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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
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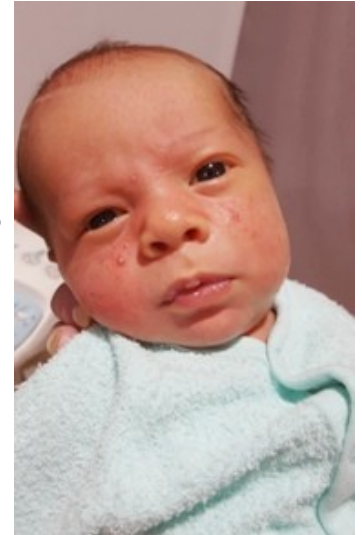
May is Youth Service Month in Rotary

Flemington Rotary is delighted to welcome two new members to our family last month. First grandchildren were born for John & Anna Sklenar and Chris & Rosemary Drenen.

Ana & Ante Manenica welcomed a son Nikolas on 12th April while Luke and Marisa Drenen welcomed Caitlin Rose on 25th April.



Congratulations to
both families.



Congratulations to David Bourke and RC Keilor on a successful Wycheproof Project which brought 88 students, plus teachers, parents and the Principal to Melbourne and Healesville Sanctuary. The welcome lunch at Keilor Sports ground on May 2nd saw students from both Keilor Primary School and Catholic Regional College, Sydenham join the students for lunch.

Supported by District Governor Julie Mason, Assistant Governors Colin Styles and myself, plus representatives from the Gateway Cluster clubs, this was a coming together of 9 Rotary clubs, local schools and local businesses to support one of our county towns which due to drought, is "doing it tough!"

Be a Gift to the World!

Lesley



Acting President's Report May 10th 2016



Past President Jon Temby substituted for our esteemed president Hugh who was up in Charleville. Hugh brought the first rain to Charleville after many months of severe drought, then to prove his abilities, over the following week he brought good rains to Victoria - amazing.

Assistant Governor Colin Styles was our guest for our scheduled "Committees" meeting where our committees reviewed the committee structure, activities and performance with a view to continuous improvement. Committee feedback was forwarded for board review.

Board meeting 10 May

The board discussed many issues including:

- Our proposed new Op Shop to be established in Werribee which is making slow but steady progress through the local government processes;
- Reviewing the Committee structure and establishing a sub committee to draft a proposal for club discussion in early June;
- An agreement to propose a name change to Flemington/Kensington Rotary Club which will be put to members at our next AGM. This proposal is based on the belief the new name better represents our member catchment area, provides better engagement with our local community and as a result will attract more members;
- Our plans to establish an Interact club at Mount Alexander College; and

Postponement of our "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" to a later date as there were too many clashes with other demands.

We hope to hold it within the next 8-12 weeks.

Club meeting 11th May

PP Jon Temby again substituted for president Hugh, this time Hugh is spreading his magic literally in the back of Bourke - they had 28mm of rain before he arrived!

It was great to see Lesley McCarthy back with us looking fit, healthy and younger. Her change of lifestyle must be working well.

It appears that our postponed "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" might be held over two nights to better suit member availability, special thanks to Josie Magri for her efforts so far to make it happen. Watch this space.

We all thoroughly enjoyed our guest speaker, new member Eliana Cuppari who gave us a captivating "**Member Behind the Badge**" talk of her childhood emigration to Australia from Libya via Italy, early life and responsibilities as the eldest child in a new country, extended family life, new customs and a new language, her own family and current work assisting troubled kids.

Her stories kept us riveted and her talk was followed by lots of questions and shared experiences. Thank you for sharing your life with us Eliana, your stories touched all of us.

There will be big fines for anyone who turns up at our normal club venue next week, instead we will have our vocational visit to Dex Audio in Macaulay Rd. I look forward to seeing you there.

Jon Temby

Weekly Meeting Minutes 10th May 2016

President Hugh Stewart is continuing his adventures in outback Australia, bringing rain wherever he goes. Well done Hugh!

Acting President Jon Temby was again on duty and welcomed everyone.

He then reported the following:

The presentation to Mount Alexander College on the proposed Interact Club has been deferred until Term 3. Next week, the club has a Vocational visit to DEX Audio, 393 MacAuley Road, Kensington at 7.30. Allan Bruno advised of possible health issues for visitors who may have:

1. Pacemakers—due to electromagnetic radiation
2. Suffer from Epilepsy—due to sound and light emanations
3. Have health or movement problems—due to stairs.

