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Getting Your Message Out



DG Colin Muir and Pauline

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I am often asked what can we do to get our message out. What is the best way of reaching our Rotary community and engaging our membership? With so many things going on in Rotary how do you do it!

Often we have requests from Clubs seeking support for one of their programs, projects or activities. It could be they are looking for other Clubs and Districts to join in a new Water and Sanitation project overseas or perhaps wanting to announce of a major fundraiser for Polio Plus. It could be even as simple as providing a means of broadcasting recognition for one of their members who have performed outstanding service to the community.

I constantly hear from clubs that have something wonderful to say but they cannot get their message out. Well I have the answer: Use your Rotary Magazine's, *Networker*, *Rotary Down Under*, *The Rotarian* and *Rotary World* to help promote and deliver your message to the Rotary community.

I was delighted this week to read in the internationally distributed magazine *The Rotarian*, in their World Roundup section, an article from the Rotary Club of Melton on their *Babies First Book* program. In summary this program was introduced to give all babies born at the local Melton/Bacchus Marsh Hospital (in the week of International Literacy Day 8th September) a presentation book to mark the occasion and highlight the need for the introduction of reading from an early age. Such a simple but effective program has caught the attention of the Rotary International media and now possibly a new International literacy program is in the making. District 9920 in New Zealand has already adopted this program as a District sponsored literacy program. A big congratulations and thanks go to PP Olga Hilton, Vocational Chair, and members of the Rotary Club of Melton.

I use the *Babies First Book* project as an example of how to deliver the message. This project just did not get randomly selected by RI there was a long 'delivery' process starting with the article in our *Networker* Magazine (Issue 12, Sept 2009) then submitted to RDU together with a short story and great photo for printing in the *RDU* November 2009 edition.

Finally the editorial staff from *The Rotarian* picked up the article from *RDU* magazine, made contact with the club to confirm the details, then 'Bingo' we have a potential great new International Literacy project.

Of course not every article submitted will have the same success as this one however with the right format, content and style, with a genuine interest to all Rotarians, you will be surprised what success can be achieved.

So use the Rotary Magazines to your advantage and keep those articles coming in.

Clarice's Future is in Your Hands.

Colin Muir District Governor 9800



How Rotarians can best help Haiti

By Arnold R. Grahl - Rotary International News -- 5 March 2010

Almost two months after a powerful earthquake shook Haiti, signs of devastation are everywhere, underscoring the long road to recovery that lies ahead.



RI President John Kenny, who visited Haiti in late February, urged Rotarians to work with [District 7020](#)'s Haiti earthquake relief team coordinating aid to the nation. Kenny said he felt it was important to visit Haiti "to show that Rotarians worldwide care about the plight of their fellow human beings, many of whom have lost everything."

In addition to money, the district is asking for large tents that can serve as classrooms, recreation areas, community centres, or therapy shelters. Nearly all of the schools in the capital were destroyed by the earthquake.

Medical supplies and equipment, classroom materials, and agricultural tools are also needed. While food, water, and temporary shelter remain important, a report by District 7020 leaders notes that work needs to begin on sustainable housing to provide jobs, shelter, and an infrastructure to support residents. A substantial part of the economy is based on small farms and businesses, and street vendors who sell produce.

"The road to reconstruction will be a long one," Kenny said. "But I know that Rotarians will continue to play an effective part all the way."

Full story at http://www.rotary.org/en/mediaandnews/news/pages/100305_news_haiti_trip.aspx

Haiti's Problems

An NPG Forum Paper By Walter Youngquist

Few people have as much sympathy as I do for the people of Haiti, especially for the children, for I saw their desperate plight years before the earthquake. Led by the U.S., many nations have now committed to solving Haiti's problems.



We state we will rebuild Haiti to better than before – buildings to resist earthquakes, and feed everyone an adequate diet. A growing population makes this an endless task. People, politicians especially, have little grasp of realities. Promises are made with no basis of fact.

Bill Clinton, U.S. special envoy to Haiti, wants to re-forest Haiti – nice trick with virtually no topsoil left, and it takes 40-plus years to grow a forest even on fertile soil. In the meantime what do people use for fuel – other biomass sorely needed to impede erosion and to be put into Haiti's impoverished dirt? The reason forests are now 98% gone is that even when I was there, people were digging out tree roots to make charcoal for fuel. No amount of aid money can make topsoil, the only basic resource Haiti initially had.

Haiti can never become self-sustaining in the foreseeable future, given the size of its population now, much less one that keeps growing, and its nearly total loss of topsoil. Haiti's population keeps growing, and is projected to be nearly 70% larger by 2050.

In the 27 countries now apparently on permanent international food welfare, providing more food without addressing the dual-intertwined problems of population growth and loss of fertile topsoil means ultimately there are more people caught in the next disaster, whatever that may be – hurricanes, floods, drought, or poor harvest and famine. Food aid without population control is futile; food aid combined with a stable population level makes sense. Sooner or later realities arrive. Many will do so this century, as has already happened in Haiti. The earthquake simply more clearly exposed them.

Full article available at <http://www.npg.org/>



Kick Polio out of Africa

By Dan Nixon Rotary International News -- 26 March 2010



In the months leading up to the FIFA World Cup in June, Rotary clubs across Africa have been gearing up for the final push to kick polio out of the continent.

On 23 February, Rotary's 105th anniversary, a "Kick Polio Out of Africa" campaign launched with the symbolic kicking of a soccer ball signed by Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu, a polio survivor.

The journey began in Cape Town, South Africa, one of the host cities for the 2010 World Cup. The ball will travel through 22 polio-affected countries en route to the RI Convention in Montréal, Québec, Canada, in June.

Full Story at http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/100326_news_kickpolio.aspx

District Assembly – 16th May



All Rotarians are invited to the Rotary International District 9800 Assembly to be held on Sunday 16 May, 2010; from 9-00 am start to 1-00 pm finish. We will be providing a substantial morning tea and fellowship opportunity during the Assembly.

For the very first time this will be held at Melbourne Grammar School, Domain Rd, South Yarra, which is easy to find and easy parking.

I encourage all Clubs to send your representatives to hear firsthand the vision and goals of our RI President Elect Ray Klinginsmith, together with an update on our Districts activities. All incoming

District Officers will be there to meet you and help you in whatever role it is that you will have in your Club next year.

Every year in Rotary is different, and 2010-2011 will not be the same as 2009-2010. Let's strive for a maximum attendance from all Clubs in the District, to ensure we start the new year well informed, inspired and all heading the same way.

My thanks to RC of Brighton who will host this event and do their very best to ensure we are all well looked after and catered for on this day. Please help them by responding quickly to any requests regarding any administration/ or registration of numbers for the day.

DGE Iven Mackay

http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/uploads/downloads/Members/2010_04_Messages/Ivans_District_Assembly_Invite.doc



Rotary Peace Fellowships

In the 9 years of the Rotary Peace Fellowships program, our District has been remarkably successful in searching for candidates who have gone on to win selection in the world competitive awards. With 13 successes, we are the top District in the world. Now is the time to search for candidates.



The Masters program is worth up to \$US70,000 for 2 years study overseas at one of Rotary's 6 Peace Studies Centers at leading universities. The 3 month Certificate course for mid career professionals at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok has 2 intakes a year and is also fully funded by The Rotary Foundation.

Both programs have a balance of theory and hands on experience. Graduates are employed by an impressive range of organizations working in the field.

You personally may not know a candidate, but you will know people in organizations such as World Vision, Red Cross, government departments, armed services, police etc who employ them. Please use your contacts to tell them of this outstanding program which provides free career development for their staff or people with whom their staff are working in the field. You can help spread the word.

Details from Bob Fels at (03) 5989 2455 rfels@satlink.com.au

http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/uploads/downloads/Members/2010_04_Messages/Bobs_Rotary_Peace_Fellowships_Message.doc

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Welcome New Members

RC Central Melbourne-Sunrise welcomes two new members:
Andrew Roberts: Information Services & Technology
Jen Warner: Strategic Human Resources



Marketing Tips

Formal planning can yield many benefits for your club, it will lead to clearer performance goals and a better co- ordination of your club's efforts!

The Selling Concept is a marketing tool used within the commercial world, by organisations that recognise that they need to undertake a large-scale selling and promotion effort in order to sell their product. This tool should also be practised by not-for-profit organisations and as such, Rotary clubs need to undertake large-scale selling to promote what we do.



Like any organisation your club should consider its game plan for long-run survival, a strategic marketing plan. Basic marketing strategies can provide the key to your club's sustained growth and effectiveness.

Marketing should not just be viewed as a fund raising mechanism but as a tool that can drive the success of your club and Rotary. It should focus on advertising, promotion and increasing membership.



Notices and Events

The Rotary Club of Toorak invites you to attend the
District Governor's Changeover Lunch

Sunday 27 June 2010

At Palladium at Crown 11.30am for Pre-Luncheon Drinks



Entertainment by Singer/Songwriter Dianna Corcoran
Female Artist of the Year

FREE PARKING in multi level car park - Entrance off Kingsway and Clark Street,
Airbridge to Crown. Take ticket to cloak room for validation.

