

The Grapevine



Rowan's Reflections

Our Leadership
2016/2017

We had another busy weekly meeting last week, with and Sparsh Abuja and Tiger Liu talking about their inspiring initiative to create conversations around issues of importance to 16 to 18 year olds, and Malcolm and Elizabeth Baird presenting on the scourge of modern day slavery. Having lost his voice, Malcolm battled on with the assistance of Elizabeth and a video on the topic that had been shown at the Rotary International Convention in Seoul earlier this year. We are grateful to them for making their important presentation under most difficult circumstances.

I summarised highlights from a Board meeting held earlier in the week. A great achievement has been the timely completion of the 2015/2016 accounts, and my thanks to David de Garis and for super efforts by Adrian Ranson, Treasurer Greg Cribbes and our new pro bono auditors Baumgartners.

This week we have received funding from the Federal Government towards the purchase of a new BBQ trailer and coffee machine. We have authorised the trial of water filtration equipment in the Minh Hac kindergarten, Primary School and Secondary School and begun planning for another container for the Solomon Islands.

I am personally very grateful to Peter Elliott who has agreed to take over the coordination of our Rotary Gardens Project. Geoff Haddy and Greg Cribbes, with constant assistance from Brian Hurnard, have done a great job this year and the club has received continuing thanks from the Boroondara community for our assistance at properties occupied by older and disabled residents.

We still need a second host family from January to March for our shared international exchange student Moritz Ellermann. Please see Bronwen or Estelle if you can help.

Planning is well underway for two key fund-raising events, our Christmas raffle and our club Golf Day on 10 February next year.

Our thoughts are with members Paul Fitz and Geoff Haddy who are on the injured list at present - we wish them both a speedy recovery.

My holiday will have started by the time this Grapevine goes to press and you will be in the capable hands of Bill Oakley and Jane Pennington over the next six weeks. (Rowan will not be reflecting for a while, but there might be the occasional travel update).

Let's continue the strong performance of this club in doing its part towards Rotary Serving Humanity!

President Rowan



RI President
John F. Germ



DG 9800
Neville John



AG Eastside
Jonathan Shepherd



President RCNB
Rowan McClean

MEETINGS

THURSDAYS
6 for 6.30pm
Kew Golf Club

120 Belford
Road Kew
3102
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Thursday 22nd September

Speaker: Mrs Di Gillies Interplast

Host: Jane Pennington

Setup: Anthony Stokes, Rob Head

Greeting: Robyn Stepnell, Ted Wilkins

Desk: John Magor, Joe Butler

Mr. Malcolm Baird: Rotary Action Group Against Child Slavery



Rotarian Action Group Against Slavery



After attending the Rotary International Convention in Birmingham in 2009 Malcolm began exploring the subject of slavery in today's world, and feels Australian Rotarians could further assist the plight of millions subject to slavery and child slavery.

There are around 45 million people around the world living in slavery, four times the number of slaves involved in the total cross-Atlantic slave-trade of the 1800's.

We saw an outstanding video of a speech at a Rotary Conference by Gary Haugen CEO of the International Justice Commission, which provided some encouragement for future opportunities to reduce slavery, and we need to remember that some



of our Club programs do have some impact in reducing the need for people to end up in slavery.

Malcolm is a retired Finance Director, PHF and is a member of the R C Brighton North.

Info on Rotary and Slavery can be found on www.racsrag.org.

The Club expresses its gratitude to Elizabeth Baird for narrating the presentation after Malcolm lost his voice earlier in the day.



Mission Statement:

1. To create awareness in Rotarian circles and within the wider public, of the plight of millions who are physically and mentally held in servitude as slaves for commercial gain.
2. To take action by encouraging Rotarians to support, promote and work with anti-slavery bodies in developing programs, campaigns and projects that will help to make slavery history.

My Rotary



All members who have not yet done so are requested to register for My Rotary.

There is a wealth of information about RI, our District, our Club, and other Rotary clubs, media and news and an array of tools, and ideas for projects and meetings. Key areas are Rotary Club Central, Brand Centre, Rotary Showcase, Rotary Ideas, the Learning Centre and Discussion Groups. All are easily accessible from drop-down menus. There are guidelines for Grant applications and developing projects, news items from around the world, useful Apps, logos Leadership development opportunities, information about international conventions, meetings and webinars and copies of The Rotarian Magazine.

This is a really well-designed treasure chest of Rotary information, and I strongly urge all members to create access to it. If you need help in the first instance, feel free to contact John McBride.

