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## THIRD QUARTER IX



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Congratulations Jacques Miller our  
Club's newest Paul Harris Fellow.

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is the Rotary Foundation which supports  
programmes around the world that save  
and invigorate lives, allay suffering and  
improve living conditions, whilst  
enhancing international friendship and  
understanding.

The Rotary Club of Heidelberg believes  
that Jacques life exemplifies these  
humanitarian and educational objectives  
through commitment to his scientific  
vocation and ongoing global outreach.  
(Only last week in Germany presenting at  
a week-long medical event).

Therefore, it was with great pleasure that  
we presented the Certificate and a Lapel  
Pin to Jacques. An appropriate donation  
having been made to Rotary Foundation  
in Jacques name.

Members were pleased to have Janet  
Roberts-Brown with us again today and it  
would seem Janet is now enjoying a  
more flexible lifestyle.

Our next meeting will benefit from an  
introduction and overview of Youth  
Hostels International presented by the  
World President Robert McGuirk.

Noel

## CLUB CALENDAR

**April is Maternal and Child  
Health Month**

**8 April**  
**Speaker: Rob McGuirk**  
**Topic: Youth Hostels  
International**  
**Chair: Cynthia Balogh**

**15 April**  
**Speaker:**  
**Topic: TBA**  
**Chair:**

**22 April – No Meeting  
Easter Monday**

### *Thought for the Week*

*Politics is the ability to  
foretell what is going to  
happen tomorrow, next  
week, next month and  
next year. And to have  
the ability afterwards to  
explain why it didn't  
happen.*

*Winston Churchill*

## Welcome



## Laudation



## Presentation



Professor Jacques with President Noel

## ATTENDANCE 01 April 2019

MEMBERS	-	16
GUESTS	-	2
APOLOGIES	-	12



## DATES TO REMEMBER

16 April - Board Meeting (NB Revised Date)

22 April - Easter Monday (No Meeting)

29 April - "Family" Evening Meeting

## Applying for a job at IKEA



## PAUL HARRIS FELLOW – Professor Jacques Miller AC

At last Monday's meeting President Noel conducted a short but important ceremony, recognising our guest attendee, local resident Professor Jacques Miller AC as a recipient of the award of Paul Harris Fellow. Noel had the following to say to Jacques:

"One of the pillars of Rotary International is The Rotary Foundation, which supports programs around the world focused on humanitarian and educational needs. Such programs save and invigorate lives, allay suffering and improve living conditions, whilst enhancing international friendship and understanding.

"The Rotary Club of Heidelberg believes that your life exemplifies the humanitarian and educational objectives of The Rotary Foundation. We acknowledge your commitment to better the existence of mankind through your vocation and your ongoing global outreach.

"Therefore, it gives us great pleasure to present to you, on behalf of the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation, the emblems of a Paul Harris Fellow: the certificate and a lapel pin. The certificate states that you have been named a Paul Harris Fellow *"in appreciation of tangible and significant assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations between peoples of the world"*.

"In recognition of your work Jacques, the Rotary Club of Heidelberg has made a donation of \$1,000 in your name to The Rotary Foundation. Please understand our deep appreciation and accept our sincere congratulations."

John Walton had earlier introduced Jacques to our members and provided us with an overview of aspects of Jacques' life and some of the awards he has received.

Jacques is famous for his discovery of the function of the thymus, revolutionising our understanding of the immune system, infection and disease. It has been stated by Nobel Laureate Professor Peter Doherty that "there isn't a single advance in vaccine, immunotherapy or autoimmunity research the doesn't incorporate his thinking".

The long list of international scientific, medical and humanitarian awards and recognition Jacques has received over half a century can be seen in "Who's Who". In 1970 he was elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society, London. In 1981 he was made an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO), then in 2003 he was elevated to a Companion of the Order of Australia (AC), one of a small number of our citizens who have been recognised in this way.

Jacques' birth surname was Meunier. He was born in 1931 in France but grew up with his family in China. In anticipation of WWII they emigrated to Australia in 1941. The family decided to adopt a more "Australian" surname and changed it to Miller.

Jacques studied medicine at the University of Sydney, studying viruses and infection.

In 1958, he travelled to the United Kingdom on a research fellowship from the University of Queensland and was accepted as a PhD student at the University of London. Jacques chose to study the pathogenesis of lymphocytic leukemia in mice. He showed that experimental animals without a thymus at birth were incapable of rejecting foreign tissues and resisting many infections, thus demonstrating that the thymus is vital for development and function of the adaptive immune system. (Prior to this, the thymus was believed to be a vestigial organ with no function.) His discovery has led many to describe Jacques as the "world's only living person who can claim to have been the first to have described the functions of a human organ"

In 1966, Jacques returned to Australia to become a research group leader at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research in Melbourne, at the invitation of its director, Sir Gustav Nossal.

The thymus produces the "T" cells which are considered crucial to understanding diseases such as cancer, autoimmunity and AIDS, as well as processes such as transplant rejection, allergy and antiviral immunity. Jacques was also the first to provide evidence that thymus-derived immune cells are important for the defence against certain tumours, which form the basis for modern cancer immunotherapy.

Semi-retired since 1996, Jacques is still involved in immunological research. He also has had a longstanding interest in art, and he has held several Melbourne exhibitions.

### Ray and Keppel



### Smokey (with Joker) takes the Jackpot



### Barbara and Frances



### Greg and Janet



### WHERE ARE THEY NOW

Laurie and Jane	Sri Lanka
Keppel Turnour	Shepparton
Tony and Chris	Hong Kong
Brian Overton	Home again !
Gordon	Northern Hemisphere

Please Note: Ken Norman always seeks to finalize numbers by Monday 10.00am by collating responses about attendance at that day's meeting. So please try to telephone or email Ken by that time; and, at the same time, forewarn of any guests. (Predicting our numbers as closely as possible helps to minimise our catering costs)  
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Ken also collates the attendance information. He needs to know of "make up" events