

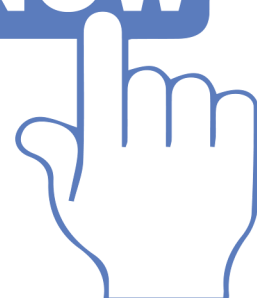


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# Conference Program

## Thursday 19th March 2020

Golf

Albury Golf Club – Time: 12.00 Noon

Ride to Conference

600km – Albury Entertainment Centre

2 pm 19th March

Sports Dinner

7.00pm – 10.00pm

The Albury Club 519 Kiewa St. Albury

Guest: Speaker Eliza Ault–O’Connell

Live Entertainment: Uke Muster

## Friday 20th March 2020

9.00 – 5.00 Registration & What Rotary Does

Albury Entertainment Centre 525 Swift St. Albury

11.00 – 12.30 Council of Governors Luncheon

The Albury Club 519 Kiewa St. Albury

1.00 – 1.45 Official Opening of Conference.

1.45 – 2.05 International Service - Topics TBA

2.05 – 2.50 Keynote Speaker - Chris Mirams

2:50 - 2:55 Entertainment - PDG Greg Ross

2.55 – 3.20 RIPPA - Leanne Jaggs - District 9920 NZ

3.20 – 3.40 Afternoon Tea

3.40 – 4.20 Keynote Speaker - Catherine Smith

4.20 – 4.55 Australian Rotary Health - PDG Greg Ross

4.55 – 5.00 House Keeping

6.00 – 7.30 Paul Harris Cocktail Party

The Albury Club 519 Kiewa St. Albury

7.30 Evening Dinner & Fellowship (own arrangements)

## Saturday 21st March 2020

7.30 – 8.30 Breakfast: First attendees, Presidents, Presidents Elects

Albury Entertainment Centre 525 Swift St. Albury

09.00 – 16.00 Registration & Rotary - People of Action

09.00 – 9.05 Entertainment - PDG Greg Ross

09.05 – 9.25 Vocational Training Team - TBA

09.25 – 10.15 Youth Exchange/Youth Service/ROTE

10.15 – 10.40 Morning Tea

10.40 – 10.45 Entertainment - Greg Ross

10:45 - 11.30 Keynote Speaker - Michael McQueen

11.30 – 12.15 Vocational/Community Service

12.15 – 1.15 Lunch

1.15 – 1.20 Entertainment - PDG Greg Ross

1.20 – 2.10 Keynote Speaker - Holly Ransom

1.20 - 2.30 Rotary Friendship Exchange and Rotary Fellowships

2.30 – 3.25 Ian Murphy Memorial Debate

3.25 – 3.50 Afternoon Tea

3.50 – 4.10 Debate adjudication & Presentations

4.10 – 4.45 Rotary Foundation

4.45 – 4.50 House Keeping

Evening Program

7.00 – 11.00 Gala Dinner

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## Sunday 22nd March 2020

7.30 Ruth Konig Charity Walk (Humanity Award) - Venue TBA

9.00 – 11.00 Registration & Rotary - People of Action

8.00 – 8.55 Resolutions. Location TBA

Note: Voting delegates must be accredited at Registration area no later than 4pm Saturday.

9.00 – 9.20 Remembrance and Reflection

9.20 – 10.00 Keynote Speaker - Chris Cuffe AO

10.00 – 10.25 Morning Tea

10.25 – 10.30 Entertainment - PDG Greg Ross

10.30 – 10.40 2021 Conference Promotion - DGE Bruce Anderson

10.40 - 11.25 Rotary Membership/Public Image/Community Service

11.25 – 11.45 DG Brian Peters - Presentation of Awards

11.45 – 12.00 Conference Summary – RIPPR Leanne Jaggs

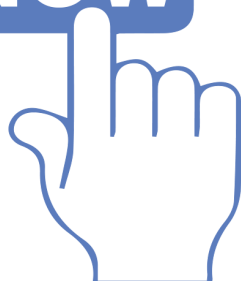
12.00 - 1.00 Illara Presentation

1.10 – 1.30 DG Brian Peters - Final presentation and closing ceremony National Anthem

1.30 – 2.30 Farewell Paella Lunch

Albury Entertainment Centre 525 Swift St. Albury

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# I wish I'd asked

A program called “*I Wish I'd Asked*” has run in Shepparton over the past 15 months and involved schools, aged care, and community groups. It has been proudly auspiced and supported by the Rotary Club of Shepparton South.

Founders - Danny Finley and Eva Gruen wished they had asked their own parents more about their lives so decided to create a program which encouraged students and seniors to engage in conversations and skill sharing activities.

