



### Club Meeting 6 February

#### President's Report

Dear Members,

Our **Guest Speaker** Paul McDonald, CEO of Anglicare Victoria gave us a rousing presentation about the current Anglicare campaign to increase the Foster Care cut off age from 18 to 21. Paul argues for the Foster Care Youth that 18 is too young and urges Government to consider how many 18 year old's in today's society are truly ready to be independent in the community without parental or a significant adult guiding them in their life.

The campaign for this push is called Home Stretch and you can read more about it at <http://thehomestretch.org.au/>

You can "Sign The Pledge" to show your support that, "Every child deserves to be supported into adulthood – extending out of home care until the age of 21 will give thousands of young people the additional guidance they need to have a real shot at life".

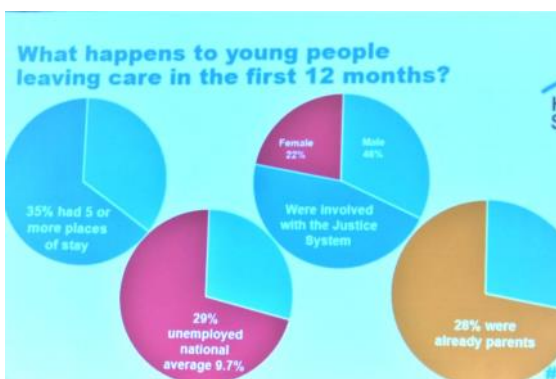
You are not alone! See the list of supporters <http://thehomestretch.org.au/supporters/> including the RC of Melbourne

Don't miss **next week's speaker Matt Maudlin** who we know from ex CEO Servants Community Housing and his last presentation of "Purple Cloak". Matt is going to speak to us about his current mission of **Ping-Pong\_A Thon**. **"We bring communities together and unite them under one cause: bringing freedom to the world's most vulnerable. The fun and freedom of table tennis is our weapon of choice to bring slavery to an end. When you play, people are freed"**.

[See more HERE](#)

Our host for the evening was Rotarian John Rennie who thanked our Guest Speaker Paul McDonald.

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#### [Our Leadership](#)



**RI PRESIDENT**  
Mark Maloney



**DG** Grant  
Hocking



**AG Eastside**  
Barry  
Hickman



**President RCNB**  
Pete Sutherland

**MEETINGS THURSDAYS**  
6 for 6.30pm  
Kew Golf Club  
120 Belford Road Kew  
3102  
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#### Club Diary

Bowls Night February 27

District Conference March 27–29 2020

Miniatures July 11–12

Camp Getaway weekend 16-18 October 2020

Read about Rotary in your area in The Progress Leader  
<http://leader.smedia.com.au/progress/>

#### APOLOGIES FOR CLUB MEETINGS

Sign the "apology sheet" at the front desk if you know in advance.

Or E-mail to [apologiesrcnb@gmail.com](mailto:apologiesrcnb@gmail.com)

**Please apologise no later than 5pm on Tuesday.**

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### Police Mentoring Program

We enjoyed the company of Police Mentoree Senior Sergeant Ashley Wigg who was introduced by his mentor Russell Cooper. Ash is a proud family man and passionate participant in his current VicPol program of Social Cohesion in Greythorn. Ash has previously been involved in Road Safety and notes that Greythorn's Doncaster Road is not always friendly to all users and an initial focus may involve improved pedestrian safety. Ash is rapt to be part of Rotary who he looks forward to giving and receiving support to and from.

Read more [HERE](#)



### From your Directors.

**The Grand Prix:** Following a planning meeting this week we can announce the range of opportunities the GP Association has offered us, and it's time to volunteer! Jim Studebaker has distributed the proposed rosters of each event to every member present at the meeting and will contact others directly. **Please volunteer early and often!**

**The main event is Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup> to Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Ask your friends and partners also!**

**Golf Day: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb.**

The organising committee have the event well under control and we have the support of many sponsors, players and the Kew Golf Club. We may just need a little more help from our Members on the day and keep bringing bottles of wine and money for the after event raffle! See Jim Romanis if you can help.

