THIS WEEK’S SPEAKER

WARWICK GATELEY AM, VICTORIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER

Warwick Gately’s early career was with the Royal Australian Navy. He commanded the Destroyer, HMAS TORRENS in 1994 and the Guided Missile Frigate, HMAS ADELAIDE, the latter during operations off East Timor in 1999 for which he was awarded a Defence Force Commendation.

He holds a Bachelors Degree in Political Science and Government, a Masters Degree in Defence studies and is a graduate of the Institute of Company Directors. He also has extensive experience in the planning and conduct of military operations and in 1999-2000 closely supported the Chief of the Defence Force in Command of ADF operations as the Director General Joint Operations and Plans. He was appointed as a Member (AM) in the Military Division of the Order of Australia in June 1999, for exceptional service to the Australian Defence Force in a number of key operational appointments.

In 2003 Warwick joined the Western Australian Electoral Commission as the Deputy Electoral Commissioner and was appointed as the Electoral Commissioner for Western Australia in August 2006. He was also reappointed in 2009 for a further five year term. In his time with the Western Australian Electoral Commission he was responsible for the conduct of the 2005, 2008 and 2013 State general elections as well as referendums on retail trading hours and daylight saving. He oversaw the redrawing of the State’s electoral boundaries and also conducted local council elections every two years.

On 29 April 2013, he was appointed as the Electoral Commissioner for Victoria with responsibility for the administration of the State’s register of electors (the roll) and the conduct of Parliamentary and local council elections as well as referendums and various statutory polls in Victoria.

Given Warwick’s many years in public service, he remains committed to the provision of effective services to the community, in this case, election services.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

10 Oct: Professor Peter Norton - Rotary Health Hat Day - Mental Awareness
17 Oct: Brent Phillips, Director, Language, Partnerships and Innovation of Expression Australia (formerly Vicdeaf)
24 Oct: Dr Alberto Calderon, MD & CEO Orica
31 Oct: Melbourne Cup Lunch
07 Nov: Sir John Reid Community Service Award
14 Nov: Lord Mayor’s Annual Address

LAST WEEK’S MEETING

FOOTY LUNCHEON’S SALLY WATT

You can listen to Sally’s fascinating stories via our Podcasts on frontpage of our website: “Meetings/Events” tab.

BLACK & WHITE WASNT ENOUGH ON THE BIG DAY!

Photo shows our VP Barbara smiling in anticipation of a Pies win! (Barbara, hope you
EVENTS, NEWS & REMINDERS

6 SLEEPS TILL THE BIG DAY!

It is also not too late to pledge support as a sponsor of our Team Rotary Riders? Sign-up forms available and speak with Jo in the Office. The riders thank you in advance for your support as they prepare themselves for the Finishing Line!

TYPHOON OMPONG & OUR IMMEDIATE RESPONSE

In response, the Club via the International Programs committee authorised $2000 to contribute to the freight of emergency personal goods including clothing and bedding to the regions which included Tabuk where our clean water project is located.

Our member, Ruth Martinez sourced the Kalinga Provincial Government statistics which showed the worst hit areas for targeting relief were Barangay Cabaruan, Barangay Naneng, Tabuk Municipality and Municipality of Balbalan (a few villages).

On hand already, Ruth was storing in her garage, boxes of clothes, shoes, sheets, towels, personal items, educational items and toys for children ready for despatch to the towns of Cabaruan, Tabuk; and municipality of Balbalan, Kalinga.

Ruth contacted the President of RC Tabuk, Dr Lilia Beatrice Gabit, who undertook the logistics and distribution with the Rotary Club of Tabuk club members and via the University of Kalinga to that region. They were positive our efforts targeted the most vulnerable and affected as a result of the massive flooding brought on by the Typhoon.

Last Thursday, a group of Members and friends volunteered their time at DIK in West Footscray and packed 30 boxes of donated items including sheets, bedding, clothes, shoes, dry food, home building items which have been shipped out via Bob Glindemann.

‘IGNITE’ PROJECT: ROTARY CLUB OF MELBOURNE EVENT

This is very exciting on all levels as it not only lends support to artists with a disability by increasing greater visibility of their work, but provides a potential source of income through our acquisition or leasing of their high quality works providing us with a new piece of art on our wall!

