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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:



January is Rotary Vocational Service Month

Although we had a smaller than usual group at this week's meeting, everyone was very pleased to be back again. There was much chat as we all caught up with the activities of the past month. It was wonderful to see our PDG Vance Hilton back with us and looking very well for his 80 years.

Our Guest Speaker was one we have waited 11 years to hear from, Peter Lovric, Facility Manager at Quest. Peter shared with us some of the history and information about the Quest and our shared experiences.

Next week, Wednesday 27th January, we welcome Joshua Harboud 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 'Schoolies Making a Difference in Cambodia' Community Service project.

Hope to see everyone there.

Be a Gift to the World!

Lesley
23rd January 2016



Rotary Club of Flemington Membership Event

Invitation



We would like to extend an invitation to you to come to a relaxed evening, with like-minded people, to hear about the activities of Rotary International and your local Rotary Club.

We believe that Rotary will become the most important non-government, non-religious, non-profit, non-political organisation in the world's history. We would like you to hear why we think this and what we are doing in the Flemington community and throughout the world.

The evening has been arranged by the Rotary Club of Flemington and will be held on **Wednesday February 24th 2016** at the Quest Flemington at 6:30pm. Drinks and finger food have been organised. Please confirm your attendance using the contact details provided. You are welcome to invite your partner and others in the community.

If you would like to attend but are for some reason unable, please let me know so that another opportunity can be arranged for you. We hope you will be our guest on this evening and look forward to getting to know you better.

President Hugh Stewart

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2016—2017 Rotary International President's Theme

RI President-elect John F. Germ called on incoming District Governors to promote Rotary's good work as he unveiled the 2016-17 presidential theme, ***Rotary Serving Humanity***, during Rotary's annual training event for future leaders in San Diego, California, USA

Rotary's founder, Paul Harris, believed that serving humanity is **"the most worthwhile thing a person can do,"** RI President-elect John F. Germ said, and that being a part of Rotary is a "great opportunity" to make that happen.



Germ unveiled the 2016-17 presidential theme, *Rotary Serving Humanity*, to incoming district governors on 18 January at the International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA.

"I believe everyone recognizes the opportunity to serve Rotary for what it truly is: not a small opportunity, but a great one; an opportunity of a lifetime to change the world for the better, forever through Rotary's service to humanity," said Germ.

Rotary members around the globe are serving humanity by providing clean water to underdeveloped communities, promoting peace in conflict areas, and strengthening communities through basic education and literacy. But none more important than our work to eradicate polio worldwide, he said.

After a historic year in which transmission of the wild poliovirus was stopped in Nigeria and all of Africa, Germ said we are closer than ever to ending polio.

"We are at a crossroads in Rotary," he added. "We are looking ahead at a year that may one day be known as the greatest year in Rotary's history: the year that sees the world's last case of polio."

Last year's milestones leave just two countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan, where the virus still circulates. Polio would be only the second human disease ever to be eradicated.

When that moment arrives, it's "tremendously important" that Rotary is ready for it, said Germ. "We need to be sure that we are recognized for that success, and leverage that success into more partnerships, greater growth, and even more ambitious service in the decades to come."

Germ, a member of the Rotary Club of Chattanooga, Tennessee, USA, encouraged attendees to return to their clubs and communities and spread the word about Rotary's role in the fight for a polio-free world.

"People who want to do good will see that Rotary is a place where they can change the world. Every Rotary club needs to be ready to give them that opportunity," Germ said.

Enhancing Rotary's image isn't the only way to boost membership. "We need clubs that are flexible, so our service will be more attractive to younger members, recent retirees, and working people."

He added: "We need more willing hands, more caring hearts, and more bright minds to move our work forward."

Meeting Minutes 20th January 2016

President Hugh Stewart welcomed everyone to today's meeting, the first for 2016.

