

President's Message



BBQ Area at Odyssey House

We had an excellent presentation last Wednesday from Eric Allan who has been Executive Manager of Residential Services Odyssey House for 15 years. He established the award-winning Circuit Breaker program in North East Victoria in 2005. Eric told us about the expansion happening at Odyssey House to meet increasing needs for their services. RC Templestowe is delighted to have been involved with Odyssey House for the past 22 years.

Our club Board held an Extra Ordinary Meeting on Wednesday 21 March to resolve a difficult matter. Our club commenced sponsoring a separate entity,

Art Building Children's Dreams (ABCD) (Australia) Inc., back in 2009. The concept is that children draw their dream career and are then provided with assistance to reach those dreams. This has involved: building school rooms; renovating, cleaning, tiling and painting schools; sponsoring the schooling of children in need; teaching skills such as sewing; etc and has assisted children in Fiji, Malawi and Sri Lanka. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen and complex issues, the Rotary Club of Templestowe had to make an extremely difficult decision to cease its sponsorship of ABCD (Australia) Inc. effective from 31 March 2018. There are two ongoing projects of ABCD that now need to be addressed:

1. Sponsorship of school children in Fiji. Five Victorian clubs, including our club, have current sponsorships in place and attempts will be made to continue these directly with the Rotary Club of Savusavu in Fiji.
2. Ampara Projects in Sri Lanka. It is possible that the Rotary Club of Mt Martha may take over ABCD Inc for the purpose of running these projects.

It is a very sad day when an innovative and worthwhile project has to cease.

This Wednesday our club will be celebrating its 41st birthday which is always a fun fellowship night. After the major celebrations in 2017 for our 40th birthday, this year will be a bit more low key but there will still be a lot of fun.

Yours in Rotary "Making a Difference"

Janis



Will you join us for these conversations?

28 March, 2018 – Our Birthday! Focus in 1977 – a night of nostalgia...

		<p>Springbank Room at the Manningham Club 1 Thompsons Road, Bulleen 6:30pm for 7:00pm \$45.00 per person – please remit funds to the club account prior to the evening.</p> <p>Cost of the evening covers a three-course meal and complimentary drink on arrival.</p> <p>Rotary Club of Templestowe BSB:633 000 Account: 1409 67696 Ref: Club Birthday Please add your last name</p>	
Guest Speaker	Janis McFarland	Registration	Marilyn Fraser – Ryan Peter Gurry
Vote of thanks	Graham Kane	Setup, meet & greet	Marilyn Fraser – Ryan Peter Gurry
Chair	Graham Kane	Emergency	Rod Simkiss

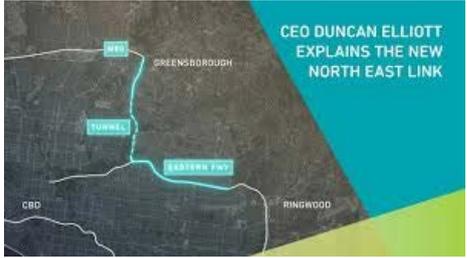
28 March, 2018 – Special General Meeting - Wednesday

	<p>Springbank Room at the Manningham Club 1 Thompsons Road, Bulleen 6:30pm for 7:00pm</p> <p>Notice has been circulated that the club will convene a Special General Meeting to elect the President to serve our club for the 2018/19 year.</p>
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4 April, 2018 -- The Hon Kevin Andrews MP – Member for Menzies

		<p>Clarendon Room at the Manningham Club 1 Thompsons Road, Bulleen 6:30pm for 7:00pm</p> <p>He is the Chairman of the Joint Standing Committee on the National Disability Insurance Scheme, and Chairman of the Human Rights Sub-Committee of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade.</p> <p>This will be an engaging evening as these topics are very central to the affairs of our nation.</p>	
Guest Speaker	Kevin Andrews	Registration	Rosina Cincotta John Bennie
Vote of thanks	Janis McFarland	Setup, meet & greet	Trevor Dawson
Chair	Graeme Cobb	Emergency	David Chua

