

## From the President Alick Osborne

Another very interesting meeting with Mick Willis from Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) updating us on what this important Rotary group does.

RAWCS works like a trust account where funds, often raised under the deductible gift recipient (DGR) status, being managed and released to authorised projects.

Members should be aware RCEM has used the RAWCS services in the past for projects in Papua New Guinea, and we are working to help get Tracey's charity Progress Pikini registered as well.

Despite the hot weather we had a good number of members out along Gardiner's Creek picking up rubbish and recycling. I have to acknowledge the great work done by the main organisers Trevor Phillips and Friends of Gardiners Creek who have been running the Clean Up Australia Day events for many years.

Also to the City of Stonnington who keep our parks and gardens clean and support community groups running clean up events.



Registering participants for Clean Up Australia Day at Glenburn Park Bend.



Thanks to Sandi, Dawn, Lyle, Janet, Raj, Richard, Mark & Jocelyn, Paul & Louise, and Frank for a late appearance.

A special mention to nurse Jocelyn who sprang to action when one of the volunteers was affected by the heat and nurse Sandi for giving them a lift home. Rotarians in action indeed!!

From my perspective it was worth getting out for the clean-up, but also for the small gathering at the George Pepperell Gazebo at the end. Although we didn't get to interact with as many people as we might have hoped, I think with more publicity and better weather it could be very worthwhile.



Things are hotting up for our Taste of France event and we are starting to get some wonderful support from our sponsors.

Brighton Renault are in with a \$500 contribution, and a Renault Megane RS for a weekend as a great item for the Silent Auction.



Please look to the end of the CC for info on some of our other supporters. And please let Alick and Sandi know of the new supporters who come in so we can feature them in the CC and on Facebook.

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Stonnington Cluster meeting hosted by Prahran Rotary at Matthew Flinders.

Speaker: Jason Ball.



Jason is the 2017 young Victorian of the year, and a Member of Prahran Rotary.

Jason’s experience at the Yarra Glen Football & Netball Club led to the creation of the Pride Cup.



Pride Cup began as a powerful gesture of mateship in a country footy club and has grown into a national movement for change that unites communities.

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March Indigenous Walking Tour

This meeting will be a little different – we will be going to meet our speaker and taking a walking tour of significant indigenous sites along the Yarra River.

Dean Stewart is a passionate Wemba Wemba-Wergaia man of Victoria, with over 25 years’ experience creating, co-ordinating and conducting Cultural Education, tourism, conservation and interpretation programs.

We will be joining Dean at **Enterprize Park**, just upstream of the Melbourne Aquarium on the Flinders Street (city) side of the Yarra **at 6:00 pm. Cost \$30 per person. Please RSVP “YES” to Alick & Lyle.**



We will meet beside the Aboriginal Art (totem) poles. Guests welcome (but there is a limit of around 35 people). We are looking at dinner locations for those who wish to stay afterwards.



## Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March

Preparation for the Family Fun Day / A Taste of France event.

Chair: Chris Don

Welcome: Tania & Hein

Sergeant: Hein

## BusyFeet Video

If you haven't seen BusyFeet perform catch this great video from the recent Multi-District Conference. <https://youtu.be/WihA2voK1us>

## End Polio Now Update

Rotary's top global initiative is polio eradication. While there is still work to be done to finish the job, we can be proud of the incredible progress we've made, working with our partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI). As we begin 2019, here are five ways Rotary is making progress toward our top goal.

1. We've come a long, long way  
In 1988, the year when Rotary led the formation of the GPEI, the world had 350,000 cases of polio in 125 countries where polio was endemic. In 2018, there were 33 cases of wild polio in two countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan, which represents more than a 99.9 percent reduction in global polio cases.

2. Nigeria remains at zero

Although Nigeria is officially on the list of countries where polio is endemic, it is approaching the third anniversary of its last reported case of wild polio. Steady scheduling of immunization days, routine surveillance, and engagement at all community levels and institutions are a few of the reasons for Nigeria's success.

3. Bold strategies are widening our reach

The GPEI is using new approaches aimed at reaching more children. Some are high-tech, such as using geographic information system mapping. Others are low-tech — yet just as critical — such as deploying boats to deliver vaccines to the remote islands of the Lake Chad region.

4. New solutions are advancing our work in Afghanistan

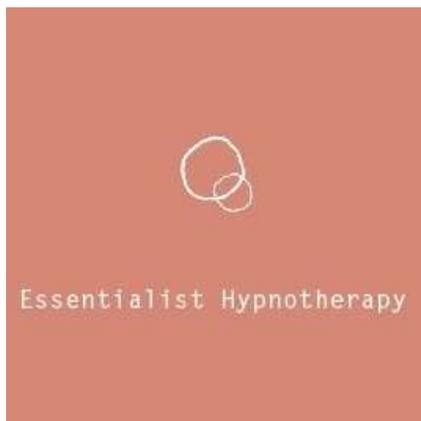
Rotary is doing its part to turn obstacles into opportunities in this war-torn country. Afghan Rotarians are working side by side with the government and other GPEI partners, often in dangerous places, to meet with local leaders who can foster community acceptance of the vaccine. Rotary-funded permanent transit points also help reach populations on the move between Afghanistan and Pakistan.

5. Complementary service projects are bolstering eradication efforts.

Polio is not an isolated problem. The communities where polio thrives are also affected by other health issues and lack clean water and proper sanitation. To respond to multiple health needs at the same time, Rotary is focusing on projects that complement polio eradication efforts — putting the "plus" in PolioPlus. One example: In Pakistan, Rotary clubs have partnered with The Coca-Cola Company and the United Nations Development Programme to build water filtration plants in Karachi's highest-risk areas.

With your ongoing support, we can continue our progress. You can be a part of our eradication efforts by donating money, raising awareness, or becoming a polio eradication advocate.

## A Taste of France – Sponsors



## Save the Date – Friday 31 May

2019 GALA DINNER at  
THE  
*International*  
Brighton - Friday 31 May



The second annual Gala Dinner to raise funds to do humanitarian work in Cambodia is on 31 MAY.

Our 2018 event was a roaring success and our team of 13 volunteers worked in the village of La'ak in January 2019 together with the villagers implemented some amazing changes including clean drinking water and a vegetable garden.

### Details for this Special Event

**Date:** Friday, 31 May 2019      **Time:** 7pm to midnight  
**Venue:** The International – 81 Bay Street Brighton  
**Purpose:** Create awareness and raise funds for humanitarian projects in Cambodia  
**Cost:** Ticket price is \$110 two course meal and drinks ( special diets)  
**Dress Code:** Semi-formal  
**Contact:** Reserve a seat through Tania or Janet