Bookings by Friday 12th June 2010 to: Rotary Club of Toorak Inc.
Att: Alan Freedman PO Box 397 Toorak Vic 3142
Phone: 0419 357 864 Fax: 03 9509 7935 Email: alan.l.freedman@bigpond.com
Booking form available at

http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/uploads/downloads/Members/2010_04_Messages/District_9800_Changeover_flyer.pdf





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Brimbank Central's New Website

Brimbank Central have a new Club Website, which has been re-developed over a number of months and is quite different to many other club sites.

The web address is www.brimbankrotary.org.au



The Rotary Leadership Institute

The Rotary Leadership Institute is a series of fast paced, interactive, one-day courses offered to refine a Rotarian's leadership skills and increase their base of knowledge in Rotary. Courses are fun, topical, interactive, and geared toward busy business and professional persons who want to be more effective leaders in their vocation and club and more knowledgeable Rotarians.

The remaining dates for the first six months of 2010 are as follows:

Part 1 Sunday **April 11, June 6th** Part 2 Sunday **May 2** Part 3 Sunday **May 23**

To register for these sessions, please contact the RLI Registrar Vicki Teschke at vicki.t@tacobill.com.au



Grand Opening Book Store

The Rotary Club of Albert Park: On Sale Adults & Children's preloved books.

Saturday **10th April** 10am to 2pm

Parish of Sts Peter & Paul (The Galilee School building) Crn Dorcas & Montague Streets, South Melbourne Enquiries Henry 9681 7382



The Rotary Wine Appreciation Fellowship

We invite you to a bus tour of three wineries in the Macedon Ranges on **11th April** Cost of the bus and lunch is \$ 30. Wines at your own cost. There are only 40 places. The aims are to enjoy the local wine, to enjoy each other's company, and to raise some money for D.I.K stores. The bus will leave from Taylors Lakes Shopping Centre at 9.45 am

Then to Hanging Rock Winery, Lancefield Antiques Building, BBQ Lunch at Morgan Fields Vineyard, Paramoor Farm Winery and back to Taylors Lakes at around 4.00 pm For more information and bookings by 9th Feb: contact Leon Lewi – 0419 354 313 or email llewi@connexus.net.au



Footscray Annual Charity Golf Day

Rotary Club of Footscray in partnership with Vic Police

Monday 19th April at Medway Golf Club.

Registration from 11.00am. Shot Gun Start 12.30pm. Putting Comp Starts 11.30am. Trophies for Nearest the Pin, Longest Drive, Putting, 4 Ball Ambrose Competition Handicap and Non-Handicap Players. Individuals will be included in teams of 4.

Cost \$75.00 / Player, includes Green Fees; Boxed Lunch and Finger Food at Trophy Presentaion. For further information and registration, contact Ron Hunt 0400 205 858 Fax 9731 1381 or ron@tradesmart.net.au



Futurist Speaker Rohit Talwar

Rohit Talwar is an internationally renowned futurist, award winning inspirational speaker, consultant and change agent. He has worked with over 30 international associations and government agencies around the world and has been profiled as one of the top ten global future thinkers.

Tuesday 20 April, 7am for 7.15 breakfast. The Palladium, Crown Towers, Southbank.

\$50 ticket: profits to The Rotary Club of Southbank's Community Fund, in partnership with the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation

Bookings and payment to RC Southbank, PO Box 20, South Melbourne, VIC 3205, fax-03 9690 9494, email-Narina Amvazas at narina.amvazas@rotary.to



GSE Farewell Dinner

The Group Study Exchange team, led by Ken Vazquez will go to Spain at the end of April. A Farewell Dinner will be held at Grand Star Receptions, Grieve Parade, Altona to farewell them and give you a chance to meet the Team.

Friday 23rd April - 7pm till midnight. 6 Course Dinner with unlimited Beer, Wine, Soft drink, Orange Juice, Tea & coffee. Great entertainment and a night of fast paced fun guaranteed! ONLY \$50 PER PERSON ALL INCLUSIVE.

Bookings: phone Bryan Goodwin on 9226 3821 or email bgoodwin@bigpond.com.





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Café Internationale

Bookings are now open for Café Internationale, International House, Parkville on **Saturday 1st May**.

Drinks from 6.30, Show starts 7.15 Dress - Black Tie.

Tickets are \$75.00 Contact Dawn Lo - 0433 018 180 or Luciana Orr - 9345 7576 café.int2010@gmail.com orrl@unimelb.edu.au



Macedon Ranges MS Cycle Challenge

The Rotary Club of Gisborne is holding the Macedon Ranges Cycle Challenge on **Sunday 2nd May**. This recreational road ride will take riders through one of the State's most interesting regions on good sealed roads.

Register now, as rider numbers are limited to 300. Starts at New Gisborne: Two route options are available: a 131km challenge ride including the climb over Mount Macedon or a shorter, flatter 77km route for riders that prefer to take things easier. Funds raised for community projects.

All inquiries to Barry Wills on 0408 284 510, or rangescyclechallenge@gmail.org www.gisbornerotary.org.au

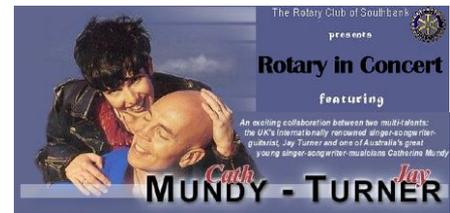


RC Southbank: Rotary in Concert

Cath Mundy & Jay Turner have regularly been invited as major performers at Port Fairy Folk Festival, Woodford, and at other festivals in Australia and UK. Both performers are impressive vocalists, able to inject melodies with depth and pathos.

Tuesday 4 May 6:00 for 6:30pm to 8:30pm River Room, Crown Towers Hotel, Southbank. Admission Price \$45 includes Dinner, Drinks, Concert and Free Parking at Crown. Rotary in Concert is a Benefit Event for Susubeen East Timor a project of the Xanana Trust.

ADMISSION MUST BE PRE-BOOKED BOOKINGS CLOSE 27 APRIL To book online go to www.rotary.to/events/rotaryinconcert/



Pie and Port Night

The Rotary Club of Rochester will hold its Pie and Port Night on **Friday 7th May** at the Historic Court House Moore Street Rochester. Contact Noel Lucas - 0427 841 262



Brimbank Central Charter Anniversary

Come and join with us to celebrate our 35th Charter Anniversary **Saturday, 8 May** 6.30pm for 7.00pm start Starlight Room, Taylors Lakes Reception Centre, 7 Melton Hwy, Taylors Lakes \$30.00 per head (3 course meal). Plus a 35 Year History Booklet. Drinks at Bar prices

Musical Entertainment by : Michael Lapina – Tenor, Plus music for dancing Cheques payable to : The Rotary Club of Brimbank Central (Inc.), PO Box 81 KEILOR VIC 3036 Bookings close 30 April . Enquiries : Barbara or John Rafter 9331 5662 or 0419 135 185 or Email : barbara@craftbooks.com.au or johnrafter@craftbooks.com.au



Rotary Club of Caulfield Dance Expo

The Rotary Club of Caulfield is hosting a Dance Expo to showcase a broad spectrum of dance styles. Dance related Exhibitors, Blood Pressure testing and the opportunity to buy detergent, Green Clean Laundry Balls, etc.

Sunday May 23. 10am-5pm Demonstration performances hourly from 11am to 4pm

Glen Eira Auditorium (upstairs) cnr Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield. Free Entry (gold coin donation) Light refreshments. Proceeds to Rotary Club of Caulfield's Annual Festive Season Lunch for the Aged For more information, ph 9568-7190 or rotary.dance.expo@gmail.com





Brochure to Help Visiting Seafarers

Melissa Jenkins AAP and Bronwyn Stephens RC Melbourne South
March 31, 2010



Alienation, isolation and sleep deprivation. These are the trials of life at sea.

Australian seafarers can be away from their loved ones for up to six months at a time.

But seafarers on international ships are regularly away from their homeland, often the Philippines, China or India, for a year or more and are at heightened risk of depression.

Rom Kucera, manager of seafarers' support centre Stella Maris, said international sailors were a marginalised group and often became depressed.

"They work under extreme pressure, isolation, and depression is all part of it," he told AAP. Mr Kucera said international sailors are at sea on large commercial ships for an average of nine months, but this can be prolonged to a year or more. He said there was a reluctance from international seafarers to report mental health difficulties to their superiors for fear of getting sacked.

A brochure has been designed to offer mental health information and support to the 60,000 seafarers who visit the Port of Melbourne each year.

The booklets were the idea of South Melbourne Rotarian Bob Iversen, and will be distributed in several different languages, including Russian and Chinese. It was launched on Tuesday to coincide with the International Year of the Seafarer.

Bob Iversen, a retired fishery biologist and former member of the U.S. Navy, observed throughout his maritime career the high incidence of depression and mental illness in mariners confined for long periods on ships. He conceived a project to assist seafarers with depression, which came to fruition with the help of Melbourne Port Welfare Association, Beyondblue, The Mission To Seafarers Victoria, the Stella Maris Seafarers Centre and the Rotary Club of Melbourne South.



Bob has fitted the Rotary ideal of "service above self" in a very practical sense over his Rotary life. In June 2006 he was presented with a Paul Harris Fellow recognition, and in response to his work for the mental health of seafarers, a sapphire was added to his Paul Harris recognition at the recent District Conference.

