



Charles Dickens:

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness.

Charles Dickens' famous words appear in the opening paragraph of his novel A Tale of Two Cities. He is referring to two cities, Paris and London, during the tumultuous environment of the French Revolution, a time of controversies and contradictions. It tells of a time of chaos, conflicts, and despair, as well as happiness.

His words could apply today as we live in uncertain and challenging times. The highly infectious Covid-19 virus is spreading across the globe, overwhelming healthcare systems, decimating economies and forcing us into lockdown. It is a time of contrasts. Some countries have handled the pandemic well and others have not. Some people infected with the virus have only minor symptoms and for others they are deadly. The economic fallout has left some people without a livelihood and others untouched. And some selfish people believe their individual freedom far outweighs the community good.

Fortunately, we Rotarians tend to be positive optimistic, community minded people. People of Action. We have adapted to the coronavirus by staying connected through zoom meetings; we've looked for projects in this time of need and we've sought alternative ways to raise funds. We know the pandemic will pass, and we need to ensure that Rotary remains viable until it does.

The District Rotary Foundation Committee remains active and has set the following goals for the year ahead:

1. To encourage every Club to support the Annual Giving program
2. To achieve a club contribution equivalent to at least AUD100 for every club member
3. To achieve a club contribution from each club to the End Polio campaign: AUD1,500.00 per club suggested
4. To promote and encourage Rotarians to be sustaining members of the Every Rotarian Every Year program (EREY)
5. To encourage membership of the Centurion Club with a personal contribution of at least AUD100
6. To promote and encourage Rotarians to become Benefactors or Bequest Society members
7. To maintain Paul Harris Society membership at more than 135 dedicated people

8. To encourage every Club to include a presentation on the Foundation in their weekly speakers' program, especially during November which is Rotary's Foundation Month
9. To ensure every club is represented at the District Training Assembly's Foundation session and the annual District Grants Seminar
10. To select one or two Post Graduate Global Grant Scholars
11. To nominate at least one successful Rotary World Peace Fellow
12. To encourage support for both the annual Central Melbourne Paul Harris Foundation Breakfast and the annual Goldfields Cluster Foundation event

We urge all clubs to set their own Foundation goals and to enter them on the My Rotary website. Experience tells us that most clubs that set goals achieve them. Despite the worrying times we live in, let us plan and work to make them the "best of times".

PDG Murray Verso
Chair, District 9800
Foundation Committee



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Foundation stalwarts honoured

At a special meeting held via zoom in June, IPDG Grant Hocking and RID Director Elect, Jessie Harman presented three long serving members of the District Foundation Committee with major awards.



PDG IAN KNIGHT — Service Above Self Award

Rotary's highest honour recognizes Rotarians who demonstrate Rotary's motto, Service Above Self, by volunteering their time and talents to help others. The award is internationally competitive and is granted to no more than 150

Rotarians worldwide, and no more than one from each district, each year.

Past District Governor Ian Knight has held many high profile positions in Rotary since becoming a charter member of the Rotary Club of Werribee in 1968. However, this prestigious award recognizes Ian's humanitarian efforts more than his conscientious performance in roles such as District Governor, Group Study Exchange team leader, Council on Legislation representative, RI President's Representative at district conferences and serving on the Royce and Jean Abbey Scholarship Committee.

Ian has been involved with The Rotary Foundation District Committee in a variety of roles for 38 years and has been a legendary fund raiser for the Foundation. For example, he once helped to raise AUD650,000 to rid the world of the scourge of poliomyelitis. His tenacity and drive led to the instigation of one of the first Vocational Training Teams in the world, the hugely successful Maternal and Child Health program in Timor Leste. He also developed an important global grant to develop a model farm and provide water to a community in Uganda.

Early in his Rotary career, Ian initiated the development of the first not-for-profit aged care home in Werribee, Manor Court. He was its chairman for 14 years and remains a Board member. Ian's dogged determination

has delivered amazing outcomes for countless individuals and communities, both locally and abroad, making him a very worthy recipient of the Service Above Self Award.



MARK STEPHENS



— Citation For Meritorious Service

The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service recognizes one individual Rotarian per district per year who has demonstrated outstanding active service to The

Foundation for more than one year.

This year it was presented to Mark Stephens from the Rotary Club of Brighton North. Mark was the District's Grants Subcommittee Chair for 3 years (2016-2019). As well as assisting numerous clubs and individuals with District and Global Grant applications, Mark set up a dedicated Foundation website (subsequently integrated into a new District website). He has promoted the Foundation through seminars, training programs and other speaking engagements. As well as being a generous contributor to the Foundation, Mark has organised several global grants for projects in Cambodia and Australia.

BOB FELS — The Inaugural Robert Fels District 9800 Peace Award

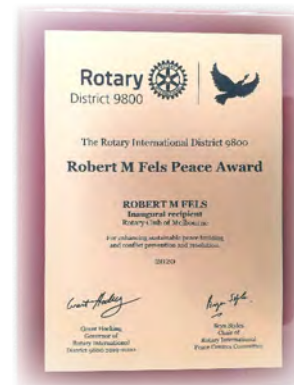


The new Robert Fels Peace Award is intended to recognise a person who has significantly enhanced sustainable peace building, conflict prevention and conflict resolution at international, national, or local community level. The award

honours the outstanding leadership shown by Bob in realising these outcomes and his work selecting and mentoring Rotary Peace fellows over the past 20 years.