There are a number of events on the calendar:

25th May—assistance is needed at a BBQ at 11.30

12th June—BBQ at Bunnings Maribyrnong

16th June—Gateway Cluster forum on Domestic Violence at VISY Hub, Sunshine

29th June—Blue Moon function and Club Changeover

Jon also reported on the Board meeting held last night:

The Guess Who is Coming to Dinner event has been postponed.

Following last week's feedback, the Committee Structure will be discussed at the next Board Meeting.

A motion for a club name change will be presented at the Annual General Meeting from RC Flemington to RC Flemington-Kensington.

Reserve funds have now been invested according to the club's Investment Portfolio & guidelines.

Donations in Kind has expanded, and now requires additional funds to support its operations.

The Werribee Opportunity Shop project is proceeding with movement from the council on the process.

Sergeant's Session

Geoff Cawsey was on duty again today and had his list ready. He fined Ted Frank again for the Blairgowrie octopus; John Sklenar for the ANZ Bank interest rates. Chris Drenen was fined for Carlton winning although our only Collingwood supporter was not present to pay his fine.

Geoff then thanked Craig Skelton for letting us all know about his horse, which ran and won at Caulfield last week at 16/1. Craig now has enough money to pay for his forthcoming wedding.

Paul Perrottet then cross fined Beate and Anthony for being on the same Tramcar Restaurant as he was, and then Geoff Cawsey was fined for taking drugs at breakfast, using a small silver pillbox.

Meeting Minutiae:

Apologies: Hugh Stewart, Vance Hilton, Peter Cribb, Anway Alishek, Mick Lawn, Len Seddon

Make Ups: Eugene Odachowski, Chris Drenen, Del King, members of the Board .

Guest Speaker: Eliana Cuppari—the Member Behind the Badge

Raffle: Josie Magri who donated the prize to Eliana.

Guest Speaker Eliana Cuppari—Member Behind the Badge

New member Eliana Cuppari was born in Libya with Italian parents and migrated to Australia early in the 1970s. Together with her parents and 2 siblings, they travelled by ship arriving with just 2 suitcases and \$100.

They were taken to the Maribyrnong Migrant Hostel where they lived for a year. Her parents obtained work almost straight away—her father was a mechanic and her mother a seamstress.

After 12 months, they rented a house in Yarraville and later moved to Moonee Ponds where Eliana grew up.

As the oldest child in a migrant family, Eliana was the interpreter, spokesperson and manager for the family, paying bills, banking, going to medical appointments to interpret and taking care of business. When she was 12, a brother was born and when her mother returned to work after a year, she had the responsibility for him once her mother left for work. She would wheel him to the babysitter for the day, and collected him again after school. She received many disapproving looks from people who saw her pushing a pram.

The family had no other family in Australia but her parents made friends who became adopted aunts & uncles to the children.

All the family still get together weekly for a meal, making sure the cousins know each other and keep the contact going, as they had missed this as children.

Eliana has 3 daughters of her own, lives in Moonee Ponds and works for a non profit organisation White Lion. <http://www.whitelion.asn.au/about-us>



White Lion supports at risk youth aged 10 to 25 years of age with practical support such as mentoring programs, education and employment. The group has a Chatterbox bus which goes to the city 4 nights a week and provides homeless youth with a place to hang out, obtain help, access wifi etc.. They also have a van in the City of Wyndham, the NOSH van - Nutrition Outreach Support and Health. As well as the mentoring and employment services, White Lion has a preventative education program, assist with employment for indigenous youth through the justice system and runs camps 3 times a year.

The White Lion group includes STRIDE { preventative wellbeing programs in schools}, BALGA { Balga Detached Youth Work Project}, Open Family Australia and Online PAWS (Picking And Warehousing Solutions) work placements.

In Victoria, White Lion has a number of supporters and ambassadors including John Turner, Stan Alves, Phil Ruthven, Tim Pallas MP, and George Variamos OAM.



Why is Whitelion needed?

Most of us have family support or positive role models. For young people who aren't so lucky it is up to the community to help them find the courage to choose a better future.

Whitelion is a vehicle for change - we have the passion, skills and experience to bring together professional staff, volunteers, business and partnerships with fellow community organisations to provide a range of interventions into the lives of Australia's vulnerable youth. Whitelion provides a hand up and out of disadvantage.



TRAPPED IN A CYCLE OF DISADVANTAGE

This diagram represents the 'cycle of disadvantage' that high risk young people get trapped in. Without Whitelion's intervention this cycle continues into adulthood, and into the next generation.

OUR FOCUS AREAS

Out of Home Care:

Out-of-Home Care refers to a statutory order to place a child in the care of a family member, foster care placement or a residential unit. The number of children living away from their family due to abuse or neglect is increasing.

