



## *Three years of D9800 Foundation Activity (2019 -2022)*

As this Rotary year draws to a close, so does my three-year term as the District 9800 Rotary Foundation Chair (DRFC). It has been a privilege and an honour to have charge of the District's Foundation activities from 2019 to 2022. It has been a privilege to see first-hand all the various aspects of the Foundation's work and an honour to be supported by a talented and hard-working committee. Each member of the team shares my passion for The Rotary Foundation (TRF) and understands the need to make it work for all Rotarians.

The Foundation is best known for its Humanitarian Grants Program. Our **Grants Chair Richard Blakeman** has done an outstanding job over the past three years. He has ensured our grant guidelines are clearly documented, established an excellent record keeping system and won many admirers for the friendly assistance he provides to clubs when they have queries about grants. I'm pleased to advise that Richard has agreed to stay on for another 3 years in the role.



The Rotary Foundation places great importance on the stewardship of its grants. For two years, **Katrina Flinn** was a very conscientious Stewardship Chair and, in the past Year, Vijay Susarla and George de Souza shared the role.

My predecessor as the DRFC, **PDG Dennis Shore** has been busy for the past 3 years as **the Zone 8 Endowments and Major Gifts Advisor**. Despite this major role, he has also served our district as our Annual Fund Chair and as **our Peace Fellow Chair**. In this latter role he has skilfully maintained our districts unbeaten record of selecting one or more peace fellows every year. A total of six Peace Fellows were approved over the past three years. Thank you, Dennis.



For several years, our **Global Grant Scholarship** program had been very well managed by **PDG Keith Ryall**. Two years ago, he handed over the role to **David Gorman** who has also done an excellent job. Each year, we fund two scholars to undertake postgraduate studies at a university overseas.



Keith has continued to mentor some of our post graduate scholars and maintain contact with all Foundation alumni connected with our district in his role as District Alumni Chair.





Led by the dynamic **Kitty O'Connor** our **Polio Plus** committee produced some stunning results. Thanks to the *Rotary Walk With Us* campaign that she created, \$122,523 was raised in 2020 and \$111,649 in 2021. With assistance again from Grant Hocking and Stephen Sennett, Kitty hopes the 2023 campaign will be even more successful.

The **Royce and Jean Abbey Scholarship Fund** and the **Royce Abbey Award** program have been well represented on the Committee by the chair **David Abbey**. This scholarship program went into abeyance during the pandemic, but David's committee is gearing up to again provide vocational scholarships for people from developing countries.



Our Foundation programs would not be possible without regular giving from our clubs and individual Rotarians. Thank you to **Dennis Shore** for his leadership of club **Annual Giving**. Personal **EREY / Centurion** contributions have been handled by **Gabe Hau** assisted by **Amrit Singh**. **PDG**



**Ian Knight** has been involved with The Rotary Foundation District Committee in a variety of roles for nearly 40 years and has been a legendary fundraiser for the Foundation. Most recently he has had responsibility for **Endowments**. In 2020 he received Rotary's highest honour, the Service Above Self award.

**Gabe Hau** has embraced his role as chair of our **Peacebuilding Committee**, encouraging clubs to become peacebuilding clubs, to erect peace poles and to support other peace related projects and conferences.



Support for the District's **Paul Harris Society** remains strong thanks to the leadership of **PDG Julie Mason**. The 140+ members donating \$<sup>US</sup>1000 are a vital part of our annual fundraising program. Covid permitting, Julie and her assistant **Peter Shephard** have organized some very pleasant lunches for the members roughly every six months.



Peter has also supported the Foundation as an ambassador and by arranging film nights at The Sun Theatre, Yarraville to support the End polio campaign.

Last but certainly not least, I would like to thank the Secretary of the District Foundation Committee, **Jane Pennington**.

Jane has not only been an exemplary minute secretary, but she has also provided me and the committee with huge support hosting our zoom meetings, proofreading our Foundation newsletters and other communications with clubs, and helping us prepare for



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district seminars and conferences. No request has been too much trouble for her, and everyone is delighted that she is staying on in this role.

