



**District 9800**  
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**Meeting Details:**  
**Wednesday morning**  
**7.30am for a 7.45 start-**  
**finish at 8.45am.**

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## June is Fellowship Month in Rotary

How delightful it was this week to have Vaughan Riley and Lisa Murr chatting together and exchanging stories of their exchange years. Then to listen to Vaughan reminisce of his year in France as Lisa's year comes to a close—just 12 days left as of Wednesday.

Wonderful also for our Assistant Governor Colin Styles to hear the Vaughan and Lisa so excited and grateful for their opportunities made possible through Rotary.



Congratulations to all members on our awards at the District Changeover today. Flemington Rotary was acknowledged for **Club Service Recognition for Innovation;** the **Bill King Vocational Service Recognition** and the **Jack Nankervis International Service Recognition** for our work.

Congratulations also to all clubs in the **Gateway East and Gateway West Clusters** on our achievement for the **“Keeping Our Kids Alive”** forum award.

See the District website for all awards:  
<http://rotarydistrict9800.com.au/news/19298>

Looking forward to seeing everyone next Wednesday at our Club Changeover at the Kensington Town Hall at 6.30pm. Remember, there is no breakfast meeting on June 29th.

*Be a Gift to the World!*

Lesley

# *June Blue Moon & Presidents Changeover*

## Rotary Club of Flemington



The President and President Elect of FLEMINGTON ROTARY

**Hugh Stewart and Del King**

request the pleasure of the company of

**Fellow Rotarians, Partners and Friends**

at the Club's

**2016 Changeover Dinner**

to be held at

**Kensington Town Hall Supper Room**

40 Bellair Street, Kensington

on

**Wednesday 29 June, 2016**

6.30 pm fellowship, for a 7.00 pm start

**\$50.00 per person**

[Alcohol free evening; refreshments provided]

RSVP by Wednesday 22 June 2016 to:

Josie Magri [josiem@ozonline.com.au](mailto:josiem@ozonline.com.au)



**Be a gift to the world**



## *President's Report 22nd June 2016*

### **Hugh's column**

**STOP PRESS** - Wyndham Council has just advised that they have approved our application for a planning permit to open a Rotary store in Werribee.

We have modelled the store on our successful Opportunity Shop in Flemington that trades in recycled goods.

Congratulations to Allan Bruno, the driver of the project, and to Lorry Rowe from Werribee who will be the Manager of the store, which is located at 135 Railway Ave Werribee. We are grateful to Assistant Governor Colin Styles for his support and assistance.

We are now organising the fit-out of the store, volunteers who will mainly drawn from the local community and stock including furniture. We will have the official opening in August 2016.

### **The Board met on 21 June in a combined meeting of the current and incoming Board.**

#### **Things of note are:**

(1) The club's revised structure discussed with members in recent weeks has been adopted by the Board. Now we have a Membership & Marketing Committee, an Engagement Committee and an Investment Committee. All members will be allocated across the first two committees so that these committees have approximately equal numbers. The Engagement Committee will continue to comprise three people.

(2) The budget for 2016-2017 has been adopted. Income and expenditure for the year has been balanced at just over \$50,000.

(3) A subcommittee has been appointed to conduct the annual review of the club's Risk Management plan.

At the Board meeting, President Elect Del King announced the appointment of new Board members Lyn Borghouts and Eliana Cuppari.

Congratulations to Lyn and Eliana, two of the club's newer members. These additions give Del a very talented Board with a diverse range of skills. It is now up to all members to throw their weight behind this team.



#### **Upcoming events are:**

Wednesday 29 June - Club Changeover dinner.

Wednesday 6 July - Breakfast meeting.

Sunday 10 July - Working bee to transit goods to the new Werribee store.

Saturday 6 August - Fund raiser BBQ at Bunnings, Footscray.

