



Networker

Rotary District 9800

A publication for
Rotarians and
all community
minded people

DG Weekly Message

Does Your Website Inspire Potential Members or Deter Them?

Club websites are one of our most critical tools in shaping outsiders impressions of who we are, what we do and whether they would want to join us. They are often the first place that someone outside Rotary will look when they want to find out more about Rotary.

So what are they seeing when they come to our Club websites?

The answer in our District is very variable.

While some Club websites provide highly attractive gateways to social media like Facebook Groups for the Rotary Club and Youtube videos showing Rotarians doing amazing things, many others fail to offer anything attractive or anything of relevance to prospective Rotarians and supporters.

There are Clubs whose websites are hard to find by conventional methods (e.g. Google), websites with old content that look incredibly dated and last century (e.g. old theme logos, dated graphics and layout), websites which do not provide up to date contact details and even some website that just don't work.

When this is the first or second impression an outsider gets of Rotary or your Club, unfortunately it's not likely to attract them to join you - in fact it may even deter them.

Other content can be a turn-off too. Rotary acronyms and "Rotaryspeak" often confuse those outside of Rotary. Pictures of people holding up certificates seldom move them, pictures of stereotypical "old grey males" and "Bunnings BBQs" often confirm stereotypes which they don't identify with nor feel compelled to be part of. The inability to find out basics like "What Does the Club Do?", "Where Does the Club Meet?" or "How Can I Get In Touch or Join?" also often deters potentially fantastic people from joining your Club, while

large slabs of boring text do little to make people say "I want to be part of THAT".

If It Ain't Helping, Change It!

We need to proactively break down stereotypes, show ourselves to be both inclusive and welcoming and ensure we don't appear "difficult to love".

I implore every one of you reading to take a second to click onto your own Club's website and look at it from the eyes of a prospective member:

- What would they think?
- Would it inspire them to join Rotary?
- Is it easy to find the information they need?
- How long would it take you to find out who you are and who to contact?
- Could they easily identify with the people depicted on your homepage?
- Would they want to be part of what you've presented?

Use this fresh set of eyes to determine a fresh approach.

The web is always changing and so too should the way our Rotary Clubs use it to our advantage.

Yours in Rotary

Keith Ryall
District Governor (2011-2012)
Rotary District 9800



District Governor Keith Ryall and Gabrielle

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Send Clarice an email at clarice@rotarydistrict9800.org.au



May is Australian Rotary Health Research Month



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

Rotary Friendship Exchange

By Jeanette Lynch., Rotary Club of Keilor Rotary Friendship Exchange Chair

The Rotary Friendship Exchange programme gives Rotarians and their families the opportunity to host and visit Rotarians around the world. This chance to experience other cultures and make lasting friendships may also provide opportunities for other international activities and service projects. Friendship exchanges may evolve from individual Rotarian, club or district initiatives.

Exchanges are arranged by District Organisers who in our district are members of the District International Committee, chaired by Ross Butterworth. Districts throughout the world may signal their interest in visiting another district and their willingness to host an incoming team. Visiting teams outbound and inbound normally comprise 6 Rotarian couples or the equivalent, staying in the host district for approximately 2 weeks as the guests of 4 different clubs. Each club involved provides host families for 3 or 4 nights and prepares a varied programme of sightseeing, entertainment and cultural visits etc., sometimes with the cooperation of neighbouring clubs. Information on age, background and interests of participants is communicated in advance and every effort is made to ensure compatibility of host and guests.

District 1070 is one of the most active participants in Rotary Friendship Exchange within the UK and in recent years successful exchanges have been completed with USA, UK, South Africa, Zambia, Sweden and others, and we will be hosting an inbound team from Turkey in October 2012. An inbound team will not necessarily comprise the same host Rotarians or the same clubs participating in the previous outbound visit, but they will be from the same district if it is a reciprocal visit.

District Rotary Friendship Exchanges are funded entirely by the participant Rotarians. Guests are responsible for their own travelling costs, personal spending and in addition should be prepared for the following possible expenses:-

- Admission to tourist sites, entertainments, cultural events etc. in the programme prepared.
- Overnight stays in any hotels that may be required on an itinerary prepared by the host district.
- Modest gifts for host families.
- Meals purchased outside hosts' homes.
- Transportation between clubs in the host district.

It may be that some of these expenses are borne by host families and/or their Rotary clubs. This will of course influence the planning and budgeting for a reciprocal visit when the guest district becomes the host district. As a result Rotary Friendship Exchange organisers in many districts choose to develop a modest funding plan to cover costs associated with arranging and hosting an exchange. This is by agreement with, and the responsibility of, the participants. Such a fund is usually held in a ring-fenced account with the District Organisers' Rotary Club. District does not fund or hold any Rotary Friendship Exchange account.

When an exchange has been agreed in principle all clubs in the district are notified, and in District 9800 always has been, to seek host families or outbound team members as appropriate. If this results in more than 6 couples applying for a place on the outbound trip, there will be a draw for places in the team and a reserve list. Teams of more than six couples are not viable. If a Rotarian is lucky enough to win a place on an outbound team then it is a reasonable expectation that his club will provide or arrange hosting for up to six couples on an inbound visit to their area.

Being a host cannot be guaranteed as a method of securing a place on an outbound team, however host families do get first preference, then host clubs and then the District Rotarians. In the event of an exchange being under-subscribed, which has happened on more than one occasion, it may improve chances. However it is a fact that many Rotarians in our district have hosted several times without any aspirations to be on an outbound team. Hosting visiting Rotarians and their spouses/partners and participating in the prepared programs is just as much a part of the Rotary Friendship Exchange spirit as travelling abroad as a guest. It is our hope that more clubs in our district will want to become involved in Rotary Friendship Exchange, maybe more exchanges will increase the opportunities for those who do wish to be guests abroad.

The Rotary International Exchange Handbook contains much useful information and guidelines and can be downloaded from the website:

http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/rfe_handbook_en.pdf

Our District Rotary Friendship Exchange website contains reports on recent exchanges.





Boroondara Cares: Clean-up in Nathalia

By Lawrence Reddaway, RC Hawthorn

Boroondara Cares was an effort by the City of Boroondara and its Rotary Clubs to assist the people of the Shire of Moira in the devastating drought of a few years ago. Now, it has been revived to help the same community in the aftermath of their massive flood.

Surely we have all seen TV footage of sandbags being filled and used to make a levee bank around the town of Nathalia. Surely we all rejoiced as Nathalia withstood the siege imposed by the massive floods of early March. And now some of our members have an insight into the less urgent, but very demanding, work inherent in getting properties around Nathalia back to normal.

We drove to Cobram through the dawn fog on Saturday; and then we were deployed to our work sites.

The first task for the group I was in was removing sandbags from around



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a farmhouse. It was hard physical labour: lifting wet and heavy sandbags onto wheelbarrows, and thence onto a trailer, and then unloading the trailer and spreading out the sand. We felt privileged to have assisted the 75 year old widow of a stalwart local Rotarian. On the Saturday evening we shared a meal with local Rotarians. Spirits were high, whilst bodies were very tired.

On Sunday morning we helped a farmer near Nathalia to get the flood debris away from his fences. It was a very large field; but with a team of some 20 people from Boroondara Rotary Clubs, we cleared a vast amount of debris. Apparently we cleared a length of about 800 metres.

We all took care to have rests in the shade, and drink water. Everyone reported tiredness; but no-one reported injury - a brilliant outcome!

Yet another case of Rotary in action.



1. Group Work
2. Hay on Fence
3. Richard Logan
4. Tea Break





The “Boroondara Paper”

By President Don Heath, RC Glenferrie

What an inspiring meeting we had last Tuesday 24th April at our **Yarra Cluster “Boroondara Paper” Breakfast**. This is the seventh year that our Cluster group of clubs comprising the Rotary Clubs of Glenferrie, Hawthorn, Kew and Kew on Yarra has arranged this annual function for the citizens of Boroondara.

Our aim to present a top quality speaker was certainly met. **Professor Ian Harper** (Deloitte Access Economics), one of Australia’s leading Economists, held the audience of 130 Rotarians and guests spellbound with his very easy to understand analysis of the Global economy, the National economy and finally our State economy. His explanations of: The ‘two-speed’ economy, evident globally, nationally and locally Australia’s ‘dream run’ at an aggregate level masks structural tensions between industries and regions Victoria is holding up but the outlook is weaker were very clear and well appreciated by the audience.

All profit made from the event will be donated to the Boroondara Family Network. This body of volunteers was started by the Glenferrie Rotary Club in 1999 and they do amazing work to support families in our local community that are facing stress with very young children. Over the last 10 years they have supported nearly 600 families.

Consummate professional **MC Tony Charlton** wound up the breakfast, after **RC Glenferrie President Don Heath** thanked **Professor Harper**, **Sponsor Nick Coker of Bendigo Community Bank** and the **Chairman of our Organising Committee Geoff Wood**.



Pictured Top: Professor Ian Harper.

Middle: Glenferrie President Don Heath thanking Professor Harper.

Bottom Group: RC Glenferrie President Don Heath, Professor Ian Harper, DG Keith Ryall, Master of Ceremonies Tony Charlton, Josh Frydenberg MP (Member for Kooyong) and Breakfast Organiser Geoff Wood.





DIK: A Treasure of our District

By Bronwyn Stephens, RC Melbourne South

Lessons I have learned about Donations-in-Kind:

1. Every District 9800 club need to budget each year to financially support this resource of our district which is invaluable in so many ways, but is constantly struggling to "pay the rent".
2. Non Rotarian volunteers have been committed and working there regularly for many years because it's such a worthwhile endeavour and the fun of being there.
3. Check first material that can't be used is rubbish, which then has to be disposed of.
4. DIK facilitates donations for hundreds of both community and international projects.
5. The DIK Team are experts in managing this busy hub and volunteer many, many hours of their time for the cause.

I will now explain how in the past month I have learned these facts:

The offer of free freight, customs clearance, "tea money" and the myriad of other challenges in getting a container to Cambodia was made by a "freight angel". All our club had to do was pack it.

Energetically and enthusiastically I called Laurie Fisher at DIK who was 100% willing to help. This assistance from both he and David Dippie have continued. They and the rest of the Team willingly provided many hours each week advising, supervising and recommending strategies. 2 days a week for 3 weeks allowed the necessary sorting, packing and labelling to prepare the items. The container was finally packed in only 4 hours; chock a block full with not an inch of wasted space, because of their expert instruction.

Initially I made life difficult by asking District 9800 clubs to donate, and to bring the donations to DIK, before checking what was available. A coordinated approach where I had availed DIK resources before asking for more donations would have been better. Laurie and David were patient though and placed bins at the front of the warehouse for "drop offs".

I want to thank the people who helped with donation, some of the items were not suitable for Cambodia, but will be valuable for other projects. The people are small so clothing and shoes also need to be small. There is no electricity in most rural areas. The volunteers at DIK sort clothes into sizes, gender and season. Rotarians packing a container are invited to pick off the shelves a box of goods specific for their needs. This is also the case for hospital supplies, toys, stationery and books. The warehouse has a steady stream of goods coming in and going out.

I also learned that only a few clubs financially support this project and make generous contribution to every Club project by subsidizing the rent. We all benefit though in some way and should all contribute....and not just through donations.

So what I would recommend....

- Each President Elect budget to contribute to DIK rent;
- That clubs with donations either email or phone Laurie or David to ascertain the suitability of their goods before loading up the trailer;
- Rotarians consider volunteering for a few hours at DIK.
- Every Club consider doing a DIK project.

Despite being very busy as club secretary, bulletin editor & EWO committee chair I have been so influenced and inspired by DIK's "usefulness" that I have committed to a day a week...

I urge you all to find out more about this treasure of our district.



Laurie packing the container to the max



RC Melbourne South team led by President Russel Barnes



Children have to walk over 10 kms to school - now they can ride





ROTARY CLUB OF ESSENDON MYANMAR 2012

By Stephen Roe & Anne Rogers

The country of Myanmar (formerly Burma) has received significant press coverage since its government recently announced a range of political reforms. This has led to enormous growth in the tourist trade as people from around the world flock to experience the former British colony, many parts of which remain unchanged since independence was gained in 1948.