Despite the challenges of the pandemic there have been many highlights over the past three years. These include the engagement of more and more clubs with District and Global Grants; the spectacular success of the Polio Walks; our ongoing good fortune nominating peace fellows and global scholars successfully year after year; the visit of Foundation Trustee PRIP Ravi Ravindran in November 2019 and the well-received *R100 Peace Through Leadership Symposium* in April 2021.



Thank you everyone for supporting our charity – The Rotary Foundation – to do good in the world. I would particularly like to thank **PDG Grant Hocking, PDG Philip Archer and DG Dale Hoy** for the tremendous support each of them gave me, and the Foundation, during their governor years. Their leadership was vital to our success. As I handover the reins to Grant Hocking I wish him every success in the DRFC role. With your support, and the support of the District Committee, I'm sure he will maintain the high standards of our District's Foundation work.

**Murray Verso**  
**District 9800**  
**Rotary Foundation Committee Chair**  
**2019-2022**



## DISTRICT 9800's 2021- 2022 HUMANITARIAN GRANTS PROGRAM



Based on Rotary's SHARE system, approximately 50% of the funds raised in District 9800 three years ago, were returned to us by The Rotary Foundation as **District Designated Funds**. This year's total DDF amount of \$<sup>US</sup>225,597 was spent on District Grants (\$<sup>US</sup> 26,000.), Global Grants (\$<sup>US</sup> 69,000) and other items (\$<sup>US</sup>75,000) with \$64,479 unspent. The following tables illustrate this information in more detail.



### District 9800's Available DDF in 2021-2022

50% of Annual Fund Contributions from 2018-2019	\$198,100	\$198,100
50% Of Available of Endowment Fund Share Earnings	+ \$5,168	\$203,269
Carried Forward from 2020-2021	+ \$22,329	<b>\$225,597</b>
Returned funds from unused 2020-2021 Block Grant	+ \$8882	\$234, 479
Donation to Polio Plus	- \$45,000	\$189,479
Donation to Rotary International Peace Centres	- \$25,000	\$164.479
Donation to Disaster Response Fund	- \$5,000	\$159,479
District Grant expenditure ("Block Grant")	- \$26,000	\$133,479
Global Grant expenditure (see below)	-\$69,000	<b>\$64,479</b>

### DISTRICT GRANTS

Compared with recent years, the number of District Grant applications this year was very low. No doubt this a reflection of the reduced project work undertaken by our clubs during the pandemic. We spent \$<sup>AUD</sup>34,580 (\$<sup>US</sup>26,000) on seven grants and ten Year 11-12 Scholarship Grants.

CLUB	COUNTRY	PROJECT	COST	GRANT
Various	Australia	Year 11-12 School Scholarships x 10	20,000	10,000
Woodend	Australia	Five Mile Creek Contemplation Garden	11,580	2,500
Essendon	Australia	Care packs for distribution via Vinnies soup van	5,000	2,500
Chadstone – East Malvern	Australia	Lifting device for Avalon Centre	10,000	4,000
Chadstone – East Malvern	Vanuatu	Clean drinking water in several schools	7.999	2,666
Essendon	Australia	Sleeping bags for street based people.	4,950	2,475
Central Melbourne	South Sudan	Lou Ariik Village sanitation and hygiene project for girls	20,000	3,000
Port Phillip	Cambodia	Provide up to 50 toilets/washroom facilities in the village of Kok Tnoth, Siem Reap Province.	18,000	6,000

## GLOBAL GRANTS

We committed to help fund **8 Global Grants** this year, compared with 17 last year. These included a Global Grant for the R100 immunization project **Give Every Child A Future campaign** and two more **Global scholars**. From our remaining District Designated Funds we also donated to the **Rotary Peace Centres (\$<sup>US</sup>25,000)**, **Polio Plus (\$<sup>US</sup>45,000)** and the **Disaster Response Fund (\$<sup>US</sup>5,000)**.