**A final word:** This is my last column as President for the Bulletin. At a President Elect seminar in October 2014 we were asked by District Governor Elect Julie Mason to write what we hoped to achieve as President. I was able to find the piece of paper! It said: "We did different things, we did what we said we would do, and we had fun along the way." By and large I think that happened! My thanks to all who have supported me during the year - particularly the Board and many other people, too many to name here - but special thanks to Lesley McCarthy, Editor of the Bulletin who has continued her wonderful work in telling the amazing stories of Rotary. Lesley, you are a true Rotary Treasure.

*Hugh*  
President, 2015-2016

## *Weekly Meeting 22nd June 2016*

President Hugh Stewart welcomed everyone to today's meeting. He gave a warm and special welcome to Assistant Governor Colin Styles; our guest speaker Vaughan Riley, Rotary Exchange student to France last year; to Lisa Murr our Exchange student attending her last club meeting, and to Rob Lawrence joining us again this week.

He then advised:

- \* All members are invited to attend the Bendigo Bank Flemington Branch event tonight.
- \* **District Changeover** is on this Sunday with Paul & Allison, Del & Sean, Lesley attending along with he and Glenda. Anyone interested should book online asap.
- \* At the **Board meeting** last night, new Board members joined current members and Del welcomed Lynn Borghouts and Eliana Cuppiari to join Chris, Sam, Jon and Allan.
- \* The **Council of Legislation** changes announced at the end of May will allow clubs to vary meeting frequency as well as many other modifications to the constitution. These will be discussed by the new Board and brought to members for consideration.
- \* The Board ratified the revised **Club Structure** for 2016-2017 as presented to members earlier this month.
- \* The Board also ratified the **2016-2017 budget**.
- \* The club received a letter of thanks from Richard Riordan, MLA, a recent guest speaker who offered his continued support should we require this.
- \* The club received a **Certificate of Appreciation** from the Seeing Eye Dogs Association for our support of their Open Day and the BBQ.

Allan Bruno then reported on the progress of the **Opportunity Shop in Werribee**. He reported that there had been no objections received by council and we should receive the permit next week. This will enable us to commence relocating goods and all members are asked to be available on **Sunday 10th July** to assist with this. If we have sufficient volunteers with trailers, we should only need to make a single trip each. The name chosen for the new venture is "**Rotary Fit4Use Store**" which was suggested by Beate McManus. Signage will be prepared for installation as well as Opening Soon signs and a mock up of the design was presented. **The store will open on 14th August.**

**ROTARY FIT4USE STORE**



**Serving the Community**

President Hugh then advised that he is proposing a joint project with Lisa's home Rotary Club and a link to Mount Alexander College and Moonee Valley Council. The project would be related to forestry, his specialty, as well as a focus for Lisa's home area which has a strong forestry background. More information as planning continues.

### **Meeting Minutiae:**

**Apologies:** Mick Lawn, Peter Donnellan, Vance Hilton, Anwar Alishek, Eliana Cuppiari, Craig Skelton

**Make Ups:** Eugene Odachowski, Peter Cribb, Lesley McCarthy, Chris Drenen, Del King, Board Members.

**Visitors:** Vaughan Riley, Rob Lawrence

**Guest Speaker:** Vaughan Riley, Rotary Youth Exchange

**Visiting Rotarians:** Colin Styles, Assistant Governor



**Youth Exchange** Director Chris Drenen then reported that he spent last weekend at Rotary Exchange and that Maddie Collis from Mount Alexander College, who has been working in the Op Shop and assisted with the Interact presentation at the school, has been provisionally accepted for exchange to Australia, her first choice, for 2017.

Del also reported that Eda from Finland will arrive on the 24th July for her year with us.

Assistant Governor Colin Styles then addressed the members. He is unable to attend our club changeover as he has a clash with another of his cluster clubs, and they invited him before us.

He spoke about District Governor Julie Mason's amazing year and has led our district very well. She set a target of 3000 members for the District, an ambitious target and while we didn't reach that number, we have increased membership by 72 new members. We have also gained some new clubs although we have lost two clubs as well.



