

Rotary

Club of North Balwyn



Rotary Year 2017-18
Week 24 21st December 2017

The Grapevine



A Christmas Message from President Rob."



HAVE A GREAT CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR!

Many thanks to all Members, Partners and Friends who have been associated with our Rotary Club this year, and have contributed to our local, and overseas, activities and programs.

I hope that your involvement with our Club has been an enjoyable experience, and that you and your families make the most of the opportunities provided by this coming festive season.

Regards,
Rob Head
President



Our Leadership



RI President
Ian Riseley



DG 9800
Peter Frueh

Next up—New Year Welcome back Brunch (with incoming Mongolian group).

WHEN: Sunday Jan 14, 2018 at **9.15 am**

WHERE: [Warran Glen Nursery Café](#),

373 Ringwood – Warrandyte Rd., Warrandyte .

COST: \$25 For further details contact Russell Cooper 0417 392109



AG Eastside
Jonathan Shepherd

Program for January 2018

Wednesday 10th—Thursday 25th January

Mongolian Short Term Exchange return visit.

Sunday January 14th

Brunch at [Warran Glen Nursery Café](#)

(Meet the Mongolian students(12) and their chaperones(2)).

Thursday January 18, 2018
First Club meeting of 2018

*****Thursday Jan 25th**
No Meeting***

Thursday 1st Feb

If you know you will be out of town for the next club meeting on 18th January, why not send in your apology now and save having to remember that week while you are still in relaxed holiday mood?
Have a great time over Christmas! Hugo



President
RCNB
Rob Head

MEETINGS
THURSDAYS
6 for 6.30pm
Kew Golf Club
120 Belford Road Kew 3102
Ph.
9859 6848

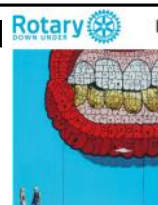
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The Networker: [Issue 10](#)



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MEETING ROSTERS

Thursday 28th December No Meeting	Christmas Break
Thursday January 18, 2018 Speaker: Greg Smith AM Host : Brian Lacy Desk: Bronwen Dimond, Steven Greatorex. Greeters: Sam Hardikar, Yvonne Lyneham Set Up: Paul Fitz, Larry Fitzpatrick	 <p>Presenting the cheque from the Ladies Christmas Fare to the Ashburton Asylum Seeker Support Group. Speaker Greg Smith AM is Chairman of the Country Fire Authority (CFA) and a former Deputy President of the Australian Industrial Relations Commission and the Fair Work Commission.</p>
Thursday January 25th No Meeting	No Meeting No Meeting
Thursday 1st February Speaker: Kevin Sheedy Host : Eileen Toohill Desk: Dileep Krishna-Pillai, David Rowe Greeters: Geoff Steinicke, Peter Sutherland Set Up: Anthony Stokes, Greg Ross	<p>Football Great Kevin Sheedy</p> <p>"Still Doing It His Way"</p> 

Attendance:

Meeting Attendance

Club Membership 78, Attendance 37 = 47.4%

Apologies -29, LOA -2, No Show/**No Apology -10**,

External Activities (Make Ups)

Men's Shed 18 & 21 Dec. Bernie Smith, David Cheney, Peter Elliott, Greg Matthew & John Rennie.

DIK - Imre Lele & Pete Sutherland.

Catering: 16 to 20 Dec. Variety Children's Party, Servants, & Bunnings (2) : Cribbes, Head, Kneale, Matthews, McBride, Oakley, Pennington, Richardson, Sofra, Steinicke, Studebaker, Taylor, Wells, Yukawa, plus wives/partners.

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

E-mail Hugo Goetze hugogoetze@netspace.net.au ...or if you know in advance fill in the Attendance Sheet at The Front Desk on a prior meeting night.

Please make apologies no later than Tuesday evenings.

Cheers, Hugo.

[North Balwyn Rotary supports vocational training program](#)

Great news! Rotary have generously donated funding to provide support for ten Lotus girls to attend a six week Vocational training program in 2018.