**Fire Relief BBQ Bunnings Box Hill Sat 16<sup>th</sup> May**

Although we hope the main fire risk has passed with the current rain in NSW and QLD we know there is an ongoing need for community support in Gippsland. Bunnings have offered us this opportunity to help raise funds for The Cause. Please see Nino to participate.

### Vocation Club History

Geoff Steinicke has volunteered (or been volunteered) to document the Vocational History of our Members. Geoff asks "if you have given an autobiography to The Club can you send him a copy or summary to be recorded in the Club History. Here is your chance to go down in history!

**Vietnam** - Rowan is departing for Vietnam to take part in the expedition to Vietnam next week as previously announced. We wish Rowan and his team well. Rowan also announced that International proposals are currently in planning for Laos Women's Teacher Training and a Container of Medical and Hospital equipment to Sri Lanka.

Rowan is also taking 120 pairs of reading glasses to Vietnam thanks to the support of local optometrists.

**Gardening Program** – Neil reminded us that the Gardening Program is back! Look out for the roster and get on board again for 2020.

**Bowls Night – Feb 27<sup>th</sup> No Meeting at Kew Golf Club**

Come and have fun at North Balwyn Bowls Club. Bring your friends and partners too.

It's a regular Club Meeting and for catering purposes please let Hugo know as per usual of absences and guests attending. Ian Mollison is our host and notes **the food will be great, the drinks are cheap, the service is friendly and the bowling will be fun fun fun!**

Bowls are supplied; flat sole shoes essential or bare feet!

**Have a great week in Rotary President Pete**



# Numurkah LEADER

established 1895

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2020

## Numurkah chosen for Rotary drought program

THE Numurkah community has been chosen by the Rotary Club of North Balwyn, located in Melbourne's inner east, as the next location for its successful drought relief program.

Rotary has been successfully running drought relief programs across eastern Australia since 2014, disbursing around \$10 million to drought affected communities.

The most recent program, in the small community of St Arnaud in western Victoria, has seen what equates to around \$250,000 injected into the local economy, meaning some businesses have been able to remain viable.

Attendees at an information session held at the Numurkah seniors hub last Wednesday heard that,

at the core of the program will be the distribution of vouchers which can only be used at selected local businesses which provide essential services such as food, fuel and medicine.

Chair of the program, Geoff Kneale, told the audience that Numurkah had been selected for the program due to a number of factors.

"We spoke to farmers and interest groups from across Victoria to see where there was a strong need," he said.

"We were looking for a place that was suffering as a result of the drought but wasn't benefiting from similar programs delivered by other Rotary clubs.

"We were also looking for a place that had a strong Rotary club that could help us deliver the program,

because there is no more efficient means for us to get funds and programs into a community than through working with the local Rotary club."

"Through all of that, Numurkah stood out as the best location because there is a very serious need here with the impact on the dairy industry, and that flows on to the rest of the community."

Although a limited number of businesses are involved, an analysis of the program by University of Queensland researchers has shown that money spent at one business will circulate through the local economy five to seven times, as the owners of that business spend money at other local businesses.

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[www.numurkahleader.net.au](http://www.numurkahleader.net.au)

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Businesses are also selected in order to avoid creating an unfair advantage; both of Numurkah's supermarkets will be involved, as will both pharmacies.

Vouchers will be distributed through rural financial counsellors, and will be in denominations of \$50 with at least a 12 month period for use. Although vouchers will only be able to be used at selected businesses, there will be no restriction on what they can be used to purchase in those businesses.

"We believe that the individuals themselves are best placed to determine what they need," Mr Kneale said.

North Balwyn assistant treasurer Geoff Haddy said that rural financial councillors were an ideal point of distribution for the vouchers because they were in touch with farmers and aware of their needs.

"The program is confidential, and the financial counsellors are the only ones aware of who receives the vouchers; Rotary doesn't get any identifying information, just the numbers," he said.

Vouchers will be made available to farmers within an 85km radius of Numurkah and it is planned that distribution of the first round of vouchers will commence in late February.

Vouchers are just one element of the program however.

Free events to bring the community together, such as a comedy night and rock legends concert, are also being planned to provide some stress relief to those affected by the drought.

"In St Arnaud we've also included projects such as funding a school excursion, building a cubby house for the child care centre and doing a children's book drive. We have already put together 300 pamper packs to be distributed to local farming women here in the Numurkah district," Mr Kneale said.