NUMBER	GLOBAL GRANT PROJECT	SPONSOR	DDF AMOUNT in USD
DG2230468	Block Grant to fund District Grants	District 9800	\$26,000
GG2231746	Youth Mental Wellbeing Project in New Zealand	District 9910	\$5,000
GG2232355	Clean Water Project in five villages in Cambodia	Chadstone E-M	\$5,000
GG2234199	Acute Trauma Training for Palestinian & Israeli doctors in Israel	District 2490	\$5,000
GG2232537	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in India *	District 3030	\$5000
GG2235282	Rotary Give Every Child a Future – Kiribati – Year 3*	District 9920	\$10,000
-	Rotarians Against Malaria project in Indonesia*	RC North Hobart	\$5000
GG2239502	Global Scholar Hannah Gandy*	District 9800	\$17,000
GG2240070	Global Scholar Antonia Kent*	District 9800	\$17,000

*\* Global grants still in draft form or not yet approved*

## 2022 District 9800 Grants Management Seminars



Thank you to incoming District Foundation Chair, **PDG Grant Hocking** and District Foundation Grants Chair, **Richard Blakeman** for running this year's Grants Seminars. The feedback from the sessions has been excellent.

A total of 90 people, from 45 clubs, attended the seminars held on Thursday June 16 and Sunday June 19. Those clubs are now eligible to apply for District Grants.

The slides from the seminars are available on the Foundation pages of the D9800 website. Please click her to access them: [2022 Grants Seminar slides](#)

Attendees have been sent a [Grants Intentions Form](#) to help with planning the 2022-2023 Block Grant application. The forms are to be returned by July 31st, 2022.

For clubs wanting to apply for Global Grants, one or more project representatives must undertake the excellent online Grants Seminar available in the RI Learning Centre.

## WINNERS OF ROTARY AWARDS

The following people have been recognised for their tremendous work for Rotary and the Rotary Foundation. The Distinguished Service Award is yet to be presented, but the others awards were presented at the District 9800 Conference in April.

### SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARD – Doug Hawley OAM

*The Service Above Self Award is considered the highest honour that RI can bestow on a member. Up to 150 outstanding Rotarians and Rotaractors are chosen for the SAS Award each year because their service activities have made an impact on humanity.*



**Doug Hawley OAM** is a charter member of the Canterbury Club and lives the ideals of Service Above Self. As Club President in 1993, he organized 300 volunteers to raise \$50,000 over 2 years for the Bone Marrow Research Centre. Since 1998 he has led eye, ear and teeth screening medical missions to rural communities in The Philippines, screening 140,000 people with 40,000 interventions, including 8000 eye surgeries. In 2015 he created the For a Meal program which delivers nutritional meals made from local ingredients to the needy. The project is fully donor and volunteer funded. Volunteers from Rotary, schools and community groups have packed more than 400,000 meals. These were initially distributed to Filipino disaster victims and since the Covid

pandemic have provided hope to the homeless and needy locally. Doug is modest about his achievements but is always first to put up his hand. In 2013, he was honoured with the Medal of the Order of Australia for service to the local community through Rotary and community volunteering, and professional achievements in biochemistry.

### THE ROBERT FELS PEACE AWARD – Dr Tania Miletic

*The Robert Fels Peace Award is a District 9800 Award to recognise a person who has significantly enhanced peace building and conflict resolution at international, national, or local community level. The award recognizes the leadership of Bob Fels in realising these outcomes.*



Dr Tania Miletic is an experienced peace and conflict studies academic and practitioner with a longstanding commitment to violence prevention and peacebuilding in Australia and across the Asia Pacific region. Tania has been engaged as a peace consultant and facilitator to a range of university, government and non-government organisations and stakeholders. She is now the Assistant Director of the Peacebuilding Initiative at the University of Melbourne. In 2002, she was District 9800's first Peace Fellow. She did her masters course at the International Christian University in

Japan and since then has maintained her links with Rotary - speaking at clubs, district conferences and peace conferences and helping with the selection of new Peace Fellows. She has twice been recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow.