Each year the Lotus girls must pass their exams to progress to the next school year. Mrs. Phou-vanh the Lotus supervisor meets with the teachers and students each month to review grades. This formative data is a valuable tool to help determine those girls who are 'at risk,' of human trafficking and decide if vocational training may be the best viable option. Discussion between Sengsavang, and Lotus includes students, parents and village council to ensure that the needs of the girls are valued holistically. Lotus acknowledges that in this community not all girls aspire to complete a higher education in the city of Savannakhet, located one hour away. Importantly, not all girls are academically capable of advancing further and thus have a lot of pressure from their families to earn an income, so vocational training is an important viable option for the Lotus girls and much safer than forced labour and prostitution. With funding from Rotary, ten girls would participate in an 8 week vocational training and life skills course at Sengsavang, Savannakhet with the intent that the girls will be educated in a range of viable vocational options and will thus make informed responsible decisions regarding their future education and or career paths.

Empowering Lao girls through education

[Donate Now](#)

Donate a gift today and make a significant difference in the life of a young Laos girl tomorrow.
Become an agent of change for women and girls everywhere.
100% of monetary donations go directly to support the girl's education.

LOTUS EDUCATION PROJECT- Background

The [Lotus Education Fund](#) has been providing support services in remote regions of Laos for 8 years, and was introduced to us by past-member John Burley.

Our Club has supported the Lotus Education Fund to deliver training for village girls in basic vocational skills, life skills and economic /job market skills.

The program is delivered by their partner organisation [Sengsavang Shelter](#) which provides support to girls rescued from human trafficking or prostitution.

The training program provides certification on completion that is endorsed by the Laotian Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare, and will be delivered as part of the overall approach to enhance school attendances and reduce poverty in villages.

Completion of this program is followed-up by access to more-specific vocational skills training.

Our Club has committed \$7,500 for this program which is offset by us receiving a District grant of \$2,500.

We have just heard that the Laotian Government has established a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the [Laos Ministry of Education and Sport](#) in Champone District and Lotus. Lotus has been awarded official status as a charitable organisation working within the Champhone District and the University of Savannakhet at the provincial level.

President Rob



DIK News

At DIK Imre was recently involved in the pick of seven School classrooms of tables and chairs.

Read the Networker Edition 11 to be delivered to your E-mail inbox soon.

(I've had a sneak peek pre publish date)

It has an article about the meeting we held there last month.



DIK held it's Christmas Party last Tuesday for volunteers and continued "The Move" which is largely now complete except for the tidy up.

At the Party Laurie gave thanks to The Steinicke Family for donating a new electric fork lift to DIK! The fork will be purchased in the New Year.

Left: Andy Steinicke was presented with a unique trophy in thanks for the new fork.

Centre: The trophy—a mounted forklift!

Right: The feast!



Breakfast at Macleay Park where the Lords Cooked for the Plebs



...and later at The Men's Shed



Merry
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY
New Year

Ian Mollison is Champion Again!


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Ian "The Conqueror" won the Bowls Club singles championship for the second year running (6th in total).

Congratulations Ian

[Thank you for supporting Interplast](#)

In October we shared a wonderful evening together at our Changing Futures Concert at the Athenaeum Theatre.

But we didn't just have a fantastic time being entertained by Daryl Braithwaite, Russell Morris, Chris Wilson and Richard Stubbs - together we raised vital funds to help repair bodies and rebuild lives across the Asia Pacific.



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Repairing bodies & rebuilding lives
in the Asia Pacific region

This includes children like Yanjinkham from Mongolia.

Yanjinkham was burned when her home caught fire. Thankfully, our team of volunteer surgeons were able to operate on the scars that developed on her hands, restoring her ability to use them and opening up a better future. Find out more about Yanjinkham's story.



You can help even more children such as Yanjinkham in Mongolia and across the Asia Pacific by supporting our Festive Season appeal. [Donations via our website are secure, and all donations over \\$2 are fully tax deductible. You can also call us on \(03\) 9249 1231.](#)

Interplast is a team effort, and you're an important part of it. We hope you will continue to take an interest in our updates about how we're changing futures together throughout 2018.

I hope that you will get the opportunity to rest and spend time with family and friends over the holiday period.