DG Grant Hocking and the selection panel had no hesitation in making Bob himself the inaugural recipient of the award. Thanks to Bob, District 9800 is the only district in the Rotary world to have successfully nominated at least one Peace Fellow every year from the very first intake in 2002. Still today, Bob maintains an ongoing

contact with many of the Fellows and encourages them to maintain contact with Rotary. Bob has also encouraged our District to be a Peacebuilder district.



Coronavirus Pandemic Evokes Memories for Polio Survivor

Difficulty breathing, hospitals at capacity, social distancing and a world racing to create a vaccine conjure up memories of what life was like back in the 1950s for polio survivor Shirley Griffin.

“COVID is comparable, in my opinion, with polio because we really don’t know anything about it,” says Griffin, 78. “It was a very scary time because you weren’t supposed to get in a swimming pool or even be around anybody.”

Griffin was 9 years old when she was diagnosed, along with her brother, who was 11, in 1951, four years before the first polio vaccine became available. Since the local hospitals near her home in Texas, were full, the siblings had to recover at home. “The pains began in the legs,” she recalls. “The pain was unbelievable. And when you watch your mother rub your legs for hours with the tears coming down her cheeks, it’s a little difficult to take.”

What is polio?



An iron lung in the 1950s

Poliomyelitis is a potentially life-threatening viral disease. Most people who get infected with the poliovirus (about 70 percent) will not show any

signs. About a quarter display flu like symptoms. A small portion of those infected, however, develop more serious complications, such as paraesthesia meningitis, weakness or paralysis in the limbs.

The polio virus is highly contagious. It’s spread from person to person primarily through contact with faeces of the infected and less commonly through respiratory droplets from a sneeze or cough. In the early 1950s, when Griffin was infected, outbreaks crippled people all over the world. In patients without paralysis, treatment included complete bed rest, isolation, and careful observation. For those who were weak or unable to move on their own, others would move their limbs, to prevent the patients from developing deformities. Tank respirators, or ‘iron lungs’ would assist those whose paralysis left them unable to breathe. These large cylinders encased the patient’s entire body (except for the head) and used air pressure to force breathing.

Quarantines, handwashing were common

Avoiding contact with others remains a distinct memory for Griffin. When it was time for a check-up, the doctor would observe the siblings from the doorway, wearing the protective gear of the time. “It’s like now – you need to stay away from people,” she says. “We were quarantined the entire summer, for three months, because we came down with it in June. No one could come to our house.” Griffin remains thankful that their cases were not severe enough to impair their movement and make it difficult to breathe, requiring an ‘iron lung’. Indeed, she remembers children in her town who did not survive the illness.

She also recollects the public calls for good hygiene, to deter the spread of the virus. “Just like now,” Griffin says, “we had to wash our hands so often.”

Vaccine changes the game

Once a polio vaccine was created, in 1955, restrictions eased on social activities, though Griffin points out that people were still “very anxious.” The vaccine also came four years too late to prevent her illness, the effects of which lingered through her childhood. “Until [the vaccine’s creation], we could go to school, but when I got home from school, I had to go to bed,” she says. “My mother made me go to bed until I went into college. Because you were tired.”

The original polio vaccine was injectable. An oral vaccine became available in 1963. Both are still in use today. The number of polio cases plunged after the introduction of a vaccine. No cases of polio have originated in the U.S. since 1979, according to the CDC, though the disease remains a threat in some other countries.

Long road to recovery

Griffin’s recovery from polio was slow. It was difficult to eat, she recalls, so she and her brother became very thin. “We were very pale, and weak in our legs. We had to exercise our legs daily. It took several years for us really to get back to being a normal teenager.”

Their mother was by their side throughout the recovery process. Griffin says, “Mother would often rub our legs, mine for a while, and then my brother’s for a while. And this went on for several years. I would wake her up during the night and tell her my legs hurt, and she would rub up my legs. And my brother did the same.”

Lessons from the past

Since the COVID-19 pandemic began in earnest in mid-March, Griffin and her husband have stayed at home. Any visitors wear masks. “We’ve not been to restaurants or anything like that, because having had polio, I’m afraid,” she explains.



[Photo supplied by Shirley Griffin]

For nearly 25 years, Griffin has been a member of the Longview Rotary Club in Longview, Texas, and has helped raise funds for polio eradication.

In 2012 she and other club members travelled to India to help administer polio vaccination drops to children.

“After having gone to India, and to see the people that are called ‘crawlers’ on the street because their parents could not give them the polio vaccine,” she says, “one of the most important things that you could do is to vaccinate your children.”

*with thanks to Aaron Kassraie, AARP
(<https://www.aarp.org>), July 20, 2020*



The Sir Clem Renouf Polio Appeal To Drive Fund Raising In 2020-2021



Sir Clem Renouf, an unassuming accountant from the Sunshine Coast in Queensland, Charter Secretary of the Rotary Club of Nambour and Past Rotary International President (1978-1979), ignited the global Rotary campaign to end the scourge of poliomyelitis, a program that has saved untold millions of people from one of the world's most terrible diseases. Sir Clem died on 11th June 2020.

Since his passing, Sir Clem Renouf has inspired a group of ANZO (Australian and New Zealand) Rotary leaders to launch the **Sir Clem Renouf Polio Appeal in 2020-2021**.

Sir Clem was Australia's second President of Rotary International and two of the subsequent RI Presidents Bill Boyd of New Zealand (2006- 2007) and Ian Riseley (2017-2018) – supported by RI Past Director Noel Trevaskis and RI Director Elect Jessie Harman – recently agreed to commemorate the great man's passing with a significant fund raising campaign. It aims to secure funds in support of Clem's legacy, the END POLIO NOW campaign.