"It's a long-term, whole of community program, so we will be identifying things that can be of benefit to the Numurkah community specifically, and implementing them."

Mr Kneale said that, whilst funding for the program has largely been raised by a 'lot of sausage-turning' on the part of Rotary Club of North Balwyn members, financial support is also coming from the Rotary Club of Balwyn, which runs Camberwell market, as well as from Rotary Australia.

Rotary Club of Numurkah president Lorraine Greenwood said the club was delighted that Numurkah had been chosen for the program.

"We are committed to supporting the local community and are always looking at ways to do that, but as a small club, our resources and fundraising power is limited," she said.

"For Numurkah to have the support of Rotary clubs with the resources and experience of North Balwyn and Balwyn is wonderful, and we are very pleased that they see us as a strong club that they can trust to help them deliver the program."



Committed team ... Rotary Club of North Balwyn members Greg Matthews, Geoff Haddy, Rob Head, and Geoff Kneale with Rotary Club of Numurkah president Lorraine Greenwood (centre).

## MEETING ROSTERS

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>13 February</b>	<b>Speaker:-</b> Matt Maudlin
<b>Greeters</b>	Bronwen Dimond, Chris Yudi	<b>Host:-</b> Tony Wells
<b>Setup</b>	Adam Hillary, John Gartlan	<b>Topic:-</b> Ping Pong-a-Thon, a not for profit organisation seeking to combat human trafficking and exploitation of young people in South East Asia.
<b>Desk:</b>	Larry Fitzpatrick, Greg Ross	

Matt Maudlin is well known to RC North Balwyn as a previous CEO of Servants Community Housing. He received PHF recognition from our Club in recognition of his work at Servants.

Matt is now involved in a new project called **Ping Pong A Thon**; a not for profit organisation seeking to combat human trafficking and exploitation of young people in South East Asia through a series of table tennis events held every year.

Schools, universities, churches, workplaces, sporting clubs and pubs across Australia and the USA, host table tennis events to raise funds to support the work of organisations combating the slavery of some of the most vulnerable young people in our world.



<b>Thursday</b>	<b>20 February</b>	<b>Speaker:-</b> Bridget Goulding
<b>Greeters</b>	Kinga Paulheim, Stephen Greateorex	<b>Host:-</b> Geoff Kneale
<b>Setup</b>	Ian Mollison, Barry Cummings	<b>Topic:-</b> Drought: The Personal and Community Toll Sweeping our Country
<b>Desk:</b>	Estelle Kelly, Geoff Steinicke	

My husband, Tim and I are first generation farmers from New Zealand. We farmed in NZ started our life as farm managers, then lower share farmers through to equity share farming.

In 1997, we moved to Numurkah in Central Victoria because the area was so prosperous and went into farm ownership with a partner and in 2002 we brought the other partner out.

Two daughters - Kate and Emma who were 6 and not quite 8 when we moved. They are now 28 and 30.

Currently President of Baulkamaugh CWA, Secretary of Region 3 UDV branch, foundation member of Women in Farming Network Group started through Numurkah Primary Health and an active member of Northern Victoria Irrigation Communities.



<b>Thursday</b>	<b>27 February</b>	<b>Partners Night</b>	<b>Speaker:-</b> Nil
<b>Greeters</b>	David Cheney, Phil Francis		<b>Host:-</b> Ian Mollison
<b>Setup</b>	Peter Downton, John Koa		<b>Topic:-</b> Bowls at North Balwyn
<b>Desk:</b>	Brian Lacy, Tak Yukawa		Bowling Club



### Birthdays and Anniversaries between February 10 and February 16

<b>Weddings:</b>	Adam and Janet Hillary
<b>Birthdays</b>	Bev Sofra, Diane Goetze, Sue McDonald
<b>Inductions:</b>	Sam Hardikar

**Second Bite Roster - Feb/Mar/April `20**

The Roster to collect food from 2nd Bite and deliver to Camcare.

Food is picked up from 2nd Bite between **8:15 and 8:45 am** every Thursday and delivered by **9:45 am** to Camcare.