Solomons News

Brian & Bev Thomas were visitors to our meeting and they are continuing to offer their services to train people at The Solomons and have secured 4 overlockers to donate to the Salesian Sisters in Henderson.

The Salesians have organised a container to be packed at DIK on the 20th of October this year.

We are preparing the contents and will be calling for volunteers for the stuffing of this container.



Min Hac

Our Club has donated three Water Filtration Units to the Kindergarten, Primary School and Secondary School. Imre and Rowan will visit Vietnam later in the year to see how things are going.



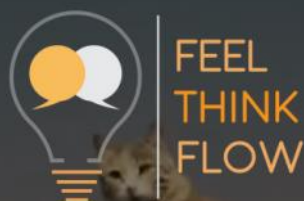
**BRUSH UP
YOUR
COMPUTER
SKILLS...**



Our Interact Club at North Balwyn High School have organised some students who are willing to offer some of us some computer skills training.

Robyn Stepnell has volunteered to coordinate this activity.

Stay tuned for further updates and contact Estelle and/or Robyn if you are interested.



23RD JULY 2016 - CAMBERWELL GRAMMAR SCHOOL, CANTERBURY

Summit 2016 – The Modern Middle East

The [2016 Feel Think Flow Summit](#) was held recently and we heard from participants **Tiger Liu & Sparsh Ahuja** who debated **"Islam and The West"**

Extremism evokes thoughts of conflict and sectarian divide. We will discuss the rise of terrorists groups and what efforts are being done to stop them.

Radicalisation of youth

The rise of the Islamic State

Paris, Brussels and the Lindt Café

– what can we do to stop extremism?"



[Feel.Think.Flow](#) is a student organisation that seeks to encourage youth participation and engagement in the humanities.

Are you in Years 10-12 or first year university? Passionate about social justice and global issues?

Feel.Think.Flow is a student organisation that seeks to encourage youth participation and engagement in the humanities, with a strong emphasis on educating students about global issues.





Football Grand Final Rotary Dinner: Thursday September 29th

Special Guests: Hawthorn Legend Peter Knights and Mr. Ian Shaw, author of Blood Bath – The 1945 Grand Final.

Also, as a special treat we have been gifted a Hawthorn Club Guernsey by Bob Bott which Pe-

ter Knights has arranged to be signed by the Hawthorn Team Players.

This Guernsey will be Auctioned on the night as a fund raiser for our Club.

Members are therefore urged to spread the word about this highly desirable appreciating piece of football paraphernalia. What an investment and prized item for football fanatics!

It's a Partner's Night so please invite your partners and let Hugo know. Invite your friends too; especially if they would like to bid in the auction. Dress up in your teams colours and be prepared for a great night out.

Lighter Footprints

Lighter Footprints is proposing to hold a mini forum on **Sunday October 9, from 4-6 pm at the Hawthorn Library**. The aim is to provide information to both Residents and Council Election Candidates on some of the interesting projects that are being run by local governments (in Australia and overseas) to reduce carbon emissions and live more sustainably. It will also offer the opportunity for candidates and residents to discuss their views (in smaller groups based on wards) on issues of importance for addressing climate change at the local level.

A formal letter of invitation will be sent to candidates on September 20th and we will be distributing flyers and posters to alert residents to the event. In the meantime, if you'd like further information please feel free to phone or email.

Thanks, regards; Carolyn Ingvarson, Conveyor Lighter Footprints
Boroondara Citizen of the Year 2106

*lighter
footprints*

climate change neighbourhood action group



Exchange student Moritz Ellermann.

We remain very keen to identify one more Host Family for later in Moritz's stay. Can you help?

The period required is the first three months of 2017.





Can you help?

The Rotary Club of North Balwyn

CHRISTMAS FARE

**83 – 85 Doncaster Road, North Balwyn 3104
(outside the Commonwealth Bank)
Puddings, Cakes, Mince Pies,**

**FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2016
9.00 AM - NOON**



Supporting Community Projects & Days for Girls

Please contact Bev Sofra or Jo Wells for further information.



**The President and members of
The Rotary Club of Camberwell Inc
invite you to celebrate our 60th Anniversary**

at a Dinner to be held at:

Hawthorn Town Hall
360 Burwood Road, Hawthorn

Saturday 12th November 2016

6.30pm for 7.00pm
Black Tie Preferred
Cost \$75.00 per person

Closing Date: 24th October 2016

Payment Details:

Online Payments, please visit: www.Camberwellrotary.org.au (Preferred Option)
Click on 60th Anniversary Dinner and Follow Prompts.