AAV works with artists who have a disability and seeks to assist each artist earn an income from his or her special talent. This focus aligns with Melbourne Rotary’s involvement in Welfare projects, to include the objectives of the Arts Committee which is to assist and aid vocational opportunities for lesser advantaged groups in our community.

The Ignite Project has a simple premise. Together it is proposed that Rotary and AAV will be holding a launch event on Thursday 25 October 2018, which will be opened by Minister Foley, who is Victorian State Minister for Housing, Disability & Ageing. See the attached Flyer: Ignite_Oct_2018[1]_1.pdf

The event will be held at the South Melbourne Town Hall, from 6-7.30pm and will take the form of an arts exhibition with about 30 art works on display. All attendees will also be provided with a printed catalogue, in colour, which will feature a far wider range of artworks.

The exhibition will launch a planned program of acquiring or leasing high quality artworks from artists with disabilities. Club Members and their guests will be able to meet some of the artists and hear directly about the benefits of leasing artworks from artists with disabilities which is already happening in selective Government and corporate offices and private homes.

It will also be a great opportunity to invite guests, and provide a demonstration of Rotary in action to help disadvantaged communities to help themselves.

ROTARY YOUTH HOMELESSNESS SUCCESS

are coping with the disappointment.)
James has been a driving force in extending of care to 21 years of age; this was one of the four focus areas identified at the Rotary Youth Homelessness Forum conducted in 2014.

"About 12 months after the forum we became aware that Paul McDonald CEO of Anglicare Victoria was starting a national campaign for the same change. After discussions with him we decided to support his campaign.

The RCM is one of 200 not-for-profit, peak bodies and business corporations that have publicly supported the campaign.

Since then we have promoted the campaign to our corporate members, the District 9800 Community Service Group and more recently to the special District 9800 Homelessness Initiative working group. There is a possibility the group may decide to develop a proposal for national support by all Rotary Clubs. MAKE IT 21 BY 21.”

Thank you James for such a sterling effort which has been applauded by everyone who understands the many dreadful outcomes for young people "tossed" out of foster and institutional care into community when they attain 18 years of age. Often these young people transitioning to adulthood are forced to leave without the means, financially, physically and psychologically to secure a safe and healthy future.

This is a games changer for young people leaving care and will move the dial on homelessness in Victoria. http://thehomestretch.org.au/news/this-will-mean-the-world-foster-care-age-raised-to-21/

Ground breaking news from Victoria: Media Release

**Home Stretch applauds State Government commitment to extend foster care to 21**

The Home Stretch today welcomed the Victorian Government’s ground breaking announcement that it will commit $11.6 million to extend foster care to 21. The historic move will see 250 young people provided with care through to 21 years.

Home Stretch chair Paul McDonald praised Minister for Families and Children Jenny Mikakos and the Victorian State Government for committing funding to implement the Home Stretch reforms.

The announcement follows a concerted campaign over the past two years by more than 5000 individual supporters and 200 community organisations (including Rotary) to make it 21.

“This is a landmark decision that will make a real difference to the lives of young people who have lived in foster, residential or kinship care. It is the most important reform in this area for many years,” Mr McDonald said.

Ms Deb Tsorbaris, Victorian Home Stretch co-chair said, “We know that extending care supports beyond 18 has a positive impact on a young person’s life. We welcome this announcement as a vital support for young people transitioning into adulthood.

“This is a significant policy announcement that puts children and young people at the centre of government decision making, and it recognises that all young people need support in those vital transitioning years to independence,” Ms Tsorbaris said.

“It is a victory for the voices of young people who have spoken out on their need to be supported until they are ready to go and the out-of-home care sector now looks forward to working with the Government to help implement the reform,” Mr McDonald said.

“This reform will ensure that young Victorians leaving care will have every chance to fulfil their potential and make a successful transition to adulthood.

“Research shows that giving young people the option of an extra three years in care will halve youth homelessness and double education and employment outcomes for young people.”