Other motivators for the program were to address the problem of loneliness in aged care where it is reported that 40% of residents never get a visitor. For students the connections enabled them to improve their conversation and communication skills, which are often lacking in a world dominated by screens.

A range of activities were organised to connect seniors and students and encourage conversations:

- Dancing-
- Meetings with RSL veterans
- Gardening
- Cooking
- Knitting and craft
- Karaoke
- Internet Café
- Philosophy class
- Men's shed
- Virtual Reality



“*I Wish I'd Asked*” has been acclaimed by the participants and embraced by the Shepparton community. The program will be ongoing as schools incorporate it into their curriculum. Aged care homes also recognise the benefits for the wellbeing of their residents.

*Rotary Connects the World* has been the RI theme in 2019-20. In this project Rotary has helped to connect the generations and engage in conversations and activities that have been life changing for many.

David Earle from the RC of Shepparton South said he was looking forward to presenting the “*I Wish I'd Asked*” program to conference this month along with co-founder Eva Gruen. “I am hoping that Rotarians from other clubs will see the amazing benefits for both students and seniors and introduce a similar program in their community.”

For more information go to [www.iwishidasked.com.au](http://www.iwishidasked.com.au)





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## FEBRUARY 23 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL ANNIVERSARY



**O**n 23 February Rotary International celebrated it's 115th anniversary. Just think of all the good in the world Rotary International has done since it's inception. Outstanding work, ethical organisation and with a focus on Service Above Self.

In 2021 Rotary in Australia and New Zealand celebrates 100 years of Service. In 1921 four Rotary Clubs were created in Melbourne, Auckland, Wellington and Sydney. From there, Rotary and Rotaract Clubs were created everywhere across Australia and New Zealand. We will all share a centenary in 2021.

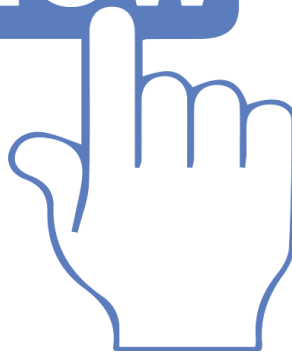
As part of that celebration Rotary Districts have been asked to contribute to a Rotary Australasia centenary project to save lives by vaccinating 100,000 children across nine Pacific Island countries against three diseases and to establish sustainable vaccination programmes in each country. The vaccinations are:

HPV vaccine for girls to prevent cervical cancer in later life

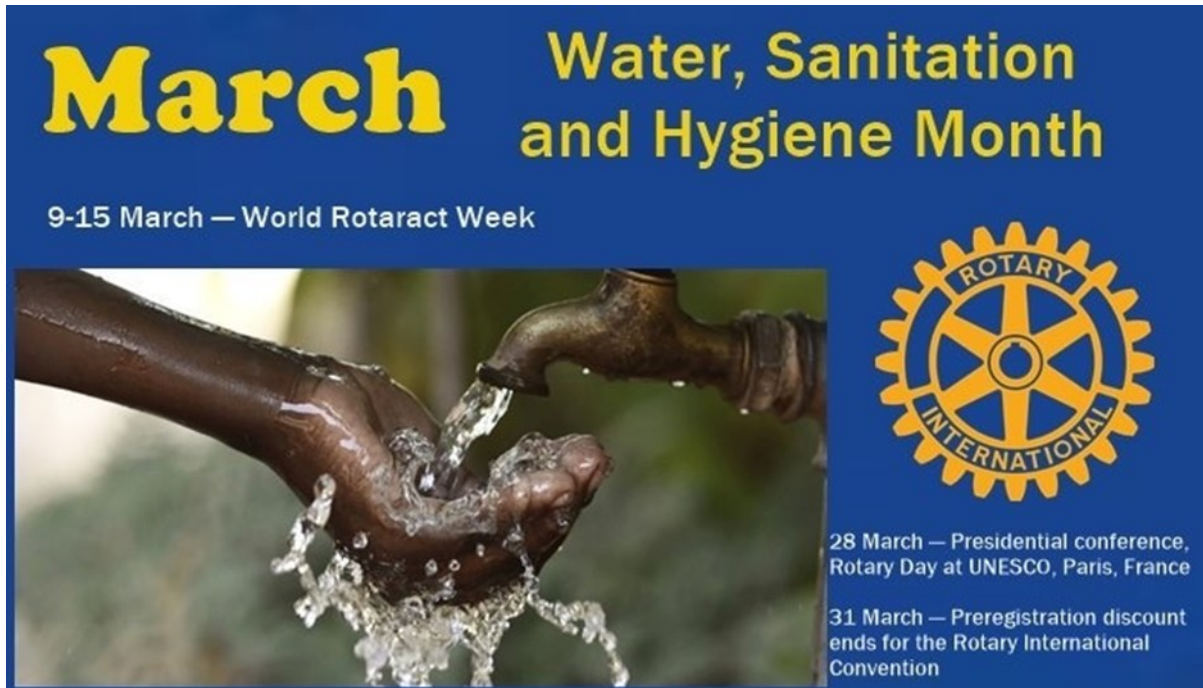
Rotavirus and pneumococcal vaccines for all children to reduce illness and deaths from gastroenteritis, pneumonias, meningitis and bacteraemia.

