



Rowan's Reflections

I remember playing in a School XVIII football match against a team that was well known to resort to anything to win. They provided the field umpire and the goal umpires and we were, without question, the victims of unfair decisions all day and lost by two points. I really hope the Balwyn High School (BHS) team does not feel that way after last night meeting us on our home ground and, with our people officiating, losing a tightly contested debate by such a slim margin!



On Friday, nineteen members volunteered to pack Emergency Relief Food packs for areas in the world that suffer disasters such as floods, cyclones earthquakes etc.. The packs provide enough food for six people and with rice, oats, lentils, and vitamins and minerals.

On Saturday we constructed a Mongolian Student Exchange and Membership display, with BBQ, outside Kew East Bendigo Bank.

Earlier this year Carol and Jim Studebaker invited New Members and Partners to their home to meet some "older" members of our Club to discuss our Club functioning and Rotary ideals. A similar event was held this week at my home for our recent New Members.

A final appeal to those of you who can find time to attend [District 9800 Assembly](#) on Sunday morning 21st of May. The morning is free and you will meet our incoming District Leadership Team, up be updated about Rotary and our District and discover details about proposed Programs. Please contact Gavan Schwartz asap if you can attend.

Have a great week as part of the global effort of Rotary Serving Humanity.

President Rowan

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MEETINGS

THURSDAYS
 6 for 6.30pm
 Kew Golf Club

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Debate with Balwyn High School.

“Are Women a More Complicated Gender than Men?”



It was a great night! The speakers were terrific but in the end, the expertise of our long-serving legal member of our team John Gartlan, just swung the contest in our favour.

President Rowan says “As an unbiased male, I saw the case of the affirmative team arguing that the female gender is more complicated than the male gender was really unlosable. So really, well done BHS team Claudia, Catherine and Angeliki for getting so close!”

Thanks BHS Principal Deborah Harman and Staff Members Ally Cerni and Michael McNamara for supporting their Team, and congratulations to Bill Oakley, Tony Wells and John Gartlan for pulling off the win.

We had with us our A.G. Jonathan Shepherd and his wife Elizabeth, a number of Partners and Visitors in attendance, and everyone had an enjoyable night. We have held two debates this year with BHS and they have both been so successful that I hope future Program Directors include them on our Club Meeting Schedule.

Call for Drivers for MUNA Transport



We would like a volunteer driver or drivers to transport our MUNA team from Balwyn High School to Camp Getaway and home again.

The job:

- transport two students and their luggage
- pick up at Balwyn High School , Buchanan Ave, North Balwyn Friday 26th May at 3.15 pm. to arrive at the MUNA bus in Essendon before 5.00 pm.
- pick up from Camp Getaway, Axedale, at lunch time on Sunday 28th May. Drive students to their home or a pick up point near Balwyn High School.

Contact Estelle Kelly to volunteer: ekelly2@optusnet.com.au
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You'll be very welcome at
The Boroondara Cares Forum

Next Friday 19th May
12.30 for 1.00 PM.
(tea, coffee, chat 12.30, meeting 1.00 PM)
 The Blackwood Room,
 City of Boroondara Offices
 Inglesby Road, Camberwell

Rotary Club of Camberwell wins a national award
(with the help of their Boroondara Rotary friends.)



SEEDS of PEACE

CHANCES turns 10 and plans a party



To market, to market...



Bob Lambert talks fund-raising to leverage Rotary Club funds



Rotarians at Work Day

Mission accomplished.
*(Teams at work
 In pictures)*

... and much more.

May we look forward to your company?

The Boroondara Cares Forum is an open Rotary-led monthly meeting hosted by the City of Boroondara. We welcome all Rotarians and members of community organisations that share the Boroondara Cares Vision "for the good of Boroondara".

The Rotary Clubs of Balwyn, Camberwell, Canterbury, Glenferrie, Hawthorn, North Balwyn, Yarra Bend.

