



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 9780



Hello and welcome to the Month of May:

Well only May, June to go where has the time gone, only two months to go before the change over, and speaking of change, the ARHRF, is now known as ARH, Australian Rotary Health, this is not a surprise really, as the ARH tag has been in use for some time. And so we have May, Australian Rotary Health Month, and I would guess that many of us have made a donation to this most worthy program over the years, but do we know where the program came from and how it operates.

It would not be hard for any Rotarian to recall the fantastic involvement that ARH had with the "Beyond Blue" project, but little else.

In 1981 Rtn Ian Scott of the Rotary Club of Mornington proposed that a Rotary program be set up to raise \$2 million through the Rotary Clubs in Australia, so that research in a given area might be made available for periods up to four years in duration for projects into community health and medical research..

District 9820 granted the request by the Mornington Club, and not only that but took the idea to a regional Institute for further discussion. After this time a steering committee was set up to develop this fledgling idea, and ARHRF was up and running, the rest as they say in the classics "is history".

The \$2 million was raised very quickly, the push continued and by 1993, \$5 million had been raised.

Such was this initial impact that in less than 15 years all 23 Districts had contributed a minimum of \$400,000 and 20 of them had contributions totalling \$500,000

The goals of the Funds were simple and straight forward, but aimed and based in complex research.

- a/ To encourage promote and stimulate medical and health research in Australia
- b/ To coordinate and manage those initiatives concerning community health projects.
- c/ To stimulate public interest in the prevention and treatment of health in Australia

And so it is clear that health in the term mentioned refers to an all inclusive aspect, of community health. Further it demonstrates that via applied specialist research it will become possible to demonstrate practical methods for the improvement in community health, thus displaying the self completing nature of ARH. Donations are made by Rotarians, Rotary clubs then fund ARH, and the benefits flow back into the community who supplied the funds in the first place.

Such is the depth of the ARH programs, that we tend to forget, their variety and scope, Cot death, Adolescent health, Men's health, Environmental health problems for the aged, Evaluation of mental health services, and the list goes on. Various symposia are conducted and funded by ARH, as well as assisting in PhD scholarships.

In 2009 scholarships alone a total \$1.3 Million Dollars, that is made available to 19 Mental health, 9 Phd's and 3 Postdoctoral, fellowships, through the ARH

We can only ask you to continue to support this most worthy program, as without doubt it will enhance our own lives in time to come.

Kind regards Ted

ROTARY DISTRICT 9780 NEWSLETTER



DREAM BEARS for ROMAC:

Let me thank those Clubs who have sent in their contributions, for the "Dream Bear DG's Partners Program" in aid of ROMAC, I would like to say that there have been some very good ideas employed to raise funds over this past few months, by the Clubs, but we are now nearing the end of the project and we would appreciate the remaining efforts to be forwarded from those Clubs who have not done so, up to now. All further contributions will need to be with me prior to the end of May.

Contributions to this date have been received from 19 Clubs, and have realized \$6,577.11, with two Clubs reaching the outstanding total of over \$1,000 each.. Thank you all for your great efforts, with ROMAC the winner. The grand presentation will be made at the District Changeover in Geelong, with thanks to DGE Chris..

On behalf of the children you will help, thank you, Rtn Pat Gaffney

MANAGEMENT MEETING:

The next Management Meeting will be held at the Entertainment centre Stawell Town Hall, on May the 3rd, all new team members for 2009/10 are invited and encouraged to attend, to have a look at what goes on, so that at the time of change over it will be seamless as possible. As this will be our last Management meeting for this Rotary year, all members both old and new are asked to make every effort to attend. 12.00 Noon Sunday 3rd May 2009.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK – PP JUDY DENNIS

Congratulations and welcome to our newest Rotarians.....

