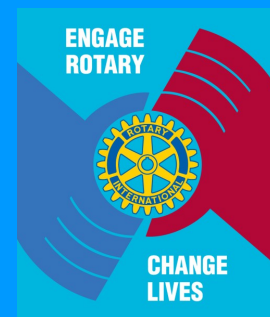


# District Governor's Newsletter

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## From Governor Ken's Desk

Rotary is truly about sharing. It is about gifts. It is about taking responsibility together. It is about encouraging others to use what we have. It is about providing skills that give people a chance to be better. It is about learning that we all have the same hopes, dreams, needs, and goals. The emphasis placed on water projects, hunger, health, literacy, and fellowship really is the basis for our success as Rotarians. As Rotarians we are able to help meet these challenges. We can all look forward to understanding each other better and living in a more peaceful world.

**March is the month that we showcase literacy.** Our efforts are twofold. All across the world Rotarians note the importance of reading and we publicize the needs in the form of poor literacy rates and lack of resources. Around the world we support numerous programs that help children and adults to gain the ability to read.

Combating illiteracy has been a focus of Rotary International since 1986 - and for good reason. Worldwide illiteracy rates approach 20%. In many countries the rates is in the 80% range. UNESCO estimates there are 862 million

illiterate adults in the world and about two thirds of them are women. Millions more are functionally illiterate, without the reading and writing skills necessary for everyday life. Far too many children are currently at risk of falling into the same trap. The United Nations has identified illiteracy as a major obstacle to economic, political, and social development

Reading, writing and character literacy are essential to independence and economic freedom. Far too many adults in the developing countries live in poverty today because they haven't mastered those skills. The inability to read translates into many difficulties. Safely driving a car, voting in an election, using a newspaper, applying for a job or having mom read a bedtime story are just a few of the challenges to be overcome.

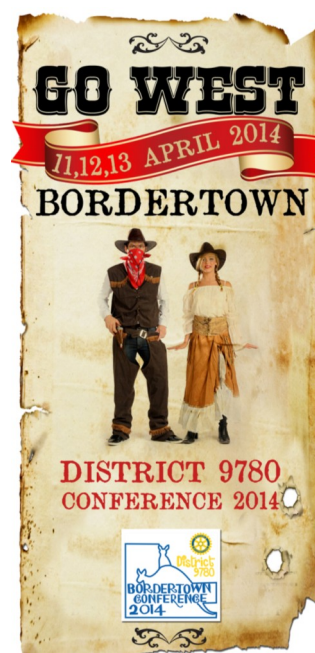
Literacy is a basic skill that helps us to fight poverty, increase productivity, and gain skills to help each other. As Rotarians we are working to fight illiteracy one person at a time. We are doing this in so many effective ways. How can you be involved? During March clubs can choose to conduct:

**MARCH 2014**

**LITERACY  
MONTH**



**DG KEN MCINERNEY  
AND SANDRA**

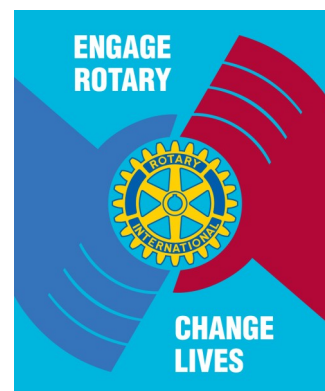


## From Governor Ken's Desk cont.

- a public image activity related to Rotary's literacy work,
- a Literacy Service Project,
- an activity to make club members aware of potential projects,
- investigate and prepare a report on a new project for their club

Let's increase our own awareness of Rotary, showcase literacy and make our community aware of our great work as we Engage Rotary Change lives.

Ken McInerney  
District Governor 2013/2014



To learn more about what you can do, check the resources at [www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/areas-focus](http://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/areas-focus)



## What is a VTT?

The Vocational Training Team (VTT) concept evolved from the Group Study Exchange Program (GSE) to provide meaningful vocational, educational, and cultural experiences for professional men and women around the world. The VTT program streamlines GSE recognising the fundamental objective of mutual vocational development as the real strength of this International program.

