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Rotary District 9800

A publication for Rotarians and all community minded people

DG Weekly Message

700+

This week I am proud to thank Rotarians for their special efforts in getting behind two fantastic Rotary events.

Last week we had confirmation that, one week out from the Conference, we have over **700+ registrations**. Thank you to all of you who have registered and to all working behind the scenes to make the Conference successful. It will be great to see you all and I hope that we can put on a big display for the public of Melbourne to show them Rotary at its best.

The second Rotary event to garner an audience of over 700 people is our International Women's Day Breakfast this Thursday 8th March. Women in Rotary led by the efforts of Kerry Kornhauser and her team have done a terrific job in pulling together this huge audience from the business, Rotary and wider communities, with a large number of sponsors also joining in. Their support will help Violence Free Families, another great a Rotary initiative that educates Australian families challenged by aggressive and violent behaviour.

Following on from our recent illumination of Federation Square with our "End Polio Now" message recently, it's really great to see Rotary kicking some goals and engaging with a public audience -



District Governor Keith Ryall and Gabrielle

everyone of us were once a member of the public before we were Rotarians, and it is through this engagement that people are encouraged to join our ranks or partner with us to do great things in the world.

On that note, you will see further examples of Rotary in action in front of the public's eye in coming weeks. We have another supplement section in The Age planned for 27 March and hope to attract more public support and membership through it. I hope all this publicity provides you with a great opportunity to chat to friends, colleagues and acquaintances about the great work we're doing, of which every single Rotarian should feel proud.

Both Gabrielle and myself are looking forward to celebrating the past and committing to the future with you all come Friday as we kick off what should be an amazing weekend holidaying in our own city!

Get ready for a great time!

Yours in Rotary

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

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



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

March is Literacy Month

March is Literacy Month

By Bronwyn Stephens, Melbourne South RC.

Despite all of the efforts of World Aid Organisations, governments, educational institutions, service groups like Rotary, and caring individuals around the world over 1 billion children and adults still lack basic literacy skills. Of these 113 million children do not have a school to attend and 500 million women remain illiterate due to cultural and historical reasons. They live in camps, villages, towns and cities, overseas, in other states and in our own communities.

These people have either been denied the opportunity to learn to read and or write, or our formal education systems have failed them. They are limited in the ways they can share their ideas and opinions and they will never be able to enjoy the beauty and power of their own languages, let alone the words of others.

In today's world it is hard to imagine how this could be true and even harder to imagine the impact this disability must have upon these people's self-esteem and independence, their lives and their hopes for the future.

Over the decades Rotarians, through the Rotary Foundation and their own clubs, have played a major role in trying to address this ever-increasing problem by building schools, training teachers, providing books and supplies to schools, tackling poverty and health issues and by promoting peace and understanding across the world.

>> Read more at:

<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/literacy-month.pdf>



During Literacy Month what will your Club do?

You could

- ✓ Meet with local Principals and Child Care Workers to identify issues related to Literacy Education in your community.
- ✓ Meet with local Principals and Child Care Workers to discuss how you can help implement their Literacy Programs.
- ✓ Purchase new books and distribute them to all members of families affected by the recent bush-fires.
- ✓ Sponsor Literacy Parent Sessions at Community Health Centres, Schools and Kindergartens where parents can learn about how best to help their children.
- ✓ Purchase new books and donate them to local schools and kindergartens. Consider including books of the same genre ego reports, fantasy, folk tales for use in class writing programs.
- ✓ Welcome new babies into your communities by presenting them with a book for parents to enjoy with them.
- ✓ Provide funds for the specific purchase of literacy software programs for schools.
- ✓ Organise interschool Debating Competitions.
- ✓ Participate in school reading programs by regularly hearing children read, sharing books with them, helping out in school libraries etc.
- ✓ Promote the importance of learning to write by becoming a helper during Writing Sessions at a local school.
- ✓ Purchase and distribute Alphabet Charts to 4 year olds at local Kindergartens and Child Care Centres.
- ✓ Participate in a Donations in Kind Program that collects, ✓ sorts and distributes books and writing implements, where needed.
- ✓ Sponsor Literacy Parent Sessions at Community Health Centres, Schools and Kindergartens where parents can learn about how best to help their children.

Remember

Your club may be able to access funds to help with the implementation of a Literacy Project through the District Simplified and Matching Grants Programs.

Teachers Graduate

By PP Bob Glindemann,
Rotary Club Of Melbourne

For three years now, East Timor Roofing, the project established by the Rotary Clubs of Melbourne, Doncaster and Lilydale has been providing sponsorship for two student teachers at the Teachers Training College in Baucau.

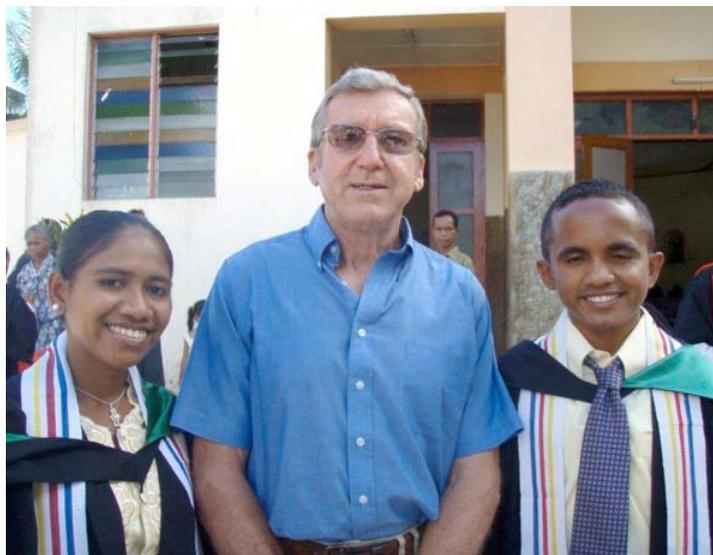
We are delighted to see the graduation of our first two sponsored students Andre Soares and Emerenciana Soares recently and receive their diplomas from General Peter Cosgrove in his capacity as Chancellor of the Australian Catholic University.

Norm Bruce, the manager of ETR advises that "The day started with an early mass at the Baucau Cathedral followed by the ceremony in the nearby diocese hall and a luncheon.

"I was invited to Andres home a little late in the day for a small family celebration. His family is very poor and live in a tiny house adjacent to the factory. They expressed sincere gratitude for the support that ETR provided for Andre throughout his three years of training. Andre will commence his teaching career in Baucau.

"I have no doubt that our sponsorship of these scholarships is money very well spent."

East Timor Roofing now has 6 teachers involved in this sponsorship as the opportunity to provide better education for the people of East Timor is clearly a priority.



Pictured are:
Norm Bruce of ETR
with Andre Soares
and Emerenciana Soares



RYPEN

By Bronwyn Fanning,
District 9800 RYPEN Chairperson

The Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment is a Rotary sponsored District New Generations program. Year ten and eleven students, from schools across District 9800 attend a weekend long camp designed at developing the potential of average students, through a mixture of lecture style sessions and adventure-based learning. Its stated aim is to communicate to young people, a series of ideas, problems and social experiences, which will assist them in forming their own values and moral standards. A program of thought provoking speakers, social situations and personal challenges is offered.

District 9800 Rotaractors act as facilitators for the camp, leading groups of students and running the sessions. A Rotary club acts as the host club for the camp and provides the catering for the weekend while enjoying an excellent fellowship opportunity for its members.

Camps are held in October and March each year: the next RYPEN camp is to be held on the weekend of Friday 23 – Sunday 25 March 2012. The cut off for applications is Friday 2nd March 2012.

Location: Camp Weekaway, Lancefield

Cost per participant: \$286.00 (incl GST) per participant.

Clubs should have received application packs via post - brochures, letters to schools and students application forms. Applications are due on Friday 2nd March 2012. Please contact me (on the details at right) if you need an extension. If you are not planning to send any students to this camp, please advise me so that we can adequately plan for numbers and for follow up purposes.



One of the outdoor challenge activities:
we have no idea what they are actually
doing. Any suggestions?

Members of the RYPEN committee would love to come and talk to your club about sponsoring a student or being the host club.
Contact details for Bronwyn Fanning:
Mobile: 0431 965 955
Email: bronwyn.fanning@gmail.com

End Polio Now message illuminates world landmarks

Iconic landmarks around the world served as the backdrop for the End Polio Now message the week of 23 February in honour of Rotary's 107th anniversary. They included the Water and Power Development Authority building in Lahore, Pakistan, and Frere Hall in Karachi; the Roppongi Hills skyscraper in Tokyo; Federation Square in Melbourne, Australia; and City Hall in San Juan, Puerto Rico, among others.

Rotarians gathered on a hot Saturday evening to see Lord Mayor Robert Doyle and MC Greg Champion switch on the display in Federation Square.

WHO Volunteer Jenny Horton told the audience about the history of the eradication of this crippling disease, which is now 99% complete. With India being declared as Polio Free just over one year ago, we are now down to just three countries left in the world with current outbreaks of Polio.

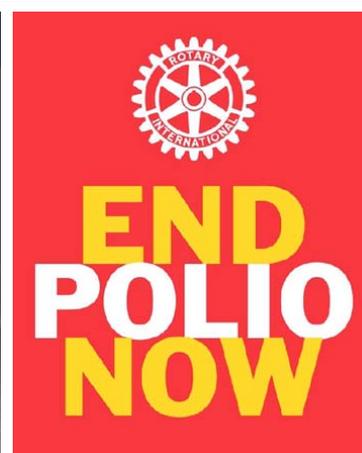
Other illuminated landmarks at http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/120224_news_landmarks.aspx

Video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1zhQQLOndik&feature=youtu.be>



Pictured are:

1. DG Keith Ryall and DGN Ross Butterworth with Lord Mayor Robert Doyle
2. Lord Mayor Robert Doyle and MC Greg Champion counting down to the switching-on
3. WHO Volunteer Nurse Jenny Horton
4. Rotarians from D9800 and D9810
5. Some Rotarians cooling off after the switch-on
6. Federation Square all lit up



Welcome to the Group Study Exchange Team



By Anne Peace, D9800 GSE Chair

Distinguished Rotarian **Dr. Vaijayanti Padhe** had the pleasure of introducing her team to the Rotarians in our District who attended the welcome cocktail party on Wednesday evening.

The members of the team from **District 3030, Maharashtra State, India**, are:

- ★ **Mr. Asif Shaike**, Aircraft engineer
- ★ **Dr. Mughda Phadke**, practicing in obstetric anaesthesia and a lawyer
- ★ **Miss Sonal Trovedi**, Lecturer in English and proprietor of her own school of dance
- ★ **Mr Pawan Sarda**, founder of life skills and creative thinking institute and involved in family manufacturing business.

The presence of the **Vice-Consul of India, Rakesh Kawra**, gave him the opportunity to experience how Rotary extends world peace and understanding through the Rotary Foundation.

The District thanks the Rotary Club of Chadstone-East Malvern for their organization of the evening and appreciates all who attended.

As the team begins their journey around our District they will receive the hand of Rotary friendship and pass on their vocations and culture to us.

As was evident on the evening their visits to Rotary Clubs of Essendon, Chadstone-East Malvern, Flemington, West Footscray, Eaglehawk and Hawthorn are eagerly anticipated. The team will learn from their time with us. Their compulsory rest time and break will be taken under the caring wing of the Rotary Club of Castlemaine and the changeover back to the Melbourne clubs will be hosted by the Rotary Club of Kyneton.

We sincerely thank all clubs involved in this Group Study Exchange for their excellent planning of the various visits.

Please take the time to converse with the Team Leaders and Members of incoming and outgoing Group Study Exchange teams at Conference.

The Farewell to this particular team is to be an afternoon tea at the Melbourne Zoo on Sunday, March 25th. Details are listed under coming events in Networker and sent to all Club Presidents and Foundation Chairs.

>> : Photos of the reception are at: <https://picasaweb.google.com/106224275621582639712/GSE29212?authkey=Gv1sRgCIWJxejp4M7jba>



Chadstone/East Malvern President Mel Gray and Dr. Vaijayanti Padhe exchange banners



Arif Shaike, Heine Otten, Vice-Consul Rakesh Kawra and PDG John Davis, Rotary Foundation Director.