Rotary Leadership Institute

Another group of Rotarians started the Rotary Leadership Institute last Sunday by completing the Part 1 course which covered topics such as Rotary Beyond the Club, Membership Retention, Introduction to The Rotary Foundation, Leadership and Team Building and Service Projects.

The participants voted 89% of what they learned was of much benefit to them and if you would like to improve your Rotary knowledge and learn more about leadership in a voluntary organisation then I encourage you to enrol.

The timetable for the next two months is as follows:

May 2 Part 2 May 23 Part 3 June 6 Part1 Additional courses arranged if required.

Contact Vicki Teschke at vicki.t@tacobill.com.au

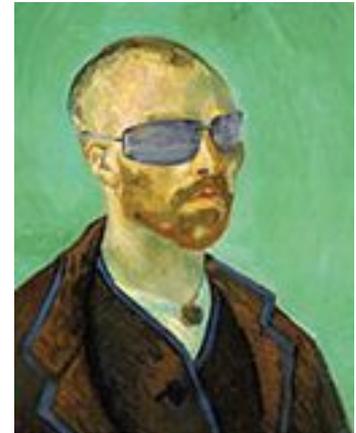




Facts of the Matter – Ocular Health

by Shirley Stephenson
The Rotarian -- April 2010

Around AD 62, the Roman philosopher Seneca wrote of the magnifying properties of a water-filled glass ball. By 1000, Italian glass blowers had created “reading stones” similar to contemporary hand-held magnifying lenses. The exact date of the creation of reading lenses remains unknown, but reports from 1300 indicate that Germany, Italy, and the Netherlands manufactured and sold spectacles. Benjamin Franklin commissioned the first bifocals in 1760 for his own use.



Eyeglass donations from developed nations can help stimulate the global economy. According to various estimates, there are hundreds of millions of people with visual impairments that can be corrected with eyeglasses who cannot afford them, resulting in billions of dollars in lost productivity. The majority live in developing countries where a pair of glasses can cost two to three months’ salary.

The United States has 1 optometrist per 4,500 people. India has 1 per 100,000. Sub-Saharan Africa has 1 optometrist per 1 million individuals.

Seventy-five percent of the world’s approximately 1.4 million blind children live in developing countries. Socio-economic factors and access to eye care make the difference between curable problems and permanent blindness. Measles, vitamin A deficiencies, and cerebral malaria are among the causes of childhood blindness. Immunization programs, vitamin supplements, and other preventive efforts deliver cost-effective, life-changing results.

Cataracts are responsible for 48 percent of the world’s vision loss, affecting an estimated 18 million people. They are the leading cause of visual impairment in developing countries. The average cost of cataract removal in the United States is \$2,900 per eye. The average cost in India, which markets its medical tourism services, ranges from \$300 to \$1,100 – a big savings for travellers from wealthy countries but still out of reach for the many people who earn less than \$1 per day in India.

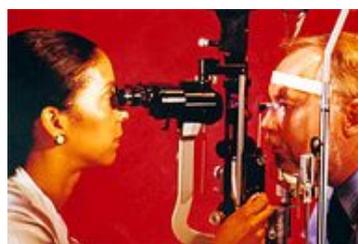
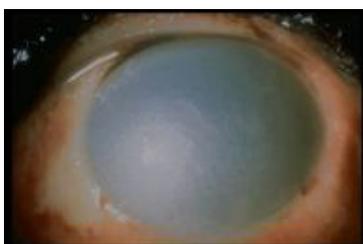
Other leading causes of visual impairment worldwide include glaucoma, age-related macular degeneration, corneal opacities, diabetic retinopathy, childhood blindness, trachoma, and onchocerciasis, also known as river blindness.

Trachoma and onchocerciasis are infectious, preventable diseases that cause vision loss. Trachoma affects up to 90 percent of preschool children and women in poor regions of Africa, Asia, Australia, Central and South America, and the Middle East. Water shortages, flies, overcrowding, and poor hygiene contribute to the high rates. Treatment and prevention strategies include hygiene, antibiotics, surgery, and environmental changes.

Southeast Asia has the highest rate of avoidable blindness, followed by Western Pacific nations, Africa, the Eastern Mediterranean, the Americas, and Europe.

Since July 2004, The Rotary Foundation has awarded 265 humanitarian grants to support eye health, totalling \$3,091,552 in 43 countries, with projects in India receiving the most help.

<http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/TheRotarian/Pages/FactsoftheMatter1004.aspx>





Readers' Letters

Dear Clarice

I am concerned that there was an advertisement for RI Insurance below the item for the RI Convention in the latest edition of The Networker..

The Australian Rotary Insurance covers all Rotarians and partners and spouses for their travel to the RI Convention and any other holiday travel associated with it.

Details of the policy is available from our District Insurance Officer Mark Perree mark@mibrokers.com.au

John Wigley PDG

Chairman Rotary National Committee

Clarice replies: Thanks for pointing that out, PDG John. The insurance advertisement appeared only in the web version. It was a "space filler" that had been inadvertently left there, and was not related to the RI Convention. We apologise for any confusion.

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd has appointed Tony Burke as the nation's first population minister, amid growing concerns that the number of Australians will rise to unsustainable levels.

You may be interested in this letter from world leading reproduction expert Professor Roger Short, to Dr Peter Clarke, RC Melbourne:

Dear Peter

It was great to speak to you this morning, and I look forward to meeting you and your colleague in the near future.

Rotarians might wield considerable influence in raising concern about population growth here in Victoria, but it would be great to get Rotary International involved in the Big Picture of the coming Plague of People.

When you and I were born, there were 2 billion people on earth. Today there are 6.8 billion, and the latest UN projections suggest we will have reached 9.1 billion by 2050. If Australia increases from the current 22 million to 35 million in this time, and the United States from 307 million to over 400 million, this will have an enormous adverse impact on the global environment.

But 95% of future population growth will take place in the poverty-stricken countries of Africa, Asia and South America. This will only increase their plight, since many children make you poor. This will result in massive civil unrest, hatred of the affluent developed world, and terrorism.

If we could ensure that in every country, women had easy access to contraception, so that every birth was a wanted birth, the problem would be solved.

That's the challenge we face!

Regards

Roger

Dear Clarice,

Literacy in District 9800 - Please pass my congratulations to all Rotarians in our district who made Literacy a focus for their work during March, and special thanks to the clubs of Brimbank Central and Wyndham for inviting me along to speak about this important topic, and the role Rotary plays in addressing the problems of illiteracy around the world.

Also please note that Rotary Clubs are able to apply for Australian Settlement Grants to undertake or continue work that we do to help refugees and immigrants settle in our country. This money could be especially used to develop and implement Literacy and Educational Assistance Programs, in areas of need in our District. For more information Google "Australian Settlement Grants". This could be just the thing to motivate and inspire your club.

Celebrating our literacy achievements – Now is the time for all clubs to send me a short outline of any literacy projects or undertakings that you have been involved in this year. The information you provide will be used to document our District Report for the Zone Literacy Committee. (this includes literacy / educational guest speakers) You could also consider applying for a District or Zone Literacy Award. Google "Rotary Literacy Awards" for more details.

Bronwen Scarffe – Rotary Club of Daylesford. bronwenscarffe@harboursat.com.au



Marketing Tips

Getting Photos Published

When taking photos to promote your Rotary Club or to send to the media or to *The Networker*, it's worth keeping a few things in mind if you want to see your work published and gain publicity for your club's efforts.

Make The Photo Newsworthy!

First and foremost, the photo needs to be interesting! The photo should sell the story – the photo should not require the accompanying story to give it relevance or interest.

A picture of just a group of people, or someone behind a lectern, or someone holding a certificate, or someone standing in front of something – each may hold relevance or importance to the subject or the to those in attendance, but to the uninitiated reader (or editor), it holds little interest.



Instead, make the photo *remarkable!* It should be something people don't see everyday, something that makes them open their eyes. Involve the person viewing it!

Show interaction. Show emotion. Show action. Show smiles. Show expression. Show something unusual and attention grabbing. Show humour!

A photo that evokes an emotion is more likely to get published than one that merely shows what went on.

Welcome New Members

Rotary Club of Melbourne have Inducted:

Hava Balci - 111 Parkville Ave PARKVILLE,

Graeme Whitelaw - 5 Madden St BALWYN,

Harding Richard (Mike) - 50 Hotham St E MELB

Rotary Club of Caulfield has inducted Natasha Westbrook - Education



But not the three fellows on the right - they must have crept in from the previous article. Isn't it nice when readers send us photos?



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Toorak Inc. PO Box 397 Toorak Vic 3142

Phone: 0419 357 864 Fax: 03 9509 7935

Email: alan.l.freedman@bigpond.com

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District Literacy Representative

Expressions of interest from Rotarians who would be interested in becoming the District Literacy representative. It is an important aspect of our work and one which brings great satisfaction. As the rep. you would serve as a member of the District Vocational Committee under the leadership of its new head Bob Slater and I would be very happy to mentor and support you, throughout the year. For further information contact Bronwen Scarffe on 53 48 1112 or 0418 592 432 or email bronwenscarffe@harboursat.com.au



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Presentation. For further information and registration, contact Ron Hunt 0400 205 858 Fax 9731 1381 or ron@tradesmart.net.au



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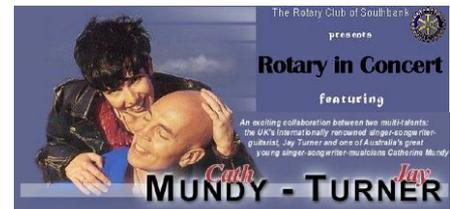


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The Spirit of ANZAC

The ANZAC spirit or ANZAC legend is a concept which suggests that Australian and New Zealand soldiers possess shared characteristics, specifically the qualities those soldiers are believed to have shown on the battlefields in World War I.

