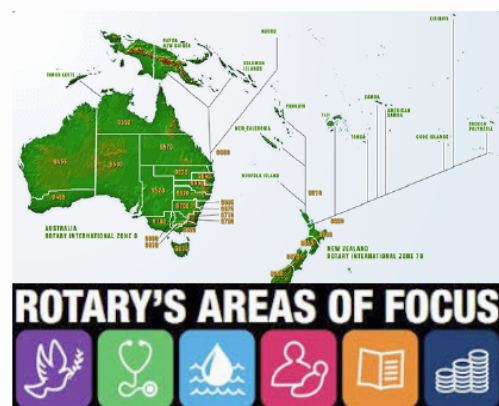
The service that **Safe Water and Sanitation** provides is a wonderful example of Vocational Service in action. We should also acknowledge the marvellous work that the **Interplast Medical Teams** contribute. www.interplast.org.au



Rotary is not a completion and "Biggest" and "Best" are not relevant. This month we should celebrate every activity where we use our vocational skills and contacts to help people. **At the beginning of the New Year let's all think about how we can use our own vocation to help others.**

But what could we achieve if we harnessed all of Rotary Australia's vocational potential?

While individual Clubs do a great job we are yet to use the full power of Rotary in Australia. Collectively we have one million years of vocational experience and contacts. More experience than some of the nations that are part of Rotary Districts on the map in RDU. If we were to offer our combined vocational resources to any of these countries to help solve some of the problems highlighted in the Foundation Six Areas of Focus we could make a remarkable difference. As we have proven in the past if we make a commitment to tackle an issue others will support us.



Welcome Home to our District Outbound Youth Exchange Stu-

Welcome home Vaughan Riley, RYE who has been in France for the past year; and Courtney Johnson who has spent the year in Norway.



Vaughan with Lauren Heading { Germany } and Allie Pert { Spain }



Letters From Abroad #1 - Vaughan Riley, France.

Vaughan Riley France

Sponsor Club
RC of Flemington

"Exchange is an opportunity for opportunities."

This philosophy is something that I have reminded myself of everyday since stepping off that last flight into France. Getting off the plane and into a car with a group of people I had never met before was a nerve-racking experience. Suddenly, all the French that I thought I had learned over the course of the last three years just flew out the car window. Smiling, nodding and giving a gentle 'Oui' at everything my new host parents said to me on the way to my new house, the realization that I was in a completely different country with a completely different culture and language finally hit me. I had never felt so tiny in my life.

I'm currently nine months into my Exchange, living in a town called Colmar in Alsace, northern France and I wouldn't trade it for the world. Even after the first month I knew that this would be the best experience of my life, and that has held true to this day. Leaving my home country was hard; I had no idea what was in store for me. But now I couldn't bear the thought of leaving. The entire region of Alsace is a valley, with the mountainous Black Forest of Germany on one side and 'Les Vosges' on the other, with the Rhine River splitting two regions apart. The Alsace region is sandwiched between France and Germany so there is a lot of mixing of cultures, making the culture shock about twice as big. I am so thankful to be living in such a culture-packed



part of the country. Going from a major city like Melbourne to a relatively small town like Colmar was a big change. For me, the culture shock was huge, not only the language but the traditions as well. However, as time passes, I find myself becoming more and more accustomed to the culture and history of this way of life. Colmar is a town with a lot of traditions mainly centered around agriculture – there are a lot of vineyards, which is one of the many reasons this little corner of the world is so beautiful. One of the main lessons I have learnt by living in such a beautiful part of the world is an appreciation of my surroundings. Not only do I pay more attention to where I am or how stunning every building or mountain is but I have also gained an appreciation for my own country – a land of beautiful places, packed with culture. This particular corner of France has captured my heart forever.

But I've learnt that where you are is only a small part of an Exchange. Arriving in a new country and having to adapt to a new way of life is a difficulty for every Exchange Student. At the start of an Exchange, not only do you have to start to learn a new language and a new way of life but also you have to learn to integrate yourself with a whole new family. I stayed with my first host family for about a period of 5 months where I had two little brothers and a little sister. At first, I felt out of place and lost. But now, if you asked me to distinguish my family back home and my family here in France I wouldn't be able to. Despite having an irregular number of host families (five), the relationships that I have developed with every single one of them is just incredible. A host family is arguably the largest part of an Exchange. It is



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with them that you will form some of the strongest relationships of your life. You spend nearly everyday with them; you go places with them and you share and experience new cultures together. I can't begin to put down in words the relationships I have built with my host families, except to say that we love each other like real families. One of my host families even gave me the house key to keep should I ever want to come back in a few years.

