



20 September 2013 Issue #98 Meet us for lunch most Fridays 12:00 for 12:30 at the Arts Centre Gold Coast. www.goldcoastrotary.org.au RI #17910 District 9640



### President Kathy's report

Paul Harris famously wrote, "This is a changing world: we must be prepared to change with it. The story of Rotary will have to be written again and again". What an insightful man he must have been especially in the times that he lived in. I believe those words to be so true. As an organisation and as a Club if we can't embrace change we will stagnate and die. In my Changeover speech I asked if the reason you joined Rotary still holds true today. I sure hope it does. We have a wonderful club and the club is only as good as the people in it. I have been receiving positive feedback about the meetings which is great because I thought I might be the only one! We need you to also get involved in the many projects we have lined up this year.

Our first event is Pride of Workmanship and it is only one week away. Please provide your support by attending on the night.

We had a happy and lively meeting last week and it was nice to see a couple of 'old' faces back, Tom Bence and Bruce Roddick. Ian Cousins updated us on the Gold Coast Community Fund and mentioned that 100% of the money they raise is used for their projects. No administration fees at all. We met Blair Carey who we are providing some assistance to attend a cultural immersion trip with his class mates. I am looking forward to Blair attending our meeting on his return to tell us all about his trip and what he learned. Tony Ward said his farewell to the club and talked about how much he has got out of Rotary both personally and in his business. Our loss is Gladstone's gain. Tony will be missed; he has been a good Rotarian. He was given strict instructions to visit as often as he can.

Some reminders for you: October 4<sup>th</sup> is a partner's lunch and the DGs visit, don't forget those children's books. Dianne Heading is collecting books for her literacy project to send them to our near neighbours in Timor, PNG, Solomons, Fiji and Pacific Islands.

Get your hats out! October 11<sup>th</sup> is **Hat Day** to support **Australian Rotary Health**. Engage Rotary and Change Lives. See you on Friday.

This week: Rebecca Jaeger, Mental Toughness: living on the other side of FEAR



Upcoming speakers September 27 Pride of Workmanship October 4 District Governor Tony Heading's visit 11 Prof Mike Power, Topic tbc + Wear a hat for ARH 18 Kristian Bauruer 25 David Felix, School of St Jude November 1 Justin Shaffer, R.I.

Sept Meeting Roster If you're unable to attend please directly arrange a replacement before the meeting. Thank you. Welcome Chawki Gazal Front Desk John Goldstein Meeting Chair Kathy Hogan International Toast Suzie Bierne Sergeant Andy Csabi



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International on polio.

# Australia commits AU\$80 million for polio endgame plan, cites Rotary's role

The Australian government is providing AU\$80 million over four years in support of the 2013-18 Polio Eradication and Endgame Strategic Plan.

The commitment is from 2015 to 2018. The contribution follows a \$50 million commitment to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) from 2011 to 2014.

Australian Rotarians have been instrumental in advocating their government's support for polio eradication. Then Prime Minister Julia Gillard and Foreign Minister Bob Carr applauded the leadership shown by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the World Health Organization, UNICEF and Rotary

"It was Australia's Sir Clem Renouf who, as President of Rotary International in 1978 and 1979, led the international campaign to vaccinate every child against polio," stated a government press release. "As a result of these early efforts by Rotary, the global community came together in 1988 to launch the Global Polio Eradication Initiative." The endgame plan will cost US\$5.5 billion. Governments and philanthropists have pledged \$4 billion. Although an all-time low 223 polio cases occurred in 2012, full funding of the plan is needed to ensure high immunization levels. If polio rebounds, more than 200,000 children worldwide could be paralyzed each year within a decade. One of Rotary's chief responsibilities in the worldwide effort is advocacy.

In addition to contributing more than US\$1.2 billion to the GPEI, Rotary has helped secure over \$9 billion from donor governments since the initiative began, "We're working to ensure that the poliovirus will be found only in history books and not in children," says Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee Chair Robert Scott. "A recent example for which we are very grateful is the support announced by Australia which will help us achieve this goal."



"This is my simple religion. There is no need for temples; no need for complicated philosophy. Our own brain, our own heart is our temple; the philosophy is kindness." *Dalai Lama* 





## Dentist hopes to clone John Lennon using ex-Beatle's tooth

A MAN who bought John Lennon's tooth at an auction two years ago is now hoping to clone the music icon using DNA from the molar.

If scientists think they can clone mammoths, then John Lennon could be next," Canadian dentist Dr Michael Zuk told The Examiner.Dr Zuk made headlines when he bought the ex-Beatle's tooth for \$30,000 at auction in 2011.At the time, he said: "Most people would say I was crazy, but I think it's fantastic".

And now we know why.

Dr Zuk, from Edmonton, Canada, has launched a project to extract the DNA from the rotten tooth which Lennon - who was shot dead in New York in 1980 - gave his housekeeper in the 1970s. "To potentially say I had a small part in bringing back one of rock's greatest stars would be mind-blowing," Dr Zuk told The Examiner. "I am nervous and excited at the possibility that we will be able to fully sequence John Lennon's DNA, very soon I hope. With researchers working on ways to clone mammoths, the same technology certainly could make human cloning a reality."

Since buying the tooth, Dr Zuk has used it to promote cancer awareness and it has featured in TV programs about DNA. The dentist, who has also written a song in honour of the tooth, has a website for fans to track the progress of the project. News Limited Network



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INSPIRATIONAL: Rafika and Uswatun Rasmiddin are back at the Royal Children's Hospital fo ents Picture-Annette Dev

## Indonesian sisters' burns treatment offers new futures for Aussie children

JANELLE MILES

**RAFIKA** and Uswatun Rasmiddin's lives have been transformed by Brisbane burns specialists, but the softly spoken Indonesian sisters have given back to scores of severely injured Australian children without realising it. The girls are back in Bris-

bane for more surgery, six years after they first arrived for treatment, their injuries severe that Royal Chil-n's Hospital specialist dren's Roy Kimble describes them the worst he's seen. They were burnt in 2005,

when their hut on Simeulue, off Banda Aceh, caught fire. "We had to put the joints back into place – the diffi-culty was holding them in place." Prof Kimble said. They were brought to Australia in 2007 by Rotary Oceania Medical Auf for

Oceania Medical Aid for Children

Over the next two years, they underwent 125 surgical procedures between them, some of the techniques never before trialled here.

Instead of putting wires through their bones, Prof Kimble borrowed a tech-Kimble borrowed a tech-nique from a South Korean colleague threading them

underneath the skin to hold their joints in place. "The amount of benefit that Australian kids have

had from these new tech-niques and from staff having the experience 1 think the

girls have given 10 times as much back as we've given them," Prof Kimble said. The treatment means the

Rasmiddin sisters, now aged 14 and 15, have a chance to lead normal lives. "Thank you to ROMAC and all the doctors and nurs-

es in the Royal Children's Hospital," Uswaten said. send all donations to romac.org.au

## ROMAC burn patients return for follow

up treatment Most of ROMAC's patients don't need follow-up treatment, but these sisters are back the second time for normal treatment for their extensive burns

### A treat for Eartha

On a recent trip to Sydney Eartha Kat discovered Tim Tams, and meow was she happy! "I'd never tasted them," Eartha said, "but Andy Csabi suggested I try them. I'm so pleased that I asked him to come to Sydney with me!"