These qualities cluster around several ideas, including endurance, courage, ingenuity, good humour, larrikinism, and mateship. According to this concept, the soldiers are perceived to have been innocent and fit, stoical and laconic, irreverent in the face of authority and naturally egalitarian.



DG Colin Muir and Pauline

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The ANZAC spirit also tends to capture the idea of an Australian and New Zealand "national character", with the Gallipoli Campaign often described as being the moment of birth of the nationhood of both Australia and New Zealand.

Next Sunday is ANZAC Day. It is the day we remember all Australians who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations. The spirit of ANZAC, with its human qualities of courage, mateship, and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance and lives on in the young men and women of today.

As Rotarians we place great emphases on bringing world understanding and peace. Many of our programs and activities focus on the development of our young Australians and their adherence to the core values of our organisation and to keep that ANZAC spirit alive.

I am delighted to announce that one of our New Generation's programs, **Australia - Turkey, Gallipoli Short Term Youth Exchange Program** has received national recognition with the awarding of the RSL's "ANZAC Peace Prize" to our Youth Exchange Chairman, John Basarin of the Rotary Club of Brighton. The RSL Media release reads: *The ANZAC Peace Prize, announced annually, is awarded by the RSL to 'recognise any outstanding effort by an Australian citizen who has promoted the concept of international understanding and who, in so doing, has made a contribution to world peace.'*

The RSL ANZAC Awards Committee has awarded the 2010 ANZAC Peace Prize to Mr John (Vehici) Basarin of Victoria in recognition of his sustained and enthusiastic commitment to promote relationships between Australia and other communities around the world, particularly in Turkey, with a significant emphasis on his commitment to Rotary Youth Exchange programs and building understanding of the Gallipoli Campaign.

Rear Admiral Ken Doolan AO RAN (Retd), RSL National President said: "On behalf of the RSL National Executive and Members, he extends his congratulations. The award recipient exemplifies the Spirit of ANZAC within the community through his dedication and commitment to the benefit of others."

We congratulate John Basarin on this recognition and we hope that our new "Short Term Youth Exchange Program" will grow as a result of the success of the Gallipoli Exchange Program with further youth exchanges to other sites of national significance in the future.

The Future of Our Nation is in Their Hands

Colin Muir - District Governor 9800



President-Elect Training Seminar

DG Colin Muir opened the Presidents-Elect Training Seminar at Echuca-Moama last weekend. Our incoming Presidents enjoyed an informative and entertaining break. DGE Iven Mackay invited us to “have fun”, and we certainly did. We now look forward to Building Communities, Bridging Continents”

Thanks to the Rotary Club of Echuca-Moama for hosting the event, and to PDG John Davis and the District Training Team for their thorough presentations. It was a well-balanced mixture of working and social events.

The incoming Presidents became increasingly involved and confident as the Seminar progressed, with the Cluster Group of Port Philip winning the prize for their presentation of “The Rotary Club of Port Philip Prison”

PRIP Cliff Dochtermann’s hilarious DVD “If I only was President again” rounded off a weekend of information and friendship. We can be assured our incoming presidents are well-informed and raring to go!



Above: DGE and Marilyn Mackay resplendent in the new theme blazer and scarf, as they welcomed everyone to PETS. On Friday evening we had an informal dinner at Coriander, and Saturday morning DGE Iven opened the seminar.

Lower: DGE Iven and DG Colin Muir having an informal chat, the Gala Dinner at Rich River Golf Club, and Barry and Vanda Mullen having a giggle. Probably about why Clarice’s photo of the Gala Dinner is so blurred!

Some FAQs from PETS

Don’t you love those acronyms?

Q: What can I do to enhance the culture and long-term vision of my club?

A: Use your networks to advertise your projects and to involve the community, collaborate with other organisations. Watch for the “Club Vision” Section at the District Assembly on 16th May.

Q: Our club has just set up a good but expensive website. Can we piggy-back it on the forthcoming new District Website?

A: Yes. You will be given details on how you can access your Club Website through the District Website at the District Assembly.



Q: What is the difference between a Working With Children Card and a Police Clearance?

A: A Working With Children card is a legal requirement, and a Police Clearance is District Polict when working with children or vulnerable adults. For details and forms see:

[http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/Members/PolicyFormsGuidelinesDownloads?searchTerms\[\]=protection](http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/Members/PolicyFormsGuidelinesDownloads?searchTerms[]=protection)

Q: How can I find the dates of District Events?

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An ANZAC Story

by Dr Murray Verso RC Williamstown.

Around Anzac Day each year newspapers and other media often feature articles on the deeds of our veterans, acts of heroism, the tragedy of war or other human interest stories related to the various conflicts that Australians have been involved in. This week in Timeball we present a story from the Second World War which should interest all Rotarians.

On 17 March 1945, men of the 14th/32nd Battalion were engaged in an attack on Bacon Hill on the island of New Britain, north of New Guinea. Bacon Hill was strongly held by Japanese in bunkers and fox holes. The steep terrain, the thick jungle and heavy Japanese fire hampered the Australians efforts to move forward.



Australian War Memorial Diorama of Bacon

A 22 year old sergeant from Victoria was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for his role in the battle. When his platoon commander was wounded, the sergeant took over command.

The citation for his DCM details his gallant and inspiring leadership:

“The advance was up a precipitous slope, through dense bush; the resistance was so strong that the Platoon was halted. The sergeant went forward alone to find positions from which each of his Bren guns could best neutralize the enemy pillboxes. He then called his men forward, section by section, directing their fire. Later on, when other enemy light machine guns again halted the advance, the sergeant moved to each section in turn and so inspired and encouraged his men that they followed him forward, broke the enemy resistance and finally consolidated their objective.”



Royce Abbey AO AM DCM

The sergeant’s name was Royce Abbey. He is the same Royce Abbey who after the War joined the Rotary Club of Essendon, had a very distinguished Rotary career and became an inspirational world leader of Rotary. He was District Governor of the then District 280 1969-70 and President of Rotary International 1988-89.

Royce’s Distinguished Conduct Medal was presented to him by the Governor of Victoria at a ceremony held at Government House on 10 July 1947.



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I encourage all Clubs to send your representatives to hear firsthand the vision and goals of our RI President Elect Ray Klingensmith, together with an update on our Districts activities. All incoming District Officers will be there to meet you and help you in whatever role it is that you will have in your Club next year.



Every year in Rotary is different, and 2010-2011 will not be the same as 2009-2010. Let's strive for a maximum attendance from all Clubs in the District, to ensure we start the new year well informed, inspired and all heading the same way.

My thanks to RC of Brighton who will host this event and do their very best to ensure we are all well looked after and catered for on this day. Please help them by responding quickly to any requests regarding any administration/ or registration of numbers for the day.

Brandon and Kaila Back in Australia

by Erin Michael, Riverine Herald - Monday, April 19, 2010

Echuca's St Joseph's College students Kaila Rocca and Brandon Holland may have missed out on a year of Australian schooling, but their life changing exchange trips were more than worth it.

The pair returned home earlier this year after being among about 15 students across the state to take part in the Rotary Exchange Program. Kaila went to Poland and Brandon to Brazil to spend three months each with four different host families. Kaila arrived a week before the start of the school year, while Brandon touched down at the start of the school holidays.

"I wouldn't change one thing for the experience, It was my year," Kaila said. "The host families treat you like you are their own son or daughter. I showed my host family Vegemite and they were so excited."

Both said they were immediately adopted into their host families and regularly took part in family activities. They also attended school knowing it would not count towards their Australian curriculum. They said they would highly recommend the Rotary Exchange Program to other students.

"They are always wanting more people to go on them," Brandon said. "Since the trip, I'm more confident in myself to do things. It's just one year of the best fun and freedom."



Full story at <http://www.riverineherald.com.au/readstory/read.asp?id=1150596>



Rotarians Against Malaria

April 30th is Malaria Awareness Day

The objective of M.A.D. is to raise Rotarian and public awareness of the devastating effects of Malaria and showcasing RAMs role in the battle against Malaria.

SOME M.A.D. FACTS

- 3000 people will die today and every day from Malaria and related illnesses
- A child dies every 30 seconds from the effects of Malaria
- A bednet is the most cost effective method of containing the spread of Malaria
- Just \$10 will provide a bednet in the Solomon Islands, PNG and East Timor



SOME RAM FACTS

- Continued provision of bednets in parts of the Solomons has resulted in a decrease in the infection rate from 300/1000 to less than 80/1000 people.
- 800 cases of Malaria are reported each year in Australia.
- RAM has distributed educational audio clips to over 400 Community radio stations across Australia to be played on Malaria Awareness Day

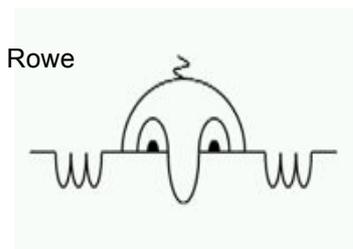
Suggested M.A.D. activities for your club

- Donate funds to provide bednets and finance ongoing research
- Adopt A Village from \$1000
- Organise a speaker on Malaria and RAM
- Distribute RAM brochures
- Approach your local Community radio station to play audio provided by RAM
- Attend the D9810 M.A.D. Dinner (See your International Director)
- For more information or resources - bill.stoney@alldent.com.au

Welcome New Members

New members reported in March

R.C. of Gisborne Phil Yarwood	R.C. of Docklands Robert Egger Trevor Rowe
R.C. of Footscray Simon Brown	R.C. of Albert Park Peter Holdsworth
R.C. of Carlton Max Griffiths	R.C. of Kyneton David Bibby
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R.C. of Brighton North Kay Phillips Barry Henderson	



Wot - no photo?