Alternatively, complete the following and send to John Steven.

Guest Name(s): _____

Guest Contact Ph: _____

Cheque (payable to Rotary Club of Camberwell) enclosed for \$.....

Credit Card – Please Charge my (Circle):

VISA **Mastercard** **Bankcard** for Amount \$.....

Cardholder Number: _ _ _ _ _

Cardholder Name: _____ Expiry Date: ____ / ____

Signature: _____

Please note: Tickets will not be issued.

John Steven, Ticket Secretary
2 Stanhope Grove, Camberwell 3124
Email: johnsteven@bigpond.com
Mobile: 0419 556 797

Carols in the Park 2016

This year's event will be on the 17th of December and again feature a big presence of the RCNB.

Put this date in your diary and be prepared to sing and be entertained.

This event is presented by the North Balwyn Inter-Church Council.

Macleay Park: Corner Belmore and Buchanan Avenue
Balwyn North.





GARDENING PROJECT

15 September 2016

Thank you to those who have nominated for gardening supervision.

With schools on holidays there are only two more sessions in September before the 'final push' in term four.

Date and Who with	Time	RCNB Supervisor	Assisted by
Tues 20/9 Note: date change With YEP	10.00am – 3.00pm At Royal Talbot	Brian Hurnard Nino Sofra Geoff Steinicke	Estelle Kelly Bill Oakley Peter Elliott Findley Cornell Jonathan Yao Moritz Ellerman
Tues 27/9 RCNB (no schools)	10.30am Grass cutting	Greg Matthews Duncan Ansell	Steven Greateorex
Fri 7/10-X	4.00 – 5.15pm	Greg Cribbes	Tony Hart
Sat 8/10 – MLC	10 - noon	Rob Head	Estelle Kelly
Fri 14/10 – CGS/X	2.45 – 5.15pm	Greg Cribbes	Eileen Toohill
Sat 15/10 - MLC	10 - noon	Marcel Muntwyler	Tak Yukawa
Mon 17/10 - X (Spl with Xavier)	9.30am – 2.00pm	Greg Cribbes	Estelle Kelly
Fri 21/10 – CGS/X (Fellowship wk'end)	2.45 – 5.15pm		Findley Cornell
Sat 22/10 – MLC	10 - noon	Greg Cribbes	Lindsay Pegg
Fri 28/10 – CGS/X	2.45 – 5.15pm		
Fri 4/11 – CGS/X	2.45 – 5.15pm	Greg Cribbes	Rowan McClean
After 4/11 until February SCHOOL BREAK			

GEOFF HADDY'S RECOVERY IN REHAB WILL BE GREATLY IMPROVED IF HE SEES THE YELLOW BOXES FILLING UP.

GIVE ME A CALL IF YOU CAN HELP AND I'LL PASS THE GOOD NEWS ON! BRIAN HURNARD



BOROONDARA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL FAIR

We have been asked to assist at the above Fair, setting up beforehand and then clearing up afterwards.

Lots of people are needed!! The details are:

Date: Saturday 19 November 2016
 Venue: Boroondara Park Primary School, 40 Almond Street, North Balwyn
 Times: Beforehand – Midday to 2.45pm
 Afterwards – 8.00pm – 10.00pm
 RSVP to: Jane Pennington (Jane.Pennington@bigpond.com)

BREAD FOR SERVANTS

John Koa is generously donating bread to Servants on a Thursday. Assistance is requested to collect this bread from his shop in North Balwyn at around 6pm and deliver it to Romana House after the Rotary Meeting.

If you can assist please contact Jane Pennington as we need to get a roster together of willing volunteers. We will then finalise the details with John.

Many thanks.

Jane Pennington

Geoff's Health Tip

Marijuana is dangerous to Adolescents



Are you amazed to find that marijuana (cannabis) is the most widely used illicit drug in Australia, and that Australia has one of the highest marijuana prevalence rates in the world? A reported one-third of all Australians aged 22 or older (33.5% or about 5.8 million) have tried marijuana and one million have used it in the past year. Although recreational marijuana use is illegal in Australia, according to Wikipedia "the country has largely avoided a punitive drug policy, focusing on harm minimisation strategies and a treatment framework embedded in a law-enforcement regime".