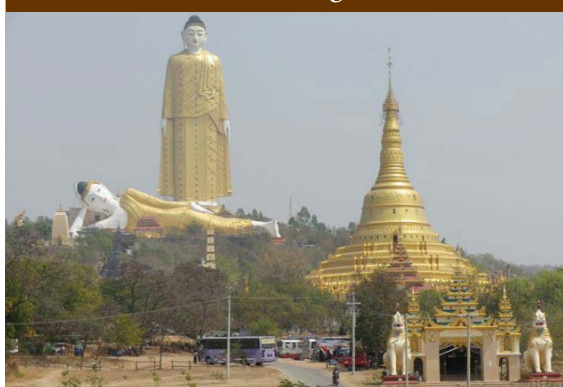
However, The Rotary Club of Essendon has travelled to Myanmar annually since 2001 providing much-needed support to hospitals, schools and orphanages. March 2012 marked the 13th delegation to Myanmar and a group of 21 members, partners and supporters took part in the trip. President Stephen Roe said that his club had developed a strong relationship with local officials in Yangon (Rangoon) and was widely respected for its efforts in this desperately impoverished country.

'While some funds are generated from Club ventures, many external benefactors have heard of what we have achieved over the years and have generously supported our activities', Stephen said. 'Our long standing commitment to Myanmar has been of enormous benefit to many, with donated hospital equipment alone saving the lives of thousands of children'.

During the latest delegation, cash and 'in kind' donations valued at



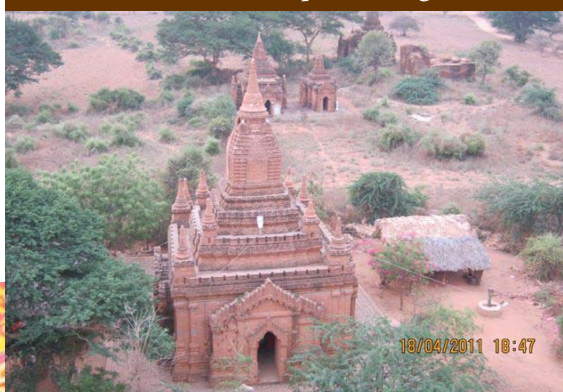
Central Rangoon



World's longest reclining Buddha



Traditional transport in Bagan



Pagodas in Bagan

over USD255,000 were distributed. Equipment included an ultra sound machine, eight foetal dopplers, three oxygen concentrators, three vital signs monitors and two ECG machines along with a large quantity of consumables for previously donated machines. Some cash donations are used to purchase new equipment through a trusted French medical supply company which has an office in Yangon. The advantage with these latter purchases is an accompanying lifetime servicing guarantee, ensuring that maximum benefit is derived from the equipment.

Annual visits are essential to ensure that medical equipment donated during previous trips is still functioning. Further support is provided to long-term beneficiaries and potential projects are also visited allowing assessment of both the need for assistance and Rotary's ability to respond. 'On-going follow-up is vital to the success of our work as we can then report back to our donors to assure them that their money is being applied in the most effective way', Stephen said.

In what was a very busy schedule, 10 separate donation ceremonies were conducted and the delegation also visited local businesses and culturally significant sites. The beneficiaries of the Rotary Club of Essendon's efforts will be presented in coming editions of 'Networker'.



D9800 Youth Exchange Needs

By Vanda Mullen, D9800 Director New Generations

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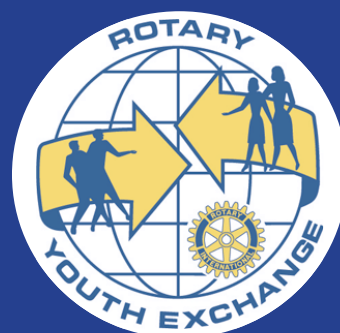
Nominate Your Club to Sponsor and Host Today!

Your D9800 Youth Exchange committee is currently receiving applications for students wishing to travel overseas for 12 months on an educational and cultural Rotary exchange. These talented and well qualified young people aim to represent Rotary as ambassadors, to advance international understanding, goodwill and peace. The application closing date has been extended until 21st May 2012. There is no cost to your club if you wish to sponsor an Outgoing student for travel during 2013.

Presentation teams consisting of Rotarians and current Inbound Youth Exchange students, as well as former exchange students (ROTEX) are available to attend your club meeting now. They are keen to provide further information for you about sponsoring or hosting opportunities, which will enhance your Rotary Service during 2012-2013 and maximize your Family of Rotary.

For further information, please contact Ray and Margaret Paulsen (03) 5443-0047 or view www.rotaryyouthexchangeaustralia.com.au and "Letters From Abroad", our D9800 Youth Exchange publications for 2011 and 2012, which are available from the D9800 New Generations website pages.

Please contact District Director D9800 New Generations Vanda Mullen vmullen@netspace.net.au for additional information, if you wish make a difference to a young person's life by supporting Rotary D9800 Youth Exchange.



Welcome New Member

Brighton North RC welcomed an Honorary Member and Paul Harris Fellow, Professor Martin Delatycki, Director, Clinical Genetics, Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital. He is seen here flanked by Jill and Ian Lawrence, and George and Joan Lefroy.

Photo by Russell Brewer of Montrouge Photography.





Register online for the 2012 RI Convention in Bangkok

More than 35,000 Rotarians have registered for the 2012 RI Convention in Bangkok, Thailand, 6-9 May. And you can still join them by registering online through 1 May.

For the first time ever, a convention plenary session will be available live online. The third plenary session, celebrating milestones in Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio, will be available through a live webcast at 09:15 on 8 May (in Thailand) A recording of the webcast will be available later that day.

The convention will feature several keynote speakers: microfinance pioneer Muhammad Yunus, Hugh Evans, cofounder and CEO of the Global Poverty Project; Gillian Sorensen, senior adviser at the United Nations Foundation; Angelique Kidjo, a Grammy award-winning entertainer and humanitarian; and Amanda Martin, curriculum coordinator and teacher at the Global Health Access Program.



Gillian Sorensen (above top), senior adviser at the United Nations Foundation and microfinance pioneer Muhammad Yunus (above), will be among the speakers at the convention in Bangkok.

Notices/Events

THE ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE 2012

The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a multi-district leadership development program which seeks to have Rotary Clubs identify those Rotarians who seem to have the potential for future club leadership (not necessarily as club presidents) and provide those so identified with a quality education in Rotary knowledge and leadership skills for voluntary organisations.

The course dates for the first six months of the 2012 are as follows:

Part 1 Sunday February 26 & Sunday March 25

Part 2 Sunday April 15 & Sunday April 29

Part 3 Sunday May 27 & Sunday June 17

Please contact the RLI Registrar Vicki Teschke at vicki.t@tacobill.com.au to register for any of these sessions.

PIE AND PORT NIGHT

Saturday 5 May, Rotary Club of Rochester will be holding their Legendary Pie and Port night.

To be held at the Rochester Fire Station Function Rooms– albeit fire appliance building.

Commencing at 6.00–7.00 pm all are invited for a evening of fellowship, country produced fine fare along with appropriate choices of wines and port to complement fine food.

At the country price of \$27 per person come along and support Rotary Club of Rochester annual fundraiser, fellowship filled evening. Perhaps its time to make it a weekend in the country by enjoying a River Cruise by day, Pie and Port by night and a Country market on travelling home on Sunday. Further information contact Community Director Heather 03 54 841147. E-mail ghwatson1@bigpond.com.au

More info: http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/notices_and_events



CAFE INTERNATIONAL

Saturday 5 May 6.30pm at International House, 241 Royal Parade, Parkville Vic 3052.

\$80 for three course dinner with wine and great entertainment. **RSVP by 23 April** and buy ticket contact Luciana by email orrl@unimelb.edu.au or fill in the attached form and fax/email directly. Each year in early May the students organise Café International – a cabaret style evening providing entertainment all evening with a 3 course dinner with wine. Having your Rotary club book a table or two not only gives the students confidence and great satisfaction by entertaining you all evening but also gives much needed financial support to student resources and a nominated charity; previously the deserving organisation has been Interplast. This year another organisation supported by Rotary – Alola will receive the donation. **Cafe letter to Rotary 2012.pdf** **Booking Form Cafe 2012.pdf**



ROTARY CLUB OF KEILOR – CAR & VINTAGE BIKE SHOW

Sunday 6 May 2012 from 9am to 1.30pm. At the Keilor Hotel, Cnr Old Calder Highway & Arabin St, Keilor (Melways Map 14, J6).

Entry Costs: Display Cars \$20 (includes driver + 1 passenger),

Bikes \$10 – free snag & soft drink for driver/riders).

Admission – \$5 per person (Under 16 – free)

Contact: Joe Raimondo – Mob: 0418 349 465

Email: jraimondo@trillium.com.au More information: www.rotarykeilor.org.au

Lots of award categories for entered cars & bikes. Great entertainment for the whole family with lots of exceptional cars & bikes, kids entertainment, craft stalls, food & refreshments & Western region Concert Band. For more information: http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/Rotary_Keilor_Carshow.pdf



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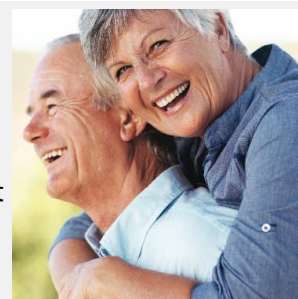
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FREE RELATIONSHIP HEALTH SEMINAR

INTIMACY/SEXUALITY PROSTATE CANCER

Tuesday 8 May 2012. Featuring: David Parkin – Men's Health Educator, Chris Love – Urological Surgeon, Bettina Arndt – Clinical Psychologist & Sex Therapist. **Enquiries and/or bookings: 9575 5322** Bookings recommended. **RSVP 1 May 2012.** ALL WELCOME. Disabled Access. Presented by Bayside Kingston Prostate Cancer Support Group & Bentleigh Bayside Prostate Cancer Partners Support Group. Panel Discussion. **Registration:** from 6.30pm. **Time:** 7.00pm. **Cost:** Free. **Where:** Sandringham Football Club Beach Road, Sandringham Mel Ref: 76F8



'BACK TO THE 70S'

The Rotary Club of Glenferrie is holding a 'Back to the 70s' dinner dance to raise funds for the Sumba Eye Program. It will be held on **Saturday 12 May** from 7pm – 11.30pm, at Genazzano Centenary Hall, Genazzano FCJ College, Cotham Rd Kew. Delicious food and live performance by the deGENERates band. BYO drinks (wine can be purchased at the event). Cost \$60 per head cheque or eftpos, \$61 per head Credit Card. Tickets are available from Kim Andrews at lif1544@bigpond.net.au or 0409861884. Come along and bring your friends! For more info: – <http://www.glenferrierotary.org.au/news/694>



FOOTSCRAY RC 75TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Melbourne Town Hall, Thursday, 17 May. \$85 all inclusive. RSVP by 20th April to Lawrence Atley, 5985 1055, 0418554058. Email: Lawrence@lawrenceatley.com.au For more info: [http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/Footscray 75th.pdf](http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/Footscray%2075th.pdf)

AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH HAT DAY

is scheduled for 18 May ... For ideas and details see flyer:
[Australian Rotary Health Hat Day.jpg](#)



CYSTIC FIBROSIS DINNER DANCE

Saturday 19 May, 6:30pm to 12 midnight. Moonee Valley Racecourse, The Inner Circle Room
Cost: \$80 per head, \$75 per head for a booking of 10 or more, \$90 per head with a Corporate package for 10 or more. RSVP Date and Contact Details: Bookings open now online at www.trybooking.com/BCJE and close 12 May. Website or link for more information: <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~keilor/>
All funds raised will be used for much needed refurbishment and equipment for the Alfred Hospital Lung Transplant Rehabilitation Centre and for CF support services provided by Cystic Fibrosis (Victoria). More info: <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/Cystic%20Fibrosis%20Function%20Flyer.White.pdf>

TRIVIA NIGHT

Rotary Club of Hawthorn is holding a Trivia Night at Box Hill Golf Club, 202 Station Street, Box Hill on **Monday 21 May:** 7pm for 7.30pm. The beneficiaries of this fundraiser are ROMAC and RCH charities. Apart from the trivia questions which will get you thinking, attendees will be given a delicious supper and be entertained by Marney McQueen, who is one of Australia's up and coming comedienne and satirists. Having trained with Barry Humphries, Marney's show exhibits the same kind of attributes. **Cost is \$45 per person.** Enquiries to **Richard Groom 9888 4099** or **Noel Halford 0419 018 901**
Invitation to the Rotary Club of Hawthorn's Fun Trivia Event 21 May 2012.pdf



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PUBLIC SPEAKING COURSE PRESENTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF BRIMBANK CENTRAL

Sunday 3 June 2012 8.30am for 9.00amconcludes at 4.45pm. Keilor East RSL Club, 12/22 Hoffmanns Road, Essendon 3040. Cost: \$60.00pp includes all catering, personal manual, handouts and certificate Bookings Close 28th May. Contact President David Bennett 0412 388 823 or davidbennett47@gmail.com for further details or a registration form. We only take 10 people per program to ensure full participation of everyone – if more people are interested another program will be scheduled to accommodate them. The program is interactive and will ensure that people are able to confidently prepare and make a short speech or announcement at any type of meeting or function.

