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A publication for Rotarians and all community-minded people

September is New Generations Month

Building Future Leaders

In September - New Generations Month - we are reminded of our future leadership responsibilities and how we need to plan to ensure the continuation of Rotary's programs.

Time catches up with all of us – and, dare I say it - even Rotarians. No matter how much we think that we are integral to securing continued success, it just isn't true. We are components in something that has gone before us and something that will endure long after we are gone. Even the strongest, most inspirational and industrious people in Rotary must be prepared to hand the torch on.

The future of Rotary and the leadership of our communities is rightly in the hands of the youth of today. This underpins the reasons that Rotary devotes so much of its resources to working with young people in our communities. Rotary International has a vast range of programs designed to give the youth of today a sense of values and ethics which they can build on as they move to adulthood.

Rotary Youth programs are held in over 200 countries and bring a sense of mission as well as the values of honesty, compassion and ethical standards that transcend politics, customs and race.

The message of Rotary International in 1982-3 was "Mankind is One - Build Bridges of Friendship Throughout the World". This is precisely what Rotary International is attempting to achieve through its Youth programs. Throughout the clubs of District 9800, I have seen many diverse and exciting youth programs and projects being undertaken.

Worldwide, it's a fact that the range of programs coordinated by Rotary to support young people in our communities is so far reaching that it is impossible to list them all. These projects range from helping youth affected by alcohol and drug dependency in such programs as Odyssey house; to recognising the talents of apprentices, budding musicians and artists in our community.

Interact, founded in 1962, is providing opportunities for young people to work together in a world fellowship dedicated to service and international understanding. Interact is often the first contact that students in the 14-17 age group at secondary school have with Rotary. I am pleased to advise that Interact clubs are increasing in District 9800. Why not consider your club starting an Interact club in one of your local schools? Obviously, this month is an ideal time to begin the process.

Young people in the 14-17 age group also have the opportunity of attending the **Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN)**. This is a weekend of seminars designed to communicate a series of ideas, problems and social experiences which will assist the young participants in forming their own values and moral standards. The next RYPEN camp is on the weekend of 20th - 21st October 2007. For more information contact Rosalind Michelson. You can also refer to page 85 of the District Directory for additional information. The RYPEN Camp is run in our District by our **Rotaract** - another major youth initiative of Rotary International for young people in the 18-30 age group. We have 4 active Rotaract Clubs in our District.

Let us not forget our **Rotary International Youth Exchange Program**. One of the most powerful forces in the promotion of international understanding and peace is exposure to different cultures. The world becomes a smaller and friendlier place when we learn that people, irrespective of their nationality, have very similar aspirations to our own - broadly speaking, to establish a safe and comfortable environment that provides a rich and satisfying life for their children and themselves. Youth Exchange provides thousands of young people each year with the opportunity to meet people from other countries and to experience their cultures. This plants the seeds for a lifetime of international understanding.

Rotary is not only working with the very young people in our community, but also operates very closely with young adults in programs such as **RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award)**, **Group Study Exchange**, **Ambassadorial Scholars**, **World Peace Scholars**, and recipients of the **Royce and Jean Abbey Endowment Fund**. The success of these programs with your support will ensure that, through these young people, 'Service Above Self' will continue to be a worthy endeavour for our next generation.

John Davis, District Governor

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New Members

The Rotary Clubs of Camberwell and Central Melbourne have certainly finished off Membership Month in fine style, inducting three new members apiece:

Floyd Gomes, RC Camberwell, Classification: Medical Doctor

Nathalie Gomes, RC Camberwell, Classification - Medical Doctor

David Jones, RC Central Melbourne, Wellington, NZ), Classification: Tourism

Micaela Lapina, RC Central Melbourne, Classification: Banking - Project Accounting

Neil Salvano, RC Central Melbourne, Classification: Risk Management

Richard Stewart, RC Camberwell, Classification: Retail Legal

Quip Corner

A verbal contract
isn't worth the paper
it's written on.

40+ Rotarian

Clarice, Clarice ... where have all the good men gone? I think I was born 50 or 60 years too late. Seems that the current crop lack the old world charm and grace. My father was an absolute gentleman ... most fathers are. And so is Hal Moor ... President of the Rotary Club of Bendigo nearly 50 years ago! I was delighted to catch up with Hal and share a few stories and memories.

C: How did you become involved with Rotary?

HM: I was asked to attend a number of meetings by Mr Norman Oliver – a prominent pharmacist in the Bendigo area - and was subsequently invited to join the Bendigo Rotary Club.

C: What is the biggest project you've been involved with as a Rotarian?

HM: I think that the events leading up to the formation of the Rotary Club of Bendigo South would be the most significant. This occurred during my year as President in 1959-60. As the Rotary Club of Bendigo South nears its golden anniversary, those early events provide great satisfaction. Another big event was the District Conference of DG and Bendigo Club member, Ernest Granger. This was in 1962-63. The conference was held in Lorne and the principal meeting place was Erskine House. Interestingly, in those days, we had to apply to Rotary International to hold the conference outside the boundaries of our District (then, 280). This was granted and the Lorne Conference went ahead.

C: As a long-time Bendigo resident, what three features make it an outstanding place to live or to visit?

HM: Among many attributes ... Bendigo has some beautiful streetscapes, some wonderful old architecture and an outstanding art gallery.

C: What is the biggest change in Rotary that you've seen?

HM: Classification. There were 'active', 'additional active' and 'senior active' classifications. There were classification sub-committees and some fairly stiff formality in getting people classified. All that's changed. *(I've always wondered what I would have been classified as ... probably 'Print Media - Aggressive' -C)*

C: You joined Rotary in the 1950's ... a very different time. Was life in Australia better or worse than now and why?

HM: I don't think that it was any better or worse, just different. I guess weekends were really days away from work, which was good. Today however there are many facilities that people can enjoy, but time demands are greater. Computers? Just another device. Their benefit depends on how well or badly you use them.

C: Over 50 years as a member, what do you particularly enjoy about the Bendigo Rotary Club?

HM: One word - friendship.

C: Time for a few tales ... as a 52 year Rotarian at the Rotary Club of Bendigo, you must have met some interesting and inspirational characters. Tell me about some of them.

HM: Most clubs have a few 'legendary' Sergeants-At-Arms. I always remember Fred Aner as one of those. Fred was a former town clerk of Bendigo and he had a very wicked sense of humour. Another character was Wilton McKean. Wilton was in charge of the cannery in Bendigo. He had a strange formality when he introduced himself - when we went on inter-club visits he would always identify himself as 'Wilton Cameron McKean'. *(I get a feeling that there's a cheeky sense of humour within young Hal too. -C)*



Bendigo is renowned for its beautiful streetscapes and wonderful old architecture



C: *You've travelled widely and seen many famous historical sites. What site would you have liked to have been at to witness a particularly significant historical event?*

HM: I've been lucky enough - and old enough - to have seen a lot of events in my time. Plenty has happened in the area and I've been around to see most of it. In fact, Rotary had a connection to my wife Dos. Doris was her proper name and she was the daughter of Rotary Club of Castlemaine charter member, Clem Rathbone. We met in 1937. Dos passed away 25 years ago but she was very committed to community service and was a former President of Inner Wheel in Bendigo.

C: *What are your interests outside of Rotary?*

HM: My family.