The advent of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 put a temporary hold on the polio eradication campaign but it is now picking up momentum again. Pakistan recommenced its door to door immunisation campaign last month. Fund raising for Polio became particularly difficult at the end of the last Rotary year and the END POLIO NOW campaign just managed to raise the USD50m necessary to qualify for the full Gates Foundation 2:1 subsidy of USD100m.

The senior leaders team driving the Sir Clem Renouf Polio Appeal includes all Regional Rotary Foundation coordinators and their assistants who will liaise with all District Governors for support across New Zealand and Australia.

Rob Byrne at the RI South Pacific & Philippines office in Parramatta has set up a 'how to donate' document that will be delivered directly to all Rotary Clubs.

Rotary's World Polio Month of October is fast approaching with World Polio Day scheduled for Saturday, October 24. ALL clubs are urged to take part in a special event for the Sir Clem Renouf Polio Appeal:

- ▶ Perhaps a 'virtual' dinner with members donating their normal meal fee to the campaign.
- ▶ Brief video messages from senior leaders Bill Boyd, Ian Riseley, Noel Trevaskis and Jessie Harman are available from RDU General Manager Gay Kiddle for program content.
- ▶ Our **Walk with Us to End Polio Now** event, whilst observing COVID requirements, will be directing its funds to the Sir Clem Renouf Appeal. **See the next page for details.**



Walk with Us – A NEW END POLIO NOW CAMPAIGN

Walk with Us is an **End Polio Now** event that will be held throughout October to help eradicate the scourge of poliomyelitis.

Instead of a rally in Federation Square or a Walk Around Albert Park Lake, as were held last year, we will challenge people to walk up to 50km from 1st to 31st October to raise funds for End Polio in a COVID safe way.

The theme of the walk will be “Walk with us for those that can’t”.

District 9800 End Polio Chair, Kitty O'Connor, IPDG Grant Hocking, PP Quinn Scalzo and DG Philip Archer are seeking sponsors for this exciting event.

\$10,000 worth of corporate sponsorship has already been arranged to cover administration costs, including an online platform. This means that 100% of funds raised by walkers will go to Rotary's End Polio Now programme.

The customised user-friendly fundraising platform will:

- allow people to register as a walker
- allow people to select a distance to walk (e.g. 10k, 20k, or 50k or an alternative target) and their fundraising goal

- provide an easy donation process
- provide links for each walker to share with friends, family and other potential donors
- track individual and team distances walked and fundraising results
- maintain a total of funds raised
- keep a database for future years

Zone 8 End Polio Coordinator, PDG Bob Aitken is supportive of District 9800's initiative and is keen to grow the event across Australia and New Zealand. He has arranged for the September edition of Rotary Down Under to profile the event.

The event and its sponsors will also be promoted via district websites, social media pages and club bulletins in both countries.

You can register now and donate at www.rotarywalkwithus.org

Let's all get together and paint the month of October

End Polio RED!

For more information email: kitty@rotaryinaction.org



Updates to Rotary's Global Grants Program

It would be an understatement to say the world is facing a global crisis of a magnitude never seen before by this generation.

Many of our communities lack funding and are struggling to provide the very services and qualities that would otherwise have made life comfortable. Many of our own members have been seriously affected, both in terms of their health and in terms of their finances. In these circumstances, The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees must make decisions that enable our organization to persevere and thrive.

We cannot do that without your complete help, support, and understanding. Thus, I have some important updates to share with you about the global grant program.

The global grant program of our Foundation has been an enormous success. In 2013-14, when global grants were introduced, the Foundation awarded 868 global grants worth \$47.3 million. By 2018-19, the number of global grants awarded had risen to 1,403, worth \$86.6 million. You will note that while demand for our grants had shot up by 80 percent, corresponding Annual Fund contributions never kept pace, showing only a 7 percent increase during this same time period. Therein lies our fundamental problem.

Last year, for instance, we fully expended our World Fund budget for global grants by mid-May 2020. At that point, we realized we had become victims of our own success.

This year, we have almost \$12 million less in our World Fund for global grants. And that has nothing to do with COVID-19; it's because our Annual Fund contribution two years ago decreased significantly, especially after the sterling performance the prior year, which incidentally happened to be our centennial year.

After much thought and discussion, this month, your Trustees initiated a new policy that eliminated the match on cash contributions to global grants. We knew it would hurt, but we had little choice. The alternate options, which we carefully examined to make up for a \$12 million projected shortfall, were even more dismal. Hopefully, we will be able to restore this as soon as contributions grow, and funds become available.

As we look to the year ahead, your Trustees naturally want to ensure that the World Fund we have can fund as many global grants as possible. Being prudent managers though, we also had to consider how we will react if demand exceeds supply again.

To that end, your Trustees have taken the following decisions:

Elimination of a World Fund minimum

Effective immediately, there is no minimum World Fund match for global grants.

Global grants are now defined as having a minimum budget of \$30,000 and a maximum World Fund award of \$400,000. This means that applicants can use a combination of District Designated Funds (DDF), cash, and/or directed gifts and endowment earnings to fund a global grant. The Foundation will provide a 100 percent World Fund match for all DDF contributions.

We hope this new policy will make it easier for applicants to put together financing for a global grant since they are not constrained by the necessity of securing at least \$15,000 in DDF to receive \$15,000 in World Fund.

