



The Glenferrie Rotarian



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT APRIL 21ST 2019

Dear Members,



May is the month Rotarians develop skills and learn the life of a Rotarian. On Sunday 26th of May at Tabcorp Park, Melton is the Rotary District 9800 Assembly. This is an opportunity to learn more about what's happening in the District and Rotary more broadly. It will run from 8.30 am till lunch time and this year there will be a Grants Seminar in the afternoon. I encourage members to take this opportunity. Please see Charles Tran or Don Moore for more information about attending.

Further developing your skills as a Rotarian, The **Rotary Leadership Institute** is a four part program where you will learn a little more about Rotary, the early history, traditions, the Rotary Foundation, and its relevance in the world today. You will make new friends in an enjoyable environment. This program is perfect for members who have joined Rotary in the last 12 months and indeed people who may be interested in becoming involved in Rotary activities. We have two programs awaiting your involvement. You may wish to attend a Program to be held on **Sunday the 5th and 19th of May at Montague School in South Melbourne**. Again, please let Charles Tran or Don Moore know if you are interested, I encourage our newly inducted members and members who have been in the club not more than 2 years to attend.

The Rotary Club of Yarra Bend is organising a cluster meeting in May and encourages all members in our Riverside Cluster to attend, it is a visit to the State Control Centre, and this will be on Wednesday 22nd of May. Due to a fire in September, the service has temporarily located to Exhibition Street, however our visit will still give great insight into how emergency services are co-ordinated within our state. This will follow with a meal afterwards - there are many great eateries to choose from at the top of the city and they will select something economical and delicious.

A reminder: the Strategic Action Group (SAG) has created a report reflecting the achievements and creating new goals for the next Rotary year. All members will receive a report and have a satisfaction survey. Members have the right to make comments and suggestions for improvement. You will also need to indicate your preference on which committee you would like to work for the next Rotary Year. Surveys will be sent out in April, we would like all members to participate in this survey. Thank you to those who have done it.

Charles Tran
President

Note: Don't forget to visit MUNA on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th at Swinburne University in Hawthorn



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Visit to the Karen community as guests of Nhill Rotary

Some time ago Don Heath invited Glenferrie members to join with Hawthorn Rotary to visit the town of Nhill in North West Victoria. Sadly, there was not much take-up of the invitation. However, Don and Glenys, Cheryl (with David) and Ken Scott (accompanying Ann) headed up the A8 for what turned out to be an absolutely fabulous weekend.

We were treated to great country hospitality and introduced to the lives of the Karen who over a number of years have become productive citizens and contributed to the Nhill community. We attended a delicious dinner on the Saturday night with produce from the Karen Community Garden which is a highlight of the area and becoming something of a tourist attraction.

Another "secret" but perhaps not for long is the fact that Nhill has an historic aerodrome where flying training took place in WWII. But is also one of the oldest strips in Australia.

The story of the Karen from Burma is a great one – and too much to tell here but this month's RDU has a great article:

<http://rotarydownunder.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/24-Refugee-Feature.pdf>

and there is another part of the story at:

<https://www.sbs.com.au/topics/life/culture/feature/karen-road-nhill>



- **Saturday April 27th-Sunday April 29th:** MUNA at Swinburne
- **Tuesday April 30th:** Club Meeting Kooyong. Speaker: Keith Moor "Mugshots 3 – True Crime Book"
- **Tuesday May 14th:** Speaker: Alister Boyd "Major issues facing Victorian farmers at the moment"
- **Tuesday May 14th:** Board Meeting
- **Saturday May 18th:** Boroondara Farmers Market
- **Tuesday May 21st:** Club Meeting Kooyong. Speaker: Cheryl Lacey. "Conscious Incompetence: The Epidemic Gripping Australian Schools"
- **Sunday May 26th:** District Assembly, Tabcorp Park, Melton South
- **Tuesday May 28th:** Russell Howcroft (from ABC's The Gruen Factor)
- **Tuesday June 4th:** Peter Moore – Member behind the Badge
- **Tuesday June 11th:** Vocational Visit away from Kooyong "ForAMeal Project"

Next Meeting – April 30 2019

Keith Moor is *Insight* Editor of the *Herald Sun*. He studied journalism at the West Australian Institute of Technology before starting a cadetship with the Perth *Daily News* in 1979. He won a Walkley Award for news reporting in 1986 for his coverage of the kidnapping of two Victorian aid workers in Pakistan.