C: *What is an aspect of Rotary that is important to you?*

HM: Rotary involves meeting people. Rotary's work is done because people, under the banner of Rotary, can meet and plan projects. The more Rotarians get together, the greater the impact. That is why make-ups are important. I think that there has been a reduction in the people doing make-ups. This is sad as make-ups expand our horizons and introduce us to wider ideas. Inter-club visits are also not as numerous as they used to be and they are such a wonderful vehicle for fellowship. I really enjoy making up at other clubs and have done so at over 50 clubs around the world. Clubs vary enormously - they're all interesting. I think one of the more interesting ones was the Rotary Club of Brasilia. Wider Rotarian-to-Rotarian and Club-to-Club contact is something that I would really like to encourage. (*Great thought, Hal -C*)

C: *My understanding of trains doesn't go much beyond Puffing Billy and Thomas the Tank Engine. I know that your knowledge exceeds that. What do you believe is the world's greatest train journey?*

HM: I am fortunate to have done train journeys on six continents. I think my favourite trips have been on the mixed gauge tracks around Chur in Switzerland. I also enjoyed the big train trip across Russia ... I believe incorrectly named the Trans Siberian. Our own Indian Pacific rail trip is also a wonderful journey.

C: *And as an engineer, what has been the most impressive engineering feat that you've encountered on your travels?*

HM: I was very taken with the design of the Forth Bridge in Scotland. The overall impression - the look and the engineering required - I just liked it. The Brooklyn Bridge was also interesting - some colourful history and the fact that it made such a difference to the people of Brooklyn and Lower Manhattan.

C: *Being a media mover and shaker, I'm often in Bendigo and always on the lookout for a good restaurant or a good pub meal. Any local recommendations that you could share?*

HM: I can certainly recommend the Belmont Hotel in Kennington, an outer suburb of Bendigo. My son and I sometimes go out there and the meals are excellent.

C: *I have some favourite wineries in the Bendigo area and I love the 'big reds' there. What's your preference when you're enjoying a few drinks with friends?*

HM: I enjoy wine and beer. My favourite wine is sauvignon blanc and when I'm having a beer it's usually a nice cold Cascade Light. (*White wine and beer ... not a big red. Goodness me Hal, and you were going so well too ... -C*)

C: *Complete the following: Life is ...*

HM: ... what you make of it.

C: *My secret talent is ...*

HM: ... cooking. I've had to become good at it. My best dish is coq au vin. (*Wow !! -C*)

C: *I am ...*

HM: ... 90 years old. Enough said.

C: *Rotary is ...*

HM: ... fellowship. An opportunity to be with good friends.

C: *Rotarians are ...*

HM: ... a mixed lot.

A wry answer from a gentleman who's seen a lot and makes his assessments from a wealth of experience ... a man who appreciates art, architecture, history and cooks as well. Yes Clarice, you were born too late. Then again ... would a female have been given an editor's position? Or what would a 1937 Beemer have looked like? Could Clarice have washed the clothes in a copper and created gastronomic delicacies from a wood stove? These, and many other questions kept buzzing around as I dreamily pulled up at the Connor Park winery and picked my usual order - sorry Hal, definitely not a sauvignon blanc...

If you don't think about the future, how can you have one? *Wes Truscott*



Breakfast With The Hon. Julie Bishop MP

The Hon Julie Bishop, Minister for Education, Science and Training, and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues, was the guest speaker at RC Toorak's Business Person's Breakfast on 29 August 2007.

After providing an overview of her portfolio, the Minister detailed plans to standardise education testing across the nation, and to provide private tuition to pupils who fail to achieve the required standards. Ms Bishop answered a number of questions from the audience, and remained to chat and have photographs with guests. Her charming personality ensured this was once again a really successful breakfast.



DG John Davis & The Hon.
Julie Bishop MP

The breakfast raised funds that were presented to Kathy Hilton, founder of The Ardoch Youth Foundation. In accepting a cheque and thanking the Rotary Club, Kathy expanded on how The Ardoch Youth Foundation supports disadvantaged children, enabling them to stay on at school and achieve their potential. Our fund-raising efforts were further enhanced by a last minute donation from Australian Cricket Captain, Ricky Ponting.



President Gordon Cheyne, Kathy Hilton
of The Ardoch Youth Foundation,
DG John Davis and Joan

We remain grateful to all our friends in Rotary who supported this function, in particular District Governor John Davis and Joan, Past DG Judy Nettleton and John Nairn, and ADG Marc Fookes.

ARHRF-Funded Researcher Wins Eureka Prize

Professor Max Coltheart from Macquarie University, Sydney, was awarded the prestigious Eureka Prize for Leadership in Science recently.

Over his career as a researcher into cognitive science, Professor Coltheart has supervised an impressive 53 PhD students. One of these was Dr Melanie Porter, former ARHRF Ian Scott scholar and current ARHRF Geoffrey Betts Fellow. Melanie worked with Professor Coltheart on an Australian Rotary Health project investigating a rare genetic disorder called Williams Syndrome (WS). WS is caused by a missing segment of genetic material and is characterized by a distinctive facial expression, low IQ (although people with WS are often artistically gifted) and an overly sociable personality.

The Australian Museum Eureka

Prizes are Australia's premier award scheme for outstanding science. Presented annually by the Australian Museum, the prizes reward excellence in the fields of research & innovation, science leadership, school science and science journalism & communication.



Dr Melanie Porter,
ARHRF Geoffrey
Betts Fellow

Melanie's ongoing work in the Macquarie Centre for Cognitive Science (of which Professor Coltheart is Scientific Director) seeks to build upon what she and the Professor learnt from WS children about the mental processes that underpin our social interactions, to developing a general theoretical framework for explaining the nature of social-cognitive abilities. This will hopefully lead to improvements in the treatment of severe neuropsychiatric disorders and various other conditions.

If you are in Sydney, you can help Melanie with her research! She needs recordings of a range of people showing different emotions. It will only take an hour of your time and a small fee will be paid. Contact Melanie on (02) 9850 6768 or mporter@maccs.mq.edu.au.

Donations to ARHRF are tax deductible and can be sent to ARHRF, PO Box 779, Parramatta, NSW, 2124. Telephone 02 8837 1900 Email arhrf@arhrf.org.au.

RAWCS Seminar Round-Up

The second of two RAWCS seminars was held at International House, Melbourne on Sunday, 26 August. The event was attended by just under one hundred District 9800 Rotarians and friends to learn about Rotary Australia World Community Services been carried out.

The program commenced with Colin Burns from RC Bendigo screening an informative presentation identifying the key points of how RAWCS can assist Rotary clubs and Rotarians to 'Adopt a Project'. We also saw photos of Rotarians working with the local people in the Solomon Islands installing water tanks and building a community center.



It is important that these projects involve the local community so they feel the work done by Rotarians is not a gift but that the community's involvement gives them ownership of the completed project.

It was then time for a coffee break and a chance to talk with the persons manning the displays of current RAWCS projects. These include Rotarians Against Malaria, Safe Water Saves Lives, Donations in Kind, Star Bright Learning Exchange, Rotary Volunteers, Save a Village Initiative, Shelter Box, Mothers & Babies Support Initiative, Adopt a Community, The Ripple Effect and Assistance to Villages in the Philippines.



RAWCS Seminar attendees at International House

With the help of Bill Dagg's booming voice, we all returned to our seats to hear from Emily Blyth speaking about The Ripple Effect, Jill Forsyth about Mothers & Babies Support Initiative, and Bill Dagg brought us up-to-date with Donations in Kind. The seminar concluded with more fellowship and plenty of time to talk with the presenters.

If you were unable to attend but are interested to know more about how RAWCS can assist your club, look out for the next RAWCS information seminar, or contact Virginia Turner of RC Brighton North. Email: v.turner@bigpond.net.au

Rick Altman, RC Melbourne North

RC Central Melbourne-Sunrise & 'Turning Point'

Many from Rotary District 9800 were among the 236 people who attended the Hypothetical at BMW Edge on 13 June organised by the **Rotary Club of Central Melbourne-Sunrise**. Profits from this fundraiser were directed to 'Turning Point', a dynamic centre for drug and alcohol services in Victoria.

