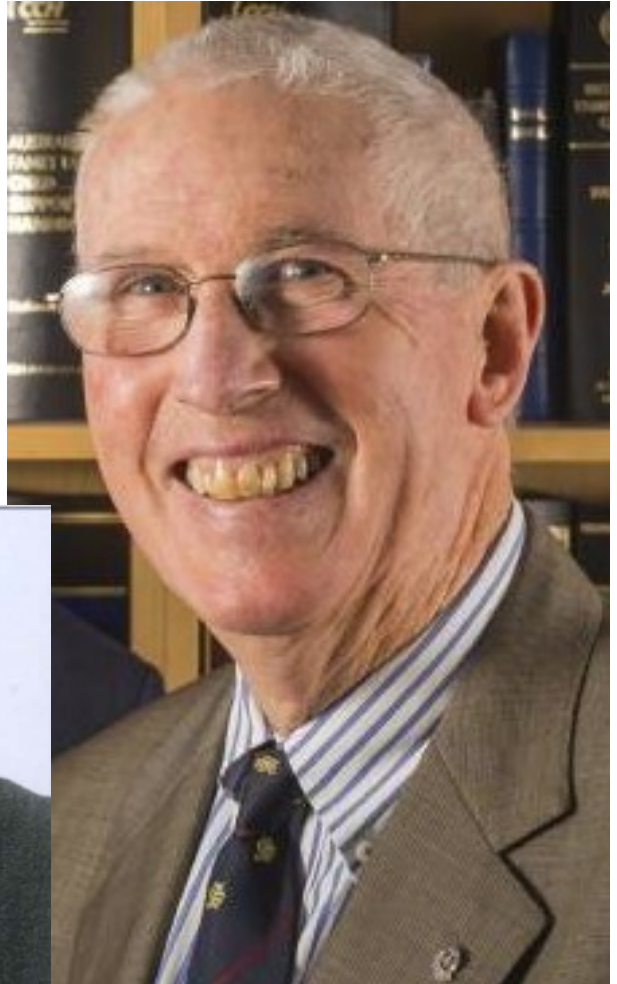


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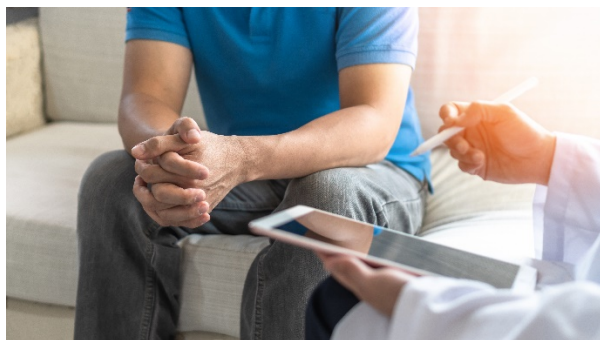
Ian Monotti joined the club in 1981. Ian's father was President in 1964/65. Ian's wife, Rosemary, also held strong links to Rotary with her grandfather being the club's first Vice President in 1925/26. Their daughter, Kate, was also a member for some years. With such an impressive background in Rotary and a practicing solicitor with his own firm, Ian Monotti became our 77<sup>th</sup> President.



Having only joined the club the year before, Ian asked me to join his Board. Full of enthusiasm at my very first Board Meeting, Ian's opening lines at the Board are something I have always remembered: 'while your service to Rotary is particularly important, you must always remember that your family and employment must always come first.'



### Men's Health Forum



During President Ian's year, three new projects were developed. Firstly, a Men's Health Forum was held to encourage men to take their health more seriously. It has always been quite evident in the community, that

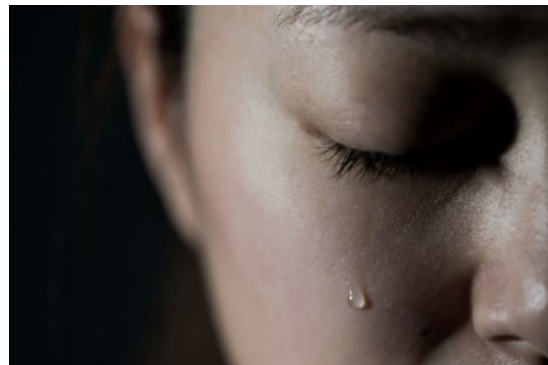
men often did not visit a doctor regularly and simply would take a dismissive attitude when it comes to their own health. Consequently, motivational speakers were sought to encourage men to see their doctor more regularly.

At the forum, free medical check-ups were provided for all participants. With the assistance of coordinator, Charlie Martin, 320 attended the event.

### **Depression in the Workplace**

Another health forum held for the first-time during President Ian's year was Depression in the Workplace. Importantly, this forum brought to the fore the importance of everyone feeling comfortable with talking about their own mental health.

Secretary, Gail Robertson, supervised the event which was also well attended.



### **Travel at your desk calendar**

The third new project involved members, Lara McKinley and Kate Monotti, developing a Desk Calendar which was sold to raise money for the Rotary Foundation.

Both Kate and Lara are professional photographers. The calendars were sold mostly to other Rotary Clubs. Along with the generous support and sponsorship from Telstra Country Wide, a very healthy \$6,000 was raised to support the work of The Rotary Foundation.

### **Golf Day for ROMAC**

Brian Doherty coordinated a very successful golf event during President Ian's year which was held to support the wonderful work of ROMAC. Brian's Golf Days were always supported by several Rotary Clubs in our District. Having attended a fundraising night to understand more about



the important work of ROMAC, I can clearly understand why Brian was so committed to ensuring these golf days were always successful.

Importantly, ROMAC provides free surgery for children living in the Oceania that cannot possibly receive help in their own countries. The work of

ROMAC has saved and improved the lives of many children.

### **Dinner Auction**



Several Real Estate Agents were recruited to use their auction hammer for a different purpose. They were given the task of raising as much money as possible for a house to be built for The Lighthouse Foundation.

Involved in friendly rivalry as to which real estate agent could raise the most money on donated items auctioned, an impressive \$26,900 was raised.

On the night, 211 people attended. One item, framed memorabilia from Michael Schumacher, raised \$3,000.

### **Rotary Fellowship**



During President Ian's year, members enjoyed many opportunities for fellowship. For example, fellowship luncheons were held at the Sebastian Hotel, Jack Paynting's Nursery and with Melbourne South Rotary members joining us at Chateau Leamon. The Xmas function took

on an Italian flavour with Domenic and Heike Coia hosting the event.

Also, Bryan McMahon entertained all with his 'phantom call' on Melbourne Cup Day and Norm Phillips organised a 'Night at the Trots'.



## Visit to Samoa



Past President, Captain William Gray, organised a wonderful sojourn for 24 members and their partners to witness first-hand the hard work of our volunteer work parties in Samoa.

Earlier in the year, members of our club and Melbourne South Rotary had volunteered with the building of a unit to attract teachers to a remote school.

**L-R Colin Burns, Larrie Winzar, Garry Gunnell, John Krakowiak, Gail Robertson**

**Brian Doherty, Ian Monotti and Nicole Cox**

**Absent: Charlie Martin**