The aim is to complete these programmes by 2021 and District 9790 is an active part of "Rotary Give Every Child A Future" and we have recently donated \$10,000 from our District Designated Fund to this worthy cause – and one that will make a difference to the lives of our neighbours in the Pacific Islands.

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On another note March is Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Month. With all the hysteria about the coronavirus going around at the moment we are being reminded that one of the simplest ways of protecting ourselves is to wash our hands with soap and water regularly. A pretty simple message that fits with our theme for March.

And finally, it would be remiss of me if I didn't take the opportunity encourage you all to come and join us in Albury Wodonga from 19 – 22 March for our District Conference.

Murray is excited at the thought of seeing you all there. The guest speakers we have lined up are excellent and we will have a lot of fun!

If you haven't booked yet please do so – you won't be sorry. Details of the Conference Programme and how-to book are set out in this Newsletter.

March promises to be a really exciting month.

DG Brian.







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In the spirit of Rotary's commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Rotary Districts 9800, 9790 and 9810 together with the LGBT Rotarians and Friends Rotary Fellowship were at the Midsumma Carnival held on Sunday 19th January 2020. They invite everyone to join them to promote and celebrate the diversity of our Rotary and Rotaract families and to explore the opportunities that volunteering with Rotary has to offer.

Midsumma is an annual summer arts and cultural festival for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and other queer communities with entertaining, fun and diverse performances, visual arts and social events across Melbourne over three weeks in January and early February. Midsumma Carnival is a vibrant, festive, friendly, colourful day of community connection, picnics, dance parties and more for all ages.

PDG Mani Seneviratne visited PP Hamish Jones at the R.C Strathmore stall. There were over 100,000 people at the Alexandra gardens in Melbourne. It was a very good PR exercise and it made the public aware of Rotary activities.

Good work Hamish.







Myrtleford  
**Rotary**



# Charity Golf Day

**Sunday, March 8, 2020**

**Myrtleford Golf Club**

Myrtleford-Yackandandah Rd, Myrtleford

**Men's & Mixed teams**

**4 person Ambrose event**

**Shotgun start at 9:30am**

**\$80 fee per team**

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**BBQ back at the club house afterwards**

**Contact: Gillian Piggott : 0400 566 935 : [gildavep1@gmail.com](mailto:gildavep1@gmail.com)**

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**M**arch is here and only ~~18~~ **DAYS TO GO TILL CONFERENCE 2020!**

*Pardon the shouting there but it I feel the closeness to this annual District 9790 event required some emphasising.*

**1. IMPORTANT: To keep all the various caterers happy bookings for all the optional meals needs to done no later than FRIDAY 13th MARCH!** (Optional meals include: Sports Dinner, PHF Cocktail Party, Presidents breakfast, Gala Dinner and Sunday lunch.)

2. The Rotary Club of Preston conducts a Personal Care Pack project in partnership with Pinchapoo which largely depends on donated toiletries which can be made into emergency personal hygiene packages for people in need. Pinchapoo will have a stand at the "Rotary - People of Action" area of the Conference. Conference attendees are requested to donate toiletries from their hotel rooms to the Pinchapoo stand so that they can be used for this project.

3. In this update I have also attached some information including a mud map of the Ruth Konig Memorial Charity Walk which is being held on Sunday morning. A big thank you to Reg Hinton and the members of the Rotary Club Bellbridge Lake Hume for organising and running this event.

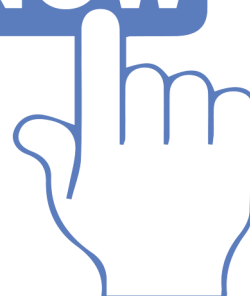
**Registration and bookings link:** <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=570337&>

Once again, thank you to all the Rotarian's that have already made their conference bookings.

Murray and I look forward to seeing you here in Albury!