On 7 August, Turning Point's Ray Stephens gave a presentation to the Club which included highlights from an animated movie, 'Ethyl', which is aimed at getting the message about the dangers of methamphetamines ('ice') to young people. This film is a sequel to 'Opi', which has had great success in educating at-risk people to the dangers of opium use. 'Turning Point' is becoming increasingly involved in mental health and drug-related issues. RC Central Melbourne-Sunrise and the major sponsor of the Hypothetical, McLean Delmo Hall Chadwick, Accountants, have funded this film to the extent of \$8000 as one of the Club's community service projects.



President John Ilott presents the cheque to Ray Stephens of 'Turning Point'

For more information, please contact Gillian Farrell on 0407 853 745 or via gillian@classiccivilcelebrations.com.au

RC Collingwood Journey To Vietnam



From left: Rotarians Helen Connors, Chris Smale, Meca Ho, Frances Laurino, Klaus Klopfer and the banner holder is Anne Klopfer

Our journey to Vietnam began approximately 18 months ago when Rotarian Meca Ho introduced us to Kim Truong and she told the members about her work in Vietnam. She was on a mission to build bridges in the south of Vietnam, to provide housing for poor women, and to provide water wells for families and small communities.

Kim had chosen the Ben Tre province, located south of Ho Chi Minh City (a three hour trip by bus), explaining this was one of the poorest districts in Vietnam. She talked about the need for bridges because without them many members of these small communities were greatly disadvantaged. The old people had to wait for their children to carry them on their backs in order for them to be able to cross the narrow bamboo bridge, meaning they were unable to visit their families or friends in nearby villages. Children had to walk many kilometres to school, (even though the school could be seen from their village) because they were too little to cross the narrow bridge.



Farmers could not sell their excess produce because they had no way of transporting their goods to other villages. She also explained that many women whose partners had died or who did not have family, often lived in very primitive conditions.

The Rotary Club of Collingwood decided that this would be a great project to support. At the end of Kim's talk she offered us a challenge - she informed us that she would be returning to Vietnam in April 2007 and she would be delighted if a group of us would accompany her! This challenge was taken up and in April 2007 a small group of Rotarians accompanied Kim on the experience of a lifetime.

The first thing that struck me as I exited the airport at Ho Chi Minh City was the heat and the humidity but the landscape seemed very familiar - it was just like Victoria Street, Richmond with a million more people and half a million more 'Vespa' type motorbikes! We visited orphanages and were greeted by so many gorgeous children who were anxiously waiting for the gift packs we had brought. (Kim had organised local traders to make up a gift pack for each child and for a tub of formula for each baby to be loaded on the bus before we left.) This cost the Rotary club such a small amount of money but it brought such joy! We were impressed by the care that these children received but we were saddened to think that so many children lived in these institutions all their lives. We met many families and local Government officials and we discussed issues and problems, and the ways in which we could help.

One of the reasons for the trip was to attend the bridge opening ceremony for the bridge Rotary had donated, to hand-over the title of the house and to visit the water wells.

On the day of the bridge opening ceremony we traveled south to the Thanh Bhu district; where we loaded 250 boxes of noodles and an equal number of bottles of soy sauce onto a barge on which we had to sit on the side on a plank of wood (25cm wide) while we traveled along the Mekong. I was hanging on so tightly my fingers were numb. We traveled like this for 2 hours and then we docked. Getting out of the boat was another challenge - just slippery mud and palm leaves.

Our task was to give an 80-year old woman, who was caring for her grandchildren, the title to the house in her name. This was an incredibly emotional experience; as the woman was handed the title she just wept and wept, and we along with her. We also gave the poorest families in her village the noodles.

Back onto the barge and an hour later we arrived at the village where we had donated money to build the bridge. We had also sent money to provide lunch for the whole village. When we arrived everyone was dressed in their finest clothes and the children beat their drums for us. The community had come together and had prepared a banquet. There were mud crabs, prawns, pork, beef, veal, rice and more! They sang for us and then they asked us to sing - they thought we were very funny and didn't sing very well...

After lunch we went to another village to see the water well. This involved getting on a motorbike and then walking on incredibly narrow tracks with water to the left of us and water to the right. Then we had to make the same journey back in the dark!

It was very moving to hear from the people we met in Vietnam about the impact of Kim's work and we were delighted to be involved in a small way. We aim to continue our work in Vietnam and another trip is planned for the New Year.

Rtn Frances Laurino, RC Collingwood

The Gift Of Life



Liam King was diagnosed with a liver disease called Biliary Atresia at six months of age. It is not so long ago that Liam was in the grip of that serious condition until an Organ Donor saved his life and now he is a champion swimmer.

We gratefully acknowledge the permission granted by LIFEGift to use this photograph and the related information. Photograph by Marco Sacchi.

The World Transplant Games Federation is presently conducting its Summer Games in Bangkok, Thailand. Held every two years, the Games allow transplant athletes to demonstrate the physical success of transplant surgery and to raise awareness of the need to increase organ donation (www.16thworldtransplantgame.com).

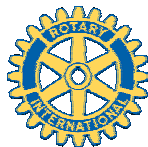
Let me pose a question to you - *if you or a close member of your family needed donation of a compatible organ to survive, would you accept such a donation?* If the answer is, yes, please remember that human organs don't grow on trees; donors are in short supply and without donors there can be no transplants.

Organ donation doesn't cost you anything, it isn't painful, it's not even as complicated as donating blood - and it could save another's life.

As Rotarians, we profess 'Service Above Self', 'Lead the Way' and 'Rotary Shares', and registration as an organ donor is another way to underline that commitment.

If you would like to learn more about registering and about the Australian Organ Donor Registry call 1800 777 203 or visit your nearest Medicare Office or log on to www.organdonation.org.au

Mev Connell, D9800 Community Service Advisor



Notices & Events

ARH Symposium & BBQ Luncheon – Camp Getaway

All Rotarians are invited to the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund's first 2007 Symposium at Camp Getaway (Axedale, just outside of Bendigo) on Sunday, 9 September from 9.15am.

The program will be conducted by Directors and Regional Coordinators from all Districts in Victoria. This is a unique opportunity to put forward your ideas and have your questions answered.

Speakers will include:

- Associate Professor Greg Snell on organ transplantation
- Adam Walker, ARHRF PhD Scholar
- Veronica Kyle, Indigenous Scholar



Stay and enjoy a barbecue luncheon following the Symposium (please RSVP by 02/09/07 for catering purposes.)

To RSVP or for further information, please contact Judy Nettleton on 9427 7233 or at aceheat@ace-heat.com.au.

For those unable to attend on 9 September, our next Symposium will be on 14 October 2007 at Deakin University (details will be published again in Networker closer to the event).

Storm The Stage In D9800

Storm the Stage has finally arrived in District 9800! Enthralling heats have been held at Echuca and Bendigo, showcasing young performers at their very best. Do not miss the extraordinary talent in Drama and Musical Theatre coming to you at the following venues:

3.00pm Sunday, 9 September 2007

Theatre 216, Victorian College of the Arts Music School, St Kilda Road, Melbourne.

Contact Michael Lapina, RC of Central Melbourne Sunrise, on 0414 586 607

District Final - 8.00pm Saturday, 15 September 2007

Paramount Theatre, High Street, Echuca

Sponsored by the Shire of Campaspe. Admission is free.

Contact person Anne Peace on 5480 1342

The winners in each category compete in the National Finals, Burswood Casino Theatre, Perth on Friday, 26 October 2007.