Rotarian Timothy Mason – Rotary Club of Hamilton

Rotarian Maggie Loveland – Rotary Club of Hamilton

Rotarian Crystal Mitchell – Rotary Club of St Arnaud

Rotarian Sandra Renshaw – Rotary Club of St Arnaud

Rotarian Kevin Flynn – Rotary Club of Ballarat East

Rotarian Pam Dolley – Rotary Club of Geelong East

Rotarian Andrew Faull – Rotary Club of Ballarat

Rotarian Pam Clarke – Rotary Club of Horsham East

Rotarian Andrew Alexander – Rotary Club of Bayside
Geelong

Rotarian Judy Beasley – Rotary Club of Bayside
Geelong

Rotarian Dr R Norman Castle – Rotary Club of Stawell

Rotarian Noelene Castle – Rotary Club of Stawell

Rotarian Max Scott – Rotary Club of Portland

Rotarian Dean Pratt – Rotary Club of Mt Gambier West

Rotarian David Burt – Rotary Club of Mt Gambier West

Rotarian Lucie Rose – Rotary Club of Geelong East

Honorary Member Clem Cook – Rotary Club of
Hamilton

Honorary Member Gladys Wilson – Rotary Club of
Ballarat East

Paul Harris Fellow Recognition

AG Rhonda Mckenzie – Rotary Club of St Arnaud

Rotarian Alan Postlewaite – Rotary Club of St Arnaud

PP John Hutchinson – Rotary Club of Ballarat East
(Sapphire)

PP Geoff Cunningham – Rotary Club of Ballarat East
(2nd Sapphire)

PP Ralph Wilson – Rotary Club of Ballarat East
(Sapphire – Posthumously)

Called to Higher Service

Rotariann Peter Jacobs – Rotary Club of Wendouree
Breakfast

Mrs Marjorie Pola - wife of PDG Bob Pola, 1971-1972,
Rotary Club of Nhill.

Also thanks to those Rotarians who have offered their
best wishes to Rtn Pat Gaffney on her recent illness.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to DGND PP, Brian “BT” Trener from the Warrnambool Club, on his selection and future elevation to DGN in June. Brian along with Jenny will be a great Team and will I am sure become an integral part, of the leadership team of the district, and we look forward to yet another outstanding leader of our district in 2011/12. “BT” has been a Rotarian for 18 years and has held a number of District appointments and served as District Secretary. His background is Health services, as is Jenny's. If you get the opportunity to say hello to them, please do so, you will find them warm and responsive people, who we all look forward to assisting as the time goes by, in our collective service in Rotary. Congats again Brian and Jenny.

PLEASE NOTE THE DATES, THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT DOCUMENT, AND THESE DATES ARE SET, PLEASE RESPOND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE..... Ted

March 21, 2009

Dear Rotary Club President and Club Members

Re: Pilot District Ballot

After 91 years of “Doing Good in the World”, our Rotary Foundation is embarking on its first major Organisational Change in its history. Through the years, the number of Programs has grown, the number of Grants has escalated and we have tried to be everything to everyone. In doing so we have lost some efficiencies. The Future Vision Plan will focus our efforts, and give increasing District control, whilst reducing Programs and paperwork. It will also provide for significant partnerships with other Organisations who share our Humanitarian goals.

At Assembly we introduced the Future Vision Plan and at The Rotary Foundation seminar last year, we heard further of the Future Vision Plan from the Regional Co-ordinator, PDG Don Jago.

To help implement this new Plan, our Rotary Foundation is looking to **100 Districts** to serve as **PILOT Districts**. If selected, it would be a great opportunity for us in **D9780** to participate in the fine tuning of the Future Vision Plan.

Further information is available on the RI website: www.rotary.org. Please take a little time to review this information and do not hesitate to ask me any questions – I am able to be contacted by e-mail: cathy.roth@bigpond.com or on my mobile: **0418 593 556**.

Along with DG Ted Gaffney, DGE Chris Sims, and DGN Jessie Harman I encourage you and your club to **APPROVE** our Application to become a Pilot District. Please complete the form in this letter and return to:

District Rotary Foundation Chairman
PDG Cathy Roth
PO Box 3083
Geelong VIC 3220

BY THE 24th APRIL 2009.

Rotary Club of

YES – Approves

President 2008-09 (signature).....

**NO - Disapproves
(circle one)**

Thank you for supporting The Rotary Foundation!

DRFC Cathy Roth