Marketing Tips

Broken Windows

Many Rotarians will fondly recall playing backyard cricket in their youth, with a fair few also remembering a not-so-well-timed hook shot that went astray, finding its way through one of mum and dad's windows. While the sound of shattering glass meant it was time for your friends to politely excuse themselves because they could "hear their mum calling them for dinner", for the budding Stackpole, Lawry or Chappelli it meant time to adopt your most contrite posture, as you knew there would be some profuse apologising in order.



But when you think back, most mums and dads were usually pretty good about it. While some pocket money might have been docked, or a backside even walloped, there weren't too many households where the window remained unfixed and the rain and elements left to pour in and cause more damage. After all, that's what parents do. They take responsibility and fix up what is broken.

In Rotary, when our "windows" get broken, it's important that we take up the role of the caring custodian and take responsibility for fixing the problems – searching for a scapegoat or turning our backs on the problem doesn't fix it, just as leaving the problem unattended for a period of time only provides us with more trouble with which to deal. Soon enough we have a disheveled and unattractive house which others will feel reluctant to visit (or join as members).

The lesson is simple – we are all responsible for playing the parental role and fixing the windows that need fixing in our Clubs so that they remain attractive and functional from both inside and out. Our family of Rotary depends on it.

Readers' Letters

*The Editor,
The Networker.*

Dear Sir,

I was interested to read your article in the recent Networker regarding the views of Professor Roger Short on the problem of the world's burgeoning population.

I wholeheartedly agree with Professor Short that Rotary could do more to help alleviate poverty by meeting the unmet need for family planning.

There are three hundred million women in the world without the means of making the lifestyle choices that you and I take for granted. For example, in poverty-stricken Timor-Leste the average family has eight children and little chance of getting out of the poverty trap.

Your readers may be interested to watch Professor Short's YouTube presentation which cuts to the heart of the demographic imperative at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_nNFHummaTY

Yours sincerely,

*Dr PD Clark
Rotary Club of Melbourne*



Notices and Events

District Governor's Changeover Lunch

The Rotary Club of Toorak invites you to attend the DG Changeover Lunch at Crown Palladium 11.30am for Pre-Luncheon Drinks **Sunday 27 June 2010**

Entertainment by Singer/Songwriter Dianna Corcoran - Female Artist of the Year

FREE PARKING in multi level car park - Entrance off Kingsway and Clark Street, Airbridge to Crown. Take ticket to cloak room for validation.



Bookings by Friday 12th June 2010 to: Rotary Club of

Toorak Inc. PO Box 397 Toorak Vic 3142

Phone: 0419 357 864 Fax: 03 9509 7935

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Rotarians were integral in the establishment of Interplast, are on the Board of Directors, constitute the Rotarians Committee, and fund approximately one third of Interplast's international aid and development programs. In addition over 50 Rotarians have accompanied volunteer teams to see first hand the life changing work their Club or District has helped achieve.

Interplast is seeking applications from a suitably qualified person to fill the position of Rotarian Coordinator for 3 days per week (or equivalent). As Rotarian Coordinator you will be responsible for proactive and positive engagement with Rotarians in Australia & New Zealand on behalf of Interplast, and provide administrative support to the Rotarians Committee.

A knowledge of the workings of Rotary in Australia and New Zealand is essential as are computer skills. The Interplast office is located at the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, 250 – 290 Spring Street, Melbourne. You will be part of a small and passionate team that helps our volunteers 'repair bodies and rebuild lives'.

Interplast is an AusAID accredited NGO, a signatory to the ACFID Code of Conduct, and has Deductible Gift Recipient Status.

Applications enclosing a CV and a statement detailing relevant skills, qualifications or experience should be sent to General Manager, Interplast Australia & New Zealand, Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, 250 – 290 Spring Street, MELBOURNE VIC 3000. Applications close 30th of April 2010.

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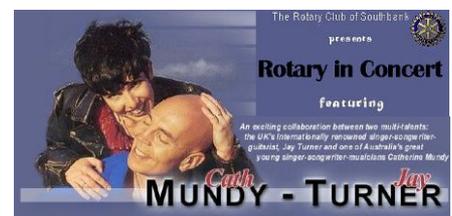


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Public Speaking Course

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Come along and learn how to prepare to make a speech on a wide range of subjects, speak in public, to make announcements and give verbal reports at meetings.

You will have the opportunity to make a number of short speeches, receive critiques and participate in an interactive program with only 10 participants to ensure that everyone gains the most from the program.

Comments from the last program:

"This is a terrific program that represents great value for money."

"The program is non threatening, but challenging"

"It is a great learning environment where you grow in confidence throughout the day"

For further information, or to request a registration form, please contact: David Moss-Bennett Ph: 0412 388 823 dmossbennett@optusnet.com.au



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		March-10		At July 1	March-10		gain /loss	% change
		No. of Meet	Month %		Start	End		
2009/2010								
Caulfield	Beachside	4	56%	6	10	11	5	83.3%
Brunswick	Heritage	4	28%	29	35	36	7	24.1%
Melton Valley	Westside	4	73%	17	21	21	4	23.5%
Williamstown	Hobs Bay	3	69%	30	34	37	7	23.3%
Elsternwick	Beachside	3	51%	11	13	13	2	18.2%
Southbank	Batman	5	49%	29	34	34	5	17.2%
Central M Sun	Batman	5	67%	55	62	62	7	12.7%
Rochester	Goldfields	?	80%	9	10	10	1	11.1%
N Melbourne	Gateway	3	58%	28	31	31	3	10.7%
Malvern	Stonnington	5	73%	42	46	46	4	9.5%
Canterbury	Eastside	4	53%	45	49	49	4	8.9%
St Kilda	Stonnington	5	63%	12	13	13	1	8.3%
Camberwell	Eastside	5	79%	61	66	66	5	8.2%
Wyndham	Port Phillip	5	81%	27	28	29	2	7.4%
Kew	Yarra	?	66%	44	47	47	3	6.8%
Melbourne	Batman	5	44%	258	276	275	17	6.6%
Collingwood	Heritage	4	72%	18	18	19	1	5.6%
Woodend	Calder	4	50%	18	19	19	1	5.6%
Kyneton	Calder	4	74%	37	39	39	2	5.4%
Moonee Val	Gateway	?		20	21	21	1	5.0%
Brighton B	Beachside	4	76%	23	24	24	1	4.3%
Gisborne	Calder	5	83%	24	24	25	1	4.2%
Brighton N	Beachside	5	77%	51	51	53	2	3.9%
Footscray	Hobs Bay	4	60%	53	54	55	2	3.8%
Hoppers Crs	Port Phillip	5	78%	31	32	32	1	3.2%
Brighton	Beachside			126		130	4	3.2%
Ben/ S'dale	Goldfields	5	60%	32	33	33	1	3.1%
Carlton	Heritage	5	75%	39	39	40	1	2.6%
Castlemaine	Calder	5	60%	41	42	42	1	2.4%
Albert Park	Batman	5	68%	62	62	63	1	1.6%
Essendon	Gateway	5	58%	76	77	77	1	1.3%
Bendigo	Goldfields	5	69%	84	85	85	1	1.2%
Altona	Port Phillip	5	64%	25	25	25	0	0.0%
Altona City	Port Phillip	4	72%	33	33	33	0	0.0%
Boroondara	Eastside	4	40%	18	18	18	0	0.0%
B'bank Cent	Westside	5	67%	31	31	31	0	0.0%