For example, under the new policy, grant financing might look like this:

\$10,000 DDF + \$10,000 World Fund + \$10,000 cash contributions = \$30,000 global grant

or

\$5,000 DDF + \$5,000 World Fund + \$20,000 cash contributions = \$30,000 global grant

Alternative financing when it's needed

Should we again find ourselves in the situation where demand exceeds World Fund supply, we encourage grant sponsors to finance their global grants without a World Fund match.

This means that sponsors can use DDF, cash, directed gifts, or endowment earnings to make up the minimum \$30,000 budget that they need for their grant activity. While everyone would understandably prefer to receive a World Fund match, this proposal allows those with DDF to be able to look for alternative sources of funding and still access DDF for global grant activity, even if no World Fund is available.

Of course, all of the usual global grant eligibility criteria will still apply to these grants. Global grants are the Foundation's premiere and flagship grant activity, so the quality standards for these activities will never be compromised.

In conclusion, let me again draw your attention to the challenging times we had been presented with – not that you needed to be reminded.

It would be appropriate then to commend to you the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. ... "The ultimate measure of a person is not where they stand at times of comfort and convenience, but where they stand at times of challenge and controversy."

I pray that you will be well, and you will be safe, my friends. We have an interesting year ahead of us. But we will endure.

*K.R. Ravindran, Chair of Trustees,
The Rotary Foundation 2020-21*



District and Global Grants Report

Each District is required to report annually to its member Rotarians regarding Grant expenditure. We are happy to do so. Here is a summary of our Grants expenditure for 2019-2020.

DISTRICT 9800 DISTRICT GRANT EXPENDITURE 2019-2020

No.	District / Club	Activity type	Activity description	Activity location	Distributed amount (AUD)
1	Albert Park	Education: general	Assist with the purchase of a motor vehicle by the Melbourne City Mission with which to teach driving skills to disadvantaged youth. Rotary mentors will assist with the teaching process.	Australia	\$ 2,500
2	Balwyn	Community development: construction/renovation	Convert an existing building into an art and crafts store to enable local community to sell artisan products to tourists as a means of economic development.	Cambodia	\$ 5,750
3	Brighton	Health: volunteer services	Purchase of a motor vehicle to be owned and operated by local NGO Yimba Uganda to deliver a menstrual hygiene program to teenage girls in high schools around Jing, and manage a goat farming project.	Uganda	\$ 6,000
4	Brighton	Community needs assessment	Grant to assist with scoping visit to the community of Chue Luu in Vietnam as part of the development of a Global Grant application to fund a potential project to provide clean water, toilets, plant nursery, dental services, and ultrasound services, assessing the needs of a medical clinic, kindergarten and local schools.	Viet Nam	\$ 3,592
5	Brighton North	Education: scholarship	Provide scholarship for a health professional working in the area of mental health with indigenous communities in northern Australia. The scholarship will enable distance study to obtain a Graduate Diploma in Adolescent Health via the University of Melbourne and the Centre for Adolescent Health at the Royal Children's Hospital	Australia	\$ 2,500
6	Brighton North	Health: disease	Local NGO Himalayan Dental serves remote villages in the Everest region of Nepal. The project will provide portable equipment to be used in two health centres established by the villagers to provide dental health and hygiene services. Visiting and local doctors, dentists and hygienists will provide clinics at the health centres using the equipment funded by the project.	Nepal	\$ 540
7	Brunswick Tullamarine	Health: general	The RC Brunswick Tullamarine will combine with the RC Kew and the Spinal Research Institute to produce two - three videos to help connect with sufferers of Spinal Cord Injury remotely during this period of pandemic isolation. Many SCI patients suffer from suppressed immune systems, putting them at particular risk. The videos will seek to increase awareness amongst the SCI community of the advances made in research to date and encourage them to become involved in continuing research.	Australia	\$ 6,000
8	Carlton	Education: literacy	In partnership with community organisation 'Our Place Carlton', source and provide age-appropriate books for disadvantaged children aged 0-5 from refugee communities	Australia	\$ 2,500
9	Central Melbourne	Community needs assessment	Carry out a community needs analysis in preparation for a Global Grant in support of setting up Vocational Training Team project to build the capacity of health workers in PNG in the delivery of anaesthesia and pain medicine services.	Papua New Guinea	\$ 1,688
10	Essendon	Community development: general	Equipment purchases to support fruit and vegetable production and butchering and meat processing for the Bahay Tuluyan organization, which rescues and supports vulnerable street children in the Philippines.	Philippines	\$ 1,630
11	Essendon	Health: general	In partnership with McAuley Community Services for Women, provide essential goods to women moving from temporary crisis care into their own accommodation, to assist them to make the transition into their new accommodation and living arrangements.	Australia	\$ 1,500
12	Essendon	Community development: general	In partnership with St Bernadette's Civil Association, Lima, Peru and the RC of Molina, Peru, the project will source, acquire and provide a new high speed photocopier together with consumables which will provide children with learning difficulties with individualised photocopied reading material to assist with remedial learning. The need was identified through ongoing contact between RC Essendon and St Bernadette's following the visit to the school by a delegation from RC Essendon in 2017. Approved by Steven Sundstrom February 7th 2020.	Peru	\$ 5,333
13	Essendon	Health: Covid-19	In conjunction with the Caroline Chisholm Society, source and distribute children's winter clothing and food parcels for needy families negatively impacted by the economic shutdown due to the Covid 19 crisis. Products will be sourced and provided by RC Essendon members and distributed to families by the Caroline Chisholm Society.	Australia	\$ 2,500
14	Fitzroy	Education: general	Provide uniforms and sports bags as part of a project to bring a girls football team from the relatively poor region of Tiwi Islands to Adelaide to compete in a football carnival, building self-confidence and helping the girls to develop peer-support networks.	Australia	\$ 1,000
15	Flemington Kensington	Education: general	Assist with the development of a sensory garden at the Ascot Vale West Primary School, serving disadvantaged and special needs children in the Ascot Vale area of Melbourne.	Australia	\$ 2,450
16	Glenferrie	Health: general	Partnering with the City of Boroondara, the Rotary clubs of Camberwell, Canterbury and Hawthorn, and the playground builder Agency of Sculpture, build an all abilities playground feature at Yarra Bank Reserve Hawthorn, a site of historical and indigenous significance, as part of projects to mark the 100th anniversary of Rotary in Australia and New Zealand.	Australia	\$ 9,000



