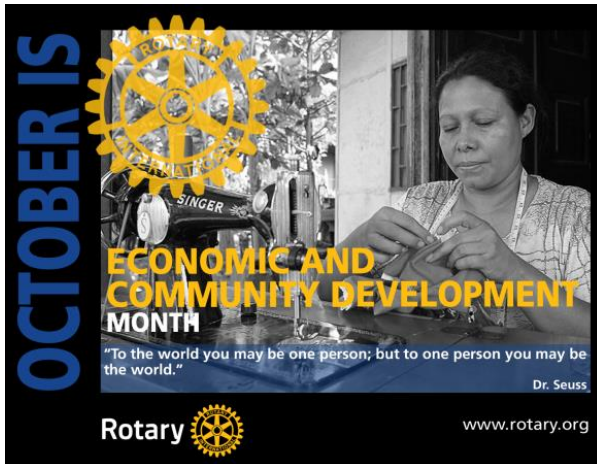


District Governor's Newsletter

October 2017



The **Rotary Foundation** enables Rotarians to invest in people by creating sustainable, measurable and long term, economic improvements in their communities and livelihoods by;

- Building the capacity of entrepreneurs, community leaders , local organisations, and community networks to support economic development in impoverished communities
- Developing opportunities for productive work
- Reducing poverty in under-served communities
- Supporting studies for career-minded professionals related to economic and community development.

Rotary State Conference: April 6th, 7th & 8th 2018

Polio Day October 24th



Officially reported wild poliovirus cases as of 26 Sep 2017

Total global cases in 2017: 11 (25 for the same period in 2016)

Total in endemic countries in 2017: 11 (25 for the same period in 2016)

Total in non-endemic countries in 2017: 0 (0 for the same period in 2016)

- Afghanistan: 6 cases in 2017 (8 for the same period in 2016),
- Pakistan: 5 cases in 2017 (14 for the same period in 2016),
- Nigeria: 0 case in 2017 (3 for the same period in 2016),

RI President Ian Riseley has maintained very simple fund raising goals this year and is appreciative of your support –

- District Designated Fund (DDF) money is to be spent not saved, and a donation of 20% of unused funds is recommended.
- Every Rotary Club to be encouraged to make a special 'one off' donation of US\$1,500 to END POLIO NOW to gain maximum advantage from Gates Foundation support.
- Every District to continue the search for The Rotary Foundation Major Donors of US\$10,000.
- All clubs are requested to plan a special promotion to mark World Polio Day on October 24.

Whilst it is too early in your year to report END POLIO NOW fundraising totals, we do remind you to please be conscious of the need to allow for donation of unused DDF in your end of year administration.

From The District Governor:

October is Economic and Community Development Month



As I visit clubs in the District it is evident that most clubs have identified some specific needs in their communities and are working in poorer areas, for example school breakfast programmes.

While the Clubs and the District support overseas aid, I think this month is a good opportunity for us to look at the needs of our local communities.

When working with your communities;

- Avoid going into a community with ideas of what is needed.
- Listen to a variety of community members and hear their community's strengths and concerns directly. Allow the community to identify the needs they perceive as most critical.
- Identify activities that respond to felt needs and generate a high level of enthusiasm from community members, so that participation and ownership is ensured.
- Form focus groups of community stakeholders.
- Host a community meeting.
- Talk with government and official administration to explore partnership opportunities.
- Identify existing organisations who may be viable project partners.
- Remember, we all work better together, we also make sure Rotary projects are fulfilled to completion

Enjoy Rotary!
DG Tony

Group 1 Forum

PDG Bruce Buxton,
AG Marion Cooper,
RI Director Noel Trevaskis,
President Roger Bastone, DG Tony Colman, PDG Una Hobday



My name is **Charlotte Szelag**. I am 17 and I am an exchange student from France. I arrived in Tasmania on Wednesday the 19th and currently live in Ulverstone. I live in the north of France, 3h away from Paris and an hour away from the channel tunnel. I live in the countryside with my parents and my brother who is 14, in a little village called Saily sur la Lys. I live 10 min away from Fromelles, which I know is a very important part of Australia's history. I have been there and it is a very emotional place where I have met many Australians!

Things I enjoy in life are reading, traveling, writing, dancing, watching movies, going to museums and drama. I am thrilled to be in Tasmania and excited to live this amazing adventure of a lifetime!



My name is **Thiago Kanda**, I'm 16 years old. I'm from Brazil; I come from a city in the east of São Paulo, called Suzano. Suzano is very close to Mogi das Cruzes, which is where I studied. Mogi is a bigger city than Suzano, so there are more things to do.

Through the Rotary Club of Suzano, I had the opportunity to join the RYE and spend a year here in Australia. I'm now living in Smithton, on the north-west coast of Tasmania. I've already had the opportunity to go on a school camp, which was amazing, I saw and touched the snow for the first time in my life. I also had the chance to watch a local football match with my host father. I also tasted chips & gravy. My host mother is also very nice and makes very good food, I went shopping with her and she showed me a bit of the city.

Things in Australia are very different from Brazil, for example: the food, the weather, the school and even common things inside the house.



