



## High tea at the Mad Hatter's Tea Party



Fun and fantastical fashion were the order of the day at the Rotary Club of Frankston's Mad Hatter's Tea Party in October.

On Saturday, October 29, 2016, District 9820 governor Lynne Westland had a great day raising funds for Interplast at the Mad Hatter's Tea Party. The day was organised by Helen Wallace, wife of president of the Rotary Club of Frankston, Vic, Kevin Wallace, and strongly supported by Rotarians, their

wives and friends. The Mad Hatter's Tea Party garden setting was amazing, taking place in the beautiful gardens of the home of Rotarians Nina and Upali DeSilva. The sun shone on all in attendance, who enjoyed the raffles and a fashion parade, laughed, chatted and had a great deal of fun,



while raising money for this wonderful project. Rotary at its best!

Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Frankston on a great day.

## Elders share their wisdom

The Rotary Club of Noumea Ducos Boulari, New Caledonia, supports a program started by the elders of the Loyalty Islands. The elders previously watched in distress as young people left the community for the bright lights of the larger islands, where they were often swayed by the wrong influences.

In an effort to curtail this pattern, the elders gathered to establish community gardens at Quay Manto. The elders now teach the

region's youth how to grow food to survive, with the young people also receiving an education on morals and gaining skills to increase their employability. One young woman who has been through the program is now giving back as a tutor.

"They teach them life skills and also the traditional island way of growing things," said District 9910 governor Peter Smith, who observed the project first-hand on his Noumea tour in September.

## Spreading the Christmas cheer

District 9520 Rotary Foundation Committee chair, PDG Jerry Casburn, and wife Briony really got in the Christmas spirit this festive season. Rather than posting out their usual mountain of Christmas cards, they instead chose to donate \$2 to The Rotary Foundation for every card they would have sent. We at *Rotary Down Under* think this is a wonderful example of a low-cost project with big impact! If you would like to jump on board next Christmas, contact [Mark.Anderson@rotary.org](mailto:Mark.Anderson@rotary.org) to register your details.