

District Governor's Newsletter

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From Governor Ken's Desk

In 1990, the National Bowelscan Committee, comprising representatives from the Rotary Districts operating Bowelscan programs, was established to develop and maintain protocols. Bowelscan is supported by Australian Rotary Health.

Bowelscan is a public awareness program seeking to increase community knowledge of bowel cancer and its symptoms as well as the distribution of faecal occult blood testing kits to facilitate early diagnosis.

The aims of the Bowelscan program are to:

- enhance public awareness of the need of bowel cancer screening;
- promote and coordinate the Bowelscan program annually;
- emphasise the importance of bowel cancer screening for both men and women over the age of 40.

Bowelscan is a not-for-profit initiative. The successful operation of Bowelscan, and its accessibility to a wide range of people, is made possible by the voluntary support of a large number of pharmacies, pathology laboratories and Rotary members.

Bowel cancer is one of the most common forms of cancer in Australia and around 80 Australians die every week from the disease. Rotary today urges people to take advantage of opportunities for bowel cancer screening. Bowel cancer can be treated successfully if detected in its early stages, but currently fewer than 40 per cent of bowel cancers are detected early. During the month of May, Rotary conducts its national Bowelscan program through which people can buy a test kit from participating chemists, return the kit as outlined and have it tested. Each kit costs \$10.

In recent times, there have been issues over the current test kits. The proposal adopted at the last National Conference to change to an immunological kit was the subject of a separate submission to this year's conference. However, there was only limited discussion of some of the issues and, with the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) approval of the new kit in the period between lodging Rotary's submission and the con-

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**AUSTRALIAN
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**DG KEN MCINERNEY
AND SANDRA**

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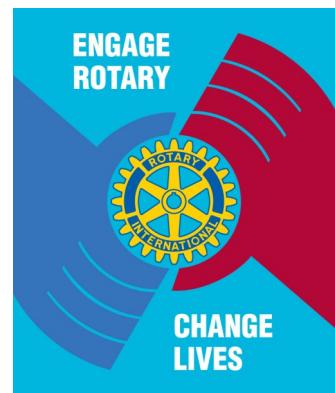
ference, there was only limited discussion of the issues contained therein.

The National Conference in August 2013 then resolved that the new kit be introduced in 2014 with the option that any district or club program could continue with the present kit until 30 June 2014. Because Rotary would have to arrange for testing of the new kit in an approved laboratory, unlike present arrangements, the conference was advised that Rotary would probably continue with the present kit for 2014 while arrangements are made to change for the 2015 program.

The Conference, having received sufficient support from the various Districts in Australia, also resolved to become a Multi-District Program and to change the name of the organisation to Rotary BowelScan Australia Inc. This will necessitate

a number of changes to stationary and advertising and the issues are still being resolved.

Please support this very important health program throughout the District as we Engage Rotary Change Lives.



Ken McInerney
District Governor 2013/2014

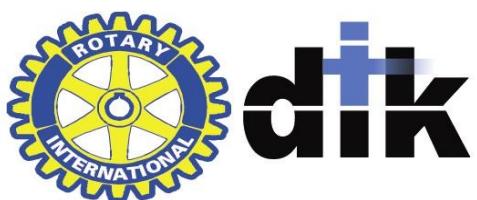
Foundation

Our thanks to the following outstanding supporters of the Foundation:

PP Don Errey and wife Barbara from the Portland Rotary Club who achieved Major Donor Level 1. Crystal and Pins were presented at a club meeting on Monday 5 May 2014 much to the surprise of Don.

Russel Dale and wife Joy, Honourary members of the Belmont Rotary Club who achieved Major Donor level 2. Crystal and Pins are yet to be presented.

PDG Ken Broadbent and wife Margaret from the Alfredton Rotary Club who achieved Major Donor Level 3. Crystal and Pins were presented at their request during the Bordertown Conference.



donations in kind

Earlier this year a team led by DIK Chairman, Anton Van Doornik along with District Rotarians traveled to the remote Sariri Village in PNG. Their main project was to build a two room school building along with a storage room. The team also installed solar cells along with storage batteries. This arrangement now allows the school to have electrical power for up to six hours per day.

The new school building means that the students from eight years of age and above do not have to swim across a 40m wide river to attend classes.

At the DIK depot at the moment we are loading a shipping container bound for PNG.

To enable the school to keep the grass down we are hoping that someone would be able to [donate us a motor mower](#) that we could place in the container.

If you can help with this item or other useful items please contact Anton on 52785544.

Or 0412 256 878

The depot at Swinburne Street North Geelong is open Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

Organ Donor Awareness

My 'Organ Donor Awareness Sub-Committee Report' has already gone out to the Committee, but as I am retiring as Chairman and will remain on Committee, I wish for further exposure in announcing that PP Tanya Barnes R/C of Horsham East will be taking the helm.

We have eight Committee Members who promote and spread the word, but it does not stop there as others assist in helping save lives with window displays and distribution of OD Registration Forms which can be obtained through DonateLife state wide.

Anyone is free to contact us and request information that we receive direct from DonateLife Victoria, many with pictorial coverage from the media that we may have missed.

