



# The Western Port Channel

## The Rotary Club of Hastings Western Port

Celebrating over **40** years of service to the community



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### Message from the President

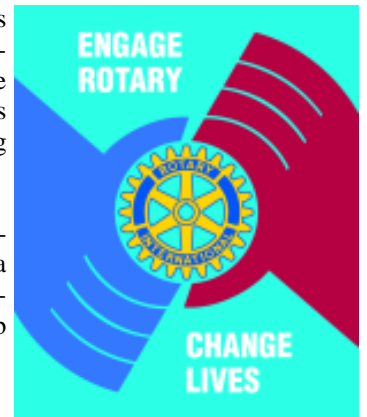
26th August 2013

Rotarians,

This week I had (alongside Jeff Harvey) the great privilege to present encouragement awards to various students from different primary schools in the Hastings area. It was their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary with is an achievement in itself. The one sad point of the night was compared to the first few years the numbers of primary schools involved has been dropping. I think that this opened my eyes to the work and passion that Jeff has in this area and the project "Linking Schools and Early Years". We need to encourage students into reading and writing more.

This week at work I have had the interesting task of covering for the Food Technology Assistant. This was a job that I thought would be easy. How wrong I was, I think that spending a week in another person's role gives you a new appreciation for the job that they do. I recommend it, But, at the same time I am going to tell the person whose job I did what a great job they do too.

Happy Father's Day to all you dads out there too.



*Kim*

### This Week's Celebrations

Anniversaries 

Birthdays   
 Jan McKenzie 4th September

### Quote of the Week:

Focus on Polio: ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FLASH MOB END POLIO NOW VANCOUVER 2013

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WJV\\_dm2X7c0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WJV_dm2X7c0)



### Program and Events

#### This Week's Meeting

Speaker (s): TBA  
 Subject: TBA  
 Chairperson: TBA

#### Important Dates:

Dates:  
 8<sup>th</sup> September—Avenues of Service  
 21st September—Rotary Warragul 75th  
 6<sup>th</sup> October—Avenues of Service  
 30th October—Port Authority—Marina

# Special Event's

## Combined Meeting Rotary Somerville Tyabb & Hastings Western Port

Hi All,

Together with the Rotary Club of Somerville Tyabb we have the opportunity to host a dinner meeting with the Port of Hastings Development Authority executive team.

It will be held on Wednesday 30th October at the Hastings Marina - please put this date in your diaries.

The meeting has been set up by Dick Cox ( a former Rotary District Assistant Governor) and will provide a forum for the community service clubs to hear the latest plans and progress for the Port of Hastings I personally believe, despite the current political skirmishing, that the Port will be the single most significant event in the annals of Hastings. In its development and ongoing operation the Port will have a huge effect on the employment opportunities, the demographic characteristics and the level of prosperity of the community for years to come. If we are to make a significant contribution to the local community we must understand and support the changes that will occur and this represents our first opportunity to be involved.

***More details to follow.***

<http://www.portofhastings.com/>



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# Special Event's

Portsea Camps—Annual working bee

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## Avenues of Service

Sunday 8th September at Nossal High School, Berwick

Sunday 6th October at Monash University Churchill Campus

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***District 9820 Conference  
Bendigo  
14-16 March 2014  
BOOK NOW***

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### The Rotary Four Way Test

Of the things we do....

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



### Rotary Grace

For Good Food, Good Fellowship, and the opportunity to serve through Rotary. We give thanks. Amen

# Polio Eradication Update

For The Week Ending 08/10/13

Issue # 138

## The Final Five

**Pakistan** - 22 Polio cases recorded in 2013 compared to 28 on this date in 2012, with the most recent case reported on July 3, 2013. The Federally Administered Tribal Area (FATA) is still the major reservoir of Polio virus in Pakistan with as many as 40 of children never having received a single dose of oral Polio vaccine.

**Afghanistan** - 3 Polio case recorded in 2013 compared to 16 on this date in 2012, with the most recent case reported on June 6, 2013. No wild Polio cases have been reported in southern Afghanistan since November 2012.

**Nigeria** - 42 Polio cases recorded in 2013 compared to 62 on this date in 2012, with the most recent cases (from Kano) reported on July 14, 2013. The next sub-national activities are planned across the northern states in September.

**Somalia** - 95 Polio cases recorded in 2013 compared to 0 in 2012, with the most recent reported on July 10 in Banadir. Nation-wide immunization campaign was conducted 2 weeks ago in Banadir - which includes Mogadishu. More are planned for August.

**Kenya** - 5 Polio cases reported in 2013 compared to 0 in 2012, with the most recent case reported on July 10. Emergency Immunization Campaigns were conducted last week targeting all children under age 5. Two case were from Lower Shabele where security is an issue. Vaccination campaigns continue in Ethiopia & Yemen.

