

# THE MORELANDER



## RORP- ROTARY OVERSEAS RECYCLED PLAYGROUNDS

Peter Cribb tells us about this amazing Rotary initiative

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**Moreland Rotary acknowledges the Wurundjeri people of the eastern Kulin Nations on whose unceded lands we conduct our business. Moreland Rotary respectfully acknowledges their Ancestors and Elders, past, present and emerging. Moreland Rotary also acknowledges the Traditional Custodians and their Ancestors of the lands and waters across Australia where we conduct our business.**



Cover photo: children at a recycled playground in Tanzania (courtesy of Peter Cribb)

## RORP - Rotary Overseas Recycled Playgrounds

We were fortunate to have **the founder of RORP** in **Peter Cribb** give an inspiring presentation to our meeting last week.

Peter is a member of RC Flemington-Kensington and has been a tireless and passionate supporter of RORP which started from a chance request from a Sri Lankan village that he was supporting. Our clubs have considered the possibility of getting involved in a RORP project in the Moreland area so we invited President George Kapouleas from the RC of Coburg and Colin McKenzie from the RC of Pascoe Vale to join us at the meeting.

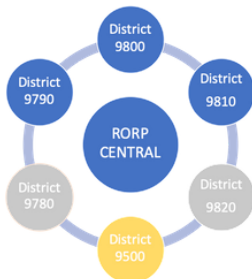
Peter's apt description of RORP's work is that they harvest Local Playgrounds destined for landfill, for sending instead overseas to needy kids.

### Origins of RORP

RORP grew out of a Rotary project that sent a container of educational goods to a Girl's Home in Sri Lanka, which included -

- Computers
- Sewing machines
- Sewing tools and rolls of materials
- Bicycles
- Braille Machine
- Education and reading books
- Toys, skylights, glass doors, shelving

When discussing needs in the village a one final request was made – “can we also have a playground please?”



So after some diligent research a playground from Leopold Geelong was identified and removed by the Rotary Clubs of Flemington and Highton and the Geelong MG Car Club. It is now installed for community use near the Sputnik Girl's home in Kurunegala, Sri Lanka. The then SISL project evolved into RORP and has grown involving :

- 50 rotary clubs over 6 Districts
- Partnerships with 28 Municipal/Shire Councils
- Support from 5 manufacturers and 8 landscaping companies
- Playgrounds being sent to Tanzania, Sri Lanka, PNG, Timor Leste.
- Agreement just being reached with the Rotary District of Nepal and Bhutan.
- Currently seeking an arrangement with the Philippines Government, Bhutan, Timor (separate project), Uganda.

RORP management is by an across districts panel and it is about to harvest its 50th playground, with a further 30 donated

### How does RORP operate?

We enquire of Municipal Councils, Schools, Churches, Kindergartens, Businesses, etc, as to playgrounds they might be planning to remove. You and your club could help locate these in your own locality.



## RORP - Rotary Overseas Recycled Playgrounds (continued)

### When a likely playground is identified, the RORP Teams:

- o Contact the potential donor
- o Resolve the legal issues around accountability including Deed of Indemnity if necessary
- o Source a local Rotary Club or Community group to help with the removal.
- o Develop annotated plans of the playground to assist in its reassembly
- o Add all details to an online database
- o Bill the donor a small fee in lieu of cartage and tipping costs.

DIK (Rotary Donations in Kind) have been an integral part of the RORP operation through the organisation of warehousing and shipping of demounted playgrounds to their overseas destinations such as Rotary in Sri Lanka or Timor Leste for reassembly at a school.

### How is RORP Funded?

The \$600+ fee per donor in lieu of labor, transport and tip fees is collected by the RORP Team.

- With 8-10 playgrounds per 40ft container the shipping fee is covered.
- A playground fits into a DIK Truck, the only cost to a Rotary Club is fuel (\$10-30).
- The heavy work in the removal of a playground is undertaken by the playground contractor, an arrangement organised by the RORP Team. For supporting Rotary Clubs this means no digging, no heavy lifting and a tiny expense.

It is a great project for a club to do on its own or though a partnership with the local Men's Shed, School Council, Car or Sports Club etc. RORP itself is largely self-funded.