Youth Justice

The Youth Justice system deals with young people aged 10-17 who have committed, or allegedly committed, offences. The major components of the system include state police, courts and supervision orders. The majority of young people in the system are on community-based orders, with the remainder on remand or sentence in custody.

Youth Homelessness:

Homelessness is not simply 'rooflessness' – it encompasses sleeping rough and staying in temporary, unstable or sub-standard accommodation (such as couch surfing at friends homes, or boarding houses). Family conflict and breakdown is the main cause of youth homelessness in Australia.

Weekly Meeting Minutes Wednesday 4th May 2016

Acting President Jon Temby was on duty today since President Hugh Stewart is an apology, travelling in outback Australia. Jon welcomed everyone here today and advised the following:

- 10/05/2016 Board Meeting
- 17/05/2016 Tuesday, presentation to Mount Alexander College general assembly re the establishment of an Interact Club
- 18/05/2016 Vocational visit to DEK Audio, 393-399 Macaulay Rd Melbourne/Kensington
- 21/05/2016 Guess Who is Coming to Dinner, please advise Josie of your participation.
- 12/06/2016 Sunday BBQ at Bunnings Footscray Road
- 16/06/2016 Gateway Cluster Domestic Violence forum
- 29/06/2016 Blue Moon Function, Club Presidential Changeover night
- 24/07/2016 New exchange student Ida, arrives from Finland

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant Geoff was on duty today. With the Reserve Bank reducing interest rates he fined John S, whilst he still has money in his pocket. He then fined Ted and Paul for talking about Calamari before the meeting. This morning on the radio he listened to a story where an octopus in Blairgowrie stole a camera from a lady diver, which was recovered later, Geoff is worried that Ted and Paul are training octopus to steal cameras from divers. Chris Drenen was fined for Trams in Abbotsford having a back up due to road-works and Chris now walking to work. Geoff then fined the 2 new Grandfathers in the club, Chris Drenen and John Sklenar for joining the elderly brigade. Everyone else was prepared for the worse and since AG Colin Styles was collecting fines just handed over the money without waiting for Geoff. Well done Geoff.

Members then separated into their relevant committees to reflect on the topic for today's discussion :
"The new Committee structure, how its working"?

Meeting closed.

Meeting Minutiae:

Apologies: Hugh Stewart, Lesley McCarthy, Nick Lawn, Lynn Borghouts, Anwar Alishek, Anthony McManus, Peter Cribb, Vance Hilton

Make Ups: Eugene Odachowski, Chris Drenen, Del King, Beata McManus

Visiting Rotarians: Assistant Governor Colin Styles

Raffle: John Sklenar

Dr Berhan Ahmed sent this article for our club, knowing the work that we do with the local African communities.



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African Think Tank Inc.

ATT Media Release 11 May 2016

ATT: WALEED ALY LOGIE A TRIUMPH FOR AUSTRALIANS

The African Think Tank today congratulates Waleed Ali on his historic win of the Gold Logie for Best Personality On Australian Television for his work on the Network Ten show, 'The Project'.

"This was a double win - for Waleed, and also for the Australian people," commented Dr. Berhan Ahmed, chairman. "Waleed's work on The Project has been outstanding. He has proved that commercial television can deliver quality commentary that can involve a wide, mainstream audience. That will encourage those channels to set their targets higher. And of course, Waleed's popularity isn't just confined to Australia. His 'Isis is weak' segment has been viewed at least 18 million times on Youtube, and his comments received attention around the globe. And Waleed's talent is such that he would also have succeeded in law, in human rights, or in engineering, his other fields of expertise.

"But much more importantly this was a triumph for Australians. We have seen in the past years a small minority of Australians try to build fear and rejection of Muslims. This is even supported by some in parliament - and we have seen how the Trump campaign in the USA has drawn substantial support from such fears. The Gold Logie is nominated and voted for by visitors to the TV Week website. So Waleed and Li Ling Chin were the choices of mainstream, working Australians. By supporting Waleed, they have shown that they do not buy into this culture of misinformation and fear. They have given their voices to an inclusive, multicultural Australia. At the beginning of an election campaign, they have shown a few divisive voices that they want an inclusive country.

"There is still a long way to go as far as seeing a diversity of races and cultures in our media. But there has been much improvement lately. This award can serve as a signal to the makers of our culture and politics that Australians are avid to see our country's accepting and tolerant way of life, which is a model for the world, reflected in public life.

National Youth Science Forum

Applications for the 2017 NYSF close on May 31st.