Food is then sorted by Camcare staff for their 11:00 am distribution to the under privileged.

Please contact **Garth Symington** on mobile 0419 519 899

Date		Volunteer Driver	Team Members NOT available
13	Feb	Steven Greateorex	
20	Feb	Garth Symington	John McBride
27	Feb	Geoff Haddy	John McBride
5	Mar	Greg Cribbes	John McBride
12	Mar		John McBride
19	Mar	Rob Head	
26	Mar		
2	April	Garth Symington	
9	April		
16	April		
23	April	Greg Cribbes	
30	April		

Meeting No.30		Thursday, 6th February 2020
<b>Present:</b>		
Guest Speaker	1	Paul McDonald - Justice for our wards of State
NB Members	47	Apologies = 14, LOA = 5, No Advice = 2
Partners	1	Sally Sutherland
Guests	7	Toni Kilsby & Mark McDonald (Brother of G.S.) plus
		Dennis & Paul Bittismith - all Guests of Pres.Pete Sutherland;
		Mr P & Mrs S Anandajayasekeram - Guests of Rowan McClean.
Meals	56	Booked 58,
Members Present 47 = 69.1% ; Membership = 68		
<b>External Activities :</b>	15	CAMBERWELL Sunday Market, 2nd Feb.- Rob Head,
		Adam Hillary, Estelle Kelly & Andrew Sutherland; DIK -John Magor & Peter Sutherland;
		2nd BITE delivery to CamCare , 6th Feb.- Greg Cribbes ; FARESHARE - Jane Pennington;
		MEN'S SHED, 3rd & 6th Feb.- David Cheney, Peter Elliott (2), Tony Hart & Greg Matthews;
		Greg Ross - 6th Feb. ARH Board ; Tony Wells - RC Balwyn at Eva Tilley Homes.
		SCHOOL'S GARDENING PROJECT restarts Fri 7th Feb. ;
		CATERING, next is Feb.8th - Summer Music Festival, Greythorn Park.
Absences for next week :-		So far, just 10 apologies plus 6 LofA.



### Geoff's Health Tip

#### The Evidence is Clear- Coffee is Good for You

With coffee assuming the mantle of Australia's most popular beverage, you will be pleased to know that a massive review of the scientific literature has found that drinking three to four cups of black coffee a day provides the most health benefits.

The study, recently published in the *British Medical Journal* found benefits reducing the risk for such issues as heart disease, multiple sclerosis, type 2 diabetes, liver disease, prostate cancer, Alzheimer's, computer-related back pain and more.



#### Alzheimer's Disease

Last week I made mention of tea in reducing the risk of dementia, in particular, Alzheimer's disease;

- ♦ there is now evidence that compounds in roasted coffee may be responsible for preventing the build-up of brain plaque believed to cause the disease.

#### Parkinson's Disease

From a report in the *Archives of Neurology*, an article from research out of Sweden revealed that:

- ♦ drinking coffee reduces the risk of Parkinson's Disease even when genetic factors are taken into consideration.

#### Multiple Sclerosis

Research published in the *Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery & Psychiatry* revealed that drinking at least 4 cups a day:

- ♦ may help protect against the development and reoccurrence of Multiple Sclerosis.

#### Type 2 Diabetes

Research on coffee from the *Harvard School of Medicine* showed the risk of developing Type 2 Diabetes was lowered by 9% for each daily cup of coffee consumed.

There are good reasons to drink coffee and there are a few reasons not to, after all you may be a caffeine hater. It's your choice!

**Geoff**

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#### AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH MENTAL ILLNESS RESEARCH

At the next few Rotary meetings I "hopefully" will be extracting some money from you for tickets on "the wheel" which is conducted at the golf day where we hope to raise more than \$20,000.

This is a special service for those NOT attending the golf day to have the opportunity to win some magnificent prizes including vouchers to local restaurants. You may be even lucky enough to "win" a bottle of wine you generously donated.

IT'S A GREAT CAUSE.

