

ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017

The Rotary Club of Flemington Inc.

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**Club 24401
District 9800**



The mission of Rotary International is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

2016-2017 Office Bearers and District 9800 representatives

Board

President	Del King
Secretary	Chris Drenen
Treasurer	Sam Nicol
President Elect	Sam Nicol



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Club Service	Ted Frank
Community Service	Allan Bruno
International Service	Jon Temby
Youth Service	Eliana Cuppiari
Foundation Chair	Paul Perrottet

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Investment Committee	Allan Bruno/Hugh Stewart
Onto Conference	Del King
Opportunity Shops	Allan Bruno/Jon Temby
Photographer	Lesley McCarthy/Paul Perrottet
Program	Eliana Cuppiari
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District 9800 Representatives

Allan Bruno	Donations in Kind Inc. Board Member
Chris Drenen	Youth Exchange Committee
Del King	Youth Exchange Committee
Lesley McCarthy	Leadership & Development Team



President's Report 2016-2017 Del King

Rotary year 2016-17; The year in which I was honoured to represent Flemington Rotary as the Club President. What a year! There was so much happening that to try and recollect it all in one short piece will be impossible. Instead I will use this time to capture some of the many highlights, some I was able to experience first-hand, others through reports back from other members able to attend.

- The opening of the Fit 4 Use store in Werribee was a celebration of years of hard work by Allan Bruno, Hugh Stewart and many other dedicated members and has shown to be a very successful endeavour providing community connections, vocational support, encouraging recycling of items that are still fit for use but of no use to the current owner and all whilst providing a valuable income that can support the work of Flemington Rotary.
- Supporting young people is a personal passion that is shared by the Club and it was great to be involved in the Youth Exchange program, hosting Ida Hirvonen from Finland, co-hosting Ana Medel from Brazil with the Rotary Clubs of Melbourne and Footscray and also sponsoring our very own Maddi Collis to spend a year in Austria.
- District Conference in Shepparton was mind-blowing; a weekend of laughter, inspiration, tears of emotion upon learning the true impact Rotary can have on individuals and the community and of course the fellowship of Rotary when you spend time with old friends and foster new friendships. Hopefully each year will see more and more members from Flemington experience Conference.

It was great when presentations from guest speakers inspired club action!

- o After hearing from Mei Lei Swan, a former Exchange Student sponsored by Flemington, who now runs a not-for-profit organisation supporting vulnerable people as they prepare for childbirth, the Club was able to secure a Foundation Grant to allow Birth for Humankind to run a support program for vulnerable women in our own community.
 - o Learning of the role of the Enhanced Child and Maternal Health Nurse and the needs of many of the families she supports, Flemington Rotary has been able to connect the pieces and create a project that has seen children's books introduced into the homes of many young people.
- Welcoming 4 new members into Flemington was a huge honour; welcome to Rob Lawrence, Cody Bettanin, Anne McMahon and Chris Brock, it is great to see you all involved Club in projects and events.
 - Having Flemington Rotary involvement in the Victoria Police Mentoring Program through Beate McManus' and her mentee Michael Cruse has



strengthened the Club's partnership with Victoria Police.

- Seeing an idea of Peter Cribb come to fruition when a 40 foot container was successfully shipped to the Sputnik Girls Home in Sri Lanka that has gone on to provide a community meeting space whilst the goods that were shipped inside the container have been used to furnish and stack the shelves of a library, build a computer centre, fill a toy library, provide bikes for local children, sewing machines and fabrics to help create training and employment opportunities for the girls of Sputnik and provide much needed play equipment for the entire community to enjoy.

Whilst members of Flemington Rotary are aware of the great work that is being undertaken by the Club, it is great to see others acknowledge this work too. The 2016-17 Rotary year saw Flemington be awarded with 3 awards at the District Changeover.



Personally, one of the biggest buzzes I experienced throughout the year was when other Rotarians mentioned that my almost-weekly Presidents Report in the Bulletin, something that I often felt was an opportunity for me to jump on my soapbox, was creating positive and engaging discussion amongst others.

The 2016-17 year was also a time of reflection as we celebrated the 30th birthday of Flemington Rotary, acknowledging the rich history of the Club and great work that has been accomplished, friendships developed and connections created. The celebrations and memories were shared with a room filled with past, present and future Rotarians. Seeing all that Flemington Rotary has accomplished in this short year, and over the past 30 years, is testament to the great people within the Club, the hard work of members and their ongoing engagement. It truly makes me proud to be a Rotarian, and especially a Rotarian in Flemington.