11 April, 2018 – Duncan Elliott – CEO North East Link Authority

 <p>NORTH EAST LINK FAQ WITH CEO DUNCAN ELLIOTT</p>  <p>CEO DUNCAN ELLIOTT EXPLAINS THE NEW NORTH EAST LINK</p>	<p>Clarendon Room at the Manningham Club 1 Thompsons Road, Bulleen 6:30 pm for 7:00pm – to 9:00 pm Cost: \$30.00 per person RSVP required: Michael.mimmo@gmail.com RSVP by Monday April 10, 2018</p> <p>The idea was first considered in 1929.</p> <p>Now the Victorian Government is committed to build the North East Link – Victoria's next priority road project identified by Infrastructure Victoria and the single biggest transport infrastructure investment in Victorian history.</p> <p>Join us for an insider's view, provided by Duncan Elliott, CEO of North East Link Authority.</p> <p>Here's the link to the web site, if you'd like to have a sneak preview http://northeastlink.vic.gov.au/</p> <p>Rotary Club of Templestowe will host this meeting and members and friends of all clubs are invited to join us.</p>
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Guest Speaker	Duncan Elliott	Registration	Gysbert Diepeveen Stephen Fisher
Vote of thanks	Brian Tyedin	Setup, meet & greet	Marilyn Fraser-Ryan
Chair	Brian Negus	Emergency	Graham Kane

18 April, 2018 – Nicola Daws – Doncaster Hill Project

	<p>Clarendon Room at the Manningham Club 1 Thompsons Road, Bulleen 6:30pm for 7:00pm</p> <p>Nicola (Nic) Daws, Doncaster Hill Place Manager at Manningham City Council, will provide an overview of development of Manningham's Doncaster Hill Strategy 2002 (revised 2004) and an update on progress of the Doncaster Hill Activity Centre.</p>
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Guest Speaker	Nic Daws	Registration	Peter Gurry Rod Simkiss
Vote of thanks	John Bennie	Setup, meet & greet	Kathy Monley
Chair	Tony Monley	Emergency	Bruce Evans

19 April, 2018 – Schools ANZAC Day Commemoration Service - Thursday



Templestowe Cenotaph - 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

Cnr Foote Street and High Street Templestowe

The commemoration of Anzac Day through the schools was a project initiated by the Rotary Club of Templestowe over 20 years ago and this year we continue our community observation. This year we are expecting just over 800 students and staff.

Special Note to members: Please be at the Cenotaph by 11:00am to help with set up and ushering of children to seating.

25 April, 2018 – ANZAC Day



Our Club does not conduct a meeting on ANZAC Day

2 May, 2018 – Neele Heubner – My Year in Australia



Clarendon Room at the Manningham Club

1 Thompsons Road, Bulleen

6:30pm for 7:00pm

Our theme this year has been Rotary: Making a Difference. It is hard to imagine a more penetrating way to make a difference than to spend a year immersed in the culture of another nation.

Please join us for this conversation when Neele highlights her year in Australia

Guest Speaker	Neele Heubner	Registration	James Angelevski James Cunningham
Vote of thanks	Felix Wong	Setup, meet & greet	Gysbert Diepeveen
Chair	Dan Hessian	Emergency	Keith Anderson

Brain cancer research – an update from Tom Ware

Tom Ware holds the inaugural Ann Henderson PhD Scholarship which is funded through the joint efforts of Australian Rotary Health, Melbourne University, Dine for a Cure and Rotary Club of Templestowe. The focus of Tom's research is treatment options for Glioblastoma an incurable Grade IV primary brain tumour – the most aggressive form.

Glioblastoma brain tumours are an incurable disease with one of the worst survival outcomes even among other low survival cancers.

There has been little development in treatment options for Glioblastoma and currently the best standard of care consists of surgery, radiotherapy and chemotherapy.