We wish our contestants every good luck as they go forward to this event.

Thank you to all who have worked so hard in 2007 on this exciting project. We look forward to many Cluster Heats in 2008.



RC Brimbank Central's Youth Forum

RC Brimbank Central are holding a Youth Forum on Wednesday, 12 September 2007 with the theme "It's okay to say No!". The forum will be held at the Starlight Room, Taylors Lakes Hotel, Sydenham Melton Road, Taylors Lakes from 6.30pm for a 7.00 pm start. Cost is \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for students with ID.

Key-Note Speakers

Jennifer Brooker ~ Stride
Sue Renkin ~ Open Family
Jan Tully ~ Tobin Brothers
Dr. Stefan Gruener ~ Odyssey House
Snr Constable Jon Reader

Subject

Youth wellbeing
Stress
Bullying
Suicide
Victoria Police Drugs & Alcohol

Students, parents, teachers, Police, youth workers, welfare workers, counsellors and lots of Rotarians are encouraged to attend.

Please contact David Johnson on 0418 580 045 to book or Lou Gionfriddo, Program Chairman on 0411 871 978.



District Foundation Seminar & Workshop

District Foundation Committee Chairperson, Chris Don, invites all Presidents, Presidents Elect, Foundation Chairman, International Chairman and new Rotarians to our 2007 District Foundation Seminar & Workshop.

All aspects of our District's Foundation Programs will be covered by the District Committee Chairperson and Regional Zone Executives. Active participation from delegates will be encouraged.

This will be held on Sunday, 23 September from 9.00am to 12.30pm at International House, Royal Parade, Carlton

Contact Chris Don on 9312 6933 or via email at chrisd9@bigpond.com.

24 Hour Megaswim

The Rotary Club of Tullamarine is proud to present the 24 Hour Megaswim to be held at the East Keilor Leisure Centre, Quinn Grove, East Keilor, commencing 3.00pm on Saturday, 6 October through to 3.00pm on Sunday, 7 October.

Money raised will be donated to the 'Go For Gold Scholarships' in support of people living with Multiple Sclerosis enabling them to follow their dreams in education, sport, music, travel or the arts.

You can help this very worthy cause by joining the relay, donating cash or prizes, or even volunteering at the event.



Please call Dr Lewi on 9336 2033 for more details. More information about Megaswim can be found at www.megaswim.com



PDG Bernie Walshe at the 2006 winner's presentation

Featured Club

A left turn, a right turn, a statue of Hubert Opperman, the Criterion Hotel and a blink. That's Rochester (population 2,500) ... or so I thought. Very wrong, Clarice! I needed the early 10.00am start because it was raining heavily and I had to meet my Rochester contact at noon - would you believe it - at the Criterion Hotel. Club President Stewart McDonald and board members Noel Lucas and Noel Schier (the 2 Noels ... double trouble ... I'll explain later) were there to meet me. Stewart and Noel Schier have properties but, because of the rain, they had to wait for the weather to break. My goodfortune ... three good looking blokes and a sumptuous pub lunch. Roast beef and a Heathcote Shiraz ... I felt in devastating form.

C: Now lads, what differentiates the Rochester Rotary Club from all others?

SM: Size. We have only 11 members but we don't let that stop us. We're close-knit and we're excited about the various projects we have on the go.

C: What past projects would rank in your Club's 'Hall of Fame'?

NL: The 1977 District Conference would be up there - we were part of the old Rotary District 278. Our Club member Ian Coughlan was District Governor and it was a huge, intense but thoroughly rewarding experience for the Rochester club. The Farm & Road Safety Expo - next year will be our 10th anniversary. The commencement of Meals on Wheels for residents in Rochester which continues today. School scholarships - the club is involved in awarding scholarships to students of all schools in the area. Youth Exchange - over the years we have accepted 19 overseas students into our Club and have sponsored 18 outgoing students. *(That's outstanding for a small club. Large clubs ... take note. Rochester continues to make an international statement through it's students -C)*

C: Oh dear ... it's still raining. Yes ... it's just the weather for it, so why don't we stick with the Heathcote Shiraz? Now what has Rochester got in the pipeline for the 2007/08 Rotary year?

NS: Our Driver Education Program is the biggest project. Our secretary, Graeme Nelson has been a driving force on this. With crane hire, computers and our first vehicle already taken care of, there has been \$80,000 - \$100,000 donated. It's taken awhile to put together and our classroom has been relocated to Elmore Events Centre. If all goes to plan, we'll be ready for our first student intake in 2008. The training of the instructors will commence shortly.

C: Tell us about Rochester and the surrounding areas - why do people visit and any local features of note.

SM: Rochester has a large dairy industry ... Noel Schier has a herd of dairy cattle. *(I love cows ... those big eyes get me every time -C)*. Murray Goulburn also has a big plant here. Another big industry is tomatoes ... premium tomatoes are grown around Rochester. Green's Lake at Corup is a great spot where you can go sailing. We're a typical Australian country town where footy and cricket are played enthusiastically. *(I reminisced ... it was a long time ago watching my brother play ... the siren was an old guy in an FJ Holden pushing the horn. The 'timekeeper' always parked next to the keg. -C)*



C: *Still raining ... thanks Noel, good old Heathcote Shiraz. Now lads, what is the Rochester Rotary Club's passion?*

NS: Fellowship. (*I would never have guessed that ... Cheers ! –C*)

C: *If you had to liken your Club to a make of car (or tractor), what would it be and why?*

NS: Something dynamic and dependable - maybe a top of the range tractor.

C: *In the Rochester club, does anyone have an unusual or exotic vocation?*

NL: Not so much a vocation as an involvement. Every year my wife, Robyn, and I head north. We go to stations in areas near Mt Isa, Winton and Cloncurry. Robyn is a former teacher and assists with tutoring - sometimes on the radio. My experience is in the steel industry, so I help out where I can.

C: *Who is the longest serving member in your Club?*

SM: I wish that we were talking a month ago, Clarice. We just lost our remaining charter member, Les Anderson ... a great contributor to our Club and the community and a terrific bloke. With Les' passing, PP Noel Lucas here is longest serving member – inducted May 1969.

C: *Rochester ... 43 years young. There must have been some interesting events and characters along the way. What's some weird, funny and/or wonderful highlights or characters that you could mention?*

SM: There are lots ... we'll certainly miss the stories told by Les Anderson, especially the toothpaste factory saga. Our 'pie and port nights' are legendary, as is the hospitality extended to GSE teams. We have been sponsoring Carols by Candlelight since 1970. Bus trips to District Assembly and weekends away with Eaglehawk. are well remembered (*I bet –C*), and we have hosted the National Boys Choir on 3 occasions.

C: *If an anonymous donor sent \$1 million to your Club with a note saying, "Spend the lot on community projects or lose it", how do you think would you spend it?*

NL: This would really get the Driver Education Project up and running and we could extend the Farm & Road Safety Expo into the school community. If there was anything left over, we could refurbish our club rooms, the historic Court House. An application for heritage listing of the Court House has been lodged. It is a beautiful old building our intention is to restore it and convert the old cells into storage units. It's a labour of love which will take a number of years.

C: *If I was keen to get involved with the Rotary, how would I go about contacting the Rochester club?*

SM: Check our website, our signs at the town entrance, contact the Shire, the local information centre or ask at the local newsagent – although he is not a Rotarian, Mick knows everyone.