Pawan, Asif, Dr Padhe, Sonal and Mughda interacting with the audience.

What if our luck runs out?

Don Argus AC presented the Angus Mitchell Oration to 162 Rotarians and guests at the Rotary Club of Melbourne luncheon meeting on 29th February. In his introduction, he said:

“The dearth of political leadership in this country is why I have decided to concentrate on a few themes which should be of concern to all of us as we tackle structural changes in the economy and lock in a long term strategy which allows us to reap the benefits of the growth of India and China who are demanding more and more of our scarce and non- renewable resources.

That can only happen if our political leaders set acceptable standards, create commitments to objectives and determine the values and principles that guide the country.

At the moment our leader-follower relationships are tense, cynical, confused and mistrustful.

That sort of environment only leads to dysfunctional relationships and of course a crisis of commitment.

The theme of my public speeches over the past few years has been that although Australia has been incredibly lucky, we cannot rely on luck for our future prosperity.

Instead, we need to make sure the country remains competitive in uncertain times and that our political leaders foster strong sustainable growth for the benefit of all Australians.

The source of Australia’s so called luck is well known. We are positioned in a unique way to benefit from the shift in the globe’s economic centre of gravity from the western world, to Asia. And we stand to benefit enormously from the emergence of the Chinese middle class over the next two decades.

Against that backdrop I want to structure my talk today around three issues where I believe we will need strong leadership to deliver quality outcomes.

We need to get these things right to ensure that the living standards of our children and grandchildren are at least as good - and hopefully better - than what



Don Argus, AC

we enjoy today, and we need to engage in outcome thinking to build that healthy community to which I referred earlier.

The three areas I want to focus on are productivity, management of our public finances and taxation.

As I have said before on previous occasions, I fear that in many cases our political leaders are opting for the most politically convenient outcomes, not those that are in the best interests of future generations; - all this selfish leadership debate is really quite exhausting and futile”

>> : Read the full Angus Mitchell Oration: <http://www.rotaryclubofmelbourne.org.au/files/nrteUploadFiles/12F032F201253A413A27PM.pdf>

Don Argus AC is the former Chairman of BHP Billiton, the world’s largest diversified resource company.

He is a member of the Order of Australia (AO) and was further awarded the Centenary Medal in April 2003 for service to Australian society through business. In 2010 Don was made a Companion of the Order of Australia in recognition for his service to business and commerce through leadership in the mining and finance industries, and to the community through the promotion of philanthropy, and executive roles in conservation,

health, charitable and sporting organisations.

The Angus Mitchell Oration was initiated by the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Melbourne in 1971 in honour of Sir Angus Mitchell as part of the Club’s 50th birthday celebrations. The Oration has been delivered by a number of eminent Australians.

Sir Angus was inducted into the Rotary Club of Melbourne on 7th December 1927. He was President of the Club in 1931-32, elected District Governor in 1934-35, and again in 1937-38. He became the first Australian to be elected to the office of President of Rotary International in 1948-49. He was created a Knight Bachelor by Her Majesty the Queen in 1956. Two years later, he was the first member of the Club to be named a Paul Harris Fellow. Paul Harris, who founded Rotary with three compatriots on 23 February 1905, became a close personal friend. Sir Angus died on 18 August 1961.

Past RI President Royce Abbey delivered the 1989 Oration and attended the meeting last Wednesday with Jean. Also, Sir Angus’ grandson Alister Payne, a Past President of Doncaster East (now Manningham) was a guest of the Club.



Melbourne RC President Austen Burleigh presenting a certificate and a copy of “Australia’s First Rotary Club - A History of the Rotary Club of Melbourne” by the late Owen Parnaby, to Don Argus AC.

Speaker Bank Update

By Jill Weeks, D9800 Speaker Bank Committee

How can you help The Rotary D9800 Speaker Bank?

We need your help! Do you know of interesting Speakers that we can add to the D9800 Speaker Bank?

Has your Club had good speakers? If so, please send us the name and contact of the Speaker.

Log in to see a list of Topics and speakers at

http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/speakers_bank

Thanks to Kerry McConnell of the Rotary Club of Yarraville for suggesting Brooke Squires from the Wildlife Conservation and Science section of Zoos Victoria.

Kerry writes: "Brooke can speak about various programs that Zoos Victoria are undertaking in Africa through the Zoos Fighting Extinction Commitment. She has travelled to Congo and Kenya where she has worked with local communities to help prevent species extinction. She gave an insightful presentation to our club."

Contact: Brooke Squires, 3052 P:03 93402724 M:0423393836 bsquires@zoo.org.au

<http://www.zoo.org.au/>

Thanks to Murray Chessell of the Rotary Club of Kew for suggesting Brian McFarlane: **'Real and Reel'**

Murray says that Brian has 'been a school teacher, academic and writer and is now adjunct professor attached to the English dept at Monash. He spoke most entertainingly at Kew on his lifetime passion for film under the title of his latest book 'Real and Reel' - an account of his screen struck childhood in country Victoria, which also provides some fascinating glimpses of the 'real' men and women of British film. We found his warmth and wit to be most engaging'.

Contact Dr Brian McFarlane, Work: +61 3 9905 9011 Home: +61 3 9853 4509

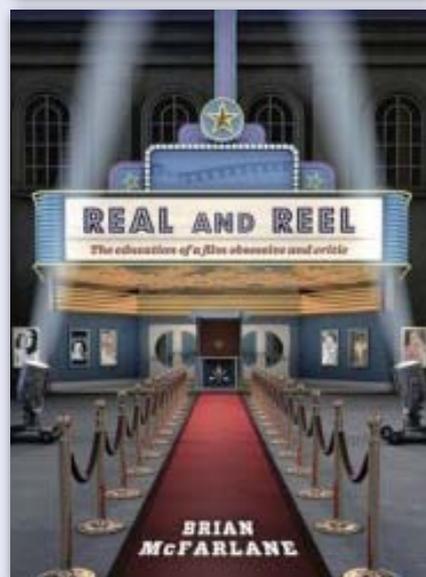
>> To see a list of topics and speakers, login at:

http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/rotary_membership_and_login

>> If you do not have a login, please contact the webmaster at:

http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/contact_us

so he can create a login for you. All members in District 9800 are eligible.



FACTS

1000 new T shirts = 1m3 approx

Cost to ship 10-20 cents each depending on the location.

Typical stock item normally available for your project.

Interested?

Contact Laurie or David: dik.vic.rotary@gmail.com



Upcoming Events

March

- 27 WERRIBEE GOLF DAY:** Tuesday 27th March 2012 Werribee Park Golf Club, Werribee (Melway 201 B6) 12.30pm Shotgun Start, Registration from 11.45am. Format: Ambrose (Four Person) with B before hit off. Presentation Dinner and Trophies Cost: Sponsorship packages; \$1,500 Platinum, \$1000 Gold, \$550 Silver and \$300 Bronze. \$75 per player or \$40 for Werribee Park Golf Club members. For Enquires and Entries Contact: Paul Revell Phone: 0414 889 034
Email: revcompr@bigpond.com
[http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/John Flynn Golf 2012.pdf](http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/John_Flynn_Golf_2012.pdf)

Notices

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 13 & Sunday May 27

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

PLAYERS WANTED FOR THE GRAND CHALLENGE CRICKET MATCH BETWEEN DISTRICT 9800 AND DISTRICT 9810

March 8, 2012 at Stradbroke Park #2, corner Belmore and Burke Roads, Kew, Melways K4.

Game time 11am for 35 overs each. Assemble from 10am.

Cost: \$30 per player covers ground hire, pavilion access and lunch. Payment to be made on the day.

Attire: Whites (or near whites). No spikes. Sandshoes only.

Contact: All enquiries to Warren Fricke 9836 1202 or wfricke@bigpond.net.au

For pdf: <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/Grand%20Challenge%20Cricket%20match.pdf>

WOMEN IN ROTARY – Palladium Room Crown 7.00 for 7.30 Thursday 8 March 2012

Women In Rotary Women's International Day Breakfast "Martians & Venusians in the Work Place". Q&A event with Andrew Demetriou Mary Crooks, Harold Mitchell, Fabian Dattner Moderator: Neil Cole & MC Tracy Bartram.

www.rotarywomen.org.au <http://rotarywomen.org.au/images/Women%20In%20Rotary%20Breakfast.pdf>

YoorallaBOWL Sunday 18 March 2012. 9.30am onwards. Fitzroy Victoria Bowls Club 578 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy North. Entry Fee: \$50 per player \$200 per team of four (includes a donation to Yooralla) or \$15 for people on a Disability Support Pension (DSP).

Register at <http://www.yooralla.com.au/yoorallaBOWL.php>

<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/Yooralla%20Bowl%20Flyer%202012.pdf>

GSE D3030 INDIAN TEAM FAREWELL

Afternoon tea at Melbourne Zoo: Sunday 25 March 2012 1:30pm for 2.00pm start

Venue: Melbourne Zoo, Leopard Lodge, Rail Gate Entrance, Poplar Rd, Parkville

(Melways Map 29 Reference E11) Casual attire

\$40 per person – Free zoo admission starting 1pm

Includes: 1 Glass of bubbles and canapés on arrival + Afternoon tea (scones/Jam/cream, Lamingtons, Mini Pies, Croissants, Danish pastries, Coffee/tea) Other drinks at cash bar prices

RSVP: 12 March – Booking form attached. Early Zoo Admission before 1pm: Special 50% discount = \$12.70

For more information contact: Brian Bloomer – Ph: 0405 124 958 Email: event@canterburyrotary.org

<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/GSE%20D3030%20Indian%20Team%20Farewell%20Event%20flyer-booking.pdf>

Notices continued

MASKED TWILIGHT TEA-DANCE

Saturday 31st March, 5.30 to 9.30

Glen Eira Town Hall – RC Caulfield and Caulfield Over 50s Dance Group

Entry \$5.00 BYO food and drinks.

<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/2012%20Tea%20Dance%20Flyer.pdf>



CAMBERWELL ROTARY ART SHOW

Saturday 24 March – Sunday 1 April at Hawthorn Town Hall, Burwood Road, Hawthorn. (Open 10am – 7pm daily. Closes 5pm Sunday 1 April).

Entry \$18/\$15 Concession. It's Australia's best known competition, sale and exhibition of quality art with \$20,000 to the 'Best of Show' winning artist. And we are returning to our 'Boroondara' neighbourhood at the heritage, Hawthorn Town Hall. Over 1500 paintings will be for sale by emerging and established artists plus, there'll be workshops and demonstrations by leading artists. Preview/Opening Night Friday 23 March (ticketed event). Visit www.camberwellrotaryartshow.org.au for more information.



CAMBERWELL ROTARY
ART SHOW

PRE-CONVENTION COCKTAIL PARTY

For all District delegates attending the May 2012 RI Convention in Thailand. Graduate House, 220 Leicester Street, Carlton. **FRIDAY 13TH APRIL 2012**. 5 – 7pm. \$30.00 ph which covers substantial finger food with drinks at very reasonable bar prices. Free underground parking available. DG Keith Ryall is attending and we have invited the Royal Thai Consulate General Melbourne. RSVP to PP Peter Milburn District Chairperson– 2012 RI convention Bangkok 9 801 6180 or milburnp@yahoo.com.au



PUBLIC SPEAKING COURSE PRESENTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF BRIMBANK CENTRAL

Sunday 3rd 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>

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE 2012 – 2013

In 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 GSE 2012.2013 promotional information.pdf](http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org/GSE%202012.2013%20promotional%20information.pdf)

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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.

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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

Reader's Letters

Dear Clarice,

My daughter Tamara sent these photos from "the World's Toughest Walk to School" which you articulated last week. She is currently half way through this walk along the Chadar River so has been out on the ice for 6 days. It was a great relief to hear her happy voice on Friday night.

Tamara reported that the air temperature is below 30 degrees so she has been very, very cold (the coldest she has ever been in her life!!) and was rather tired, having trekked for 6 days along the Ice River to reach Padum.

The river ice is very thick, and is not breaking up yet, so they have been extremely lucky. The river is a grade 4 rapid in places so it flows very quickly when thawed. If you are unfortunate enough to fall in you are sucked under the ice. That's scary!! Tamara said the porters are just incredible and will carry you or your cameras if necessary, when the going gets really tough.