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Daylesford	Calder	5	64%	25	25	25	0	0.0%
Eaglehawk	Goldfields	5	81%	39	40	39	0	0.0%
Hawthorn	Yarra	5	61%	65	66	65	0	0.0%
Kangaroo Flat	Goldfields	4	73%	27	28	27	0	0.0%
Keilor	Gateway			38		38	0	0.0%
Keilor East	Gateway	4	80%	41	41	41	0	0.0%
Richmond	Heritage	3	80%	38	38	38	0	0.0%
Toorak	Stonnington	4	72%	35	34	35	0	0.0%
Tullamarine	Gateway	4	63%	20	20	20	0	0.0%
Chad/E Malv	Stonnington	5	54%	41	40	40	-1	-2.4%
Prahran	Stonnington	4	75%	30	29	29	-1	-3.3%
Essendon N	Gateway	5	61%	28	27	27	-1	-3.6%
Fitzroy	Heritage	4	53%	27	26	26	-1	-3.7%
W Footscray	Hobs Bay	4	56%	27	27	26	-1	-3.7%
Bend/S'hurst	Goldfields	5	75%	49	47	47	-2	-4.1%
Yarraville	Hobs Bay	5	57%	22	21	21	-1	-4.5%
North Balwyn	Eastside	4	90%	87	83	83	-4	-4.6%
Sunshine	Westside	5	64%	21	20	20	-1	-4.8%
Bac. Marsh	Westside	5	71%	40	38	38	-2	-5.0%
Werribee	Port Phillip	5	78%	40	38	38	-2	-5.0%
L'ton Pt Cook	Port Phillip	5	75%	19	18	18	-1	-5.3%
Balwyn	Eastside	5	69%	87	84	82	-5	-5.7%
Pt Gellibrand	Hobs Bay	4	56%	34	32	32	-2	-5.9%
Melton	Westside	5	82%	32	30	30	-2	-6.3%
Glenferrie	Yarra	5	67%	47	44	43	-4	-8.5%
Glen Eira	Beachside	4	83%	23	21	21	-2	-8.7%
Ech-Moama	Goldfields	4	70%	27	24	24	-3	-11.1%
Melbourne S	Batman	4	76%	33	29	29	-4	-12.1%
Kew-on-Yarra	Yarra	5	70%	23	20	20	-3	-13.0%
Bendigo S	Goldfields	4	70%	45	38	38	-7	-15.6%
Flemington	Hobs Bay	5	95%	24	20	20	-4	-16.7%
Docklands	Batman	5	62%	30	30	24	-6	-20.0%
Pt Melbourne	Batman	3	52%	21	15	14	-7	-33.3%
No. of Clubs Reporting			66		67			
No. of Members				2730		2762	32	1.2%
% Av of Reported			67.1%					
% Reporting Attendance			96%					
% Reporting Membership						97%		



April is Rotary Magazine Month

Membership on the Move

I am delighted to announce that on the 26th May 2010 District D9800 will charter a new Rotary Club, **The Rotary Club of Melbourne Park** to be located in Melbourne's inner eastern suburbs. This new club will be sponsored by the very dynamic Rotary Club of Richmond and supported by the Heritage Cluster and Assistant Governor Chris Wang. Melbourne Park will be the 70th Club in this District, the biggest Rotary District in Australia.



DG Colin Muir and Pauline

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The Rotary Club of Melbourne Park will charter at a special function at the newly opened AAMI Park, in the Olympic park Complex, Swan Street, Richmond at 7:30pm on Wednesday the 26th May 10. We will be inducting 25 young professionals, all between 20 and 35 years of age to this new 'inner' Melbourne Rotary Club. Formal invitations with details on the charter evening will be issued shortly however, I would like to offer an open invitation for all Rotarians, Partners and Friends of Rotary to attend this very special event at this outstanding venue. For further details contact Membership Chair Loryn Clark at loryn@oandc.com.au or Phone: 9682 3333 and Mobile: 0418 390 334

Membership extension is one of the most important aspects of a District's growth and D9800 is no exception. Rotary's vitality and longevity depends on our success in creating new effective Rotary Clubs and nurturing their growth and development.

I am thrilled that our new club's charter members will reflect a very important group within our community; those young professionals between the ages of 20 to 35 years: They certainly are our future.

When next looking at future membership extension please consider:

- Starting a new Club for members who are unable to attend the traditional luncheon or dinner meetings. This could be a breakfast club, or late afternoon meeting.
- Consider a Club that has only snack luncheons and minimum costs and fees.
- Maybe start a Saturday club which meets at a golf course an hour or so before tee time.
- How about a new Rotary Club in a shopping mall or near a community or day care centre,
- Or even consider a high rise office building or on a large university campus.
- How about a new Rotary Club in an ethnic or minority section of your community and
- Chartering a group who share common economic and cultural interests.

Don't think about cloning your existing club. The new century of Rotary requires and permits a new vision of fellowship and service. New Clubs call for creativity and imagination.

You CAN sponsor a new club in your community.

The task of Membership Development is in Your Hands.

Colin Muir - District Governor 9800



Anzac Day at Marysville

By Robert Green – RC Toorak

The Anzac Day service at Marysville last week was attended by about forty Rotarians from Melbourne Clubs as well as members from Alexandra, Morwell, Mt Eliza, and Leeton. The largest contingent travelled in a bus organised by Owen Tassicker of Balwyn RC. who for many years he has organised and accompanied a group to travel to Turkey for the dawn service at Anzac Cove.

The Melbourne Turkish community was represented a group of adults and children. The children all wore red and white T-shirts decorated with the star and crescent.



In misty rain Brigadier Nish led a march of about eighty ex-servicemen and current members of the armed services down the main street to the Cenotaph in Gallipoli Park. A group of over two hundred applauded the marchers. The army provided a guard of honour. The Rotarians and several other groups laid wreaths on the Cenotaph and members of the local community were invited to lay tributes. The Anzac Day address was delivered by Owen and the service concluded with the singing of the National anthem.

Then followed the planting of a small sapling grown from a seed descended from the pine tree growing on the hill at Lone Pine, where the Anzac Cemetery is located. The tree was planted in the restored Reflective Garden by the leader of the Turkish group, assisted by the President of the Marysville Sub-Branch of the RSL. All present were then invited to gather for light refreshments at the golf club. A hat was passed around in the bus prior to our arrival and a small tribute was given to the RSL which has recently been reformed as local residents returned to the growing village.

A Stronger Australian Rotary

The President of Rotary International in 2010-11, Ray Klinginsmith, will be among the speakers at an Australian Rotary Conference in Canberra on 21-22 August 2010. Rotarians from all Australian clubs and Districts are invited to this multi-district conference.

Three main topics will be covered by speakers and in discussion groups at the conference, namely how to:

1. Support and Strengthen Rotary Clubs
2. Enhance Public Image and Awareness
3. Focus & Increase Humanitarian Service

Welcome dinners will be held on Friday evening, the conference will run from Saturday morning until Sunday lunchtime.

On line registration should be available by May 1st. Registration fee of \$100 will include lunch and evening dinner on Saturday.

Full details have been sent to all Australian Rotary Districts, with regular updates following. We hope one or more representatives from your club will be there!

Rob Wylie, Rotary Coordinator 2010-11.

For more information contact robwy43@bigpond.net.au



A New Youth Exchange Initiative

Gallipoli Short Term Exchange Program Operating between Australia and Turkey

Rotary District 9800 has introduced an innovative initiative called “Australia – Turkey, Gallipoli Short Term Youth Exchange Program”. The Exchange Program will enable young students from Australia to go to Turkey, live with Turkish families and attend Anzac Day ceremonies at Gallipoli.

While the Program is facilitated by Rotary Clubs, the partnering local high schools undertake the project management and implementation process. Local RSL Clubs can also participate in this program.



In 2010, sixteen Year 10 and 11 students from three states were given a once in a lifetime opportunity, when they left on 1 April to fly to Istanbul. In Turkey, students will be home-hosted by Rotary or school families to experience the local cultural environment.

The students attended the Dawn Service and Lone Pine ceremonies at ANZAC Cove on 25 April, the 95th Anniversary of that tragic campaign. They departed for home soon after.

In July, 23 high school students from Turkey will be coming to Australia in exchange, to be hosted by the schools taking part in the program, the northern hemisphere’s holiday period.

Following the resounding success of the pilot project that took three students to Turkey in 2009 from Bairnsdale High School, an agreement was signed between Rotary D-9800 in Australia and Rotary D-2420 in Istanbul, Turkey, to establish the platform for this program.

Commenting on the occasion, 9800 District Governor Colin Muir said; “We have an excellent relationship with Istanbul Rotary District, as we have had peace tours to Turkey in the past, we have supported a school for the blind at Gallipoli and exchanged study groups. We value this friendship with Turkish Rotary and look forward to the successful implementation of this new initiative which is yet another manifestation of this friendship.”

Local communities, both in Australia and Turkey, are responsible for raising the funds for the students’ travel & insurance costs. Rotary Clubs support the project by donation or assisting with fund raising for the cost of airfare and insurance that is shared between the student/family, sponsoring RC, school and RSL.

Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholars

Elizabeth Minelli, Rotary International News -- 5 April 2010

More than 500 university students from 29 countries have been selected to study abroad as Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholars during the 2010-11 academic year. Designed to bridge cultures and encourage goodwill, the Ambassadorial Scholarships program is one of Rotary’s leading efforts to promote world peace and understanding.



Ambassadorial Scholarships provide undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to study at participating universities in the 200 countries and geographical areas where Rotary clubs are active. While abroad, scholars participate in community service projects and speak at local Rotary club meetings and conferences, schools, civic organizations, and other forums where they serve as “goodwill ambassadors” for their home countries.

In 2009-10 nearly 700 scholars from some 70 countries studied in more than 80 nations, at a program cost of approximately US\$16.2 million.

The Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships program is one of the world’s largest privately sponsored international scholarship programs. Focused on humanitarian service, personal diplomacy, and academic excellence, the program has sponsored more than 40,000 scholars since 1947.



Eyes Wide Open in Cambodia and Vietnam

Eyes Wide Open ventured to Cambodia and Vietnam in February for what turned out to be an unforgettable adventure for more reasons than one! (Ask me about my brush with Vietnamese immigration authorities next time I see you). Our group of seven people from three states spent nine days in Cambodia and five days in Vietnam undertaking a variety of volunteer projects.