Good old Heathcote Shiraz. Stewart suggested a trip to Noel Schier's dairy farm and diplomatically suggested that I didn't drive. On arrival we went to the milking shed ("Cows have to be milked", said Noel). I'm not a farm girl and I don't know how this happened, but someone suggested I'd like to try milking "the traditional way". Well, picture me on a stool encouraging dear old 'Strawberry'. (I thought I heard some sniggering in the background). Let me tell you, my girlie thoughts about motherhood are finished. Suddenly, the leg of the stool gave way and a most ungracious Clarice finished on her tail on top of a ... shall we say ... 'very recent' cow pat. I wondered why Larry, Mo and Curly were facing the other way with their shoulders shaking. My Gucci dress was terminal and Noel organised some King Gee work pants to help me out (Clarice in King Gee ... I still cringe). Going home was out of the question so I was put up for the night by Stewart and his lovely wife Pam. The next day heading home I saw a turnoff to Heathcote. I shuddered and drove on...



Rochester's most famous son,
Sir Hubert Opperman

New Generations With Marc Fookes



Marc & Bev Fookes

My passion in Rotary was to work as much as possible with youth, in the belief that by developing and giving them the right opportunities we are enhancing not only our own but also building their future. So, when I was given the chance to run with my passion I grabbed it with both hands! Let me give you an overview of New Generations and the wonderful work being undertaken:

RYLA - Michael Barden heads up a strong band of committed people for this program. This week long residential camp enables 18-25 year olds to come together and gain a better understanding of their assets and the qualities and strengths of others. A number of



young East Timorese residents have recently attended the course in order to begin refresher courses in East Timor. Unfortunately, this part of the program is on hold at the moment.



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Youth Exchange - Stephanie Reynolds and her committee put in a huge effort, working tirelessly through the whole year without a break. We have reciprocal exchange arrangements with Rotary clubs around the world, giving students the opportunity to become self assured, independent and promote international understanding, goodwill and peace. This committee is constantly seeking Rotary Clubs to act as hosts for students.

RYPEN - The RYPEN Committee conducts twice yearly weekend camps led by experienced Rotaractors. Roz Michelson and her band of merry men and women are constantly working to update procedures and determine where improvements can be made. These camps - for students 14 to 17 years of age - communicate a series of ideas, problems and social experiences to assist them in forming their own values and moral standards. A Rotary club plays host for the weekend offering a weekend of wonderful fellowship.



SKANDIA - This program has become Rotarian Kerry Warner's baby! It is his great love and he runs it so well. SKANDIA gives an opportunity for country youth to come to Melbourne for a few days and participate as crew on maxi sailing yachts in a race across the Bay.

MUNA Rotarian Neville Page runs MUNA so well with the aid of host Rotary clubs. Teams of two students from a number of schools represent UN countries in debates on matters of world political and social concern. The program is conducted as a mini United Nations and it is inspiring to listen to the students debate the issues.



Youth Suicide Awareness - This project - so ably led by Rotarian Phil Wheatley - seeks to train teachers to identify youth in crisis. The teacher undergoes a two year graduate course at the Centre for Adolescent Health. We are looking for Rotary clubs to fund this most valuable community project. Unfortunately as the years go by, this particular area of New Generations assumes far greater importance.

Interact - Rotarian Gregor Howie manages this program with boundless enthusiasm. Essentially a 'junior' Rotary club, it is set up in schools, mainly for students in Years 10 and 11, who dedicate themselves to service and international understanding. They must do at least one international and one local project in a year. Last year Gregor put in a mighty effort and we got two new clubs up and running - we hope to repeat that achievement this year!

Storm The Stage - This national initiative fosters the talents of young Australians (16-19 years old) in the performing arts, specifically drama and musical theatre. This is D9800's second year of participation and already we are hoping to have 35 students in the State finals, with the winners flying to Perth for the National finals. Rotary clubs can sponsor students through the schools. Rotarian Anne Peace from Echuca is responsible for the success.



In addition to the exciting programs above, two new ideas are being assessed:

Firstly, the proposal to begin a 'New Generations Alumni' consisting of all youth that pass through the program. We would endeavour to develop and nurture them further to form a strong bond with Rotary, with a view to bringing them into ROTARACT or a similar community based body. We shall keep you informed of our progress.

Secondly, we are now aiming at bringing two Aboriginal youth into each of our activities, to extend ourselves more into the Australian indigenous community where much more help is needed. Hopefully this is the start of more Aboriginal welfare projects. Updates will be provided to all Rotarians as the year progresses.

For further information, please contact Marc Fookes, D9800 New Generations Advisor on mfookes@bigpond.net.au or 0349 456 120, or visit the website - www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au

Did You Know...

Rotary build understanding through international scholarships, exchange programs, and humanitarian grants? In 2002, Rotary launched the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution, an innovative program designed to educate tomorrow's peacemakers.

Hosted at seven leading universities around the globe, the program funds 70 World Peace Scholars each year for graduate studies in international relations, conflict studies, and negotiation - providing promising leaders the tools to further the cause of peace.

Some 35,000 students from 110 countries have also studied abroad since 1947 as Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars. Rotary's Group Study Exchange has helped more than 45,000 young professionals explore their career fields in other countries. And, each year some 8,000 secondary-school students experience life in another country through Rotary's Youth Exchange Program.



How's Your Club Shaping Up?

Congratulations – 100% reporting has been achieved for July 2007!

This is now the benchmark for the remaining 11 months of this Rotary Year.

Club	Cluster	Meetings Held	Attendance %	Club	Cluster	Meetings Held	Attendance %
Albert Park	Batman	4	49%	Brunswick	Heritage	4	50%
Central Melb. Sunrise	Batman	5	58%	Carlton	Heritage	4	68%
Melbourne	Batman	4	51%	Collingwood	Heritage	4	71%
Melbourne Latrobe	Batman	4	53%	Fitzroy	Heritage	5	87%
Melbourne South	Batman	4	58%	Richmond	Heritage	5	61%
Southbank	Batman	5	80%	Flemington	Hobsons Bay	4	94%
Brighton	Beachside	4	57%	Footscray	Hobsons Bay	4	58%
Brighton Beach	Beachside	5	60%	Maribyrnong Highpoint	Hobsons Bay	4	60%
Brighton North	Beachside	4	69%	Point Gellibrand	Hobsons Bay	5	68%
Caulfield	Beachside	4	73%	West Footscray	Hobsons Bay	4	68%
Elsternwick	Beachside	4	65%	Williamstown	Hobsons Bay	5	60%
Glen Eira	Beachside	5	59%	Yarraville	Hobsons Bay	5	80%
Castlemaine	Calder	4	65%	Chadstone/East Malvern	Monash	4	79%
Daylesford	Calder	4	82%	Malvern	Monash	4	77%
Gisborne	Calder	5	60%	Prahran	Monash	5	61%
Kyneton	Calder	4	80%	South Yarra	Monash	5	68%
Woodend	Calder	4	61%	St Kilda	Monash	5	60%
Balwyn	Eastside	5	66%	Toorak	Monash	5	75%
Boroondara	Eastside	5	72%	Altona	Port Phillip	5	71%
Camberwell	Eastside	4	74%	Altona City	Port Phillip	5	76%
Canterbury	Eastside	5	70%	Hoppers Crossing	Port Phillip	4	75%
North Balwyn	Eastside	4	84%	Laverton Point Cook	Port Phillip	4	67%
Essendon	Gateway	5	58%	Werribee	Port Phillip	5	86%
Essendon North	Gateway	4	60%	Wyndham	Port Phillip	4	86%
Keilor	Gateway	5	82%	Bacchus Marsh	Westside	4	72%
Keilor East	Gateway	5	74%	Brimbank Central	Westside	4	79%
Melbourne North	Gateway	4	65%	Melton	Westside	5	89%
Moonee Valley	Gateway	5	56%	Melton Valley	Westside	4	90%
Tullamarine	Gateway	4	62%	Sunshine	Westside	5	63%
Bendigo	Goldfields	5	70%	Glenferrie	Yarra	5	72%
Bendigo Sandhurst	Goldfields	4	76%	Hawthorn	Yarra	5	60%
Bendigo South	Goldfields	4	66%	Kew	Yarra	5	76%
Bendigo Strathdale	Goldfields	5	78%	Kew-on-Yarra	Yarra	5	78%
Eaglehawk	Goldfields	4	82%	No. of Clubs Reporting % Average of Those Reported % of Clubs Reporting			70 69.7% 100%
Echuca-Moama	Goldfields	5	74%				
Kangaroo Flat	Goldfields	4	69%				
Rochester	Goldfields	4	75%				

You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give.