District Grants Expenditure continued

No.	District / Club	Activity type	Activity description	Activity location	Distributed amount (AUD)
17	Glenferrie	Community development: general	Partnering with the Yiyili Aboriginal Community in Northern Western Australia, and BikeRescue, run a Vocational training program to train young indigenous people in repairing and rebuilding bicycles, to provide them with job skills, job experience and the opportunity for employment and personal growth.	Australia	\$ 2,500
18	Hawthorn	Water: supply/access	Provision of a Disteraid Skyhydrant for the Karen refugees on the Thai border with Mvanmar to assist in provision of safe water.	Thailand	\$ 1,333
19	Hoppers Crossing	Health: general	Conduct a seminar on endocrinology for health professionals in Ghana to improve the diagnosis and treatment of endocrine disorders in the east, north and central areas of Ghana. Some of the topics covered for this seminar will include: Congenital Hypothyroidism in Ghana, Acquired Hypothyroidism, Hyperthyroidism – cause and management, Management of Rickets and the risks of obesity for diabetics.	Ghana	\$ 851
20	Kew	Health: general	Provision of equipment for the Life After Stroke program, with which club members are actively engaged.	Australia	\$ 2,500
21	Kyneton	Community development: construction/renovation	Provide and install security screens as part of the refurbishment of a previously abandoned scout hall, to assist with the re-establishment of the local scout troop.	Australia	\$ 1,850
22	Kyneton	Water: sanitation	In partnership with Learn to Live, and using local agency Matonyok Nomads Development Organization (MANDO) with the participation of parents and school staff, the project will construct latrines at Olodung'oro Primary School in the village of Ewuaso Kindong in Kenya. The school does not currently have latrines, requiring students to spend study time fetching water, and discouraging particularly female students from attending school.	Kenya	\$ 1,250
23	Melbourne Passport	Water: sanitation	The RC Passport Melbourne together with the RC Keilor East will partner with the RC Sangke Battambang, Cambodia to provide two fitted out containers, one converted into a portable toilet block and the other into a portable shower block, and also provide a new water filter unit to Lighthouse Battambang, a NGO in Battambang Cambodia registered with the Cambodian Government to provide secure boarding facilities for disadvantaged children from rural areas. The facility provides the opportunity for these children to complete their Year 9-12 education. The fact that the facilities are portable will ensure that they can be relocated if the school's lease is not renewed.	Cambodia	\$ 5,500
24	Melbourne South	Health: general	The RC Melbourne South has combined with five other Rotary clubs (Hawthorn, Malvern, Glen Eira, Albert Park and Port Melbourne) and with Rotary Donations in Kind and The Alfred Hospital Mental Health Unit to source, assemble and provide care packs and clothing to people being admitted to the Mental Health Unit, many of whom are homeless. This initial seed funding is aimed at establishing this program, which will be ongoing and for which corporate and philanthropic funding will be pursued.	Australia	\$ 9,000
25	North Balwyn	Health: general	Together with Overseas Kids Foundation in Vietnam provide, over two visits six months apart, dental paste treatment to primary school children in Phu Tho Province. The paste will help prevent dental disease for children where clean water is rare and regular brushing of teeth relatively impractical. The visits will also educate local medical and school staff and parents in basic dental hygiene.	Viet Nam	\$ 5,000
26	North Balwyn	Health: general	The Rotary Club of North Balwyn will partner with the Rotary Club of Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka, and Rotary Donations in Kind to pack and ship donated medical equipment, including beds, trolleys, lamps, kidney trays, surgical scissors, lancets, kidney trays etc. to the Provincial Department of Health Services, North Central Province Hospital, Sri Lanka. The equipment will provide extra resources for this provincial hospital as it gears up to address added demand for its services as a result of the Covid-19 emergency. The funds will cover the cost of the purchase of the container and its Certificate of Seaworthiness, and the freight costs from Melbourne to the hospital in Sri Lanka.	Sri Lanka	\$ 2,500
27	Port Melbourne	Water: sanitation	Constructing a toilet block as part of a project to refurbish the Falowai Primary School, near Balibo, Timor Leste.	Timor-Leste	\$ 5,000
28	Richmond	Health: general	Following a visit to the Edna Aden Hospital in Somaliland by a member of the RC Richmond, club members will assemble and dispatch a container load of donated medical equipment through the facilities of Rotary Donations in Kind. Costs based on estimates provided verbally by DIK.	Somalia	\$ 3,000
29	Woodend	Education: general	In partnership with the RC Santo, Vanuatu, and the Vanuatu Ministry of Education and Training (MoET), the project will supply materials and construct a simple three room primary schoolhouse in the village of Mwast, to provide infants with an uncrowded and safe school environment with appropriate facilities, designed to deal with the extreme weather conditions in that part of Vanuatu. The new facility will enable infants currently discouraged from doing so to attend school and, by catering for 80 students, will relieve overcrowding in the school's existing buildings.	Vanuatu	\$ 6,000
30	Wyndham	Water: sanitation	Install water bore and tank plus western style toilet, septic tank and concrete access suitable for wheelchairs as part of a community project to develop a local market garden.	Cambodia	\$ 948
31	Wyndham Harbour	Health: general	The club will assemble 200 birthing kits for distribution to developing countries through the Birthing Kit Foundation in support of child and maternal health.	Australia	\$ 333
32	Wyndham Harbour	Education: general	Supply of equipment to the Warringah Park Cayleys Park Campus to assist with the education and development of children with special support needs.	Australia	\$ 2,275