In praising this announcement, Mr McDonald added that he looked forward to working with the Government to implement this reform and ensure all young people leaving state care receive the right supports until 21 years.

“This State Government announcement now joins similar announcements by State Governments in South Australia and Tasmania.

“I want to also thank our supporters and philanthropic organisations that have supported the campaign.”

A special thanks to you, our supporters!

The Home Stretch campaign will continue its work to get the reforms implemented in the
Paul McDonald
and the Home Stretch team

2019 MULTI DISTRICT CONFERENCE

ROTARY 2019 MULTI-DISTRICT CONFERENCE - EARLY BIRD OFFER
You can review the program at the Multi-District Conference Web-site: http://www.rotaryconference.org.au/home.html. There is already a strong list of speakers that have been confirmed, promising to make this a very special event indeed.

If you wish to take advantage of the Early Bird discount of 25%, you need to Register soon by clicking the “Registration Now Open” button on the Multi-District Conference Web-site.

ONTO CONFERENCE 2019
On-to-Conference: The Tradition Continues Tuesday 12 February to Friday 15 February, 2019
Reg has conveyed the following: “Many members have also been asking about the 2019 On-to-Conference tour. Plans are at an advanced stage, and the following is a summary of what to expect.

What will be the key themes?
The 2019 OTC Tour is about renewable energy; water supply; provenance and local communities bound together with the common threads of OTC friendship and fun;

Where will we visit?
As this year’s Multi-district Conference is in Melbourne, we will be exploring South West Gippsland and the Yarra Valley; within 130 km of Melbourne CBD. We will spend nearly 4 days together, and the summary below gives an outline of the program as it currently stands:

Day 1 - Tuesday, 12 February - South Gippsland
- Lunch at the Korumburra Golf Club where we are hoping to meet Rotary representatives from the surrounding region, to learn about their work in the South Gippsland Community; followed by a presentation from Burra Foods, an innovative exporter of processed dairy good, particularly to Japan and China;
- Secret Cinema, presented by Hugh Bucknall
- Dinner, and guest speaker: Adrian Kloeden, RCM Member and Chair of Aquasure, the operators of the Victorian De-sal Plant
- Stay overnight at the RACV Inverloch Resort

Day 2 - Wednesday 13 February - South Gippsland
- Stroll through the Victorian Desal Plant Ecological Reserve (Wonthaggi) and observe the world class 225 hectare restored vegetation project
- Briefing and viewing of the Victorian Desal Plant
- Lunch at the Wonthaggi Hotel
- Briefing and viewing of the Bald Hills Wind Farm at Tarwin Lower
- Drinks (sampling of local wines), Dinner and overnight at the RACV Inverloch Resort

Day 3 - Thursday 14 February - Yarra Valley
- Visit and explore the garden of Coombe - The Melba Estate and enjoy an indulgent Devonshire Tea
- Enjoy lunch followed by wine tasting at Rochford Wines
- On the drive to Healesville, those with a sweet tooth might consider calling in at the Yarra Valley Chocolaterie & Ice Creamery in Yarra Glen
- Relax at Healesville’s local attractions such as the TarraWarra Museum of Art and Healesville Candy Emporium
- Dinner and overnight at the RACV Country Club, Healesville

Day 4 - Friday 15 February - Yarra Valley
(Note: Some participants may wish to spend the day attending the Rotary Peace Summit, at the Melbourne Convention Centre)
- A relaxed morning is in store offering multiple choices:
  - For the golf lovers, tackle the RACV Country Club course
  - Check out the Healesville Sanctuary, which is probably very different to when you were last there
  - Take a brisk bush walk in the Yarra Ranges National Park
  - Indulge (if you need more) at the Four Pillars Distillery - a former timber yard transformed into a fully functioning gin distillery
Enjoy the views at the Maroondah Reservoir Park
Informal lunch at the Giant Steps Winery
Afternoon - return to Melbourne.
Late afternoon: President’s Drinks as guests of Past President, Clive Weeks and Helen, following which we will move to the Multi-District Conference, Opening Function
Friday Evening: Club dinner, at a venue TBA

What Next:

1. Make sure you register for the Multi-district conference to access the Early Bird discount.
2. Secure your place in the On-to-Conference Tour by completing the attached brief expression of interest form, and paying the applicable deposit. We will follow up 6 to 8 weeks prior to the OTC journey to confirm program options and to give you the opportunity to provide your preferences for specific planned activities. Rotary_OTC_2019_EoI_[Your_Name].pdf
3. Our preliminary estimate of the fee per person for this 4-day OTC experience is $1,060. You will notice we are staying at two RACV resorts. Member discounts are available on room bookings, so please let us know in the reservation form your Club or Service membership number so this discount may be claimed. In the spirit of OTC, we equalise the per person cost of room occupancy to ensure single participants are able to join the experience at similar cost to couples.
4. Don’t hesitate to call me if you have any questions or suggestions"

With sincere best wishes

Reg Smith
2019 On-to-Conference Chair

THIS WEEK'S 'CHAIR'

BRIAN HORWOOD - INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS CHAIR

"Did you know the Rotary Club of Melbourne is playing the key role in projects as diverse as supplying potable water to eight communities lacking this facility in the Philippines, a social work program for young slum dwellers in Cambodia, a water supply project for a school in Vanuatu and the reroofing of a school damaged in the recent Nepalese earthquake. Financial support has also been sent to relieve hardship caused by the recent Lombok earthquakes.

Chris Wang, as a member of the International Programs and Fellowship Committee, is playing a leading role in Rotary Clubs’ Centenary Project to immunise 100,000 children in the Pacific Islands.

The International Programs Committee is the vehicle for the Club to undertake projects to assist needy communities in other countries, primarily the Pacific. The Committee works to significantly improve the health, education, housing or employment opportunities of selected communities where conditions in these fields are a barrier to human wellbeing. It also supports disaster relief efforts to reduce hardship caused by earthquakes and floods.

The Committee currently has the leadership role in six active projects in four countries. Its sixteen members are kept busy in coordinating projects, identifying new areas of need and evaluating proposals for new projects.

While the Committee has a leadership role in most of its projects, these have to be undertaken in conjunction with a local partner in the host country, usually a Rotary Club. Having the right partner is a critical factor for success and working with them requires patience, particularly as they coordinate in-country activities and communicate with local communities.

The primary roles of members of the Committee on supported projects are overall coordination of activities and fund raising. The Committee has developed the skills to leverage off funds initially contributed by the Rotary Club of Melbourne and approaching other supportive organisations, both Rotary e.g. the Rotary Foundation and non-Rotary e.g. the Baker Foundation, to donate finance to undertake projects.

An example of this is the Barra Water Supply Project in the Philippines, where the Club donated US$10,000 and the remaining US$90,000 required was sourced from a number of other essential supporters. The current annual budget for the Club’s International Programs is $28,000. The Committee certainly achieves a big bang for its
buck.

Thank you Brian and well done!

**MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS**

**VICTORIA POLICE MENTORING PROGRAM**

The week was exciting too for our Club’s sponsorship of three nominations who have been accepted for the Victoria Police Leaders’ Mentoring Program for 2018/19.

They are:

- Marion Macleod
- David Inglis
- Chris Sotiropoulos

We wish them every success and hope that they enjoy this marvellous Program which can provide strong mentoring relationships, and is recorded by Victoria Police as the most successful and longest running program of its kind, now in its 12th year!

For those Members who might be interested in applying in August 2019, for the 2019/20 Mentoring Program, this is a snapshot of what is expected from the Rotary Mentor:

“To assist the development of strategic thinking by the mentee; to be a careful and active listener; to hold up a mirror on the mentee’s own behaviours, or impact on others; to positively reinforce and encourage the mentee; to point out opportunities for growth and development; to expose the mentee to new learning opportunities.”

**CONGRATULATIONS: LUDOVIC GROSJEAN**

Six members of Rotary and Rotaract will be honored this November as People of Action: Young Innovators during **Rotary Day at the United Nations** in Nairobi, Kenya. Ludovic will receive his award on UN Rotary Day in Nairobi, Kenya in November, which will be attended by District Governor Bronwyn Stephens.

