



# ROTARY CLUB OF CROYDON & MONTROSE

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## THE CHRONICLE

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**President 2019/20 – Eric Thomas**

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Standard meeting venue and time: Dorset Gardens Hotel, 335 Dorset Road, Croydon  
6:00 pm for 6:30 pm start, unless otherwise specified.  
Meal following meeting at Dorset Gardens Bistro.

DATE	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2020.
SUBJECT	Promotion of Conference
DATE	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2020.
SUBJECT	Club Visioning.
SPEAKERS	Lance Daveson from the Rotary Club of Boronia.
DATE	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2020.
SUBJECT	Business meeting followed by Board Meeting.
DATE	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2020.
SUBJECT	TBA
DATE	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February at The Basin Theatre
VENUE	The Basin Theatre, corner of Doongalla Road and Simpsons Road, The Basin, Vic 3154. (Melway Ref: 66A6)
SUBJECT	'Death Knell' a thriller by James Cawood.
DATE	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2020, Venue to be confirmed.
SUBJECT	Cluster Dinner
DATE	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
SUBJECT	Rotary Club of Croydon & Montrose, Charity Golf Fundraiser at the Dorset Golf Club.

### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS (Contd.)**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>Saturday &amp; Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 at Echuca.</b>
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>District 9810 District Conference.</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2020</b>
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Fashion Parade.</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2020</b>
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Membership Development</b>

**A reminder to all members: - If you are unable to attend any Tuesday night meetings, the Club protocol is to notify Jean Stuart.**

**(except for those with special circumstances who instead advise when they will be attending)**

## MEMBERS' CORNER

**It is the responsibility of each member to inform the club if they are unable to attend any Tuesday meeting, OR if they are bringing partners / guests to a meeting.**

**Please notify Jean Stuart on 0416 036 489 or at [jeanieos007@gmail.com](mailto:jeanieos007@gmail.com) before 10:00 am on Monday**

Greeter for January : VIV BAUM

**Warm Birthday wishes to all those celebrating their special day during January.**

John Gander	15 <sup>th</sup> .	January
Frank Lawton	15 <sup>th</sup>	January
Ian Cumming	29 <sup>th</sup> .	January

**Chronicle contributions and any articles of interest are invited from all members and persons that have an interest in the promotion of Rotary International. Please contact the Editor, Jean Stuart OR**

**By emailing**

**[president@rotarycroydonmontrose.org.au](mailto:president@rotarycroydonmontrose.org.au)**

**By close of business on Friday.**

**Rotary**

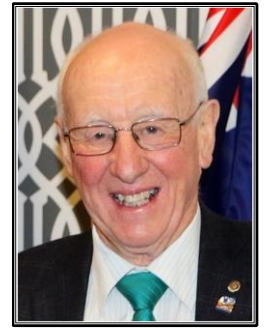


### **The Four-Way Test**

**of what we think, say or do**

- 1. Is it the truth?**
- 2. Is it fair to all concerned?**
- 3. Will it build good will and better friendships?**
- 4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?**

# President's Report: 28-01-2020



It was my pleasure to again welcome Peter Blank to our meeting. Peter spoke briefly about his background.

We agreed that the principal beneficiary from our fashion parade would be bush fire relief. Our preferences would be to support the rebuilding of a children's playground, a gazebo, road side seats or other community (street) assets.

The following were suggested as activities for 2020. A visit to Cranbourne Gardens, barefoot bowls, croquet challenge, theatre night(s), picnic (in a park), social night at a restaurant. Any additional suggestions will be gratefully received. John Anderson specially suggested seeing Death Knell at the basin theatre on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February. Please inform John ASAP if you are interested.

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation have announced the extension of the Rotary fundraising partnership. The Gates Foundation will continue matching to Rotary's PolioPlus program 2-1, up to US\$50 million every year.

It would appear at the time of writing that the Maroondah Schools ANZAC service will not be held this year.