They have just had 2 days layover in Padum because of heavy snow which makes it especially dangerous to walk the Chadar as they can't see the ice underfoot. It was a forced but welcome respite from the aching cold.

The group headed out again on Monday with 7 little children in tow, including a 4-year old orphan, a new student just 'adopted' by Lille Fro, who is rather excited about the whole adventure. These kiddies are amazingly resilient - they live in appalling conditions, suffer constant hunger and malnutrition, and yet are excited about walking the Chadar in freezing conditions if it means they get to go to school.

Tamara is absolutely overwhelmed with the whole experience - the numbingly cold temperatures, the magnificent and awe-inspiring scenery, the obliging natures of the porters, and now the shared responsibility and excitement of getting our little Lille Fro children safely to school. They have another 6-8 days walk to get to their boarding schools for the start of the school year on March 1st.

Lille Fro is an Australian charity founded and run by Tamara. It works at the grassroots. With the poorest of the poor. With families, many of them from indigenous communities, who are difficult to reach and hard to help because of their geographical isolation or the conditions in which they live.

Our programs are located in northern India, in the shadow of the Himalayas where remote villages are cut off for 6 to 8 months during the harsh winter months, when it is impossible to grow fresh food and children cannot get to school.

Lille Fro's work is hands on. We provide scholarships for children to board at primary school. We build greenhouses so families can grow nutritious fresh food year round. We fund skills training for adults so they can support their families.

The purpose of Tamara's walk is to document the children's walk and raise public awareness and funding to build Lille Fro house, a boarding hostel in Zanskar, so our Lille Fro children and others do not have to embark on this treacherous walk just to get to school.

We'd love you to check out our website at www.lillefro.org

Ngair Cannon, RC of Hawthorn

Clarice replies: Thanks Ngair for the update on the children's trek to school. We hope they all arrive safely.



Reader's Letters *continued*

Dear Clarice,

We have been overwhelmed by Rotarians generosity and we have had donations flooding in. I was out packing at DIK for the container yesterday and David & Laurie tell me that unfortunately a container is not an expanding suitcase, and we are not going to fit all of the donations received in.

So, thank you for the wonderful help and also thank you on behalf of the 10 Cambodian projects that will benefit so much from your generosity. And thanks to Laurie and David for their most professional and patient assistance in making this happen.

When I travel in May I will take laptops in my luggage, so if there are any more that people wish to donate please contact me.

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Do you have a letter for Clarice?

Contact the Editor

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A publication for Rotarians and all community minded people

DG Weekly Message

Firstly this week, I would like to thank all the attendees and Clubs who came to the 2012 Conference and made it an overwhelming success. It was great to see you all together in "our" town, enjoying each other's company and having fun.

I must send out a huge thank you to all who were involved in bringing the Conference about. Many hands were involved in putting the event together and to each of you who lent a hand, provided support and gave of your time, may I extend my sincere gratitude.

As usual, it was particularly terrific to see the great work that clubs do during the Cluster Group presentations. Seeing the breadth of what we can achieve as a District reinforces just what Rotary as an organisation is all about, with these projects together forming a showcase that promotes Rotary in our local communities and raises public awareness of Rotary's fundamental ideals of doing good in the community and beyond.

While the feedback on not only the cluster presentations but also the inspiring stories we heard from the speakers and has been fantastic, my great hope is that each attendee and Club in attendance will take away not just idle inspiration, but a compulsion to take awareness of an issue to the next step - to be inspired into action. This to me is what the Conference is really about.

As we reflect on what we have learnt and the ideas that have been sparked inside us, I urge you each to take the

first steps toward turning these ideas into an action - it might just be writing down your thoughts or sending off an email to someone to do some groundwork - but by taking one idea and bringing it to fruition as a project, we become better individuals, we build stronger clubs, we reinvigorate Rotary as an organisation of action and we eventually build a better world.

While every story needs a conception, every journey begins with that first step. I hope now that you have heard the story you will begin that journey.

Finally, thank you again personally from myself and Gabrielle. We found it so nice to see so many people we consider friends letting loose, having a great time and networking in the company and fellowship of those who share in the same spirit of Rotary.

There will be many more photos and stories in next week's Networker and I am sure you will join with me in sharing more smiles as we reminisce on a perfect Melbourne weekend in great company.

Yours in Rotary

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



District Governor Keith Ryall and Gabrielle

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Clarice Caricare

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March is Literacy Month



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

2012 Melbourne Conference for Rotary District 9800 Highlights



DG Keith Ryall, our own District 9800 Governor, opened the Conference, *“Celebrating the Past and Committing to the Future”*. He oversaw an In Memorium Presentation, Club Roll Call and acknowledged the youngest and oldest Rotarians present.



John Germ: As a Personal Representative, he spoke on behalf of RI President Kalyan Bannerjee, in presenting opening and closing remarks at the Conference.



Diane James AM is an experienced Master of Ceremonies, chairman and presenter with over 20 years’ experience in hosting State and National events. Her natural ability professionally steered events from beginning to end.

Keynote Speakers



Andrew MacLeod: “Leadership Today”
CEO of the Committee for Melbourne, Andrew MacLeod has not only worked for the betterment of our great city, but also for the betterment of humanity. Having served in the United Nations as an international humanitarian official. Andrew spoke on leadership from several different aspects: from the front, laterally, and from behind.



Tony Jones, Host: “Q and A Session”
A friendly and welcoming face with a fierce intellect and a coolness under fire that only a seasoned and skilled journalist could maintain, Tony Jones can today be acknowledged as one of Australia’s favourite TV hosts. The panel of **Ken Lay, Dr Simon Longstaff, Amanda Vanstone and Mark Stone** discussed several questions submitted by the audience.



Professor Tony Costello: “Big Issues for Men’s Health Today”
Professor Tony Costello is one of the leading prostate specialists in Australia. Head of the Department of Urology at The Royal Melbourne Hospital, Tony pioneered robotic surgery in Australia.. His talk and slides gave a new insight into men’s health issues.



Conference Keynote Speakers continued



Annette Kimmett: "Leadership Today"

Annette Kimmett is a Managing Partner of Ernst & Young's Melbourne Office, leading a team of more than 120 Partners and 1,500 staff. She gave us an informed perspective on how business can succeed by investing in the community and society within which they operate.



Prof. Patrick McGorry, Betty Kitchener, Tony Jorm, Claire Kelly.

Focus on Mental Health

The Panel Discussion was led by **Professor Tony Jorm**, a Professorial Fellow at Orygen Youth Health Research Centre at the University of Melbourne and an NHMRC Australia Fellow.



Presentation to Professor Rosenfeld by Gabrielle Butler

Professor Jeffrey Rosenfeld: "My Life as a Neurosurgeon"

Professor Jeffrey Rosenfeld is one of Australia's finest and most renowned neurosurgeons, having pioneered a surgical technique to remove rare hypothalamic haematomas from the brains of children, freeing them of severe seizures. His talk and slides revealed why his cerebrovascular surgery techniques are recognised worldwide.



Michael McQueen: "New Rules of Engagement – Gen Y"

Having presented to over 140,000 people across 5 continents since 2004, Michael has his finger on the pulse when it comes to emerging trends shaping business and culture. His enlightening address focussed on strategies for leading and connecting with Generation Y.



Ilyasi Siraji: "My Life as a Refugee from Congo"

Ilyasi related that his mother passed away and his father went missing in the Congolese conflict. At a very young age he was responsible for caring for his siblings. In desperation they fled to Uganda and were reunited with another of his sisters. Ilyasi was granted a Humanitarian Visa and came to Australia as a refugee in 2007, when he was aged 19.



RCH Extraordinary Achievements"

Leading Neurosurgeon **Alison Wray** was part of the team that successfully separated craniopagus twins Trishna and Krishna in November 2009. She showed how the staged procedure gradually led to the separation of the twins, and **Moira Kelly** told us of the twins' later development. Moira combines her humanitarian work running the Children First Foundation with her legal guardianship of the twins.



Dr Heather Schnagl: "Changes in Secondary Education"

Dr Heather Schnagl is the Principal of Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School, one of Melbourne's most respected independent schools. She gave an insight into modern teaching in the IT age.



Professor Sue McDonald: Rotary Foundation Vocational Training Team Project

Professor McDonald gave an update on the Midwifery Training Project in Baucau, Timor Leste. Her team will return for a second visit soon.



Presentation to Daniel Grollo by Gabrielle Butler

Daniel Grollo: "Homes for the Homeless"

Grocon Chief Executive Daniel Grollo gave an insight into the measures his large construction company is taking to help provide shelter for homeless people.



Conference Keynote Speakers continued



Rhonda Parker "Sustainable Jobs for Indigenous Australians"

Rhonda Parker is the CEO of the Australian Employment Covenant (AEC), a national industry-led initiative aimed at securing sustainable jobs for 50,000 Indigenous Australians. She discussed progress of the projects in recent years.



Prof Marcia Langton and Karen Hill: "It All Begins at Home"

Both spoke on the advances made in education and scholarships for Indigenous Australians.



Jenny Horton: Update on the Eradication of Polio

Jenny began her work eradicating Polio in India back in 2000 and has since been recognised by Rotary International for the amazing work she has done to shut the door on Polio. Jenny has been presented with the Service award for a Polio free World 2005-6, the Service Above Self award in 2006-7 and the citation for Meritorious Service in 2007-2008. She told of her work and the progress in Polio eradication.

GSE Teams

1. All four teams together, with Anne Peace, D9800 GSE Chair
2. Murray Verso with home team returned from India
3. The Team from India
4. The team from USA
5. PDG Greg Ross and the outgoing team to USA



Entertainers



Elizabeth Barrow



Greg Champin



Victorian Police Show Band

Entertainers continued



Victoria University Brimbank Campus Stage Band



Choir of Hope and Inspiration



The Young Voices of Melbourne



Awards



The Rotary Foundation District Service Award

At the Paul Harris Breakfast, GSE Chair **Anne Peace** (at left) received the District Service Award, which recognises Rotarians who serve humanity through Foundation programs.

Paul Harris Fellow

Rotarians were recognised as Paul Harris Fellows, in recognition of their work for the District Conference.



RI Service Above Self Award

As Rotary's highest honour for individual Rotarians, this award recognises Rotarians who have demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service, with an emphasis on personal volunteer efforts and active involvement in helping others through Rotary. This award was presented to **John Steven** (at left) of **Camberwell Rotary Club** by **DG Keith Ryall**. In accepting the award, John acknowledged the support and encouragement of his wife Audrey.

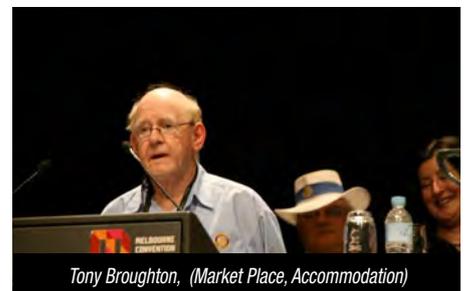


Victor Sullivan (Conference Chairman)



Best Attendance Award

Gaeme Nelson (at left) with the Best Attendance Award, won by **The Rotary Club of Rochester**. Gaeme has recently been awarded the Shire of Campaspe Citizen of the Year Award, for his work for flood relief.



Tony Broughton, (Market Place, Accommodation)



Melissa McIntosh, (Treasurer)

More Conference Highlights

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Next Year

DGE Dennis Shore announced the next District Conference will be held in Albury, March 2013.

Pictured at right is DGE Dennis Shore and far right Victor Sullivan passing the Conference Banner to Noel McInnes.



India is no longer polio endemic

By Dan Nixon, Rotary International News

The World Health Organization has officially removed India from the list of polio-endemic countries. Ghulam Nabi Azad, India's minister of Health and Family Welfare, made the announcement at the Polio Summit 2012 in New Delhi on 25 February. Azad said that he had been informed of WHO's action by its Director-General, Dr. Margaret Chan.

"It is a matter of satisfaction that we have completed one year without any single new case of polio being reported from anywhere in the country," said Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh at the summit, which was organized by the government of India and Rotary International. "This gives us hope that we can finally eradicate polio not only from India but from the face of the entire mother earth. The success of our efforts shows that teamwork pays."