He then made a presentation to President Hugh Stewart and the members, a District Citation for achieving more than 15 points in the three areas of focus for the **District Strategic Plan: *Grow & Strengthen Clubs, Increase Humanitarian Service and Enhancing Public Image & Promoting Awareness of Rotary.***

Colin summed up by reciting a lovely quote from Dr. Seuss: **“Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory.”** That is the power and value of the work we do in the name of Rotary.



## *Guest Speaker Vaughan Riley, Rotary Youth Exchange 2015*

Youth Exchange Director Chris Drenen introduced Vaughan Riley. Vaughan attended our Christmas Function in 2014 and was sponsored by our club for exchange to France last year.



Vaughan began by thanking the club for the opportunity. He was located at Colmar in Eastern France., about half an hour from Strasbourg. When he arrived he spoke just a few words of French but was unable to understand anything his host family, or the students at the school said. He found the first few months very difficult, however within 6 months he had learnt French and could converse and understand most conversations.

He had 6 host families over the year which was unusual and spent almost 6 months with the second family. He is still in regular contact with them all and has a host brother visiting soon and his second host family visiting at Christmas time.

Colmar is a town in the Alsace region of north eastern France, near the border with Germany. Its old town has cobblestone streets lined with half-timbered medieval and early Renaissance buildings. The city is on the Alsace Wine Route, and local vineyards specialize in Riesling and Gewürztraminer wines. Colmar is the capital of central Alsace, situated near Germany and Switzerland between the Vosges and the Rhine, just 30 km from Strasbourg and with less than 70,000 residents, it is a smallish country town.

[www.tourisme-colmar.com/](http://www.tourisme-colmar.com/)



At first school was very difficult. In addition to the language difficulties, the timing of the school year meant he arrived in the second half of Year 10, and in their system, high school is Years 10-12, so friendships and social structures were well established. The other Exchange Students in my District were a 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.

One of his host families lived on a vineyard and he had the opportunity to help with the harvest. The tradition is that for the first 2 weeks, all grapes are hand picked so he was able to pick bunches and see how the wine was made.







# Rotary-Club COLMAR-RHIN

Servir d'abord

The Rotary Club of Colmar Rhine does a lot of fundraising and he was involved with many activities, including the Christmas Markets which are famous. They are very involved in the local community, the teachers and Principal helped out at functions; and they are less concerned with International projects.



The bus tours were a huge part of his exchange with 2 major trips. The first, 2 weeks long was from Paris to Barcelona across the middle of France and to Carcassonne in Spain. The second trip, with 30 exchange students was a European Tour which went from Paris to Germany, Switzerland, Italy, into the eastern European countries.

They were both amazing and enabled him to see the very different countries and cities of Europe with other exchange students.



He also travelled to the south of France and experienced their beautiful beaches. Exchange was an amazing experience and one he will remember forever. His brother also went on exchange and is now a Rotarian.



## *District 9800 Changeover—26th June 2016*

What an inspiring and enjoyable celebration today as we acknowledged the amazing leadership of our District Governor Julie Mason and her Leadership Team. Held at the RACV Club in Bourke Street, the room was filled with Rotarians and members of the Rotary family, gathering to share the memories, remember the moments and acknowledge the wonderful work done in the name of Rotary.

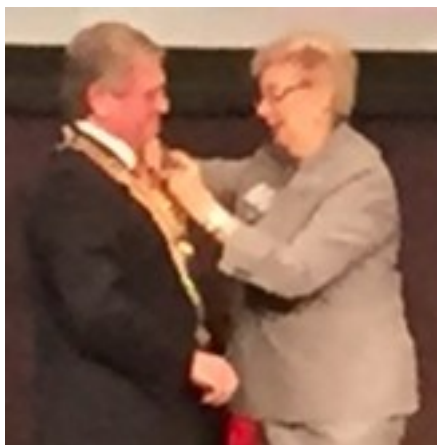
We have now welcomed a new District Governor Neville John & Rebecca from RC Melbourne Central Sunrise who will lead us in the new Rotary year under the theme Rotary Serving Humanity.

President Hugh Stewart & Glenda were joined by President Elect Del King and friend Sam, PP Paul Perrottet & Allison and Lesley McCarthy.



