

The Grapevine



Rowan's Reflections

Happy New Year to our Members and Friends!

Our special guest was Nguyen Minh Thuy, our Operations Manager in Vietnam, who was visiting Australia as part of a national trade mission. Thuy spoke about the efforts to help the needy community of Minh Hac and thanked The Club for its valuable support which has acted as a catalyst to local initiatives. There are currently 40 children in the kindergarten and 30 students in the Primary and Secondary schools receiving support through The Club and its partner sponsors, Overseas Kids Foundation. We also attracted funding from the Rotary Foundation for an additional 60 scholarships.

Interactors Kavya and Felicja presented Thuy with a cheque exceeding \$2,000 for Minh Hac from Balwyn High School fund-raising. They also gave her four sets of simple English books which they had read and recorded as audio guides for the Minh Hac students to improve their English language skills. We are grateful for our continuing relationship with the school and with the Interact club. Thuy was also presented with a renovated laptop from Rotary's Computers For Community Project.

Jim Romanis and his fund-raising team achieved record takings for the Christmas raffle and planning for the Golf Day on 10th February and Grand Prix Catering in March are well underway. Nino Sofra and Bill Oakley have been and continue to be outstanding in their catering activities.

Four members are travelling to Lake Weeroona at Bendigo on Australia Day to the Rotary Showcase Exhibition. This is a great initiative to increase public awareness about the fantastic things Rotary achieves for people in need in the world.

At the end of the meeting I asked attendees what Rotary and The Australian Tennis Open have in common. The answer badly failed the visual technology test, but this was it:

Service Above Self! (Arrrgh)

Have a great fortnight, and do what you can to demonstrate Rotary Serving (pun intended) Humanity.

President Ro.



Our Leadership 2016/2017



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
Ph.
9859 6848



No Meeting on Thursday the 26th Jan.

Rotary Show Case – Lake Weeroona on Australia Day, Thursday 26th
Thursday, 2nd Feb. Resumption of "Normal" dinner meetings at KGC.

BBQ Meeting to Welcome in 2017



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Thank You From The Christmas Party for Special Children



We'd like to again say a BIG thank you to the Rotary Clubs of Albert Park and North Balwyn for supporting the Christmas Party for Special Children 2016. The children were again blown away by the generous offering that was available to them and after a fun filled day they went home with huge smiles and beautiful memories. Thank you again for your generous contribution to the event and for helping us to bring joy to some of Victoria's special needs children and their families at Christmas time.

Thanks to the generosity of all of those involved the event was just spectacular.

Kind Regards, Amanda Droscher, Event Coordinator Christmas Party For Special Children – Melbourne.



Vietnam operations manager Thuy at Victoria Gardens and in discussion with President Rowan's wife Penny.



Special Eastside Cluster event at RC Camberwell

Professor Katie Allen is a Paediatric Allergist and Gastroenterologist practicing in the field of Food Allergy at the Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne. She is Director of the Population Health Research Theme at the Murdoch Children's Research Institute and Director of the Australian Centre for Food & Allergy Research (www.foodallergyresearch.org.au). Katie is Principal Investigator of the HealthNuts Study which is tracking 5300 in-

infants to try and understand the cause of the new food allergy epidemic. She has published extensively with more than 255 peer-reviewed papers and book chapters.

'WHAT SHE HAS TO SAY COULD VERY WELL SHOCK YOU!'

Professor Katie Allen will be a Special Guest Speaker *(includes 2 course meal, Tea & Coffee and great fellowship. Drinks extra. Everyone welcome!)*

CLUSTER CLUBS: BOOK / PAY ONLINE NOW!

www.camberwellrotary.org.au.

(Go to Home Page for special— Click Special Event Link)

Venue: Conochie Hall 2 Rochester Rd Canterbury (100m from Canterbury Rd)

Enquiries to Graeme Hope—graemehope@bigpond.com



Charity Golf Day.



"The 10th February [charity golf day] is drawing near. We have a number of player spots free...so please contact John Magor to get a game on the day.

NON PLAYING members are invited to attend for the lunch for \$25 and join in the fun and have an opportunity to win some great prizes

on "THE WHEEL"

Please contact Greg Matthews to book in for lunch only.