On a personal note, I want to thank the members of Flemington Rotary for your support, and for allowing me to share (indulge?) my passions for youth and community engagement throughout the year. Taking on the role of President was like jumping into the deep end of the pool before I knew how to swim.

Fortunately within Rotary there is no shortage of people wanting to provide support, encouragement and assistance, on either a personal, Club or District level and it is great to work with committed people who want to make a difference and know how to go about it! Thanks especially to the Board for their patience as I found my feet and in particular to Jon, Chris, Allan and Lesley for being the font of all knowledge.

I say again – WOW, what a year! A year I am extremely proud to be a part of and I am hoping that Sam has as much fun in the role as Club President for Flemington Rotary.



**Del King
President 2016-2017**

Secretary's Report Chris Drenen

Traditionally the role of the Club Secretary is to ensure that the administrative requirements of the Board; District and Rotary International are attended to. This involves processing incoming and outgoing correspondence; submission of reports; updating several databases and the submission of annual returns.

During my two year term as Club Secretary I was fortunate to have the support of a cohesive Board and strong leadership provided by Hugh Stewart and Del King during their respective terms as Club President. With a strong, dedicated and committed Board one's job is far easier.

I therefore extend my thanks, and gratitude, to the Board Members of the past two years.

In 2016/17 one interesting issue that confronted the Club membership was a proposal to change the Club's name. This issue was canvassed over an extensive period of time and was debated at the 2016 Annual General Meeting in November 2016 and further at a Special General Meeting in March 2017. The Club membership resolved not to change the Club's name.

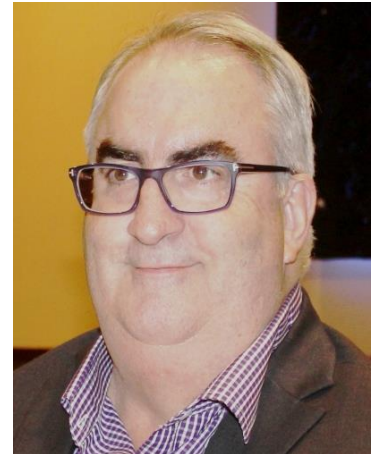
I also extend thanks to the Boards of the past five years, and the Club membership, for the support provided to the youth exchange program. The Club has generously hosted numerous inbound exchange students and sponsored several outbound exchange students. Rosemary and I have both been members of the D9800 youth exchange committee and through our ongoing involvement in the program since 2001 we have hosted 17 students. I hope the Club can continue its involvement in the program in the future.

One pleasing task of a Club Secretary is to order New Member packages. In 2016/17 I was pleased to place several orders and welcome new Members to the Club.

As my business circumstances changed in the early part of 2017 that resulted in permanently relocating to Gippsland I reluctantly had to relinquish my membership of Flemington Rotary. I have fond memories of my time with the Club during my two terms as Club President; two terms as Club Secretary and numerous terms as Youth Services Director. My Rotary journey will no doubt continue with another Club.

Regards

Chris Drenen



Treasurer's Report Sam Nicol

I have pleasure presenting the Financial Statements for year ending 30th June, 2017.

1 The Rotary Club of Flemington is now GST registered.
The ABN is 47 754 561 417

2 All figures quoted in the report are net of GST.

3 The total revenue from the Werribee Fit4Use store of \$96k is for 11 months.
The store started trading in August 2016.

4 Flemington Op Shop gross is down to \$57k from \$66k.

5 BBQ income is down slightly to \$15200, but still a great effort.

6 Total revenue for the Club was \$195k, this is up from \$110k for the previous year.

7 \$150k of members funds was transferred to a share portfolio.

a) dividends (net of administration fees) received of \$4060.

b) the portfolio gained \$2880 in value as of 30th June

Total return \$6940. At these rates, it is a 50% more than bank interest.

8 Creditors sits at \$34k.

Made up of \$ 15500 salary for store manager

\$ 15000 allocation to Werribee cluster

\$. 3000 for Werribee Volunteers projects

Overall, there is a surplus of \$14,500 for the year.

Members equity is now \$195, 600

The startup of the Werribee Fit4Use store has doubled our fundraising capacity.

This puts Flemington Rotary in an expansionary position with respect to supporting our community.

Sam Nicol
Treasurer
2016-2017



Club Service - Board

The **Blue Moon Social** events continued to be a great success, involving partners and members of the community.