## THE CITATION FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE – Cheryl Pisterman

*The Citation for Meritorious Service recognizes one individual Rotarian per district per year who has demonstrated outstanding active service to The Rotary Foundation for more than one year.*



Cheryl has given, and continues to give, selfless and meritorious service to The Rotary Foundation. For six years she served as the administrative coordinator of the District Foundation Committee, and for the past two years, has served as her club's Foundation Chair. Her duties in her district role included that of minute secretary, events coordinator, and publicity officer for the Foundation. She carried out these duties with great enthusiasm and skill. For many years, Cheryl also helped to produce the District's Foundation newsletter. The high quality of her newsletters is a testament to her talents and her attention to detail. She is thorough, perceptive, and always thinking of the best way to promote the Foundation. Cheryl continues to support the Foundation through her personal contributions, assistance to district officers and promotion within her club.

## THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD – PDG Dennis Shore

*The Distinguished Service Award is an internationally competitive award granted annually to a maximum of 50 Rotarians who have exhibited exceptional active service to The Rotary Foundation. Financial contributions to the Foundation are not relevant to this award. Nominees must have received the Citation for Meritorious Service at least four years prior. This year 98 nominations were received but only 38 were awarded.*



PDG Dennis Shore has an outstanding record of service to The Rotary Foundation. In our district, his Foundation knowledge and experience is second to none. Dennis led a Group Study Exchange Team to New Mexico (2005) and then served on the District GSE Subcommittee (2005-2010, Chair 2007-2010). He also chaired the D9800 Scholarship Subcommittee (2013 -2016) and was the District's Foundation Chair (2016-2019). Currently he is chair of the Annual Fund Subcommittee and the Peace Fellowships Subcommittee. For the past three years he has been the Zone 8 Endowment and Major Gifts Advisor. He is also a Director Rotary Foundation Australia (2020-2023). Dennis served as our District Governor 2012-2013.

**Congratulations Doug, Tania, Cheryl and Dennis.**



## MEET OUR 2022 GLOBAL SCHOLARS

Global Grant scholarships fund post graduate coursework or research for one to four academic years. A key feature of global grants is the partnership between the district or club in the study location (host sponsor) and the district or club in the scholar's home country (international sponsor). There is no cost to a club nominating a graduate for these scholarships. They are funded entirely by The Rotary Foundation through District designated Funds and a match from the World Fund.

Applications are invited each year from persons normally resident in Victoria and must be made through a Victorian Rotary Club.

The prestigious Global Grant Scholarships are valued at USD30,000 each. When selecting suitable scholars, we look for:

- Study in one of our Seven Areas of Focus
- Excellent leadership skills and potential
- A proven record of success in his or her academic field or vocation
- A commitment to community service
- Well-defined and realistic goals
- Concrete ideas for advancing within his or her chosen field
- Interest in maintaining a lifelong relationship with Rotary after the scholarship period.

In April, we selected **Hannah Gandy** and **Antonia Kent** to be our two global scholars for 2022. We also agreed that a third candidate, **Edwin Kwong** was worthy of a Foundation scholarship and District 9820 kindly agreed to fund him. Edwin will undertake the Master of Public Policy at the Hertie School in Berlin.

If you wish to nominate someone for the scholarship program or require more information, please email our **Scholarship Chair, David Gorman** by clicking [here](#).

HANNAH GANDY



Hannah Gandy is a lawyer and youth worker who works at the Centre for Multicultural Youth as the Senior Liaison Officer for a program which supports young persons in police custody.

Her global grant scholarship will help her to undertake a Master of Laws Specialising in Law and Social Justice at University College London.