Talking of prizes ..I have not been inundated with offers of surplus wine & spirits following your New Year's resolution to go on a health kick....please contact me. Many thanks, Jim Romanis.

GROUP VOCATIONAL EXCHANGE WELCOME AND FAREWELL LUNCH

SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY

Want to know what the GVE stands for and is all about? Want a day of fun, fellowship and familiarisation?

On Sunday 12 February 2017, a BBQ luncheon catered for by the RC North Balwyn in their inimitable style and is to be an event showcasing much more than just alfresco cooking and enjoying!

This BBQ is the official joint welcome to the just arrived GVE Team from D3820 in the Philippines and a farewell to our 9800 Team leaving for the Philippines on the next day. Let's really make them all feel welcome and wanted by being there as well.

Things you need to know:

Date and time – Sunday 12 February 2017, 12.00 midday to mid-afternoon.

Venue – Boroondara Park Primary School, Almond St, Balwyn North (Melway 46 F1). A leafy setting with plentiful seating, undercover if necessary, and toilets.

Menu – 3 meats, 3 salads, bread and coffee. Barrista coffee and soft drink available for purchase. BYO alcohol.

Cost – \$30.00 per person.

Speeches – of course, but short, sharp and interesting.

Entertainment - probably

RSVP ASAP!

FULL BOOKING AND PAYMENT DETAILS ON THE INTERACTIVE FORM ATTACHED

Henry Drury

Chair D9800 GVE Committee

hanjdrury@gmail.com

GARDENING PROJECT

The 2017 RCNB Gardening Project kicks-off on Friday 10th February with sessions then scheduled throughout Term 1 as below. Remember, the Project relies on Rotarians Supervising the Students – your nominating for sessions in advance would be greatly appreciated.

| Date and Who with | Time | RCNB Supervisor | Assisted by |
|-------------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|
| Fri 10/2 – CGS/X | 2.45 – 5.15pm | Geoff Haddy | |
| Sat 11/2 - MLC | 10.00 – noon | | |
| Fri 17/2 - X | 4.00 – 5.15pm | Geoff Haddy | Ian Glenny |
| Sat 18/2 - MLC | 10.00 – noon | Greg Cribbes | Marcel Muntwyler |
| Fri 24/2 – CGS/X | 2.45 – 5.15pm | Greg Cribbes | |
| Sat 25/2 – MLC | 10.00 – noon | Greg Matthews | Geoff Steinicke |
| Fri 3/3 – CGS/X | 2.45 – 5.15pm | | |
| Sat 4/3 – MLC | 10.00 – noon | | |
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Thanks to those Volunteering already – for others,
especially these ones, please call **Peter Elliott 0419 417334**.



World of Difference
A Rotary International District 9800 managed project,
in association with Julie Wain Photography
would like to invite you to an exhibition opening and book launch to be held at
Media House Gallery
Ground Floor Mezzanine of The Age Building, 454 Collins St, Melbourne (opp Spencer St Station)
Opening Thursday 2 February 6 - 8.30pm
For catering purposes please RSVP to wotd.org.au
All proceeds from gift and book sales will fund the continued education of children in rural Cambodia
Photos to be auctioned on the night and books will be available for sale
For more information or to purchase a book go to wotd.org.au

Many D9800 Clubs have assisted World of Difference over the past few and we have our launch of a fantastic photobook which will raise fund for Cambodia.

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Thursday February 2nd

Media House (The Age) Collins Street (opp Spencer St Station)

Free Event: Books available for purchase.



Since 1987 our call center has received well over 789,000 calls from the community with information leading to charges and arrests. Every week Victoria Police arrests between 15 and 20 criminals, thanks to information supplied by the community. Little bits of information can be crucial, so we ask that if you see something, to say something. How we are able to do it. We rely on donations from the public and support from companies and our media partners. [Learn about our partners and how you can donate.](#)

Geoff's Health Tip**An Australian Native Honey that is more effective than Manuka**

I was recently asked about this new Australian antibacterial honey that is better than the famous Manuka honey from New Zealand. Actually, it is not new but has always been here, however its antibacterial properties were first noticed only after trials that began about ten years ago.