<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/Public%20Speaking%20Flyer%20June%202012.pdf>

DG CHANGEOVER LUNCH

Sunday 1st July, 2012 at 10.30am

(tea/coffee on arrival) for 11.00am Sharp start

Plenty Ranges Arts & Convention Centre,

35 Ferres Boulevard, South Morang (Melway 183 A1)

\$75.00 per person – Early Bird Special \$65.00 per person to 8th June

● **RSVP: 15th June**

● **Bookings:** 9217 2317 or www.plentyrangestheatre.com.au

The 2012 Changeover will be an enjoyable and memorable event as it will balance the main elements of formality together with a great opportunity to meet and greet.

For invite: http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/Rotary_Changeover_Invite_2012.pdf



RIDE TO CONQUER CANCER

The Ride to Conquer Cancer needs volunteers for its inaugural Ride in Victoria.

It's a two-day event on **October 27/28** and volunteers are needed to help at the opening ceremonies, overnight camp and finish line stages to support the participants. Volunteer positions are based on a 4–6 hour shift and are flexible for times. You don't need to be a cyclist, just kind of heart.

Crew are also needed. If you can't ride but would still like to be a part of the weekend event, being a crew member is the perfect way to help. There's a \$50 registration fee that goes straight to the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre and you get hot showers, hot food and a cosy tent for Saturday night.

All money raised by the riders and crew goes directly into cancer research programs at Peter Mac. To find out how you can help call 1300 00 7433 or visit www.conquercancer.org.au



GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE 2012 – 2013

OUTBOUND GSE TEAM AND TEAM LEADER APPLICATIONS

In the Rotary year 2012–13 we will be exchanging Teams with D1080 in the UK which is in the vicinity of the Cambridge–Norwich area. The Outbound Team will leave on or about the **6 October 2012** and return on or about the **3 November 2012**. Applications for both the Team Leader and Team Members are now listed on the District web site www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au –

Application forms are also available by contacting the GSE Chair Anne Peace at fairway@iinet.net.au

For more info: http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/group_study_exchange

COMPUTERS 4 KIDS NEED YOUR HELP

They urgently need modern computers to recycle, (no more than 6–7 years old), monitors – preferably 'flat screen' to reduce shipping cost; matching connection cables; electrical leads; desktop printers and laptop PC's that work. Home computers are very acceptable, but please think about corporate opportunities where large numbers are being replaced. Donations can be delivered to the West Footscray Donations In Kind Store on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For further information please contact the Rotary C4K&C team Tel: 9337 4710 or email: mailto:dwjewats2@y7mail.com



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HEALTHPLAYS FREE TO ROTARY CLUBS

Bay Street Productions are offering D9800 Rotary clubs an opportunity to conduct a free performance of a play with a health message. Clubs can select from either the men's diabetes play – 'Six Degrees of Diabetes' or the prostate cancer play – 'For Better For Worse'. The men's diabetes play has the added support of a Diabetes Victoria Educator who will provide information to attendees and speak during the discussion forum that follows the play.

For more info: <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/HealthPlays.pdf>



THE SCIENCE EXPERIENCE **Three days of hands-on science in universities and tertiary institutions for Year 9 and 10 students in 2011.**

Each program is designed to provide students who have an interest in science with an opportunity to engage in a wide range of hands-on science activities under the guidance of scientists who love their work.

Seimens Science Summer Schools and Science Summer School are one and the same – just the name has changed. Read about it at: <http://www.scienceexperience.com.au/>

THE 2010-2011 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL AND THE ROTARY FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT 2010-11

www.rotary.org/annualreport

ROTARY CLUB OF CHADSTONE EAST MALVERN – TEMPORARY CHANGE OF MEETING LOCATION.

The Club will meet at 6pm for 6.30pm on Wednesdays at the **East Malvern RSL, Stanley Grose Dr, Malvern East**. If you get lost, call the Club on **9571 4318**, **Andrew Hunter** on **0418 540 086** or **Paul Rake** on **0409 937 080**. The change is expected to last for three months. Renovations are about to start on short notice at the Matthew Flinders Hotel. Melway Ref:

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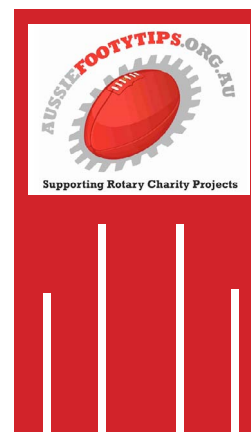
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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yx9g2N4cOxY&feature=colike>



ROCHESTER FLOOD RELIEF

Graeme Nelson, Rotary Club of Rochester sent the following notice:

Grant Hocking, Director of Community Service said to let you know when I was ready to start. I'm now organized to start doing the last of the flood recovery work: Fencing and general tidy up jobs.

If anyone would like to help it would be much appreciated.

They could either email me (nelsongj@bigpond.net.au) or phone mobile 0428842008

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A publication for
Rotarians and
all community
minded people

DG Weekly Message

Building the Ideal Club

In Rotary, every Club is different. There is no "ideal" Club model, but we know that successful Clubs share some things in common. So if we were to build an "ideal" Club or be bold enough to look at our own Club and say "let's make this great", where would we start?

Let's take a look.

A Starting Point

Some might think that members would be the first place you start. Let's get lots and lots of members. But the truth is, you could start with hundreds of members, but unless you engage them and give them some sort of feeling that what they are doing is worthwhile, you would quickly lose them. A Club with even a few members can quickly grow if it has purpose and passion. These are the two ingredients any Club must find if it wishes to meet its potential.

Unleashing Passion

A Club that has purpose and passion has a message, a vibe, an image, a culture and a climate straight away that it can convey to the outside world. It says "we LOVE doing THIS" and immediately positions the Club as the place to be if others love doing THIS as well. Ask people anywhere about what sort of people they like to meet and they will often tell you "people who are passionate" – they are inspired by them. The same goes for organisations – people are more attracted to organisations that are passionate and inspire the same in them.

The secret for every Club is to ensure your Club's passions aren't locked away only to be seen once a year during a momentary project and to ensure that those inspired by your passion are able to develop and pursue their own passions when they join your Club. There is no better way to increase passion in your Club than to help those with fresh inspiration to pursue something they are passionate about. Make it a priority to launch the dreams of your new members and you will likely soon see not just more new members, but more inspired and passionate long-term members.

Convey A Purpose

What is the point of your Club? If you can't answer this question in a simple sentence or two, let alone a word or two, then you've probably lost the attention of those on the outside. Whether it's stating that your Club "is the most efficient and effective way to give back", that "giving has never been this much fun!", or that you provide "A close network of people who help each other make the world a better place", your purpose should be a clear reason why others would want to be part of your Club.

Show Your Most Attractive Side

Think of any advertisement you've recently read, watched on T.V., heard on the radio or have seen out and about.

Marketeers have worked hard to bring you information wrapped in an attractive packaging with a clear call to action. They convince you that a simple formula exists: You + The Product = Ideal You. And they're smart about it - they pitch the message to the target audience they wish to attract using attractive models that their target audience can relate to or wish to emulate.

In advertising Rotary, we need to be doing the same – use attractive depictions of our "product" to attract our target audience. We won't capture an idealistic and community minded 27-year old female who has a passion for ending polio by showing her pictures of someone she cannot relate to who is depicted doing things that don't inspire her.

Think about where you are depicting this image too - it's not just your website, but your public projects, club meetings, brochures and introductory material, social media and everything else you do. If it ain't attractive, it ain't ideal. Always ask, is there a better alternative?

If nothing else, remember that big warm smiles, happiness and a welcoming attitude are things that everyone can relate to, are attractive and are products that most people would love to possess themselves. Include them in everything!

Don't Forget a Call to Action

Don't forget to ask people to come and visit, to share their dreams with you, to volunteer alongside Rotary in your projects, to take part in your initiatives, to come and speak at your Club, to "like" your Club on Facebook and subscribe to your news feeds or to simply join your Club.

It All Adds Up to a Simple Formula

Decide what you want to be great at. Be passionate about being great at it. Do great things and do them often. Show great people the great things you do and invite them (in great ways!) to do great things too.

...and that's the simple formula to an ideal Club.

Yours in Rotary

Keith Ryall
District Governor (2011-2012)
Rotary District 9800



District Governor Keith Ryall
and Gabrielle

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Clarice Caricare

Do you have a letter for Clarice? Is something on your mind?

Send Clarice an email at clarice@rotarydistrict9800.org.au



May is Australian Rotary Health Research Month



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity



Camp Getaway Update

By Paul Kirkpatrick, Chair - Camp Getaway

Camp Getaway (Rotary D9800) received fantastic support over the weekend on April 28/29th with members of the Rotary clubs of Werribee and Laverton/Point Cook achieving a comprehensive range of tasks including completion of shade sail and installation of soft fall mulch in the children's playground area. Assisted by PDG Colin Muir, the Werribee crew also relocated existing playground equipment to new area.

Preparation works for the new kitchen project continued with partial site clearance for associated buildings being undertaken with a bobcat organised by RC Werribee members. The bobcat was also used to undertake preliminary work on a bocce rink and a volleyball court, which will be complementary to the new mini-golf course.

The crew from RC Laverton/Point Cook made great use of the wood-splitter to get a stockpile of firewood for the cold winter ahead. Many other maintenance jobs were also completed around the camp site.

This week, RC North Balwyn will be hosting the Belmore Special School at Camp Getaway, using some of their nights of 'credit' following their earlier generous donation to the kitchen rebuilding project.

As the Rotary year draws to an end, clubs are reminded that donations to the kitchen rebuilding project would be most appreciated. Currently we have around \$97,000 worth of donations and pledges for the \$140,000 project. Donations can be mailed to the Camp Getaway Treasurer, John Flood, at 11 Bignold Ave, Bendigo, 3550.

http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/20120503_camp_getaway



Thai Royalty opens 2012 RI Convention in Bangkok

By Ryan Hyland

Rotary International News, 6 May 2012

A royal appearance kicked off the 2012 RI Convention in Bangkok, Thailand, 6 May, where Rotarians gathered to celebrate past accomplishments and future friendships.

Her Royal Highness Princess Chulabhorn (at right) represented His Majesty the King at the opening ceremony, thanking Rotarians for their good work around the world.

"I'm truly impressed by the unity of all Rotarians in devoting themselves to charity work in a spirit of selfless benevolence and dedication as befits Rotary's own motto, Service Above Self," said Princess Chulabhorn. "I am confident that your unwavering commitment and good intentions will reap due reward for our common cause."

RI President Kalyan Banerjee presented the princess with a gift of appreciation. Flags of the 200 countries and regions where Rotary clubs serve their communities were presented on stage, followed by a performance of the national anthem of Thailand by Thai pop music star Tata Young.

In his opening remarks, Banerjee said Rotary is stronger today than it was at the beginning of his presidential term.

"I came into this year determined to make a difference, to leave Rotary stronger at the end of my year. And those goals were met," said Banerjee.



"But if there is one thing I have learned in this incredible year, it is that the changes that I have seen, the lives that have been touched haven't been because of me. They have been because of you."