This is all 'food for thought' – please consider talking it over with family and friends and let them know your wishes.

Thank you,

Yours in Rotary Service,

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Photo taken at Deakin University Geelong during DonateLife Week 2014
L-R: myself, Judy Mather Kidney Donor, Mike Sullivan Volunteer, Tony Allan heart recipient April 1994.

Rotary Police

In January 2013, Rotary International President Elect (RIPE) Ron Burton talked about a whole range of issues and made a startling comment that there are "No Rotary Police". The challenge for Rotary was to grow our membership, meet the challenges facing our organisation and continue the outstanding work of Rotary throughout the world. Unfortunately, the catch phrase "No Rotary Police" has become lip service for a number of members and created issues within clubs and districts.

I am an advocate for change and there is no doubt that Rotary needs to change to address some of the challenges it is now facing. But let us get one thing clear, Rotarians and clubs need to understand that this implied new Rotary freedom being expressed; the statements about no Rotary Police and bending the MOP for the betterment of clubs is giving clubs permission carte blanche to do what they want!

It is quite acceptable to make these statements as long as clubs understand that they still have to act within the legal frameworks including the Rules and By-Laws under Incorporation. If in doubt, please discuss with your AG or any member of the Governor Group, Past or Present.

DG Ken

District Grants Report - The Rotary Foundation

Applications for District Grants under The Rotary Foundation grants program closed on April 15. The District Grants Subcommittee considered the applications via email and agreement was reached as to how the funds should be distributed.

Some clubs were asked to revise their applications to ensure compliance, but all clubs who applied have received funding.

The total approved by the subcommittee was \$32,649. This year the total in the District TRF spending plan is nearly four times the amount distributed as District Grants last year.

DRFC Brian Trenergy and I prepared an application for these funds to be released. This has been accepted by The Rotary Foundation and the funds will be released early in July. Clubs have been advised that they can start work on their projects.

On behalf of D9780 PP Jenny Acopian has arranged a scholarship worth \$10,000 to be awarded to an indigenous medical student.

Jenny and DGND Stephen Lamont will be on the selection panel. This is obviously a great project. Eleven applications were received from nine clubs.

Alfredton plan to improve the dental and physical health of impoverished and malnourished villagers in the remote district of Bali, Indonesia. Assisted by a local organisation they will host free dental and physical health days.

Ballarat will implement a literacy program addressed at the more vulnerable children in their community.

Highton Kardinia, soon to be Kardinia, have been allocated funding for three projects in Tanzania. One project will provide desks and shelving for computer equipment for a school, the second will provide textbooks and data projector for Pharmacy School within a University, and the third project provides smokeless stoves for villagers.

Maryborough have a large project in which the District Grant is a minor funding source. As part of building a better community they will be offering a Vocational Training Team style scholarship to investigate best practice in an area that will make families stronger.

Mount Gambier Lakes will acquire bollards and some signage to assist the management of the Fun Run, a community event that continues to

grow. The equipment will be owned by the Mount Gambier Council.

Ocean Grove plan to provide more daily meals and to fund five scholarships for students at a poor community school in Bangladesh.

Wendouree Breakfast want to arrange for the drainage of a school quadrangle in Ambon, Indonesia. Children walk to classes on stepping blocks and cannot play outside on the flooded quadrangle.

Geelong Central plan to refurbish and fit out two classrooms on the Island of Tavenui in Fiji. Rotarians will carry out all the work.

Warrnambool Central recognize that suicide is a major issue amongst people in the 25-45 age group and together with Lifeline will present a suicide prevention program to sporting bodies. It is hoped that the word will then spread.

As everyone can see the projects are all great projects. They are also quite diverse.

It is not just District Grants that are working very well.

DG Ken has joined with another district in two Global Grants for India. The first Global Grant application from a club in D9780 has been approved. PP Neville Gilbertson has developed a project to provide a GeneXpert machine to the Ryder-Cheshire home, Klibur Domin, in Timor Leste. This will facilitate testing for Multi Drug Resistant Tuberculosis. Another Global Grant application has been submitted and is awaiting approval. PP Martin Hill is investigating a Global Grant for a Vocational Training Team (VTT) project in Ghana and there is a VTT component in a District Grant project. PP Jenny Acopian has established a scholarship at Deakin University to assist an indigenous medical student and there are scholarship components in two District Grant projects.

I hope that more clubs will realize that the new system can really work, and work to their advantage in helping the community.

I hope that clubs will all become qualified and will take the opportunity to apply for Rotary Foundation Grants.

Jerry Leech
District Grants Subcommittee Chair

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Next Deadline: 13th June
75-150 words (in a word document) & a photo or 2.

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Do you sometimes have trouble reading the small print on the computer screen?

If, like this newsletter, the item is a PDF, why not zoom in? Have a look in the tool bar along the top of the screen for a number with a % sign eg 100%. Click on the little arrow beside the number and a list of percentages will drop down. Click on 125% or 150% or more until you can comfortably read the words.

Warning: Pictures may become fuzzy.