\$50 GIVES YOU 14 CHANCES TO WIN PRIZES WORTH APPROX. \$300

\$20 GIVES YOU 5 CHANCES TO WIN PRIZES WORTH APPROX. \$300

\$10 GIVES YOU 4 CHANCES TO WIN PRIZES WORTH APPROX. \$150

YOUR TICKETS WILL BE HELD BY A COUPLE OF VERY TRUSTWORTHY FELLOW ROTARIANS TO CLAIM ON YOUR BEHALF ON THE DAY

I look forward to "extracting" money from you over the next few weeks....cash is best...but credit card could be arranged.

JIM ROMANIS

2020 RCNB	Gardening	Schedule				
Date	School	Time	Supervisor	Assisted By		
Friday Feb 7	XC	3.45-5pm	R McClean	I Glennv		
Friday Feb 21	XC	3.45-5pm	G Haddy	I Glennv		
Sat Feb 22	MLC	10 am>Noon		M Muntwyler		
Friday Feb 28	XC	3.45-5pm				
Sat Feb 29	MLC	10 am>Noon				
Friday Mar 6	CGS/XC	2.45-5pm	G Cribbes	J Pirret		
Friday Mar 13	CGS/XC	2.45-5pm		I Glennv		
Sat March 14	MLC	10am>Noon	R McClean	C Yudi		
Friday Mar 20	CGS/XC	2.45-5pm	G Haddy	I Glennv		
	School Holidays					
Fri April 17	CGS/XC	2.45-5pm	G Cribbes	Tak Yukawa		
Sat April 18	MLC	10 am>Noon	G Haddy	Nino Sofra		
Fri April 24	CGS/XC	2.45-5pm	G Haddy	F Cornell		
Fri May 1	CGS/XC	2.45-5pm	G Symington			
Sat May 2	MLC	10 am>Noon	C Yudi			
Fri May 8	CGS/XC	2.45-5pm				
Fri May 15	XC	3.45-5pm				
Sat May 16	MLC	10 am>Noon	R McClean	S Hardikar		
Fri May 22	CGS/XC	2.45-5pm				
Fri May 29						
Fri June 5						
Fri June 12	CGS/XC	2.45-5pm				
Fri June 19	CGS	2.45-4.00 pm	G Cribbes			
	School Holidays					
	For Additions	or Changers	Contact	Neil Marshall	0447 483493	or neiltric@yahoo.com.au

### February Visit to Vietnam - RAWCS Project 71/2009-10

The visit will take place from mid-February to early March.

During the first stage of the visit, furniture and equipment will be purchased in Hanoi by Balwyn Rotarian Tony O'Brien, North Balwyn Rotarian Rowan McClean and our on-ground allies for schools in our supported communities in Phu Tho Province. Purchases will be made against wish lists provided by the teachers and heads of school.

The second part of the visit will involve Dr. Mala Desai, a friend of Rotary North Balwyn and a specialist paediatric dentist, training Vietnamese doctors and medical staff in the four communities in Phu Tho Province now being supported by D9800 clubs. She will be assisted by Balwyn Rotarian Jim Cary, a retired dentist, and Rowan McClean. Prof. Jamie Robertson (RC Footscray and Professor of Dentistry at the University of Melbourne) who is very experienced in Vietnam, has been providing valuable advice and education materials in the Vietnamese language.

The dental teams will apply topical fluoride paste to the teeth of kindergarten children, thus giving them cavity protection for the first time. The procedure is to be repeated at six monthly intervals, and our aim is to create a self-sustaining process conducted by Phu Tho medical staff from 2021 onwards.

Scott Pepin (Rotary Bacchus Marsh) has collected information outlining options to address the need for clean water in the three newer communities and to provide improved toilets and effluent disposal in all four communities. This urgent and large project will be progressed during the visit for the commencement of implementation this Rotary year.

A new agricultural initiative was commenced last year, with Rotary support for the training of farmers and establishing a plant nursery. This project has 50 farming groups involved and has excellent potential for expansion, thus helping to break the poverty cycle.

Thanks to the generosity of optometrists in Boroondara, we will provide about 120 pairs of renovated spectacles to the medical clinics. The gifting of reading glasses has been extremely valuable in the past: there are no optometry services in the Province and this simple and inexpensive activity has been very popular with residents.

Rowan McClean RAWCS Project Manager.