Regards

Prue Ingram

CEO Interplast Australia & New Zealand,

HELP CHANGE A FUTURE NOW

Plans are under way for our next concert in 2018.

Details to come in the New Year, so stay tuned ...

Mongolian Short Term Exchange

Return Visit to Melbourne

For the information of Members. Please note the following and feel free to contact Estelle if you would like to volunteer on any day

January 10th

Twelve students and two chaperones arrive in Melbourne, followed by a welcome by their host families in Macleay Park.

Five out of eight of the July participant student's families are hosting Mongolian students on this return visit. Three Rotary Members and Gavan Schwartz's sister are also hosting.

A sixteen day program of activities will take place. One Rotarian has volunteered to coordinate each day and they have been assisted by others to double check the detail and fine tune the program.

Thank you Kristine McDonell for assisting with this.

However: PLEASE NOTE: We need one more host for a fellow lady Rotarian from the R.C. Ulaanbaatar Please contact Estelle if you can help.

January 14th

After enjoying breakfast at Warran Glen Café and Nursery, Rotary Club of North Balwyn Members are invited to attend a Community Event at Clifford Park with the Mongolian visitors, and their Host Families. [Clifford Park Activity Centre, Wonga Park](#) 5-7 Clifford Dr., Wonga Park VIC 3115.

The day will conclude with a BBQ Dinner and D.G. Peter Frueh will be there along with A.G. Jonathan Shepherd.

Regards

Estelle Kelly ekelly2@optusnet.com.au 0424 587 107

Call me if you can help or need any more detail about this program.



...one more thing—if you have a Small Bus licence Estelle would like to know if you can be a back up driver should the current plans have a hiccup.

Birthdays and Anniversaries between Dec 18th and Jan 21st

Our Holiday Babies

Weddings : Jack and Joanne Liao; Tony and Jo Wells ; Jane and Matthew Pauli; David and Nina de Garis; Ian and Joan Richardson; Sam and Winita Hardikar; Russell and Joan Cooper.

Birthdays: Phil Wade; Kristine McDonell; Findley Cornell; Peter Sutherland; Jan Cheney; Judy Steinicke; Ann Koa; Jeanette Leigh; Gavan Schwartz; Sally Sutherland; John Gartlan; Adrian Ranson.

Induction Anniversaries: Surprisingly few !



GALA CHARITY GOLF DAY**23rd Feb 2018**

(Please let Greg Matthews know of any sponsorship contacts you may have).

The Rotary Club of North Balwyn is to hold its annual Gala Charity Golf Day at the Kew Golf Club on

Friday 23rd February.

Funds from this event will go towards helping Youth Mental Health through Australian Rotary Health.

Kew Golf Club: 120 Belford Road, East Kew, is a spectacular parkland setting beside the Yarra River.

The course is only 15 minutes from the Melbourne CBD and just off the Eastern Freeway.

Ambrose Competition: Shotgun Start Gourmet Barbecue Lunch.

Prizes: Overall winners and ...

Longest and Straightest drives.

Entry Fee: \$100.00

100% of income from this event will go towards helping Youth Mental Health, which has been identified as an area of concern of the local community. Money will be directed to Australian Rotary Health .

The Rotary Club of North Balwyn is seeking support from Rotarians throughout D9800 for this major Community Service Project.

You will be helping the Community whilst enjoying a round of golf on one of Melbourne's Exclusive Golf Courses and enjoy great fellowship and food at Kew Golf Club.

Australian Rotary Health (ARH)**Adopt a Scientist**

One of the many programs run by ARH is "Adopt a Scientist"



'Adopt a Scientist' is a campaign initiative of Lift The Lid

LIFT THE LID
on mental illness

Lift The Lid/ARH aims to raise \$20 million in Australia over the next three years to fund mental health research, increasing ARH funding of research grants fivefold.

'Adopt A Scientist' will be the ongoing public facing campaign until at least 2020.

The campaign will launch in October 2017 (Mental Health Month)

Additional longer term aims

- Continue to promote salience of the urgency and importance of research.
- Lobby for Federal Government support eg by matching public contributions dollar for dollar.

What does 'Adopting a Scientist' mean?