Rotary: Making a Difference

District 9830 has made a difference for 7-year-old **William Bickerton** from Euroa, Victoria. As the result of DG Tony Colman hearing William being interviewed on national radio, this District has hosted William and his father, Tim, to a visit of the West Coast of Tasmania. In his interview, William explained his interest in geology. He was extremely enthusiastic and determined in a very mature interview with “Macka”! (The program aired on Sunday 23rd July this year)

DG Tony co-ordinated a weekend on the West Coast. William and Tim’s air fares were sponsored anonymously by a Rotarian. Accommodation in Burnie was provided by another Rotarian. Access to the West Coast Heritage Centre, welcomed by the Mayor of the West Coast, Phil Vickers (who is also Chairman of the Heritage Centre), tour of the Heritage Centre directed by volunteers Ray Keating and Mick Butterwood, and two nights’ accommodation and touring organized by the Rotary Club of Queenstown.

“I travelled to Zeehan to meet William and his father - what a delight that was and what a responsive young fellow William is. I sincerely thank everyone involved.”

(DG Tony)



William Bickerton, Mick Butterwood, Ray Keating and DGTony Colman



Tim Bickerton, William Bickerton Phil Vickers, Ray Keating, Mick Butterwood, Liz and DG Tony

Taking up the Rotary Tree Challenge

We are the bridge between the past and the future.

Entering an automatic door last week I wondered how people living over one hundred years ago would react to our modern world. Some of it is startling. When the first Rotary club began back then it could have been a startling thought that one day we should plant trees, not cut them down.

Every year Rotary works globally with new challenges as well as existing community projects. This year every club was asked to plant a tree for each member. That would create 1.2 million new trees throughout the world. Most visitors find Tasmania a pristine and healthy environment and certainly not short of trees, but our two Ulverstone clubs thought it was an excellent idea.

Centennial Park in Ulverstone has excellent facilities and big stands of trees. The park brings pleasure to many people. But some trees are getting old and the local sulphur crested cockatoos have damaged others. It was an ideal place for the **Ulverstone** and **West Ulverstone** Rotary Clubs to plant 60 trees. With 74 combined members, 14 trees found homes elsewhere.

I think our "tree planters" ranged from 4 years old to 91. It is a wonderful feeling to give something back to your community; even better when you work together, feeling the soil between your fingers as you plant your seedlings, and hoping they will grow tall and healthy into the future.

The sausages after were pretty good too.

By **Veronica Hearn** Rotary Club of Ulverstone, Tasmania



Lots and Lots of trees!

This year International President Ian Risely asked that each Rotarian plant a tree. The Rotary Club of George Town made our contribution to this effort on the 1st October. Six club members and three partners gathered at Low Head and planted 300 trees to create a native tree shelter belt at a local property. In spite of the unpleasant weather and sore muscles, those present had a great time, enjoying the fellowship with lots of laughs. We managed to plant the 300 trees with tree guards in just 2 ½ hours. The owners of the property provided a BBQ lunch for those present as well as making a donation to the club for the service.



Every year the Rotary Club of **George Town** partners with Bell Bay Aluminium and local schools to plant native trees as part of Bell Bay Aluminium's Environmental program. The club assists by providing catering for the participating students and staff. This year 650 trees were planted by the students over 2 days. The first planting was at Newnham on the 24th August and involved students from East Tamar, Invermay, Mowbray Heights and Waverly Primary Schools.



The second planting was on the 7th September at Bell Bay Aluminium's revegetation site on Bridport Road at George Town. Students came from Port Dalrymple and South George Town Primary schools along with students from Star of the Sea College.



Rotary Events

October

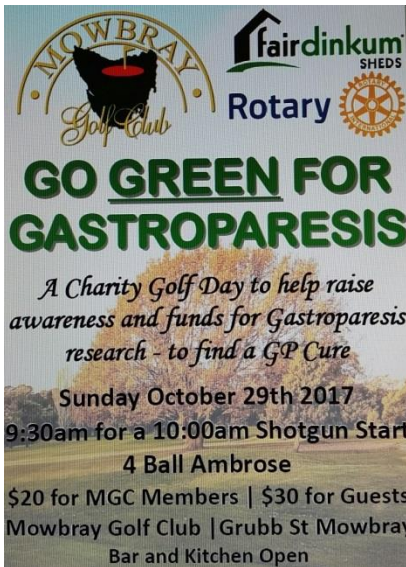
21st Rotary Club of Howrah Fashion Parade for Brain, Prostate and Kids cancer research. 11.30 for 12.15pm start. \$25 Police Academy, Rokeby Wear your Fascinator!

22nd Kingston Mega Market
42 Channel Highway from 0800

24th World Polio Day

28th Trivia Night at Evandale
Ph. 63918018

29th Golf Day for Gastroparesis



November

3rd-6th Deloraine Craft Fair

Rotary Tasmania Page on **facebook** has a full list of Rotary events
<https://www.facebook.com/RotaryTasmania/>

Membership and Awards

New Members:

Yvonne Bennett (Salamanca)
Pam Scott (Salamanca)
Robyn Kramer (Salamanca)
Theo Bakirtzis (Central Launceston)

Three New members inducted at Salamanca.
President Karen Badcock, Pam Scott, Yvonne Bennett, DG Tony Colman, Robyn Kramer, and RI Director, Noel Trevaskis



WANTED

Volunteers

Nepal Eye Camps.

February 2018.

Contact PP Winston Quail