The National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) is held at Australia National University in Canberra over two sessions in January every year. The forum is for science students going into year 12 in the year of the forum intending to go on to study a science, engineering or technology based degree at university. Rotary District 9800 was allocated 23 places out of approximately 500 last January. Clubs nominate students to district interviews which are held in August and last year 55 students were interviewed for these 23 places. Applications are now open on line for interviews this August and will close for students on 31st May and then clubs need to complete their nominations by 30th June. Here are some experts from the students who attended NYSF last January and it is through their own words that one can obtain a real insight to the extraordinary program for young people with a passion for STEM subjects that is the NYSF.

“Between the 18th and 30th of January 2016 I had my perspective on my future, the scientific community, and myself completely reshaped and reformed by the NYSF and everyone who attended. Prior to the NYSF I believed I had a clear view of what I wanted to do after school and for the rest of my life however, after only a two week journey I have experienced more and grown more than I could have believed possible.”..... “One of the purposes of the NYSF is to act as a medium for like-minded young people headed towards careers in science to network with each other, however, over those two weeks we did so much more than network, I have been wholly accepted into a huge group of past and present NYSFer and have made so many lifelong friendships. Everyone who attended session was so completely amazing and enthusiastic about life, science, and understanding that their passion will stay with me forever.”

“Sitting at my NYSF orientation, only weeks before I’d embark on what turned out to be the 12 best days of my life, I listened to previous students excitedly exclaim that the NYSF program would change my character, my direction, and philosophy of life. I was beyond eager to start and experience Canberra, but I naively doubted that a mere 12 days could possibly have such a profound effect on me – I didn’t know what I was in for.”..... “Looking forward into the future, I know my time at the NYSF will stay with me as a reminder of what set me on this path of opportunity. The world feels much smaller now in terms of accessibility and possibility – we can venture to any corner of this planet (or perhaps others!) if our minds are put to it, and if we work hard. The program helped immensely with solidifying my goal of enrolling in an Engineering and Commerce degree, and allowed me to finally narrow down my pathway of intent after exploring all of my science interests while on session. The program helped me develop my leadership skills as well – a trait that I value greatly. In addition, I developed my ability to work and explore within a team, an opportunity that will help me as an Engineer. I now can clearly see the benefits of journeying outside of my comfort zone to a great degree, and harnessing my passion for learning. The NYSF has allowed me to realise my potential and I’ve never been more confident in not just myself, but the group as a whole, that we will shape the future of Australia, and the world. As a result, I couldn’t be more proud or excited to be a part of it all. In the wondrous words of Theodore Roosevelt, ‘*Believe you can and you’re halfway there*’.

“It was this time last year when I started the long yet rewarding application process for the National Youth Science Forum 2016. I remember thinking nothing much of it, just another science achievement to add to my CV, just another camp full of nerdy teenagers with raging hormones, just another average two weeks of my life spent in a laboratory. Little did I realise how every single component, every second of the NYSF experience would affect...well, my life. The interview process itself was invaluable. By having the chance to speak out loud about why I wish to pursue science, how far I have come in my scientific journey thus far, in a way, the interviews were more about me understanding myself rather than the panel understanding me.”..... “The NYSF session can, at its core, be summed up in three words—Inspirational, Educational and Fun. I was inspired in a variety of ways throughout session, not only by the many guest speakers sharing their ongoing successes and achievements but also by the staffies and students on session.

Two guest speakers in particular left a lasting impression, the first of whom was Oxford Rhodes Scholar, Dr Subho Banerjee. Dr Banerjee handed us the keys to success, two of which resonated deeply with me. He taught us that Excellence and Kindness would pave the way to success, scholarly excellence in your own field is fundamental to achieving your goals and being on the cusp of making the unknown known, whilst Kindness should be shown to others, regardless of who they are. The second equally impactful guest speaker I encountered was Ms. Lucy Guest who shared with us the realities of life, her personal triumphs and showed us that being involved in science doesn’t just mean sitting in a lab; we laughed and we cried with Lucy in the perfect closing ceremony. Through all of this, I was inspired to pave my own path in life, pursuing happiness and understanding rather than mere contentment and knowledge. “

<https://www.nysf.edu.au/rotary/welcome>
<http://www.rotaryflemington.org.au/>

Contact Chris Drenen at chris.drenen@bdlegal.com.au
<https://www.nysf.edu.au/>

Rotary Youth Exchange

Lisa Murr, our club's inbound Youth Exchange student from Germany presented to the club recently. All members commented on how much she had matured, grown in confidence, improved her English and found so much joy in the experience. Lisa's year is coming to a close, yet she has experienced so much, made so many new friends, and learned about a new country, culture and way of life which will remain with her for ever.