### The responsibility of a participating Rotary Club, includes:

- Locating a playground.
- Planning for harvest team and tools.
- Checking its suitability: Sound, bolted, limited wood.
- Meeting with donor/contractor to plan timeline.
- Photographing for code allocation and send to RORP central.
- Coded photos returned.
- Adding codes and paint spot to playground components
- Application of WD40 and/or Penetrene where required.
- Helping disassemble the playground
- Transporting to storage at DIK for loading and shipping.

Peter's life is very impressive and we feel would make for at least one more address to the club. He encapsulates the spirit of a Rotary can do mentality and passionate commitment to helping communities in need. The manner in which he has developed the RORP organisational structure is super impressive, leaving us to wonder how he has managed to achieve so much in his life and then to be told that he is going to be partly off air for the next 3 months to finish his PHD thesis. Thanks Peter and hopefully we will get involved in a project soon.



## Major achievement focus of Rotary's World Polio Day event - Ryan Hyland

Rotary's 2020 World Polio Day Online Global Update program on 24 October hails this year's historic achievement in polio eradication: Africa being declared free of the wild poliovirus.

Paralympic medalist and TV presenter Ade Adepitan, who co-hosts this year's program, says that the eradication of polio in Africa was personal for him. "Since I was born in Nigeria, this achievement is close to my heart," says Adepitan, a polio survivor who contracted the disease as a child. "I've been waiting for this day since I was young." He notes that, just a decade ago, three-quarters of all of the world's polio cases caused by the wild virus were contracted in Africa. Now, more than a billion Africans are safe from the disease. "But we're not done," Adepitan cautions. "We're in pursuit of an even greater triumph — a world without polio. And I can't wait."

Rotary Foundation Trustee Geeta Manek, who co-hosts the program with Adepitan, says that World Polio Day is an opportunity for Rotary members to be motivated to "continue this fight." She adds, "Rotarians around the world are working tirelessly to support the global effort to end polio."

### A collective effort

Dr. Tunji Funsho, chair of Rotary's Nigeria PolioPlus Committee and a member of the Rotary Club of Lekki Phase 1, Lagos State, Nigeria, tells online viewers that the milestone couldn't have been reached without the efforts of Rotary members and leaders in Africa and around the world.

Funsho, who was recently named one of TIME magazine's 100 Most Influential People of 2020, says countless Rotarians helped by holding events to raise awareness and to raise funds or by working with governments to secure funding and other support for polio eradication.

***"Polio eradication is truly a collective effort ... This accomplishment belongs to all of us," says Dr Funsho.***

Rotary and its members have contributed nearly \$890 million toward polio eradication efforts in the African region. The funds have allowed Rotary to award PolioPlus grants to fund polio surveillance, transportation, awareness campaigns, and National Immunization Days.

**To donate to PolioPlus, [click here](https://www.endpolio.org/) or go to <https://www.endpolio.org/> and click on the Donate button**



This year's World Polio Day Online Global Update is streamed on Facebook in several languages and in a number of time zones around the world. The program, which is sponsored by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, features Jeffrey Kluger, editor at large for TIME magazine; Mark Wright, TV news host and member of the Rotary Club of Seattle, Washington, USA; and Angélique Kidjo, a Grammy Award-winning singer who performs her song "M'Bamba."

### The future of the fight against polio

Rotary's challenge now is to eradicate the wild poliovirus in the two countries where the disease has never been stopped: Afghanistan and Pakistan. Routine immunizations must also be strengthened in Africa to keep the virus from returning there.

To eradicate polio, multiple high-quality immunization campaigns must be carried out each year in polio-affected and high-risk countries.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, it's necessary to maintain populations' immunity against polio while also protecting health workers from the coronavirus and making sure they don't transmit it.

Rotary has contributed more than \$2.1 billion to polio eradication since it launched the PolioPlus program in 1985, and it's committed to raising \$50 million each year for polio eradication activities. Because of a 2-to-1 matching agreement with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, that means that, each year, \$150 million goes toward fulfilling Rotary's promise to the children of the world: No child will ever again suffer the devastating effects of polio.

**To view the update, [click here](https://bit.ly/3eK2H40) or go to: <https://bit.ly/3eK2H40>**





# About Rotary



Members of Rotary are part of a diverse group of community and professional leaders working to address community and international service needs and to promote peace and understanding throughout the world.

Rotary clubs receive a charter from the worldwide organisation - Rotary International.

A Rotarian belongs to a particular Rotary Club often near his/her home or work or sometimes because of the club meeting time.