The first of Keith's five true crime books was on the life and crimes of Australia's most wanted man, Calabrian Mafia boss Robert Trimbole. The book, *Crims in Grass Castles*, was published in 1987 and reprinted with new chapters in 2009 and 2017.

Note: The editor's bedmate has almost finished reading Keith's most recent *Mugshots 3 – True Crime Book*. And I am sure that Keith will tell us why we should read it.

SAVE THE DATE(S)

18 and 19 MAY, 2019

Grill'd in Camberwell is raising funds for Camcare to provide a social inclusion program for people with disabilities in the kitchen garden program

Buy a burger and Grill'd will donate \$5 from the sale of each burger.

At Grill'd Camberwell,
879 Burke Road, Camberwell



Trip to Bali and Sumba Barat March 30 to April 6, 2019

The Sumba Eye Program has returned from another successful trip to the Island of Sumba to conduct an extensive screening and prepare for the surgical trip in August. Both Eye Care Nurses (ECNs) Nefry and Sani, who came to Glenferrie Rotary were there as well as 2 newer ECNs, whom we have been training – Sr Elsie and Jolvin. We also were accompanied by now our very good friend Dr. Adelina Poli from the Ophthalmology Department, UNHAS, South Sulawesi.

There were three objectives to the trip: Objective 1 – teaching of Eye Care Nurses (ECN) and Screening for August surgical trip; Objective 2: Visit to – Ophthalmic Department of Udayana University, Denpasar, Bali; Objective 3: Visit to the Headquarters of the John Fawcett Foundation (JFF), Denpasar, Bali.

Once the second and third objectives were fulfilled Adelina, Ellis, Lewis, and Stewart. Where able to fly that afternoon to Sumba and join the team for the rest of the week, going to various health clinics. Apart from the one on one teaching to the ECNs, the team managed to screen 948 people, prescribe 921 spectacles and refer 51 cases for surgery in August. Temperatures were in low 30s and very humid, made worse by the heavy rain most afternoons. One clinic became so dark since we were working in natural light, that we had to wait till the storm passed over

One great problem was getting on and off the Island of Sumba since Garuda has cancelled all flights to Sumba. It has bought NAM airlines, which is providing the service. However, since they use old planes there are many delays. On our return, we had to sit at the airport from 0830 to the flight out at 1700 on the Saturday and just got the International flight home. The next trip to Sumba is the larger surgical group leaving August 3rd for a week. I am happy to announce that Thelma Hutchinson is the self-funded volunteer to represent Rotary on that trip. So sorry that I am stealing her away when she is President in late 2019.



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PEOPLE OF ACTION



Speaker 16 April: Jan Manent

Our speaker on Tuesday night was Dr. Jan Manent who is a research fellow at the Australian Regenerative Medicine Institute in the laboratory of Associate Professor Edwina McGlenn.

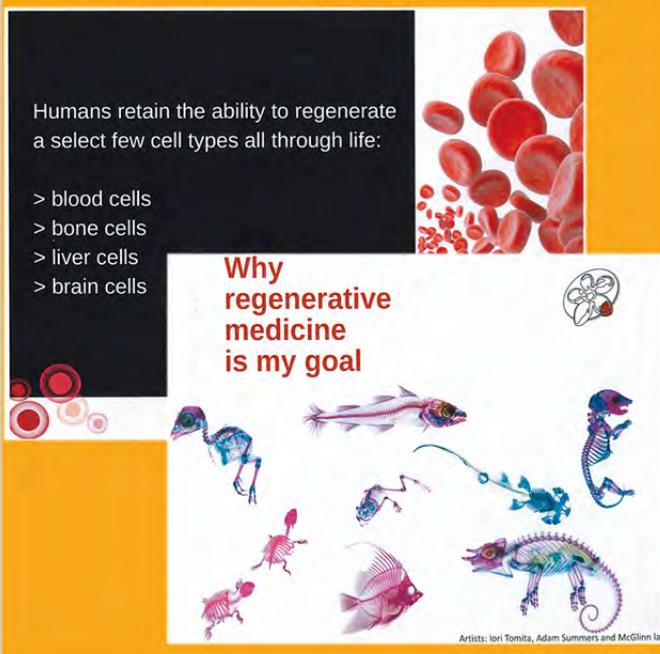
Jan graduated from the Pierre and Marie Curie University in Paris with a PhD in Human Genetics. During his graduate research, he worked on Neurofibromatosis type 2, a cancer predisposition syndrome.