He then advised that the Board met last night and approved the following:

1. An Investment Committee has been established to manage the club investments and generate additional income. This committee comprises President Hugh, Treasurer Sam Nicol and PP Allan Bruno.
2. Sponsorship of a table at the Moonee Valley Council Womens Day Breakfast on March 8th at the Civic Centre.
3. The club supports, and encourages members to attend the District Women in Rotary Breakfast at Crown on 10th March.
4. Following a meeting with Mount Alexander College Principal Wayne Haworth, a bed is to be supplied for the Sick Bay; and an Interact Club is to be established building on from the current Breakfast Club and linked to the new curriculum, teaching and learning model to be implemented this year.
5. A grant has been applied for through District to support the Children's Carnival in April.
6. Confirmed the date and focus of a Membership Night on February 23rd.
7. Establishment of a second Opportunity Shop in Werribee. Premises and a Manager have been identified and a Planning Permit has been lodged with council. This project has the support of the Rotary Club of Werribee and our Assistant Governor.
8. As last year, the Board will meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Hugh then advised that the Gateway Cluster have organised an evening bowls challenge for Thursday 11th February and we have 2 teams arranged, captained by our bowls stars, Geoff Cawsey and Dulcie Heard. A list will be circulated, please advise if you are willing to participate.

Members then enjoyed breakfast and conversation while we waited for our Guest Speaker to arrive.

Sergeant's Session

Geoff Cawsey took on the role again today with a list prepared:

He fined Vance for being the first member to arrive after a long absence; John Sklenar for the closure of the ANZ Branch in Milleara Road, leaving only the Bendigo Bank to attract customers.

Chris Drenen was fined for arriving in casual clothes, obviously he is not back working yet. Len Seddon was fined for his trip to Sale and Lesley was fined for her comment that we need to beat Keilor East & Keilor at the Bowls.

Cross fines were then set from Chris Drenen as John and Len had to read the toasts today although they have a combined membership of over 40 years! Hugh fined himself as genealogy research indicates he and Allan Bruno may be related. Len fined Geoff as the Bowling event is to be held at Clifton Park not Maribyrnong.

Meeting Minutes:

Apologies—Tony McManus, Beate McManus, Craig Skelton, Del King, Paul Perrottet, Lisa Murr, Eugene Odachowski, Mick Lawn, Peter Donnellan, Janine Hamilton, Josie Magri

Make Ups—Members of the Board, Op Shop, Committee Meeting, Anwar, Allan, Lesley, Chris, Peter Cribb

Guest Speaker—Peter Lovric; Franchisee and Facility Manager, Quest Flemington

Raffle—Anwar Alishek

Guest Speaker Peter Lovric: Franchisee & Facilities Manager Quest Flemington

Peter began by explaining that he and his wife Teresa have been the Franchise Owners here for 11 years now. He has an T background and previously he and Teresa had no hospitality experience but believed they had the skills to take on the Quest.

The Quest model comprises 2 and 3 bedroom serviced apartments which are let for longer stay use rather than a motel model of single nights. There are 150 different facilities across Australia. Quest have changed their name now though to the Quest Apartments & Hotels. The predominant use is for corporate groups and travellers although family relocations, insurance relocations and sporting groups are also strong.

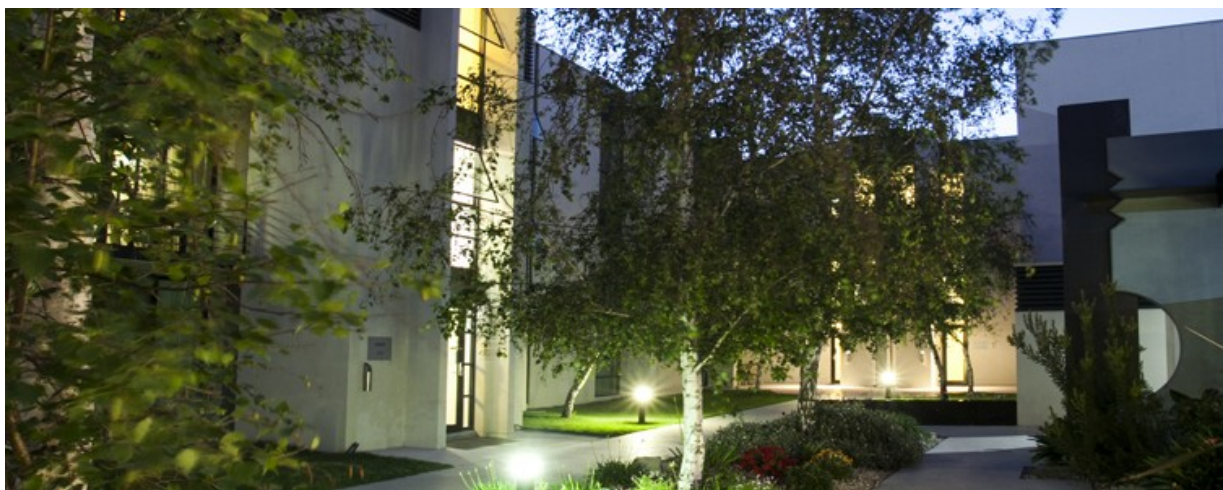


The Quest Flemington proximity to the Flemington Racecourse and the Showgrounds provide the bulk of their bookings although there is strong use from construction and road developments, sporting teams using Royal Park and small conferences. Their 2 conference rooms also draw support.

