



From the President



Congratulations firstly to the organising committee for the Cambodia Gala Gathering for a great night and bringing some many people together to support Rotary.

In similar fashion we all need to get behind Michele, Lyle, Sandi & Rod and the Community team to make the 27 November sleepout for Avalon a resounding success.

We are back at Bunnings starting on 5 December and the two following Sundays – an opportunity to put some cash in our Service account in readiness for 2021. Bunnings must be congratulated for all their work in mapping out all the logistics involved in the safe resumption of BBQ's – protecting staff, customers and volunteer community organisations like ourselves. Over the weekend I was on a Rotary zoom and the subject of Bunnings came up in a couple of contexts – one was the various dates that Clubs have already secured, and the other was 'every sausage tells a story'. The point made was "Do we tell the story about what we do with the proceeds of every sale for the benefit of community and others well enough?" After a few months off we may need to brush up on our Rotary messages before the 5th.

As we know November is dedicated to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International ... enabling Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace. In other words, our charity globally.

Charity Navigator (the USA Guide to Intelligent Giving) has awarded its 4-star rating to The Rotary Foundation 12 consecutive times. The importance of our continued Club contribution, as well as personal donations, to The Rotary Foundation is more than annual. This is very well demonstrated on the District website, and particularly the way District local and international projects are funded.

We look forward to hearing from Prof. Jeffery Rosenfeld on Wednesday evening and our Cluster Clubs have been invited to share this meeting with us.

Rotary Chadstone East Malvern Zoom Meeting – each Wednesday.

RCEM Weekly Meeting
6:15pm for 6:30pm

link: <https://zoom.us/j/96621106605>

Meeting ID: 966 2110 6605

Passcode: 1975

Wednesday 18th November

Prof. Jeffrey Rosenfeld



Prof Jeffrey V. Rosenfeld is Senior Neurosurgeon in the Department of Neurosurgery at The Alfred, and Professor of Surgery, Monash University.

His research interests are on improving the outcome for patients with traumatic brain injury and restoring sight to blind individuals using bionic vision, a wireless electrode interface with the brain.

He is also a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Health and Medical Sciences, the Australian Academy Technological Sciences and Engineering, and an International Fellow of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons and the American College of Surgeons.

Cluster Meeting

Wednesday 25th November
AGM

Sleep Out for Avalon Centre
Friday 27th November



**CAMBODIA
GALA GATHERING**

Hello to all of our very generous supporters!!
Wow!! Wow!! And another WOW!!

I can see a community centre descending from the clouds into a regional rural village in Cambodia – thanks to your generosity.

We had a lot of fun on Friday night – especially those dancing after the event officially finished.

We also learnt a lot about our brothers and sisters in Cambodia – today when I was hosing a path I paused and remembered where they got their water.

The great news is that we raised directly \$22,000 **YES \$22,000** but there is more!! Through the extreme generosity of some special people the Rotary District 9800 World of Difference Committee has chosen to match dollar for dollar raised for the community centre up to a cap of \$20,00 so we actually now have **\$42,000**.

Our next step is to work with the villagers and Build Your Future Today to determine the services that could be provided from the centre. This will drive final design considerations.

Each and every one of us can stand tall knowing that we have given to help others that don't come from *the land down under*, also known as *the lucky country*.

RCEM Online Shop

<https://rccem-onlineshop.square.site/>

All funds raised at the RCEM On-line shop are going into the service account where they can be used for future projects!



LET'S HELP THOSE IN NEED! Friday 27th November 2020

Choose your backyard for a night out with a difference

DID YOU KNOW THAT PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS TYPICALLY SLEEP IN NOT MUCH MORE THAN SLEEPING BAG ON A PIECE OF CARDBOARD?

For your sleepout, anything more than this will cost you an extra Comfort fine:

Pillow = \$5	Doona = \$10	Teddy = \$15	Hammock = \$20
Lilo = \$30	Mattress = \$50	Swag = \$100	Tent = \$150

SLEEPOUT OR SPONSOR US:

<https://www.givenow.com.au/avaloncentre>

Specify **Rotary SleepOut** in 'Leave message for Organisation'

Skip Uber eats and swap the marshmallows for a cup of soup and a sandwich...or be prepared to pay!

Contact us to book your backyard space:

Michelle Kennedy: mkennedy@foodco.com.au

We will need plenty of engagement on this one – please if you are sleeping out set up an event on your social media and ask your friends to sponsor you. Select your level of (dis)comfort and make a donation on the Avalon Centre giving page!

<https://www.givenow.com.au/avaloncentre>
Cambodia Gala Gathering

Order Your Christmas Tree here...