Model United Nations Assembly MUNA

The dates for the 2017 [MUNA](#) are from **Friday 26th May to Sunday 28th May 2017** and the venue is the district's own [Camp Getaway in Axedale.](#)

For those that don't know what MUNA is, it stands for Model United Nations Assembly, which simulates the workings of the UN Assembly by having teams of two students represent a particular UN country in debates on matters of world political and social concern. The students dress to represent their country and they always have a stimulating and fun time.

The program targets year 10 and 11 students (most are year 11).

The MUNA committee now encourages any Rotary Exchange Student who may like to participate by allowing them to be added to form a 3rd member of a team at a special discounted price.

Depending on the number of teams participating either 1 or 2 winning teams will be sent on to the National Assembly held each August at the Old Parliament House in Canberra.

There are quite a few clubs that participate each year by sponsoring a team from a school they have developed strong relationships with. There are also clubs that have rarely or never participated in this great program and we suspect that in some cases that it is because they have difficulty in seeking out a team. We would love to get clubs involved that have not participated in recent years so if finding the students is your problem then let us know and we may be able to help out.

Read a report in The Bendigo Advertiser from 2016 [HERE](#)



Rotary  **GARDENING PROJECT 15th May 2017**
Club of North Balwyn

Garden Project is back in full swing and there are plenty of opportunities to help. Again, thank you to all those who are volunteering. We need volunteers for Friday 26th May, please check your diaries and see if you can assist.

Give me a call anytime - Peter Elliott 0419 417334

Date	Time	RCNB Supervisor	Assisted by
Fri 19/5 CGS/X	2.45 – 5.15pm	Bill Oakley	Bob Bromley
Sat 20/5 MLC	10,00 – 12noon	Sam Hardikar	Eileen Toohill
Fri 26/5 CGS/X	2.45 – 5.15pm		
Sat 27/5 MLC	10.00am – 12noon	Rob Head	
Fri 16/6 CGS/X	2.45 – 5.15pm		Estelle Kelly
Sat 17/6 MLC	10.00am – 12noon	Geoff Steinicke	Tak Yukawa
Fri 23/6 CGS	2.45 – 5.15pm		
Sat 24/6	10.00am – 12noon		

Geoff's Health Tip

Should you be concerned about a Mosquito bite?



I was surprised to learn that mosquitoes kill more people each year than all other animals combined. The World Health Organisation (WHO) estimated there were 725,000 deaths in 2015, the result of an infection carried by mosquitoes, of which 600,000 are Malaria victims. Next in order, the WHO estimated were 50,000 deaths resulting from snake-bites, 1,000 from crocodiles, 500 from rhinos, 100 from lions, and 10 from sharks.

In Victoria, there are three significant mosquito-borne diseases: [Ross River Virus](#), [Barmah Forest Virus](#) disease and [Australian Arbo-encephalitis](#).

Professor Charles Guest, Victoria's Chief Health Officer, said "314 people had been detected with Ross River Virus during calendar year 2016, a 50% jump from the previous year." The Barmah Forest disease is similar to the Ross River Virus disease, and occurs in the same areas along the Murray River from Mildura to Echuca. These diseases can be debilitating, but not fatal. Australian Arbo-encephalitis also occurs in Northern Victoria, and this disease can be fatal. Professor Guest said, "whilst these infections are rare in Melbourne, people were at risk in all parts of the state".

The early symptoms of these infections usually include fatigue, headache and feeling unwell. The symptoms may occur from two to twenty days after infection, however in the case of [Arbo-encephalitis](#) there is a sudden onset of fever and frontal headache.

When most of us see or hear a mosquito in our vicinity we dispatch it in the usual way, but there are occasions when you realise you have been bitten only once the sting is felt. With Climate Change, warmer weather is heading further south bringing the conditions under which these diseases survive. Just be aware, nothing may happen, but if you get the above symptoms, remember approximately when you were bitten by a mosquito and seek medical attention.

Geoff

MEETING ROSTERS

Thursday 18th May

Speaker: Mr. Drew McGuiness, Keiser Training.