Peter Woodward, a Victorian, established the Australian Organic Honey Company, and began marketing this 'wonder honey' under the trade name Berringa Honey. The honey is obtained from a unique type of tea tree known as *Leptospermum Polygalifolium* (also known as yellow tea tree) that grows along the coast from northern NSW to Cape York. There are over 600 varieties of tea

tree and areas where the yellow tea tree is more abundant are selected by beekeepers to provide the raw material.

Honeys in general, have antibacterial properties from their ability to produce hydrogen peroxide on the skin, but Berringa honey has un-matched levels of Methylglyoxal, exceeding the amount in Manuka honey and considerably more than regular honey. Methylglyoxal is a compound that forms naturally in honey as a result of chemical reactions through photosynthesis. It has the capacity to kill harmful bacteria and aids in the recovery of everything from strep throat to skin wounds, especially moist wounds, and scars. Honeys that show profound antibacterial properties are in a separate class and are really classified as medicinal honeys, and used accordingly.

This is a great Australian story, similar to discovery of the antiseptic properties of Tea Tree Oil, distilled from the leaves of *Melaleuca Alternifolia*, that grows in coastal areas from Northern NSW to South East Queensland. Those who find the strong aroma of Tea Tree Oil unpleasant may find another antiseptic oil, from the Lemon Myrtle, more suitable.

Geoff



**We have a Champion in our Midst !
North Balwyn Bowls Club
Men's Club Champion 2016-2017.....
our very own**

Ian Mollison !














Manor Lakes
Fun Run/Walk
Sunday 5th Mar, 2017
Chirnside Park, Werribee
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Over the Hills and not too far away

A Family Friendly bicycle event encompassing the Great Victorian Rail Trail in Murrindindi Shire and the townships of Yea and Alexandra.

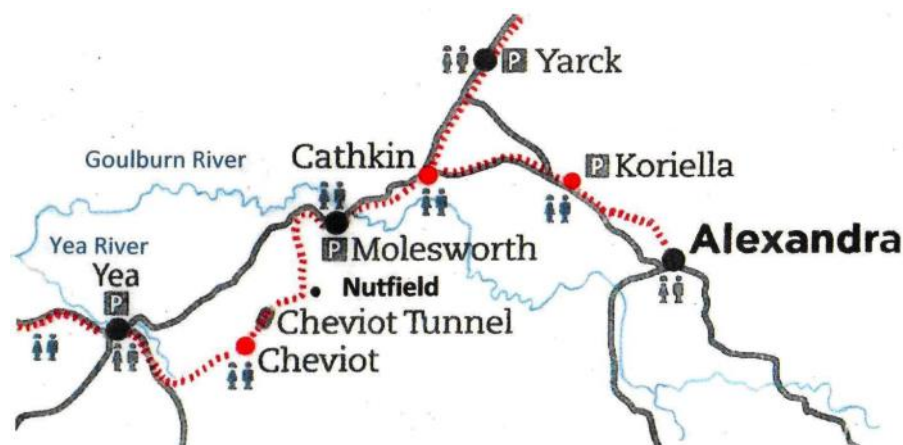
When

Saturday 1st April - first weekend of the school holidays.

Where

The event will be centred on the lovely township of Yea and will involve a ride along the Great Victorian Rail trail to Cheviot Tunnel Molesworth and Alexandra.

Alternatively, register at Alexandra and ride to Molesworth and Yea



[Register HERE](#)

Rotary
Club of Yea





Early bird tickets available at
rotaryiwdbreakfast.org.au

Women Leaders



7.00 –
9.00 am

what does it take?

International Women's Day
BREAKFAST 2017

Wednesday 8th March 2017
 The Palladium Cro wn Melbourne

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Kitty Chiller

2016 Olympics
 Chef de Mission



MC

Tom Gleisner

Writer, producer,
 performer



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MEETING ROSTERS

Thursday 26th Jan.

Australia Day, No Meeting

Thursday 2 Feb.

Speaker

Host

Greeters: Marcel Muntwyler, Estelle Kelly

Setup: Tony Hart, John Koa

Desk: Russell Turner, Findley Cornell

Thursday 9th Feb.

Speaker

Host

Greeters: John Magor, Jim Studebaker

Setup: Greg Ross, Duncan Ansell

Desk : Carolyn Pethick , John Gartlan

Thursday 16th Feb.

