

Vocational Service Update

VicPol Mentoring Turns 12



The 2017/18 Victoria Police Leaders Mentoring Program participants attended their closing breakfast at the RACV in September. The VPLMP is entering its 12th year and the incoming Rotary mentors for the 2018/19 program from 4 Victorian Districts recently attended briefing sessions at the Airlie Leadership Development Centre followed by the formal opening dinner at the Police Academy.

Ambulance Victoria Gets Involved

The pilot program of a new Ambulance Victoria Leaders Mentoring Program is well underway. We have 10 mentees in the program spread across the state, mainly in rural locations and like the VPLMP, 4 Rotary districts are involved. Whilst it is based on the successful VPLMP model, the pilot Ambulance program is different. Ambulance members obviously have a more specialised role, and their interaction with communities reflects that. But AV is keen to build stronger community linkages and to develop a more innovative culture, and that's where our mentoring will add value. AV has committed to the program for 2019/20 with upto 15 mentees drawn from both operational and corporate sectors and so we will be looking for Rotary mentors in early 2019.

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Be Collective Replaces “Skillsbank”

We have had a project called “Skillsbank” on the books for a couple of years, but it’s a misleading name, which we will drop. We have selected the Be Collective platform which is available free to clubs, clusters and perhaps district for managing volunteers for service projects, including non-Rotarians. The Assistant Governors have been briefed and several clubs are now evaluating Be Collective. Marjorie Gerlinger, Immediate Past District Secretary, has taken on the challenge of helping willing clubs get up to speed. Be Collective technical staff are readily available to help.



Doing what we can, when we can

Find a way to volunteer for your community

PDG Neville John, Membership Director for D9800, is very keen to see clubs load up their current projects so we can demonstrate to potential new Rotarians that we are "People of Action" doing stuff for the community that they can get involved in now! Be brave! Give it a try!

Raphael Wong a Hit in Bavaria



Raphael Wong was D9800’s first outgoing participant in the New Generations Service Exchange performing in several concerts in Bavaria and was a faculty member at a Rotary Summer music Camp. Raphael’s visit was covered in local print and TV media. Raphael and Hannah Weigl our 2017 incoming NGSE participant will be performing at the 2019 World Convention in Hamburg.

NGSE is a little known program in the Rotary world having been adopted by Rotary International a few years ago. It is a service oriented professional development program for 18 to 30 years olds as individuals or in groups. It is very flexible ranging from one to three months and is not necessarily reciprocal between Districts. Whilst our first exchange was in the music field, we are looking for candidates who would like to volunteer as an intern in their chosen profession overseas in 2019 with a strong focus on service to the host community.

January is Vocational Service Month but Why?

It is some time since the classification structure in Clubs was rigidly enforced. No longer are we restricted to say one lawyer or one real estate agent. Instead we are much more focused on a Rotarian's commitment to Service Above Self and taking action than their specific vocational qualifications. But I think Vocations still matter, we don't want a club full of engineers, or accountants or property developers, or... Diversity makes our clubs richer culturally and better equipped to serve our communities.

So as we enter the new year let's recognise and celebrate our members' vocations by visiting their place of work to better appreciate the huge range of skills we have in Rotary; invite members to talk about their vocation at meetings; and encourage and support Rotarians who apply their vocational skills to community service. Make an impact in your community by publicly recognising local businesses or individuals who display business excellence and integrity by making awards such as Pride of Workmanship.

Through Vocational Service we;

**Serve others through
applying our unique
vocational skills**



**Empower others
through training
and development**



**Inspire others by
living the 4 Way
Test and Rotary
Code of Conduct**

