

A message from R.I. President Barry Rassin at the start of a new Rotary Year



My dear friends and fellow Rotary leaders,

Today marks the beginning of the 2018-2019 Rotary year, and the beginning of our time together in Rotary office. It is the day that we accept the baton of leadership from those who held our offices before us, and begin the task of preparing to pass those batons to our successors. If we do our jobs well, we will leave office, one year from now, with clubs and districts that are larger and stronger, more efficient and more effective, and more fully committed to the work and the values of Rotary.

The metaphor of Rotary leadership as a relay race is one we use often, as it so aptly expresses the nature of Rotary office. Yet Rotary leadership is not an individual, but a team sport. You and I, and all of your fellow leaders, enter this Rotary year together, as part of a team. We share the same goal: a world transformed by Rotary service, one project, one club, one community at a time.

Our theme in this Rotary year is *Be the Inspiration*. I chose this theme because, throughout my years in Rotary, I have seen that what truly motivates Rotarians is their work. The Rotarians who have the biggest impact through their service aren't always the women and men with the greatest resources, the most experience, or the largest networks. They're the ones who are inspired. Whether it was something they did, something they saw, or someone they met, they've all had experiences that lit them on fire—and inspired them to serve.

This year, I ask each of you not only to seek that inspiration within yourselves, but to *Be the Inspiration* for others. Work to build clubs and districts with Rotarians who find meaning in their service, who know they are having an impact, and who are inspired to do even more. Lead with passion, lead by example—and lead Rotary to a future even stronger than its present.

You and I, and every district governor, club president, and Rotary officer around the world, have been chosen this Rotary year. We've been chosen by our fellow Rotarians, who believed that we were the best people to do the work that now lies before us. In the twelve months ahead, I intend to work as hard as I can, as well as I can, and I know that you will do the same. We are all in this together—and together, we will *Be the Inspiration*.

Yours in Rotary,

Barry Rassin
Rotary International President, 2018-19

From the President Alick Osborne

A good roll up for our first meeting of the new Rotary year – great to see so many committed Rotarians enjoying each other's company and figuring out ways we can undertake Rotary service.

It was the first time the new teams got together and although it is early there were many good ideas coming forward.

My sense is that having team meetings every month on a Wednesday has not been entirely effective so we will trial some different modes throughout the year. In any case the work of the teams clearly can't be done in just an hour a month. Having teams get together outside of our regular Club meetings is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and for getting more done.

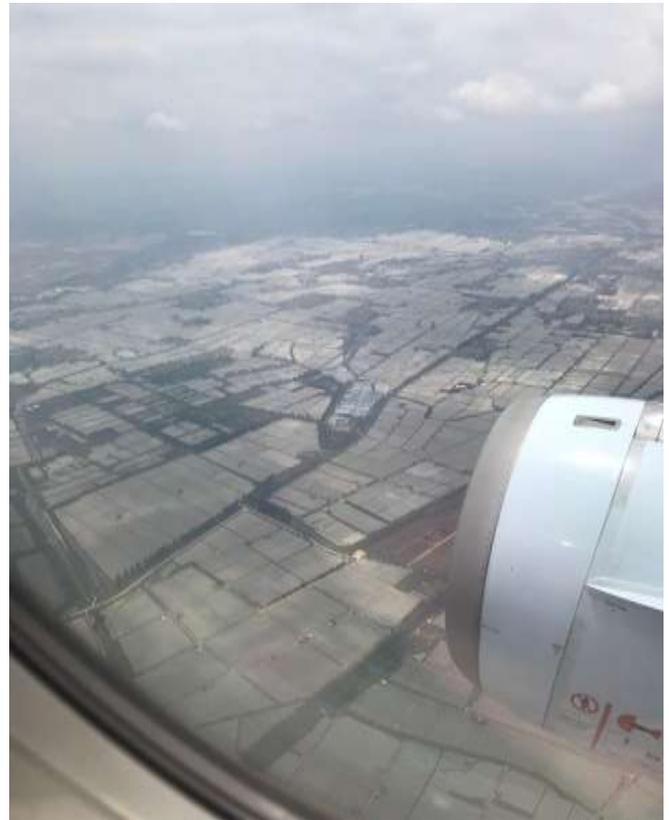
It was our first Board meeting as well and the main decision made by the Board this month was to set the dues at \$330 which is unchanged from last year. The Board did note that R.I. has advised they will be making modest annual increases to cover inflation so we would flag that over time we will also have to adjust as well. Club dues will be payable in August, with the option to pay half in August and the balance in December.

