

## IMPORTANT DATES

March 21<sup>st</sup>

Harmony Day

March 25<sup>th</sup>

Gippsland Rotary Golf Classic

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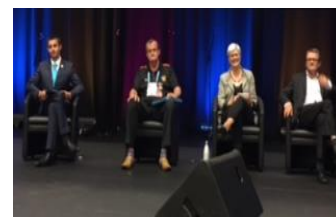
Hi all

Well what a month! Thank you to all those who joined us at the multi district conference last weekend!! I've been thrilled - as have the other three governors - by the incredible reactions our various members have had to the conference! It took a lot of hard work over two and a half years by many people from the four districts, but I would be amiss if I didn't publicly recognise our CEO, Mark Stephens (husband of D9800 Governor Bronwyn). He has been instrumental in the success of the weekend and I cannot thank him enough for his untiring efforts! From our own viewpoint here in D9820 I would publicly like to recognise the massive workload successfully undertaken by David Button from Berwick (registrations) and John Cartledge from Sale (treasurer) as well as Peter Wallis and John Caruana from Traralgon. Thanks also to all who worked over the weekend in any capacity, your efforts were much appreciated. The speakers, venue, Saturday evening function, food, entertainment were all enjoyed immensely. A few photos have been added for your enjoyment. What was also a highlight for me was seeing some of our ride to conference cyclists enter the single district breakout on Sunday after a short 'jaunt' along the Yarra Trail, with our World President's Representative, Stephanie Urchick among them. She really enjoyed her ride and was thrilled to be with them on stage as they ceremoniously presented the \$1 million dollar fundraising total which will be surpassed during this year's full ride. This is an amazing feat - well done all of you.

Outside of Conference things move on apace within the District. DGE Adrian Froggatt has announced his 2020 Conference venue as Bendigo and is well under way with all his planning for the year. It has been great to hear of new members being inducted across the District. As well, many special events from art shows to fishing weekends are coming up and at an administrative level, we continue to work on a number of areas to ensure that our District functions at the best level possible.

Cheers

**Janne**



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## ROMAC District Update

### Emilia and Dad Tomas return home to Dili

A further update on our District sponsored child Emilia. I am pleased to report that Emilia completed all her planned Radiation therapy successfully. However, her treatment was further complicated by the Royal Children's Hospital Cardiologist picking up that she had asymptomatic heart failure. She was readmitted back into the Hospital in January for further treatment.

The cause of her heart condition was due to a combination of her cancer (the huge tumor required her heart to work overtime to circulate her blood) and her malnutrition and vitamin deficiency. She has been given medication to treat the condition.

In late January the treating RCH oncologist Michael Sullivan gave the medical all-clear for Emilia to return home to Dili. She will continue to have ongoing cancer care in Dili by Dr Bucens.

On Sunday February 3rd (nearly 10 weeks after she arrived), ROMAC organized the flights for Emilia and father Tomas to return home to Dili via Darwin.

What an amazing transformation for Emilia arriving in Melbourne in November a very sick and listless little girl until February a healthy, cheeky and wonderful little girl going home with her dad.

It was a very emotional farewell at the airport as the hosts Inez and Guenter and translator Lidia and myself all said our goodbyes.

Again, a big thanks to all the ROMAC volunteers, the host families from RC Mt Eliza and Strathmore, the Timorese translators and the amazing medical staff at RCH and Peter Mac.

COLIN BYRON, D9820 ROMAC Chair

### Removal of Playground Equipment from home in Mt Eliza for transport to Sri Lanka

It is with great pleasure that I write to let you know that Rotarians from the Frankston North, Mount Martha & Mt Eliza Clubs joined forces to dismantle some commercial grade playground equipment from a private residence in Mt Eliza for transport to Sri Lanka where I am sure it will be enjoyed by local children. This task involved significant preparation and planning and in this regard we need to acknowledge the work of Rotarians Ross Schweitzer (Mt Eliza), Colin Stokes (Mount Martha) and David Hanlon (Frankston North). Thanks also to Peter Cribb (Rotary Club Flemington) and Rod Greer (RC Ocean Grove) for their advice. It was wonderful to have a committed team of Rotarians today: Alex Anderson, Roger Annear, Russell Cock, Simon Gillham, David Hanlon, Alan Harwood, Wayne Jenkins, Hardy Jurasckek, Geoff Magor, Ian McConnell, Roger Skipsey and myself. In particular, thanks go to Wayne Jenkins who visited the site on several occasions to help prepare for the day. The day commenced with the team coding each separate section of the equipment and then dismantling it from the top down. We were left with twelve upright poles that had been concreted in place. With the help of a jackhammer and crowbars the poles were all taken out of the ground. The team then moved each piece to the front of the house where it was collected this afternoon by Peter Cribb in the Donations in Kind truck for transport up to the City and then to be placed in a container with other playgrounds for shipping to Sri Lanka. Special thanks to Hardy Jurasckek who returned later in the afternoon to help Peter Cribb load the truck. This was a great opportunity for three Clubs in District 9820 to work together and I believe that a most enjoyable (and tiring) day was had by all.