These young innovators, including Ludovic, all under the age of 35, are being recognized for their commitment to solving problems with measurable and lasting results, connecting local issues with global concerns.

Ludovic’s winning project is Ocean CleanX. He founded a pioneering company that is developing new technology to monitor pollution and remove it from waterways.

Ludovic’s citation includes: “Every year, 8.8 million tons of plastic waste get into the oceans, putting marine species at risk of extinction. Grosjean, a 29-year-old engineer, launched Ocean CleanX to develop automated pollution monitoring and removal tools that use artificial intelligence and drones to remove plastics and other pollution from waterways and detect their source. Grosjean, who has 12 years of experience in oceanography and mechatronics engineering, has persuaded clubs to support the effort, contribute financially, and volunteer for river clean-up events.”

Rotary Club of Melbourne congratulates Ludovic and his passion and energy in respecting our global sea life and oceans.

Rotary Day at the United Nations celebrates two organizations’ shared vision for peace and highlights the critical humanitarian activities that Rotary and the UN lead around the world.

**OTHER INVITATIONS**

**DISTRICT 9800 PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY LUNCHEON**

The lunch will feature our own Rotarian Ruth Carlos-Martinez who recently received the inaugural Zone 8 Humanitarian of the Year Award. Ruth will speak about her involvement in community projects in the Philippines.

Details and registration via the attached flyer - noting you would like to join the Rotary Club of Melbourne table. Also let Philip Endersbee know you will be attending. [PHS_luncheon_2018_invitation_(1).pdf](https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=410919)

**26th ROTARY FOUNDATION PAUL HARRIS BREAKFAST**

Read the attached Flyer for Sir Angus Houston’s exceptional Profile:  PHFBreakfastflyer2018_050818093112.pdf

Time: 7.15am for 7.30am till 9.00am
Venue: RACV Club, Level 17, 501 Bourke Street, Melbourne
Cost: $65 per head
(please contact John Peberdy when booking - email jpeberdy@bigpond.net.au or mobile 0417 943 524 by 6 November 2018

'PRANCE IN THE PARK’ for POLIO
Stephanie Woollard is promoting a walking event on Sunday, 18 November which all Members are welcome. “Prance in the Park” invites us to sponsor a Prince, Princess or favourite Punk, push, walk, run 5 kms. around Albert Park Lake to support the End Polio campaign.  https://EndPolioPrance.raiseley.com

SPECIAL REMEMBERANCE DAY CENTENARY COMMEMORATION
During this centenary commemoration there will be the following presentations:

- **Monash & Chauvel, leaders who inspired a nation**: Prof. Roland Perry OAM
- **Monash**: Major Gen. Prof. Jeffrey V Rosenfeld AC OBE KStJ
- **Chauvel**: Neville Clark MC, OAM
- **Indigenous Troopers**: Dr. Esme Bamblett, CEO Aborigines Advancement League
- **Choral items**: Open Doors Singers.

Bookings can be made via the attached Flyer.

PHONSE TOBIN VOLUNTEER AWARDS DINNER
This year’s Phonse Tobin Volunteer Awards Dinner is celebrating its 25th Anniversary and is on Thu 11th October 2018. This year’s event will be MC’d by Philip Archer.

It would be great if RCM members could attend and make this a real cluster event. For those that have not attended in the past it is a very special event on our District’s calendar that is designed to recognize the great work done by specific volunteers in our community.  Invitation_-_Phonse_Tobin_Award_11_Oct_2018_(1).pdf

Places are limited at this venue: the last 2 events have sold out so please don’t leave booking to the last moment and book now by clicking on this link https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=424055&  Make sure you mention RC Melbourne for seating.

GREETINGS

**Happy Birthday this week** to: Bob Cowan (TODAY), Barry Murphy, Les Schultz, Peter Clark, James Donnelly, Stephen Mandie

**LAST WEEK’S GUESTS**

Visiting International Rotarians: Siva Gopal (Singapore).
Guests of Rotarians: Colin Beames (Peter Berg).

On Duty this week: Shirley Singleton, Deb Yin Foo, John Shaw, Keith Callinan, Peter Addison (Wine), Bruce Davidson (Photos).