The introduction of the chemotherapeutic agent Temozolomide in 2005 has been hailed as the most significant advancement to patient treatment over the past decade. Since then no other treatment has been shown to provide any benefit to patient survival, limiting treatment choice.

In my research I have made the surprising discovery that **temozolomide** has not been the only chemotherapy agent that can improve patient survival.

Using over 30,000 Glioblastoma patient records from the United States I have identified another type of chemotherapy agent class, called **nitrosoureas**, that provide the same survival benefit as temozolomide. These nitrosoureas are approved for use in Glioblastoma patients and prior to 2005 were the main chemotherapeutic agent; however, due to poor clinical trial design their benefit was never fully evaluated. This finding has significant ramifications for the treatment of Glioblastoma today as my

Glossary:

Glioblastoma

An incurable Grade IV primary brain tumour, the most aggressive form.

Metastases

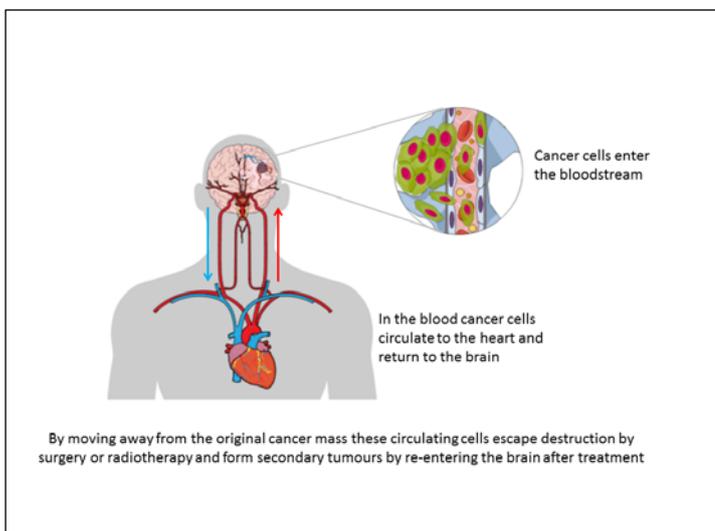
Formation of tumours in other organs that have spread from the primary cancer.

Temozolomide

The main chemotherapy drug used to treat Glioblastoma.

Nitrosourea

An alternate class of chemotherapy drugs available for Glioblastoma treatment.



research shows that patients have the choice between different chemotherapy drugs. This means that chemotherapy can be better tailored in terms of side effects, toxicity and the presence of resistance to one of the drugs.

Additionally, in countries where the healthcare system is not as advanced as in Australia, cost has a large influence on whether patients will receive chemotherapy, with nitrosourea-based treatments being more attainable for patients with financial constraints. These findings, which we are looking to publish in the top cancer journal for clinicians,

may improve overall survival by expanding treatment options so more patients receive a comprehensive standard of care.

Although these findings have significant implications for the treatment of Glioblastoma patients today, these results also show that the current focus on chemotherapies has stagnated and is unlikely to increase patient survival further

One major reason for this is that chemotherapy fails to target the cells that cause tumour recurrence.

Tumour recurrence is the formation of a secondary tumour after treatment and is the current barrier to advancing patient survival.

No studies to date have been able to isolate the cells that cause recurrence and therefore no specific treatments are available to combat stage of cancer progression.

To further develop clinical care for Glioblastoma, research needs to be done to identify the source of these recurrent cells and develop therapies to prevent their progression. The next part of my research has been looking to identify these tumour cells by closely analysing the characteristics that make Glioblastoma so aggressive.

In Glioblastoma tumour cells use blood vessels for growth and movement throughout the brain tissue. Without sufficient blood vessel access, tumour cells die and cannot form these secondary tumours.