India's last reported case was a two-year-old girl in West Bengal State on 13 January 2011. Before polio eradication

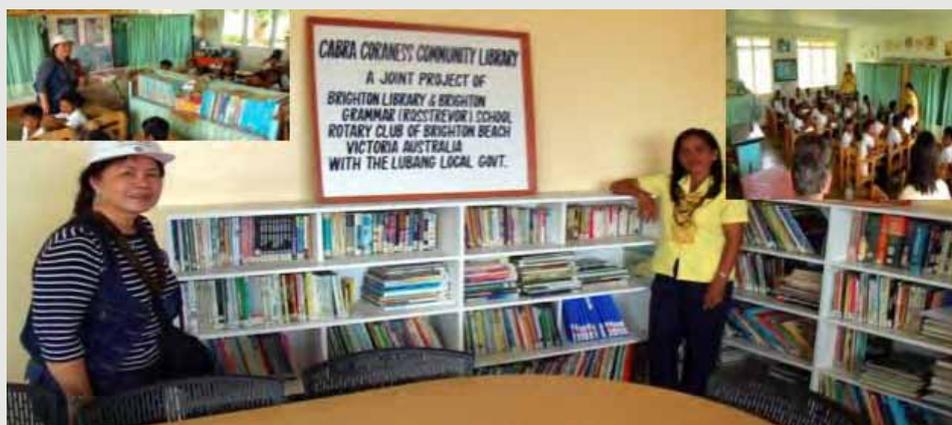


can be certified in India, it must go two more years without another case of the disease. Polio remains endemic in only three countries: Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan.

Read about bivalent oral vaccine and global support from Rotarians at http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/120227_news_indiapolio.aspx

The All India End Polio Now Road Show, organised by District 3201, inspired support for polio eradication in India, Nepal, and Bhutan in late 2011 and early 2012. Photo courtesy of District 3201.

Bayside Books open new horizons in the Philippines



Books no longer of use at the Brighton Library are opening up a new world to people living in a remote island in the Philippines.

The joint humanitarian aid partnership project between the Bayside Library Service, and the Rotary Club of Brighton Beach, with support from Brighton Grammar Rosstrevor School, has seen books donated to an orphanage and public school in the remote island of Cabra Lubang.

Local residents proudly display the shelves at the Cabra Coraness Community Library.

Initially the books were used to improve literacy of students at the elementary and vocational schools on the island, but a room has now been allocated in the town hall and opened as a public library using stock withdrawn and donated books from Bayside.

“The Age” Harvest Picnic

By Eb Friedrich, RC Woodend

The Rotary Club of Woodend was asked by the organisers of the annual AGE Harvest Picnic Festival at Hanging Rock to manage all the car parking and ticket collection. Having never tackled such a project before, it was an opportunity too good to miss with funds earmarked to Disaster Aid Australia, DIK and the Nepali Project which the club is involved in. Much planning and rostering of club members, friends, partners and spouses followed. The club already had many fluoro safety vests from running 2 previous airshows. The organisers apart from paying the club, have in previous years and this year given the club a site free of charge and free entry tickets to promote Woodend Rotary activities to the community resulting in significant fundraising for the Haiti and Christchurch disasters in respective years.

It was a long and hot day starting at 0630 and didn't finish until after 1800 - some 107 man/woman hours. The planning and execution on the day went smoothly and despite the weariness everyone pulled together with good grace and humour.

We had our drama's with a serious car accident outside Hanging Rock. True to professional form, club member and retired lawyer, Jim Noy raced to the scene and was first to arrive! Some things don't change on retirement. As did two club MICA Paramedics and a club doctor. The driver suffered serious head injuries and had to be airlifted to hospital after being placed into an induced coma. Club members had to control traffic flow including a herd of kangaroos bounding across the helicopter landing site - all calmly taken in our stride. The organisers were so impressed, we have been invited back next year and it was suggested we cater for other events at the rock.

At the Rotary Marquee, club member Peter Hall, ably assisted by some Kyneton Rotarians sold roasted corn to raise funds for the clubs Nepali project. Perhaps with a little too much optimism - more corn was purchased than sold - any Rotarians wishing to buy bulk corn please contact the club.



Peter Hall selling roasted corn



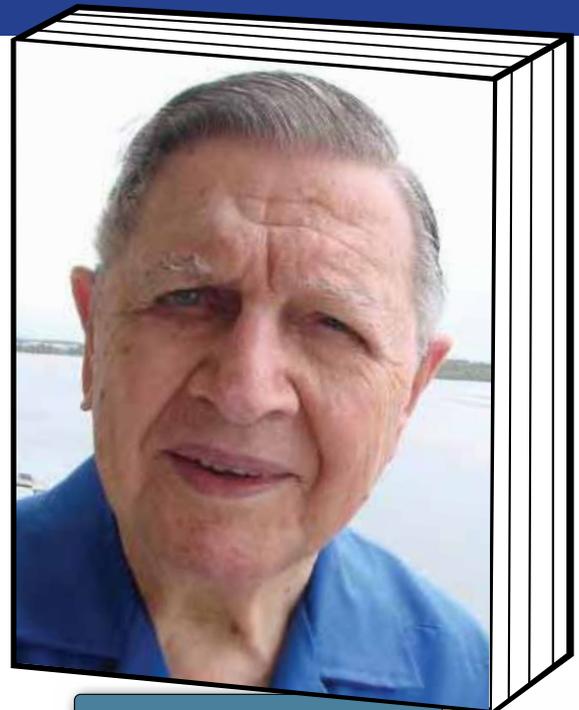
Caroline Wogan and Diana Edwards modelling the fluoro vests

Literacy and Rotary

In his inspiring book (2000) *The Health, Hunger and Humanity Program of Rotary International*, Past Rotary International President Sir Clem Renouf wrote that:

“The Lighthouse Literacy Campaign was spawned by the 3H program. and significant though the PolioPlus program is as an outcome of the 3H program, I believe the Literacy program ... may well be its most beneficial and long-lasting program because of its fundamental importance, not only for the present generation of the world’s more than one billion illiterate people, but also to succeeding generations who will inherit the priceless gift of literacy.”

The Literacy Rotary Action Group aims to increase general awareness of the severity of illiteracy throughout the world; its effect on the quality of the lives of individuals, families, communities and nations from generation to generation . In 2010-11, the Literacy Rotarian Action Group reported 70 active members in 19 countries. Annual Membership Dues are US\$20 Lifetime Membership Dues: US\$100



Sir Clem Renouf

Some International Service Projects and Activities:

- Illiteracy Eradication from Primary Schools in Cairo & Giza Governorates - The Literacy Rotarian Action Group is working to establish a CLE literacy program, which trains teachers (up to the third year of primary school) and Arabic teachers (up to the second year of high school) to teach literacy. Currently, 30% to 40% of students in Ministry of Education primary schools in Egypt remain illiterate.
- Teaching English in elementary schools in Nepal - Nepal relies heavily on tourism so the ability to speak English is important for employment opportunities. LITRAG is working to teach English starting at the primary school level.
- 3-H Literacy Project in The Philippines (2007-11) - By the year 2006, Rotary clubs in the south of the country had conducted Literacy projects up through elementary school grades with high success.

Chair: [Noraseth Pathmanand](#),
E-mail: noraseth@csloxinfo.com
Website: <http://www.litrag.net>



“Women in Rotary” International Women’s Day Breakfast

By Alison McLaverty, Melbourne Girls’ College

Melbourne Girls’ College had always instilled the belief in its young women that there are no limitations on what they can accomplish and that they can achieve whatever goals they set for themselves. Being female has never been perceived as a barrier. Unfortunately in the real world, particularly in the workforce, prejudice and discrimination based on gender does exist and is a real issue.

Luckily though, there are many motivated people out there in fields ranging from sport, to media, to businesses who are fostering change and bringing Australia closer to achieving gender equality. Some of these people include Fabian Dattner, Harold Mitchell, Mary Cooks, Andrew Demetriou, Neil Cole and Tracey Bartram.

A number of members of the Melbourne Girls’ College school executive were lucky enough to listen to these inspiring people speak at the inaugural “Women in Rotary” International Women’s Day breakfast. It was a fantastic event at the Crown Palladium attended by 700 people, some were Rotarians, some were students and some were men and women who have made it to the top of their respective businesses. Everyone was left with the same message. That is, that the conversation about equal opportunity needs to be started everywhere so that men and women alike can aim for a shared vision.

After a wonderful feast, each of us left with full bellies and an increased motivation and belief that we can make a difference. I must thank the school and the Rotary Club of Richmond for making it possible for us to attend this event.



Notices

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 13 & Sunday May 27

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

YoorallaBOWL Sunday 18 March 2012. 9.30am onwards. Fitzroy Victoria Bowls Club 578 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy North. Entry Fee: \$50 per player \$200 per team of four (includes a donation to Yooralla) or \$15 for people on a Disability Support Pension (DSP).

Register at <http://www.yooralla.com.au/yoorallaBOWL.php>

<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/Yooralla%20Bowl%20Flyer%202012.pdf>

RC MELBOURNE PARK

MONTHLY SPEAKER SERIES PRESENTS **BOB ANSETT**

Tuesday 20 March 2012 – 6:45pm

Prahran Hotel – 82 High Street, Prahran Tickets \$30

Includes arrival finger food and main course – Drinks at bar prices RSVP strictly Thursday 15 March to Saxon Mitchell (President) 0425 775 885 or saxon.mitchell@rcmelpark.com

GSE D3030 INDIAN TEAM FAREWELL

Afternoon tea at Melbourne Zoo: Sunday 25 March 2012 1:30pm for 2.00pm start

Venue: Melbourne Zoo, Leopard Lodge, Rail Gate Entrance, Poplar Rd, Parkville

(Melways Map 29 Reference E11) Casual attire

\$40 per person – Free zoo admission starting 1pm

Includes: 1 Glass of bubbles and canapés on arrival + Afternoon tea (scones/Jam/cream, Lamingtons, Mini Pies, Croissants, Danish pastries, Coffee/tea) Other drinks at cash bar prices

RSVP: 12 March – Booking form attached. Early Zoo Admission before 1pm: Special 50% discount = \$12.70

For more information contact: Brian Bloomer – Ph: 0405 124 958 Email: event@canterburyrotary.org

<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/GSE%20D3030%20Indian%20Team%20Farewell%20Event%20flyer-booking.pdf>

MASKED TWILIGHT TEA-DANCE

Saturday 31st March, 5.30 to 9.30

Glen Eira Town Hall – RC Caulfield and Caulfield Over 50s Dance Group

Entry \$5.00 BYO food and drinks.

<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/2012%20Tea%20Dance%20Flyer.pdf>

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CAMBERWELL ROTARY ART SHOW

Saturday 24 March – Sunday 1 April at Hawthorn Town Hall, Burwood Road, Hawthorn. (Open 10am – 7pm daily. Closes 5pm Sunday 1 April).

Entry \$18/\$15 Concession. It's Australia's best known competition, sale and exhibition of quality art with \$20,000 to the 'Best of Show' winning artist. And we are returning to our 'Boroondara' neighbourhood at the heritage, Hawthorn Town Hall. Over 1500 paintings will be for sale by emerging and established artists plus, there'll be workshops and demonstrations by leading artists. Preview/Opening Night Friday 23 March (ticketed event). Visit www.camberwellrotaryartshow.org.au for more information.



CAMBERWELL ROTARY
ART SHOW

PRE-CONVENTION COCKTAIL PARTY

For all District delegates attending the May 2012 R I Convention in Thailand.

Graduate House, 220 Leicester Street, Carlton. **FRIDAY 13TH APRIL 2012.** 5 – 7pm

\$30.00 ph which covers substantial finger food with drinks at very reasonable bar prices.

Free underground parking available. DG Keith Ryall is attending and we have invited the Royal Thai Consulate General Melbourne. RSVP to PP Peter Milburn District Chairperson– 2012

RI convention Bangkok 9 801 6180 or milburnp@yahoo.com.au



THE BOROONDARA PAPER PRESENTS

PROFESSOR IAN HARPER: THE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Breakfast MC: Tony Charlton AM

Tuesday 24 April 2012 Start 6:45am for 7:00am. Concludes at 8:45am sharp.

Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club. \$45.00 per head (includes a full breakfast).