Rotary involvement offers Team members specific, practical, and meaningful opportunities for international service by providing developing professionals a different perspective of their vocation in another country and in many cases another culture. Hands-on activities vary from one team to the next but may include training overseas medical educational and other professional areas, sharing best practices in a wide range of skills areas such as childhood education, or explaining new irrigation techniques to farmers. A successful VTT increases the capacity of the host community to solve problems and improve the quality of life for others.

VTT offers Rotarians the opportunity to also participate in the process of sending, receiving, and sharing educational experiences of vocational training teams that will enhance Rotary's worldwide mission. Rotary Foundation district, global, and packaged grants are available to support VTTs.

## Vale Albert Henry Abbey, AO, DCM, PPRI 8/6/1922 – 20/2/2014

Albert Henry Royce Abbey, AO, DCM, was born in Melbourne in 1922 and was invited to join the Rotary Club of Essendon in 1954. Royce quickly moved through the ranks of Rotary service, was Club President in 1963-64 and served as District Governor in 1969-70. He was elected to the Board of Rotary International in 1976.

In 1981 Royce was invited to chair the steering committee of Australian Rotary Health and when the Fund was officially inaugurated in 1983, Royce was unanimously elected Chairman of the first Board of Directors and remained in that office for the next five years until his year of service as President of Rotary International in 1988-89.

In recognition of Royce's significant achievements the District Governors of 1988-89 established **The Royce and Jean Abbey Endowed Fund** as part of the Rotary Foundation. Royce was named a Life Member of the Fund in November 1989 and became Patron in November 1999.

To further acknowledge Royce's long-term contribution and dedication to Rotary, PP Roger Leask of the Rotary Club of Essendon created the Royce Abbey Award. Since 2004, this award has been presented to Rotarians who show enthusiasm and commitment to Rotary just as Royce Abbey has done throughout his life.

On 20 February 2014, District Governor Ross Butterworth of District 9800 issued the following statement: "It is my melancholy duty with great sadness to inform you of the passing today of Royce Abbey, Past President Rotary International. Our friend, our Rotary leader and mentor to all who knew him, Royce will be sadly missed". RIP



[www.rotary9780conference.com.au](http://www.rotary9780conference.com.au)

**Register now !**

**Online or print off a form & mail in.**

**Accommodation still available in Bordertown,  
Motels and Home Hosting.**

**For home hosting please email Monica - [sales@championjuicer.com.au](mailto:sales@championjuicer.com.au)**

**To help with catering it would be appreciated if registrations  
could be made before 4th April.**

## **Fifty years of Service Bruce Menzies**

Rotary Club of Ballarat Inc. Member Rotarian Bruce Menzies PHF was inducted 27<sup>th</sup> February 1964

Bruce is only the second members in the 89 years of the Rotary Club of Ballarat's history to have served as a member of the club for fifty years. Over these years Bruce has been involved with all Avenues of Service and assisted at many events the club has organised. A special plaque was presented to him at the clubs meeting to mark his milestone of service.



Photo: President Judy Pickford & Bruce Menzies

## **Shine On Awards Rotary Southern Districts**

**D9780, D9790, D9800, D9810, D9820**

On behalf of the Rotary Southern Districts, I would like to extend to you a warm invitation to attend the 2014 *Rotary Southern Districts Shine on Awards*.

*The Rotary Southern Districts Shine on Awards* recognize outstanding community service by people with disabilities who, by their actions, serve as 'Shining Examples' to the community. They contribute under demanding and difficult conditions to their local and wider communities.

I look forward to seeing you at the *Rotary Southern Districts Shine on Awards* to recognize the outstanding support to the community of persons with disabilities.

Warm Regards, Bernie Bott

**When:** Sunday May 4th 1pm for 1.30pm

**Where:** The Venue is Kilmore Trackside (Kilmore Race Club) East Street KILMORE VIC 3764.

**RSVP:** by Friday 4th April via email. Partners welcome.

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## ORGAN DONOR AWARENESS WEEK – February 2014

Last week of February has given us another opportunity to promote as best we can the message of registration - talking to family and friends, and letting them know of your wishes can help save lives.