## Catering Roster

Catering is one of major fundraising activities - help is always wanted!! so if you can help at any of the following, please email: [admin@rotarynorthbalwyn.com.au](mailto:admin@rotarynorthbalwyn.com.au)

<b>15 February</b>	<b>Summer Music Festival</b>		<b>5.30pm to 9.00pm</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Canterbury Gardens</b>	1	Nino Sofra	5 JJ
		2	Jane Pennington	6 Janie Pirret
		3	Rob Head	7 Sue McDonald
		4	Geoff Haddy	8 Bev Sofra
				9 Ian Richardson
<b>28 February</b>	<b>Bunnings</b>		<b>8.30am to 12.00pm</b>	<b>12.00pm to 4.00pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Middleborough Rd</b>	1	Don Taylor	Geoff Haddy
	<b>Box Hill</b>	2	Nino Sofra	Ian Richardson
		3	JJ	Greg Cribbes
		4		Estelle Kelly
<b>18 April</b>	<b>Bunnings</b>		<b>8.30am to 12.00pm</b>	<b>12.00pm to 4.00pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Middleborough Rd</b>	1	Don Taylor	Marcel Muntwyler
	<b>Box Hill</b>	2	Nino Sofra	Peter Downton
		3	JJ	
		4		
<b>25 April</b>	<b>RSL Doncaster</b>		<b>7am to 1.30pm</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Doncaster Rd</b>	1	Nino Sofra	2 Greg Matthews
	<b>ANZAC Day</b>	3	JJ	4 Jane Pennington
		5	Maurie Walters	6 Garth Symington
		7		8
<b>16 May</b>	<b>BUSHFIRE RECOVERY</b>		<b>8am to 12.00pm</b>	<b>12.00pm to 4.00pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>BUNNINGS BOX HILL</b>	1	Nino Sofra	
		2	JJ	
		3		
		4		
<b>12 June</b>	<b>Bunnings</b>		<b>8.30am to 12.00pm</b>	<b>12.00pm to 4.00pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Middleborough Road</b>	1	Greg Cribbes	
	<b>Box Hill</b>	2		
		3		
		4		
<b>21 June</b>	<b>Reclink Cup</b>			
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Victoria Park</b>			





Can you help fill this vacancy? Ring Geoff.

### CAMBERWELL SUNDAY MARKET ROSTER – No 79

Sunday	6.45am – 10.00am		9.45am – 1.00pm	
16 February	Don Taylor	Ian Richardson	Eileen Toohill	Brian Lacy
23 February	Garth Symington	Ted Wilkins		Imre Lele
1 March	Jim Romanis	Greg Matthews	Barry Cummings	
8 March	Tak Yukawa	Don Taylor	Adam Hillary	
15 March	Estelle Kelly	Greg Cribbes	Greg Cribbes	Terry Keyhoe
22 March	Neil Marshall	Rowan McClean	Janie Pirret	Geoff Haddy
29 March	Nino Sofra	Maurie Walters	Findley Cornell	Duncan Ansell
5 April	Tak Yukawa	John Rennie	John Burley	
12 April	Rob Head		Brian Lacy	Marcel Muntwyler
19 April	Greg Ross	Greg Cribbes	Sam Hardikar	Greg Cribbes
26-Apr	Jane Pennington		Adam Hillary	
3-May	John Rennie		Tak Yukawa	
10-May				
17-May	Andrew Sutherland			
24-May				
31-May			Adam Hillary	
7-Jun				
14-Jun				
21-Jun				
28-Jun				

F1 Grand Prix 12-15 March District Conference 27-29 March

<b>EMERGENCIES</b>	If available		David Cheney 0417 355 370
	If available		Adam Hillary 0412 191 413
	If available		John Gartlan 98598559
	If available		Tak Yakawa 0450 122 432

Geoff Steinicke Mob 0418 175 130 email [gwsteinicke@bigpond.com](mailto:gwsteinicke@bigpond.com)