Total paralysis cases	Year-to-date 2013	Y to D 2012	Total 2012	Total 2011
Globally	177	111	223	642
- in endemic countries:	67	106	217	335
- in non-endemic countries:	110	5	6	307

### 2013 Polio Case Breakdown by Country (Green Numbers are 2012 Totals)

**Endemic Countries** – 22 Pakistan (2012-58), 3 Afghanistan (2012-37), 42 Nigeria (2012-122)

**Importation Countries (2012 & 2013)** – 0 Chad (2012-5), 0 Niger (2012-1), 100 Somalia (2012-0), 10 Kenya (2012 - 0)

## Our Goal is Global Polio Eradication!

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# Anticipating Outbreaks on the Path to Eradication

*By Hamid Jafari*

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The outbreak currently happening in Somalia and Kenya, with 105 cases so far, is a sobering reminder of the tenacity of the virus, and that so long as polio exists anywhere, its spread is an ever-present risk.

The final push to end polio is the largest and most complex disease eradication effort in history. As the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) carries out the [Polio Endgame and Eradication Strategic Plan](#), a six-year program to achieve a polio-free world by 2018, we know it won't be easy.

An [editorial in the Washington Post](#) on Monday and a [recent NPR piece](#) both draw attention to one of the major challenges we anticipate during this final push: outbreaks in polio-free countries. The outbreak currently happening in Somalia and Kenya, with 105 cases so far, is a sobering reminder of the tenacity of the virus, and that so long as polio exists anywhere, its spread is an ever-present risk.

The best way to stop such outbreaks is by interrupting polio transmission in the remaining endemic countries. Meanwhile, investing in strong immunization programs in known high-risk areas can and does prevent outbreaks in the first place. We're committed to building systems that will do just that: by the end of 2014, half of GPEI's field personnel time will be spent on improving immunization systems.

The GPEI benefits from a plan that ensures we can maintain an intense focus in the remaining endemic countries, Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan, even while managing a first-class outbreak response. . The Washington Post is correct to say that "the outbreak is not likely to derail the global campaign for eradication." Resources to respond to outbreaks are already built into [the Strategic Plan budget](#) - nearly \$50 million is budgeted for this purpose in 2013 alone, completely separate from the endemic country requirements.

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Child receiving polio vaccine in Somalia (c) WHO/T. Moran

So long as the plan's budget is fully funded (meaning that the [\\$4 billion](#) pledged at this April's Global Vaccine Summit translate into actual funds), we are well down that path – we're well-equipped to pursue endemic and outbreak priorities simultaneously.

The good news is that [we're better than ever at responding to outbreaks](#). Since 2011, only one has lasted longer than six months. In 2008, it took an average of 20 weeks to put a stop to a new outbreak; by 2011, that was whittled down to 12 weeks. The programme is well-equipped with effective tactics, tools and operational experience to stop outbreaks fast, with the caveat that the speed at which an outbreak can be stopped is related to the ability of countries to vaccinate children in zones of conflict and insecurity.

We know that challenges will arise on the road to polio eradication. So long as the world stays fully committed to traveling down that road, I know we'll be successful.

[This post originally appeared on the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation blog Impatient Optimists.](#)

Source : [www.polioeradication.org](http://www.polioeradication.org)





# The world loses one of the “true heroes” of polio eradication

***Ali Maow Maalin, smallpox survivor and Somali polio eradication champion, passes away.***

Ali Maow Maalin, [recently described](#) as being one of the “true heroes” of polio eradication, passed away on Monday in his home district of Merka, Somalia, due to sudden illness.

The last person to be infected with naturally occurring smallpox anywhere in the world, Mr Maalin was struck with the virus in 1977 whilst working as a cook at a Merka hospital. Fearing the needle would be painful, he’d previously avoided vaccination by holding his arm when vaccinators came to visit, pretending he’d already received the shot. But after recovering from the potentially deadly illness, he vowed not to let others make the same mistake.

Mr Maalin used his story to illustrate the importance of vaccination and became an important advocate for polio eradication in Somalia, playing an instrumental role in its defeat of the disease in 2008: “Somalia was the last country with smallpox. I wanted to help ensure that we would not be the last place with polio too,” [he told the BBC](#) at the time.

A district polio officer, he died on the second day of the polio eradication vaccination campaign he was conducting in Merka district, part of the Supplementary Immunization Activities taking place 21-25 July in response to the [current outbreak](#). A profile of Mr Maalin’s work [described him](#) as one of the eradication programme’s “most valuable local polio coordinators”.

Mr Maalin leaves behind a wife and three children. The thoughts of everyone at the Global Polio Eradication Initiative are with his family at this time.

See more at:

<http://www.polioeradication.org/tabid/488/iid/316/Default.aspx#sthash.3TIU3x20.dpuf>



Ali Maow Maalin in 1977  
WHO /John F. Wickett