District Grants Expenditure continued

No.	District / Club	Activity type	Activity description	Activity location	Distributed amount (AUD)
33	Wyndham Harbour	Health: general	Assembling and distributing packs for homeless people in the Wyndham area, containing warm clothing and a sleeping bag.	Australia	\$ 2,469
34	Yarraville	Water: supply/access	Provide clean, safe drinking water, hand-washing facilities and flushable toilets to the Calanigan Elementary School in Isabela, The Philippines. The project will include establishment of an educational program for the ongoing hygiene training for students, parents, teachers and local health officers.	Philippines	\$ 2,000
35	9800	Education: scholarship	Contributory funding of D9800 Rotary clubs scholarships for deserving but disadvantaged students entering their final two years of secondary education, to encourage them to complete high school education and embark on a university degree.	Australia	\$ 18,108
36	9800	Education: scholarship	Funds returned to the Royce & Jean Abbey Endowed Fund in Australia to contribute to two scholarships for Singapore based scholars via the Royce and Jean Abbey Vocational Scholarship program.	Singapore	\$ 7,165
37	9800	Education: scholarship	Additional funds for Genevieve Auld scholarship due to shortfall of tuition funds under GG1988469. Ms. Auld is studying at University of Chicago under PCPR Master of Laws (1 year) hosted by RC Oak Park-River Forest/D-6450).	Australia	\$ 2,785
Total District Grant Expenditure					\$ 136,850



Far left: RC Yarraville Providing clean washing facilities at school in The Philippines

Left: RC Port Melbourne School toilet block in Timor Leste

Below left: RC Carlton Packing books for disadvantaged children

Below: RC Glenferrie Yiyilli Community, W.A. bike rescue vocational training project



Global Grants

The past three years have seen Rotarians in District 9800 become more actively involved in Global Grants and we can expect this trend to continue in the future as Rotarians come to understand the significant impact and the sustainability that can be achieved through Global Grants. Through the Foundation's concentration on Rotary's *Six Areas of Focus*:

- * Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
- * Disease prevention and treatment

- * Water and sanitation
- * Maternal and child health
- * Basic education and literacy
- * Economic and community development

District 9800 clubs have understood the importance of applying for a Global Grant which cover these areas of focus. The table on the following page outlines the outcomes of District 9800's Global Grant funding.



District 9800 Global Grant Expenditure 2019-2020 (USD)

Transaction	Description	Amount	Balance
	50% of Annual Fund Share contributions from 2016-2017	\$243,053	
	50% of Available Endowment Fund Share earnings	\$4,821	
	Carry forward from 2018-2019	\$31,692	
	Returned Funds - DG1978843 2018-2019	\$9,530	
Total DDF Available			\$289,096
DDF Transferred			
Transfer	To Polio Plus Pool	(\$48,000)	
Transfer	To Rotary Peace Centres (Peace Builder District)	(\$25,000)	
Total DDF Transferred		(\$73,000)	\$216,096
DDF Funding			
Project Funding	DG2091860 (District Grant Allocation)	(\$95,463)	
Project Funding	GG1982894 (Albert Park Mentor based teaching India)	(\$4000)	
Project Funding	GG1984136 (Multi district WASH India)	(\$3500)	
Project Funding	GG1989058 (Chadstone East Malvern WASH Cambodia)	(\$5000)	
Project Funding	GG1991584 (Give Every Child a Future -Cook Islands)	(\$10,000)	
Project Funding	GG2001273 (D3220 Sri Lanka Covid-19)	(\$2500)	
Project Funding	GG2091615 (Give Every Child a Future -Nauru)	(\$10,000)	
Project Funding	GG2091621 (Give Every Child a Future – Niue- Year1)	(\$5000)	
Project Funding	GG2091685 (Give Every Child a Future -Tokelau – Year 1))	(\$5000)	
Total DDF Funding		(140,463)	\$75.633
Actual DDF Balance			\$75.633
DDF Tagged			
Tagged	GG2012107 (GG Scholarship-Dr Elina Ziukelis to Cambridge)	(\$15,000)	
Tagged	GG2012302 (GG Scholarship Kat Osborne to Syracuse Uni.)	(\$15,000)	
Tagged	GG2091874 (Box Hill Central & Balwyn WASH Ethiopia)	(\$7500)	
Total DDF Tagged		(\$37,500)	\$38,133
Uncommitted DDF Balance			\$38,133
Reserved			
Pending Allocation	GG1984464 Jaipur Limb Workshop DR Congo - RC Balwyn	(\$6,000)	
Pending Allocation	GG1988328 (Brighton - Skilling Youth Uganda)	(\$7,500)	
Pending Allocation	GG2013987 Multi District - Bordya Wala Dam - RC Delhi Megapolis)	(\$2,500)	
Pending Allocation	GG2014652 Multi District - Malaria Timor Elimination in Vanuatu	(\$50000)	
Pending Allocation	GG2015315 Multi District - Maintain Zero Malaria Timor Leste	(\$10,000)	
Pending Allocation	GG2098732 (Essendon – Palate surgery Sri Lanka)	(\$3,325)	
Total Reserved Allocations		(34,325)	\$3808
Unallocated DDF Balance			\$3808