The first Blue Moon of the year was a dinner at the home of PP and long term Treasurer Eugene Odachowski and Barbara. This was a wonderful evening, and an opportunity for members to engage with a enjoy the company of Eugene in his declining health.

The second event was the Gateway Super Cluster event raising funds for the combined Toilet Project in Bangladesh. This event featured an address by former MLA Judy Maddigan.



Our third Blue Moon was a get together at the Flemington Kensington Bowls Club for dinner. A most enjoyable evening with partners and friends all chatting away.

We were represented at the **Gateway Cluster Bowls Tournament** in February when our bowling stars Dulcie Heard and Geoff Cawsey led 2 teams. Allan Bruno, Sam Nicol, Lesley McCarthy, Dulcie's granddaughter Piper.



The **Christmas Party** at Fredricks Restaurant in Essendon was a very large event and thoroughly enjoyable for all. It was great to see so many young people attending including AJ and Mila McConville, Zoe and Jules Borghouts, Tyra, Ida and Anna exchange students. District Governor Neville John and Assistant Governor Colin Styles and June attended.



The club's **30th Birthday Celebration** was held at The Boathouse in Maribyrnong and included Past District Governor John King and Elaine who were serving at our charter. Also attending District Governor Neville John, PDG Murray Verso and Irene former members Dr Theong Lew, John & Susie Herniman, Brian, and Ken Maxfield.

Continuing Charter Members Ted Frank, Geoff Cawsey, Eugene Odachowski, PDG Vance Hilton with PDG John King.





The **Annual Club Presidents Changeover** was held at Ascot House on 14th June and was a magnificent evening. We were delighted with the attendance and support from the District with District Governor Peter Frueh and Anne, Past District Governor Murray Verso and Irene and Past District Governor Julie Mason as well as Assistant Governor Colin Stiles and June. Moonee Valley Council was represented by Councillors Jim Cusack and Rebecca Gauci Maurici and the Bendigo Bank was represented by Nuran Umit.



A special **Service Beyond Self Award** was given to Past President Allan Bruno for his years of outstanding dedication and service to the club, District, the Op Shops and to Donations in Kind.

Paul Harris Awards were made to retiring President Del King, and to Barbara Odachowski for their service to the club. **Certificates of Appreciation** were awarded to Olga Hilton and Beverly Cribb for their dedication to the Opportunity Shop. The **Jim Hosie Trophy** was awarded to Lesley McCarthy for her work on the Club Bulletin and overall contribution to the club.

The **Vance Hilton Award** was made by Olga Hilton on Vance's behalf to Eugene Odachowski for his many years of dedicated service in completing the weekly Bread Run from Bakers Delight to the Flemington Residents Association at Debney Park. Barbara Odachowski accepted this award on Eugene's behalf.



THE FIRST OBJECT OF ROTARY

The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.

Community Service Allan Bruno

The two Opportunity Shops continued to be the club's main focus in Community Service throughout the year.

The Flemington Op Shop, managed by Sam Nicol, did a steady trade although income for the year was less than anticipated.

The Werribee Fit4Use store, managed by Lorry Rowe and a team of volunteers, exceeded all expectations in its first year with a solid profit. \$15,000 was donated back to the Werribee cluster and \$3000 to the volunteers to use as they chose.

The club supported a number of community groups through BBQs during the year and contributed funds raised to those groups.

Bunnings West Footscray included our club in their BBQ roster and a number of events were held, raising almost \$12,000.

Eugene Odachowski and his team of regular volunteers continued the weekly Bread Run from Bakers Delight in Ascot Vale to the Flemington Tenants Association at Debney Park. In addition to Eugene and his wife Barbara, Angelo Pratt, Geoff Cawsey and friends of Eugene's continue to support this project.

A number of Community Service BBQs were also provided with profits going to those groups:

Ascot Vale West Primary School Fete
St Brendan's Kindergarten Fete
EID Festival at Debney Park

On application, a number of organisations also received grants including:

The Venny	\$5020
Birth for Humankind	\$2500
St Brendans Kindergarten	\$450
Victoria Police	\$100
Flemington Tenants Association	\$150
Mount Alexander College	\$230
Clown Doctors	\$500





In recognition of their support to the club in a number of BBQ activities, the Eritrean Australian Humanitarian Association received a donation of \$3000.

Donations were also made on behalf of the club to:

Australian Rotary Health	\$1177
The Rotary Foundation	\$2750
Fit4Use Store Volunteers	\$3000
The Werribee Cluster Clubs	\$15,000

In Eugene Odachowski's name, an additional donation was made to Australian Rotary Health.