Forms readily available at Medicare Offices Australia wide or contact the DonateLife website at [donatelife.gov.au](http://donatelife.gov.au)

Thank you,

PP Mary Elliott

Chairman, Rotary District 9780, Organ Donor Awareness Sub-committee



## “Service Above Self” award - Trevor Chapman

The Rotary International “Service Above Self” Award is presented to a maximum of 150 Rotarians across the world each year who have demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service, in any form and at any level, with an emphasis on personal volunteer efforts and active involvement in helping others through Rotary.

Trevor Chapman is the last active Charter member of the Rotary Club of Ballarat South. He has been in Rotary for 47 years, was the 4<sup>th</sup> President of the Club, served on the District Foundation Committee for 3 years, and is well known for doing the job right and having a huge understanding of the rules and procedures of Rotary. He is a PHF Sapphire, been previously awarded the Four Avenues of Service and has served the club at all levels.

Trevor married Wanda in 1955. Wanda was Mayor of the City of Ballarat in 1988-89 and Trevor was regarded as the first Male Mayoress of the City of Ballarat, settling many a political quandary with his invitation to “just call me Trev”. Trevor is a passionate Rotarian who is always there to serve in any Club project, the first person to volunteer if the project needs assistance. Trevor and Wanda have participated in many overseas aid projects with the highlight being the Vaiola Hospital project in Tonga which provided them a unique cultural experience and a rewarding opportunity to serve Rotary. Trevor has always strived for “Service Above Self”. He has been very keen to see the Club participate in as many projects as possible to ensure members have the opportunity for participation as well as all manner of social activities focussing on the family of Rotary.



“Congratulations to PP Trevor Chapman on his “Service above Self award”. Trevor was presented with the award at the Ballarat South meeting on 27 February 2014. Trevor was quite shocked when the award was announced and it literally brought him to tears. A very worthy recipient”. - DG Ken



Timothy Jones is a member of the Rotaract Club of Deakin University. While Tim was on holiday recently he found out he had a brain tumour and underwent surgery. Thankfully the tumour was benign. Tim is a very active Rotaractor and, after spending time in the oncology ward, Tim has decided to do the World's Greatest Shave this year.

Anyone interested in donating to help Tim achieve his goal can do so at

<http://is.gd/U062sn>



## THREE MAJOR DENTAL INITIATIVES COMPLETED IN 2013

### BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF BALLARAT WEST

The Rotary Club of Ballarat West, in conjunction with RAWCS has continued to develop dental initiatives for Pacific Island nations. This year three major dental programs have been concluded, each driven and executed by member dentist Dr David Goldsmith PHF. Support for these projects has been received from many other clubs in our District, but in particular the Rotary Clubs of Highton and Ballarat South



The dental van at the Vaiola Hospital in Tonga in 2003. This was central to the audit of dental health in the 7year old cohort of children growing up in Tonga over 16 years

#### Tongan Program

The 17th visit of a team from the club has finalised a study into Tooth Decay in Tongan schoolchildren which began in 1998. Seven primary schools on Tongatapu were targeted.

At the beginning of the study there was no preventative dentistry being conducted in these schools. By the end of the study tooth brushing and fluoride mouth rinses were being universally implemented in Tonga. The Tongan preventive dentistry program is now more comprehensive than anything currently offered in Australia.

[RAWCS project number144/2005](#)

#### Fiji Program

With the Rotary club of Suva Peninsula Sunset the club has donated a fully equipped mobile dental caravan to the Fiji National University Department of Oral Health. This Faculty trains the majority of dental professionals working in the Pacific Islands The Caravan is fully air-conditioned, has a built in compressor, central suction system, X-ray unit, strip lighting, waiting room, fully lockable cabinetry, refrigerator, autoclaves, 3 sinks, 3 doors with retractable steps and handrails, and a portable field unit with compressor for use on remote islands in Fiji.