Jim Young – President, RC Mt Eliza







Birdman  
Rally



MOOMBA

BIRDMAN RALLY Supports Rotary Project **CLEAN WATER for KIDS**  
Project of DG Partner Charlie

Rotarian Mark Rees (Frankston Sunrise) will take the plunge into the Yarra to raise awareness and funds for the Clean water for Kids project ( SKYHYDRANTS)

**Every child in the world deserves SAFE WATER.** By supporting Mark & the Rotary Club of Frankston Sunrise in the 2019 Moomba Birdman Rally we will raise funds. By making a secure online donation, to the link below, we aim to raise \$15,000 which we will then seek to be matched with a Rotary International Grant. This will fund 10 SkyHydrant Water Filtration systems to Third World schools in the Asia-Pacific region. The SkyHydrant is a proven sustainable method of removing all bacteria & dirt & produces 1000 litres of safe water an hour.

Thank you so much for your generosity. Your donation will truly make a difference. **Donations made through this platform are secure and will be remitted directly to the Rotary Club of Frankston Sunrise Community Service Account and passes onto PDG Charles Speirs project account.**

**To donate**



<https://birdmanrally.gofundraise.com.au/page/MarkRees0>

# Rotary: Give Every Child a Future A Rotary Centenary Project

## Overview

2021 marks the centenary of Rotary in Australasia and provides a unique opportunity to celebrate Rotary's achievements over the last 100 years. To do this, Rotarians in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands, in collaboration with UNICEF, plan to vaccinate 100,000 of the most disadvantaged children and adolescent girls across the Pacific to prevent:

- In women, cervical cancer
- In children, severe diarrhoea caused by rotavirus and meningitis, blood infections and pneumonias caused by pneumococcal disease

## Context

While there have been improvements in immunisation services many children still miss out on vaccines. Three times more women die from cervical cancer in the Pacific than in Australia and every year, 1 in 18 children die before their fifth birthday in Kiribati. Many of these lives could be saved by vaccines.

## The Project

Rotary will work with UNICEF to introduce three life-saving vaccines across nine Pacific Island countries; the Cook Islands, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Samoa, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu. The Asian Development Bank is financing the introduction of these vaccines into four of the countries (Vanuatu, Tonga, Samoa and Tuvalu) while Rotary will fund regional and other supporting activities in those four countries and fully fund the programme in the other five countries.

## Impact

Rotary and UNICEF are aiming to vaccinate 100,000 children over four years but this is just the beginning. This project will help strengthen the Pacific's broader health systems and ensure the sustainable delivery of these vaccines into the future. Generations will continue to benefit from this project. A truly inspiring Rotary legacy. Vaccines Human Papillomavirus (HPV) against cervical cancers Pneumococcal vaccine against pneumonias, meningitis and blood infections Rotavirus vaccine against severe diarrhoea Funds will support Vaccines Procurement Supplies Including cold chain equipment, storage and logistics Education Healthcare workers, communities and partners Technical support Policy, management and systems strengthening.

To donate and for more information: [everychildafuture.com](http://everychildafuture.com)

### Vaccines



**Human Papillomavirus (HPV)** against cervical cancers



**Pneumococcal vaccine** against pneumonias, meningitis and blood infections



**Rotavirus vaccine** against severe diarrhoea

### Funds will support



**Vaccines Procurement**



**Supplies** Including cold chain equipment, storage and logistics



**Education** Healthcare workers, communities and partners



**Technical support** Policy, management and systems strengthening

## EYE ON IT Rotary D9820

Find us on Facebook to stay up-to-date with all things D9820 – including events, videos, photos, events, and more! Scan this QR code to get a direct link to the page



## CELEBRATE DIVERSITY

*Commemorative Days In March*

### 17<sup>th</sup> March

St Patrick's Day

### 21<sup>st</sup> March

Harmony Day

### 21<sup>st</sup> March

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

### 21<sup>st</sup> March

Holi

Holi is a boisterous festival with people smearing each other with coloured water and bright powders. Originally a festival to celebrate good harvests and fertility of the land, Holi also commemorates some key figures in Hindu mythology.