Members all participated in the fundraiser for Lift the Lid – Hat Day.



Opportunity Shops – Jon Temby

The Op Shop/Fit4Use Management Committee was comprised of the Op Shop manager and President Elect Sam Nicol, Fit4Use Manager Lorry Rowe, PP Allan Bruno and was chaired by PP Jon Temby

Over several meetings, the management committee discussed staff/volunteer inductions and training, broader social and vocational benefits to volunteer staff and the wider community, holiday/absence backup, succession planning, security, advertising, sales and sales strategies, supply lines and closer links to DIK among many other topics.

Importantly the committee developed and implemented an Operating Manual to assist shop management and to provide some common systems and processes within which to operate. We conducted a review of both shops to help to verify that shop management, Management Committee and Board due diligence obligations were being met.

Both shops are functioning well and it was very pleasing to see the Fit4Use store exceed our budget forecasts. This enabled the board to allocate additional funds to community building activities and projects at local and wider levels



THE THIRD OBJECT OF ROTARY

The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life

BBQ Program

A very busy schedule of Community Service and Fundraising events was conducted throughout the year, superbly organised and managed by Allan Bruno and Ted Frank. These events raised substantial sums for the club as well as providing an ongoing focus and familiar face in the community.

August 6 th	Bunnings, West Footscray
September 4 th	Opening of a new park in Rankines Road Kensington.
September 19 th	Eid Festival at Debneys Park
October 2 nd	Bunnings, West Footscray
October 7, 18, 28, 30 th	Metro Rail at Sunshine Railway Station
October 16 th	St Brendans Kindergarten Fete
December 11 th	Moonee Valley Council Carols in Queens Park
December 26 th	Bunnings, West Footscray
April 2 nd	Unity Cup at JJ Holland Reserve
June 4 th	Bunnings, West Footscray



Youth Service Eliana Cuppiari

The Rotary Club of Flemington again strongly supported Youth programs including:
Rotary Youth Exchange:

Inbound student from Finland, Ida Hirvonen
{August 2017 – April 2017}

Outbound student to Germany, Maddi Collis
{January 2017-January 2018}

Inbound student from Brazil, Ana Medel,
co-hosted with Rotary Club of Footscray
January 2017-January 2018}

Many thanks to Lyn Borghouts, Del King, Beate McManus, Chris Drenen and Chris Richardson and Maria Ruberto for being host families.

The club also supported Mount Alexander College through a Breakfast Club, and students to attend MUNA and RYPEN.

Scholarships were donated to local schools for awarding to students at end of year assemblies focussing on the 4 Way Test. Rotarians attended most assemblies to assist in the presentations.