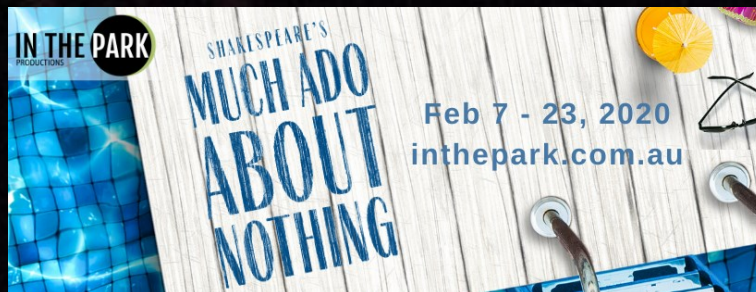
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And that's a wrap! What an incredible few weeks we've had! Thank you so much for joining us for Much Ado. You better believe we'll be back next year!

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*Dear Rotarians of District 9790*

*The recent bushfires in the Upper Murray part of our District have impacted greatly on the affected communities.*

*The immediate relief effort by District Rotarians has been well documented and advised to all Clubs by District Community Service Chair, Rosemary Freeman – and I sincerely thank Rosemary for communicating this information.*

*Substantial donations to Rotary Clubs and District 9790 have been received to assist in the bushfire recovery. The donated funds received by District 9790 are recorded in a newly established District bank account “Bushfire Recovery”*

*We are now moving from the relief stage to that of recovery and the rebuilding of communities. Experience from the 2009 fires tells us that the recovery stage will be with us for a considerable period of time.*

*Accordingly, a District “Bushfire Recovery Committee” has been established.*

*Members of the Committee are:*

*Bernie Bott PDG (Chair)*

*Rob Lloyd PDG*

*Margaret Crisp AG9*

*Rosemary Freeman, Community Service Chair*

*Geoff Dinning RC of Appin Park Wangaratta*

*Gary Fitzgerald D9790 Treasurer*

*The Committee has the power to co-opt other members as required.*

*Rotary Clubs that have received donations intended for bushfire recovery or have earmarked Club funds for bushfire recovery have two options – either retain those funds in a clearly designated Club account or consider transferring those funds to the District Bushfire Recovery account.*

*Should Clubs decide to administer their donated funds kindly advise the District Bushfire Recovery Committee of the amount of the funds held and the intended programs that will be supported. We wish to avoid duplication of recovery projects.*

*We have a long way to go in this recovery.*

*Yours in Rotary,*

*Brian Peters*

*District Governor*

*2019-2020*



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## Rotary Caters for Hay Runners 23/01/19 and Induction with a Difference.

Following a text message from Brendan Farrell of the Burrumbuttock Hay Runners and his request to ask if Rotary would be prepared to help by catering for his group at Burrumbuttock the night of the 23<sup>rd</sup> January prior to them departing for Armidale and planning on arriving there on Australia Day, I emailed all Clubs in the immediate Albury Wodonga Area to see who could help. Very pleased to say that within a very short period of time I received emails from the Rotary Club of Albury Hume and the Rotary Club of Wodonga West and a phone call from Bellbridge Lake Hume. Many emails travelled back and forward and we met face to face on one occasion prior to the preparation of the food, having assured Brendan and his mighty band of helpers that we would be pleased to assist the great work they do in helping the backbone of this country - our Farmers.

What a wonderful evening and some great feedback from the group that numbered between three and four hundred.

Pleased to say that they watched on with interest as the induction took place on the football oval in front of them all.

Amazing to see the Rotary Clubs of Wodonga West, Albury Hume, Bellbridge Lake Hume and Wodonga Central come together and function as one.

The photos tell it all and my thanks go out to all those who helped and again demonstrated Rotary at Work.

Wodonga West presented a small problem in that their normal meeting night coincided with this event. This was easily fixed as they moved their meeting to the venue. They also advised that they intended to induct a new member that night. As it happened following a conversation with Brendan, he had decided to transfer the assembly point from Burrumbuttock to the Walbundrie Football ground as they had received some rain and with in excess of one hundred and seventy trucks the ground was muddy.

Clive Faul





## Rotary Club of Wodonga West

Bogong leadership camp. What a blast the kids have had!!







## The other



In March 2012 I went on a magnificent photographic adventure to 'Patagonia' which is an area in South America that encompasses Argentina and Chile. There was a noticeable difference when we crossed the Andes from Argentina into Chile. It was magnificent country with absolutely spectacular mountain ranges and glaciers.

The glacier below is the Moreno glacier. Absolutely amazing and we could actually walk on it. Anybody who's heard me talk will know I quite like a whisky. This one had 1,000 year old ice to it.

In Chile the shepherds are known as gauchos and it was fascinating watching them work with their dogs and round up the sheep. The weather is so fierce that trees lean with the wind and are restricted in height. It's a tough environment but absolutely beautiful.











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