Stephen and I, deposited our drought relief appeal cheque at the Bendigo Bank, Mooroolbark. The Bendigo Bank had their photographer present. They will be using the photographs to promote the support of drought relief by the Bendigo Bank as well as the Rotary Club of Croydon & Montrose. There was a suggestion that it would be on their internal TV screen for customers to view while waiting to be served.



*Rowan Alexander, Manager of Bendigo Bank, Mooroolbark with Rotary President Eric Thomas and Stephen Bode.*

Regards,

**Eric Thomas**

# Incoming RI president announces 2020-21 presidential theme



By **Ryan Hyland**

Rotary International President-elect Holger Knaack is encouraging Rotarians to seize the many opportunities Rotary offers to enrich their lives and the communities they serve.

Knaack, a member of the Rotary Club of Herzogtum Lauenburg-Mölln, Germany, revealed the 2020-21 presidential theme, *Rotary Opens Opportunities*, to incoming district governors at the Rotary International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA, on 20 January.

Rotary isn't just a club for people to join, but rather "an invitation to endless opportunities," said Knaack, who becomes president on 1 July. He emphasized that Rotary creates pathways for members to improve their lives and the lives of those they help through service projects.

"We believe that our acts of service, big and small, create opportunities for people who need our help," Knaack said. He added that Rotary creates leadership opportunities and gives members the chance to travel the world to put their service ideas into action and make lifelong connections. "Everything we do opens another opportunity for someone, somewhere," said Knaack.

## Changing for the future

Knaack also urged members to embrace change so Rotary can expand and thrive. Rather than setting a specific target for increasing the number of members, Knaack said he's asking clubs and districts to think about how to grow in a sustainable and organic way. He wants clubs to focus on keeping current members engaged and adding new members who are the right fit for their club.

We will capture this moment to grow Rotary, making it stronger, more adaptable, and even more aligned with our core values.

### **Holger Knaack**

Rotary International President-elect

"We need to stop thinking of new members as people we can mark down as statistics and then forget about," Knaack said. "Every new member, changes us a little bit. That person brings a new perspective, new experiences. We need to embrace this constant renewal. We will grow stronger as we learn from new members."

Knaack pointed to Rotary's Action Plan as a compass that can guide clubs as they evolve. He recommended that every club have a strategic plan meeting at least once a year. At that meeting, clubs should ask where they want to be in five years and how they can bring more value to their members.

Knaack also wants to see more women in leadership roles and see Rotaractors play an integral role in how new clubs are formed and run. He encouraged district leaders to create new club models and rethink what it means to be in Rotary, and allow young people to be the architects of these new clubs.

"We have to be open to new approaches, and creating unique clubs for younger people is just part of the solution," said Knaack. "Let Rotaractors decide what kind of Rotary experience works best for them. These young people are bright, energetic, and they get things done."

In stressing the need for Rotary members to embrace change, Knaack noted that time won't slow down for Rotary: "We will not let rapid change defeat us. We will capture this moment to grow Rotary, making it stronger, more adaptable, and even more aligned with our core values."

# Yarra Ranges Rotaract

**Saturday 29th February 2020**

**SAVE**  
*the*  
**DATE**

**LAWNBOWLS**

**29TH FEB 2020**



Come join us for lawn bowls on Saturday 29 February, where we are raising funds for polio. More details to come in the new year!

## January – Vocational Service Month and in Australia – Bushfire Disaster



### **Bushfire Recovery**

As per my earlier notification about how clubs in D9810 can assist, we must remember that Rotary is a secondary or tertiary response community server organisation (ie recovery and restoration of the towns), and any plans or projects must be aligned to the State Health Emergency Response and Recovery Arrangements and with the Rotary Districts in the affected areas.

Cash donations are what is being asked for. This gives residents the choice of what their communities want and need.

Donated goods/ items cause additional grief as the communities do not have the capacity to store the items, don't need them and as the fires are still raging in some areas don't know what to do with them. As we saw with the Kinglake fires, a lot of donated items ended up going to land fill as the items were not needed or could not be used.