- Khalil Gibran



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A publication for Rotarians and all community-minded people

September is New Generations Month

Going Forward – What A Great Feeling

What a great feeling.

In June 2007 each club submitted their plans and objectives for the 2007/08 Rotary year. These Plans and Objectives should be a living document. They should certainly not be placed in the bottom drawer of the filing cabinet with the thought, "OK that job's done ... let's move on". Remember, as a club, this area is so important. *Your* Plans and Objectives were put together after much thought and discussion by the key officers in *your* Club. They are the blueprint of what the club will undertake in the 2007/08 Rotary year.

So, after two months how are we all tracking?

Now is an ideal time to dust off the cobwebs, review the plans and assess whether your club is on track to achieve the goals and objectives set in June. 'On Track' or 'Losing Momentum' - now is the time to check the progress and address the forward objectives.

As I travel around the clubs in District 9800, I am so impressed by the leadership of the 2007/08 Club Presidents and their implementation of many exciting and innovative programs. I am uplifted when I speak to the Presidents and find myself becoming immersed in their enthusiasm and passion as they seek to achieve successful outcomes for their many local and overseas projects in this Rotary year.

Even though we are only 8 weeks into our Rotary year, the Presidents 2007/08 are an impressive group and one can only admire their leadership, confidence, and firm commitment to make this Rotary year a major milestone in the history of their respective clubs. I firmly believe that the thorough training program introduced to the Presidents by PDG Judy Nettleton and her team is the reason we have such a confident and prepared group of Club Presidents this year.

When I look at the overall plan of Rotary clubs in our District, I am staggered by the extensive role that Rotary plays in our society as a volunteer group. Whether it's helping the aged or the disadvantaged, assisting those in desperate need of physical or financial support, developing youth leadership programs, combating disease, overcoming illiteracy, protecting the environment or addressing other social issues ... *Rotary is there*.

It is a privilege to be a member of Rotary and to know that, by our efforts, we *are* making a difference for the betterment in our community, both locally and overseas. *What a great feeling*.

This feeling of pride and the gratitude shown by recipients is both uplifting and humbling. That we are able to make such a difference in the lives of others more than compensates for the time, effort and money we provide as active Rotarians. To wear the Rotary badge not only engenders us with a sense of pride, but it also shows to non-Rotarians that we are prepared to embody *Service Above Self* and contribute to those in our community who need our help. *Oh what a feeling*.



DG John Davis & Joan

As Rotarians, many of us have dared to step outside our comfort zone and consider the needs of others. We are prepared to apply our experience, skills and compassion to those in our community who are less fortunate. Together, we can make a difference in so many lives. We help by sharing. Rotary has given us this opportunity; let us enjoy the feeling knowing that our efforts will continue to contribute to the wellbeing and aspirations of so many people in the immediate and wider community ... ironically, many of whom we will never meet.

Oh what a feeling!

- John Davis, District Governor

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Successful people are motivated by the desire to get pleasing results. People who fail desire pleasing methods.
- Wes Truscott



New Members

Welcome to the following new members:

Kevin Bailey, RC Melbourne, Classification: TBA
Jackie Cook, RC Hawthorn, Classification: Employment Services
Daryl Broadbent, RC Kew, Classification: Media Production
Ian Henry, RC Albert Park, Classification: TBA
Paul Sullivan, RC Albert Park, Classification: TBA
Stephen Bond, RC Albert Park, Classification: TBA
Winston Furlong, RC Malvern, Classification: Script Writing
Rob Lawson, RC Malvern, Classification: Marketing

40+ Rotarian

"Go West 'young' woman" ...And so I did, zipping down the Western Highway – the Beemer purring. It had me musing...

"For the journo loves a story where the wild Rotarians are
And the Beemer sniffs the asphalt with delight" (Sorry 'Banjo')

We were off to Bacchus Marsh (the Beemer and I). I kept thinking about the name and wondered if anything bacchanalian had ever occurred amongst the apple orchards. My thoughts wandered from 'bacchanalia' to upright Rotarians (then again, it could have been 50 years ago) to apple cider and, suddenly, I was in Bacchus Marsh. My target this week, Ken Sheehan - Ex-President, retired dairy farmer and, importantly, a member of the Bacchus Marsh Rotary Club for over 40 years.

C: So Ken, how did you become involved with Rotary?

KS: I was invited to a few meetings by Bob Butler and ultimately asked to join the Bacchus Marsh Rotary Club.

C: What is the biggest project you've been involved with as a Rotarian?

KS: I think the fluoridation of Bacchus Marsh's water supply. The Rotary Club was very involved in the process and there was intense lobbying at the shire council level on both sides. After a very prolonged battle we were victorious - a very, very satisfying result.

C: As a long-time resident in the Bacchus Marsh area, what are some of the features that make the area an outstanding place to live or to visit?

KS: One great feature is access. We are within easy reach of Melbourne, Geelong and Ballarat. But lifestyle is also important. Bacchus Marsh was - and, in many ways, still is - a small country town. As such it offers a more relaxed living atmosphere.

C: What is the biggest change in Rotary that you've seen?

KS: The obvious one - the introduction of women as members of Rotary. Along with that, the relaxing of some Rotary rules is significant. I think that in some areas, notably dress code, we have become a bit complacent. *(I agree...some of the guys could 'smarten up their act' -C)*

C: You joined Rotary in the 1960's ... a very different time. Was life in Australia better or worse than now and why?

KS: I'm sure that it's better now. People can afford more and, with better amenities, the lifestyle has improved as wider options become available.

C: What do you particularly enjoy about the Bacchus Marsh Rotary Club?

KS: Fellowship. The opportunity to meet regularly with people who have become great friends over many years.

C: Over the years there must have been some interesting and inspirational characters in the Rotary Club of Bacchus Marsh. Tell me about some of them.

KS: There have been quite a few. One I should mention is Stuart Bond. A larger than life character who had a great heart and who always put himself out to assist someone. Stuart was a former Shire Mayor, was very 'hail fellow, well met', and was the keeper of a fine cellar with some excellent red wines. He passed away a number of years ago, but it always fun to be with Stuart.

C: If you could have been present at a famous event in history what would you have chosen and why?

KS: I think the Melbourne Olympic Games. Although I was nearby, circumstances prevented me from attending. The 1956 Games was a wonderful event for Melbourne and it really placed the world's focus on our city ... a time of great achievement and pride.



C: *What are your interests outside of Rotary?*

KS: My house and family. I used to run a dairy farm for many years at Rowsley. Dairy farming is very demanding and about 9 years ago we made the decision to move into town. We've never regretted the decision. I married twice and between us we have 5 children and 12 grandchildren.

C: *Why is being a Rotarian special to you?*

KS: It provides the opportunity to help other people while enjoying tremendous fellowship.

