



Rotary Club of Melbourne  
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## THIS WEEK'S SPEAKER

### Judy Slatyer, CEO Australian Red Cross

Speaking on the Red Cross - Imagine if we can create more good in the world.

Event

Date From : Wed Aug 16, 2017 : 12:30

Date To : Wed Aug 16, 2017 : 14:00

## LAST WEEK'S SPEAKER

PROF GEOFFREY BLAINEY AC

The 2017 Monash Medal was awarded to Prof Geoffrey Blainey AC, an outstanding Australian who has made an outstanding contribution to the Australian community and beyond. Geoffrey spoke with wonderful clarity about General Sir John Monash's life and military achievements in WW1. Geoffrey spoke for 30 minutes with great insight about the history of General Sir John Monash and his importance in Australian history. Geoffrey was a very worthy Award winner. We were treated to a wonderful history lesson from a very special Australian historian.



## MONASH MEDAL 2017

John Monash was the son of Prussian Jewish immigrants in West Melbourne in 1865. He attended Scotch College, Melbourne and obtained degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Engineering and Law at Melbourne University. While there he enlisted in the Melbourne University Rifles (similar to Army reserves). He became a successful engineer and lawyer, and with the outbreak of the Great War as a citizen soldier, volunteered to serve his country. In France, Monash distinguished himself as a great leader. His leadership at le Hamel and then in the highly successful, 8 August 1918, Amiens campaign, following Villers-Bretonneux, turned the tide of battle and had a major impact on the outcome of the war.

Monash's meticulous planning drawing in part from his engineering and legal background, was a measure of his overall successes, not only as a military leader but throughout his life.

Read more about General Sir John Monash, <http://www.0808.org.au/>

## PROJECT NEWS

### INTERPLAST UPDATE

Thanks to funding from the Rotary Club of Melbourne, a volunteer Nurse Educator, Lilliana Levada, was able to join an Interplast surgical team to Benguet General Hospital in the Philippines from 20 May – 3 June 2017.

The program delivered significant direct surgical benefits to patients and their families and this year, Nurse Educator, Lilliana joined the team to provide much needed training for local nursing staff to help ensure the long term sustainable impacts of the program especially in the area of infection control.

The Philippines is an archipelago that consists of an estimated 7107 islands with a population of over 102 million people. Despite experiencing some positive economic growth in recent years, the challenge remains to filter these gains through to the poorer

sections of society.

The demand for plastic and reconstructive surgical treatment for local patients in the Philippines continues to exceed the services locally available. While the country has a growing number of plastic and reconstructive surgeons, their reach does not extend to adequately meet the needs of the population.

To this end Interplast began delivering surgical programs in the Philippines in 1998. Interplast programs occur annually in Cagayan de Oro (Mindanao), Baguio City (Benguet) and Masbate (Bicol). This year marked Interplast's sixteenth plastic and reconstructive surgical program activity to Baguio City, delivered at the Benguet General Hospital.

Please contact Di Gillies if you would like to receive a copy of the latest Report at: [di.gillies@interplast.org.au](mailto:di.gillies@interplast.org.au)

However, it was the first time that Interplast has included a nurse educator alongside the surgical team with the specific focus of providing training and mentoring to local nursing personnel.

## SECOND BITE

Food is donated through the generosity of farmers, wholesalers, markets, supermarkets, caterers and events. This high-quality surplus food is redistributed to community food programs that support people who are homeless, women and families in crisis, youth at risk, indigenous communities, asylum seekers and new arrivals.

The simple commitment is on a Sunday at both markets for about 2 Hours, every 6 weeks or so at Prahran and once per 2 months at Victoria market. Invite a family member to help you on the morning.....It can be a lot of fun ..... enjoy a coffee afterwards and know you have helped to make difference! <http://secondbite.org/>

Our Club has supported SecondBite for over 10 years through members volunteering to collect food from Queen Victoria Market and Prahran Market. The commitment is on a Sunday at both markets for about 2 Hours, every 6 weeks or so at Prahran and once per 2 months at Victoria market. It is a lot of fun and you can make a difference.

Bob Glindemann is always looking for new volunteers and he can be contacted on [bob.glindemann@bigpond.com](mailto:bob.glindemann@bigpond.com).

## CLUB NEWS

### MONASH COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE, AUGUST 11, 2017

The Legislative Assembly, Parliament House, was the special venue for the annual commemorative service to celebrate General Sir John Monash. The great Scholar, Engineer, Soldier and Nation Builder, was the second President of the Rotary Club of Melbourne. We were well represented by Stephen Lake, Austen Burleigh standing beside the Master of Ceremonies, Major General Jim Barry as. It was a wonderful celebration of Sir John Monash which I was privileged to attend representing the Club. It will certainly be included in my diary next year. The annual event was organised by The Spirit of Australia Foundation with support of the Rotary 0808. *Reporter VP Sharann Johnson.*



### 'GO PIES' ROTARY GROUP UPDATE

Raised in Braybrook in Melbourne's West, Les has devoted his life to young people doing it tough. He is widely considered an expert on a range of community issues including youth homelessness, drug abuse, prison reform and social welfare.

The young group were accompanied by Jim Markovski, General Manager Youth Services and Cameron Graham.

The Foundation provides crucial support services for young people and their families, particularly programs, services and resources assisting Victoria's at-risk youth. The programs and services cover education-support, sports and recreation, counselling, personal development, life-experiences and employment pathways.

Chief Jock, Past President Chris Wang, obtained the tickets generously donated by the Collingwood Football Club.

Rotarian Wayne Talbot, RCM member and Past Secretary, is the Secretary of the Foundation, and the RCs of Brighton and Point Gellibrand are "supporters".