As Manager and looking after facilities, Peter is responsible for 3 acres of land and 50 apartments. This includes painting and maintenance, kitchen and bathroom renovations and equipment upgrades, gardens and grounds, the watering system and swimming pool.

Quest sets standards which must be complied with at a 4—5 star rating and provides a checklist which is completed every 2 months or so. Quest apartments are owned by individual owners, and they do come up for sale from time to time.

The occupancy rate is around 85% which is very good. They have 100% over the Spring Racing Carnival and the weeks prior, as well as during the Royal Agricultural Show. The very busy Showgrounds events calendar also adds to occupancy.



WHO's new director of polio eradication: the end is in sight



*In February, **Michel Zaffran** will take over as director of polio eradication for the World Health Organization (WHO). Most recently, Zaffran has served as coordinator of WHO's Expanded Programme on Immunization. He has also served as Deputy Executive Secretary of the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunizations (GAVI), and represented WHO on the working group that designed and launched GAVI. We caught up with him recently to ask his thoughts about this new challenge:*

I am extremely excited, but also emotionally very moved, to have been selected for this position. I started working for the [World Health Organization](#) in September of 1987 in the immunization program. A few months later in May the World Health Assembly endorsed the resolution to actually eradicate polio. I was just at a very junior level but remember seeing my bosses work on the resolution, and so I was there from the very beginning. So to actually toward the end of my career be coming back and heading the program for its last miles basically is very exciting and very moving.

My past experience has prepared me very well for this role. I have been working with all of the key partners for many years. And as the WHO's director of polio eradication, I will need to interact closely with the various stakeholders and ensure their contributions remain well coordinated. Over the past three years, specifically as part of the Polio Eradication End Game Strategic Plan, I was the chair of the Immunization systems Management Group responsible for coordinating the efforts of partners to prepare for the withdrawal of type 2 oral polio vaccine (OPV) from 155 countries and for the introduction of the inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) into 126 countries. All of this work has been done very closely with Rotary, with the [Center for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#), the [Gates Foundation](#), and [UNICEF](#). We have celebrated some very good milestones recently, but now is not the time to give up.

So let me talk a little about this important step. As you know, the OPV is a very efficient and very effective vaccine. But in some rare cases, it can actually cause the disease from the attenuated (weakened) live virus it contains. It can even return to being virulent, circulate, and cause outbreaks.

There are three strains of the polio virus. Last year, the Polio Eradication Global Certification Committee certified that no natural cases of type 2 have occurred since 1999 and that the virus had been eradicated. From a public health perspective, it is no longer acceptable to be causing the disease with the weakened form of type 2 when it no longer exists in nature. So during a two week period at the end of April, all countries that are currently using OPV either in routine programs or in campaigns — there are 155 such places — will switch from the trivalent OPV (which contains weakened forms of all three types) to a bivalent OPV (which only contains types 1 and 3). At the same time, we are introducing the injectable inactivated polio virus vaccine (IPV), which contains all three types of the virus in a killed form, into routine immunization systems. This will ensure that people continue to have protection and immunity against type 2 in case an outbreak were to occur, either from vaccine not entirely removed or because of an accident at a laboratory or manufacturer.

What remains to be done

We have celebrated some very good milestones recently, but now is not the time to give up. The fact that we declared Nigeria no longer endemic, that cases are just restricted to Pakistan and Afghanistan, sends a signal — which of course is a very good signal — of positive results. But at the same time there is a danger it can obscure the fact that we need to continue for a period of time to have very good surveillance in Africa and continue immunizing children. There are countries in Africa that are at risk, should anything happen, like we have seen in the past where the virus is imported from endemic countries. Rotarians who have been so engaged and active in helping the program so far cannot let go. They need to continue to support the program and not only in Pakistan and Afghanistan, but in Africa where we need to ensure that there are the right campaigns conducted with high quality. What Rotarians should do is to continue to advocate that the job is not done yet.

