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Dear Members and Friends,

We are honoured to have shared a wonderful year with you and we thank you for your help and support throughout 2019, doing good for others.

Wishing you a joyous Christmas with peace and cheer in the New Year.

From all at the very merry Rotary Club of Essendon !

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Please save the date:- On the evening of Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> of January 2020, we will in conjunction with other local Rotary Clubs hold a barefoot bowls night at Aberfeldie Bowls Club. All proceeds raised will go to supporting Bush Fire victims. More details to follow in the new year.



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## District Governor Grant Hocking

### Seasons Greetings Rotarians

As we near the end of the first 6 months of the Rotary it's time to reflect and celebrate on our achievements. So much has happened across all clubs and the District and we are achieving results. This is due to the dedicated efforts of every Rotarian in every club and the District support team at every level. The heartbeat of Rotary is at the clubs.

Recently at the RYLA event I made the comment that if anyone asks you what Rotary does a simply response is 'We Change Lives'. This is evident in all our activities locally and across the world. It applies across all the Areas of Focus and in everything we do.

For more than 110 years, we've connected the world to champion peace, fight poverty, provide education, clean water, sanitation, and fight disease including the eradication of polio.

We know that Rotary changes the lives of others, but **it also changes our lives**. We are enriched by the friends we make, the things we do, and the lives we change.

As clubs wind down for a rest over the next few weeks remember to celebrate your achievements and refocus your goals for next year.

I hope you have a wonderful holiday season, and wish you all a new year full of health, happiness and prosperity.



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## For your diaries 2020

Date	Event	Venue & Time	Contact & Notes
March 27-29 2020	District 9800 Conference We need you to book NOW!	Ulumbarra Theatre, 10 Gaol Rd, Bendigo	<a href="https://rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/page/conference2020">https://rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/page/conference2020</a> Contact David Abbey
Jan 11, 2020	We are BBQ'ing at Bunnings Maribyrnong	Bunnings Maribyrnong	Peter Condos
Jan 28, 2020	Barefoot Bowls	Aberfeldie Bowls Club	Kelly Abfalter
Jan 29, 2020	Days for Girls Sew In Day 1.30-4.30pm	Baptist Church Buckley St Essendon	Jane Odgers
Feb 02, 2020	Multi-Cultural Day BBQ at the Struk Cabana	Greenvale	Kelly Abfalter <b>(NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)</b>
Feb 04, 2020	Club Night Meeting - Rotary Youth Programs	Anglers Tavern	David Abbey
Feb 05, 2020	Myanmar Trip - Projects visit by Delegation	Yangon, Myanmar	Richard Lawrence
Feb 12, 2020	Sri Lanka Trip - Projects visit by Delegation	Colombo, Sri Lanka	Sunil Perera
Feb 18, 2020	Club Lunch Meeting	Crown Stables Cafe Flemington	David Abbey
Feb 26, 2020	Days for Girls Sew In Day	Baptist Church Buckley St	Jane Odgers
Mar 01, 2020	Strathmore Men's Shed Market Stall	Sunday Open Day at Pascoe Vale Gardens	Daryl Lee or John Odgers
Mar 03, 2020	Club Night Meeting	Anglers Tavern	David Abbey
Mar 17, 2020	Club Lunch Meeting - Club Forum on St Patricks Day	Anglers Tavern	David Abbey
Mar 27, 2020	Rotary District 9800 Conference in Bendigo	Bendigo	David Abbey
Apr 07, 2020	Club Night Meeting	Anglers Tavern	David Abbey
Apr 17, 2020	Art Show Gala Night	North Park Manor	Kelly Abfalter
Apr 18, 2020	Art Show at North Park Mansion	North Park Mansion Woodland St Essendon	Kelly Abfalter
Apr 19, 2020	Art Show at North Park Mansion	North Park Mansion Woodland St Essendon	Kelly Abfalter
Apr 21, 2020	Club Lunch Meeting	Anglers Tavern	David Abbey
May 5, 2020	Club Night Meeting - Bahay Tuluyan Visiting	Anglers Tavern	David Abbey
May 8, 2020	Strathmore Men's Shed	BBQ Bunnings Coburg	Daryl Lee or John Odgers
May 19, 2020	Club Lunch Meeting	Anglers Tavern	David Abbey
Jun 02, 2020	Club Night Meeting	Anglers Tavern	David Abbey
Jun 16, 2020	Club Lunch Meeting	Anglers Tavern	David Abbey



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## Accommodation at the Conference

Thank you to members who have booked to attend the District Conference in Bendigo from 27 to 29 March 2020. For those who have not the early bird special is closing very soon. If you need accommodation, we have 2 queen bedrooms still available at an Airbnb walking distance to the venue. The cost is \$ 110 for the 2 nights. Please contact Pres. Kelly for more details.

## BBQ's

We start 2020 in sizzling style. We are the BBQers at Bunnings Maribyrnong on Saturday 11th January 2020. Please contact Peter Condos for details of how you can help.

Our first social event for the year is celebrating Multi Cultural Day at Boris & Ineke's Cabana in Greenvale on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020. (NOTE THE NEW DATE) Always a fun day, one on the calendar not to be missed. Further details for both BBQ's will be on our RCE Website.

## Art Show 2020

Our biggest fundraiser of the year, the annual Moonee Valley Art Show is on again in 2020. We are currently seeking support from members and friends who can access sponsorship for this magnificent event. For its sixth show we want to make it the biggest and best yet but we cannot do that without sponsorship to assist us to cover costs. The Art Show committee has some great resources to assist you in approaching the companies you know that can be a part of this event. The bigger the better! Please contact Pres. Kelly if you can help.

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