We also discussed moving the Bert and Audrey Healey Music Award to another school. It is currently with Ashwood High but we have been underwhelmed by their response to the support we provide, and believe it is time to look for a school where the award would be more appreciated.

The Board discussed the brief recaps coming from the initial team meetings and the plans that are being developed. These will be discussed and reported on in more detail at a later point. We will be looking for teams to have draft budgets available by August.

The meeting finished promptly at 9:00 pm allowing me to scoot to the airport in good time for my flight to China. As I write this I am in Kunming – Yunnan Province in the south west of

China. Kunming is a major fruit and vegetable producer due to its temperate climate.



Greenhouses near Kunming.



WANTED

FOR ROBBERY & ASSAULT



Last seen leaving the Matthew Flinders Hotel on 2 July.

It had been a while since our last Sergeant's session... well done Hein!!

Wednesday 11th July

Remember there is **NO MEETING** this week. Instead a number of people from RCEM will be attending the Camberwell Art Show.

If you are interested in attending see the email from Sec. Sandi on 3 July.



Wednesday 18th July

Our guest speaker will be **Sarah Rejman** from **The Plaster House in Tanzania.**

The Plaster House is a rehabilitation home for children recovering from corrective orthopaedic and plastic surgeries in Arusha, Tanzania.

The service was greatly needed as outreach patients often returned home after surgery and casts were uncared for and follow-up appointments were unlikely. The Plaster House provides a clean, safe and loving environment where the children receive medical check-ups, are well nourished, and for the first time are surrounded by children in similar situations.



Sarah Rejman.

Invite a guest to hear what I am sure will be a fascinating and inspiring talk.

Wednesday 25th July

Speaker – George Bassili – Technology to watch.

Upcoming Events!

Saturday 14th July – The Craig Family Centre – installation of garden beds – from 8:00 am. Contact Lyle and Richard.

Saturday 29th July – Stonnington Tree Planting in conjunction with Friends of Gardiners Creek and Malvern Rotary. From 10:00 am. Contact Lyle.

We will need someone to take a BBQ from the shed in Central Park to Glenburn Bend.



Saturday 11th August 2018

Phoenix Park, Rob Roy Road, Malvern East

10am to 3pm

Indoor Market

Over 40 Fabulous Stall Holders

Cafe & BBQ

Leather Goods | Dog Accessories | Cupcakes | Nougat | Jewellery
Toys | Clothes | Terrariums | Original Artwork & So Much More

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Great News About Busy Feet

The Special Needs Expo went very well and very busy! People, either families or service providers were interested in BusyFeet and loved that it was a free after-school program for their children.

As it was held in Hoppers Crossing BusyFeet at Melton, Hillside and Williamstown may get some participants/volunteers. Our group may have one participant.

It seemed that we could expand BusyFeet, if we had Rotary Clubs willing to start a group in more regional areas of Ballarat, Geelong, Colac or outer suburbs of Wyndham Vale, Craigieburn, Coburg, Brunswick, Mill Park and Greenvale. Many took the flyers and the Expansion Committee sheet. I don't know your thoughts on that or how you go about it, but I felt a BusyFeet program would be welcomed in those areas. To be practical I guess people need an after-school program that they can get to in a reasonable time after school or that a Saturday morning be offered.

It was a great experience for me, as there were many Occupational Therapy services and the like who had booths, so I felt right at home!

Who Loves a BBQ?



The People You Meet



Trevor Simpson-Bull with Dr. Jeffery Rosenfeld, Honorary Member of RCEM at the Reserve Forces Day Parade in Melbourne recently.