<https://rccem-onlineshop.square.site/product/christmas-trees-chadstone-east-malvern/67?cp=true&sa=true&sbp=false&q=false>



Christmas Trees
\$65.00 - \$75.00
[Shop Now](#)

Don't forget to visit the shop to purchase tickets for our weekly raffle!
Dawn has dug deep in her cellar again!



Christmas Tree Deliveries

Please keep Saturday 5th, 12th and 19th free for Christmas Tree deliveries.

We will be trying to coordinate so deliveries are all finished by noon each day. We will also need some muscle on each preceding Friday to collect trees and set them in water at Chadstone Motors.

**Yes - we are back in the BBQ business!
First ones to be invited back at Bunnings
Chadstone**

So, if you are not delivering Christmas Trees you must be masked up and cooking snags!

Dates are Saturday 5th, Sunday 13th and Sunday 20th December – contact Lyle to claim your spot 😊.



Gardeners Wanted



Friends of Gardiners Creek Valley

Upcoming Working Bees

During November we are meeting every Sunday 10am to 12pm.

Booking is essential – visit <http://bit.ly/FOGCVNov2020WorkingBees> to reserve your place!

International Men's Day Lunch

Happy as Larry

Thursday 19th November 1:00 PM till 2:00 PM

<https://events.humanitix.com/imd-larrys-lunch>

Be entertained by Shane Jacobsen, actor and comedian. Supported by Mark Balla in a completely different role to the Toilet Warrior.

“Happy as Larry” Lunch – cheerful and upbeat entertainment while at the same time bringing you up to date with some current Men’s Health issues.

Proceeds from the Lunch will support Youth Suicide which predominately affects males, and projects supporting children.

**INTERNATIONAL MEN'S DAY (IMD)
VIRTUAL - LARRY'S LUNCH**

On the 2020 International Men's Day, Brighton North Rotary (BNR) together with Rotary Melbourne (RCM) will host a virtual luncheon to celebrate the occasion.

HAPPY AS LARRY

when
Thursday 19 November 2020 - 1pm till 2pm (AEDT)

why
A humorous virtual event designed to promote Men's health and Happiness. Our keynote speaker is famous Australian actor and comedian **SHANE JACOBSON** Supported by our very own Rotarian **MARK BALLA** - The Toilet Warrior

\$20.00 p.p. BOOK ON HUMANITIX

Bookings: <https://events.humanitix.com/international-men-s-day-larry-s-lunch>
Meg Ryan M: 0417 118 449 E: mmryan109@gmail.com

Proceeds to: tlc for kids, Youth Suicide Awareness and Rotary Community Projects

Brighton North Rotary, Rotary Melbourne, Youth Suicide Awareness, tlc for kids

ROTARY CENTRAL MELBOURNE & ROTARY DISTRICT 9800 Presents

28th ANNUAL PAUL HARRIS AND BUSINESS BREAKFAST

Rotary Central Melbourne

Rotary District 9800

Important information

When: Tuesday 24th of November 2020

Where: Zoom Event

Tickets: \$20

RSVP: 17th November 2020

Time:
7.30 am for 7.40 am to 9.00 am



GUEST SPEAKER: Ian Wishart, CEO Fred Hollows Foundation

“6,000 years of the trachoma scourge but we can end it all by 2030.”

Ian Wishart is one of Australia’s most accomplished CEOs in the global humanitarian sector, having worked at virtually every level of international development from relief operations to policy and advocacy initiatives.

Ian started his development career at World Vision Australia, initially as an emergency relief officer deployed to the major emergency hot spots of the early 1990s. His diverse country experience has seen him work in places including Cambodia, Laos, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Kenya, South Sudan and Rwanda.

Ian became CEO of The Fred Hollows Foundation in May 2018 and continues to advance Fred’s mission by helping to create real solutions for those trapped in poverty by preventable blindness.

Join us to hear Ian speak about the impact trachoma has had on people’s lives for thousands of years; the progress The Fred Hollows Foundation and Rotary International are now making to eliminate it; and how he is leading Fred Hollows through and beyond the interruption of COVID.

All funds raised will be used to support Rotary Foundation projects that make lives better in your community and around the world



- The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International has received 12 consecutive 4-star ratings, the top rating, from Charity Navigator as at January 2019.
- Charity Navigator also rates The Rotary Foundation as Number One in their list of the 10 of the Best Charities Everyone’s Heard Of.
- It also received an A+ from Charity Watch its highest rating in 2017 (the most recent rating).
- The Association of American Fundraising Professionals named The Rotary Foundation as the outstanding Foundation for 2016.

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/BLVSO>

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: NEVILLE TAYLOR
EMAIL: neville.taylor5@bigpond.com MOBILE: 0400 169 866

ABN: 29 402 928 051 Reg No. A0018334H Fundraiser Registration No. 10905-18 VCGR Declaration No. 58043