C: *Who killed JFK?*

KS: Hmmm... Lee Harvey Oswald is probably only part of it. The CIA, Mafia, and the Cubans who were upset about the Bay of Pigs fiasco. Who knows? But almost certainly not just Mr. Oswald. *(I'm fascinated...this is, of course, all many years before I was born -C)*

C: *It's AFL finals time. Who do you think will win the flag?*

KS: I think that Geelong is a cut above the rest and should win well.

C: *Who do you follow?*

KS: I follow Melbourne ... it hasn't been much of a year for a long suffering Demons fan who attends every game. Still, another year and a new coach ... look out for the Demons in the future. *(I have a few opinions here, but as the 'Clarice team' has lost its chance to feature in September action, I think I'll keep uncharacteristically quiet -C).*

C: *Climate change, changes in demand, diversification, the urban sprawl ... what are some of the main challenges that you believe are faced by "the man on the land"?*

KS: There's no big mystery there ... it's climate change and, specifically, the lack of water.

C: *In 1988-89 you were the President of Bacchus Marsh Rotary Club. What are some qualities that you think every Rotary club president should have?*

KS: Flexibility, tact, an ability to deal effectively with all sorts of people and a preparedness to lead.

C: *If I were spending a night in Bacchus Marsh, where would you recommend that I go for a successful night of wining and dining?*

KS: The Court House Hotel in the main street of Bacchus Marsh always seems to rise to the occasion. *(I'll have to go there one day and 'pass judgment' -C)*

C: *I wonder ... if you enjoyed a glass of wine, where would your taste lay in this most noble of pursuits?*

KS: Big reds. I love the wines from Coonawarra and always have a supply tucked away. *(BIG REDS ... Well done, Kenneth ..Can a 'twen ... thirty-something' person instantly fall in love with a man in his 80's? -C)*

I admire the development of wineries north, south and west of Bacchus Marsh but feel that they're still a bit young for my taste.

C: *Complete the following: Life is ...*

KS: ... great.

C: *My secret talent is ...*

KS: ... I haven't got one.

C: *The way to my heart is ...*

KS: ... an excellent big red to accompany a great meal. *(Readers ...it mightn't be love, but it sure is a rock solid infatuation -C)*

C: *I am ...*

KS: ... 81 and enjoying life.

C: *Rotary is ...*

KS: ... a good organisation.

C: *Rotarians are ...*

KS: ... generally nice people. *(“Generally nice” ...hmm. I think we have our share of ‘little generals’ too ... I’m kidding, all you nice people. -C)*

I know you're wondering. Well, yes we did manage to extract a sacred Coonawarra from Ken's very impressive supply...it was 'earthy, robust and cheeky' – a little like my good self. The sun was getting low on the horizon, so we said goodbye and I headed back down the Western Highway. As I passed Melton, three range Rovers passed me - all loaded with skiing gear and all with that innocuous little Demons sticker in the bottom corner of the back window. I thought of Melbourne 'tragic' Ken, shivering through another miserable season with his beloved Dees.

Still ...he had the Coonawarra to come home to ...



Update From Rotary Camp Getaway

Support from all clubs in D9800 is vital for the ongoing development of Rotary Camp Getaway at Axedale. Many clubs have committed funds to the building upgrade on the site, whilst others contribute their time and talents in working bees to accomplish specific tasks on site.



Leon Scott from RC Eaglehawk assisted with completing trench work associated with the 2nd dormitory building

The last eight years of redevelopment of the Rotary Camp Getaway site has seen huge advances. The majority of the post-Second World War army surplus buildings and dormitories have been demolished and replaced with modern self-contained cabins and dormitories, architect designed to meet disability standards, thereby focusing on a target market of the camp - people of all abilities.

During the past nine years over \$660,000 has been spent on construction of modern facilities and upgraded accommodation at the site. Much of this funding has come from donations from the Rotary clubs throughout D9800, however the most significant portion came from a \$500,000 grant from the Community Support fund of Victoria.

In addition to the cash component required for refurbishment work, hundreds of Rotary volunteers from clubs in the local district have contributed thousands of volunteer hours to working bees on the site, to assist with construction, and landscaping works to bring the facility up to modern standards required for, as recreation camps for people of all abilities.

The current masterplan for the development of the site sees the remaining older style accommodation units being replaced with smaller self-contained units with full disabled facilities. A comprehensive upgrade to the camp kitchen is also planned.

The outcomes for the Rotary Camp Getaway project are seen in terms of a camp that promotes inclusion of all abilities and will:

- Make available a purpose designed camp facility for up to 100 young people
- Offer quality camp-based facilities for participants with special needs
- Provide agencies operating youth programs with an

alternative site for respite accommodation, camps, etc.

- Enhance participant awareness of the natural environment
- Provide rest and respite facilities for carers of those with special needs
- Afford a quality residential camp for school programs
- Continue to operate as a combined project of all 73 clubs in Rotary District 9800 on a self funding basis whilst also sponsoring young people otherwise unable to experience camp activities.



Members from Bendigo South, Bendigo and Bendigo Sandhurst assisted with wood splitting to keep the camp fires burning



RC Essendon North continued their work to paint the caretaker's cottage; Leon Scott can be seen congratulating President Ben De Boldo.

To register an interest, or to find out how your club can become involved call District Chairman, Paul Kirkpatrick on 0419 368 430 or Melbourne clubs rep Ken Maxfield on 9899 7273



Ridin' For Cancer Research

Four intrepid motorcyclist members of the Rotary Club of Wyndham tuned up their engines as they began a three-day trek from Melbourne to Surfers Paradise, to raise money for children's leukaemia research.

The riders - Pat Pellegrino, Bruce Shelley, Gavin Rose and Peter Lockwood - planned to visit Rotary clubs in Albury, Goulburn, Port Macquarie, Lismore Heights, Coonabarrabran and Cootamundra during their fund-raising drive.



Mr Pellgrino said that although he only had four years' experience on the back of a motorcycle, it was "like nothing else".

"Once you get on a motorcycle it clears your mind and you think of nothing but what's in front of you," he said. "It's a form of therapy, relaxation, and an ideal way to sight-see."

Mr Pellegrino said they were thrilled with the level of support for the ride. The Rotary Club of Wyndham even organised a competition asking school children to guess how many kilometres the group would ride each day.

Donations can be made payable to The Rotary Club of Wyndham, PO Box 586, Werribee 3030 or for more information please contact Len Marshall, Bulletin Editor, Wyndham Rotary Club.

- Source: Cameron Tait for The Banner (Fairfax Community Network). Picture by Cathy Jackson.

"It's nice to be great, but it's greater to be nice"

- Roger Federer

New Chairman Of RDU Management Committee

Past Governor Vance Hilton OAM of the Rotary Club of Flemington is the new Chairman of the Rotary Down Under Management Committee.

Vance succeeds PDG Peter Williams who has successfully led the organisation through a demanding restructure process in the last two years.

A very accomplished media person, Vance Hilton is enjoying semi-retirement after a successful term as CEO of the Peer Support Foundation of Victoria. Prior to that, he enjoyed a long career in major event marketing. He is well qualified to play a major leadership role in the RDU organisation, given he was founding editor of Pro-Track Magazine and Managing Editor of the Outdoor Showman Magazine. He is also an Associate fellow of the Australian Institute of Management.

A Rotarian of 27 years experience, Vance is a Paul Harris Fellow and led District 9800 with distinction during the 1999/2000 Rotary year.



The Hiltons are a dedicated Rotary family. Vance's wife Olga is a Past President of the Rotary Club of Melton and is carrying out the duties of Assistant Governor this year. They have four daughters and two grandchildren.

A Literary Thread

In keeping with the designated RI literacy month last March, and the UNESCO International Literacy Day on 8 September 2007, the Rotary Club of Richmond's Slade Literary Awards held on Monday, 3 September, once again celebrated the importance of the written word at The Amora Riverwalk Hotel, 649 Bridge Road Richmond, in the presence of ADG James Long and his wife Cheryl.

