

The Rotary Foundation



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 9790

AN INVITATION TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION GALA DINNER

Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre
33 - 37 Ford Street, Wangaratta, Victoria 3677

16 March 2019 at 6.30pm



COST

\$65 per person or \$600 for a table of 10

Any dietary requirements please advise District TRF Chair

For bookings: Go to your District website and follow the links.

PROGRAM

6.30 – 7.00pm	Fellowship and pre-dinner drinks
7.00	Introduction
7.15	Main course
8.00	Key Note speaker
	Presentations
9.00	Dessert
9.30	Close

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

In 2017-18 the Rotary Foundation raised in excess of US\$415 million, primarily through Rotarians, Rotary Clubs and Friends of Rotary. 92% of the annual expenditure goes towards projects and programs aimed at “doing good in the World”. 2% is administration and 6% promotion. The Rotary Foundation has been awarded a four-star rating by the Charity Navigator for eight consecutive years.

Let's Celebrate! The Rotary Foundation Rotarians in Rotary International District 9790 are proud of their Foundation and the work that is done throughout the world. We are also proud of the contributions made to our Foundation by the Rotarians, and Rotary clubs in the District. Our annual dinner is a time to celebrate the good works of The Rotary Foundation and the excellent support from the members and clubs.

RECOGNITION

To recognise the contributions made by individual Rotarians and Friends of Rotary, we have several recognition levels.

- Centurion: members A\$100 annually
- Paul Harris Fellow US\$1,000
- Paul Harris Society Members US\$1000 annually
- Major Donor Level 1: \$10,000, Level 2: \$25,000 Level 3: \$50,000,
- Level 4: \$100,000 (USD)
- Arch Klumph Society US\$250,000

END POLIO NOW

The Rotary Foundation's universally best-known program is Polio Plus – the eradication of Polio – which began in 1985 and is now hopefully in the final stages.

Not so long ago, the world was paralysed by the fear of polio. More than 125 countries were polio-endemic, and thousands of families watched in anguish as the disease killed or crippled 1000 people a day, most of them children.

For 35 years now, Rotary and its partners, such as the World Health Organisation, UNICEF and the US Centre for Disease Control, have worked tirelessly to rid the world of polio. So far Rotarians have raised over US\$1.3 billion to help fund this program.

Since 1985, more than two billion children have received the polio vaccine, and five million children destined to be polio victims are walking today because of global immunisation. In 2011, India, which has been one of the most endemic countries, went one full year without a single case and has now been removed from the endemic countries list. In 2017 Africa, the continent, has now also achieved two -year polio free, including Nigeria which is one of the 3 endemic countries in the world.

POLIO CASES

2018	2017	2016	1985
31	22	37	1000 per day

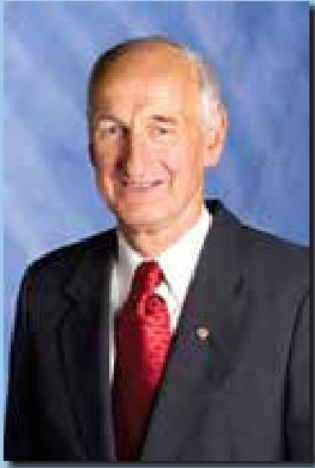
THE FINAL CHALLENGE

Reported cases have dropped 99.8% and only two countries Afghanistan and Pakistan remain endemic. However, the virus knows no borders and can quickly spread from endemic countries into polio-free countries.

The greatest battle now is financial. The World Vaccine Summit in Geneva, estimated that Polio can be eradicated within the next 3 years and that the cost will be US\$ 5.5 billion. Fortunately, world governments and other agencies have committed \$4.4 billion leaving **a short fall of \$1.5 billion**. This is another fund raising challenge for Rotary, in conjunction with the Gates Foundation. Rotary has now sent out the call for Rotarians to **raise \$50 million per annum** which will be matched by the Gates Foundation 2:1.



We thank all Rotarians and Friends of Rotary
for their generous support.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Bill Boyd

Bill Boyd was only the second New Zealander to be the World President of Rotary International

In his two years as President elect and President, Bill and Lorna were based in Evanston, Illinois and travelled about two thirds of the time. They visited 40 countries and Bill spoke to many thousands of Rotarians, saw hundreds of service projects and met many influential leaders.

Bill was born in Christchurch and left school at the age of 15 because his father had bought a bookshop and Bill loved books. In his twenties he joined Gordon and Gotch Ltd and he retired as General Manager of Gordon and Gotch Magazines in 1995 with the company then employing 140 sta and having a turnover well in excess of \$100 million. He was a Council Member of the NZ Magazine Publishers Association and represented the company at a number of world distribution congresses. Following his retirement he completed two major industry assignments and is now a NZ consultant for three international magazine publishers.

He has presented on industry matters to 4 Parliamentary Select committees. He continues to act as a consultant while devoting more time to Rotary. Amongst other positions he has been a Director of Rotary International and Treasurer. Bill has been a Scout Master, youth leader, served on school committees and refereed rugby for 31 years.

In 2007 he was awarded the Queens Service Order for Community Service, an Honorary Doctorate by the University of Don Kook (Seoul) and the Distinguished Service Award by The Rotary Foundation.

Bill has a relaxed speaking style and responds well to questions. His experience has given him a social perspective.