For me, the other Exchange Students in my District have been a sort of second family. As an Australian arriving in January, about six months into the European school year there was already a family community within the Exchange Students of my District. My first Rotary weekend was magical. Seeing real snow for the first time and meeting tons of new people from different countries made my weekend incredible. But most of all the feeling of family amongst the Exchange Students was what made it so magical. Since, the people that I met on that weekend have become my brothers and sisters for life. They had all gone through the same experiences as me and they were all more than happy to help me and talk to me and really make me feel a part of the family.

Being an Australian on Exchange in Europe really gives you quite a feeling of perspective. After my first six months in France, my 'oldies' left me, and I was by myself for about a month. Despite that being incredibly beneficial for my French, it was one of the hardest things of my Exchange. I have, however, learnt so much from that experience. A month after, my 'newbies' arrived. Having already been there for around seven months I took it upon myself to try to cultivate the same sort of family community that I had been so warmly welcomed into on my first weekend. I can already feel the 'newbies' getting closer and closer the more time we spend together. On top of that there are the bus trips. In France, I had two different bus trips in my first four months. The first from Paris to Barcelona and the second was called the Eurotour. They were both equally incredible experiences that I will cherish for a long time to come. I never thought I would see so much of the world; France, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Czech Republic, Italy and Spain, all in the space of four months! I would consider the bus trips an 'Exchange within an Exchange'.

I absolutely love it here. My life has so drastically changed, and as a result - so have I! Looking back on the person that I was before I left doesn't feel like me at all. Exchange is an opportunity for opportunities, and I highly recommend taking full advantage of each and every one.



District Governor Julie Mason

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

Mahatma Gandhi

In recent times where so many members of the Country Fire Authority and the State Emergency Services have been called upon to provide service at the front line of natural disasters it is useful to take time to reflect on and appreciate the work done by them to save and support others in need.



I am sure that we all know many volunteers who give time to the emergency services and one such person is my nephew, who at a very young age joined the branch of Country Fire Authority in Koroit and for the past fifteen years has maintained his commitment to service when called upon. Whilst celebrating Christmas day in Bacchus Marsh he received a call out and immediately left to do his duty. Here is just one example of a fine young person **"doing good in the world"** and I am sure that you too will have similar stories to share!

Not so long ago I was pleased to attend an awards ceremony where the **Rotary Club of Yarra Bend** recognised people who are members of the organisations that provide emergency services, members of the police force, ambulance members, members of the Country Fire Authority and Metropolitan Fire Brigade and of course the State Emergency Services and I do think that we could be celebrating the work of these wonderful people who "lose themselves in the service of others" by organising more such evenings throughout our District.

Rotary as an organisation is as such not a first responder to emergencies but our District does have a **District Disaster Relief Fund** and has a proud history over time of providing necessary funds to assist communities in the recovery phase after disaster has struck. I have been in contact with my fellow Victorian District Governors to offer support if necessary and as is my responsibility, I have asked District Governor Elect Neville John to Chair a small Committee to keep a watching brief on the circumstances and if needed we will progress this matter. I have sent a letter out to all our Rotary Club Presidents and will keep you informed as we see how this summer weather impacts on future and existing fire risk areas. This matter will also be discussed at the next District Board Meeting.

New Interact Club

Sir Angus Mitchell, former President of Rotary International, from the Rotary Club of Melbourne, in an address to 1948 Rotary Convention, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, spoke about this Rotary vision, *"To work with the youth of today to build a strong and peaceful world of tomorrow."*

I have no doubt that he would be well pleased with the addition of another **Interact Club to District 9800**. The **Brighton Secondary College Interact Club** is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Brighton North, has twenty members and currently has a Community and International project as part of their service as an Interact Club. As an example of best practice in Rotary, the Youth Service Teams from Brighton North, Brighton Beach and Brighton work together to ensure that all local schools have the opportunity to benefit from Rotary and to aim is to encourage more schools to form Interact Clubs. On behalf of the students who are going to grow in leadership through this initiative, I thank you!!

