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**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

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**We acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of
the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation and
we pay our respects to their forebears past and present.**

SPEAKER LAST WEEK

Tim Weir is the Business Development Manager for **INTERACT AUSTRALIA**, a NFP organization operating since 1991, providing a range of community services to people with a disability, including Disability Employment Services. Tim has worked throughout Australia assisting in management of large name stores as Coles and Kmart through to small



businesses. These workplaces helped Tim become more actively disability-conscious and to hire people with a disability to become valuable members of their teams/workplaces.

The above introduction really explains I.A. and, together with excellent outline booklets Tim made available at his talk last Wednesday, that is the full story. Tim's enthusiasm and his clear exposition of the fruitfulness of his field of work made for a most refreshing picture loaded with active hope.

Statistics provided by Tim were stunning:

- Over 4 million people in Australia have some form of disability. That's 1 in 5 people.
- 18.6% of females and 18.0% of males in Australia have disability.
- 1.8 million or 50.7 % of Australians aged 65 and over have a disability, compared to 1 in 8 (12.5 %) aged under 65.

- There are 2.1 million Australians of working age with disability. Of these, just over 1 million are employed and another 114,900 are looking for work.

In the field of **employment** of people with a disability:



- Graduates with disability take 56.2% longer to gain fulltime employment than other graduates.
- People with disability aged 15-24 years are 10 times more likely to experience discrimination than those aged 65 years and over.
- The source of discrimination is an employer in almost half of those instances.
- Global research has found that when employee health and wellness is managed well the percentage of engaged employees increases from 7% to 55%.

I.A. joined the **IntoWork Group** in 2016 and is a member of **CoAct**. With offices in Preston, Heidelberg, Epping and Hurstbridge, I.A. is a Disability Employment Services Provider. The range of support is immense as is also the wide-challenging field.

Members should feel free to contact or refer:

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FAMILY OF ROTARY

Birthday	Debbie O'Neill 10/2
Induction	Geoff McIlvenna 8/2/89

"I come from the mountains, I come from the rivers, I come from the valleys. The birds recall her name. We, all of us here, acknowledge your mother for who she was. She is an elder. We, all of us here, acknowledge our love we all share and which we now give to you".

With such words as those above, Gerry Lyons loudly and clearly recorded in his traditional language the place President Julie's mother, Ina, now holds in this land.



HE'S EVERYWHERE HE'S EVERYWHERE! Peter Byrne pictured recently with his English class at the world's largest Buddhist Temple in Borobudur, Indonesia.

AUSTRALIAN ROTARY FOUNDATION transforms financial gifts into projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. As the charitable arm of Rotary, the Foundation taps into a global network of Rotarians who invest their time, money, and expertise in Rotary's priorities, such as eradicating polio and promoting peace. Foundation grants empower Rotarians to approach challenges such as poverty,

illiteracy, and malnutrition with sustainable solutions that leave a lasting impact.

Last Wednesday the Club recognized the decision some years back by member CHRIS SHIELDS. On a monthly basis Chris has been donating to A.R.F.

In recognition of this long-standing action President Julie presented him with a Paul Harris Fellowship Sapphire Pin.



CLUB NEWS



BACKSTAGE: All Club projects take planning, co-working and total involvement. A prime example was the annual National Youth Science Forum featuring the Club's most recent nominee/graduate who addressed the Club January 24.

Listed here are some of the backstage inputs:

- A 16/17 Youth Services Committee went with the project
- Communication was made with the school
- Applicants were interviewed by the Committee reps.
- Family of applicants were kept informed.

- Contact was kept on departure and return from interstate location.
- A possible follow-up contact with school
- A talk was given at Club meeting by the student summarizing the experience and
- the chance on that day Jan 24 for Members to make welcome accompanying visitor(s) and to meet personally and congratulate the student.

In summary, as all Club projects, the NYSF makes demands on an enthusiastic collaborative spirit from all Members.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE COMMUNITY PANTRY.

Remember when shopping the non-perishable food collection for the Reservoir NHCP. Any Wednesday, bring along your item(s) to the Club meeting.

CONFERENCE CLUB-SHIRT: Now orderable from Lenore Thornton. Put some colour into the coming Conference!

COMING EVENTS

Feb. 7	Chair	Paul Smarrelli
	Topic	Business Innovation Awards
	Speakers	1. Lucy Grant and Adam Brislin from Beeline Design 2. Courtney Krause from Krause Industries
	Welcomes	Peter Gilbert
	House	Lisa Defazio
	Sergeant	Gerry Lyons
Feb. 14	Chair	Elaine Price
	Topic	Blue Cross Care

	Speaker	Kathy Warren
	Welcomes	David Sullivan
	House	Peter Peyton
	Sergeant	David Warry
Feb. 21	Chair	Lisa Defazio
	Topic	Darebin City Council Working with Young People and in particular the Northland Youth Centre
	Speaker	Patrick Buchanan and Young Friend
	Welcomes	Anne Morton
	House	Paul Conti
	Sergeant	Peter Peyton

Kaye Gauci, Assistant Governor for Group 3, has advised that Past District Governor Phil Clancy will be visiting her Presidents' Group meeting on Monday February 12th to clarify the proposed amendments to the DISTRICT BY-LAWS that clubs will vote on at District Conference.

Interested in attending? Contact Pres. Julie.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: February 14.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2018: Yarrawonga-Mulwala, March 22-25

ROTARY GRACE

O Lord and Giver of all good, we thank Thee for our daily food.
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways
help us to serve Thee all our days.

ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR

Australians all let us rejoice, for we are young and free;
we've golden soil and wealth for toil; our home is girt by sea;
our land abounds in nature's gifts of beauty rich and rare;
in history's page, let every stage Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing **Advance Australia Fair**.