Her sponsoring club is Melbourne and her host club will be Barkingside in London (District 1130). Her Area of Focus will be Community Economic Development

ANTONIA KENT

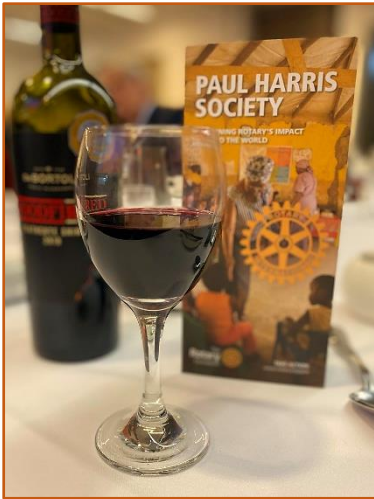


Antonia Kent is a Senior Policy Officer in the Victorian Government's Office for Women.

In October, Antonia will commence a Masters in Philosophy in Criminological Research at Cambridge University.

Her sponsoring club is Carlton and her host club will be Cambridge-Sawston (District 1080). Her Area of Focus is Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention.





## Rotary District 9800 PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY LUNCHEON

Once or twice a year the members of our Paul Harris Society get together to talk about Rotary and the Rotary Foundation. On Friday 3 June around 30 members enjoyed a very pleasant lunch at Graduate House in Carlton organized by our PHS Chair, **PDG Julie Mason** assisted by Deputy Chair **Peter Shephard**. The success of our Foundation's Humanitarian Grants program was highlighted during the lunch.

**PDG Bronwyn Stephens** spoke about the wonderful work that Brighton North Rotary and several other clubs have done, with the help of a District Foundation grant, providing Care Packs to patients in the Alfred Hospital's Mental Health Unit. **Jo Kwok** showcased the impact that Brighton Rotary is making to community development and vocational upskilling in Uganda through the Yimba project. She also mentioned her club's other Rotary Foundation funded initiatives such as Bayspeak, Young Change Agents Be Your Own Boss and scholarships for kids facing hardship.

D9800's Foundation Chair **PDG Murray Verso** showed a video entitled "We Can Help". With more than 25 Foundation supported projects shown, the video highlighted the tremendous variety and impact of the work carried out by clubs in our district.



Speaker Jo Kwok



The Paul Harris Society is not a secret society. Our 143 members make a commitment to contribute \$<sup>US</sup> 1000 to the Rotary Foundation each year for as long as they are able. They can allocate their funds to the Annual Fund, End Polio or approved Global Grants. Members are recognised by an addition to their Paul Harris Fellowship Pin in the shape of wings.

Julie Mason would love to hear from you if you would like to join this happy group.  
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Luncheon MC PDG Julie Mason



Speaker PDG Bronwyn Stephens

## SHOWCASING THE ROTARY FOUNDATION AT THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE IN ALBURY



This year's District Conference in April saw more than 350 people gather to celebrate and "Get Together in Albury". Congratulations to DG Dale and his conference team on an excellent Conference. It was the first time in 3 years that the District Foundation Committee had had an opportunity to showcase the work of our Foundation and did so in various ways.

- During the Foundation plenary session, **Richard Blakeman (Glenferrie)**, **Jo Kwok (Brighton)** and **Julie Mason (Wyndham)** gave short presentations on three outstanding club projects that had been assisted by District Grants.
- 8 new banners to highlight the Foundation and its seven Areas of Focus were used in the Rotary Showcase.
- Clubs were photographed presenting Foundation cheques, large and small.
- We had a record attendance at the Foundation breakfast with nearly 100 people present.
- Peace Fellow and Afghani refugee, **Essan Dileri**, gave an interesting speech at the breakfast.
- Two global scholars from Japan, **Atsuya Tazoe** hosted by North Melbourne and **Tomoya Iizuka**, hosted by Central Melbourne were guests of the district and spoke briefly at the Foundation breakfast.
- **MC Ali Moore** facilitated a panel discussion on peacebuilding with **PDG Ian Scott** from Sydney and **Peace Fellow Tania Miletic**.
- \$520 dollars was raised for the Foundation through gold coin donations made at a coffee cart sponsored by Mentor Match.