January Networker

Group Vocational Exchange

I am delighted to announce that we will be welcoming an impressive group of people from the Philippines who will be the first District Vocational Exchange Team to spend time in District 9800. During my visits to Clubs I spoke about the change in focus for what was previously a Group study Exchange, to now accommodate an ever increasing demand for more time spent on vocational visits during the time that the GVE Team is in Australia and the Philippines.

Visiting District 9800 we have **Marie Jane Liban**, Team Leader and amongst other things, Chair of the District Basic Education and Literacy Committee, and the Disaster Preparedness Committee in District 3800. Marie brings with her **John Lou Lucenario**, who has a Master in Arts education, teaches science, is a research presenter at National Conferences and conducts charity work for disadvantaged children. **Glazia Lee Diao** is a Civil engineer who specialises in the design of water reticulation, wastewater and drainage systems. **Karen Reside** is a Supervising Legislative Staff Officer who works in the House of Representatives in the Philippines and advocates for equal access for men and women in her field of employment. **Jeremy Raquel** is a speech pathologist who consults widely throughout the Philippines with a particular focus on working with adults and children with a disability. Notably conditions such as cerebral palsy, stroke recovery provide Jeremy with the opportunity to work in interdisciplinary teams of medical professionals. The GVE Team from the Philippines will spend significant time learning more about their vocation and of course learning about Australia and our great Rotary District. They will be telling us about their experiences at the District conference in Bendigo.

Membership

“Rotary must be renewed constantly at the club level to avoid stagnation and at the international level to avoid retrogression. But Rotary at all levels depends on the individual Rotarian.”

The Challenge: Review and Renew, THE ROTARIAN, July 1969

Surely the month of **January, Vocational Service Month**, and a time when we all look to have a break from the daily routine is a perfect time to reset future goals. You know the annual.....I will eat, drink and spend less, exercise more andask more people to join me in my Rotary time of making a difference and having fun!!

If you want to spend less time cooking sausages let's all get more people to help! I am told that in every Rotary club there are 90% who know people who would enjoy Rotary service and 10% who would happily ask people to come and join in the fun. Your mission is to establish who is in each category in your club and put them to work doing what they do best.

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

Ubuntu: I am, because you are.

Julie Mason

District Governor

- See more at: http://rotarydistrict9800.com.au/news/16900/vocational-service-month/?no_follow=1#sthash.ar2D0w2h.dpuf

Rotary International President's Monthly Message



K.R. Ravindran
President 2015-16
January 2016

There is a story told in my Hindu tradition of two sages, Shaunaka and Abhipratari. They were worshippers of Prana, the wind god. One day, the two men were about to sit down to lunch when a poor student knocked on their door, asking for food.

"No, boy, do not bother us at this hour," was the reply. The student was surprised but very hungry, so he persisted.

"Tell me, honored sirs, which deity do you worship?" "Prana, the wind god," they answered impatiently. "Do you not know that the world begins and ends with wind, and that wind pervades the entire universe?"

The two sages were by now very irritated by their impertinent guest. "Of course we know it!" they replied. "Well, then," continued the student, "if Prana pervades the universe, then he pervades me also, since I am but part of the universe. He is also in this hungry body, which stands before you begging for a bite to eat! And so in denying food to me, you deny it to the very deity whom you say you serve."

The sages realized the student spoke the truth and invited him to enter and share their meal. For they understood, at that moment, that by opening the door to one who sought their help, they were not only serving that individual – but reaching toward a larger goal. Our experience of Rotary is, for the most part, based in our own communities.

We meet every week in our clubs, in the same places, with the same familiar friends. While almost all of us are involved in some way or other in international service, the Rotary we see and share from day to day feels very local. It can be easy to lose sight of the larger picture – of what our service truly means.

Every impact you have as a Rotarian, individually and through your club, is multiplied by the power of our numbers. When you feed one person who is hungry, when you educate one person who is illiterate, when you protect one child from disease, the impact may seem small. It is anything but. For it is only through the power of numbers, through the power of our individual actions and gifts, that we can have the impact we seek: to truly ***Be a Gift to the World.***



Rotary Youth Exchange Host Families invited

Rotary Youth Exchange A Chance of a Lifetime! Host Families Invited Now!