Rotary districts are a way of grouping a number of clubs in a particular geographic area. The area covered quite often crosses state and even international boundaries.

Rotary District 9790 encompasses the northern suburbs of Melbourne and stretches north and north east of Victoria to the Murray River and up into parts of NSW.

For more information about Rotary District 9790, [click here](#)



## District Governor's Newsletter

"Bruce's Bulletin" is the monthly newsletter of District Governor Bruce Anderson. There is a lot of information about the many Rotary projects and events across our District. Simply [click here](#) to read the latest edition

### Rotary



#### 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?





# Upcoming events and meetings

*A standing invitation exists for all readers of The Morelander to attend Moreland Rotary Club meetings and some of our other events. Please let us know if you intend to join us by ringing **David Redfearn** on **0448 852 747** or emailing on **dredfearn@vtown.com.au** (click on email address).*

## Upcoming speakers/events

**11 November:** Monthly Board meeting **(via Zoom)** **Chair:** President David Redfearn

**18 November:** Rachel Payne **Chair:** Lee Garwood

**25 November:** Dr Osama Nassab **Chair:** John Hoffmann

**2 December:** TBA **Chair:** Trevor Moyle

### Our Guest Speakers

Moreland Rotary Club invites speakers to our club both from our local community and further afield. They come from a wide range of backgrounds and are invited because they hopefully inform and stimulate our members and guests. We feel that this is of value in fostering a deeper understanding of our diverse community and even providing guidance as to the types of activities and projects our club may engage in. However the opinions expressed by our speakers do not necessarily reflect any official viewpoint of Moreland Rotary nor those of individual club members. Irrespective of this we always offer a warm Rotary welcome to all of our speakers.

Find us on  **click here**



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# Rotary Leadership 2020-21

**Rotary International:** President: Holger Knaack (Susanne), Rotary Club of Herzogtum Lauenberg-Mölln (Germany)

**District Governor:** Bruce Anderson (Marilyn), Rotary Club of Strathmore

**Assistant Governor Group 2:** Emma Davis, Rotary Club of Moreland

**Rotary Club of Moreland President:** David Redfearn (Deanna)

## Club Service Roles 2020-21

President	David Redfearn OAM
Secretary	Rosemary Freeman
Treasurer	John Hoffmann
Club Service	Brian Bennett
Community Service	David Redfearn OAM
Vocational Services	Brian Bennett
International Service and Assistant Bulletin Editor	Trevor Moyle
Membership and Rotary Foundation	Trevor Moyle
Local Environment	Jo Connellan
Youth and Assistant Secretary	Silvana De Pretto
Club Administration	Nino Galgano
Bulletin Editor	David Redfearn OAM
Australian Rotary Health	Rosemary Freeman
Public Relations	Russell Stuckey
Club History	Nino Galgano
Valued members	Richard McCarthy, Elly Gardner, Lee Garwood, Emma Davis
Honorary Members	The Hon. Kelvin Thomson, Helen Bailey, John Awler

## District 9790 /Multi District Roles 2020-21

Assistant Governor, Group 2	Emma Davis
District Community Service Chair and Australian Rotary Health	Rosemary Freeman
District Legal Officer	Nino Galgano
District Bulletin Editor and Peter Toomey Community Police Award	David Redfearn OAM
Shine On Awards	Brian Bennett

### WHEN AND WHERE WE MEET:

*Moreland Rotary Club meets most Wednesdays at 7.30 for a 7.40 am start.*

*We meet at the Sorrento Bar, 801 Sydney Road, Brunswick, 3056*

### HOW TO GET A COPY OF THE MORELANDER:

*If you would like to receive our bulletin via email each week, email our editor at:*

*[dredfearn@vtown.com.au](mailto:dredfearn@vtown.com.au)*

### WHERE TO SEND FORMAL CORRESPONDENCE:

*Attention: The Secretary, Moreland Rotary Club, PO Box 219, Coburg, Victoria, 3058*



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# ROTARY ISN'T CANCELLED

# *It's just different*

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During the pandemic we have been meeting via Zoom on Wednesday mornings from 7.30-8.30 am and we have had some great guest speakers. **Next week though, you may be able to join us in person at our usual venue which is listed on page 8.** Numbers will be restricted so an RSVP is essential. You can still join us on Zoom though and the link is below.

Why not join us one morning? Simply ring David on 0448 852 747 the day before to RSVP and then go to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87077765173> just before the meeting to join in.