We taught dental hygiene, English conversation & reading, knitting, cricket, cooking and beading. We ran lectures on the dangers of smoking and tuberculosis prevention. The medics in our group helped with outreach medical clinics in rural areas, advised on the contents of medical kits and conducted ENT checks at several orphanages. We donated hundreds of toothbrushes and toothpaste, an otoscope, six wheelchairs, books, games, toys and art materials. We helped to repair old water wells and painted an orphanage's dance hall.

In between their volunteer work, the team visited Cambodia's ancient temples including a sunrise pilgrimage to the famous Angkor Wat temple. We also paid our respects at one of the mass execution sites of Pol Pot's Killing Fields and took a sobering tour through S21 Genocide Museum with our guide Rithy. It was a deeply emotional experience for all of us, particularly Rithy who was orphaned at six-years-old at the hands of the Khmer Rouge.

Perhaps the most moving part of the trip for me was the wheelchair distribution we did. We delivered Rotary wheelchairs to six victims of polio residing in a small Mekong Delta town. These Vietnamese adults contracted polio as children; now their legs are severely deformed and wasted away. They shuffle awkwardly and painfully, walking on their hands and sometimes knees. They cannot work or venture far from their homes. We gave these people mobility and a sense of independence for the first time in their lives.



Eyes Wide Open gives people of all ages the opportunity to see the world and make a difference by arranging group volunteer opportunities and humanitarian travel experiences in the developing world.

Give your time to Rotary projects in Nepal with Eyes Wide Open

Have you ever wanted to volunteer in the developing world? Would you like to put your skills towards changing the lives of those living in poverty? Would you prefer to be a humanitarian rather than a tourist? Would you like to see the difference Rotary is making in places like Nepal?

BOOK BEFORE 31 MAY TO RECEIVE THE ALL INCLUSIVE PRICE OF \$3,449.00

Includes return airfares, twin share or double accommodation, organised volunteer experiences, travel insurance, all transfers including flight from Pokhara to Kathmandu, a day trek, a three-day jungle experience in Chitwan National Park, local guides, tour passes and a western tour leader.

For information on the next tour to Nepal, 22 September—6 October 2010, see:

<http://www.eyeswideopen.org.au/ewocalendar?eventId=146370&EventViewMode=EventDetails>





The Wembley Wheel of Friendship

By John Meehan, D9800 Historian

Many Rotarians will be familiar with the wonderful tradition of "The Wembley Wheel of Friendship" that has been passed onto to every new Club in our District since 1964. Apart from a slight hiccup when RC Docklands was chartered in April last year, it resumed its journey when President Geri Charles of RC Port Melbourne presented the "Wheel" to President Mark Nutter of RC Docklands at their club meeting on 20th April.



As District Historian, I was present to relate the history of this unique tradition that really began in 1934, when Rotarian Ted Garner of RC Wembley, UK was host to many young Australian pilots in his home during the Battle of Britain. He wished to recognize the heroic part they played to save his country.

When Ted was able to visit Australia in 1964, he had designed a trophy that he presented as a gift to Royce Abbey then President of RC Essendon. It was decided then that this trophy would be handed onto the President of each new Club in D9800 at their Charter event. Since 1964 the trophy, in the form of a small wooden bookcase containing an inscription below the Rotary wheel and a list of each club, date chartered and signed by the President, has passed down to 76 clubs and remains in good condition.

The "Wheel" will return temporarily to RC Essendon in May when members of RC Wembley – Wisden (UK) will visit Melbourne to attend the 75th birthday celebrations of RC Essendon and revisit many friends and memories of their long relationship.

Readers' Letters

Dear Clarice,

DISTRICT 9800 CONFERENCE, ADELAIDE, MARCH 31 to APRIL 2 2011.

We are seeking the assistance of Rotary members, Rotary Clubs, and Rotarians with businesses who could contribute to the 2011 Conference, by assisting the Conference with a supporters grant of \$1000.00 to minimise the Conference costs. Individual support would also be welcome.

Companies, Clubs or individuals will have their names printed on pop-up banners in the House of Friendship, displayed on the overhead screens, and listed in the Conference Directory as "Conference Supporters", and on flyers placed in the Conference satchels.

This is an ideal way of supporting the Conference and keeping the registration cost to a minimum, given the very difficult task of finding suitable sponsors.

Imagine, if only one Rotarian in each Club donated \$1000.00 our sponsorship target would be reached.

Alan Freedman

Conference Chairman Adelaide 2011
Mobile: 0419-357-864 Fax: 9509-7935
alan.l.freedman@bigpond.com

Welcome New Members

No new members reported :-)





Notices and Events

District Governor's Changeover Lunch

The Rotary Club of Toorak invites you to attend the DG Changeover Lunch at Crown Palladium 11.30am for Pre-Luncheon Drinks **Sunday 27 June 2010**

Entertainment by Singer/Songwriter Dianna Corcoran - Female Artist of the Year

FREE PARKING in multi level car park - Entrance off Kingsway and Clark Street, Airbridge to Crown. Take ticket to cloak room for validation.



Bookings by Friday 12th June 2010 to: Rotary Club of

Toorak Inc. PO Box 397 Toorak Vic 3142

Phone: 0419 357 864 Fax: 03 9509 7935

Email: alan.l.freedman@bigpond.com

Booking form available from:

http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/uploads/downloads/Members/2010_04_Messages/District_9800_Changeover_flyer.pdf



ROTARIAN CO-ORDINATOR - (PART TIME)

Interplast is seeking applications from a suitably qualified person to fill the position of Rotarian Co-ordinator for 3 days per week (or equivalent). As Rotarian Co-ordinator you will be responsible for proactive and positive engagement with Rotarians in Australia & New Zealand on behalf of Interplast, and provide administrative support to the Rotarians Committee. A knowledge of the workings of Rotary in Australia and New Zealand is essential as are computer skills.

The Interplast office is located at the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, 250 – 290 Spring Street, Melbourne. You will be part of a small and passionate team that helps our volunteers repair bodies and rebuild lives.

Applications enclosing a CV and a statement detailing relevant skills, qualifications or experience should be sent to General Manager, Interplast Australia & New Zealand, Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, 250 – 290 Spring Street, MELBOURNE VIC 3000. Applications close 30th of April 2010.

Further information can be obtained from Marion Wright, General Manager. Telephone (03) 9249 1231.

Email: interplast@surgeons.org <http://www.interplast.com.au/staff>



Café Internationale

Bookings are now open for Café Internationale, International House, Parkville on **Saturday 1st May.**

Drinks from 6.30, Show starts 7.15 Dress - Black Tie.

Tickets are \$75.00 Contact Dawn Lo - 0433 018 180 or Luciana Orr - 9345

7576 café.int2010@gmail.com orrl@unimelb.edu.au



Clean Water and Sanitation with Livelihood Seminar.

In response to RI President John Kenny's and Water Sanitation Rotarian Action Group challenge to clubs to initiate long term water and sanitation projects around the world, Rotary Brighton Beach will host the Clean Water Livelihood – BioSand Water Filter Seminar. Included with the technology behind the BSW filter is an opportunity to create a livelihood project for the community at a cost of \$50 per filter. Venue: International House Greycourt Theatre, 241 Royal Parade, Parkville

1st May, Saturday 8:30 – 12pm., Entry \$10 with light lunch.

Registrations are essential. Contact Anthony Langley or Julie Avery 0418364191;

95919591 alangley@bayside.vic.gov.au julie@brightontravel.com.au;



Macedon Ranges MS Cycle Challenge

The Rotary Club of Gisborne is holding the Macedon Ranges Cycle Challenge on **Sunday 2nd May**. This recreational road ride will take riders through one of the State's most interesting regions on good sealed roads.

Register now, as rider numbers are limited to

300. Starts at New Gisborne: Two route options are available: a 131km challenge ride including the climb over Mount Macedon or a shorter, flatter 77km route for riders that prefer to take things easier. Funds raised for community projects.

All inquiries to Barry Wills on 0408 284 510, or rangescyclechallenge@gmail.com www.gisbornerotary.org.au





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You don't have to be a Rev-head to appreciate Great Cars

The Rotary Club of Keilor's annual Car Show is on **Sunday, 2 May**, in the grounds of the historic Keilor Hotel, Old Calder Highway, Keilor. The Car Show is held in conjunction with the Rotary Club's monthly Keilor Village Market and will also include attractions for kids, ensuring a fun day for the whole family.

This is the 4th year of the Car Show and it has grown in popularity and size each year. Last years show was a huge success, attracting over 160 spectacular cars including Vintage, Classic, Hot Rods, Muscle and Street cars.

Funds raised will support the **Australian Rotary Health Research Fund**

For further information about the Car Show, contact Joe Raimondo - 8413 0400 (BH 9337-0376 (AH), Mobile 0418 349 465, or jraimondo@trillium.com.au.



A Mother's Day for Everyone

What do you get if you mix together some cooking tips from renowned chefs, a lot of goodwill and stir in a pinch of community spirit? Great food for good causes. This Mother's Day you can grab mum two recipe books for a special deal of \$35 and feel good in the process.

All proceeds from The Relish and HEAT recipe books go to a range of charities and the HEAT hospitality training program, all working to improve the lives of people in need, both locally and overseas.