International Service

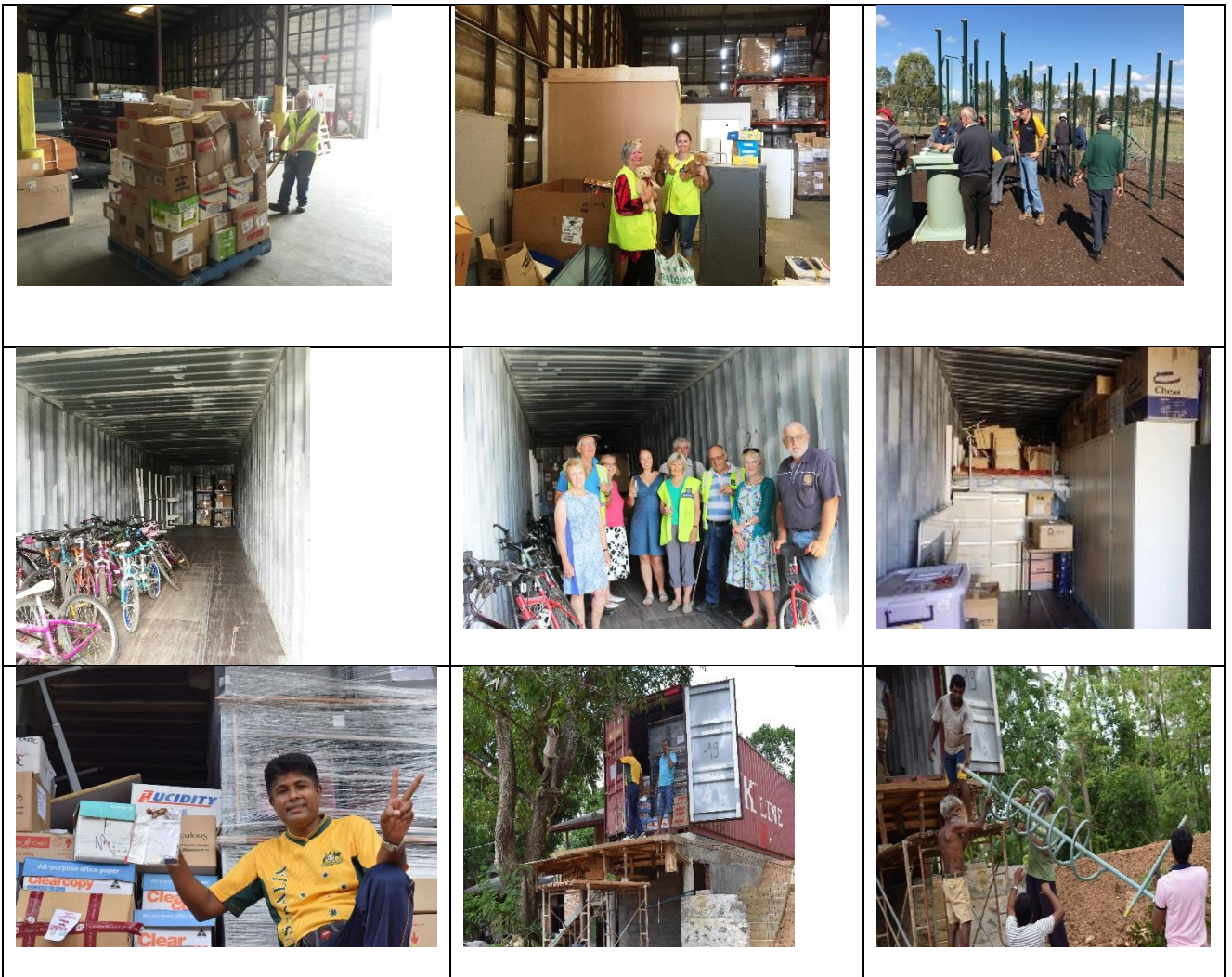
In conjunction with two benefactors and a Foundation grant, the club purchased a container which was then filled with goods and shipped to the Sputnik Girls Orphanage in Sri Lanka.

This project resulted in conversations between PP Peter Cribb, friends in Adelaide and a PhD student from Sri Lanka studying in Adelaide.

The container became a community library and toy library, stocked with books and toys sourced from Donations in Kind and members. In addition, 2 sets of playground equipment were sourced through the Rotary Club of Highton in Geelong.

The container was also filled with:

Sewing machines, bicycles, computers, sewing fabric, classroom tables and chairs, educational equipment, whiteboards and filing cabinets, children's picture story books, a braille machine, toys, exercise books, pencils, textas and pens.





President Del King receiving cheques for sponsorship of the Sri Lanka container from Jim and Liz Alvey.



Sponsorship of the **School for Autism in Indonesia** completed the final stage with a donation of \$7000 to complete the classroom works.

This project is featured on Rotary Showcase at

https://map.rotary.org/en/project/pages/project_detail.aspx?guid=88810DD7-5AC2-4850-A6C0-F2CED8AE933F

The club continued to support the **toilet block and sanitation program in Bangladesh**. The Gateway Cluster led by the Rotary Club of Footscray has operated this project for several years through the liaison with Assistant Governor Ejanul Hague. The club contributed an additional \$850 this year.



Program Eliana Cuppiari

A strong speakers program operated throughout the year, enriching members knowledge and enabling further relationships with local community groups. The program included:

Megan Lowry, former National Youth Science Forum participant.
Sarah Davies from Second Bite
Mary Keating, Editor, Flemington Kensington News
Olivia Mei Lei Swan on Birth for Humankind
Jim and Liz Alvey on the Sri Lanka Project
Rosemary Johns, the Boys who fed me Apples
Abeselom Nega, from iEmpower
Sergeant Michael Cruse – Victoria Police Mentoring Program
Leigh Sentra and Dave Kutcher, The Venny
Ricky Dunbar and Past Runners
Kerrie Kornhauser, International Women’s Day
Scott Barnett on First Aid Kits
Abeselom Nega, Iempower
James Mephram, Photographer and fellow GSE Team Member with Del
Leonie Dodds, MVCC Maternal & Child Health Nurse
Members behind the Badge – Cody Bettanin Chris Brock, Rob Lawrence and Anne McMahon





THE SECOND OBJECT OF ROTARY: High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

Financial Reports