Rotary had the vision as early as 1979 that this should be done and you convinced the rest of the world to move ahead and do it. When we stop transmission in Pakistan and Afghanistan, and even after we have certification of global eradication, we will need to maintain high quality surveillance to ensure the virus is contained and not released into the environment. And we need to make an effort — and Rotarians can contribute to this substantially — that the lessons learned through the polio eradication initiative, that the laboratories that we have established, that the skills that we have developed, that the staff we have trained, are not lost to public health. But that they are transitioned to new public health challenges. This is the fantastic broader legacy of the program.

I would like to recognize the unique role that Rotary and Rotarians have played in this fantastic adventure. You had the vision as early as 1979 that this should be done and you convinced the rest of the world to move ahead and do it. You have been there at the very beginning; you have been there all along. Don't give up now, we are so close, we've got the end in sight.

Letters From Abroad— Courtney Johnson

Courtney Johnson Norway

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Hei! Jeg heter Courtney og jeg har bodd i landet av vikingene for de siste 10 månedene!!

So I'm guessing you most likely don't understand much Norwegian, so I will be happy to translate for you!

"Hi! My name is Courtney and I have been living in the land of the Vikings for the past 10 months!"

It's quite hard to imagine that last year I found out I would be travelling to the amazing country of Norway and living amongst the snow and mountains. It is sad to say that my Exchange year is nearly concluding, but not just yet! So let's start at the beginning!

On the 16th of January 2015 I left the 40°C Australian heat to the lovely -12°C chill of Norway. As I stepped out of the quiet airport, gripping my bags tightly I saw snow fall gently on the ground for the first time. It was a truly magical moment. Then, I realised how hard it is to walk on an icy path, slipped over, and the magical moment was gone.

My first impressions of Norway were too good to be true. I loved the food (probably a little too much), I loved the language and I loved the people. I live in a small town called Kongsvinger, located on the East side of Norway. Very different from where I live in Echuca, lots of hills, trees and it gets really cold! Kongsvinger is only one hour from Oslo and only 30

minutes from Sweden, so I have been to Sweden and Oslo many times with my families.

My first day at school was absolutely terrifying. It didn't really sink in that I would actually be spending my next year here until I saw my classmates excitedly staring at me when I nervously walked through the classroom door. Everyone in my class introduced themselves and I knew that every single one of their names had immediately been forgotten, but I tried my best. I am in a sports class at my school, which means I train 7 times a week and I study many sport themed subjects. I love my class so much, they have taught me so many things and we have been on some pretty incredible trips together. From downhill skiing on black tracks in the Norwegian ski slopes to climbing the tallest mountain in Norway over a glacier; my class has really put me out of my comfort zone. Throughout my year I have taught over six English classes at my school about Australian culture and language, being the teacher of the class. Also, I have taught two classes at my 9 year old host brother's school. The students were so happy to meet me but not so happy after I made



My host sister and I on the Norwegian National Day

them taste vegemite.

My host Rotary Club in Norway is Kongsvinger Rotary Club. I have enjoyed getting to know many of the members here and being involved with the club. I have presented many speeches at my Rotary Club, all in Norwegian and have also had presentations at District Conferences. I thoroughly enjoy going to Rotary meetings and I try to attend every week. I meet new members, learn about projects in the community and different issues facing society.

I have had four main Rotary Exchange Camps with the



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The Norwegian Exchange Students on Euro Tour

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Saturday 13th February

6 for a 6:30 start

\$15 per person (payable on the night)

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Drinks at bar prices – BYO nibbles

Event Auctions – including sporting merchandise

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40th Birthday

*This year the Rotary Club of Essendon North
celebrates its 40th Birthday*

*You and your partner are invited
to help us celebrate this milestone*

*To mark this occasion a dinner will be held
at Ascot House Receptions, 50 Fenton Street, Ascot Vale
on Wednesday, 24th February, 2016
commencing at 6.45pm*

*Our guest speaker will be well known sports writer, broadcaster and author
John Harms*

Cost - \$65 per person — Dress — Lounge suit

RSVP 10/2/16 Sam Pennisi: Mobile 0413052400 or Email: sam@pennisi.com.au

Club Calendar Dates

Date	Event	Location	Contact
Wednesday 27th January	Weekly Meeting Guest Speaker Joshua Harbourd, 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
Wednesday 23rd February	Membership Evening	Quest Apartments	Hugh Stewart Lynn Borghouts

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
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

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