Banerjee praised the Rotary projects that he and his wife, Binota, saw during their travels throughout the year, sharing how overwhelmed with pride and joy he was for their great work.

http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/120506_IC12_opening.aspx



RI Convention in Bangkok

By Dr Gordon Cheyne, RC Hawthorn

PP Penny Broome of Malvern RC led a group of Rotarians to the Bangkok Convention, and then on to Chang Mai.

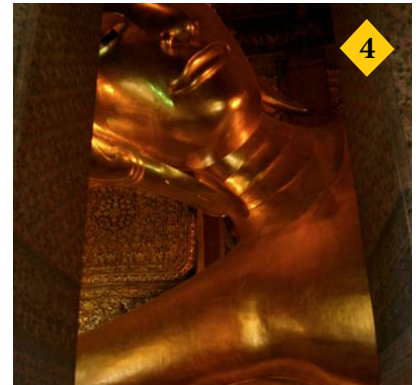
Bangkok was certainly hot, and the Convention was an enlightenment for first-time convention-goers, and an opportunity to renew friendships among returning Rotarians. There were frequent opportunities to meet Rotarians who we had previously only known by name and reputation, such as PRIP Frank Devlyn, a larger-than-life Irish-Mexican, who donates money from the sale of his books to the Rotary Foundation.

We saw Pagodas and Palaces, and numerous statues of Buddha, some of them huge! A tour of the canals and a puppet show completed our sightseeing before the Convention was officially opened by Her Royal Highness Princess Chulabhorn.

A number of social events such as the Down-Under Breakfast, Frank Devlyn's Amigos Reunion Dinner and the Rotary Foundation Major Donor Dinner at the flower-bedecked Shangri-La Hotel, were mixed with inspiring speeches and entertainment. Breaks in the House of Friendship kept us busy right up to the final session, when Incoming RI President Sakuji Tanaka outlined his plans for his term, which begins 1 July. Tanaka will ask Rotarians to achieve Peace through Service.

The House of Friendship had a huge array of stands, representing many Rotary Action Groups, and I personally enjoyed a day assisting at the Maternal and Child Health Booth. A project by the Rotarian Action Group for Population and Development in Northern Nigeria has reduced maternal mortality by over 60%, and perinatal mortality by over 15%. Problems of literacy are being avoided by using picture-books to assist in teaching basic Anatomy and Physiology, and once a number of Community Health Workers and Traditional Birth Attendants are trained, they can move on to "Train the Trainer" to ensure the program is self-sustaining.

So back to Melbourne, where we were welcomed by a chilly weekend, but at least where the traffic moves along. I commend a RI Convention to every Rotarian: consider next year in Lisbon, or the following year in Sydney.



1. Virginia and Sheila enjoying a cool drink on the canal tour
2. Chanting Monks at the Golden Buddha
3. Puppet Show
4. The Reclining Buddha is REALLY BIG
5. Tour guide Mo was a fund of knowledge
6. D9800 was well-represented at the Amigos Reunion Dinner
7. Maternal and Child Health Stand
8. Some of Penny Broome's group enjoying a de-luxe Thai meal at The Blue Elephant



ROTARY CLUB OF ESSENDON MYANMAR 2012

By Stephen Roe & Anne Rogers

Monday morning saw the commencement of the official program. The first stop was The Yangon Central Women's Hospital, a new project which had been suggested by club member and long-time Myanmar advocate, **Timothy Anderson**. As well as providing patient care, the YCWH is also a tertiary teaching hospital. Being the inaugural visit to this facility, its needs were unknown but as with most establishments of its kind in Myanmar, it was under-resourced and the staff were very grateful for the equipment which was supplied. A tour of the hospital revealed the areas of greatest need which will be considered for further support.

A visit was then made to the Yangon office of the 'Myanmar Times', a local newspaper headed by an Australian, Ross Dunkley. The newspaper featured in an ABC documentary which aired earlier this year entitled 'Dancing with Dictators'. The travelling party received a candid and entertaining briefing from the International Editor about the political changes in Myanmar and the resulting effects on censorship and news reporting in that country.

Next stop was French medical supply company Europ Continents (now known as Okkar Thiri Co. Ltd.) This visit is made each year, hosted by Managing Director Dr San San Yi through whom we source much equipment, and whose friendship and wise counsel is invaluable. It would not be possible for the club to achieve its aims in Myanmar without her knowledge and assistance. San San provided an update on her company's activities in Myanmar, and funds were handed to her for equipment and consumables.

Tuesday's program meant an early start with quite a drive to the Hope for Myanmar Children's Orphanage. Run by a Christian couple, it houses 35 children varying in age from 5 to 11 years with an even mix of boys



Yangon Central Women's Hospital



Haggling for rice



A room of happy kids



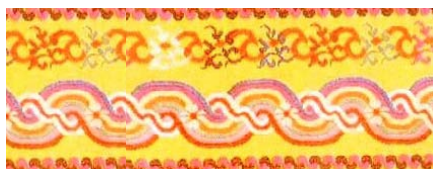
*Pres. Stephen Roe with
Ambassador Bronte Moules*

and girls. On the way, we stopped in a small town and purchased 500kg of rice, onions and cooking oil which was enough to last the orphanage three months. The children were presented with gifts of hats from the Herald Sun and Essendon Football Club, as well as bears, pens and clocks which had been donated to DIK by the SIDS foundation. The orphanage had some irrigation equipment and a water pump but could not afford to pay a plumber to make the necessary connections. USD250 was donated to complete the required work, and the orphanage will be visited again next year to ensure the equipment is in place and working - part of the important follow-up whenever cash is handed over

Next on the agenda was the 'Colourful Girls', a project which aims to improve the status and prospects of vulnerable girls and young women through education and empowerment. This is a wonderful program run by American Brooke Zobrist, and provides the girls with the ability and knowledge to avoid at-risk activities and exploitation, to make strategic life decisions, envision a better future and to help one another reach their potential. We were split into smaller groups and were able to sit in on the various activities taking place on that particular day. A donation was made to assist Brooke in her magnificent work.

Duties of a diplomatic nature then called as we had been invited to an official reception at the residence of the Australian Ambassador. A strong and valued relationship has been established with Ambassador Bronte Moules who has embraced the efforts of The Rotary Club of Essendon and has provided significant support to its activities since her appointment in January 2011. Delegates had the opportunity to speak with several embassy staffers and spread the good word of Rotary a little wider.

To be continued.....





Update of the D9800 SPEAKER BANK

Dear Rotarians,

Welcome to an update of the D9800 Speaker Bank.

Do you have corrections or additions, updates or feedback regarding speakers? ***Please let us know.***

AND.....

Do you know who **your** Club's Program Director will be for the next Rotary year?

Please let us know.

Thanks to:

- Gordon Clarence (RC Laverton Point Cook)
- Kathy Roberts (RC Williamstown)
- David Shave (RC Kew On Yarra)
- Geoff Smith (RC Werribee)

for letting us know their Program Director details for the next Rotary year.

Kind Regards

Jill Weeks

D9800 Speaker Bank Committee

Thanks to Sophie Potasz from the Rotary Club of Caulfield for suggesting the following speaker, Penelope Whiteley.

Sophie writes:

'We had an interesting and entertaining speaker, Penelope Whiteley, speaking about Ageing Disgracefully. Penelope is an actress, writer, business woman, photographer, traveller and speaker.

Penelope Whiteley

'Penelope is an **extraordinary** woman with a wealth of achievements in many diverse fields; from actress to CEO of a music publishing company, to writer and producer for **TV** and **Radio**. She started her company **Aging Disgracefully** 18 months ago, as a result of the life changes she experienced when she became a woman of a certain age.

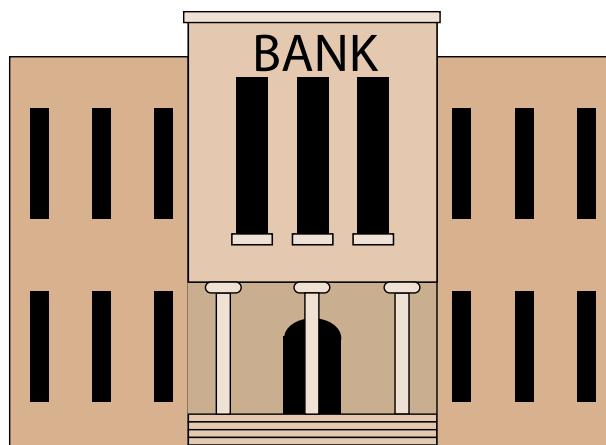
She is regularly interviewed on radio and is invited to speak to audiences ranging from business women to entrepreneurs, and from Rotary organisations to personal styling groups, at inspirational and empowering events. She also runs her own workshops including:

The Experience of a Lifetime.

Some of the topics on which Penelope speaks are:

- Inspiration
- Motivation
- **Passion**
- Women's Issues
- Work/Life Balance
- Exercise & Nutrition
- Mind/Body/Spirit
- Self-care
- Stress management
- Style - for Life and for Personal Dressing for the skin you're in ...
- Voice and Stage Presentation

Contact: Penelope Whiteley: Mobile: 0417 43 23 75





TOYS

FOR

CHILDREN

From David Dipple

Taking gifts for children on overseas trips is challenging. Donations In Kind have received six pallets of toys that are perfect for this purpose. They are small lightweight bundles of joy that are ideal to carry on a plane.

These photos are from a trip that the Essendon Rotary Club made to Burma and highlight the pleasure that these gifts provide.

If a Club is planning a trip reserve some now. Or if a Club is looking for a great value for money project \$20 will send 1-200 toys to an orphanage.

Contact: dik.vic.rotary@gmail.com

For more info: http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/20120514_dik_toys





From Jim Noy, Secretary/Treasurer of the Rotary Club of Woodend

Paul Harris Fellow

Grant Hocking, member of Woodend Rotary, was presented with a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Club of Woodend in recognition of his many years of service with the Club and other organisations.

Royce Abbey Award

Peter Willmott, member of Woodend Rotary, was presented with a Royce Abbey Award by the Rotary Club of Woodend in recognition of his contribution, enthusiasm and commitment to the ideals of Rotary.

Notices/Events

THE ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE 2012

The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a multi-district leadership development program which seeks to have Rotary Clubs identify those Rotarians who seem to have the potential for future club leadership (not necessarily as club presidents) and provide those so identified with a quality education in Rotary knowledge and leadership skills for voluntary organisations.

The course dates for the first six months of the 2012 are as follows:

Part 1 Sunday February 26 & Sunday March 25

Part 2 Sunday April 15 & Sunday April 29

Part 3 Sunday May 27 & Sunday June 17

Please contact the RLI Registrar Vicki Teschke at vicki.t@tacobill.com.au to register for any of these sessions.

FOOTSCRAY RC 75TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Melbourne Town Hall, Thursday, 17 May. \$85 all inclusive. RSVP by 20th April to Lawrence Atley, 5985 1055, 0418554058. Email: Lawrence@lawrenceatley.com.au

For more info: [http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/Footscray 75th.pdf](http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/Footscray%2075th.pdf)

AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH HAT DAY

is scheduled for 18 May ... For ideas and details see flyer:

[Australian Rotary Health Hat Day.jpg](#)



CYSTIC FIBROSIS DINNER DANCE

Saturday 19 May, 6:30pm to 12 midnight. Moonee Valley Racecourse, The Inner Circle Room

Cost: \$80 per head, \$75 per head for a booking of 10 or more, \$90 per head with a Corporate package for 10 or more. RSVP Date and Contact Details: Bookings open now online at www.trybooking.com/BCJE and close 12 May. Website or link for more information: <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~keilor/>

All funds raised will be used for much needed refurbishment and equipment for the Alfred Hospital Lung Transplant Rehabilitation Centre and for CF support services provided by Cystic Fibrosis (Victoria). More info: <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/Cystic%20Fibrosis%20Function%20Flyer.White.pdf>

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL – DISTRICT 9800 ASSEMBLY

Baden Powell College, Tarneit Sunday 20 May, 2012 – 81 Baden Powell Drive, Tarneit 3209

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY – For all 2012–2013 Rotary Club Leaders and New Members

Sunday 20th May, 2012 8:00 am to 1:00 pm Morning Tea and BBQ Lunch Included

Baden Powell College: Melways 202 G. Ample parking available. Look for Rotary marshals to direct you.