People will have the opportunity to become a 'friend' of the mental health research ARH funds that are donated through Universities, other institutions and among independent researchers.

Supporters can make a one-off adoption contribution or can choose to support research on a monthly basis.

Adopting a Scientist is more than a 'donation'. It is playing an active part in important scientific research that makes a contribution to advancing our understanding of how the world works and how our minds work within it.

Support for 'Adopt a Scientist' will also contribute to promoting careers in Science for young women, shining a light on female role models in mental health research.

All contributions are tax deductible. For your convenience we will send you one receipt at the end of the financial year, for the total amount of your tax deductible contributions.

100% of every dollar pledged goes directly to funding research grants.

ARH is in regular contact with researchers at the Universities and other centres and gets updates from them regularly.

Read more [HERE](#)

Club Diary

Read about Rotary in your area in The Progress Leader

<http://leader.smedia.com.au/progress/>

Saturday December 23rd

Set up of the Uniting Church Hall Kew 1PM

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Gala Charity Golf Day

16-18 March 2018.

District Conference

Warrnambool.

Registrations [Now Open](#)



21 -25 March 2018.

[2018 Formula 1® Australian Grand Prix.](#)

Friday 5th to Sunday 7th October 2018

Camp Getaway Working Bee 2018



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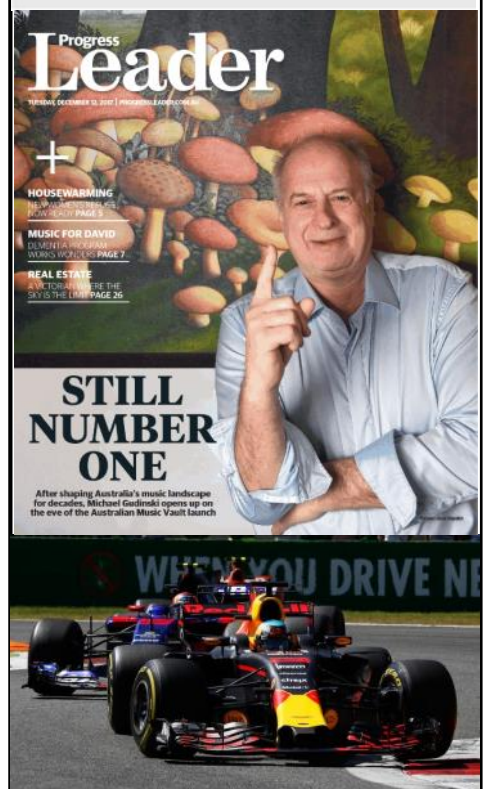
Rotary supports projects in local communities, but balances that with offshore projects.

Minh Hac in Vietnam is a very poor, remote community of 3200 people. This struggling community was discovered by Rotary Club of North Balwyn past president Rowan McClean in 2010.

Since then, club members and community sponsors have embarked on projects that are transforming Minh Hac.

Children could not previously afford to go to school because they needed to tend animals and pick crops to earn enough money for their daily food. Now more than 100 children have been supported to undertake schooling. Schools have received libraries, furniture, fans and teaching equipment. The health clinic now has refrigeration, computers and toilets.

For more information, contact rowanmcclean@gmail.com



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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
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.

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We thank Bread Street Bakery for their ongoing support of our BBQ Fundraising activity through their generous provision of bread supplies.



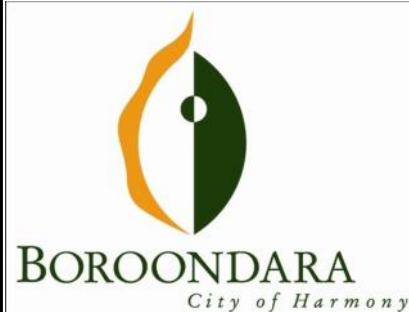
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Thank you Helloworld North Balwyn for your ongoing support of our Event Days and assistance with our Mongolia travel arrangements.

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Bendigo Bank is a strong supporter of Nth Balwyn Rotary through its help with our Community Projects and Fund Raising.



The City of Boroondara is a great supporter of Rotary and we thank them for their most recent support with establishment of our North Balwyn Community Men's Shed