

District 9800 Foundation Matters



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From the Chair, PDG Julie Mason AM



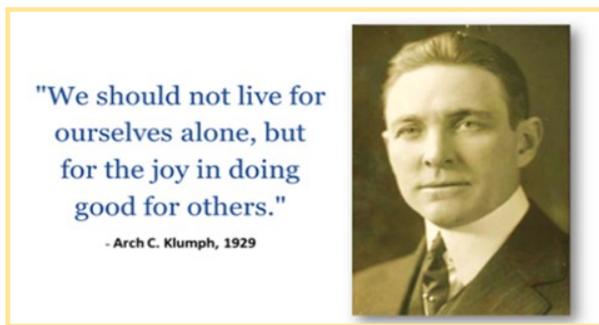
It is a privilege to take on the role of Chair of The Rotary Foundation in District 9800 for the next three years. In doing so I am reminded that our Foundation started with the vision of one-person, Arch Klump. As club president in 1913, he advocated for his club to build a reserve that would ensure its means to do future good work. Then Klumph was elected to serve as Rotary's President for 1916-17 and at the 1917 Rotary Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, he proposed setting up an endowment fund "for the purpose of doing good in the world." That one idea, and an initial contribution of \$26.50, established The Rotary Foundation (TRF).

The District 9800 Foundation Team, introduced in this Newsletter, is here to support you and your club, who are our priority. Thanks to club and personal donations there are funds available to help you achieve your goals so consider the lifechanging projects where you can Unite for Good. You only need to apply.

Mark Stephens, District Humanitarian Grants Chair, has already contacted clubs seeking information about your grant intention for 2025/2026. A simple form needs to be returned to Mark promptly as this information is required by Rotary International to enable our District Designated Funds to be released to provide support for you and your club. So, let's get cracking with this, partner up with other clubs if needed and translate great ideas into action.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the Foundation Team if you would like more information or help as we are all here to support you.

This video is a testament to our Foundation: [100 years of the Rotary Foundation.mp4](#)



The Foundation "Doing Good in the World"

Wyndham Rotary Heart Project

Ten children aged between seven months, and eight years were unable to access heart surgery that could either save their lives or significantly improve their quality of life. The Rotary Club of Southend Delhi and the Koshika Foundation provided financial support and Wyndham Rotary secured a Rotary Foundation International Grant. Further support was provided from members of the Koshika Foundation who organised the surgeries through their partner hospitals, providing detailed proof of the completed surgeries.

For Wyndham Rotarians and our partners, the outcome of this project was indeed heartwarming!

If you have a project where the Rotary Foundation provided a grant and you wish to share with us please send a short overview to Jane or me.



End Polio Now Campaign

Rotary Walk With Us

Come and join many other Rotarians who are walking during October to raise money for Rotary's number one global project—to eradicate polio from the world.

Register yourself to walk solo or form a team with your family, friends and club members and seek sponsorship for every step taken.

Register here: <http://rotarywalkwithus.org/>



October starts with our Paws for Polio Walk on 5 October in Elsternwick Park at 10am. Bring your four legged furry friend or just come individually and walk together.

[Register here for this event:](#)

If you would like to walk with a group you can join with:

Glenferrie and North Balwyn Rotary: Saturday 25 October, 10.30am.
Meet at Leonda in Hawthorn.

Polio Plus Society

The PolioPlus Society (PPS) is a fundraising and recognition program that specifically supports PolioPlus. Members donate a minimum of \$160 per year to the PolioPlus Fund and will do so until polio is eradicated from the face of the earth. Our District has over 100 members and would love to increase this number.

[Just click here for more information.](#)



Polio Video

Here is a very powerful video showing vaccinators in Pakistan and the challenges they face. <https://vimeo.com/1095980260?fl=pl&fe=ti> This would be ideal to show at a Club meeting.

Movie Night Fundraiser

The Movie "The Travellers" has been made available to Rotary as a fundraiser. We are in the process of securing a date and time for this special event so you can experience this funny and heartwarming story and contribute to our fundraising at the same time. More details to follow.

[Get a taster and watch the trailer here.](#)

Foundation Fun Fact



The Rotary Club of Chicago's first project was establishing public toilets (or "comfort stations") in Chicago in 1907, which transformed the organisation into the world's first service club.

This project involved advocating for sanitation improvements and working with other local groups to bring the facilities to the quickly growing industrial city.



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Meet the Foundation Team



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Fundraising Chair



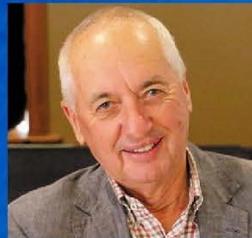
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District International
Director



David Gorman
Post Graduate Global
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Thelma Hutchison
Foundation Stewardship



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The Royce and Jean Abbey
Vocational Scholarships
The Royce Abbey Award



Sue Vincent
Peace Building Program



PDG Keith Ryall
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