For further information contact District Assembly Chair Greg Matthews 0419 597 780

For more information and registration form: http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/notices_and_events

BEE AWARE! PROJECT – NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 23 May Time – 8pm

The Rotary Club of Caulfield considered a number of eco-projects for 2012–2013 and concluded that the most dire situation was in relation to losses of the Honey Bee and resultant decimation of agricultural and horticultural industries. As part of its Bee Aware! project, the Rotary Club of Caulfield established the Glen Eira Honey Bee Interest Group to foster interest in bee keeping and the need to maintain healthy local urban bee populations. Among several aims, the Project seeks to encourage the establishment of such groups in as many municipalities as possible and that Bee Keepers comply with the 2011 Apiary Code.

Next Meeting of the Glen Eira Honey Bee Interest Group, hosted by the Rotary Club of Caulfield, to which all are welcome– **Speaker:** Adrian Dent, South Eastern Suburbs Permaculture Group–“The Importance of Cross Pollination and Planting Bee Friendly Plants in Urban Areas.” **Location:** Meeting Room at Koornang Uniting Church, 117 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena. Gold coin donation. Enquiries– rotarycaulfield@gmail.com

SPECIAL EVENT – AFGHANISTAN

When: TUESDAY 29 May 2012 Where: ROYAL MOTOR YACHT CLUB VIC

260 Nelson Pl WILLIAMSTOWN Melway P56D9 TEL: (Venue) 93975036

Time: 6.30pm for 7pm Cost: \$25 pp. 2 Course meal, drinks at bar prices.

3 Serving Officers: Captains CAHILL, POLITIS, and SMITH. Joint speakers

on their service in AFGHANISTAN in the last 18 months. A special 1 hour

presentation. RSVP: Fri 25th May 2012 to Jim Grouios Email: asapeng@bigpond.net.au

or Tel 9391 7800 Bookings are essential



THE AINGER PUBLIC SPEAKING AWARD FINALS

Tuesday, 29 May, 2012, 6.30pm for 7.00pm

Amora Hotel Riverwalk, 649 Bridge Road, Richmond

\$30.00 per head (includes a 2–course dinner) Payment on the night

The Ainger Award is open to secondary school students from interested schools in the Metropolitan Area. This competition is about effective speaking where the ability of the speaker to ‘communicate’ with the audience is being judged.

All welcome. It’s a great evening to bring along the young people in your life

Enquiries/bookings to RC Richmond Secretary, Jo Cowling,

email: jocowling@optusnet.com.au or 0438 305 611

For more info: http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/notices_and_events



Past President Ern Ain

GSE WELCOME HOME

The RC of Williamstown is hosting the Welcome Home function to our GSE Team from District 5230 in California USA.

The event is on Thursday 31st May 2012 at the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, 120 Nelson Place Williamstown, please see the attached flyer and booking sheet for more details and to reserve your Club’s places at this function.

For any additional information please contact – PDG Des Hosking on 0417 371 312 deshoskg@bigpond.net.au or DGND Murray Verso on 0417 595 217

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PUBLIC SPEAKING COURSE PRESENTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF BRIMBANK CENTRAL

Sunday 3 June 2012 8.30am for 9.00amconcludes at 4.45pm. Keilor East RSL Club, 12/22 Hoffmanns Road, Essendon 3040. Cost: \$60.00pp includes all catering, personal manual, handouts and certificate Bookings Close 28th May. Contact President David Bennett 0412 388 823 or davidbennett47@gmail.com for further details or a registration form. We only take 10 people per program to ensure full participation of everyone – if more people are interested another program will be scheduled to accommodate them. The program is interactive and will ensure that people are able to confidently prepare and make a short speech or announcement at any type of meeting or function.

<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/Public%20Speaking%20Flyer%20June%202012.pdf>

GLEN EIRA RC BUSINESS PERSON'S BREAKFAST

Guest Speaker: ROBERT GRAZIANO CEO Ford Australia

Thursday 7 June 2012 at 7.15am – 8.45am

Glen Eira Town Hall cnr Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield 3162

- Event Cost: \$50 pp
- RSVP Date and Contact Details: ongoing rsvp Garry Fabian 0419 306 820 or Basil Ornellas 0416 046 319

more information:

http://home.vicnet.net.au/~gleneira/public_html/Rotary_Club_of_Glen_Eira.html



DG CHANGEOVER LUNCH

Sunday 1st July, 2012 at 10.30am
(tea/coffee on arrival) for 11.00am Sharp start

Plenty Ranges Arts & Convention Centre,
35 Ferres Boulevard, South Morang
(Melway 183 A1) \$75.00 per person –
Early Bird Special \$65.00 per person to 8th June

- **RSVP: 15th June**
- **Bookings: 9217 2317**

or www.plentyrangestheatre.com.au

The 2012 Changeover will be an enjoyable and memorable event as it will balance the main elements of formality together with a great opportunity to meet and greet.

For invite: http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/Rotary_Changeover_Invite_2012.pdf



RIDE TO CONQUER CANCER

The Ride to Conquer Cancer needs volunteers for its inaugural Ride in Victoria.

It's a two-day event on **October 27/28** and volunteers are needed to help at the opening ceremonies, overnight camp and finish line stages to support the participants. Volunteer positions are based on a 4–6 hour shift and are flexible for times. You don't need to be a cyclist, just kind of heart.

Crew are also needed. If you can't ride but would still like to be a part of the weekend event, being a crew member is the perfect way to help. There's a \$50 registration fee that goes straight to the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre and you get hot showers, hot food and a cosy tent for Saturday night.

All money raised by the riders and crew goes directly into cancer research programs at Peter Mac. To find out how you can help call 1300 00 7433 or visit www.conquercancer.org.au



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GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE 2012 – 2013 OUTBOUND GSE TEAM AND TEAM LEADER APPLICATIONS

In the Rotary year 2012–13 we will be exchanging Teams with D1080 in the UK which is in the vicinity of the Cambridge–Norwich area. The Outbound Team will leave on or about the **6 October 2012** and return on or about the **3 November 2012**. Applications for both the Team Leader and Team Members are now listed on the District web site www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au –

Application forms are also available by contacting the GSE Chair Anne Peace at fairway@iinet.net.au

For more info: http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/group_study_exchange

COMPUTERS 4 KIDS NEED YOUR HELP

They urgently need modern computers to recycle, (no more than 6–7 years old), monitors – preferably ‘flat screen’ to reduce shipping cost; matching connection cables; electrical leads; desktop printers and laptop PC’s that work. Home computers are very acceptable, but please think about corporate opportunities where large numbers are being replaced. Donations can be delivered to the West Footscray Donations In Kind Store on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For further information please contact the Rotary C4K&C team Tel: 9337 4710 or email: mailto:dwjewats2@y7mail.com



HEALTHPLAYS FREE TO ROTARY CLUBS

Bay Street Productions are offering D9800 Rotary clubs an opportunity to conduct a free performance of a play with a health message. Clubs can select from either the men’s diabetes play – ‘Six Degrees of Diabetes’ or the prostate cancer play – ‘For Better For Worse’. The men’s diabetes play has the added support of a Diabetes Victoria Educator who will provide information to attendees and speak during the discussion forum that follows the play.

For more info: <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/HealthPlays.pdf>



THE SCIENCE EXPERIENCE Three days of hands-on science in universities and tertiary institutions for Year 9 and 10 students in 2011.

Each program is designed to provide students who have an interest in science with an opportunity to engage in a wide range of hands-on science activities under the guidance of scientists who love their work.

Seimens Science Summer Schools and Science Summer School are one and the same – just the name has changed. Read about it at: <http://www.scienceexperience.com.au/>

THE 2010–2011 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL AND THE ROTARY FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT 2010–11 – www.rotary.org/annualreport

ROTARY CLUB OF CHADSTONE EAST MALVERN – TEMPORARY CHANGE OF MEETING LOCATION.

The Club will meet at 6pm for 6.30pm on Wednesdays at the **East Malvern RSL, Stanley Grose Dr, Malvern East.**

If you get lost, call the Club on 9571 4318, **Andrew Hunter** on 0418 540 086 or **Paul Rake** on 0409 937 080.

The change is expected to last for 3 months. Renovations are about to start on short notice at the Matthew Flinders Hotel.

NEED A BBQ?

Rotary Club of Albert Park has a **purpose built BBQ facility**. Our record is 700 sausages per hour! Contact Chris Catchlove: chris@foodservex.com.au



CHANGE OF VENUE: FROM THURSDAY 17TH MAY THE ROTARY CLUB OF CAULFIELD WILL BE MEETING 12.30–12.45PM AT: **GLASS HOUSE, 1 STATION ST, CAULFIELD.**

ROTARY DISTRICT 9800 Events Calendar

For a full Notices & Events calendar, visit the following link: http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/notices_and_events

To submit Notices & Events, please send Clarice all the details at: clarice@rotarydistrict9800.org.au

**PUT YOUR FOOTY TIPPING SKILLS TO WORK FOR CHARITY.****\$5,000 Grand Prize – Big Weekly Winners**

Enjoy the fun of footy tipping all season long, win big prizes and help important charities like ROMAC that brings children with birth defects to Australia for medical treatment, the Australian Childhood Foundation that works to stop child abuse, Ovarian Cancer Research Foundation and other community projects.

Donate: Visit the www.aussiefootytips.org.au website and make a \$25 credit card donation.

You'll then need to become a registered player and will be eligible to tip each week for big prizes. \$5 will go to your nominated Rotary Club for local charity projects.

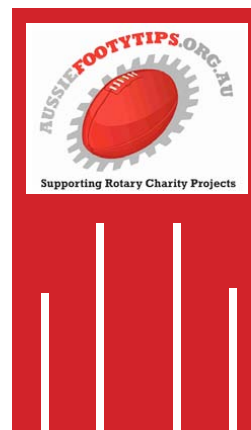
Tip: Just visit the website to enter your tips every week. You'll be kept fully updated with weekly and progressive totals, reminders, news and more.

Win: \$5,000 Grand Prize. \$1,000 second. \$500 third. Plus weekly vouchers to the value of \$100.

Register now at www.aussiefootytips.org.au

Here it is folks: our AussieFootyTips Commercial downloaded just for you:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yx9g2N4cOxY&feature=colike>

**ROCHESTER FLOOD RELIEF**

Graeme Nelson, Rotary Club of Rochester sent the following notice:

Grant Hocking, Director of Community Service said to let you know when I was ready to start. I'm now organized to start doing the last of the flood recovery work: Fencing and general tidy up jobs.

If anyone would like to help it would be much appreciated.

They could either email me (nelsongj@bigpond.net.au) or phone mobile 0428842008

Reader's Letters

Dear Clarice,

DG Keith has encouraged us to think about the way we operate and ways that we can improve. As you are a woman of the world with wide experience in Rotary matters, I seek your guidance. Having specific Rotary Months is a good idea as it encourages us to focus on specific topics, but how are the topics chosen and can they be changed? Having months for the Avenues of Service is logical, but what did Community and International do wrong? Few would argue that Membership and Foundation deserve attention. World Literacy is worthy but surely Fresh Water and Sewerage also deserve major billing. Does Rotary Awareness deserve its own month, or should this happen automatically when we promote the other months? Australian Rotary Health Research is something we should all be proud of and support, but we should feel the same way about ROMAC. World Understanding, Family of Rotary and World Understanding are nice but do they deserve a quarter of the year and what specifically are Members and Clubs going to do to make this happen.

My major concern is Magazine Month, what are we meant to do this month to make the world a better place? Having observed what has happened in England, is Rupert exerting control or is the problem closer to home? Could it be Ita or is the influence closer still, have you used your considerable charms to lead us in this direction?

It would be interesting to hear your thoughts and those of your readers on this question.

Yours Faithfully
PP David Dippie

Clarice Replies: *A good question, David.*

Rotary International seems to select the topics for the month, see <http://www.rotary.org/en/members/events/calendar/pages/ridefault.aspx> District 9800 has May as Australian Rotary Health Research Month, but July seems to be free for now.

**Notices****SITUATIONS VACANT**

Dedicated and experienced Rotarians are needed to assist in the management of the District affairs for 2013–2014.

Do you have a letter for Clarice?**Contact the Editor**

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DG Weekly Message

The 2012 Rotary International Convention in Bangkok recently concluded and I can report back that it was a truly inspirational event.