Enquiries to Don Moore 0412 392 933 or email: donmoore@bigpond.net.au

PUBLIC SPEAKING COURSE PRESENTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF BRIMBANK CENTRAL

Sunday 3rd 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>

EXPERIENCE DOCKLANDS ... FOR \$7

with the Rotary Club of Docklands' annual (online) Docklands Experience Raffle.

Prizes include Luxury accommodation, shopping, boating, sport at Etihad, fine dining, trike tours, ice skating and more. Check out this link to flyer for details:

Funds raised will support the Rotary Club of Dockland's local and international projects:

- Providing Docklands-based activities for disadvantaged and disabled children and adults (such as sailing on Victoria Harbour in partnership with the Docklands Yacht Club); as well as
- Collecting and shipping valuable goods to help combat poverty in Fiji.

See www.docklandsrotary.org.au for more details on the Rotary club of Docklands and its Projects.

Raffle drawn **Saturday April 28, 2012**. Winner published in May 2012 edition of Docklands News.

Refer to the linked flyer for more details of the prizes; and Click on the **link** above to the **Docklands Experience Raffle website** to purchase your tickets on-line – only \$7 each. Please forward this email to your family, friends and work colleagues....ticket sales are limited to 1000 tickets.

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GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE 2012 – 2013

In 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 [GSE 2012.2013 promotional information.pdf](#)

MATCHING GRANT APPLICATION IN NEED OF A SPONSOR

This grant will provide funds to establish a comprehensive sexual and reproductive health program in a poor barrio in Chapala, Mexico. An OBGYN and a nurse have offered to hold a clinic at the Tepehua Community Center, where they will perform PAP smears, manual breast exams, and counsel young women on family planning, and early detection and prevention of sexually transmitted diseases. The funds requested should be sufficient to sustain the program through the first year of operation.

The number one cause of death for women in the greater Chapala area is Cervical cancer and breast cancer. The poverty level is significant in the barrio of Tepehua, medical care is not readily available. Maternal health issues are prevalent and even basic health knowledge is very limited. This project will support a comprehensive Maternal Health project for 1200 under-served, low income women. The existing Community Center will be the location. The benefit is enormous for these families, if the women are healthy and can plan their pregnancies and obtain good health care, the entire family will benefit. Literally, lives will be saved, a cycle of poverty can be broken, children will be raised by their mothers instead of losing them to disease.

If your club is interested in this project, contact Rotary Action Group for Population and Development Chairman Dr Gordon Cheyne at 9500 2359, gcheyne@bigpond.net.au



PUT YOUR FOOTY TIPPING SKILLS TO WORK FOR CHARITY.

\$5,000 Grand Prize – Big Weekly Winners

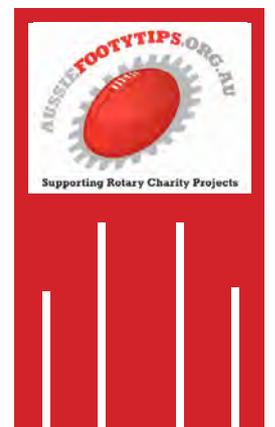
Enjoy the fun of footy tipping all season long, win big prizes and help important charities like ROMAC that brings children with birth defects to Australia for medical treatment, the Australian Childhood Foundation that works to stop child abuse, Ovarian Cancer Research Foundation and other community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

Hi Clarice,

I've been asked by the Club to print out the Networker for members not on email or IT BUT the .pdf format is not working, I do have the latest update Adobe.

Please can you give me instructions or a different format.

I take it is the View Networker in pdf format that I then could print OR do you have a print 'button' format

Thank you require answer instructions asap (angry mob)

Therese McKenney-Campbell

Clarice replies: Yes, The PDF of Networker is designed to be printed and I congratulate you for wanting to print it out and circulate among your club members who are not IT Savvy.

We do understand that everyone is different with individual readers preferring print, email, web, pdf or online flip pages; even on their mobile phones. The good news is Networker does them all.

To print the PDF (which will most likely display as part of the your Web Browser rather than opening a separate Adobe Reader Window) either use the Print Function of your web browser or click on the printer Icon on the popup menu below that will show up when you move your mouse to the bottom centre of your screen.)



Dear Clarice,

"You remember we're going to that Rotary function tonight?" asked Fred.

"What function? Where? What time? What's the dress code?" I asked.

"Dunno" said Fred, "but it's in the invitation"

"What invitation? I haven't seen an invitation"

"It came by e-mail. It's also in the club bulletin"

"And where are the e-mail and bulletin?"

"In the computer."

And there's the problem. I no longer get to read a written invitation, and I don't get the club bulletin to read. It used to be posted to the home, but now it floats around somewhere in the ether. I've asked Fred to print it out for me, but he never gets around to it. He's too busy.

When we eventually got to the function, I found other Rotary wives shared my frustration. Perhaps younger Rotary spouses are coping better, but in this era of supposedly improved communications, many of us are left out of the loop.

Best wishes,

Wife of Rotarian

(name withheld by request)

Clarice Replies: If you have your own e-mail address, you can ask your bulletin editor to add you to the mailing list. If you have no e-mail, he may be able to mail you a hard copy. But if Fred is slow to print out the bulletin or invitations, you could take a leaf from Lysistrata's book, and withdraw some privileges until he co-operates. How about a reminder that dinner will be ready as soon as you get the print-out?



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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Networker

Rotary District 9800

A publication for Rotarians and all community minded people

DG Weekly Message

The life of a District Governor can be a busy one, but a very rewarding one. I was in Sydney with the other District Governors along with Rotary International Director Stuart Heal last week. Stuart (some might remember Stuart as the New Zealander who spoke about Public Image at our District's 2011 Conference in Adelaide) explained that Rotary International General Secretary John Hewko has engaged global strategic branding firm Siegal and Gale to work with Rotary on revitalising our brand.

While the brief given wasn't to change Rotary or what we stand for, it was to look at how we can change the way that we present our brand to ensure that we are attractive to those presently not in Rotary but who will form the next wave of Rotarians - how large, committed, engaged and ready to come on board that group are is largely in our hands. If we want to see lots more Rotarians on board working alongside us and continuing our tradition of doing great things in our community and the world around us, then we can't stand still or just hope that suddenly everyone will "get it" and all of a sudden join Rotary. We need to change our approach just as every other brand in the world changes with the times.

Change and moving forward can sometimes be a scary thing to Rotarians who are already committed to a brand we identify with - but we are just the custodians of Rotary and its image. What would have happened if the forefathers of Rotary had refused to change the organisation in its early years and had not taken advantage of new opportunities to expand and do greater good?

Rotary could very well still be:

- stuck in Chicago or the USA;
- a male only organisation;
- using a wagon wheel as its emblem;
- without websites;
- without international service;
- without youth exchange programs;
- without Foundation;
- without a campaign to reduce Polio; **and**
- lacking either a four-way test or the mottoes "Service Above Self" and "Those profit most who serve best".



District Governor Keith Ryall and Gabrielle

While at the time each change might have seemed a risk or a departure from the Rotary that members knew and loved, each one of these developments have taken our brand to the next level of public recognition and have inspired non-Rotarians to join us to achieve more in their lives. Taking us forward again requires us to once more think how we can innovate and capture the public's attention, imagination and support to achieve more.

I encourage each of you to embrace innovation and change in the wind and to think how your Club can play your part in making Rotary fit for the next generation. There can be few better legacies to leave than a strong Rotary Club that will for many more years serve in line with the very reasons you serve right now as a Rotarian.

Yours in Rotary

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

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Conference Gala Dinner

Some technical issues last week prevented us loading these photos of Rotarians letting their hair down. The Gala Dinner was one of the highlights of the 2012 Conference.

Bronwyn Fanning's photos can be seen at

https://plus.google.com/photos/117883203616490859068/albums/5719338710495566129?banner=pwa&authkey=COeF_sSi-aDunAE



Farewell to Bollywood?

The fantastic GSE Team from India, who entertained us so magnificently at the District Conference with “Bollywood Dancing”, will be going home soon.

Their farewell event is on **25 March at Melbourne Zoo** and it will be a casual afternoon tea style event. Zoo entry is free from 1pm.

Or come early to the zoo and receive a 50% discount off the adult entry price for a whole day at the zoo!

Last numbers must be in by Thursday 15 March at 10:00am.

For more information contact: Brian Bloomer - Ph: 0405 124 958 Email: event@canterburyrotary.org

See “Notices and Events” for details.



Let's give the Indian team a fabulous Aussie farewell!!



Rotary Cycle Cambodia Challenge 2012

Departing 25 November 2012, a fundraising cycle challenge through the countryside of Cambodia has been organised by the Rotary Club of Bacchus Marsh and coordinated by RAW Travel to support the charity organisation New Hope Cambodia.

Have you given much thought to where you might spend your annual holiday this year? Do you imagine relaxing by a beachside town or experiencing a vibrant Asian city? Perhaps you're dreaming of immersing yourself in a foreign culture or exploring ancient ruins? Are you yearning for an adventure?

The Rotary Club of Bacchus Marsh and RAW Travel have teamed up to provide all this and more! Departing Melbourne on 25 November 2012, RAW Travel will lead an 11 day charity challenge through the countryside of Cambodia.

Cycling 420km, you will travel to the seaside town of Sihanouk Ville, then through the rolling hills of the Cardaman Ranges towards Takeo close to the Vietnam border. Travelling on to the capital Phnom Penh, you will be given the opportunity to learn about the nation's tragic history before heading to Kampong Thom and further on to Siem Reap, home of the majestic Angkor Wat.

The final day of the tour will be spent at New Hope Cambodia, a non-government organisation for which this trip is raising much needed funds to support the ongoing provision of free education and health care.

To join the cycle challenge, fundraise \$5,500 and this covers your trip costs including international airfares from Melbourne, accommodation, meals, bike hire, English speaking guide, support vehicle. Personally paying for the trip is an option for people who do not wish to fundraise.

Call RAW Travel on 1300 208 245 or Bacchus Marsh Rotarian Natalie Devenny on 0400 085 583 for more details.

Visit: www.rawtravel.com/trip/rotary_cycle_challenge_cambodia_2012 for a complete itinerary, trip details and registration.

Visit: www.newhopecambodia.com to learn more about the invaluable services you will be supporting by taking part in this fundraising challenge.



Photos supplied by RAW Travel

Our Grand Challenge Cricket Match

By Richard Groom, RC Hawthorn.

It's quite rare that both District 9800 and District 9810 have their district conferences in Melbourne in the same year.

This coincidence was the spark that gave rise to the idea of the two districts meeting on the cricket field.

With the aid of the International Fellowship of Cricketing Rotarians, teams representing the two districts took the field on the morning of March 8, the day before the opening of the D9800 conference.

PDG Greg Ross, playing his first game for some 15 years, captained D9800 while Michael Gavin (RC of Lilydale) captained the D9810 team.

Introductions all round, as is the custom with all local IFCR games in Australia, preceded the start of play.

After 35 overs each way there was very little between the two teams in terms of runs scored. Many tired bodies and one torn hamstring testified to this result.

As always with cricket matches played between Rotarians, fellowship was the winner.

Richard Groom is Australian Secretary on the International Fellowship of Cricketing Rotarians.



A Celebration of Youth Programs at RC of Keilor

By Vanda Mullen, Director, New Generations, District 9800

At a recent club meeting at the RC of Keilor, **President Norm Draper** welcomed a very large crowd of Rotarians and guests for their highly acclaimed 'Youth Exchange Evening'. It was a partners and family night and it was a special occasion to welcome their recently returned Youth Exchange sponsored students **Billy Harris** from France and **Liz Ryan** from Finland. The Chairman for the evening was the club's very popular Inbound Youth Exchange student **Linnea Lidfors** from Sweden. Also in attendance on this occasion was their recently returned National Youth Science Forum student **Richard Donaldson**, a year 12 student at Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School. He was selected from the large and very talented field of applicants, to attend the science based seminars at the University in Perth, as well as numerous industry and laboratory visits during the January school holidays. It was also a special occasion to welcome the club's recently arrived Ambassadorial Scholar from Canada, **Lauren Coutts**.



Recently returned from France Outbound Youth Exchange student Billie Harris (left) catches up on Rotary news in "Rotary Down Under" magazines with Inbound Youth Exchange student from Sweden Linnea Lindfors.