Purchase both books before Monday, 3 May to be in the running to win a special Mother's Day treat. Further information/photos: Julia Topliss Ph: 0411 364 004 Email: pr@stkildarotary.org.au

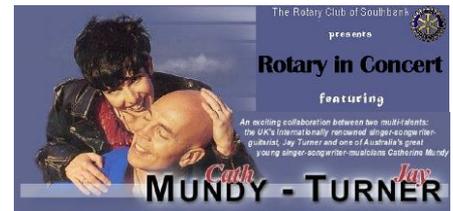


RC Southbank: Rotary in Concert

Cath Mundy & Jay Turner have regularly been invited as major performers at Port Fairy Folk Festival, Woodford, and at other festivals in Australia and UK. Both performers are impressive vocalists, able to inject melodies with depth and pathos.

Tuesday 4 May 6:00 for 6:30pm to 8:30pm River Room, Crown Towers Hotel, Southbank. Admission Price \$45 includes Dinner, Drinks, Concert and Free Parking at Crown. Rotary in Concert is a Benefit Event for Susubeen East Timor a project of the Xanana Trust.

ADMISSION MUST BE PRE-BOOKED BOOKINGS CLOSE 27 APRIL To book online go to www.rotary.to/events/rotaryinconcert/



Pie and Port Night

The Rotary Club of Rochester will hold its Pie and Port Night on **Friday 7th May** at the Historic Court House Moore Street Rochester. Contact Noel Lucas - 0427 841 262



Brimbank Central Charter Anniversary



Come and join with us to celebrate our 35th Charter Anniversary **Saturday, 8 May** 6.30pm for 7.00pm start Starlight Room, Taylors Lakes Reception Centre, 7 Melton Hwy, Taylors Lakes \$30.00 per head (3 course meal). Plus a 35 Year History Booklet. Drinks at Bar prices. Musical Entertainment by : Michael Lapina – Tenor, Plus music for dancing. Cheques payable to : The Rotary Club of Brimbank Central, PO Box 81 KEILOR VIC 3036 Bookings close 30 April. Enquiries : Barbara or John Rafter 9331 5662 or 0419 135 185 barbara@craftbooks.com.au or johnrafter@craftbooks.com.au

The Rotary Club of Tullamarine

Invites all interested to attend a special meeting to hear Mr. Sam Lipski Chief Executive of The Pratt Foundation 7:15 am on **Thursday, 13th May** Hilton Hotel, Melbourne Airport (Park car 2nd level – take lift to 4th floor) (Hilton Hotel Reception 4th floor) Cost - \$25 includes dining and parking costs





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Rotary Club of Tullamarine Heartkids Spectacular

Ultima Function Centre Cnr Keilor Park Drive and Ely court
Friday 14th May. 7 p.m. till close Dress: Dress to impress
The Entertainment : The Ladies of Motown Compere : John Deeks
Price \$95 per person All proceeds to benefit children with heart disease
2 Brand new Kia cars will auctioned on the night
Many thanks to our main sponsor Kia Motors
For Tickets call Conrad : 0434 609 520



Rotary Club of Brighton North Dinner Auction



Fund Raising event on **May 14th** to raise funds to donate to Motor Neurone Disease research and equipment for sufferers of this disabling and deadly disease.
Shawn Cosgrove, the well-known radio & media personality, will humorously promote the bidding for exciting & worthwhile items such as high quality jewellery, holidays, golf games plus many more items to enjoy. There is also a wide range of silent auction items.
Good food, drinks and a lively band further ensure the night an enjoyable one.
\$50 of the ticket is tax deductible. Alternatively if you wish to support the MND research but cannot attend then the attached invitation link shows you how you can do that.
[http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/9800/4970/html/87683/Dinner Auction Brochure.pdf](http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/9800/4970/html/87683/Dinner_Auction_Brochure.pdf)

District Assembly – 16th May

All Rotarians are invited to the Rotary International District 9800 Assembly to be held on **Sunday 16 May**, 2010; from 9-00 am start to 1-00 pm finish.
We will be providing a substantial morning tea and fellowship opportunity during the Assembly.
For the very first time this will be held at Melbourne Grammar School, Domain Rd, South Yarra, which is easy to find and easy parking.



http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/uploads/downloads/Members/2010_04_Messages/lvens_District_Assembly_Invite.doc

Dance Expo

Rotary Club of Caulfield is hosting a Dance Expo to showcase a broad spectrum of dance styles to promote dance as a professional occupation, for well-being, social recreational opportunities and multi-cultural connections.

Classical to Contemporary Dance Exhibitors, Blood Pressure testing and the opportunity to buy detergent free and water saving Green Clean Laundry Balls.

Sunday May 23. 10am-5pm Demonstration performances hourly from 11am to 4pm Glen Eira Auditorium (upstairs) cnr Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield. Free Entry (gold coin donation appreciated)

Light refreshments: served by students and staff from Caulfield Park Community School Proceeds to Rotary Club of Caulfield's Annual Festive Season Lunch for the Aged. Volunteers Needed-For backstage and front of house. For more information, ph 9568-7190 or rotary.dance.expo@gmail.com



Public Speaking Course

Presented by the Rotary Club of Brimbank Central

Sunday 23rd May, Leaping Lizard Conference Centre Brimbank Park.

8.45am to 5.00pm \$45.00pp Includes a Participant Manual, Certificate and Catering.
Come along and learn how to prepare to make a speech on a wide range of subjects, speak in public, to make announcements and give verbal reports at meetings.
You will have the opportunity to make a number of short speeches, receive critiques and participate in an interactive program with only 10 participants to ensure that everyone gains the most from the program.

Comments from the last program:

"This is a terrific program that represents great value for money."

"The program is non threatening, but challenging"

"It is a great learning environment where you grow in confidence throughout the day"

For further information, or to request a registration form, please contact:

David Moss-Bennett Ph: 0412 388 823 dmossbennett@optusnet.com.au





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Global MS Dinner



7.30 to 10.30pm **Tuesday May 25** Keilor Hotel, 670 Old Calder Highway, Keilor
 Cost \$30/head, Wear something Red
 Fabulous Tuesday Evening, Latin American music, entertainment, auction, "Door Prize" and raffle in marquee setting. Any Auction or Raffle Items would be appreciated.
 Roast Beef Dinner Complimentary Glass of Champagne on arrival
 MS Society Speaker Funds raised go to RAGMSA projects, MSRA and MSIF
 RSVP May 24th, 2010 to Diana 0419 564 389 or Martin Taurins 0407564389
taurins3@vegas.com.au

Camberwell Rotary Art Show- Exclusive Preview & Opening

Caulfield Racecourse, Station Street, Caulfield

Thursday 27 May, 6.30pm – 9.30pm Opening Night, Preview and Awards Presentation. Be the first to purchase from an estimated 2,500 paintings. Many from acclaimed Australian artists.

This is a popular annual opening event on Melbourne's arts calendar and not to be missed.

Tickets \$30 - Double \$55 (book 'double' ticket on-line and Save \$5)

Includes welcome drink. On-line booking details soon!

Enquiries Telephone: 0431 286 483 admin@camberwellrotaryartshow.org.au

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

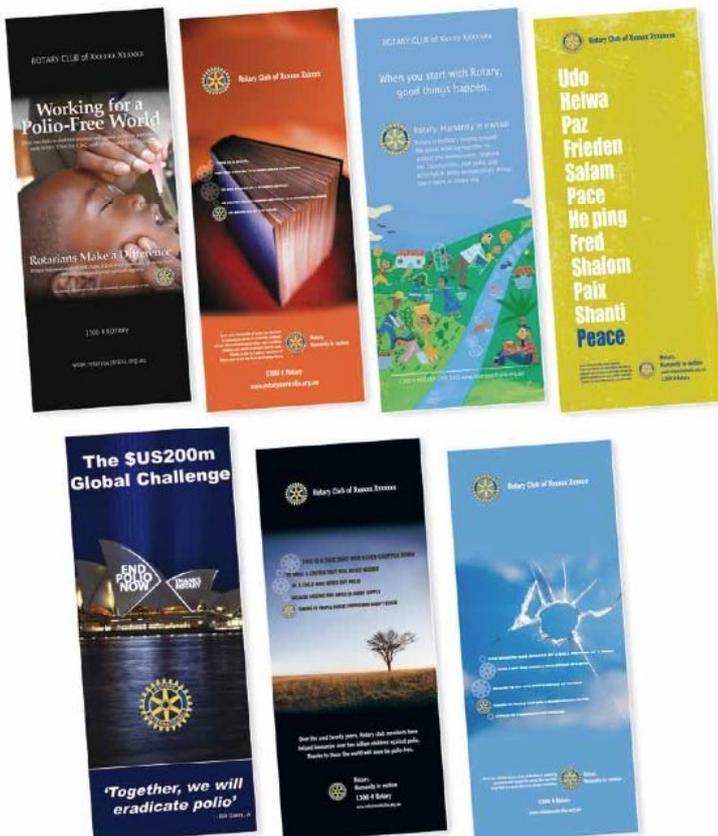


Rochester Change Over

The Change Over function for the Rotary Club of Rochester Inc will take place at the Lake Cooper Estate Midland Highway Corop on **Sunday June 6th**. 12pm for 12.30pm



Rotary Paraphernalia



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<http://www.rotarydownunder.com.au/>

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