To see so many Rotarians from across the world in the one place is amazing and brings home to you that we are a global organisation bringing together people from all parts of the world who share in the same ideals – ideals like bringing peace and understanding to the world, helping the underprivileged, giving back to the community and ridding the world of the scourge of Polio.

A highlight was no doubt seeing two thousand and twelve people all coming together in yellow and blue jackets to make a giant smiley face for Ripley's Believe It Or Not in order to celebrate and promote Rotary's achievement of our US\$200 Million Challenge for polio eradication. It was a simple but effective way of attracting attention beyond a Rotary audience for our work on Polio and a great lesson in PR – if you have an audience, utilise it to draw a bigger audience!

The House of Friendship in Bangkok provided a fantastic forum in which you could engage with others and learn about what Rotary Clubs around the world were doing. For myself and the other Australian Rotarians present, I am sure that we have gathered a number of ideas to bring back and seed into our own Districts and Clubs.

So too did I gain many ideas from the exceptional breakout sessions throughout the Conference – the underlying theme is that all around the world, Rotary International is seeing a globalised push for the same thing – change and revitalisation – making Rotary attractive, accessible and relevant in today and tomorrow's technology driven world and bringing Rotary to new generations who will drive it for years to come.

While the addresses from Thai Royalty, our present Rotary International President Kalyan Banerjee and our Rotary International President Elect Sakuji Tanaka were spellbinding and brought such a sense of occasion, it was the wisdom of their words which shone through. Kalyan Banerjee's words really stayed in my head: "We should use social media to reach people because

that's where people are."

Social media is where our audience is today. Our prospective Rotarians. Our Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment, Group Study Exchange Rotary Youth Exchange participants are. It's where our alumni from these programs in the past can be found. It's where supporters and potential partners to our programs are.

And it's where our fellow Rotarians are today. Instead of swapping business cards that might get put away in a holder somewhere, delegates who became friends with others from around the world at the Conference were connecting themselves and their Clubs on Facebook – an easy way to stay in touch, maintain friendships, to get ideas and build upon our Rotary ideal of spreading peace and international understanding.

Whether it's Facebook, Twitter, YouTube or other social media, you'll be surprised at the world of Rotary out there – be sure to be part of it!

The biggest smile in the world:

Rotarians from around the world joined together to create a smile celebrating Rotary's achievements in raising US \$200 Million for Polio eradication.



District Governor Keith Ryall and Gabrielle

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May is Australian Rotary Health
Research Month



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity



Team G'day in USA



By PDG Greg Ross

While I am sending Anne, Keith and John my weekly reports, the team looks after the blog and Facebook entries.

Week three, in the Fresno area, was much hotter than at the coast (in the 90's each day) and we attended NINE club functions, presenting in most of those.

Immediately after the Sunday afternoon changeover from Monterey, we went straight to a meeting of the small Fresno Airport club. This was followed at lunchtime Monday presenting at the RC of Fresno (chartered 1916 by Oakland, RC number three), with several hundred members present. Our presentations were greeted enthusiastically at both.

Our co-ordinator for the week was Dr Nellie Neri, a current Asst Gov, and she, with husband Reuben Elias and friend Jim Breedlove, drove us to most of our engagements. We only stayed with three host families: the girls with Linda and Jim Titus, Adam with Troy and Jenny Brooks and their young family, while Andrew and I were placed with Sally Caglia. While the allocation split was not what I would have preferred, it worked out well enough and our host families were generous in their hospitality.

Nellie Neri has been a GSE co-ordinator twice before but, for me, the mix between activities and club presentations was too lopsided. The vocational day was disap-

pointing, with each member only getting two to three hours vocational time and not enough content to stimulate them. Jacinta went to the Saint Agnes Medical Center, Andrew to the Clovis Fire Department and Briana and Adam to Sebastian Corporation, a thriving family communications enterprise. Just not enough thought given to the vocational aspect, in my opinion. As ever, I went to the theatre: to a performance of 'Showboat' and on a tour of the historic Warnor's Theatre, courtesy of Sally Caglia, whose family owned the theatre for many years before donating it to the city.

Some our activities for the week included: a tour of the impressive and expansive campus of Califor-



Team G'day at Half Dome, Yosemite



Team G'day in USA



The team visit Naval Air Station Lemoore

nia State University, attending a baseball game of the top-placed Fresno Grizzlies (they proceeded to lose 13 - 2 to the Iowa Cubs!!), evening receptions in the country (one with spectacular mountain range views, the other by a river), pistol and rifle shooting at a range (including Jacinta and Briana), while I heard a wonderful theatre organist, Richard Cencibaugh, play the commanding and rare Robert Morton pipe organ at the Warnor's Theatre (inspiring stuff). The most precious activity was when we visited Yosemite National Park on Thursday. With Nellie providing the food for our picnic lunch, Rotarian Debora Delaney and her husband Ed were

our guides. They know Yosemite extremely well and took us from Glacier Point at the top (breath-taking) through the beautiful and world famous Bridalveil Falls lookout down to the valley floor, where we were covered in spray from one of the abundant waterfalls. A memorable day!

With the large number of club presentations and scheduled activities, it was good to negotiate some time off on Friday afternoon and this afternoon.

The team has done a great job again this week. Their effectiveness and skill in representing our District, Victoria and Australia

just gets better. Long gone are the notes, replaced by confident and engaging speakers. To me, this third week with its challenges was going to be a real test of our good will to each other. I needn't have worried; they are caring for each other like a close-knit family, and there's plenty of laughter.

Now to Visalia and then the District Conference in Lemoore.

How could RI not value the GSE program? Done well, it is such a valuable exchange and a great promotion of different cultures. I know ... it's simply change.





Prevention and Treatment of Obstetric Fistula

The Rotary project “Improvement of Maternal Health - Prevention and Treatment of Obstetric Fistula” in northern Nigeria, brought forth remarkable results and gives hope towards achieving the UN Millennium Development Goals. In a comprehensive approach, it included treatment and prevention of obstetric fistula and the widely spread diseases malaria and AIDS, introduced quality assurance in obstetrics in ten selected hospitals and improved the quality of care in the surrounding communities. Satellite projects from Rotary Clubs and stakeholders supplemented the project increasing the project’s total volume to 3 Million US\$.

Obstetric Fistula is a break in the wall between the bladder, vagina, and rectum which occurs when there is protracted labour. It most often occurs in young mothers under age 20 who are not fully developed. As a result, the baby dies and the mother is left with holes (fistulas) which become infected. Most such women are ostracized and even abandoned by their husband and families. *About 1 million women suffer from this condition just in Nigeria.*

The core project was funded with a total amount of USD \$1,240,000 broken down as follows:

- USD \$450,000 Matching Grant from the Rotary Foundation (\$150,000 TRF and \$300,000 from clubs and districts)
- USD \$390,000 from the Adventis Foundation
- USD \$20,000 from IAMANEH (International Association of Maternal and Neonatal Health)
- USD \$380,000 from the German government (German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development)

The basis of the project was the information of the population through awareness campaigns and a close collaboration with traditional/religious leaders, state governments and local authorities as well as stakeholders. The awareness campaigns included community dialogues and a series of soap opera radio dramas discussing subjects such as family planning, obstetric fistula, female genital mutilation and how to tackle these issues.

Read how the introduction and anchoring of quality assurance in ten selected hospitals achieved a **reduction of maternal mortality by more than 50%**: <http://www.rifpd.org/Projects/MaternalHealth.shtml>



Nigerian Ladies at Health Centre



Nigerian Fistula Patient

ROTARY CLUB OF ESSENDON MYANMAR 2012

By Stephen Roe & Anne Rogers

Wednesday morning saw most of us up before dawn to attend the Tabaung Festival at the Shwedagon Mynamar 12Pagoda, a 2600 year old structure and the most famous of sites for the predominantly Buddhist population. We mingled with thousands of worshippers whilst marvelling at the gold-leafed structure which purportedly contains relics of the last four Buddhas to have attained enlightenment.

Our party then spilt into smaller groups to enable more to be accomplished in our tight schedule. One group travelled to Insein Township to visit a school and also a roofing project in a local slum. We had contributed to renovations at the school and were impressed by the work that had been completed. We also inspected the 'Tin Roof' project in the slum where we had arranged for traditional thatched roofing to be replaced by galvanised iron sheets ensuring protection for residents during the wet season. While inspecting the new roofs, we came across a hut which was in a worse state of repair than most. USD25 was donated to pay for new thatched walls, replacing the torn plastic which had provided the occupants with no protection from the elements.

A second group visited a clinic of Medical Action Myanmar which provides treatment and counselling for sufferers of HIV-AIDS, as well as treatment for tuberculosis, malaria and malnutrition. AIDS is



Tin roof project



The Insein school



Among the worshippers

a huge problem in Myanmar with poverty, lack of education and cultural habits doing little to arrest its spread. A donation of medical equipment and consumables was gratefully received by the two doctors (husband and wife) who run the clinic.

A third group boarded a trusty ATR72 and flew to the ancient capital of Bagan where we had last year completed construction of a primary school with financial assistance from the Australian and German embassies. The group presented Daw Khin Thida, a demure but amazingly resilient lady, with some funds to further her work, and participated in some classroom activities with the large contingent of wide-eyed and smiling kids.

Thursday began with an official ceremony at the Jivitidana Sangha Hospital which provides free medical treatment for monks as well as Buddhist nuns and lay clergy and which we have supported for several years. As always, we were warmly welcomed by the Board of Directors and were escorted on a tour of the hospital. Continuing the theme, we then visited our 'flagship project', the Yangon Children's Hospital, which has undergone an amazing transformation since our first visit in 2001. Following the donation ceremony, we had a lengthy discussion with the Medical Superintendent regarding on-going areas of need. Our final stop was the Eden Centre for the



ROTARY CLUB OF ESSENDON

MYANMAR 2012



Disabled, the only private facility of its kind in the entire country and its services are therefore in high demand. The centre was in desperate need of several items including water storage tanks, portable fans and a telephone system. USD1500 had been allocated as a donation, but this was not enough to purchase all the items. However, after passing the hat among the 21-strong delegation, this amount was doubled and all items were able to be funded. It was a most gratifying way to end the official part of an extremely hectic but satisfying trip.

With ethnic violence between the many states and regions still a major issue, the challenges in this country will remain for years to come, but The Rotary Club of Essendon will continue to do what it can to improve the lives of the ever-friendly, but very needy people of Myanmar.

The Bagan school



Children's Hospital nurses



In the wards

The Rotary Foundation in Action

Our Global Grant Helps India With Blood Donation

John Davis, Foundation Chair

This year District 9800 has forged strong links with India, sending a Group Study Exchange team to visit District 3030 in Maharashtra State and hosting the Indian team in our own District. As the team observed, India is a diverse and developing country which has many needs, particularly within the field of public health. One such need has been for blood donations for medical treatment and this is the focus of the Rotary Foundation Global Grant Project undertaken by District 9800 in partnership with District 2980 in India and the Rotary Foundation.

Rotary Foundation Global Grants have a long-term impact and support large international activities with sustainable high-impact outcomes in one or more of Rotary's six areas of focus (see below). With the support of the Rotary Foundation, Rotary District 9800's Global Grant in partnership with District 2980 in India enabled the purchase of 2 ambulances with blood collection systems to be supplied to the Thanjavur Medical College Hospital and Raja Mirashdar hospital, both of which have blood banks. The total project cost of US\$65,000 was shared

between the two Rotary Districts and the Foundation – a truly global effort.

With healthy blood in short supply, the ambulances will go from place to place in rural areas of District 2980 and collect blood from donors. The wide reach of these ambulances and the blood screening used to ensure the integrity and safety of the blood donations will also have a further benefit to the communities visited by the ambulances.

They will mean that for the first time a large population will be screened for blood-borne and general illnesses and provided medical assistance where required. In many cases, these illnesses would have gone unnoticed, so the addition of these ambulances is expected to have a direct effect in combating the spread of HIV/AIDS, malaria and other major diseases. This "upstream" detection and management of disease and illness is likely to relieve significant pressure caused by "downstream" treatment of these issues at a later date once further complications and spread of the diseases has set in. This is exemplified well by the treatment of patients with diabetes – detected early, it can be a manageable problem, but left unde-



tected, it can consume considerable treatment resources and cause severe suffering.