Flemington has had a number of exchange students in recent years—both outbound and inbound. We have thoroughly enjoyed the experience and meeting young people from Germany, Brazil and the USA as well as students hosted by other clubs.

District 9800 has exchanges with the following countries:
Austria, Brazil, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Japan, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Taiwan, Spain and the USA.



<http://rotaryyouthexchangedistrict9800.com.au/>

As well as sending students aged 15—17 {at mid January}, Rotarians host inbound students from these countries. If you are interested in being a host, please contact Vanda Mullen at vmullen@netspace.net.au.

Rotary Youth Exchange—a lifetime of memories!

Please encourage young people you know to consider applying for exchange—or hosting an inbound student for 3 months.



District Governor's Report—Julie Mason

Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them."

[James Baldwin](#)

A lovely and pertinent saying is that "It takes a village to raise a child" and I am convinced that our work in Rotary plays a significant role in creating opportunities for children to thrive and become caring, thoughtful citizens of the world. I would suggest that every Rotary Club in District 9800 has a program or project that supports children and young people. I am aware of weekend camps that enable disadvantaged youth to have challenging and indeed life changing experiences. The programs that enable young people to have a voice through **Public Speaking** and those scholarships that are awarded to enable further education to occur are often the motivation to better education and a successful work life. The **mentoring** that occurs when Rotarians commit to sponsoring EarlyAct and Interact Clubs should never be underrated, and how wonderful it is to hear the Rotarians from Brighton North regularly go to school to listen to young people, who are often not supported at home, read, and share literacy enhancing conversations.



Then I remember the wonderful work that is done by our Rotarians and friends at the Donations in Kind store who gather, sort and send books, clothes and school resources to children in need all around the world. I am impressed by the Rotary Foundation funded projects that provide clean water and crops to villages, toilets for school children to use and opportunities for families to develop small businesses to create a better life.

When all is said and done our Rotary world is a small place and the importance of peace and understanding is a priority for now and for future generations. Two signature District Programs, **Youth Exchange** and the **Peace Fellows** provide the impetus for young people to gain a deep understanding of all that is needed for a future world free from conflict, where children from all cultural backgrounds really do live as one. As I say to my students regardless of the colour of our skin, our brains where we think and make decisions, and our hearts where we feel, are the same colour!

It is now acknowledged that Family Violence has a significant impact on children. Children exposed to family violence have difficulties controlling their emotions often develop depression, poor reading and language skills, and have difficulties making and maintaining friendships. Unfortunately I see this on a regular basis, and acknowledge that it will remain a societal problem for some time. I do know that thanks to Brighton Rotary, with the **Violence Free Family** initiative, as an organisation, Rotary in District 9800 is part of the solution. I do know that if every Rotary Club in our great District made a connection with a local school with a promise to provide assistance to children affected by family violence, then enhanced resources would ensure better educational opportunities. If you want to get an understanding of the impact that family violence has on a child, and you have a box of tissues handy, please go to **You Tube** and watch a video called **ReMoved**.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IOeQUwdAjE0>

The Rotarian Action Group for Family Safety, in formation stage and supported by Clubs in District 9800 and overseas, is creating a resource bank to help Clubs address family violence issues in their communities. The idea is that you let her know the programs that your club is supporting. I commend this request to you and ask that you support Gladys Liu in her endeavours.

Please let Gladys Liu know whom to contact in your Club to follow up this initiative. Please email: gladysliu.au@gmail.com cc ragfamsafe@gmail.com

May we in our Rotary work, continue to do whatever is necessary to support our young people to have a safe and happy life.

We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future.

[Franklin D. Roosevelt](#)

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

Ubuntu: I am, because you are.

Julie Mason

District Governor



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2016-2017 DISTRICT 9800 CHANGEOVER LUNCH SUNDAY, 26th JUNE 2016



The Rotary Club of Central Melbourne-Sunrise invites you and your partner to join District Governor Julie Mason and incoming District Governor Neville John and Rebecca in an afternoon of fun, fellowship and entertainment.

WHEN: Sunday, 26th June 2016 - 11.30am for 12 noon

VENUE: The RACV City Club, 17th Floor,
501 Bourke Street, Melbourne 3000

COST: \$75 per person (includes wine, beer,
soft drinks, two course lunch and entertainment)

DRESS: Lounge suit

BOOKINGS: www.trybooking.com/198918

Central location with excellent access to public transport
Parking on site at a cost of \$21.40 per vehicle

RSVP: 10th June 2016

Enquiries: Marjorie or Bernie Gerlinger

Email: marbern@bigpond.net.au

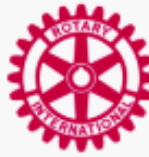
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For over 20 years, Australia's Biggest Morning Tea has helped fund world class research, prevention programs and support services for cancer patients and their families. This year is no different and Cancer Council needs our support to continue to invest in research, prevention and support to help beat cancer.