Rotary Youth Exchange invites kind and caring Host Families within the community to assist local Rotary Clubs offer an outstanding exchange program to young people from all over the World.

A Host Family is a vital part of this cultural and educational exchange and typically hosts a student on a voluntary basis for a period of between 10 to 16 weeks. In doing so, a Host family officially becomes a Friend of Rotary International. The Host Family plays an integral role in offering the student the experience of a new culture and language, whilst at the same time learning about a different culture from a young leader. It is a direct window to the world for all members of a Host family. You not only share a young person's hopes and dreams, but more importantly, you make those dreams possible.

Hosting is the beginning of a lifelong friendship and connection with a student and family overseas. Whilst it can be challenging to help a young person transition to a new culture and ease into the surroundings, it is always fun and the rewards are immeasurable.

Host Families in the Rotary Youth Exchange program come in many shapes and sizes! Young children, older children, no children at all, extended families and older generations – all have been successful in hosting Exchange Students.

Please consider this amazing and rewarding opportunity now. Enquiries are most welcome.

Further information is available at www.rotaryyouthexchangedistrict9800.com.au

Or speak to Chris Drenen for further information.

Nominations for District Governor 2018-2019

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.

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 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 detailing his or her Rotary and professional careers.

Eligible candidates must have been a Rotarian for a minimum of seven years and have been a past president of a Rotary Club. Further qualifications, duties and responsibilities are outlined in the documentation on the District website. That letter and associated documents should be received by me **by post** no later than Friday 29th January 2016.

Interviews for the position will be held on Sunday 21st February 2016.

The following Rotarians have been elected to the Nominating Committee to select the District Governor:

PP Philip Rowell Rotary Club of North Brighton

PP Bob Glindemann Rotary Club of Melbourne

PP Adrian Ranson Rotary Club of North Balwyn

- See more at: http://rotarydistrict9800.com.au/news/16653/district-governor-2018-2019-nomination/?no_follow=1#sthash.8UFufRRS.dpuf

The Rotary Club of Keilor - Balibo Back to School Exercise Book Challenge

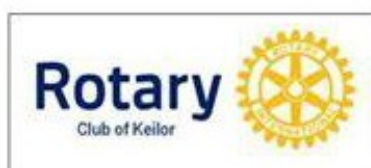
We support schools in Balibo, a poor rural area in Timor Leste.

This is the time of year when stores have exercise books available at a very attractive price. The challenge is that they are usually available in small quantities, for a limited time and some restrict the numbers you can purchase. We may get lucky and a store may supply you with a large amount, but in the past it has required a lot of people buying a few.

Money is not an issue and if you have the opportunity to buy in bulk Rotary will cover the cost.

Our challenge is to get 2000 books, which will supply four books for every student in Balibo. With your help we can make this happen. When you are shopping, look for "Back to School Promotions" and if exercise books are available for 5 cents please buy them.

Don't forget your family and friends; they will help if we give them the opportunity.



For \$1.00 you can support 25 students

Officeworks



5 cents each – limit 30/ customer.
From 2/1 until sold out

Big W



5 cents each, no limit specified.
2 - 20/1 until sold out

Gateway Cluster Bowls Competition



Night Bowls Competition 2016



"Come and enjoy Rotary Fellowship in a Fun and Active Way"
"Use your talents & be a Gift to the World through Night Bowls"

Date: Thursday 11th February 2016

Time: 6.00pm Registration for 6.30pm start

Venue: Aberfeldie Community BC - Clifton Park (Batman St. Essendon)

Cost: Bowlers - \$25 per head (includes Bowls, venue hire & Dinner)

Guests: Adults (\$20 dinner) & Children (\$10 dinner)

Dinner approx 7.30/7.45pm

Rules

Two Bowl triples (2 x 3 = 6) instructions provided to all first time bowlers. Wear flat soled shoes or bare feet.

3 games (each of 4 ends) - random draw of Cards

5points per won game, one point per "winning end" – count back based on net shots

One pennant Bowler only per team – cannot play as skipper

No dead ends – jack re-spotted on 2m mark or 1.5m inside from point on outside green.

