



January 2021 Bulletin

Dear Rotarians,

Happy New Year to you all! I truly hope 2021 brings you and your loved ones, good vibes, fantastic health and many occasions of laughter and hugs.

I hope you have had a wonderful holiday period with your loved ones and perhaps came to the rescue of the sad ones like myself who had their flights cancelled to NSW. O well, as I say to myself, when I do get to meet my family (eventually!), there will be delicious food, eventful stories and proud moments of how we did our best to keep our communities safe.

Sharing with you the first issue of 2021 as we bid farewell to the first month of 2021 which seems to have flown by with the speed of light. Mentally I am still watching Christmas movies and listening to Mariah Carey's 'All I want for Christmas Is You'!

Have a beautiful February folks! It is my favourite month of the year ☐

Please save the evening of 4th February, Thursday for our first meeting of the year. 6:45pm for a 7pm start via Zoom, Rodney will be sending through details soon.

Editor

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December Meeting

The Rotary Club of Footscray members met face to face in the second week of December at 540 Barkly St, Footscray. The enjoyable evening found members catching up with each other after what seemed like an year! Rodney, Club Secretary chaired the meeting and organised a probing quiz that kept everyone mettle and entertained. Jama, Club President spoke about the New Year and provided gifts for the ladies' present. \$330 raised for the Foodbank, enough to provide 600 meals.

Maria provided Christmas music and together with Suzanne, worked their magic to create Christmas atmosphere with decorations on the table. Wonderful to see Jama in a colourful jacket!

Horn of Africa Project

The fundraising to ship containers of hospital and school equipment to Ethiopia is going well. The **Rotary Club of Footscray** in association with **Donations in Kind** wishes to transport **three** containers of medical and school equipment to **Somali Regional State of Ethiopia**. Unfortunately, the need has become even more urgent as internal displacement has risen dramatically in the country of Ethiopia. With your generous support, we hope that we can aid the people of Ethiopia under these difficult circumstances." **Jama Farah , President**

President Jama is being well supported by his network in the African community and over \$14272 as of this evening. The target is \$21000. Club members are encouraged to support what is the club's major project during Jama's year as President.

To fund the cost of containers and shipping we have launched a fundraising project.

Help us continue our work by donating by going to the [fundraising page](#)

When donating please note:

- there is a small processing fee added to your donation.
- fundraising platform [orgis](#) is a social enterprise and not charging us fees but suggests an **optional** donation to their organisation.
- donations are tax deductible

Footscray Art Prize 2021

The [Footscray Art Prize](#) is returning for 2021 and is now open for entries. Even better, it's an

art prize where kids can get involved!

Primary and secondary students from Melbourne's west are invited to enter the [Footscray Art Prize Young Artists Prize](#) category. There are two \$500 prizes, and all entries are exhibited – a fantastic experience for any budding artist!

Dawn is a local Yarraville-based artist who is passionate about nurturing the creativity of children. As the owner of the [Little Art Yurt](#), Dawn has been the art teacher for both Lady AB and Baby 2.0 at various times. Take it away Dawn!

Promotion for Rotary Leadership Institute

The Rotary Leadership Institute Program presents a wonderful opportunity for experienced Rotarians, new members and indeed people interested in finding out more about Rotary to take some time to experience the history, current and new initiatives related to this great organisation we call Rotary.

This four-part program is now available online.

Part 1 & 2: Growing and strengthening Clubs through developing a Plan for the future of your Club.

Looking at Rotary Leadership through examining the styles and characteristics of great leaders.

Becoming a confident Club President or another club leader through understanding the roles and responsibilities and characteristics of effective and happy teams.

Part 3: Focussing and Increasing Humanitarian Service whilst learning more about **The Avenues of Service** and **The Rotary Foundation**.

Part 4: Enhancing Public Image and Awareness of Rotary and **Sharing and promoting what we do**

The next Rotary Leadership Institute will be conducted on the following dates:

Part 1 and 2 on **Sunday the 28th of February at 11am** and will run for one and a half hours.

Part 3 on **Sunday the 14th of March at 11am** for one hour

Part 4 on **Sunday the 21st of March at 11am** for one and a half hours

To register you need to email Jane Pennington jane.pennington@bigpond.com by **Friday the 19th of February**. There is a limit of 25 people for each program.

Update on Frank and Ann Brown

Graeme Thompson has been kind to share updates on Frank and Ann's recovery from the unfortunate accident they were involved in a few days before Christmas last month.