This will be an exciting evening to support cancer research, get an update on the activities of Rotaract, network and maybe even some new inductions into our club!

May 18

Pascoe Vale RSL

40 Cumberland Road, Pascoe Vale

Arrive by 6:30pm to purchase a meal from the bistro. Meeting starts at 7pm.

gateway@rotaract9800.org.au



Rotaract Outstanding Project Award recognizes innovative programs

Though they were a long way from home, members of the Rotaract Club of Bugolobi, Uganda, felt confident they could tackle problems in rural Kanabulemu during their annual **1000 Smiles project**.

Their original plan focused on curtailing the spread of HIV/AIDS. It's in the Rakai District, where the first case of AIDS in Uganda was uncovered in 1982 and about 12 percent of the population has been infected with HIV in recent years. But the Rotaractors discovered that problems in the village extended far beyond the disease.

"The community lacked water, the school was in a sorry state, and the medical centre was in an even sorrier state, especially the maternity ward," says Anitah Munkudane, president of the Bugolobi club.

"The condition was worse than we had imagined."

The Rotaractors still weren't prepared for what they found when they launched the project with the Uganda Health Marketing Group. They expected to treat 700 at the medical camp in Kanabulemu. More than 1,000 patients came.

Volunteers, including Rotaractors from other clubs and members of the club's sponsor, the Rotary Club of Bugolobi, provided comprehensive medical exams, dental screenings, medication, birth control, and more. And the troubled maternity ward? It got new mattresses to make childbirth more comfortable.

They presented benches and desks to the Keyebe Primary School and school supplies and uniforms to its pupils, many of whom are orphans. The team also helped install a borehole to bring much-needed water to the village.

For all of its exemplary work on the 1000 Smiles Kanabulemu Edition project, the Rotaract Club of Bugolobi was named the International Winner of the Rotaract Outstanding Project Award. Members will be honoured at the Korea convention in June and will receive \$500 to apply to a future project. The club will use it to help women suffering from fistula, says Munkudane.



Members of the Rotaract Club of Bugolobi, Uganda, participate in their annual 1000 Smiles project, which has been recognized as the **2016 Rotaract Outstanding Project Award winner**.

Rotary International President's Monthly Message

May 2016

Some years ago, in the Kano plains of Kenya, a well-meaning development agency took on the task of improving water availability to a rural community. Committees were formed, meetings were held, and the local people were consulted. The main need the community identified was improved delivery of water for irrigation and livestock. A plan to meet this need was created, and the work was soon begun, exactly as the community representatives had requested.

Yet once construction began, it was met by immediate protest from groups of community women, who came to the site and physically blocked workers from building diversion channels. Upon further investigation, the agency realized that the water it was diverting for farming came from the only source, for dozens of families, of water for cooking, drinking, and washing. The entire project had to be scrapped.

Why? Because it had never occurred to a single member of the all-male team in charge to consult the local women. At every stage, it was assumed that the men knew the needs, spoke for the community, and were able to represent it. Clearly, this was far from the case. The women knew the needs of the community, and its resources, far better – but their opinion was never sought.

We have had women in Rotary for only the last quarter of our history, and it is no coincidence that those years have been by far our most productive. In 1995, only 1 in 20 Rotarians were women; today, that number has risen to 1 in 5. It is progress, but it is not enough. It is only common sense that if we want to represent our communities, we must reflect our communities, and if we want to serve our communities fully, we must be sure that our communities are fully represented in Rotary.

Rotary's policy on gender equality is absolutely clear. Yet nearly one-fifth of our clubs still refuse to admit women, usually by claiming that they simply cannot find women who are qualified for membership. I would say that any Rotarian who makes this argument, or believes it, himself lacks the two most basic qualifications for Rotary membership: honesty and good sense.

A club that shuts out women shuts out much more than half the talent, half the ability, and half the connections it should have. It closes out the perspectives that are essential to serving families and communities effectively. It damages not only its own service but our entire organization, by reinforcing the stereotypes that limit us the most. It leads our partners to take us less seriously, and it makes all of Rotary less attractive to potential members, especially the young people who are so crucial to our future.

To tolerate discrimination against women is to doom our organization to irrelevance. We cannot pretend that we still live in Paul Harris' time, nor would he ever want us to. For, as he said, "The story of Rotary will have to be written again and again." Let us see to it that the story we write in Rotary is one of which he would be proud.

