

## From the President Tania Aisbett



### Birthing Kits Foundation Australia

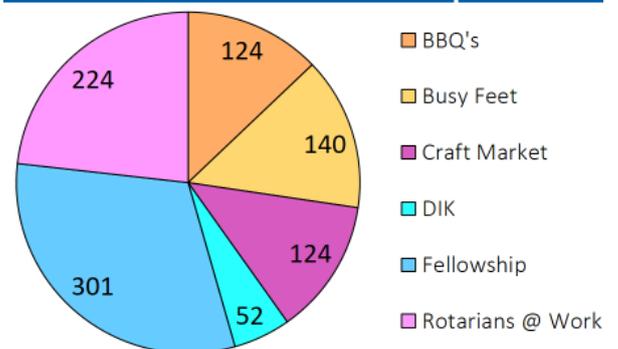
Louise is a midwife with over 20 years experience and she spoke to us about how she became involved with the **Birthing Kit Foundations Australia** (BKFA) three years ago. How such a simple idea has changed the landscape for birthing mothers in developing countries. It is estimated that over 300,000 women (mostly in developing countries) die each year during childbirth. A third of these deaths are attributed to preventable infections acquired during or directly after childbirth. Good hygiene is critical in eliminating infections during the birthing process and the birthing kits work to reduce infection at key risk moments of care during labour, birth and immediately post-birth for the mother, newborn and the birth attendant. These simple kits were first developed in 1999 by members of the Zonta Club of Adelaide and were bound for Papua New Guinea. It became a Zonta District Project in 2004 and is now linked with many organisations including Rotary. Since its inauguration over two million kits have been packed and distributed to women overseas. The key thing is to provide vulnerable women with a clean and safe birthing environment. It is supported by research and advocacy for improved maternal and newborn outcomes at the local, national and international level. For those that missed the meeting please find a YouTube link to a short video on BKFA's work: <http://bit.ly/bkfayoutube>

### The Week That Was



Lyle delivering copies of Amaro Centre's Violence Resource Booklet.

### RCEM Volunteer & Fellowship Hours



Total Volunteer Hours July - Sept 2019 = 859 hrs

## RCEM Upcoming Events

### Bunnings BBQ – Sat 19 Oct

#### Contact Lyle & Alick

We have Lyle, Kathryn & Frank on morning shift and Janet, Chris, Rosemary & Alick on for the afternoon. Anyone else who wants to jin, even for an hour or so, would be very welcome.

### The Market – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November



## Upcoming Meetings

### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October Speaker Sedtha Long

Please join us to hear Sedtha Long, founder and current CEO of Build Your Future Today (BFT) present on the work that is being done in Cambodia.

The success of RCEM's projects in Cambodia is due to the special relationship we have formed with BFT, a Cambodian NGO run by Cambodians for Cambodians.

The relationship ensures the project meets the specific requirements of the villagers, it is

delivered in a culturally sensitive manner, and remains sustainable once we return home.

We would like to invite all of our partners and friends to join us for Sedtha's presentation over dinner. Please contact Lyle to RSVP.



Welcome: Janet & Raj Shinde  
Chair: Paul  
Sergeant: Frank

### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

#### RCEM Club Birthday

#### Social Evening

Guests, Partners and Friends all Welcome!



Date: Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October  
Time: 6.30pm  
Venue: Just Italy Restaurant,  
Address: 32 High Street, Glen Iris, 3146  
Website: [https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/0254/7486/2434/files/Glen\\_Iris.pdf?192](https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/0254/7486/2434/files/Glen_Iris.pdf?192)  
RSVP: Lyle 0408 585 266

## Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October



Speaker: Rhonda Harris – Level Crossing Removal Authority.

“We’re removing 75 level crossings – with 30 already gone for good”

Welcome: Sandi & Richard

Chair: Trevor “I love infrastructure” Simpson-Bull.

Sergeant: Mark

## WALK TO END POLIO 19 OCTOBER



district 9800

### ROTARY WALK TO END POLIO

Join us for a lovely walk around the beautiful Albert Park Lake or Eaglehawk's Lake Neangar on Saturday 19th October @ 10am

Together, we can eradicate Polio from the world



## Twitching along Gardiner’s Creek Breakfast with the Birds



Take in the sights and sounds of diverse birdlife on this guided tour of the Glen Iris Wetlands. Led by an expert twitcher (aka birdwatcher) from BirdLife Australia, you’ll learn all about the wonderful assortment of bird species that frequent the wetlands and how to identify them.

After the tour, join your fellow birdwatchers for a breakfast on Gardiners Creek.

Sunday 20 October 2019 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

### LOCATION

Glen Iris Wetlands - meet at pergola next to Gardiners Creek Trail and TH King 1650 High Street, Glen Iris, VIC 3146

## Fundraising – Christmas Trees



Christmas Tree Sale  
If you are able to help please contact Richard



# One Day. One Focus: Ending Polio

## 24 October

On World Polio Day, thousands of Rotary clubs around the world will hold events and fundraisers to recognize our progress in the global fight to end polio.

Our 2019 online global update will air in multiple time zones and languages, reaching more people and raising more awareness than ever before. Visit the [Rotary International](#) Facebook page to RSVP to your region's online global update.

Special Project of:



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**BUSYFEET STONNINGTON ANNUAL CONCERT**

ON  
**SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2019**

COMMENCING 2.30P.M.

**PHOENIX PARK Community Centre (1<sup>st</sup> Floor)**

**22 Rob Roy Road, East Malvern, Vic 3145**

**Parking available/Light refreshments**

(Melways Map 69D2)

RSVP 4 November 2019 [rosemary.ihonston82@gmail.com](mailto:rosemary.ihonston82@gmail.com) or 0438 693 597

Gold coin donation