[RAWCS project number 60/2011-12](#)



The Rotary Club of Suva Peninsula Sunset accepts the dental van for the University of the South Pacific



Dental Caravan delivered to Vanuatu in 2013, with local dentist and RAWCS team from Ballarat

#### Vanuatu

A RAWCS volunteer dental team (again with leader Dr David Goldsmith) made a two week visit to Port Vila to install a fully equipped dental van. D9780 was assisted by several clubs in D9910 and in particular by the new Grassroots Rotary club of Vanuatu.

[RAWCS project number 24/2012-13 \(Rotary\)](#)

Further details are on the website of the Rotary Club of of Ballarat West ([www.clubrunner.ca/ballaratwest](http://www.clubrunner.ca/ballaratwest))



## District Grants

### District Grant Applications

A reminder that applications for funding under The Rotary Foundation District Grants closes on April 15. We will not be able to accept late applications as we need to determine how funds should be allocated and prepare a plan for TRF/RI within four weeks of that date, and that will take some time.

This will be the second year of operation of the new grants system. All the necessary information is available from the D9780 web site either;

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/Portal/Home.aspx?did=9780>

and then you can link in to the grant information via the access button on the left hand side, or,

<http://rotarygrants.rotary9780.org>

which links straight to the grants information page.

To be eligible to apply for a District Grant Clubs must be qualified and must have provided the two signed Memoranda of Understanding to DRFC PDG Brian Trenery.

All this was explained at the TRF Seminars that have been held.

Projects that meet the TRF Terms and Conditions will be selected on merit. If the total amount requested exceeds the amount available then the Committee will have to assess the benefits of each application, possibly reducing the amount provided and possibly rejecting some applications. Clubs that have received a grant in the past year, or two, may miss out in an attempt to involve as many clubs as possible.

If you have any questions then contact me;  
Tel 08 8725 6516 Email [jleech@ozemail.com.au](mailto:jleech@ozemail.com.au)  
Jerry Leech  
District Grants Subcommittee Chair

### Report on District Grant Projects 2013/14

This year was the first year that District Grants have been offered under the new system. Although there were only four grants approved they were all completed and all were great projects. DRFC Brian Trenery has reported on these to The Rotary Foundation and we are awaiting acceptance of the report.

Geelong East ran two projects to assist the Whittington Primary School, one of the most disadvantaged schools in Victoria. One project provided

books and literary resources that will help reading skills. The other project provided the school with ten iPads.



Geelong Central fitted out an early learning centre in Fiji. The District Grant helped provide the equipment. The Deakin University Global Citizen Program provided 8 students who assisted the Rotarians who also visited to carry out the work.

Geelong set out to educate women in Timor Leste on how to build community gardens at a school for year 7-9's.

A total of \$8142 was spent from the District Designated Fund.

A reminder that District Grant projects can provide \$300-3000 from the District Block Grant which can be up to 50% of the District Designated Fund. Clubs are expected to contribute at least half of the project costs. They are somewhat similar to the old District Simplified Grants but our district has more control and the new scheme is a little more flexible. We can even build in a small contingency allowance. Projects do not have to be wholly within the district and two of the four projects last year were overseas.

Before they are formally approved by District applications are sent to TRF/RI for checking and assessment. Then TRF releases the funds and we can inform clubs. In this process it is imperative that potential applicants read the Terms and Conditions very, very, very carefully. TRF staff take great care that they allow only approved projects and they interpret the Terms and Conditions rigorously. If an applicant has any doubts please contact me as I can check the project proposal out with TRF staff.



Jerry Leech  
District Grants Subcommittee Chair

**Photos: RC Geelong Central's early learning project in Fiji**

## Rotary and its Role in WaSH Programs

Over many years Rotary clubs from developed countries have through their members and using their own funding resources provided water supplies to villagers in developing countries. This work may have included the provision of rain water harvesting facilities or the design and construction of small water reticulation systems to settlements from natural springs or the like.

Much of this work was undertaken by a single club using its own or local volunteers or, alternatively in conjunction with a specialist NGO or a Rotary Club from the country in which the project was located. Many overseas clubs have participated in WaSH projects building and financing water, sanitation and hygiene projects rather than just working on one segment only.