Global Grant Scholars 2019-2020



Dr Alistair Quinn is currently halfway through a 2-year Masters degree in Computational Biology and Quantitative and computer science to medical research. He has been performing computational biology and medical informatics research at

Deakin University since 2018 and has found his studies at Harvard extremely helpful towards his end goal. He has been required to study 6 to 6.5 days a week and reported that it is ...“probably the most intense period of academic challenge and growth of my life.”

For those who like numbers. Alistair has completed a total of 77 assignments and 13 exams across 12 subjects in his fall, spring, and summer semesters. To assist his learning, he created his own electronic flashcards to handle the large amount of information across numerous subjects which he can study at the library, on the bus, walking home and on his days off. So far, he has created 2,172 flashcards and has spent about 30-60 minutes each day studying them on top of assignments and lectures.

Alistair was able to fly home (during the semester break) from the USA just before the travel restrictions were set in place. He continues to study by virtual means which often means joining discussions at 4am in the morning. His partner is an Intensive Care nurse at the Western Hospital and is under extra pressure due to the COVID19 pandemic.

While at Harvard, Alistair has received wonderful support from his Host Club (Cambridge RC not far from Boston) and he even took part in a fund-raising swim in the Ocean (The Rotary Polar Plunge). Alistair was nominated by Rotary Club of Carlton.

Some more changes to the Foundation's Grants program:

- International sponsors of global grants now need to contribute only 15 percent of the project budget, not 30 percent as was the previous rule.
- Disaster response grants may no longer be used for COVID-19 activities.
- Clubs and districts may continue to use district and global grants to help communities through the pandemic.
- The Trustees decided not to continue using global grants to fund the construction of low-cost shelters and simple schools. Based on the pilot that allowed these activities, the Trustees concluded that these grants were not widely used and were difficult to administer.
- District grants and disaster response grants may still be used for low-cost shelters and simple schools.
- Beginning in July 2022, Rotaract clubs can be the primary sponsors of global grants



Genevieve Auld has just completed her Master of Law at the University of Chicago, despite the challenges of remote learning for the last part of her studies due to the COVID19 pandemic

and also street riots in the area where she lived related to the Black Lives Matter movement. The scholarship experience has equipped Genevieve for working in refugee and immigration law, policy and advocacy (and work to address peace and conflict resolution more broadly.) Specifically, she took courses substantively related to immigration and refugee issues, including Structuring Refuge, US Refugee Policy and Resettlement Practice, Human Trafficking and the link to Public Corruption and Immigration Law.

Genevieve has reported that she developed new legal, fact finding and analytical skills through participation in the International Human Rights Clinic, where she worked with the American Civil Liberties Union's Human Rights Project on a public report on the use of prison labor in the United States. Genevieve received great support from the Rotary Club of Oak Park and attended one of their meetings shortly after her arrival in September 2019. She more recently attended a Zoom Meeting of the Oak Park RC and gave a short presentation on her studies. She was also able to attend a Rotary International Forum held at the University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy on Refugee Policy. Genevieve is still in Chicago before deciding which country to fly to for job prospects before returning to Australia. She was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Melbourne.

**Keith Ryall, Chair
Post Graduate Global Grant
Scholarships 2017-2020**



Record attendance at 2020 Grants Seminar

As with so many Rotary activities being run in 2020, this year's Grants seminar was held via Zoom and resulted in a record attendance. Two sessions were held to give people attendance options.

The seminars were held on Sunday June 14 with 90 participants and Thursday June 18 with another 60 people zooming in. 58 of our 65 clubs were represented. Since the seminar the Grants Committee has received Grant Intention forms for more than 30 projects.

Attendance at an annual Grant Seminar is a necessary requirement for clubs wanting to apply for Foundation grants in the following year. District 9800 club representatives wishing to apply for a Global Grant in 2020-2021 will be asked to complete the Grants Training Seminar available in the RI Learning Centre. This provides extensive and up to date information on global grants.



Supporting the environment becomes the Foundation's seventh Area of Focus

Rotary has a new area of focus — supporting the environment — after a unanimous vote by The Rotary Foundation Trustees and the RI Board of Directors. Rotary has long supported activities that sustain the environment, and in the past five years has allocated \$18 million to such projects through global grants tied to other areas of focus.

Adding the environment as a distinct cause formalizes our long-time community-based efforts and will give Rotary members more ways to increase our global impact and expand our reach.



The Foundation is developing the eligibility criteria for grants in this area of focus and will have more information from October onwards.

Rotary has always reflected and responded to changing community and humanitarian needs. There are many environmental challenges facing our world today and these have implications for future generations. Internationally, our Rotary global presence in this area has been led by the Environmental Sustainability Rotarian Action Group (ESRAG). Their website (<https://www.esrag.org/>) covers many diverse environmental areas including forestation, sanitation, irrigation, pollination and threats to our food chain, marine cleanliness/ plastics in our oceans and rivers etc.

