

Let's Get Together
at The Ulumbarra Theatre
for
DISTRICT 9790 CONFERENCE 2016
BENDIGO
February 25th - 28th

Ulumbarra – meaning *gather together* in the language of the Dja Dja Wurrung people

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Be a gift
to the world



Message from the District Governor

2015-2016

On behalf of the Conference Committee of the Rotary Club of Heidelberg,

I am delighted to invite you to attend the 2016 Conference of District 9790 which we hope will be remembered as “fantastic” by all who attend. It is more than 10 years since our Conference was held in **Bendigo**, a city that boasts many great things to see and do: lots for the sport enthusiast, for the Arts lover, for the walkers and the talkers, and for those who love eating and drinking. There are plenty of reasons for using the Conference as an opportunity to take a break in a major Regional City in the centre of Victoria; to enjoy some recreation time; to renew friendships and make new ones; and to enjoy Rotary update!

Partners and families will be most welcome and options for child care are to be available.

The venue for the conference on its own is reason to participate. The very **new Ulumbarra Theatre** completed in 2015 is centred in the old gaol, in the middle of the vibrant city.

The entrance walls of the new 1000-seat auditorium are the old external walls of the gaol, so if you haven't been “inside” before, here is your chance. For those who prefer distance views, framing of Bendigo scenery through windows is impressive! Here is a chance to be immersed in history and admire the efforts of Heritage specialists in creating the new, while preserving essence of the old!

Our Conference will be a clear response to the call by 2015/16 RI President K.R. Ravindran, to “**Be a gift to the world**”. As individuals, Clubs and District, we have opportunity to develop our capabilities, indeed our potentials, to contribute positively to the world we live in. Inspirational addresses that have long-term impact; extension of networks; improved understanding of and familiarity with new Rotary International resources; and opportunities for multi-Club collaborations, are all objectives behind the program. Through all of this, we want there to be lots of fun and enjoyment!

While Rotary at the local community level can be both rewarding and valuable, expansion of the potential “gift” through targeted utilisation of the new grant system, can bring even greater rewards for donor and recipient alike. The Conference Committee and all members of the Rotary Club of Heidelberg, encourage Rotarians and partners to come and participate, to help us use and enjoy both the fantastic new Ulumbarra Theatre and our complementing, very worthy program. Can we fill the 1000-seat facility?

Please, register soon!

Richard Luke

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Speakers



Greg Ross - MC

Star of stage, screen and radio, including shows such as Cop Shop, Bellbird, Prisoner, Ocean Girl, Neighbours, City Homicide and Blue Heelers. In music theatre he has had roles in Godspell, Man of La Mancha, The Sound of Music, and Les Miserables and appeared on stage in One Day of the Year and Don's Party. As a Rotarian, Past District Governor and a current Director of Australian Rotary Health, what better qualifications could Greg have to be the MC for our Conference ?



Matthew Ryan, is the sole superintendent in the Victoria Police Family Violence Command, a position he took up when the Command commenced in March 2015. In this role he assists the Family Violence Assistant Commissioner to lead and manage five teams that own Victoria Police research, policy and training for sexual offences, child exploitation and abuse, and family violence. He also leads a taskforce targeting the highest risk recidivist family violence perpetrators in Victoria.



Susan McLean is Australia's foremost expert in the area of cyber safety and young people and was a member of Victoria Police for 27 years. Widely known as the 'cyber cop', she was the first Victoria Police Officer appointed to a position involving cyber safety and young people. In 2003 she was the Victoria Police Region Four Youth Officer of the Year. She has also been awarded The National Medal and the Victoria Police Service Medal and 2nd Clasp.



Nicholas Papas QC

Former Victorian Chief Magistrate, Crown Prosecutor and General Manager of Victoria Legal Aid Criminal Law Division. Experienced in both appellate advocacy and criminal trials.



Doug Aiton, currently host of 3AK's "Drive Time" programme is one of the best-known and most respected interviewers in Melbourne, both on radio and in print. For 10 years he was the popular and high-rating host of 3LO's "Drive Time" programme, during which he developed "Favourites", a one-hour interview with local and international celebrities.

Recreation and Sports Day Dinner



Graham "Smokey" Dawson - MC

Graham, a member of the Rotary Club of Heidelberg, is a veteran sports commentator who has broadcast more than 1750 games of VFL/AFL Football, been a radio/TV commentator at 5 Olympic and 6 Commonwealth Games and covered in excess of 200 Test Cricket Matches and over 400 One Day International Matches. He is a member of the MCC Media Hall of Fame and a Life Member of the AFL Media Association.



Caroline Wilson - Guest Speaker

Caroline has been chief football writer for *The Age* since 1999, she is also a panellist on 3AW, Channel 9's *Footy Classified* and ABC's *Offsiders*. She was the first woman to cover Australian Rules football on a full-time basis and the first woman to win the AFL's Gold Media Award. She has also won multiple Australian football media and Quill Awards, two Walkley Awards and last year won the Graham Perkin Australian Journalist of the Year Award.

New Speakers



Robert Walls is a former Australian Rules footballer and legendary coach. He played in three premierships with Carlton (1968,70,72) and was also the Blues captain (1977/78) and premiership coach (1987). Robert also coached Fitzroy, Brisbane and Richmond. Inducted into the AFL hall of Fame in 2006, Robert is also in Carlton's Hall of Fame and elevated to Legend status in 2011. Robert remains active in football journalism and in the media. Recently returned, Robert spent 14 months taking "time out" to live in the south of France with his partner Julie and boxer dog Gus and has written a book about their experience, "Through the eyes of the dog". Robert speaks on his life after sport.



Lieutenant General Ash Power, AO, CSC

Ash Power assumed command of the 4th Field Regiment of the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery in 1996. He has also commanded the 1st Brigade, the 1st Division and Training Command – Army. Ash was Chief of Staff on Operation BELISI in Bougainville in 1998 and later served in a similar role for INTERFET in East Timor. In 1998 he was awarded the Conspicuous Service Cross.

Ash was promoted to Lieutenant General on 20 May 2011 and assumed the appointment as the Chief of Joint Operations, Kabul, Afghanistan. He was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia in the Australia Day Honours 2012. After a distinguished career, Lieutenant General Power retired from the Army on 19 July 2014.

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