K.R. Ravindran

President 2015-16



Rotary International President Nominee Ian Riseley

THE VICTORIAN ROTARY DISTRICTS INVITE YOU TO join Rotary International **President Nominee Ian Riseley and Juliet** at lunch and wish them well as they embark on their lead up year before becoming President of Rotary International in 2017-18. Ian will tell us something of the 2 years that lie ahead as he becomes the Fifth Australian to assume the highest office in Rotary.



WHERE: Whitehorse Club 298-336 Burwood Highway, East Burwood.

WHEN: 12.30 for 1.00pm Sunday 19th June 2016

Two course lunch including drinks

COST: \$45 per person (Tables of 10 available)

Dress Code: Smart casual.

RSVP to Mark Stephens at secretary@rotarydistrict9800.org.au **asap**

HOW TO RAISE HAPPIER, STRONGER, MORE RESILIENT KIDS A GALA LUNCH FEATURING MICHAEL CARR-GREGG



Come and hear Michael Carr-Gregg, Australia's leading family psychologist reveal his insider tips and secrets on how parents, employers and other care-givers can prepare young people for a successful life.

He'll discuss how to:

- Set limits with technology and identify when how much is too much
- Help them handle disappointment and rejection when things don't go their way
- Reduce risk-taking behaviour and help them make better decisions
- Identify bullying behaviour, strategies for stopping it and how to deal with teachers who ignore it
- Engage them in the workplace and harness their tech savvy skills
- Retain them as employees and get the most from them
- Have successful conversations around sex, body image, cyber bullying and other important topics

ABOUT MICHAEL

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg is one of Australia's most high-profile psychologists and an internationally recognised authority on teenage behaviour.

PERFECT FOR

- Parents
- Grandparents
- Professionals who work with children
- Employers of young people

ABOUT ROTARY

Rotary Essendon is a vibrant, service club that helps create a better world for those less fortunate.

It is non-profit, non-religious and welcomes people of all ages and backgrounds.

If you want to make a difference – locally or internationally – but don't have the contacts or the support to make that happen, Rotary can help.

EVENT DETAILS

When: **Friday 3 June 2016**

Time: **12 - 2:30pm**

Where: **The Anglers Tavern,
2 Raleigh Road, Maribyrnong**

Cost: **\$50 (includes three-course lunch)**

BOOKINGS

Online: <http://www.trybooking.com/LALI>

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A Night with Phil Ruthven AM

Phil Ruthven AM is one of Australia's most highly respected social and economic commentators and futurists. He is also the founder and non-executive chairman of IBISWorld, Australia's premier provider of online information and forecasting, covering industries, enterprises and the business environment.

Phil addresses, on average, about 70 congresses, seminars and conferences each year and has done so for three decades.

Key Points:

- Phil Ruthven is considered Australia's most respected strategist and futurist on business, social and economic matters sharing his insights into business growth potential and future direction.
- Phil contributes articles to many publications and TV shows in Australia, including the Australian Financial Review and BRW, and makes guest appearances on Four Corners.
- As one of Australia's leading business speakers, Phil Ruthven travels Australia and the world sharing his insights into business growth potential and future trends.

In 2014 Phil received an Order of Australia in recognition of his significant service to business and commerce, and to the community.

"Federal Budget in May" - This will be a night not to be missed, with an insight into the future of Australian Economy. A Question and Answer session will be held after Mr Ruthven's address". Bookings are limited.



Date: Wednesday 8th June 2016
Place: Fredricks, 980 Mt Alexander Rd, Essendon
Time: 6:30 pm for 7:00 pm start
Price: \$30.00pp includes 2 course Dinner.
Drinks at bar prices