In District 9800, some clubs already have programs in these areas and last year Fabienne Nichola and John McCaskill were appointed to be joint Chairs for the new Environment and Sustainability District Committee. They will support and strengthen existing programs and help clubs develop new ones. More information: District 9800 Environmental Sustainability on District website.

The Rotary Foundation will start accepting global grant applications focused on the environment on 1 July 2021.

Fundraising ideas in the era of Covid

At a recent meeting of the District Foundation Committee a brainstorming session was held to see what clubs were doing, or could do, to raise funds in the Covid era. Here are some of the suggestions:

- Charge people \$5 or \$10 for attending zoom Club meetings (Williamstown)
- Online bingo game, within the Club sometimes with a theme (South Melbourne)
- Online Trivia Nights (Glenferrie, Northside)
- Hand sanitiser bottles distributed and sold (Essendon)
- Face masks produced to sell to the public (Southbank)
- Charge for zoom meetings with high profile speakers and themes
- Include in the zoom meeting invitation an opportunity to make a donation which is cause specific. (Hawthorn)
- Red hat – if you are wearing a red hat at a club meeting, nominate yourself to pay for the meal you would have normally had (South Melbourne)
- Theme nights on Zoom with members to choose the theme
- Box/credit card device in shops / petrol stations to tap to create a donation to the club's fundraising account.

- Online Art Show, which is much less work than a physical show. Profits are less but still worthwhile. (Camberwell)
- A chocolate supplier is about to donate chocolate offcuts available for Rotary clubs to on sell. More details to follow.

It was noted that with all fundraising ideas / projects, clubs need passionate people with crazy ideas to get everyone involved. It is also beneficial to look outside the Clubs for funds rather than just from Club members.



Fundraising: Canadian Rotary Club sells masks

A Peace Reflection

Have you heard of Kokura or Niigata in Japan?

Many years ago, I visited Japan and met up with friends in Hiroshima. It was my first time there, so I did the tourist thing, seeing sights like the Hiroshima Prefectural Industrial Promotion Hall, better known as the Atomic Bomb Dome. My friends suggested we visit the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum which turned out to be more memorable than I expected.

The Peace Memorial Museum describes its displays as the belongings left by the victims, photos, and other materials that convey the horror of the atomic bomb which fell on 6 August 1945. Other exhibits show Hiroshima before and after the bombing. The museum also displays items that embody the grief, anger, or pain of real people.

I remember seeing the school uniforms of children damaged by the explosion, school timetables and lunch boxes. I also recall a granite slab with the imprint of someone's backside and legs. He or she had been sitting on the steps outside a bank, waiting for it to open when the bomb exploded, vaporising him/her but etching an imprint of the person on the granite steps. I also saw photos of people with severely burnt skin, and paintings depicting the scene of a living hell after the bombing. I don't know why but, as I left, I wept uncontrollably.

It is now 75 years since the bombing of Hiroshima and the bombing, three days later on 9 August 1945, of Nagasaki. It is important that lessons are learnt from these horrible events and that we all work, and work hard, for a more peaceful world. Your Rotary Club can take the lead by becoming a Peacebuilder Club and lay the foundations for peace!

Actions you can take to promote peace:

- Ask your members to learn about peace: rotarypositivepeace.org
- Become a peacebuilder club: <https://www.rotarianactiongroupforpeace.org/peacebuilder-clubs-2/>
- Celebrate International Day of Peace on 21st September
- Invite the District Peacebuilding Committee to talk about peace at your club meeting.

Email Gabe Hau on ghau@optusnet.com.au

Kokura and Niigata? They were the two other possible target cities of the atomic bombs.

Gabe Hau
Chair of District Peace Building Committee



Atomic Bomb Dome, Hiroshima



Peace Memorial Museum, Hiroshima





New Club Recognition Program

Two programs to recognise club support for The Rotary Foundation



The Rotary Foundation has an extensive range of programs to acknowledge the personal contributions of Rotarians and other individual donors. However, in Australia and New Zealand, about half the giving to the Foundation comes from our clubs, and until now, there hasn't been a good program to recognise clubs for their generosity.



So, we are pleased to announce that from the end of the 2020-2021-year, District 9800 will join with other districts in Australia and New Zealand (i.e. Zone 8) with two new programs to recognise clubs. They will be known as the Club Annual Donor and the Club Major Donor recognitions.



The Club Annual Donor program will recognise club giving over the previous 12 months. To ensure it is open to clubs of all sizes, the program will work on a per-member basis.



Like the Major Donor program for individuals, the Club Major Donor program will be based on all-time giving and will be a way of thanking clubs for their sustained support for our Foundation over many years.



Both programs will offer five levels of recognition. Both programs will recognise all contributions that a club makes to the Foundation, including to the Annual Fund, Polio Fund, Global Grants, the Endowment and the Disaster Response Fund. They will not include contributions made by individual members of a club.

Clubs that qualify for these recognitions will receive the right to use the above icons in their webpages, social media pages, newsletters etc. They will also receive a certificate that they will be encouraged to display.



Club Annual Donor Recognizes a club's <i>per-member giving</i> to the Foundation during the past twelve months:			Club Major Donor Recognizes a club's <i>all time giving</i> to the Foundation:		
	Level I	USD100+ per member		Bronze	USD100,000+
	Level II	USD250+ per member		Silver	USD250,000+
	Level III	USD500+ per member		Gold	USD500,000+
	Level IV	USD750+ per member		Platinum	USD750,000+
	Level V	USD1,000+ per member		Diamond	USD1,000,000+