*More conference photographs on the next page.*



# SEEN AT THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

### District 9800's Foundation Expenditure in 2020-2021

#### Rotary's Humanitarian Grants - District & Global

23 District Grants \$US70,200    12 Global Grants \$US117,625

#### Two Peace Fellows

Bing Deng Biong    Essan Dileri

#### 2021 Global Scholars

Sam Loni    John Croker

Community Economic Development    Peacebuilding & conflict resolution

\$US30,000 each

**END POLIO NOW**

\$US47,000

ROTAry DISTRICT 9800  
GLOBAL PEACE BUILDER DISTRICT  
2020 - 2021

\$US25,000



DG Dale Hoy



MC Ali Moore



Chadstone-East Malvern and their "big cheque"



Peace Fellow Essan Dileri speaking at The Rotary Foundation Breakfast

# SUPPORTING THE FOUNDATION

By helping clubs to **“Do Good in the World”** the Foundation enables Rotary clubs to build their reputation, engender pride amongst members and become more attractive to potential members. Not surprisingly, the clubs and Rotary members who understand the nexus between doing good and growing club vibrancy are the ones who support the Foundation most passionately.

Most often, this support is directed to the **Annual Fund**, because half of the contributions to it come back to the district to support projects. However, it’s also reflected in greater support for Rotary’s number one cause, **End Polio Now**.

Members and clubs that have witnessed the very rapid impact of a Disaster Response

Grant tend to support the **Disaster Response Fund**, while those who want to see Rotary’s impact continue in perpetuity often give cash or leave money in their Wills to the **Endowment Fund**.

On average people in the community give over \$100 per year to charity—and Rotarians tend to be more generous than most. Approximately **25% of Rotarians make personal contributions** to the Rotary Foundation.



Imagine the additional impact we could deliver if **EVERY ROTARY MEMBER** made a personal contribution **EVERY YEAR** to help fund our humanitarian projects. For half the cost of a cup of coffee, or \$2.00 per week, you can become a Centurion (i.e. AUD 100 per year).

And what if every club gave at least \$1,500 to Polio Plus and at least \$100 per member to the Annual Fund. Just imagine how much more vibrant our clubs could become.

**Please click here to donate: [DONATE](#)**

The Rotary Foundation is our charity. Let’s all support it and multiply our impact in the world.

## WAYS TO GIVE

Recognising your personal contributions



## ZONE 8 APPOINTMENTS FOR 2022-2023

Three past governors from District 9800 have been selected to take on important Foundation roles in Zone 8 for the next three years.



**PDG Bronwyn Stephens** has been selected to succeed **PDG Dennis Shore** as the **Endowment and Major Gifts Advisor (EMGA) for Zone 8**. Dennis has done a wonderful job as the Zone's EMGA over the past 3 years and will be an excellent mentor for Bronwyn.

**Bronwyn's contact details:**

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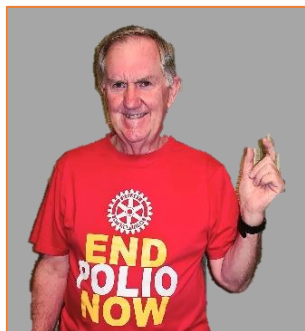
**PDG Julie Mason** has been appointed as an **Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator (ARRFC)** with responsibility for Districts 9780, 9800 and 9810. She will advise and assist the Foundation Chairs and their committees in these districts with their Foundation activities including grants management and fundraising.

**Julie's contact details:**

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**PDG Murray Verso** will replace Bob Aitken as the **Zone 8 End Polio Now Coordinator (EPNC)**. He will be responsible for promoting Rotary's top priority to clubs and districts in Australia, New Zealand, and Pacific countries.

**Murray's contact details:**

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These key appointments are a testament to the high regard in which our district is held throughout Australia and New Zealand. Bronwyn, Julie & Murray will take up their new roles on 1 July 2022.