It is great to see and hear clubs using donations and proceeds from their Farmers Markets, Car Shows, Op Shops etc. going to the different fire relief funds in both the East Gippsland area and Upper Murray.

### **Additional support**

I have spoken to the chair of the East Gippsland Fire Relief and told them that once the fires are out and restoration/recovery starts, to please let me know how the clubs in D9810 can provide practical assistance to those areas in need. I will provide you with this information at a later date.

### **Shia Smart**

District Governor 2019-2020





Amrit Pal Singh

*By Amrit Pal Singh, immediate past president, Rotary Club Chandigarh, India*

**F**or a Rotary club to be effective, it must be active in all avenues of service. It must also create a positive public image and be a catalyst for promoting peace and understanding globally. The key to achieving this lies in the members. Without members, there is no club, and without effective members, clubs cannot be effective.

Many leaders talk about membership development and retention in their strategy sessions. Some complain about disinterested members, while their members talk about feeling disconnected to the club or even to Rotary in general.

As president of my club last year, I had the opportunity to look at membership closely. I feel the burden lies on both sides. To have an effective club, members and leaders must work together to build community and trust. In particular, leaders should:

- **Get members involved:** Members need to be active in projects and programs of the club. Give them specific tasks according to their expertise and time. This could be as small as delivering announcements at a meeting or as big as running a project or fundraiser. When members are involved, they feel more connected. And an active Rotarian is a committed Rotarian.
- **Give members responsibility:** Don't be afraid to delegate tasks, and give members independence and ownership. Encourage members to make a project their own, be it a small one like beautifying a community park or a big effort like a global grant application for water and sanitation systems in Africa. Encourage them along the way.
- **Create a sense of belonging:** The club and its members should be like one extended family. Welcome members at meetings and take time to learn what is going on in their lives outside the club. Come up with activities that allow established members to get to know newer ones. Let members know the club stands behind them and is there to support them if they need anything.
- **Build trust:** Conduct yourself in a manner that earns your members' trust. The Four-Way Test is a reminder that if you follow basic ethics in your daily life you will earn trust. Members will give you their best when they trust you.
- **Acknowledge success and effort:** Take time at a club meeting to acknowledge successful efforts. Consider writing something up in the club's newsletter or on your website. Extending compliments builds a member's sense of worth and satisfaction in the club.
- **Communicate well and regularly:** Provide your members with information on everything happening in the club. Share the decisions of your board both during meetings and in club publications. Seek your members input on key decisions.



Members also have a responsibility to see that a club succeeds. This includes:

- **A sense of commitment:** Members should show they are committed to the cause and purpose of the club and Rotary in general by being available to perform tasks, contribute to events and projects, and do more than show up for a meal.
- **A sense of ownership:** Members should take on activities or projects and make them their own. Give your club the same attention you would your profession or personal efforts. Give it your time and attention.
- **A sense of sharing:** Share your insight and expertise with others, whether professional or personal.
- **A sense of giving:** Be ready to give of your time, effort, or money, to the extent you are able. When everyone in a club is generous with their time, money and talents, a club thrives.
- **A sense of accountability:** Be accountable to the club and to each other. If you are given a task, do it with the same diligence you would your job or a personal pursuit. Don't renege or go back on a commitment to another member or the club without discussion. A club's performance reflects on its members. If a club is struggling, it's probably because some or all of its members aren't fully committed.

I strongly feel both the club leadership and its members are responsible for creating a bond of love and affection, an atmosphere of togetherness, and all-around camaraderie. Everyone has to make an effort in order to create an effective Rotary club.

# Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation extending fundraising partnership to eradicate polio

*Partnership will infuse an additional US\$450 million into global polio eradication effort*

**EVANSTON, IL. (January 22, 2020)** – Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation are renewing their longstanding partnership to end polio, announcing a joint commitment of up to \$450 million to support the global polio eradication effort.