Also on our webpage at <https://rotarynorthbalwyn.com.au/page/sunday-market>

## HOWZAT! FOR A GREAT EVENT!

In December 2019 the Rotary Club of Brighton put on a magnificent event at the MCC Members Dining Room - HOWZAT! A NIGHT OF CRICKET STARS with the Wilson Group as the major sponsor. The MC was Rodney Hogg and who introduced entertainer Mick Collis who grew up with a dream of representing Australia on the sporting field - not in rugby or swimming, but rather Sudoku. His presentation was very funny and entertaining. Rodney Hogg did a wonderful job with interviewing the celebrity cricket greats comprising Ricky Ponting, Paul Sheehan and Damien Fleming. Paul Sheehan brought a serious note speaking about tackling depression amongst some of our cricket players. Pres Keith Cameron also presented a Paul Harris Fellow to AFL legend Kevin Sheedy in recognition of his many years of generous support to the many fundraising events of the club. The food and service was excellent, with over 300 attending raising over \$60,000. The funds raised will go to the Ricky Ponting Foundation on behalf of Redkite, Fight MND and other Rotary Club of Brighton charities. Well done PP David Efron, Sylvie Berchick and committee. Note: More photos on RCB website.





# 130 fellowships for fully funded university training in peace and conflict resolution, are now available

**Applications to district 9800 close 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

Through application of their training, study, networking, and practice Rotary Peace Fellows become leaders and catalysts for peace and conflict resolution.

Many go on to careers in national governments, NGOs, the military, law enforcement, peace education, media, international organizations like the United Nations and World Bank, and grass roots organisations working in communities. See also: <https://rotaryclubofmelbourne.org.au/peace>; <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/peace-fellowships>

Rotary International is committed to this program. Since 2002 more than 1,300 graduates have been trained.

## THE ROTARY PEACE FELLOWSHIP INCLUDES:

- Tuition, fees and course materials
- Room and board
- Round-trip transportation
- Internship/field study expenses
- Insurance

## TWO YEAR MASTERS DEGREE

Up to two years of fully funded graduate study at an internationally recognised program in England (University of Bradford), Japan (International Christian University), Sweden (Uppsala University), or United States (Duke and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill).

## THREE MONTH PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE

Designed for mid-career professionals already working in the field of peace and conflict resolution. This fully funded course at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok and Makerere University Kampala offers a mix of theory and practical skills in both a classroom environment and in the field.

## ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicants for Rotary Peace Fellowships must have the following:

- A strong commitment to peacebuilding demonstrated through professional and academic achievements
- Excellent leadership skills
- Proficiency in English
- For the master's program, a bachelor's degree or equivalent, plus three years of full-time relevant work experience
- For the certificate program, a strong academic background, plus five years of full-time relevant work experience

## HOW TO APPLY

Rotary Peace Fellows are selected through a competitive worldwide process.

**REVIEW:** The entire application online at <https://my.rotary.org/en/peace-fellowship-application>

**SPEAK TO:** A Rotarian that you know, before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020

**CONTACTS:** Rob Helme, Tania Miletic (Peace Fellow Alumnus) or Bob Fels at [office@rotaryclubofmelbourne.org.au](mailto:office@rotaryclubofmelbourne.org.au)

## DISTRICT 9800

District 9800 has recruited and mentored more successful Rotary Peace Fellow applicants than any other district, worldwide. **On-line applications for peace fellowships require District endorsement.**

**Is there someone that you know who might benefit from this program? Please circulate this flyer to them.**



## Rotary Opens Opportunities



Rotary International President-elect Holger Knaack is encouraging Rotarians to seize the many opportunities Rotary offers to enrich their lives and the communities they serve.

Knaack, a member of the Rotary Club of Herzogtum Lauenburg-Mölln, Germany, revealed the 2020-21 presidential theme, ***Rotary Opens Opportunities***, to incoming District Governors at the Rotary International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA, on 20 January.

Rotary isn't just a club for people to join, but rather "an invitation to endless opportunities," said Knaack, who becomes president on 1 July. He emphasized that Rotary creates pathways for members to improve their lives and the lives of those they help through service projects.

"We believe that our acts of service, big and small, create opportunities for people who need our help," Knaack said. He added that Rotary creates leadership opportunities and gives members the chance to travel the world to put their service ideas into action and make lifelong connections. "Everything we do opens another opportunity for someone, somewhere," said Knaack.