## MONASH 'PEACE' CANTATA UPDATE

Kevin Sheehan recommends that given the importance of Sir John Monash's contribution to Australia, he would like to see our Club Groups support this iconic once-only performance. This is an ideal opportunity for our Club members to support the work of David Kram and Kevin O'Flaherty, whilst honouring the memory of our Second Club President - General Sir John Monash.

Here is the link to a video featuring David Kram promoting the "Peace" Cantata:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5PWNhfmgteU>

If you are interested in taking advantage of a Group Booking and attend the Cantata, please let your Group Captain know as soon as possible. Invite your family and friends to this noteworthy performance. Further information will be circulated from the Rotary office with Arts Centre booking details and the concert will conclude at 8pm so there is the opportunity to pre-book a Group dinner at one of Southbank's restaurants.

## AROUND THE BAY UPDATE

On Wednesday we will also see the 2017 launch of our annual riding/volunteering/fundraising Around the Bay bike ride event. This will raise funds for the Smith Family 'Learning for Life' program which successfully enables children from underprivileged families to reach their educational potential and contribute fully to the community.

We will also hear a compelling story from a past recipient of the 'Learning for Life' program.

Be ready to sponsor our riders, sign on as volunteers and participate in another memorable Kevin Sheehan auction of donated goods and services. Let's make 2017 a record in all regards.



## LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

### Baker Heart & Diabetes Institute Research Study looking for Volunteers

For those interested, in order to be eligible for the free service individuals would need to be:

- Between 40-70 years of age with no previous diagnosis of coronary artery disease but have a recognised family history of the disease
- Cannot be taking a cholesterol lowering medication at present (statins)

Those who fit the flyer's criteria will receive free CT angiograms to show any blockages in their heart vessels which includes a Calcium Score that shows any potential risks of having a heart attack.

Participants will have regular contact with cardiac research nurse to provide expert advice on dietary and physical activity to help reduce cardiovascular risk factors.

Please contact Violet Francis below to help with the research study:

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## AROUND THE "GROUPS"

### TOORAK GROUP 1 AUGUST UPDATE

It was absolutely compelling hearing Mike's ability to overcome adversity and now his dedication for the November Eureka Climb. This means Mike is preparing to ascend the 89 floors of the Eureka Building in November and funds raised donated to Interplast. This is a great opportunity for you to sponsor Mike on this extraordinary challenge and further support Interplast.

Mike currently is also writing a book on his survival and beyond and is now a motivational speaker to school and corporate groups. His father was a Rotarian in Ian Riseley's Rotary Club of Sandringham.

## CLUB "CHAMPIONS"

## JOHN REYNOLDS INTERVIEW

After matriculating from Wesley College, John graduated from Melbourne University as a metallurgist. This started a very successful career in the mining industry with his expertise in smelting at Electrolytic Refining and Smelting at Port Kembla. Then during the 1950's John was working for the Sulphide Corporation near Newcastle. It was at this time when John and Frances moved to Toronto (near Lake Macquarie), John became a Charter Member and Past President of Toronto Rotary Club.

John was quite an "energetic" funds raiser and recalled a fellow Rotarian catching a 10 foot shark in Lake Macquarie which he and his fellow Rotarians forthwith "commandeered", placed beside the road sign to Newcastle behind a screen and charged motorists "2 bob" to view! Rotary at its best!

John laughed when answering the question about "humorous" situations in Rotary and described how the Sergeant at Arms addressed and introduced himself to the 1966 Rotary District 9670 Conference Dinner in Kempsey as a Methodist Cleric who gave his classification as "Fire Insurance"!

In later years, John successfully moved through management and joined WMC in 1972 and worked with mining legends Hugh Morgan AC and Sir Arvi Parbo AC. In June 1992, John was awarded an OAM for his contribution to the Australian mining industry and in 1995, Honorary Fellowships of the Australian IMM, the Minerals Institute.

John is very proud of the achievements of RCM and both Frances and John gave a special mention to the creation of Very Special Kids as a highlight.

About the future of Rotary, he replied: Rotary has acquired Equality in the sexes and this has seen a very positive change in Rotary. He hopes that Rotary is able to retain members in this age of long distances and travel and that they find the time to fit Rotary into their busy schedules. He also passed a comment that we mustn't "let it become a luncheon club". "Keep it simple..... Don't take on too much at once ...this creates confusion ...keep it light ..... apply kindness and friendship..... and Rotary needs to be fun!"

What is something you might not know about John? He loves "good dark chocolate"!!

Thank you John. *Interview by Dorothy Gilmour*

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

August 23: Martine Letts, CEO Committee for Melbourne  
August 30: Greig Gailey, Chairman of Caltex Australia Ltd  
September 6: Joanna Murray-Smith, Australian Playwright  
September 13: Todd Harper, CEO Cancer Council of Australia

## GUESTS AT LAST MEETING

**Guests of the Club:** Prof Geoffrey Blainey, Michael Bennett, DG Peter Frueh, Murray Verso, Ken Woollard (Inductee), Nora Woollard.

Visiting Australian Rotarians: Ian Knight (Werribee), Mandi Wendt (Melbourne Park), Lesley McCarthy (Flemington), Ross McDonald (Eltham), John McMorrow (Malvern).

**Guests of Members:** Kevin Jones, Don Farrands (Peter Davis), Thely Nguyen (Beverly Brock), Hannah Weigl, Mary Toye (David Kram), Ari Talantis, Jenny Good (Richard Skinner), Clifton Warren, Richard Earle, Warren Gibson (Cheryl Lacey), Cathy Rogers (Peter Rogers), Peter Matters (Margaret Matter), Ellen Kittson, Serena Low (Ian Evans), Margaret Battison (Sue McDonald).

**On Duty** RD, AT, JM, MM, KC, Chris Wang (wine), Gerald Ashman (Photos).