Billie Harris (left) shares a "Rotary Down Under" magazine with recently returned Outbound Youth Exchange student from Finland, Liz Ryan.

This scholars program from the Rotary Foundation enables young people to undertake formal university studies and act as Rotary ambassadors of goodwill.

Congratulations to the RC of Keilor for your fine commitment to the youth programs of D9800.

Members of the D9800 Youth Exchange committee are now contacting D9800 clubs and to seek expressions of interest for the hosting of Inbound students arriving to our District in July 2012. Please make contact if you require further information or if you wish to have a guest speaker presentation at your club by our excellent team of Youth Exchange presenters.

SPEAKERBANKUPDATE

By Jill Weeks, D9800 Speaker Bank Committee

Do you know of interesting Speakers that we can add to the D9800 Speaker Bank?
If so, please send the name and contact of the Speaker to: tellus@where2retire.com.au
Log in to see a list of Topics and speakers at http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/speakers_bank

Thanks to **Clarice** for sending two interesting speakers:

Michael Wells: SHINE for Kids provides programs and service delivery for the children of imprisoned parents, including children impacted by parental involvement in the criminal justice system across Victoria.

Email: mwells@shineforkids.org.au

Mobile: 0414816093 Office:

(03)9688-2901 or 9688-2900

www.shineforkids.org.au



John Xiao: The Chinese Epoch Times

John writes - 'I have been invited to give presentations on Chinese Culture, The Renaissance of Chinese Culture Via Art Form to a few clubs already and other organizations. What I am talking about is very educational, inspirational and relevant to people today no matter we what do'.

Contact: John Xiao john.xiao@epochtimes.com



Thanks to **Anne Peace of the RC Echuca-Moama** for suggesting:

Peter Gray, Cambodian Children Against Starvation and Violence

Anne writes: 'Peter Gray found us as he believes that Rotary is the organisation that he would like to work with. He is inspirational. Anything that we are doing at our club pales into insignificance.

Contact: Anne Peace: Telephone: 0429 801 342



Mike McFarlane: Interplast and/or Angel Flight

Angel Flight is a charity that co-ordinates non-emergency flights to help country people trying to deal with the triple trouble of bad health, poor finances and daunting distance. Interplast provides free treatment to people living with a disability from a congenital condition such as cleft lip and palate, or an acquired condition such as burn scar contractures. Treatment is targeted to the indigent population who would otherwise not be able to afford to access services.

Contact: Mike McFarlane 0418 317 418

Mike has advised that he is now 'also available to speak first hand on the Sumba Eye Program. He invites us to take a look at his 'short doco' here on YouTube:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cmNxoJp_H8



WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Takao Yukawa was inducted into the **Rotary Club of North Balwyn** last week.

Takao is a Paul Harris Fellow and previously had 20 years service with the Rotary Club of Glenferrie.

The photo shows: President - Matthew Pauli, Takao & Sanae Yukawa, Miyoki & Robert Ebihara (Sponsor)



Notices

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 13 & Sunday May 27

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

CAMBERWELL ROTARY ART SHOW

Saturday 24 March – Sunday 1 April at Hawthorn Town Hall, Burwood Road, Hawthorn. (Open 10am – 7pm daily. Closes 5pm Sunday 1 April).

Entry \$18/\$15 Concession. It's Australia's best known competition, sale and exhibition of quality art with \$20,000 to the 'Best of Show' winning artist. And we are returning to our 'Boroondara' neighbourhood at the heritage, Hawthorn Town Hall. Over 1500 paintings will be for sale by emerging and established artists plus, there'll be workshops and demonstrations by leading artists. Preview/Opening Night Friday 23 March (ticketed event). Visit www.camberwellrotaryartshow.org.au for more information.



CAMBERWELL ROTARY
ART SHOW

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GSE D3030 INDIAN TEAM FAREWELL

Afternoon tea at Melbourne Zoo: Sunday 25 March 2012 1:30pm for 2.00pm start

Venue: Melbourne Zoo, Leopard Lodge, Rail Gate Entrance, Poplar Rd, Parkville

(Melways Map 29 Reference E11) Casual attire. \$40 per person - Free zoo admission starting 1pm

Includes: 1 Glass of bubbles and canapés on arrival + Afternoon tea (scones/Jam/cream, Lamingtons, Mini Pies, Croissants, Danish pastries, Coffee/tea) Other drinks at cash bar prices

RSVP: 12 March - Booking form attached. Early Zoo Admission before 1pm: Special 50% discount = \$12.70

For more information contact: Brian Bloomer - Ph: 0405 124 958 Email: event@canterburyrotary.org

<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/GSE%20D3030%20Indian%20Team%20Farewell%20Event%20flyer-booking.pdf>

MASKED TWILIGHT TEA-DANCE

Saturday 31st March, 5.30 to 9.30 Glen Eira Town Hall - RC Caulfield and Caulfield Over 50s Dance Group. Entry \$5.00 BYO food and drinks.

<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/2012%20Tea%20Dance%20Flyer.pdf>

9800 GSE GARDEN TEA PARTY OUTBOUND D9800 TEAM GOING TO D5230 USA. Sunday 15th April 2012 1.30pm -4pm. Werribee Park Reception Centre Gate 5, K Road Werribee (Me Ref 201-B4) \$35 pp RSVP Mon 2 April, 2012. More details: http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/notices_and_events

THE BOROONDARA PAPER PRESENTS

PROFESSOR IAN HARPER: THE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Breakfast MC: Tony Charlton AM. Tuesday 24 April 2012 Start 6:45am for 7:00am. Concludes at 8:45am sharp. Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club. \$45.00 per head (includes a full breakfast).

Enquiries to Don Moore 0412 392 933 or email: donmoore@bigpond.net.au

PRE-CONVENTION COCKTAIL PARTY

For all District delegates attending the May 2012 R I Convention in Thailand.

Graduate House, 220 Leicester Street, Carlton. **FRIDAY 13TH APRIL 2012. 5 - 7pm**

\$30.00 ph which covers substantial finger food with drinks at very reasonable bar prices.

Free underground parking available. DG Keith Ryall is attending and we have invited the Royal

Thai Consulate General Melbourne. RSVP to PP Peter Milburn District Chairperson- 2012

RI convention Bangkok 9 801 6180 or milburnp@yahoo.com.au



FOOTSCRAY RC 75TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Melbourne Town Hall, Thursday, 17th May.

\$85 all inclusive. RSVP by 20th April to Lawrence Atley, 5985 1055, 0418554058

Lawrence@lawrenceatley.com.au For more info: http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/notices_and_events

PUBLIC SPEAKING COURSE PRESENTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF BRIMBANK CENTRAL

Sunday 3rd 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>

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EXPERIENCE DOCKLANDS ... FOR \$7

with the Rotary Club of Docklands' annual (online) Docklands Experience Raffle.

Prizes include Luxury accommodation, shopping, boating, sport at Etihad, fine dining, trike tours, ice skating and more. Check out this link to flyer for details:

Funds raised will support the Rotary Club of Dockland's local and international projects:

- Providing Docklands-based activities for disadvantaged and disabled children and adults (such as sailing on Victoria Harbour in partnership with the Docklands Yacht Club); as well as
- Collecting and shipping valuable goods to help combat poverty in Fiji.

See www.docklandsrotary.org.au for more details on the Rotary club of Docklands and its Projects.

Raffle drawn **Saturday April 28, 2012**. Winner published in May 2012 edition of Docklands News.

Refer to the linked flyer for more details of the prizes; and Click on the **link** above to the **Docklands Experience Raffle website** to purchase your tickets on-line - only \$7 each. Please forward this email to your family, friends and work colleagues....ticket sales are limited to 1000 tickets.

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MATCHING GRANT APPLICATION IN NEED OF A SPONSOR

This grant will provide funds to establish a comprehensive sexual and reproductive health program in a poor barrio in Chapala, Mexico. An OBGYN and a nurse have offered to hold a clinic at the Tepehua Community Center, where they will perform PAP smears, manual breast exams, and counsel young women on family planning, and early detection and prevention of sexually transmitted diseases. The funds requested should be sufficient to sustain the program through the first year of operation.

The number one cause of death for women in the greater Chapala area is Cervical cancer and breast cancer. The poverty level is significant in the barrio of Tepehua, medical care is not readily available. Maternal health issues are prevalent and even basic health knowledge is very limited. This project will support a comprehensive Maternal Health project for 1200 under-served, low income women. The existing Community Center will be the location. The benefit is enormous for these families, if the women are healthy and can plan their pregnancies and obtain good health care, the entire family will benefit. Literally, lives will be saved, a cycle of poverty can be broken, children will be raised by their mothers instead of losing them to disease.

If your club is interested in this project, contact Rotary Action Group for Population and Development Chairman Dr Gordon Cheyne at 9500 2359, gcheyne@bigpond.net.au



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PUT YOUR FOOTY TIPPING SKILLS TO WORK FOR CHARITY.

\$5,000 Grand Prize – Big Weekly Winners

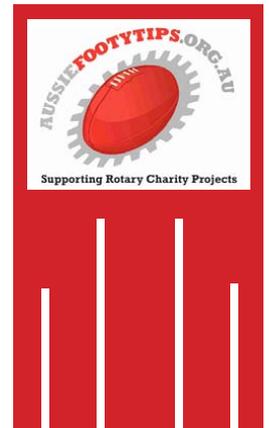
Enjoy the fun of footy tipping all season long, win big prizes and help important charities like ROMAC that brings children with birth defects to Australia for medical treatment, the Australian Childhood Foundation that works to stop child abuse, Ovarian Cancer Research Foundation and other community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



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/>

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE 2012 – 2013

In 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 [GSE 2012.2013 promotional information.pdf](#)

ERRATUM

In last week's "Networker" we had a slip-up over the date of the next Conference: it will of course be held in Albury, 14th to 16th March, 2013.

We apologise for the error, and hope you will put the correct date in your diary.

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Reader's Letters

Hi Clarice,

The Vic Police/Vocational Service Stands promoting Vocational Service Club Activities including the White Ribbon and Leaders Mentoring Program were very popular and enthusiastically received at our district conference over the week end. The presence of uniformed Vic Police collaborating with Rotarians and sharing their experiences made us a focal point of interest and provided an opportunity to solicit new ideas for club vocational service activities. The attachment forwarded by Justine Murphy, Rotary District Vocational Service Committee to Committee Chair Bob Slater, is a summary of outcomes for clubs to consider.

With your support, we:

- identified 10 great Vocational Service project ideas (some in progress, some brand new)
- received almost 150 votes of support against these ideas
- engaged in conversations about vocational service projects with almost 180 people
- gave away some great prizes:

First Prize: Kogan television Marg Joss RC Chadstone East Malvern
 Second Prize: Premium wine pack Rob Macatier RC Richmond
 Third Prize: Quality wine pack Judith Whelan
 Personal Development Plan Ian Ada RC Carlton

- had heaps of fun!

As promised, we have collated the ideas and votes from the Market Stall and include them below:

suggestion of good vocational service idea	#votes
ethics in leadership program for secondary school students / tafe / uni / RLI	32
mock interviews /career advice with vce students	15
workplace literacy support for new / non-literate Australians	27
club ethical conundrum discussions / debates	7
young driver education complex / programs	38
social entrepreneurial initiative involving social networks	6
business and service excellence awards	7
GSE type model for local young business leaders	6
business mentoring program	6
1 year secondment - job swap - of young employees with overseas person in similar role	5



Please contact the District Vocational Service Committee if you would like information on these ideas. Thank you for your participation and to stall organisers Justine Murphy, Anne King, RC Central Melbourne – Sunrise and Neville Taylor Vic Police for their organisation of such a professional and enthusiastic promotion of Rotary District 9800 Vocational Service Programs.