The table decorations included a tower of postcards reflecting high lights of Julie's year including this one showcasing our own Lisa Murr, and Julie's catchphrase: UBUNTU—I am because you are!

Bob Slater was honoured with a Service Above Self award for his ongoing and significant contributions to Rotary service.





## District Awards were presented to:

### Growing and Strengthening Clubs:

**1. Membership Development:** Altona City (10%); Bendigo (17%); Castlemaine (21%), Caulfield (10%), Collingwood (25%) Daylesford (18%) Fitzroy (32%) Glen Eira (11%) Hawthorn (14%) Laverton Point Cook (35%) Melbourne South (67%) Melton Valley (11%) Prahran (23%) Richmond (12%) Rochester (13%) Southbank (23%) West Footscray (11%) Woodend (25%)

**2. Club Service Recognition for Innovation:** Eastside, Gateway East and Gateway West Clusters, Brunswick, Camberwell, Canterbury, Echuca-Moama, **Flemington**, Keilor, Keilor East, Melbourne, Richmond & Yarra Bend

### Focussing and Increasing Humanitarian Service:

- 1. Foundation Club Giving:** Altona City: Brimbank Central; North Balwyn
- 2. Vance Hilton Community Service Recognition:** Brighton Beach, Brimbank Central, Canterbury, Hawthorn
- 3. Bill King Vocational Service Recognition:** **Flemington**, Richmond, West Footscray, Yarra Bend
- 4. Jack Nankervis International Service Recognition:** Brimbank Central, **Flemington**, Laverton—Point Cook, Melton Valley, Southbank, Werribee

### Enhancing Public Image and Awareness:

1. Club Bulletin—Yarra Bend
2. Club Technology Recognition— Yarra Bend, Laverton-Point Cook
3. Bill King Rotary Image— Echuca-Moama, Melton Valley
4. Thomas Lothian Rotary Awareness—Docklands



## *Bits 'n Pieces*

The Rotary Club of Flemington has continued its support for The Venney in Kensington. The Venney is a communal playground catering for children living in Kensington's public housing estate and is based at J.j. Holland Reserve. Melbourne Council has committed more than \$915,000 for The Venny adventure playground over the next three years and has appointed not-for-profit organisation Save The Children Australia to manage it.

They held a Twilight Lantern Parade last week and the club donated the sausages, vegie burgers & bread (value \$300) for the children. The Venny is a great facility for children to enjoy, without being sterile.

Lynn Borghouts sent these photos and reported that it was cold but there was lots of energy and joy from the kids. And a fire!



## *What You Don't Know About the Campaign to **End Polio!***

When was the last time there was polio in Europe? If you guessed 2002, the year the region was certified polio-free, you were wrong. The last time polio affected a child in Europe was last summer. In 2015, two Ukrainian children were diagnosed with paralytic polio, and, given the way the disease manifests itself, that means many more were likely infected and didn't show symptoms. At least one Western news outlet deemed the outbreak "crazy" – but the reality is that no place on earth is safe from polio until the disease is eradicated everywhere.

Ukraine had fully vaccinated only 50 percent of its children against polio, and low immunization rates are a recipe for an outbreak. In this case, a rare mutation in the weakened strain used in the oral polio vaccine was able to spread because so many children had not been vaccinated. To stop it from progressing, the country needed to administer 5 million to 6 million vaccines through an emergency program. But as recently as March, Ukraine's ability to do so remained in question.

Finding the occasional case of polio outside Afghanistan and Pakistan, the only countries that have yet to eradicate it, is not unusual. In 2014, just before the World Cup brought travellers from all over the planet to Brazil, the country identified polio-virus in the sewage system at São Paulo's Viracopos International Airport. Using genetic testing, officials traced its origin to Equatorial Guinea. Brazil's regular vaccination efforts kept the disease from showing up beyond the airport doors.