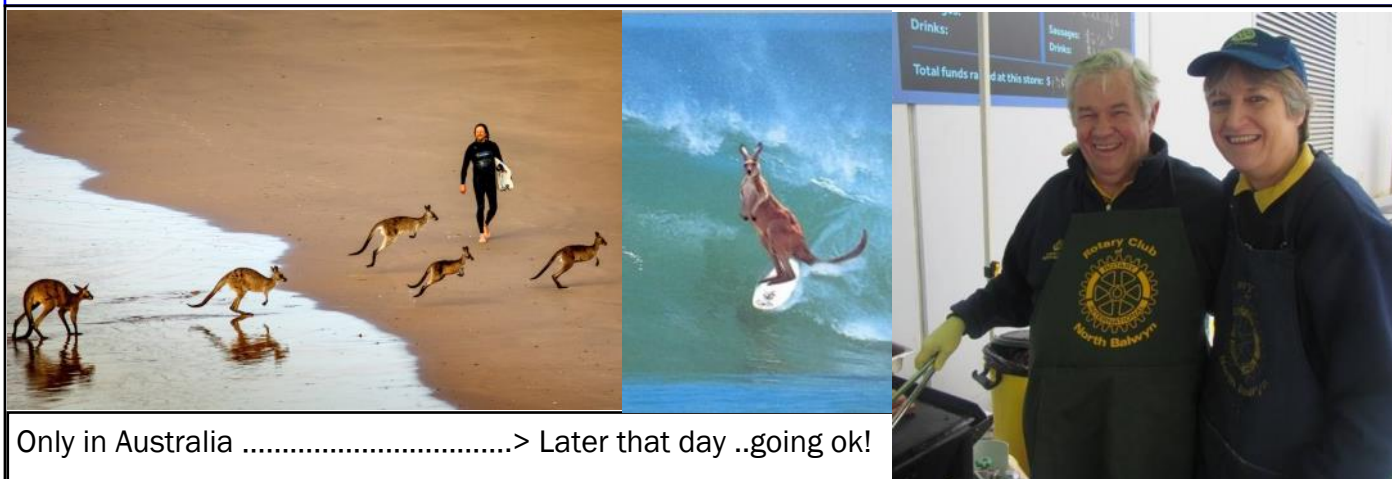
Whilst we have known about marijuana (pot) for many years, it is only recently that its medical use has become more newsworthy. Medicinal marijuana has been shown to benefit people with certain neurological diseases such as epilepsy and hyperactivity. On 24 February 2016, Australia legalised medicinal marijuana at the federal level; but, as we all know, this alone eventually opens up avenues of supply for general use of marijuana.

Emerging evidence suggests that adolescents may be particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of marijuana use. A clinical review conducted by the National Institute of Drug Abuse has reported that drugs such as marijuana are powerful disrupters of brain programming because they can directly interfere with neural pruning and brain connectivity. This kind of interference can impair behavioral adaptability, mental health and lifestyle that contribute to mental health problems seen as adolescents age into adulthood.

Recently I was talking to a nurse (with his wife who is also a nurse) who worked at a drug rehabilitation centre in Melbourne. He told me that his wife was continually physically abused by young adults whose brains were affected by marijuana. She frequently came home with bruises on her body from these attacks. I was shocked that anyone responsible for the care of those who use illicit drugs should suffer this kind of abuse – all the more essential to educate adolescents in the dangers of drug abuse.

Life Education mobile centres started 35 years ago as a Rotary project in NSW. While more are needed, there are now 100 mobile units Australia-wide with 95 trained educators teaching children from 3 to 17 years to make safer and healthier choices.

Geoff



Only in Australia> Later that day ..going ok!

MEETING ROSTERS

Thursday 22nd September

Speaker: Di Gillies
 Topic: Interplast
 Host: Jane Pennington
 Setup: Anthony Stokes & Rob Head
 Greeting: Robyn Stepnell & Ted Wilkins
 Desk: John Magor & Joe Butler

Thursday 29th September - Partners Night

Speakers: Peter Knights and Ian Shaw
 Topic: AFL Football Grand Final Dinner
 Host: TBA
 Setup: Gavan Schwartz, Greg Cribbes
 Greeting: Ian Adams, David Rowe
 Desk: John Rennie, Robyn Stepnell

Thursday 6th October

Speakers: TBA
 Topic: TBA
 Host: TBA
 Setup: Peter Cleary, Jürgen Kehne
 Greeting:
 Desk: Peter Sutherland, Ian Richardson