### END POLIO NOW UPDATE

In 2021 there were only six recorded cases of wild polio infection. (Four in Afghanistan, one in Pakistan and one in Malawi). This compares with 140 cases in 2020, and 174 cases in 2019.

Unfortunately, already in 2022 there have been twelve cases recorded. After having remained polio free for 15 months, Pakistan has reported ten polio cases in the past two months. There was a case in Afghanistan in January and a case in Mozambique in March which was linked to the virus detected in Malawi last November.

The resurgence of cases in Pakistan and Africa emphasises the ongoing need to improve immunization rates worldwide.



**2021-2022 DISTRICT 9800 FOUNDATION COMMITTEE**



**Back row:** Dale Hoy (District Governor), Gabe Hau (EREY Coordinator & Peacebuilding Chair), Peter Shephard (End Polio Film Coordinator & PHS Deputy Chair), PDG Julie Mason (PHS Chair), PDG Grant Hocking (Foundation Chair Elect) & Ron Payne (DG Nominee).

**Front row:** PDG Ian Knight (Endowment Fund), Jane Pennington (Foundation Committee Secretary), PDG Murray Verso (District Foundation Chair) & Kitty O'Connor (End Polio Now Coordinator).

**Absent:** PDG Dennis Shore (Annual Fund & Peace Fellow Chair), David Gorman (Scholars Chair), Richard Blakeman (Grants Chair) & PDG Keith Ryall (Foundation Alumni & Deputy Scholars Chair).

***“DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD”***

  <p><b>FIGHTING DISEASE</b></p> <p>We educate and equip communities to stop the spread of life-threatening diseases like polio, HIV/AIDS, and malaria. We improve and expand access to low-cost and free health care in developing areas.</p> <p>More information: <a href="http://www.rotaryfoundationaustralia.org.au">www.rotaryfoundationaustralia.org.au</a></p>	  <p><b>SUPPORTING EDUCATION</b></p> <p>More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and thereby reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.</p> <p>More information: <a href="http://www.rotaryfoundationaustralia.org.au">www.rotaryfoundationaustralia.org.au</a></p>	  <p><b>PROVIDING CLEAN WATER</b></p> <p>We support local solutions to bring clean water, sanitation, and hygiene to more people every day. We don't just build wells and wash basins. We share our expertise with community leaders and educators to make sure our projects succeed long-term.</p> <p>More information: <a href="http://www.rotaryfoundationaustralia.org.au">www.rotaryfoundationaustralia.org.au</a></p>	  <p><b>SAVING MOTHERS &amp; CHILDREN</b></p> <p>Nearly 6 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, poor health care and inadequate sanitation. We expand access to quality care, so mothers and their children can live and grow stronger.</p> <p>More information: <a href="http://www.rotaryfoundationaustralia.org.au">www.rotaryfoundationaustralia.org.au</a></p>	  <p><b>PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT</b></p> <p>Rotary members are tackling environmental issues the way they always do: coming up with projects, using their connections to share policy and planning for the future.</p> <p>More information: <a href="http://www.rotaryfoundationaustralia.org.au">www.rotaryfoundationaustralia.org.au</a></p>	  <p><b>PROMOTING PEACE</b></p> <p>Rotary encourages conversations to foster understanding within and across cultures. We train adults and young leaders to prevent and resolve conflicts and help refugees who have fled dangerous areas.</p> <p>More information: <a href="http://www.rotaryfoundationaustralia.org.au">www.rotaryfoundationaustralia.org.au</a></p>	  <p><b>GROWING LOCAL ECONOMIES</b></p> <p>We carry out service projects that enhance economic and community development and create opportunities for decent and productive work for young and old. We also strengthen local community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished circumstances.</p> <p>More information: <a href="http://www.rotaryfoundationaustralia.org.au">www.rotaryfoundationaustralia.org.au</a></p>
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