Pleased to share with you all that Frank and Ann are now home and doing well. They will commence outpatient rehabilitation at Epworth twice per week from next week. Ann is wearing a neck brace and Frank has been experiencing challenging with his computer and has therefore been unable to answer many emails from friends but has shared that he is gradually catching up. Home help has been arranged for them. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Do you know a potential Rotary Global Grant Scholar?

Strengthening Connections Through International Student Mentoring

By District 9800 Governor-elect Dale Hoy

By Warwick Cavell, District 9800 Vocational Service Director-elect

When six opportunities for Victorian start-ups were unveiled via the State Government's CivVic Labs initiative, Rotary District 9800 stepped up to the challenge.

The basis of the six opportunities is to give local start-ups the chance to secure up to \$185k each to build a product, work with a customer and help solve some of Victoria's most pressing issues. District 9800, represented by District Governor-elect Dale Hoy, Mary Barry, District Vocational Service Director and Warwick Cavell, District Vocational Service Director-elect, partnering with Outcome.Life, an internship placement provider for international students and graduates in Australia, responded to the Study Melbourne challenge of "How can we strengthen social and community connections for international students studying and living in Victoria?"

For more details: <https://rotarydistrict9800.org.au/stories/strengthening-connections-through-international-student-mentoring/>

The Yarraville Story

By John Granger

Yarraville ... a midway train stop between Footscray and Williamstown with heavy industry on the Maribymong River. Whilst this is true, the essence of Yarraville is vastly different.

The soul of Yarraville is in its shopping area and its citadel is the magnificent art deco Sun Theatre in Ballarat Street. The main, narrow thoroughfare, Anderson Street, is from another era – one that frowned on motorised conveyance. The railway gates and the pub (Railway Hotel) are also a tight fit in an area that has a real 1940's feel ... actually, a discarded pink 'Sporting Globe' would not be out of place! But Yarraville really works. There are coffee spots, diverse eating options, trendy bars nearby gardens, the renowned Sun and a real village feel.

The 'Yarraville secret' has been out for some time, and it has become a hot spot for young families, students and professionals who are attracted by its charm and proximity to the CBD, Westgate Bridge and Williamstown beach. In turn, they have influenced Yarraville's direction in business and real estate. Ballarat Street really buzzes on weekends and, apparently, was THE place to be in 2016 when the Bulldogs grabbed the AFL flag.

The Rotary Club of Yarraville was chartered in 2003 and is one of District 9800's smaller clubs (twelve members) with the large proportion of its projects being local ... with a notable exception. After a site report from Club member and Past District Governor Iven Mackay, the Club secured a D9800 Foundation District Grant and completed a school water project in Isabela (approximately 8 hours north of Manila). Known as the WASH project and jointly administered by the Rotary Club of Great Marikina Valley in the Philippines, it addressed the school's unhygienic sanitation, bucket toilet flushing and poor handwashing facilities and, upon completion, provided a connected filtration structure, clean water and a new toilet system.

Taking Rotary International's centenary celebrations to heart, Rotary Yarraville has embarked on a program of 100 repeated acts of kindness in 100 days – ambitious, but absolutely achievable for a club that punches way above its weight. In another community initiative, the Club also procured discarded playground equipment and arranged its recycling and erection in a designated playground facility at Wembley Park Primary School.

A makeup visit to this enthusiastic Club is highly recommended. The Club meets each Wednesday at 6.15pm at the Yarraville Club, 135 Stephen Street, Yarraville – a village where a unique formula of 'bespoke', 'daggy', 'old' and 'new' bubbles contentedly together, producing an environment of history, charm and community.

13 February Morning Tea with the DG

February 13, 2021, 10:00 am to February 13, 2021, 11:30 am

You are invited to an online morning tea with the District Governor from 10am - 11.30pm - Saturday 20th February, 2021

- Centenary Celebrations Update
- International Student Mentoring
- Rotary Foundation Australia's Public Benevolent



Institution

- Acknowledging Country
- The G'day Network & St Patricks Day

Please note: This event was previously published as 13th February, but was changed to 20th February. Click [here](#) for bookings.

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Birthdays!

Celebrating Rotary Club Of Footscray Birthdays:

31 December - Wilson Leung (Belated Happy Birthday Wilson!)

20 February - Pragya Kapil (you see why February is a favourite :D)

24 February - Kevin Field

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