Sincerely
Nick Constance
Secretary,
District Vocational
Service Committee



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DG Weekly Message

Dear Networker readers,

This week I have a number of things I'd like to make mention of in terms of the great work our Clubs continue to do, in particular using my experiences last week as an example. Given the many great happenings, I will try to keep my description of each brief:

- On Friday night Gabrielle I were invited by President David Baker to attend the launch of the Camberwell Art Show. Every year since 1966 the Rotary Club of Camberwell put on this fantastic and highly successful event, a highlight of the social and art world calendar. The artwork this year is, as ever, wonderful and well worth getting along to see between the hours of 10am to 7pm daily until Sunday 1st April 2012. Congratulations to the Team at Camberwell for a magnificent evening particularly to you President David, you battled all odds to lead your Club.
- Saturday afternoon, I was fortunate to attend the Welcome Reception for the 200km Walk Team from Rotary Club of Werribee. The team has raised over \$55,000 in pledges and donations for the Palliative Care Unit at the Royal Children's Hospital – a big congratulations to the Rotary Club of Werribee on their efforts.
- Saturday night provided the opportunity to enjoy a Rotary dinner for 60 Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) participants at Camp Weekaway. A Great job was done by Bronwyn Fanning and the team in preparing a fantastic camp and great dinner, the Rotary Club of Woodend and Rotary Club of North Balwyn working together to create an experience that will change the lives of many young people.
- On Sunday afternoon it was time for the Farewell Function for the District 3030 GSE Team from India at the Melbourne Zoo. A great job was done by the Rotary Club of Canterbury who led the way with their support, as well as the support from the many GSE Host Families in attendance.

I know the team as well as our District 9800 host families have had an incredible and enlightening experience through this great cultural and vocational exchange. We will miss the District 3030 team but I am sure we will share a bond for many years coming.



District Governor Keith Ryall and Gabrielle

- My day on Sunday was spent with others conducting selection interviews for our District's nominee for District Governor in 2014-2015. It's with pleasure that I can announce that from a field of worthy nominees, I am able to offer hearty congratulations to Dr Murray Verso (along with Irene Verso) from the Rotary Club of Williamstown. Murray is a fine Rotarian, a great leader, an innovative mind and a very decent man whom I am sure Rotarians in our District will be proud to get behind and support as we reinvigorate our District. Congratulations again Murray!
- To round out a busy few days, Monday night saw me joining the Rotary Club of Altona City to celebrate their 25th Birthday. It's a great milestone and I hope this vibrant Club continues to build on their reputation for community service and supportive fellowship.

The great thing is knowing that these are just a few examples of the work being done out there – I know that there are many more noteworthy examples each and every week, but sometimes it's nice just to reflect on the great reasons why the life a DG is never a dull one!

Yours in Rotary

Keith Ryall
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RI recognizes Rotary Action Group as a Resource of the Future Vision Plan

By Harald Marschner, RC Enns, Austria Chairman RFPD

RI has been successfully discussing its future and progress on a broad scale in the last few years. The result being recommendations from RI to clubs and districts which RI has named the Strategic Plan. The future work will thus focus on three core values: strong Clubs, an increase of Humanitarian Service and an enhanced Public Image.

To increase Rotary's Humanitarian Service, RI and TRF launched the Future Vision Plan and the 6 Areas of Focus. These areas are crucial for the development of many communities and developing countries and more importantly the areas are the only path to a better future for many families in these communities.

The six Areas of Focus are:

- Peace and conflict prevention/ resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water and sanitation
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Economic and community development

RI provides three resources, competent partners for the very sensitive area "Maternal and child health". The clubs and districts are encouraged to ask these resource groups for help and assistance for their intended projects in this area.

The resources are:

- the Aga Khan University
<http://www.aku.edu/Pages/home.aspx>
- the UN Population Fund
<http://www.unfpa.org/public/>
- Rotarian Action Group for Population & Development,
www.rifpd.org



RI is now adopting RFPD's postulation on family planning and states: "53 million unintended pregnancies could be prevented through family planning", if all the women who want to plan the number of their children have free access to contraception. This number of unintended pregnancies equal 75% of the world's population increase in one year. The Gates Foundation adds in this context that 20 million unsafe abortions would be prevented. Consequently RI states: "Provide access to family planning". See: www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/965en.pdf

Thus RI opens a door to the most important topic on our planet. Family Planning touches the real problem, the population increase. This increase in many cases threatens to destroy any improvements many developing countries could make, especially in Africa. Africa is running the risk of doubling its population to 2.2 billion

by 2050! Rotary is in a position to present solutions to slow down this increase! RFPD has been addressing the topic of family planning in hundreds of projects, which were organized by clubs all over the world. Especially Nigerian, German and Austrian Rotarians successfully organized the project "Maternal Health in Northern Nigeria"; see: www.maternal-health.org

This may be the biggest Rotarian project after Polio Plus, and highly acclaimed by experts that successfully reduced maternal mortality by 60% in the project hospitals.



Rotarian Action Group for Population Growth and Sustainable Development

Founded in 1996, the 20,000+ members of the Rotarian Action Group for Population Growth and Sustainable Development (RFPD), Inc. work to address the population crisis around the world. RFPD is dedicated to educating and motivating the 1.2 million Rotarians around the world about developing and implementing projects that directly address the population issue.

http://ragm.rotaryglobal.net/p/blog/242/RFPD_-_Resource_for_Future_Vision_Plan

Farewell Visit from Indian GSE Team

By PDG Jack Ings, AM, RC Hawthorn

If you needed any proof of the effectiveness of Rotary Group Study Exchange as an instrument of peace and understanding, as well as its primary purpose of providing young people, established in their life's work, to study and understand how another culture goes about the same task, you only had to listen to what members of this team had to say about their visit.

Apart from their appreciation of the hospitality and the opportunity to study how their professions are conducted in this country, all had some individual point or points to make.

Their leader, **Dr. Vaijayanti Padyhe**, whose main task was to manage the team and to see the objectives of the visit were met, also gained something to take back to her District for consideration. She was impressed by the effectiveness of the Probus movement to provide fun & fellowship to retirees and will see what can be done to start it in District 3030.

Team member **Sonal Trivedi** within the course of study of her own interests of dance, choreography and education, was very taken with the ease that Australians had of balancing work and life. However, she also observed that she would like to introduce more Indian spices in our cooking.

Fellow team member, **Dr. Mugdha Phadke** will carry strong and fond memories of the hosts, who not only made the visit an outstandingly pleasant one but were able to show her the way that hospitals were taking some new approaches that she can propose for adoption when she returns home.

Asif A.K. Shaikh spoke of the great examples he observed in mining and engineering that exhibited creativity and innovation. He was also impressed with the general discipline showed in all phases of work and home life.

Pawan Sarda's first host conducted him through areas pointed out as 'where the rich people live', so much so that he thought he might be going to be hosted in a slum. Imagine his surprise when the 'modest' home of his hosts turned out to be about five times the size of a home in India. He also spoke of the private and public cleanliness he saw. Being something of a cricket tragic he appreciated being able to walk on the hallowed MCG pitch



Pictured are: Team Leader Vaijayanti Padhe, Mugdha Phadke, Pawan Sarda, GSE Chair Anne Peace, Sonal Trivedi and Asif Shaikhe at the recent D9800 Conference.

but feels he must return as he must meet Shane Warne in the flesh. Probably the most telling thing he had to say was that being away in a team like this gave him the opportunity of learning more about himself.

All spoke of the appreciation they had for the way Rotarians made sure they saw the things they wanted to. The sense of humour they observed and general goodwill will be impressions they will take back as well the discipline of the traffic. Another aspect they had not appreciated was the great number of races and cultures that already called Australia home.

There was however, some divergence of opinion about the great Australian icon, Vegemite. Some liked it or got used to it, but Asif went so far as to say that if we wanted to keep people away, all we had to do was feed it to them.

It was clear that the objectives of the GSE program were met and that Ambassadors for Australia have been created, as well as we in turn, being able to understand and appreciate Indian people better and to know something of their culture.



Regional Service Award

By PDG John Davis, DRFCC

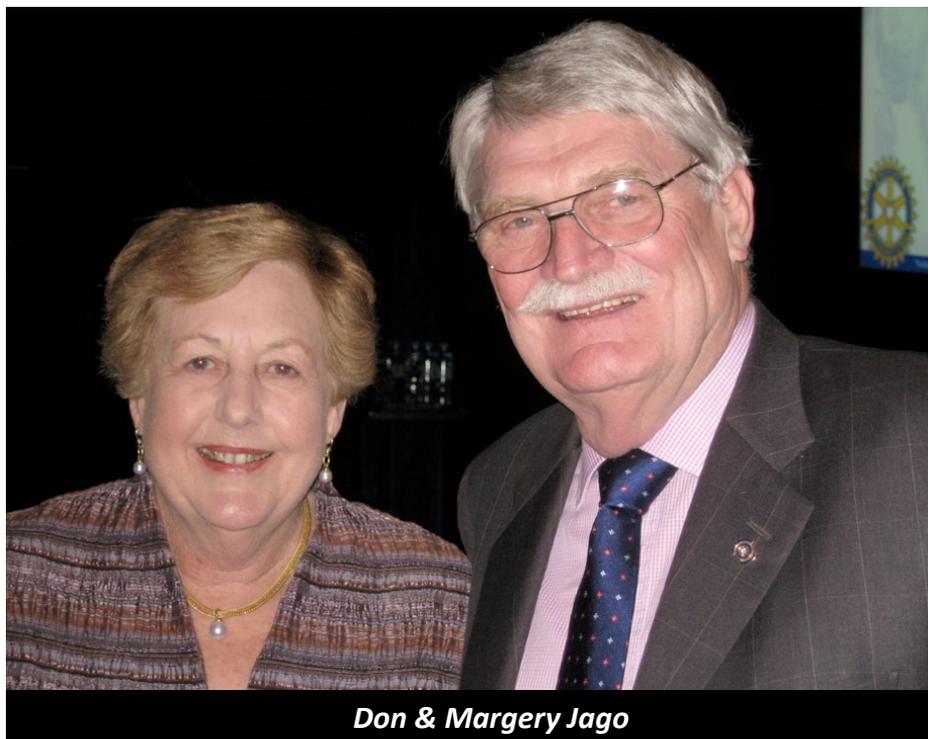
We are very pleased that PDG Don Jago has been recognized by the awarding of the 'Regional Service Award for a Polio Free World 2011-2012' to Don for his leadership and management of the Polio Eradication program over the last 5 years.

The Polio Eradication Program and the Polio Challenge have been supported strongly in our Zone due to Don's untiring work. He has taken every opportunity to explain why this program of The Rotary Foundation must continue its work if we are see the final eradication of this invidious disease from the world.

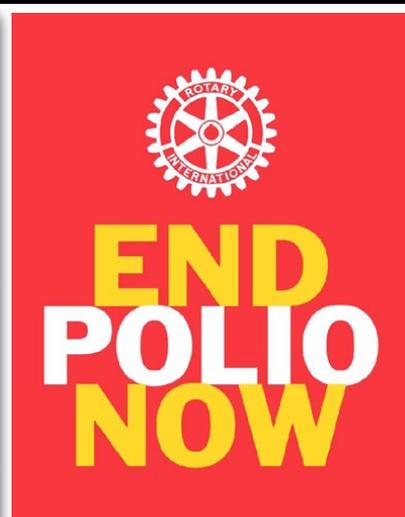
It is appropriate that PDG Don was recognised in the month when India was declared Polio free, and is now deleted from one of the three endemic countries for polio in the world. PAIN now becomes PAN Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria

We all join in congratulating Don for his Service above Self over many years. He can be rightfully proud of this wonderful recognition.

*Polio primarily affects children under the age of five, and it can cause paralysis in hours.
Photo by Jean-Marc Giboux.*



Don & Margery Jago



Outbound GSE Team & 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. District 1080 will be holding their District Conference in October 2012. Therefore, to enable our Outbound Team to fully prepare for the study tour we will need to select our Outbound Team in this Rotary year. The Outbound Team will leave on or about the 6th October 2012 and return on or about the 3rd November 2012.

Applications for both the Team Leader and Team Members are now listed on the District web site www.rotarydistrict9800.org - if you click on the orange window top right corner marked GSE, this will give you access to the application forms for Team Leader and Team Member, and if you click on the link, Group Study 2012-13 you will get information on the study tour to District 1080.

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



GSE to D3030 India 2011.12



GSE to D5230 California 2011.12

Rotaract and Rotary Together

Rotaract is a Rotary-sponsored service club for young men and women ages eighteen to thirty. District 9800 currently has three Rotaract Clubs: Tullamarine, Monash University/Caulfield, and Melbourne University.