### Changing for the future

Knaack also urged members to embrace change so Rotary can expand and thrive. Rather than setting a specific target for increasing the number of members, Knaack said he's asking clubs and districts to think about how to grow in a sustainable and organic way. He wants clubs to focus on keeping current members engaged and adding new members who are the right fit for their club. We will capture this moment to grow Rotary, making it stronger, more adaptable, and even more aligned with our core values.

"We need to stop thinking of new members as people we can mark down as statistics and then forget about," Knaack said. "Every new member changes us a little bit. That person brings a new perspective, new experiences. We need to embrace this constant renewal. We will grow stronger as we learn from new members."

Knaack pointed to Rotary's Action Plan as a compass that can guide clubs as they evolve. He recommended that every club have a strategic plan meeting at least once a year. At that meeting, clubs should ask where they want to be in five years and how they can bring more value to their members. He also wants to see more women in leadership roles and see Rotaractors play an integral role in how new clubs are formed and run. He encouraged district leaders to create new club models and rethink what it means to be in Rotary, and allow young people to be the architects of these new clubs.

In stressing the need for Rotary members to embrace change, Knaack noted that time won't slow down for Rotary: "We will not let rapid change defeat us. We will capture this moment to grow Rotary, making it stronger, more adaptable, and even more aligned with our core values."

<https://www.rotary.org/en/holger-knaack-sees-opportunities-rotary-change-thrive>





## Rotaract Bushfire Appeal Trivia

**Saturday 15th of February, 6:30pm - 9:30pm**  
**Flemington & Kensington Bowling Club**

Gateway Rotaract and the Rotaract E-Club of Melbourne would like to invite your club to our trivia night, raising funds for the Victorian Bushfire Disaster Appeal!

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"Because of the efforts of Rotary and its partners, almost 19 million people are walking today who would have otherwise been paralyzed," said John Germ, Past President of Rotary International who leads Rotary's polio fundraising efforts.

"By partnering with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, we're ensuring that children in polio-affected countries get the lifesaving vaccines they need to be protected from polio for life. As the first organization to envision a polio-free world, Rotary is more committed than ever to delivering on our promise that one day, no child will ever again be paralyzed by polio."

To an audience of Rotary volunteer leaders from around the world, Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation delivered a video message announcing the extension of a funding partnership forged more than a decade ago. Rotary is committed to raising \$50 million per year over the next three years, with every dollar to be matched with two additional dollars from the Gates Foundation. This expanded agreement will translate into up to \$450 million for polio eradication activities.

"The Gates Foundation's longstanding partnership with Rotary has been vital to fighting polio," said Mr. Gates in today's message to Rotary volunteers. "That's why we're extending our funding match, so every dollar that Rotary raises is met with two more. I believe that together, we can make eradication a reality."

In addition to the extended funding partnership with the Gates Foundation, Rotary is also announcing US\$45 million in funding for polio eradication efforts in countries throughout Africa (Angola, Ethiopia, Mali, Nigeria, Somalia and South Sudan), and Asia (Afghanistan, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Pakistan and the Philippines). The funding will help support crucial polio eradication activities such as immunization and disease detection, research, and community mobilization.





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Register at [events.humanitix.com.au/walk-talk-rotary](https://events.humanitix.com.au/walk-talk-rotary)



The poster features a large, stylized blue silhouette of Australia in the background. Overlaid on the map is the text 'WALK TALK' in large, bold, orange letters with a black outline. Below this, the word 'ROTARY' is written in the same style, followed by '6/12/18 km' in a smaller orange font. To the right of the map, the date 'SUN 19 APR' is displayed in red. Below the date, the text 'Rotaract Rotary Club Partner' is shown in red, accompanied by the Rotaract logo (a red gear-like wheel). Below that, the text 'Rotary Club of Mont Albert & Surrey Hills' is written in white, accompanied by the Rotary logo (a yellow gear-like wheel). The 'Venue:' section specifies 'Gardiners Creek, Enter at Deakin Uni, Burwood Highway'. The 'Time:' section states 'Registrations from 10:00 am'. A note encourages 'Businesses/Groups are encouraged to form a team.' and mentions that 'Sponsorships will go to the following charities: Australian Rotary Health, Defying the Drift, Summer Foundation, Interplast.' The registration link is repeated at the bottom.

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