The top 2 teams will play-off after completion of the preliminary competition in a final of 3 ends and if still a tie then one extra end to decide

Could you please fill in details below and email back to Gerard Mahoney (info@rollston.com.au) by Friday 5th February 2015. Smaller Clubs might to invite guests or join another Cluster Club team who might be short of players. Clubs may be able to enter 1- 3 Teams for this event.

Rotary Club:			
Contact Person:		Mobile:	Email:
Team Nominations	<u>Team 1</u>	<u>Team 2</u>	<u>Team 3</u>

Regards,

Gerard Mahoney (Gateway Cluster Bowls Coordinator)

President – Rotary Club of Keilor East (M: 0412 165 912) or (P: 9337 9915)

Past Winners: Keilor 2011, Keilor 2012, Keillor East 2013, Keilor East 2014, Keilor East 2015

What's On in District 9800

ALUMNI BBQ LUNCH

D9800 Alumni, their families and friends are invited to an informal BBQ Lunch AT 12 pm-5pm

Sunday 7th February

Yarraville Gardens, Corner Hyde Street & Somerville Road, Yarraville
BBQ to be hosted by Rotary Club of Footscray, where you can purchase foods and drinks or You can bring your own picnic!
RSVP by 1st February, 2016

PDG Iven Mackay ivenm@bigpond.com 0418380989

PP Ejanul Haque ejanul.haque@rmit.edu.au 0422677944

Are you alumni of D9800? If so contact the alumni committee to join the Facebook closed group (Rotary District 9800 Alumni)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/392231940980119/>



Group Vocational Exchange Farewell Dinner

Milanos Hotel, The Esplanade, Brighton Beach. **Tuesday, 16th February**, 6.30pm for 7.00pm Join us for a great send-off for the GVE Team to the Philippines, and to welcome the incoming team.

Cost: \$40/head

Bookings **must** be prepaid via Trybooking by **13th February**

<http://www.trybooking.com/176125>

Further details Julie Avery 9591 9591 or 0418364191

Julie@brightontravel.com.au



Taste of Kyneton

Taste of Kyneton is a food festival with a difference. Each exhibitor on the day will prepare small tasting dishes that showcase their signature style. 'Green Tics' are the currency of Taste of Kyneton. Green Tics can be purchased on the day for \$5.00. \$1 from each Green Tic will support the Rotary Club of Kyneton. Kyneton Racecourse on **Sunday, February 28th**. Gates open at 11am and close at 3pm. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased through

www.tasteofkyneton.com

For more information about Taste of Kyneton 2016, visit

www.tasteofkyneton.com

Media enquiries: Amy Cockcroft, 0425 805 316 Event Enquiries: Alan Potter. 0400 266 641



Club Calendar Dates

Date	Event	Location	Contact
Wednesday 20th January 2016	Weekly Meeting 7.30	Quest Apartments	Chris Drenen
Wednesday 27th January	Weekly Meeting Guest Speaker Joshua Harboud, 2015 School Captain—Mount Alexander College, Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award, Rotary Frankston Long Island Schoolies Project in Cambodia	Quest Apartments	Chris Drenen
Wednesday 3rd February	Weekly Meeting 7.30 Sub Committees	Quest Apartments	Chris Drenen

Cluster and District Calendar Dates

Date	Event	Club	Location	Contact
Thursday 11th February	Night Bowls Competition	Gateway Cluster Keilor East	Clifton Park Bowling Club	Gerard Mahoney
16th February	Farewell Dinner for the Vocational Training Team	Brighton Beach	Milano's Restaurant, The Esplanade, Brighton	Julie@brightontravel.com.au
24th February	40th Anniversary	Essendon North	Ascot House, Ascot Vale	Sam Pennisi, Grant Maggs
23rd February	Rotary's Birthday	All		
26th February	Trivia Night Fundraising night for Bahay Tuluyan, Philippines	Essendon	St Bernards, Pavilion	Shirley Kukk
28th February	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

District Conference Bendigo

You'll Never Never Know if you never Bendigo....



Conference song: <https://youtu.be/MHw7EpjnSRg>

Conference Video: <https://youtu.be/eNnF3dGboY>



www.facebook.com/D9800Conference

Register Online at www.rotaryconference.org.au

NEED HELP REGISTERING?

Speak with your Club Conference person or

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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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SERVICE, BUT WE PERFECTED IT!

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