“Because of the efforts of Rotary and its partners, almost 19 million people are walking today who would have otherwise been paralyzed,” said John Germ, Past President of Rotary International who leads Rotary’s polio fundraising efforts. “By partnering with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, we’re ensuring that children in polio-affected countries get the lifesaving vaccines they need to be protected from polio for life. As the first organization to envision a polio-free world, Rotary is more committed than ever to delivering on our promise that one day, no child will ever again be paralyzed by polio.”

To an audience of Rotary volunteer leaders from around the world, Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation delivered a video message announcing the extension of a funding partnership forged more than a decade ago. Rotary is committed to raising \$50 million per year over the next three years, with every dollar to be matched with two additional dollars from the Gates Foundation. This expanded agreement will translate into up to \$450 million for polio eradication activities.

“The Gates Foundation’s longstanding partnership with Rotary has been vital to fighting polio,” said Mr. Gates in today’s message to Rotary volunteers. “That’s why we’re extending our funding match, so every dollar that Rotary raises is met with two more. I believe that together, we can make eradication a reality.”

In addition to the extended funding partnership with the Gates Foundation, Rotary is also announcing US\$45 million in funding for polio eradication efforts in countries throughout Africa (Angola, Ethiopia, Mali, Nigeria, Somalia and South Sudan), and Asia (Afghanistan, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Pakistan and the Philippines). The funding will help support crucial polio eradication activities such as immunization and disease detection, research, and community mobilization.

Polio—a paralyzing and sometimes deadly disease—is on the verge of becoming the second human disease in history to be eradicated. This critical funding helps ensure that children in at-risk countries are protected from polio, and that the wild poliovirus is eliminated in the last two countries that continue to report cases.

While only Afghanistan and Pakistan continue to report cases of wild poliovirus, the remaining challenges to global eradication—like difficulty reaching children amid insecurity and conflict and weak health systems—have proven to be the most difficult. In order to meet these roadblocks head on and ensure the continuation of program efforts, funding and support from donors and world governments is imperative.

Rotary has contributed more than \$2 billion to fight polio, including matching funds from the Gates Foundation, and countless volunteer hours since launching its polio eradication program, PolioPlus, in 1985. In 1988, Rotary formed the Global Polio Eradication Initiative with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Gates Foundation and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance later joined. When the initiative launched, there were 350,000 cases of polio every year. Today the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent.

*Anyone can be a part of the fight to end polio and have their donation to Rotary matched 2-to-1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Visit [endpolio.org](https://endpolio.org) to learn more and [donate](#).*

**About Rotary:** Rotary brings together a global network of volunteer leaders dedicated to tackling the world’s most pressing humanitarian challenges. We connect 1.2 million members from more than 35,000 Rotary clubs in almost every country in the world. Their service improves lives both locally and internationally, from helping those in need in their own communities to working toward a polio-free world. Visit [Rotary.org](https://Rotary.org) and [endpolio.org](https://endpolio.org) for more about Rotary and its efforts to eradicate polio.



Made up of men and women across all vocations and cultures,

Rotary continues to make an impressive impact. Are you:

- Keen to help others and want to make a difference?
- Seeking more meaning and purpose in your life?
- Looking for ways to help your community?
- Want to be part of a worldwide network for good?
- Interested in a Corporate Social Responsibility program in which your company can participate?

Volunteering with Rotary can provide you with a great work life balance. It's an opportunity to extend your life experience and business skills, to benefit your local community and the wider world.

- It provides a bridge from your working and home life – to meet and network with other business and community people
- Ongoing personal development
- Grow your understanding and knowledge
- Open to both men and women
- Make a new extended network of friends
- Weekly contact opportunities
- Links to a vast international network
- Provides a pathway to do good in the world

The impact our members make takes shape at our Club meetings and activities. These gatherings allow you to join other passionate, visionary people to discuss and act upon community needs.

Rotary Club meetings are also a place to strengthen connections to friends and neighbours and form meaningful relationships that last a lifetime.

## Club Information

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