### 25<sup>th</sup> March

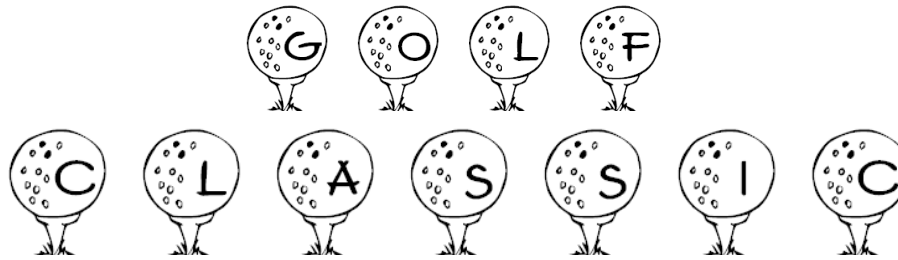
Independence Day - Greece

*"Our aim is to vaccinate 100,000 children...is just the beginning"*





# THE GIPPSLAND ROTARY



**Monday 25 March 2019**

**TO BE HELD AT**

**YALLOURN GOLF CLUB**

**MAJOR  
RAFFLE  
PRIZES**

**Assemble at 11.30am**

**SHOTGUN START FROM 12pm**

**Sausage Sizzle and drinks available from 11am**

**Putting Competition**

**Drinks  
Available  
during  
Competition**

**OPEN:**

**LADIES AND GENTS – 3 PERSON AMBROSE  
HANDICAPPED & NON-HANDICAPPED PLAYERS**

**TEAM:**

**BUSINESS HOUSES AND SOCIAL GROUPS**

**ROTARY:**

**CLAUDE STAFF MEMORIAL TROPHY (BEST AMBROSE SCORE)**

**Additional Prizes for:**

**Nearest the Pin, Hole in One, Long and Straight Drives, Novelties**

**(Trophies presented at dinner)**

**Major raffle will be drawn at 8pm**

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**All Proceeds raised go towards local community & international service projects.**

# *Let's get dirty together in Kenya*

Become a volunteer for us this year  
**RAWCS Project 51/2011-12**



*Contact for more information*  
***cathy@umojahome.com***

**A ONCE IN A LIFETIME EXPERIENCE**

**118 PEOPLE CAN'T BE WRONG**





**"Alone we can do  
so little; together we  
can do so much."**

*Helen Keller*

## MORNINGTON ART SHOW

The Rotary Club of Mornington conducted another very successful Art Show in January. Nine hundred art works were on show, there were over 1000 daytime visitors and 350 people at the opening night including the Mayor David Gill, and Briars Ward Councillor, Bev Colomb, pictured with Mornington Rotary Club President, Libby Paterson. Next year's Mornington Art Show will be the 49th and open on Thursday January 16 and run until Saturday January 25.



## Too Hot For Business

How well prepared is your business to respond to more frequent and intense extreme weather events, such as extended periods of heat, bush fires and storms? Building business resilience is the focus of an annual fund raising dinner to be held by the Rotary Club of Warragul. The dinner, to be held on Monday 1st April, will enable businesses attending to network, hear new ideas and contribute funds to a worthy local cause. This year's recipient is the Neerim District Soldiers Memorial Hospital. The money will contribute to the cost of installing new energy efficient heating equipment that reduces costs and environmental impacts. Forty per cent of businesses fail to open after a disaster. More frequent and intense extreme weather events are presenting increasing risks to communities. Businesses play a critical role in supporting their communities during emergency response and recovery. Business continuity and resilience planning can make a significant difference. Guest speakers Victoria Chantra and Allan Klindworth of AECOM will share two approaches that have been used to support business resilience to natural disasters. They will draw upon their experiences working with communities following natural disasters such as Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans and devastating bushfires in Tasmania.

The Rotary Club of Warragul thanks AECOM for providing their expertise free to support our local community. AECOM is a global network of experts working with clients, communities and colleagues to develop and implement innovative solutions to the world's most complex challenges.

Interested businesses and others are invited to get behind Rotary in service to their local community. Booking early for the dinner is encouraged as numbers are limited. Bookings can be made through Eventbrite or by downloading the invitation from the Club's Facebook page. If you have any questions or wish to request further information, please do not hesitate to contact:

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