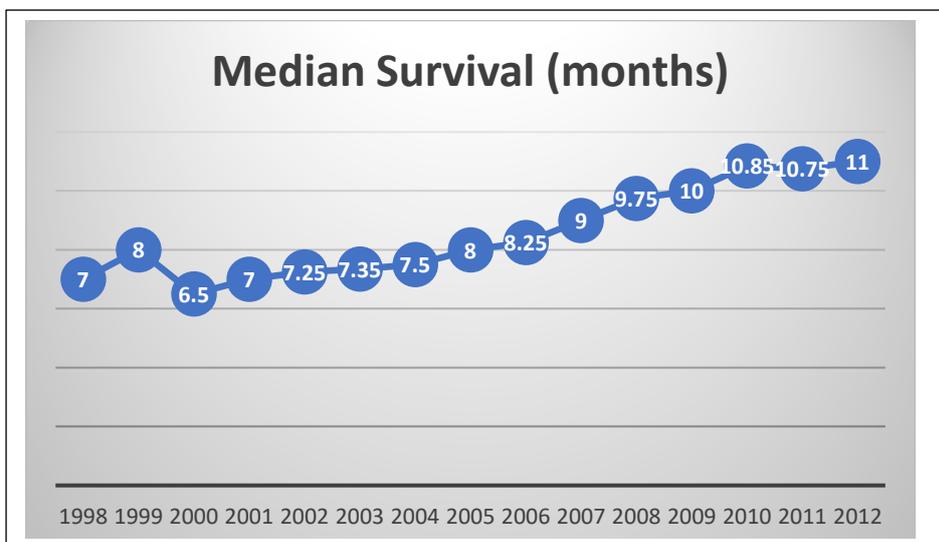
I have examined the relationship between blood vessels and tumour cells and found that tumour cells mimic the characteristics of blood vessels to gain access to blood flow and nutrient supply. More-so we have identified that tumour cells enter the blood stream and have the ability to re-enter into organs, similar in function to metastases observed in other types of cancers.

In the next few months before finalising my PhD research, I will be looking at targeting these blood vessel mimicking cells to prevent their access to the blood stream. Following this I will examine the therapeutic potential of targeting this process to prevent or delay the formation of recurrent tumours.

Grade	Criteria
1	Low growth Localised mass Non-invasive tumour
2	Modest growth Partly invasive tumour
3	High growth Invasive tumour
4	Rapid growth Highly invasive tumour

Glioblastoma is a Grade 4 tumour and is the most aggressive form of brain cancer.

The higher the grade level of a tumour the more reduced the survival outcomes.



By completing these experiments, I will hope to have developed a novel target for Glioblastoma progression that has a specific effect on tumour recurrence and therefore may present the next step in Glioblastoma treatment.

Celebrating service to our community...

Peter Gurry March 28, 1977 – joined the Rotary Club of Templestowe – 41 years' service to our community



Celebrations of the achieving of wisdom...

Clim Pacheco March 30

Referenced reading....

Rotaract month draws to a close as we move to April [click here](#) for a short article on four Rotaractors – currently members of their respective Rotaract clubs.

This article on the Rotary International web site, raises the question why we don't have a Rotaract club in the City of Manningham!

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| The Mediator | Joan Nairuba 26 – Rotaract Club of Kololo, Uganda |
| The Deal Maker | Michael Stone, 30 – Rotaract Club of Birmingham, Alabama |
| The Diplomat | Egle Lauzonyte, 27 – Rotaract Club of Chicago |
| The Transformer | Nichole Haynes, 23 – Rotaract Club of Georgetown Central Guyana |

The full article [7 things you don't know about Rotaract](#) is an exceptional read highlighting the qualities of Millennials they think beyond themselves, they are ready to redefine what Rotary service can be, they excel at recruiting, learning is embraced, they find creative solutions, and they know what they want. Enjoy the read, it is food for thought.

From the Editor's Desk...

This week we celebrate our 41st birthday – we welcome contributions from members of our community and people who have served our community through our club over the four decades that we have existed.



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