As a postdoctoral fellow, first at the Harvard Medical School in Boston and then at the Peter MacCallum cancer centre in Melbourne, he went on to investigate the signals that control organ growth during both normal development and pathological states like cancer, using the fruit fly *Drosophila melanogaster* as a model system.

Jan explained how as we all live longer there is more chance of being diagnosed with cancer and hence the importance to study Regenerative Medicine. While some animals can regrow limbs Jan is content to research how we can best self-repair and regenerate back to full health from injury or disease

At the Australian Regenerative Medicine Institute he is investigating limb growth and patterning using mouse and embryonic stem cells. Jan advised that he is not alone in this as the Institute is linked to other research laboratories and it is an international endeavour working together to achieve results.

With any luck, if we can stay alive for another twenty years then we may be able to repair and regenerate and live forever??????



Humans retain the ability to regenerate a select few cell types all through life:

- > blood cells
- > bone cells
- > liver cells
- > brain cells

Why regenerative medicine is my goal

Artists: Iori Tomita, Adam Summers and McGlenn IAI

Speaker 09 April: Jill Hauser

Jill Hauser Hauser is an historian and Volunteer Greeter with Tourism Melbourne and a Melbourne Town Hall Tour Guide. She talked about the early history of Melbourne from 1835 with the first Tasmanian graziers coming across to Port Phillip, the frantic gold rush days of the 1850s, through to Marvellous Melbourne of the 1880s.

We learnt that within 45 years from the arrival of the first European settlers, Melbourne had turned from grass, gumtrees, kangaroos and Aboriginal tribes hunting and fishing to a fully built and prosperous city with a Parliament House and Treasury Building, Town Hall, University and Law Courts, grand churches, steam railways and developing suburbs. And survived a massive flood in 1865.

Melbourne truly earned the title of "Marvellous Melbourne" in the 1880s.

Jill was very entertaining and she has a lot of stories she could tell including tales of the less salubrious parts and people of Melbourne – perhaps next time?



Rostered on.....

Farmers Market Roster May 18th 2019



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| Early Shift | Newton Langford (Captain), Bob Carey, Mark Ellis, Mark Howlett, Lyn Kneale, Wayne Worladge, Boroondara Cares |
| Late Shift | Ian Salek (Captain), Tim Gale, Robert Hogan, Peter Moore, Lynette Spencer, Chris Raw, Boroondara Cares |

Salvation Army Bread Run



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| 02/05/2019 | Michael Berry | Wayne Worladge |
| 09/05/2019 | Michael Hills | Mark Howlett |
| 16/05/2019 | Rod Smith | Cheryl Pisterman |



If you can't fulfil a duty for any reason, please find a replacement and let the rosterer know.

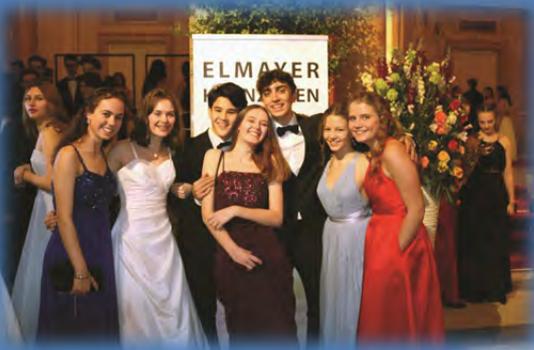
Club Meeting Duty Roster



| | <i>Set up/Down and Welcome</i> | <i>Cashier</i> | <i>Cashier</i> | <i>Chair</i> |
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| 30/04/2019 | Bob Carey | Ian Willmott | John Suriano | Don Moore |
| 07/05/2019 | Details to Follow – meeting away | | | |
| 14/05/2019 | Mark Ellis | David Fallick | Bob Carey | Ian Dobson |
| 21/05/2019 | Elizabeth Dumonic | Peter Harris | Liz Andrews | Michael Hills |

All rosters for the year are now available in the => [Member's Area of the club website.](#)

A busy two months on Youth Exchange



GLENFERRIE GOSSIP

Report from our Exchange Student: Bianca Shepherd

It has certainly been an eventful last two months. Beginning on the 19th of January with emotionally farewelling my family at Melbourne Airport and after a lengthy 30 hours of travelling, touching down in Vienna International Airport to be warmly welcomed by my amazing host family.

I spent the next two weeks settling in and getting to know the people in my class, who were all so nice to me and helped me find my way around the school.