The importance of strength training later in life

Host: Jim Romanis**Greeters:** Beatrice Ko, Steven Greatorex**Setup:** Yvonne Lyneham, Imre Lele**Desk:** Findley Cornell, Geoff Kneale

Thursday 25th May

Speaker: Fiona Read and Caroline McClean

City or Boroondara: Northeast Hub

Host: Peter Wilson**Greeters:** Rob Head, Phil Wade**Setup:** Geoff Steinicke, Neil Marshall**Desk:** Bob Bromley, Sam Hardikar

Thursday 1st June

Speaker: President and Directors.**Host:** Rowan McClean**Greeters:** John Rennie, Greg Matthews**Setup:** Brian Lacy, Sam Hardikar**Desk:** Chris Flavelle-Smith, Kinga Paulheim

Thursday 8th June

Speaker: Peter Stewart

High on Vision: Update on Sumba Eye Project

Host: Nino Sofra**Greeters:** Peter Downton, Duncan Ansell**Setup:** Ian Mollison, Larry Fitzpatrick**Desk:** Russell Turner, David de Garis

Attendance:

PRESENT! Are you unable to attend the next meeting?
Are you bringing a Guest or your Partner?

E-mail Hugo Goetze. hugogoetze@netspace.net.au

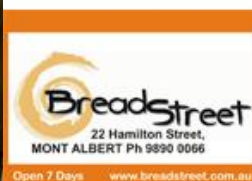
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Celebrations**Birthdays:** Robyn Stepnell**Inductions:** Carolyn Pethick 2016**Weddings:** Nino and Bev Sofra

ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH BALWYN 2016/17

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Noon Sat Weekly Deadline for submissions please.

APOLOGIES FOR CLUB MEETINGS

1. Sign the "apology sheet" at the front desk at the prior meeting if you know in advance.
2. Click [HERE](#) for apologies. and log into website; select My Menu; Meeting Attendance/Apologies and Make-Ups; Select meeting date; Add Apology to this meeting; and send.
3. Or E-mail Hugo Goetze. hugogoetze@netspace.net.au with your personal message.
4. Phone 9857 6701 (leave a message if required). Mobile phone calls & SMS are not to be used.

Please apologise **no later than 5pm on Tuesday.****North Balwyn Probus:** Bruno Coniglio.<http://balwynnorthprobus.org.au>**North Balwyn Heights Probus:** Sue Mullarveyyarramul@tpg.com.au 9857 4305, 0400 821 402**Greythorn Probus:** Meetings 10am 2nd Tuesday Monthly.

St Aidan's Church Hall, Duggan St, Balwyn Nth.9859 4941.

Boroondara Ladies Probus: Janet Eddyjveddey@applewood.net.au

Club Diary

Saturday May 27, 2017 Comedy For A Cause – Rotary Club of Melbourne ParkMelbourne Bowling Club – 138 Union St, Cnr Bowling Green St, Windsor 3181 . 7 pm for 8pm \$35 Book [HERE](#)**Wednesday 31st May 2017:**

Rotary Foundation Centennial Gala Dinner. The Atlantic, Central Pier 161 Harbour Esplanade.

Contact Findley Cornell for details.

Thursday 8th June: Ladies fund Raising Night Blue Illusion Balwyn. Contact Kristine McDonell 0412095725**Thursday 29th June 2017. Meeting at Kew Golf Club is Cancelled.****Sunday 2nd July:**

Club Change Over Lunch. 12.30pm at Kew Golf Club.

Friday 13th, Sat 14th & Sun 15th October

Camp Getaway Weekend Working Bee. Contact Greg Matthews for details

Friday 20th Oct, - Sunday 22nd Oct.

Albury Fellowship Weekend. Contact Nino Sofra for details

16-18 March 2018. District Conference

Warrnambool. Nino Sofra will announce more details later in the year.

**Club
Changeover.**

Formal Luncheon on 2/7/17 at Kew Golf Club
Recognising Rowan's year and welcoming Rob's year.
Includes ; a piano interlude from [Alan Kogosowski](#) and 'reflections' by John Gartlan