For those who might otherwise be left to assist such patients, a considerable burden is also lifted. A young person who might otherwise spend considerable time assisting an older person suffering from untreated diseases can instead devote that time to education, vocational training or work that helps develop their community. Similarly, the screening process has the potential to prevent incapacitation of young people during vital developmental years.

The healthy donated blood itself will also bring benefits of lasting consequence – the collected supplies will serve the urgent need of blood during Caesarean births and other complicated deliveries, helping reduce the rates of maternal and infant mortality.

Something for which District 9800 should feel proud to have contributed significantly to through the Rotary Foundation.

Pictured are: The vendor of blood storage chamber; Shanmugasundaram; DG Asoka and the vendor providing interior alterations.



The Rotary Foundation Areas of Focus

1. Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
2. Disease prevention and treatment
3. Water and sanitation
4. Maternal and child health
5. Basic education and literacy
6. Economic and community development



District Assembly, 2012

PDG Jim Studebaker welcomed and warmed up the attendees on a chilly Sunday morning, before DG Keith Ryall officially opened the District Assembly.

After DGE Dennis Shore introduced his team and presented RI President-elect Sakuji Tanaka's address and theme of "Peace Through Service"

He thanked the Rotary Clubs of Balwyn North and Wyndham for their work in running the assembly, and Julie Mason, Principal of Baden Powell College for the use of their facilities.

Peace Scholar Jonathon Kolieb gave an informative Keynote Address on his Peace Scholarship, along with some probing questions on where Rotary is headed.

This was followed by President Elect Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland John Minhinick, whose topic was: "What RIBI is doing to address falling membership and to improve the public appreciation and understanding of Rotary".

After morning tea, Rotarians went to various breakout rooms, where they held discussions and gained information on their various portfolios for the coming Rotary year.

Finally, all work over, lunch and networking was enjoyed by all.



DGE Dennis Shore introducing his team



Three cheers for the cooks!



Peace Scholar Jonathon Kolieb with Vocational Service Chairman Bob Slater



An attentive audience



Sheila and RIBI John Minhinick with Mev Connell



RC Woodend Anniversary

By PP Grant Hocking

Recently, the Rotary Club of Woodend held its anniversary dinner, celebrating 25 years since the club was chartered in 1987. It truly was a great night with many charter members, past members, District Governor, and guests supporting Rotarians from Kew on Yarra, Gisborne and Kyneton clubs.

The venue at Macedon Spa looked fantastic with a large Rotary wheel used at the charter night 25 years ago, club banners and table decorations adding a nice touch with a harpist entertaining the guests.

There were a number of highlights on the night with an 'on the couch' recollection of activities and achievements by Honorary members Ern Lester Smith and Ivor Johnson with David Wells from Kyneton Rotary who helped form the Woodend club 25 years ago.

The audience heard of the clubs many achievements over 25 years including assisting the formation of the Bone Marrow registry, humanitarian projects in PNG and the many local community projects and inventive fundraising activities.

Rekindled friendships were visible as past members walked in and faces lit up with the general feeling maintained throughout the night.

A nice surprise on the night was Grant Hocking being awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship for services to Rotary. Grant has been a tireless worker for Rotary holding board positions and was President of RC Woodend in the 2007-08 year. Grant has also involved at District level as Director of Community Service for 2 years. Paul Harris was the founder of Rotary over 100 years ago and this award recognizes services to Rotary.

Another nice surprise was Peter Willmott being awarded a Royce Abbey Award, for enthusiasm & commitment over the last few years. Royce Abbey is a member of Essendon club and a past Rotary International President. The Royce Abbey Foundation aims to educate people from the Pacific Islands in Food production and Agricultural Science by inviting them to Australia and engaging them in agricultural education and experiences.

For more information contact President Charles Bender on 0409439046 or visit our club website at <http://rotarywoodend.org.au/>



Charter members



Peter Willmott (Royce Abbey award) and Grant Hocking (PHF)



Welcome New Members

Lucy Liu was inducted as a member of North Balwyn RC. at the Club's 32nd Birthday Dinner Meeting.

Born in Urumqi China, Lucy moved to Australia in 1999, has a Bachelor of Computer Science, and is the Editor in Chief of The Epoch Times.

Ben Davison has been inducted to the RC Melbourne South. Ben was appointed CEO of South Port UnitingCare in April 2011 and has an impressive history of working within the social justice and political sectors. Ben worked for former Deputy Premier John Thwaites, Catherine King MP and was President of the Deakin University Student Association. Prior to his role as CEO, Ben was the Membership and Community Engagement Manager for Diabetes Australia Victoria. Ben is currently studying for his MBA and is passionate about making meaningful and lasting changes in people's lives.



Lucy Liu with Bob Bromley

Rotary Clubs have notified District 9800 of their new members:

Woodend: Diana Edwards

Castlemaine: Noelette Matthews, Neil Francis,

Kangaroo Flat: Janet Dlugosz

Carlton: Sachiko Kubota, Noorshah Kamawal

Moonee Valley: John Holley

Laverton Point Cook: Yvonne Brown, Vicki Kinai

Brighton: Kavin Crundell



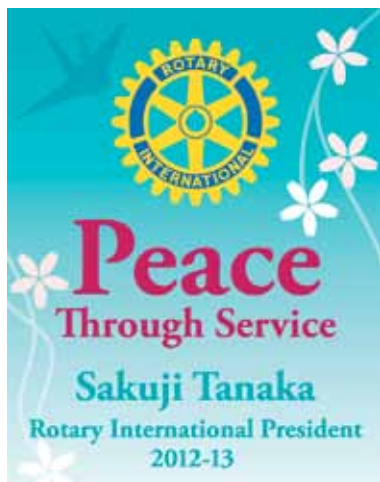
Ben Davison wearing a hat for "hat day" for mental health research: he is already getting involved in the programs of Rotary

April Attendance Figures

District 9800		Attendance		Membership				
2011/2012		April-12		At July 1	April-12			
Club	Cluster							
		No. of	Month		Start	End	Net gain /loss 11/12	% Change
		Mtgs	%					
Laverton Pt Cook	Port Phillip	3	62%	19	28	28	9	47.4%
Caulfield	Beachside	4	62%	9	13	13	4	44.4%
Collingwood	Heritage			15		20	5	33.3%
Flemington	Hobsons Bay	3	84%	19	25	25	6	31.6%
Point Gellibrand	Hobsons Bay	4	48%	31	39	39	8	25.8%
North Melbourne	Heritage			27		33	6	22.2%
Woodend	Calder	4	54%	22	25	26	4	18.2%
Bendigo South	Goldfields	4	65%	29	33	34	5	17.2%
West Footscray	Hobsons Bay	3	61%	22	25	25	3	13.6%
Kew-on-Yarra	Yarra	3	86%	15	17	17	2	13.3%
Yarraville	Hobsons Bay	4	64%	18	20	20	2	11.1%
Keilor	Gateway	4	80%	38	40	42	4	10.5%
Gisborne	Calder	4	64%	22	21	24	2	9.1%
Kangaroo Flat	Goldfields	5	80%	24	25	26	2	8.3%
Carlton	Heritage	4	85%	39	41	42	3	7.7%
Canterbury	Eastside			42		45	3	7.1%
Melton Valley	Westside	4	87%	15	16	16	1	6.7%
Moonee Valley	Gateway	3	48%	17	17	18	1	5.9%
Camberwell	Eastside	4	89%	71	73	75	4	5.6%
Albert Park	Batman	3	61%	60	62	63	3	5.0%
C"stone / EMalvern	Stonnington	3	83%	44	46	46	2	4.5%
Brimbank Central	Gateway	3	84%	26	28	27	1	3.8%
Footscray	Hobsons Bay	4	52%	53	55	55	2	3.8%
Daylesford	Calder	3	76%	31	31	32	1	3.2%
Kew	Yarra	4	77%	36	37	37	1	2.8%
Richmond	Heritage	4	66%	36	37	37	1	2.8%
Werribee	Port Phillip	4	70%	38	40	39	1	2.6%
Glenferrie	Yarra	4	69%	42	43	43	1	2.4%
Bendigo Sandhurst	Goldfields	4	68%	50	53	51	1	2.0%
Melbourne	Batman	3	55%	237	237	241	4	1.7%
Balwyn	Eastside	4	64%	72	73	73	1	1.4%
Eaglehawk	Goldfields	4	77%	41	41	41	0	0.0%
Essendon North	Gateway	3	64%	25	25	25	0	0.0%



Melbourne South	Batman	4	86%	27	27	27	0	0.0%
Melton	Westside	4	85%	27	27	27	0	0.0%
North Balwyn	Eastside	4	85%	77	79	77	0	0.0%
St Kilda	Stonnington	4	67%	9	9	9	0	0.0%
Toorak	Stonnington	4	49%	29	30	29	0	0.0%
Tullamarine	Gateway	4	80%	19	19	19	0	0.0%
Wyndham	Port Phillip	3	84%	25	25	25	0	0.0%
Essendon	Gateway	4	47%	73	71	71	-2	-2.7%
Bendigo Strathdale	Goldfields	4	63%	30	29	29	-1	-3.3%
Altona City	Port Phillip	3	64%	27	25	26	-1	-3.7%
Brighton North	Beachside	4	67%	51	50	49	-2	-3.9%
Southbank	Batman	4	65%	23	25	22	-1	-4.3%
Keilor East	Gateway	3	59%	43	41	41	-2	-4.7%
Kyneton	Calder	4	63%	43	41	41	-2	-4.7%
Sunshine	Westside	4	53%	21	20	20	-1	-4.8%
Echuca-Moama	Goldfields	4	77%	20	18	19	-1	-5.0%
Melbourne Park	Heritage			20		19	-1	-5.0%
Central Melb. S'rise	Batman	4	61%	59	56	56	-3	-5.1%
Brighton	Beachside	4	47%	128	120	120	-8	-6.3%
Brunswick	Heritage	5	39%	30	28	28	-2	-6.7%
Castlemaine	Calder			41		38	-3	-7.3%
Altona	Port Phillip	4	64%	27	25	25	-2	-7.4%
Prahran	Stonnington	4	63%	26	24	24	-2	-7.7%
Bacchus Marsh	Westside	3	68%	37	35	34	-3	-8.1%
Glen Eira	Beachside	4	78%	22	20	20	-2	-9.1%
Port Melbourne	Batman	4	55%	11	11	10	-1	-9.1%
Bendigo	Goldfields	4	59%	86	80	78	-8	-9.3%
Hawthorn	Yarra	4	71%	63	57	57	-6	-9.5%
Williamstown	Hobsons Bay	4	52%	42	38	38	-4	-9.5%
Boroondara	Eastside	4	51%	19	17	17	-2	-10.5%
Fitzroy	Heritage	3	70%	27	24	24	-3	-11.1%
Malvern	Stonnington	?	70%	40	36	35	-5	-12.5%
Brighton Beach	Beachside	4	67%	25	21	21	-4	-16.0%
Rochester	Goldfields	?	88%	10	9	8	-2	-20.0%
Docklands	Batman			14		11	-3	-21.4%
Hoppers Crossing	Port Phillip	3	64%	34	23	23	-11	-32.4%
No. of Clubs Reporting			63		63			
No. of Members				2590		2595	5	0.2%
% Average of Those Reported			67.4%					
% of Clubs Reporting Attendance			91%					
% of Clubs Reporting Membership						91%		



A reminder: The new Rotary year is coming up and Club websites should start planning now to change over information to ensure a seamless changeover. This content will include officeholders, theme logos, contact details and dated pictures or documents.

Use the lead up to the new Rotary year to give your website a reinvigoration or to begin planning a change!

Notices/Events

THE ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE 2012

The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a multi-district leadership development program which seeks to have Rotary Clubs identify those Rotarians who seem to have the potential for future club leadership (not necessarily as club presidents) and provide those so identified with a quality education in Rotary knowledge and leadership skills for voluntary organisations.

The course dates for the first six months of the 2012 are as follows:

Part 1 Sunday February 26 & Sunday March 25

Part 2 Sunday April 15 & Sunday April 29

Part 3 Sunday May 27 & Sunday June 17

Please contact the RLI Registrar Vicki Teschke at vicki.t@tacobill.com.au to register for any of these sessions.