Those are frustrating examples for the thousands of people around the world working to eradicate polio. The fight has come a long way, but it is far from over. And while many involved in the effort say we may detect the final naturally occurring case of polio this year, getting to that point – and ensuring that the disease remains gone – will continue to require money, hard work, and the support of Rotarians around the world. The appearance of polio in Ukraine last year is a perfect example of why vaccination campaigns are essential – and not only in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Large-scale vaccinations are an enormous undertaking that require money as well as thousands of volunteers on the ground. And in places where the vaccination programs have been successful, the challenge is now to locate and vaccinate that small percentage of children who have been missed.

The vaccine itself isn't the biggest expense in a vaccination campaign (in fact, Rotary rarely funds vaccines). It's the distribution of the vaccine – transportation and staffing, for example – that costs so much. In January, money donated by Rotarians covered the costs of a Cameroun vaccination campaign that involved 34,000 vaccinators and 21,000 rental cars, which volunteers used to canvass neighbourhoods and travel from home to home administering the vaccine. Funds also went to more than 3,700 town criers and 45 radio spots in Chad, to more than 14,000 local guides and 500 clan leaders to ensure that the children of nomads were vaccinated in Ethiopia, and to provide training and support for 60,000 community volunteer vaccinators in Afghanistan.

Even if the last case of polio is identified this year, a huge amount of work will remain to ensure that it stays gone. Vaccinations will continue and need to be funded. In the areas where polio still exists and many of the areas where it has recently been eradicated, the vaccines contain a weakened live version of the virus, which is much more effective than a killed virus at protecting communities from outbreaks, creating what is known as herd immunity. It's also less expensive to manufacture and distribute and, because it is given orally, much easier to administer than the inactivated, injectable polio vaccine (IPV).

Once the final case of polio is recorded, it will take three years to ensure that the last case is, in fact, the final one. That means that if the final case is seen this year, all of these programs will continue to need funding and volunteers until 2019, at a price tag of \$1.5 billion that will be funded by governments and donors such as Rotary. That's in addition to the more than \$1.5 billion Rotarians have contributed to the cause so far.

"We are so close. We've got a 99.9 percent reduction in polio. But we're not there yet," says John Sever, a vice chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee, who has been part of the eradication effort since the beginning. "Rotarians and others have to keep working. People will naturally say, 'Well, it seems to be basically gone so let's move on to other things,' but the fact is it isn't gone, and if we move on and don't complete the job, we set ourselves up for having the disease come right back."

"Rotary was there at the beginning," McGovern says. "It would be unfortunate if Rotary isn't there at the finish line. We've done too much, we've made too much progress to walk away before we finish."

The Rotarian Magazine

<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/news-media/what-you-dont-know-about-campaign-end-polio>







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## *Club Calendar Dates*

Date	Event	Location	Contact
Wednesday 29th June	Presidents Changeover Blue Moon Wednesday	Kensington Town Hall	Hugh Stewart Del King
<b>2016-2017</b>	<b>Rotary year begins</b>	<b>Rotarians Serving Humanity</b>	
Wednesday 7th July	Weekly Breakfast Meeting Welcome President Del King	Quest Epsom Road Flemington	Chris Drenen
Sunday 10th July	Transfer of goods to the new store	Werribee	Allan Bruno
Wednesday 14th July	Weekly Breakfast Meeting	Quest Epsom Road Flemington	Chris Drenen
Tuesday 20th July	Board Meeting		Chris Drenen
Wednesday 21st July	Weekly Breakfast Meeting	Quest Epsom Road Flemington	Chris Drenen
Wednesday 28th July	Weekly Breakfast Meeting	Quest Epsom Road Flemington	Chris Drenen

## *Cluster and District Calendar Dates*

Date	Event	Club	Location	Contact
Monday 27th June	Presidents Changeover	Keilor East	TBC	Gerard Mahoney Joe Albioli
Wednesday 29th June	Presidents Changeover	Brimbank Central	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	Kensington Town Hall	Hugh Stewart Del King
Saturday 2nd July	President Changeover	Caroline Springs	Eynesbury Homestead	Annette Butterworth 0401031917
5th July	Presidents Changeover	Essendon	TBC	Peter Halaseh

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