Thursday 13th October

Speakers: Jacyl Shaw
 Topic: Exchange Student 1988
 Host: Geoff Steinicke
 Setup: Ted Angleton, John Gartlan
 Greeting:
 Desk: Bronwen Dimond, Tony Hart

Meeting No.12**15th SEPTEMBER 2016****Present:****Rotarians against Child Slavery.**

Guest Speakers	2	Malcolm & Elizabeth Baird - RC Brighton North
NB Members	46	
Wives/Partners	2	Carmel Bott & Bev Sofra.
Guests	5	Brian & Bev Thomas, Robyn Dutton (Bob Bott), Tiger Liu & Sparsh Ahuja (Estelle Kelly)
Prosp. New Member	1	Kathleen McGuire
Other Activities (Board Approved)	6	AG Adrian Ranson - RC Glen Eira & DLT; Jane Pennington - RC Hawthorn; Catering - Brian Lacy, John McBride & Carolyn Pethick.

Absences for Rosters:

John Gartlan, Rowan McClean, Jim Studebaker, Garth Symington, Maurie Walters

Celebrations: Monday 19th September to Sunday 25th September

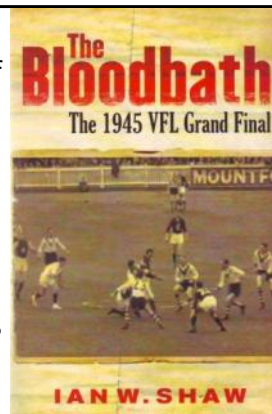
Birthdays: Paul Fitz; Takao Yukawa
 Margaret Wilkins; Carol Symington; Jane Pauli
Induction Anniversaries: Nil
Wedding Anniversaries: Paul and Sue Fitz

MAKE NOTES OF THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY

See also http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/notices_and_events_future

Thursday 29th September 2016 GRAND FINAL NIGHT

Our speakers are Ian Shaw, author of "The Bloodbath, the 1945 Grand Final" and Hawthorn Legend, Peter Knights. Always a great night to squeeze into a club jersey, don your club beanie and club scarf while painting your face in war paint of your club colours! Put this pre-eminent date in your diary !!

**Friday 7th October Lift the Lid on Mental Illness**

..and Hat Day ..and tin rattlers required for Bunnings Hawthorn.

**Friday 21st—Sun 23rd October Ballarat Fellowship w/e**

Join us for a choice of golf, fellowship, historical sites, galleries, museums, the lake and gardens.

(Those not attending require a note from their parents to Rob Head)

**Saturday 19 November 2016, BOROONDARA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL FAIR 3pm to 8.15 pm .40 Almond Street, North Balwyn**

Boroondara Park Primary School's Fun Fair is back bigger and better than ever this year.

Set up and pack up volunteers required.

**Friday 9th December:**

Christmas Fare: 9am to noon in North Balwyn Village

**Saturday 17th December: Carols in The Park**

Macleay Park, Balwyn North

Presented by the North Balwyn Inter-Church Council with support of the Boroondara Council and us!

Friday 10th February 2017 Rotary Golf Day Kew Golf Club

7.30am start for 128 Players with a shotgun start .

Sponsors are being sought! More news shortly!!

**Saturday, 18th February 2017. TRAMBOAT LUNCHEON CRUISE**

Sail from Victoria Harbour, down the Lower Yarra and up the Maribyrnong River The Fellowship Committee.

www.tramboat.com.au



**2017 DISTRICT 9800
CONFERENCE**
SHEPPARTON - VICTORIA
30 MARCH - 1 APRIL



Connecting Communities - Serving Humanity

Please note: Rob Head has booked-out a nice compact motel for our Club very close to the

Conference venue.

See Rob for accommodation details.

Registrations are now open!

Early Bird Discounts apply.

Goto www.rotaryconference.org.au to register.

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Submission by Noon Saturday 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.

It is important to advise absences, guests attending, and partners attending. This is needed as the Kew Golf Club needs to know how many are attending each week to ensure we have the correct number of places set, meals provided and service staff employed. The Rotary Club incurs charges if we overestimate numbers attending. A meal may not be available if additional people attend to that advised.

Please apologise **no later than 5pm on Tuesday.**
THE FOUR-WAY TEST
 of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 10am in St Aidan's Church Hall, Duggan St, Balwyn North.

Tel: 03 9859 4941

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