CYSTIC FIBROSIS DINNER DANCE

Saturday 19 May, 6:30pm to 12 midnight. Moonee Valley Racecourse, The Inner Circle Room

Cost: \$80 per head, \$75 per head for a booking of 10 or more, \$90 per head with a Corporate package for 10 or more. RSVP Date and Contact Details: Bookings open now online at www.trybooking.com/BCJE and close 12 May. Website or link for more information: <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~keilor/>

All funds raised will be used for much needed refurbishment and equipment for the Alfred Hospital Lung Transplant Rehabilitation Centre and for CF support services provided by Cystic Fibrosis (Victoria). More info: <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/Cystic%20Fibrosis%20Function%20Flyer.White.pdf>

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL – DISTRICT 9800 ASSEMBLY

Baden Powell College, Tarneit Sunday 20 May, 2012 – 81 Baden Powell Drive, Tarneit 3209

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY – For all 2012–2013 Rotary Club Leaders and New Members

Sunday 20th May, 2012 8:00 am to 1:00 pm Morning Tea and BBQ Lunch Included

Baden Powell College: Melways 202 G. Ample parking available. Look for Rotary marshals to direct you.

For further information contact District Assembly Chair Greg Matthews 0419 597 780

For more information and registration form: http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/notices_and_events

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BEE AWARE! PROJECT – NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 23

May Time – 8pm

The Rotary Club of Caulfield considered a number of eco-projects for 2012–2013 and concluded that the most dire situation was in relation to losses of the Honey Bee and resultant decimation of agricultural and horticultural industries. As part of its Bee Aware! project, the Rotary Club of Caulfield established the Glen Eira Honey Bee Interest Group to foster interest in bee keeping and the need to maintain healthy local urban bee populations. Among several aims, the Project seeks to encourage the establishment of such groups in as many municipalities as possible and that Bee Keepers comply with the 2011 Apiary Code.

Next Meeting of the Glen Eira Honey Bee Interest Group, hosted by the Rotary Club of Caulfield, to which all are welcome– **Speaker:** Adrian Dent, South Eastern Suburbs Permaculture Group–"The Importance of Cross Pollination and Planting Bee Friendly Plants in Urban Areas." **Location:** Meeting Room at Koornang Uniting Church, 117 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena. Gold coin donation. Enquiries–rotarycaulfield@gmail.com



SPECIAL EVENT – AFGHANISTAN

When: TUESDAY 29 May 2012 **Where:** ROYAL MOTOR YACHT CLUB VIC 260 Nelson PI WILLIAMSTOWN Melway P56D9 **TEL:** (Venue) 93975036
Time: 6.30pm for 7pm **Cost:** \$25 pp. 2 Course meal, drinks at bar prices.
3 Serving Officers: Captains CAHILL, POLITIS, and SMITH. Joint speakers on their service in AFGHANISTAN in the last 18 months. A special 1 hour presentation. **RSVP:** Fri 25th May 2012 to Jim Grouios Email: asapeng@bigpond.net.au or Tel 9391 7800 Bookings are essential



THE AINGER PUBLIC SPEAKING AWARD FINALS

Tuesday, 29 May, 2012, 6.30pm for 7.00pm

Amora Hotel Riverwalk, 649 Bridge Road, Richmond

\$30.00 per head (includes a 2-course dinner) Payment on the night

The Ainger Award is open to secondary school students from interested schools in the Metropolitan Area. This competition is about effective speaking where the ability of the speaker to 'communicate' with the audience is being judged.

All welcome. It's a great evening to bring along the young people in your life

Enquiries/bookings to RC Richmond Secretary, Jo Cowling,

email: jocowling@optusnet.com.au or 0438 305 611

For more info: http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/notices_and_events



Past President Ern Ain

GSE WELCOME HOME

The RC of Williamstown is hosting the Welcome Home function to our GSE Team from District 5230 in California USA.

The event is on Thursday 31st May 2012 at the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, 120 Nelson Place Williamstown, please see the attached flyer and booking sheet for more details and to reserve your Club's places at this function.

For any additional information please contact – PDG Des Hosking on 0417 371 312 deshoskg@bigpond.net.au or DGND Murray Verso on 0417 595 217

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GLEN EIRA RC BUSINESS PERSON'S BREAKFAST

Guest Speaker: ROBERT GRAZIANO CEO Ford Australia

Thursday 7 June 2012 at 7.15am – 8.45am

Glen Eira Town Hall cnr Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield 3162

- Event Cost: \$50 pp
- RSVP Date and Contact Details: ongoing rsvp Garry Fabian 0419 306 820 or Basil Ornellas 0416 046 319

more information:

http://home.vicnet.net.au/~gleneira/public_html/Rotary_Club_of_Glen_Eira.html



DG CHANGEOVER LUNCH

Sunday 1st July, 2012 at 10.30am

(tea/coffee on arrival) for 11.00am Sharp start

Plenty Ranges Arts & Convention Centre,

35 Ferres Boulevard, South Morang

(Melway 183 A1) \$75.00 per person –

Early Bird Special \$65.00 per person to 8th June

- **RSVP: 15th June**
- **Bookings: 9217 2317**

or www.plentyrangestheatre.com.au

The 2012 Changeover will be an enjoyable and memorable event as it will balance the main elements of formality together with a great opportunity to meet and greet.

For invite: http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/Rotary_Changeover_Invite_2012.pdf



RIDE TO CONQUER CANCER

The Ride to Conquer Cancer needs volunteers for its inaugural Ride in Victoria.

It's a two-day event on **October 27/28** and volunteers are needed to help at the opening ceremonies, overnight camp and finish line stages to support the participants. Volunteer positions are based on a 4–6 hour shift and are flexible for times. You don't need to be a cyclist, just kind of heart.

Crew are also needed. If you can't ride but would still like to be a part of the weekend event, being a crew member is the perfect way to help. There's a \$50 registration fee that goes straight to the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre and you get hot showers, hot food and a cosy tent for Saturday night.

All money raised by the riders and crew goes directly into cancer research programs at Peter Mac. To find out how you can help call 1300 00 7433 or visit www.conquercancer.org.au



GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE 2012 – 2013 OUTBOUND GSE TEAM AND TEAM LEADER APPLICATIONS

In the Rotary year 2012–13 we will be exchanging Teams with D1080 in the UK which is in the vicinity of the Cambridge–Norwich area. The Outbound Team will leave on or about the **6 October 2012** and return on or about the **3 November 2012**. Applications for both the Team Leader and Team Members are now listed on the District web site www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au –

Application forms are also available by contacting the GSE Chair Anne Peace at fairway@iinet.net.au

For more info: http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/group_study_exchange

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COMPUTERS 4 KIDS NEED YOUR HELP

They urgently need modern computers to recycle, (no more than 6–7 years old), monitors – preferably ‘flat screen’ to reduce shipping cost; matching connection cables; electrical leads; desktop printers and laptop PC’s that work. Home computers are very acceptable, but please think about corporate opportunities where large numbers are being replaced. Donations can be delivered to the West Footscray Donations In Kind Store on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For further information please contact the Rotary C4K&C team Tel: 9337 4710 or email: mailto:dwjewats2@y7mail.com



HEALTHPLAYS FREE TO ROTARY CLUBS

Bay Street Productions are offering D9800 Rotary clubs an opportunity to conduct a free performance of a play with a health message. Clubs can select from either the men’s diabetes play – ‘Six Degrees of Diabetes’ or the prostate cancer play – ‘For Better For Worse’. The men’s diabetes play has the added support of a Diabetes Victoria Educator who will provide information to attendees and speak during the discussion forum that follows the play.

For more info: <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/HealthPlays.pdf>



THE SCIENCE EXPERIENCE Three days of hands-on science in universities and tertiary institutions for Year 9 and 10 students in 2011.

Each program is designed to provide students who have an interest in science with an opportunity to engage in a wide range of hands-on science activities under the guidance of scientists who love their work.

Seimens Science Summer Schools and Science Summer School are one and the same – just the name has changed. Read about it at: <http://www.scienceexperience.com.au/>

THE 2010–2011 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL AND THE ROTARY FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT 2010–11 – www.rotary.org/annualreport

ROTARY CLUB OF CHADSTONE EAST MALVERN – TEMPORARY CHANGE OF MEETING LOCATION.

The Club will meet at 6pm for 6.30pm on Wednesdays at the **East Malvern RSL, Stanley Grose Dr, Malvern East.**

If you get lost, call the Club on **9571 4318**, **Andrew Hunter** on **0418 540 086** or **Paul Rake** on **0409 937 080**.

The change is expected to last for 3 months. Renovations are about to start on short notice at the Matthew Flinders Hotel.

NEED A BBQ?

Rotary Club of Albert Park has a purpose built BBQ facility. Our record is 700 sausages per hour! Contact Chris Catchlove: chris@foodservex.com.au



CHANGE OF VENUE:

FROM THURSDAY 17TH MAY THE ROTARY CLUB OF CAULFIELD

WILL BE MEETING 12.30–12.45PM

AT: **GLASS HOUSE, 1 STATION ST, CAULFIELD.**

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PUT YOUR FOOTY TIPPING SKILLS TO WORK FOR CHARITY.

\$5,000 Grand Prize – Big Weekly Winners

Enjoy the fun of footy tipping all season long, win big prizes and help important charities like ROMAC that brings children with birth defects to Australia for medical treatment, the Australian Childhood Foundation that works to stop child abuse, Ovarian Cancer Research Foundation and other community projects.

Donate: Visit the www.aussiefootytips.org.au website and make a \$25 credit card donation.

You'll then need to become a registered player and will be eligible to tip each week for big prizes. \$5 will go to your nominated Rotary Club for local charity projects.

Tip: Just visit the website to enter your tips every week. You'll be kept fully updated with weekly and progressive totals, reminders, news and more.

Win: \$5,000 Grand Prize. \$1,000 second. \$500 third. Plus weekly vouchers to the value of \$100.

Register now at www.aussiefootytips.org.au

Here it is folks: our AussieFootyTips Commercial downloaded just for you:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yx9g2N4cOxY&feature=colike>



ROCHESTER FLOOD RELIEF

Graeme Nelson, Rotary Club of Rochester sent the following notice:

Grant Hocking, Director of Community Service said to let you know when I was ready to start. I'm now organized to start doing the last of the flood recovery work: Fencing and general tidy up jobs.

If anyone would like to help it would be much appreciated.

They could either email me (nelsongj@bigpond.net.au) or phone mobile 0428842008

Reader's Letters

Dear Clarice,

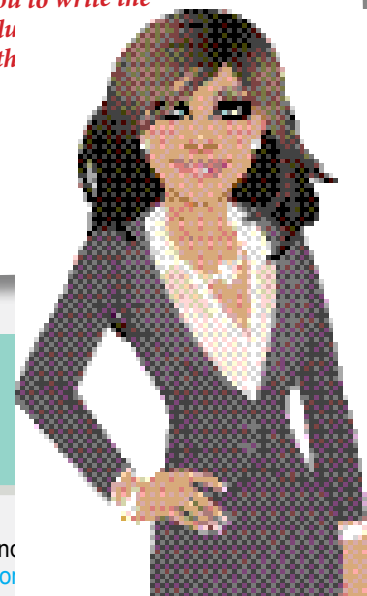
I am sure that Networker would welcome the opportunity to promote RAWCS Projects all we need to do is provide the information. Most of the information required exists and is part of the registration material. All that would be needed is to add some pictures. If required we could provide a template to make it easy for Clubs to prepare. I think most Clubs would be supportive as they are proud of the project and often are looking for help. Submitting an article at the start and finish of the project would seem natural and there are plenty of underway to chose from.

We are involved in some fantastic projects, lets tell people about them.

David Dippie, DIK.

<mailto:solatube@bigpond.com>

Clarice Replies: *Indeed we would welcome any articles David! We encourage you to write the the articles in publishable format with some great pictures to illu your story. David provides a great tip - send in an article at both start and finish of your project and maximise your promotion!*



Notices

SITUATIONS VACANT

Dedicated and experienced Rotarians are needed to assist in the management of the District affairs for 2013-2014.

Do you have a letter for Clarice?

Contact the Editor

Do you have a letter for Clarice? Is something on on your mind thoughts to her email address at: clarice@rotarydictict9800.org