Then I set off for Altmunster, a small town near Salzburg surrounded by picturesque mountains and a lake, it was truly something out of a story book. I spent two weeks there with all the other new inbounds from Austria for a language camp. We had German classes during the day, which really helped jump-start my German learning. We spent a day in Salzburg and went ice skating one afternoon. It was a busy but fun two weeks.

Vienna is a beautiful city so much to see and do. I have visited many museums, stunning gardens and grand churches. I have spent time with friends exploring the city and discovering new places. Vienna is so full of culture and history.

One of the highlights of March was attending the Elmayer Kranzchen Ball. Balls are very big in Vienna, everyone dresses up in their best gowns and suits and Waltz the night away. This particular ball was held at the Hofburg Palace.

At the end of March all the exchange students met in Schladming for ski week. Schladming is a small town in Upper Austria famous for its fantastic ski slopes. I had a great time learning to ski. It was definitely a challenge but by the end of the week I felt like a pro cruising down the slopes. It was nice to spend time with other exchange students from around the world, from countries like America, Canada, New Zealand, Italy, Brazil, Argentina, Australia and France.

The next week was very busy. The day after I got home from ski week I was jumping on a plane to Great Britain with my school class. We spent the week in Brighton. It was nice to smell the ocean again even though the beaches in Brighton didn't have sand and were quite a bit colder.

We had English classes in the mornings and in the afternoons we visited the seven sisters, Lewes and of course the city of Brighton. It had a really great atmosphere. I loved the pier and all the shopping streets. On Saturday we did a day trip to London. I got to see Buckingham Palace, Westminster, the Tower Bridge, Big Ben, Trafalgar Square and Camden Market. Luckily we had brilliant weather all week, not a drop of rain.

It was funny seeing things that we have in Australia and not in Austria, like salt and vinegar chips and Cadbury Chocolate.

There is plenty more to look forward to in the coming months, particularly our Europe tour in May. We will visit Germany, Belgium, France, Monaco, and Italy.

I hope everyone is well back at Glenferrie Rotary Club. Thank You for all the support.

Kind Regards,

Bianca

(see Bianca's pics on page 5)

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News Extra!!

Hands on Away from Club (Kooyong) Night

Keep **Tuesday 11 June** free in your diary for an away from club night. We'll be participating in a night preparing emergency food supply packages for distribution in the Philippines, organised by our friends at Canterbury Rotary. It'll be a fun night mixing with members of other clubs and enjoying ourselves whilst doing something of great value.

Places will be limited so get your name in quickly to ensure you get a place. Partners are welcome to come but members will receive first priority. We'll keep you informed as the weeks progress and provide more detailed information closer to the date.

If you want to see just what a fun night it will be go

to: https://www.dropbox.com/s/hpi3f2mn0yud7ux/ForAMeal_PackingDay_Edit03B.mp4?dl=0

(The video was recorded at the recent Multi District Conference in Melbourne.)

For further information and to register for a place, please contact **Michael Hills**, Director Vocational Services at mjihills@gmail.com or 0424 271 724.

District Assembly 26 May 9:00:00am to 1.00pm concluding with lunch at 1:30pm

District Assembly is a wonderful opportunity to connect with other Rotarians and Rotaractors in District 9800, as well as being an opportunity to meet the incoming District Support Team.

The day is structured to give individual members the chance to learn more about their portfolio as well as networking with others in similar positions in other Clubs. The Assembly is structured to provide informative sessions for all Club Directors of the Avenues of Service such as Vocational, Youth, International etc. and holders of such sub-groups as Bulletin, Fellowship, etc.

I would also encourage **new** Rotarians to attend to give them a perspective of how diverse and important Rotary is to the local and world community and how Glenferrie fits into District 9800.

To get you there so early on a Sunday morning, the Club will undertake to pay for you and your lunch. It is a great networking opportunity and introduction to Rotary. Advise Secretary, Don Moore or President Charles Tran via email if you wish to be part of the District Assembly by 22nd May 2019.

PE Thelma Hutchison

Memory Walk for Dementia Victoria 05 May 2019 between 7:00am and 11:00am

The Alzheimer's Association, or Dementia Victoria, operates from 100 Riversdale Rd, Hawthorn. On the **5th of May** they are having a fundraising walk at Westerfolds Park, Templestowe.

Details are at <https://www.memorywalk.com.au/events/16/melbourne>. This could be a good event for us to support even on an informal basis. Please spread the word with friends etc.

Register online and contact **Rob Hogan** if you are interested.

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