Recognising that it could provide further assistance, Rotary has designated Water and Sanitation as one of its major Areas of Focus. A group of Rotarians with expertise and experience in these issues formed the Water and Sanitation Rotary Action Group (Wasrag) back in 2007 to assist Rotarians across the world to become more involved by not only providing guidance but also assisting with WaSH projects in what became UN declared basic human rights issues in 2010. Besides obtaining assistance at [www.startwithwater.org](http://www.startwithwater.org) this site also allows Rotarians to access separate Wasrag's Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Guidelines through the teams/PEP portal. Wasrag is now under the chairmanship of PIP Bill Boyd.

As a result of the work undertaken by Rotary alongside many other world organisations and NGO's, the 2015 goal of reducing by 50% those without access to water was achieved in 2010. On the other hand the same goal for sanitation will now not be achieved

until at least before 2026.

To assist in this great deficiency, Wasrag recognises that to help break the situation it needs to undertake more of this work in collaboration with NGO's and Rotary Clubs in those countries where basic sanitation and hygiene facilities are lacking. Rotary by its sheer size and the enthusiasm of its membership has an ability to help reduce the suffering and misery endured by these people through them not having access to these necessities which leads to poverty, poor health and education.

As part of its program Wasrag has organised "World Water Summit 6" to be held on May 30, the day before the Sydney Rotary International Convention commences. So, [would you like to hear world experts talk](#)

[of their roles of collaboration and then have the chance to mix with them over coffee or lunch?](#) Leading Rotarians and world leaders including the chair of Rotary International's Polio Eradication Committee will share their knowledge and experiences on working collaboratively with other organizations around a common goal as well as with multi-lateral organizations and governments to identify and address WaSH needs. You will have the opportunity to ask them questions. You will seldom get such

another opportunity. So don't delay, look at the program content and register for this important Summit today at [www.startwithwater.org](http://www.startwithwater.org). For further assistance in Australia please contact [bill@wcinnovations.com.au](mailto:bill@wcinnovations.com.au)



# Rotary



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Next Deadline: 13th April

75-150 words (in a word document) & a photo or 2.

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## Sydney Swans to host Rotarians



The Sydney Swans will host Rotarians at the first game of the AFL Indigenous Round at the historic SCG, against Geelong Cats. It should be a fantastic game and is expected to be a sell-out. The Sydney Swans have souvenirs for Rotarians attending the game and images of Rotary will appear on the screens during the game breaks.

**Details:** Thursday May 29<sup>th</sup> 2014 Round 11 – Indigenous Round Sydney Swans v Geelong Cats  
Sydney Cricket Ground, Driver Avenue, Moore Park, Sydney

**First bounce:** 7.10pm | Gates open 5:30pm Official match day presentation commences: 6.30pm

### **Ticket offers:**

All tickets include GST. Please note, there may be an additional transaction fee that applies to each booking. There are a range of exclusive ticket offers for Rotarians & Rotary International convention delegates from fine dining to sitting in the grandstand, eating hot meat pies among the thousands of passionate Swans supporters.

### **Chairman's Club \$390 per person**

Exclusive Sydney Swans club function attended by local celebrities and government officials  
Ticket includes 2 hour prematch function, sit down dinner, beverages, guest speakers and entertainment, premium undercover match seating, 1 hour post match function (Dress code: lounge suit, tie optional, strictly no denim).

### **Rotary Exclusive Function \$210 per person** \*\*subject to numbers

Exclusive Rotary function at the game. Ticket includes premium undercover match seating, 1 hour pre-match function, footy finger food, beverages, AFL Record, Sydney Swans scarf (Dress code: smart casual)

### **Rotary Exclusive Gold \$70**

Ticket includes premium gold undercover grandstand seating, Sydney Swans scarf, AFL Record

### **Rotary Exclusive Silver \$55**

Ticket includes concourse seating (not undercover), Sydney Swans scarf.

To purchase tickets or for more information please visit:

<http://rotary2014.com.au/event/australian-rules-football-afl-match/>