Enquiries/Bookings

Email: barry@barrycoleman.com.au

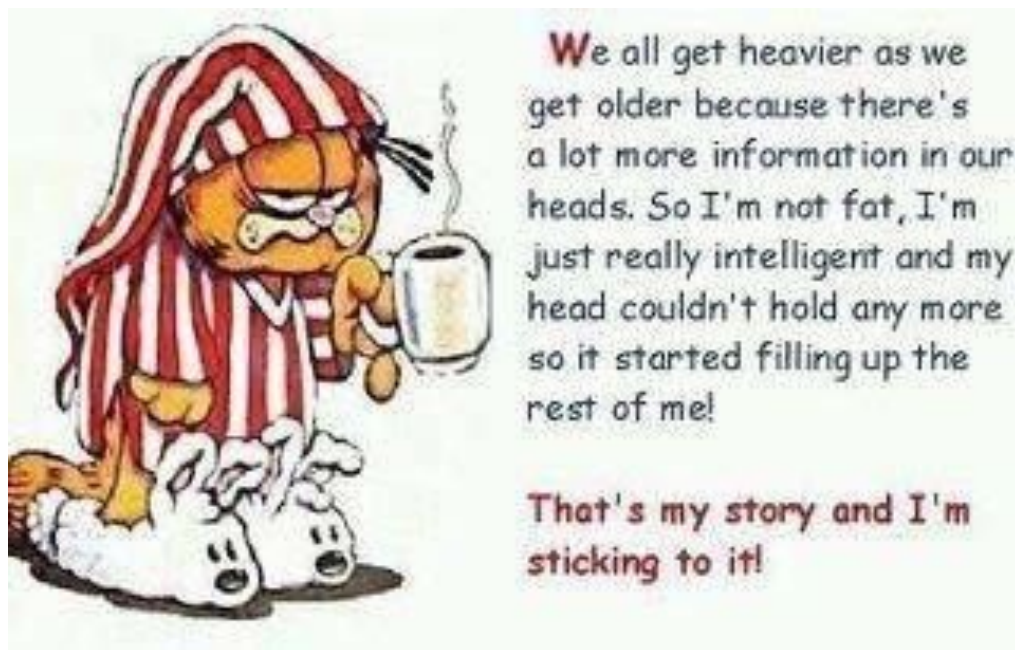
Phone: Fredricks - 9379 3247; RSVP by Friday 3rd June 2016.

We all need a laugh

I am a Seenager. (Senior teenager)

- I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 50 years later.
- I don't have to go to school or work.
- I get an allowance every month.
- I have my own pad.
- I don't have a curfew.
- I have a driver's license and my own car.
- I have ID that gets me into bars and the liquor store.
- The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant.
- And I don't have acne.
- Life is great.

I have more friends I should send this to, but right now I can't remember their names. So, please forward this to your friends; they may be my friends, too.



Two old men are drinking in a bar. One says, "Did you know that Lions have sex 10 to 15 times a day?"

"Aww, darn!" says his friend,
"and I just joined Rotary!"



Club Calendar Dates

| Date | Event | Location | Contact |
|---------------------|--|--|------------------------------|
| Wednesday 18th May | Vocational Visit | DEX Audio, 393 Macauley Rd, Kensington 7.30am | Allan Bruno |
| Wednesday 25th May | Weekly Meeting | Quest Apartments | Chris Drenen Hugh Stewart |
| Wednesday May 25th | Weekly Meeting Guest Speaker—Vaughan Riley – Rotary Exchange reflections | Quest Apartments, Epsom Road, Flemington | Chris Drenen Hugh Stewart |
| Wednesday 29th June | Presidents Changeover Blue Moon Wednesday | TBC | Hugh Stewart Del King |

Cluster and District Calendar Dates

| Date | Event | Club | Location | Contact |
|---------------------|--|-----------------------|---|--|
| Sunday 15th May | District Assembly | District 9800 | TABCorp Park Ferris Rd, Melton registration 8.30—9.00 | |
| Saturday 4th June | Heart Kids Fundraising Dinner | Keilor Tullamarine | Ultima Receptions Keilor | Tom Barber Leon Llew Anthony Flapper |
| Monday 6th June | Annual Paul Harris Society diner | District 9800 | Graduate House, Leicester St, Carlton 6.30pm | Roger Thornton piroton@connexus.net.au |
| Thursday 16th June | Domestic Violence Forum—"A Fist is NOT the Answer" | Gateway Cluster | VISY HUB 80 harvester Road, Sunshine @ 7pm | AG Colin Styles AG Lesley McCarthy David Bennett |
| Thursday 23rd June | Presidents Changeover | Footscray | TBC | Angus Scott Walker |
| Friday 24th June | Presidents Changeover | Keilor | TBC | Tom Barber |
| Sunday 26th June | District 9800 Changeover | District 9800 | RACV Club | DGE Neville John Marjorie Gerlinger |
| Monday 27th June | Presidents Changeover | Keilor East | TBC | Gerard Mahoney Joe Albioli |
| Wednesday 29th June | Presidents Changeover | Brimbank | Taylor's Lakes Hotel | David Bennett Arthur Michael Donnelly |
| Wednesday 29th June | Presidents Changeover | Essendon North | TBC | Himanshu Kaushik |
| Wednesday 29th June | Presidents Changeover | Flemington | TBC | Hugh Stewart Del King |
| 5th July | Presidents Changeover | Essendon | TBC | Peter Halaseh |

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