Rotaractors and Rotarians have much to gain by working together. During World Rotaract Week, 12-18 March this year, Rotary celebrated the contributions of Rotaractors and encouraged Rotary clubs to invite them to meetings and to participate in mutual service projects. Here are a few examples of Rotaractors serving their communities:

- The Rotaract Club of Ntinda, Uganda, delivered blankets and mosquito nets to 300 underprivileged children in nearby communities. The club raised funds by organizing a joint Rotary/Rotaract mini-marathon.
- Members of the Rotaract Club of Rieti, Italy, raised funds to install a water well in a village in Balaka, Malawi. Rotaractors and Rotarians then spent 20 days in Malawi and helped install the well.
- The Rotaract Club of Surat East, Gujarat, India, conducted a blood donation drive, collecting more than 1,459 units of blood during a single day.

See how Rotaractors lead social media workshop for Rotarians: http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/120313_news_rotaract.aspx

Turn New Generations into the Next Generation of Rotarians: <http://vimeo.com/28457109>



One of the youth instructors helps out a Rotarian during a social media workshop conducted by District 5890 (Texas, USA). Photo courtesy of District 5890



Rotaract Club of Monash/Caulfield

Literacy Rotarian Action Group

This Rotary Action Group aims to increase general awareness of the severity of illiteracy throughout the world; its effect on the quality of the lives of individuals, families, communities and nations from generation to generation.

In 2010-11, the Literacy Rotarian Action Group reported 70 active members in 19 countries. Annual Membership Dues are US\$20 Lifetime Membership Dues: US\$100

Some International Service Projects and Activities

- Illiteracy Eradication from Primary Schools in Cairo & Giza Governorates** -The Literacy Rotarian Action Group is working to establish a CLE literacy program, which trains teachers (up to the third year of primary school) and Arabic teachers (up to the second year of high school) to teach literacy. Currently, 30% to 40% of students in Ministry of Education primary schools in Egypt remain illiterate.



- Teaching English in elementary schools in Nepal** - Nepal relies heavily on tourism so the ability to speak English is important for employment opportunities. LITRAG is working to teach English starting at the primary school level.
- 3-H Literacy Project in The Philippines (2007-11)** - By the year 2006, Rotary clubs in the south of the country had conducted Literacy projects up through elementary school grades with high success.

Chair: Noraseth Pathmanand,
E-mail: noraseth@csloxinfo.com
Website: <http://www.litrag.net>



Top: Noriko Nakamura and other spouses of district governors-elect and other Rotary leaders prepare literacy kits as part of a book donation and kit service.

At left: Students read and take notes in their temporary classroom at Siddhartha Madya Maha Vidyalaya, a school that has taken in more than 200 students whose own schools were devastated by the tsunami.



Laurie performs at L'Oréal Melbourne Fashion Festival

Some may have difficulty imagining **Laurie Fisher** strutting the boards, but he excels at removing the nails from the boards. Some creative thinking by from **Shane Scanlan** and **Docklands Rotary Club** resulted in the MDF cladding and timber framing used on the entry arch being donated to **Donations In Kind**. We thank the **L'Oréal Melbourne Fashion Festival** and **Sarah Seddon** from the **Atlantic Group of Companies** for their support. The challenge was that we had to take the material on the day the arch was being removed. With much sweat, grunting and occasional swearing the van was loaded and shipped to the Store. Within two days some of the material was being used to frame beds going to East Timor. Donations of shipping consumables are always welcomed.

While few have noticed, the Donations In Kind Store has grown into a very effective Recycling Operation and a lot of support is available if we promote this aspect.

Please spread the message.



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.

CAMBERWELL ROTARY ART SHOW

Saturday 24 March – Sunday 1 April at Hawthorn Town Hall, Burwood Road, Hawthorn. (Open 10am – 7pm daily. Closes 5pm Sunday 1 April).

Entry \$18/\$15 Concession. It's Australia's best known competition, sale and exhibition of quality art with \$20,000 to the 'Best of Show' winning artist. And we are returning to our 'Boroondara' neighbourhood at the heritage, Hawthorn Town Hall. Over 1500 paintings will be for sale by emerging and established artists plus, there'll be workshops and demonstrations by leading artists. Preview/Opening Night Friday 23 March (ticketed event). Visit www.camberwellrotaryartshow.org.au for more information.



CAMBERWELL ROTARY
ART SHOW

MASKED TWILIGHT TEA-DANCE

Saturday 31st March, 5.30 to 9.30 Glen Eira Town Hall – RC Caulfield and Caulfield Over 50s Dance Group. Entry \$5.00 BYO food and drinks.

<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/2012%20Tea%20Dance%20Flyer.pdf>

PRE-CONVENTION COCKTAIL PARTY

For all District delegates attending the May 2012 R I Convention in Thailand.

Graduate House, 220 Leicester Street, Carlton. **FRIDAY 13TH APRIL 2012.** 5 – 7pm

\$30.00 ph which covers substantial finger food with drinks at very reasonable bar prices.

Free underground parking available. DG Keith Ryall is attending and we have invited the Royal

Thai Consulate General Melbourne. RSVP to PP Peter Milburn District Chairperson– 2012

RI convention Bangkok 9 801 6180 or milburnp@yahoo.com.au



9800 GSE GARDEN TEA PARTY OUTBOUND D9800 TEAM GOING TO D5230 USA. **Sunday 15th April 2012 1.30pm – 4pm.** Werribee Park Reception Centre Gate 5, K Road Werribee (Me Ref 201-B4) \$35 pp RSVP Mon 2 April, 2012. More details: http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/notices_and_events

THE BOROONDARA PAPER PRESENTS

PROFESSOR IAN HARPER: THE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Breakfast MC: Tony Charlton AM. Tuesday 24 April 2012 Start 6:45am for 7:00am. Concludes at 8:45am sharp. Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club. \$45.00 per head (includes a full breakfast).

Enquiries to Don Moore 0412 392 933 or email: donmoore@bigpond.net.au

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THE GREAT MACEDON RANGES CHALLENGE

Sunday 29 April. Ride or run the picturesque Macedon Ranges. Raise funds for MS research and other local and international programs of the Rotary Club of Gisborne. Courses include a scenic 15 km run or three cycling routes of 75 km, 115 km or 130 km. The major charity partner for the event is MS Australia – challenge yourself to help fund a cure.

Proud major sponsors – the GREAT Association, Macedon Ranges Dentistry and Bendigo Community Bank.

For details and to register go to www.gisbornerotary.org.au

Enquiries – telephone Barry Wills 0408 284 510 for the ride or Kevin Mortimer 00423 731 297 for the run



PIE AND PORT NIGHT

Saturday 5th 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



FOOTSCRAY RC 75TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Melbourne Town Hall, Thursday, 17th May.

\$85 all inclusive. RSVP by 20th April to Lawrence Atley, 5985 1055, 0418554058

Lawrence@lawrenceatley.com.au For more info: http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/notices_and_events

CYSTIC FIBROSIS DINNER DANCE

Saturday 19th 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 12th 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>

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

DISTRICT GOVERNOR NOMINEE (DESIGNATE)

The D9800 District Governor Nominating Committee met at International House on Sunday 25th March 2012 and confirmed the nomination of PP Murray Verso from the Rotary Club of Williamstown as District Governor 2014–15.

We congratulate PP Murray and Irene on their selection.



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EXPERIENCE DOCKLANDS ... FOR \$7

with the **Rotary Club of Docklands' annual (online) Docklands Experience Raffle.**

Prizes include Luxury accommodation, shopping, boating, sport at Etihad, fine dining, trike tours, ice skating and more. Check out this link to flyer for details:

Funds raised will support the Rotary Club of Dockland's local and international projects:

- Providing Docklands-based activities for disadvantaged and disabled children and adults (such as sailing on Victoria Harbour in partnership with the Docklands Yacht Club); as well as
- Collecting and shipping valuable goods to help combat poverty in Fiji.

See www.docklandsrotary.org.au for more details on the Rotary club of Docklands and its Projects.

Raffle drawn **Saturday April 28, 2012**. Winner published in May 2012 edition of Docklands News.

Refer to the linked flyer for more details of the prizes; and Click on the **link** above to the **Docklands Experience Raffle website** to purchase your tickets on-line - only \$7 each. Please forward this email to your family, friends and work colleagues....ticket sales are limited to 1000 tickets.

PUBLIC SPEAKING COURSE PRESENTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF BRIMBANK CENTRAL

Sunday 3rd 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>

MATCHING GRANT APPLICATION IN NEED OF A SPONSOR

This grant will provide funds to establish a comprehensive sexual and reproductive health program in a poor barrio in Chapala, Mexico. An OBGYN and a nurse have offered to hold a clinic at the Tepehua Community Center, where they will perform PAP smears, manual breast exams, and counsel young women on family planning, and early detection and prevention of sexually transmitted diseases. The funds requested should be sufficient to sustain the program through the first year of operation.

The number one cause of death for women in the greater Chapala area is Cervical cancer and breast cancer. The poverty level is significant in the barrio of Tepehua, medical care is not readily available. Maternal health issues are prevalent and even basic health knowledge is very limited. This project will support a comprehensive Maternal Health project for 1200 under-served, low income women. The existing Community Center will be the location. The benefit is enormous for these families, if the women are healthy and can plan their pregnancies and obtain good health care, the entire family will benefit. Literally, lives will be saved, a cycle of poverty can be broken, children will be raised by their mothers instead of losing them to disease.

If your club is interested in this project, contact Rotary Action Group for Population and Development Chairman Dr Gordon Cheyne at 9500 2359, gcheyne@bigpond.net.au



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PUT YOUR FOOTY TIPPING SKILLS TO WORK FOR CHARITY.

\$5,000 Grand Prize – Big Weekly Winners

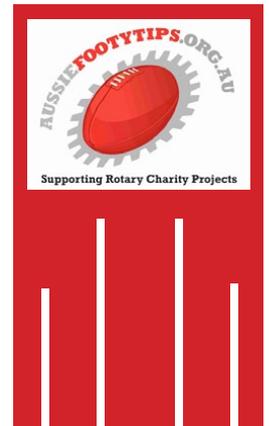
Enjoy the fun of footy tipping all season long, win big prizes and help important charities like ROMAC that brings children with birth defects to Australia for medical treatment, the Australian Childhood Foundation that works to stop child abuse, Ovarian Cancer Research Foundation and other community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



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/>

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE 2012 – 2013

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Reader's Letters



Hi Clarice,

At last the AFL season has started with the first matches underway.

And in step with our great game, the Rotary Club of Hawthorn's Aussie Footy Tips aussiefootytips.org.au competition has grown quickly since opening and is establishing excellent brand awareness as well as a strong base of members for future growth.

Entries have been received from every state in Australia and from Rotary clubs across the nation – from Darwin down to Hobart and Perth up to Ayers Rock. Our winners will receive prizes of \$5,000 for first and substantial minor prizes, including weekly gift vouchers.

With our partner charities, Australian Childhood Foundation and Ovarian Cancer Research, as well as ROMAC, this competition represents a vigorous effort to generate funds from the wider community while tapping in to the national passion for footy.

This is the first Australia wide on-line footy tipping competition to be conducted by a Rotary club and we expect it to be acknowledged as a leader in the field for many years.

And every Rotary Club in Australia stands to benefit directly if their members join up and nominate their own club for a benefit.

If you haven't tried it, it's not too late and \$25 will get you entry via a credit card donation through www.aussiefootytips.org.au . You then join the base competition footytips.com.au and once linked off you go. AussieFootyTips has great potential and this has been acknowledged by many Rotary Clubs throughout Australia many of which acknowledge that our competition is now the leader.

All of us here at the Rotary Club of Hawthorn urge you to join up, contribute to your club, help major charities, win big prizes and have a lot of fun in the process.

All the best for your tipping,
Noel Halford
Fund Raising Director,
Rotary Club of Hawthorn

P.S. Well done with your front page.
If ever a person deserved recognition as Paul Harris Fellow it is Jim Stynes.
I hope he has received one but if not perhaps we can award it posthumously.



Do you have a letter for Clarice?

Contact the Editor

Do you have a letter for Clarice? Is something on your mind? Send your thoughts to her email address at: clarice@rotarydistrict9800.org.au