Speaker

Host

Greeters: Phil Francis, Takao Yukawa

Setup: John Rennie, Peter Cleary

Desk: John Koa, David Cheney.

Meeting No.27

Thursday, 19th January 2017

Present:

| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| Guest Speaker | 0 Update from Directors |
| NB Members | 33 |
| Visiting Rotarians | 1 Graeme Hope - RC Camberwell. |
| Partners | 2 Kerrie Romanis & Barbara Stokes |
| Guests | 2 Thuy Nguyen (Rowen McClean); Neil Marshall - Member Elect |
| Friends & Alumni | 3 Rachael Nguyen, Ann Kerr & Graeme Bird. |
| Prospective New Members | 3 Selina Han, Yvonne & Matt Lyneham |
| BHS Interactors | 2 Felicja Jordan & Kavya Litange |

Other Activities Late December **Catering** 13; DIK - Peter Sutherland;

(Board Approved) John Rennie - RC Sorrento

Absences for Rosters:

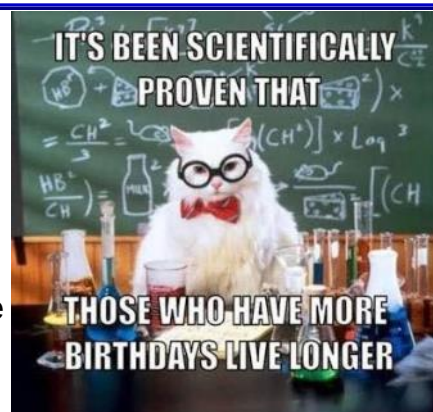
Paul Fitz, Brian Hurnard & David Rowe

Celebrations up until our first 2017 meeting

Birthdays: The Editor!, Findley Cornell, Kristine McDonell, Jan Cheney, John Gartlan, Gavan Schwartz, Greg Ross, Adrian Ranson, Ann Koa, Judy Steinicke, Sally Sutherland, Karen Fitzpatrick, Ivy Angleton, Alison Adams.

Inductions: Gavan Schwartz 2001

Weddings: Jack Liao and Joanne Huang, Tony and Jo Wells, Jane and Matthew Pauli, Nina and David de Garis, Joan and Russell Cooper, Rob and Lachelle Stewart, Ian and Joan Richardson.



MAKE NOTES OF THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY

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

Thursday 26th January, Rotary Showcase, Lake Weeroona on Australia Day, Bendigo

Thursday February 2nd. [World of Difference.](#)

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Thursday February 2nd

Media House (The Age) Collins Street (opp Spencer St Station). Cost: FREE!

Friday 10th February 2017 Rotary Golf Day

Kew Golf Club 7.30am start for 128 Players with a shotgun start .

Sunday 12th Feb: Group Vacation Exchange Welcome and Farewell. BBQ luncheon catered for by the RC North Balwyn

12.00 midday to mid-afternoon. Boroondara Park Primary School, Almond St, Balwyn North
BYO alcohol. **Cost – \$30.00 per person**

Saturday, 18th February 2017. TRAMBOAT LUNCHEON CRUISE

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

www.tramboat.com.au



Saturday 25th February—The Rotary Showcase

Melbourne – In the Atrium, Federation Square on Saturday 25th February, 2017.

Thursday, 2nd March: Bowls Night on at North Balwyn Bowls Club (alongside the North Balwyn Men's Shed building site!!!).

Cost \$35.00 for dinner and bowls.

This replaces our Club Dinner Meeting at KGC and apologies and Guests Attending are necessary.

Many thanks. David Cheney Fellowship Committee.

(With Men's Champion Ian Mollison!)



Wednesday 8th March: International Women's Day Breakfast

The Palladium Crown Melbourne. Book [HERE](#)

7.00—9.00 am

**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.

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?

DECEMBER IS

FAMILY OF ROTARY MONTH

I believe the world is one big family, and we need to help each other.
Jot Li

Rotary  www.rotary5730.org

D9800 Probus

North Balwyn Probus President 2016/17

President Bruno Coniglio

<http://balwynnorthprobus.org.au>**North Balwyn Heights Probus**Secretary Sue Mullarvey yarramul@tpg.com.au

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Greythorn Probus

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

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Boroondara Ladies Probus

(Secretary Janet Eddy)

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NORTH BALWYN

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