Sixty six original creative writing entries were received from year 9 and 10 state secondary school students, from within local schools.



Stephanie Sprott, a student at Melbourne Girls College, won first prize for her entry 'As The River Flows', a moving two-part story with a social justice theme, set on the banks of the Yarra River, one hundred years apart.

Second prize was awarded to Callum Metcher of Kew High School for his amusing and creative essay entitled, 'A Dog's Diary' – twenty-five days in the life of the family pet, as told by the (put-upon) pooch himself!

Guest speaker was Claire Saxby, a Melbourne-based writer of fiction, non-fiction and poetry for children who told of her life-long love of reading and the later realisation that she also loved writing. "I had been playing with words for many years but only began writing seriously in 1998." Claire told the audience of approximately eighty attendees. "Stories come from places that you least expect."

RCR President Jean Marc Berthier congratulated all the schools, the teaching staff involved, the entrants and the winners, along with the independent judges, Richmond Rotarians Dot Brown and John Liddell, and Mike Provis and Annie Wysham. The judges used five main criteria to reach their conclusions – creativity, originality, fluency, conviction and appeal.



The winners with Mark Slade and Rotarian John Liddell:
L to R: Mark Slade, Callum Metcher (2nd prize), Stephanie Sprott (1st prize)
& Gabby Jensen, Yee Ting Shiu & Andrew Roberts - (Certificates of Merit)
& Rotarian John Liddell. (Missing Shay Neilson.)

The RCR Slade Award has been managed since its inception in 1993 by a committee within the Rotary Club of Richmond, and this year the committee was once again ably directed by Rotarian John Liddell. Thanks to the generous support of Mark Slade, Managing Director of Slade Knitwear, it continues in memory of his late uncle, Henry Slade, a very active member of the Richmond Rotary Club for over 25 years and founder of the Slade Knitting Mills, a local landmark in Richmond. He wanted to establish an award that would improve the writing skills of local young people, harness their creativity and foster interest in the written word. And so the Slade Literary Award for an original essay by secondary students was born.

Because many of the schools in Richmond and surrounding areas have a very high population of newly arrived migrants and indeed, Henry Slade was himself a migrant, the Committee included a prize for the best entry by a student with English as their second language.

The unanimous winner was John Tran of Princes Hill Secondary College for his entry, 'The Last Role', the story of the last performance of an old retired Shakespearean actor.

The RCR Slade Award - Certificates of Merit - went to Gabby Jensen from Collingwood College, Shay Nelson, Balwyn High School, Andrew Roberts, Camberwell High School and Yee Ting Shiu of Northcote High School.

For more information contact Rotarian John Liddell (H) 9898 9792 or john@rotaryrichmond.org.au

Sewing In Cambodia & Africa

The Rotary Club of Brighton and Fay Fisher have launched a program to empower the poor in Cambodia and Africa.

Fay has collected over 4,000 sewing machines and World Vision is now looking for fabric remnants/materials and tools to complement the equipment that has already been sent. Net curtaining is particularly valuable, as it serves as mosquito netting and prevents death from the lethal malaria.

On a visit to Cambodia, Fay discovered there were no tools available to perform simple tasks like opening the sewing machine case. This prompted the need to collect and supply basic tools.

Machines, materials and tools all contribute to helping disadvantaged people toward long-term self-sufficiency.

The sewing machines at Kai Village Orphanage in Cambodia have proved valuable as they allow the 'nannies' to make cot covers, clothes, etc as well as teaching the older girls to sew.

For further information, please contact Fay on 0419 841 293 or kenfis@bigpond.net.au



Fay demonstrates how to use one of the 4,000 sewing machines she has collected to date.



Notices & Events

Club Day At D9800 Donations In Kind

Members, family and friends - and especially any prospective members and their families - are invited to a great fun day for all ages on Saturday, 15 September from 9.30am till 1.00pm. You can do your bit for this very worthy cause and meet a real need by sorting and packing over \$120,000 of brand new donated designer baby clothes, book sorting and container loading (no lifting required).

Join us after all the hard work for a BBQ (RC Yarraville & West Footscray will provide the meat and bread) – you just need to bring your appetite, salad and beverages (including soft drink). Tea and coffee etc is available on-site along with a full kitchen to heat your morning tea.

Don't forget to dress in warm work clothes, safety vests will keep you clean and gloves will be available.

If you would like to contribute more than your time to the cause, DIK always needs towels, sheets, soup and dessert spoons, pots and pans, frying pans, mugs and bowls, kitchen implements, sunglasses, musical instruments, tennis and soccer balls, colouring books, toys and your sense of humour!

So, round up the troops and head to Somerville Road, West Footscray (Mel 41E7), 50 m from Paramount Road traffic lights where you will find open double gates - turn right, then left, then right again and follow the 'R' signs on shed walls to rear of Shed 37. If you get lost, give Bill Dagg a call as per the number below.

For further information or to let him know if you can make it, contact Bill on 9318 5313, 0425 741 045 or bdagg@tpg.com.au.

Storm The Stage In D9800

Storm the Stage has finally arrived in District 9800! Enthralling heats have been held at Echuca and Bendigo, showcasing young performers at their very best.

Do not miss the extraordinary talent in Drama and Musical Theatre at the District Final, 8.00pm Saturday, 15 September 2007, Paramount Theatre, High Street, Echuca. Sponsored by the Shire of Campaspe. Admission is free. Contact Anne Peace on 5480 1342.

The winners in each category compete in the National Finals, Burswood Casino Theatre, Perth on Friday, 26 October 2007.

We wish our contestants every good luck as they go forward to this event.

Thank you to all who have worked so hard in 2007 on this exciting project. We look forward to many Cluster Heats in 2008.



District Foundation Seminar & Workshop

District Foundation Committee Chairperson, Chris Don, invites all Presidents, Presidents Elect, Foundation Chairman, International Chairman and new Rotarians to our 2007 District Foundation Seminar & Workshop.

All aspects of our District's Foundation Programs will be covered by the District Committee Chairperson and Regional Zone Executives. Active participation from delegates will be encouraged.

This will be held on Sunday, 23 September from 9.00am to 12.30pm at International House, Royal Parade, Carlton

Contact Chris Don on 9312 6933 or via email at chrisd9@bigpond.com.

24 Hour Megaswim

The Rotary Club of Tullamarine is proud to present the 24 Hour Megaswim to be held at the East Keilor Leisure Centre, Quinn Grove, East Keilor, commencing 3.00pm on Saturday, 6 October through to 3.00pm on Sunday, 7 October.

Money raised will be donated to the 'Go For Gold Scholarships' in support of people living with Multiple Sclerosis enabling them to follow their dreams in education, sport, music, travel or the arts.



PDG Bernie Walshe at the 2006 winner's presentation



You can help this very worthy cause by joining the relay, donating cash or prizes, or even volunteering at the event.



Please call Rob Lawrence on 0412 330 948 for more details or more information about Megaswim can be found at www.msswim.com

New Member Information Workshops

9.30am-12.00pm Sunday, 7 October, International House, Parkville

9.30am-12.00pm Sunday, 14 October, Eaglehawk

Have you joined Rotary in the last couple of years – or perhaps you'd just like to know more about the Rotary organisation, regardless of when you joined? Then you're invited to come along to one of the sessions we are holding and be informed, educated and inspired by Rotary's capacity to help others throughout the world.

These workshops will be a combination of presentation of Rotary information combined with time spent in discussion groups with very experienced Rotarians who can share their knowledge with you. Come along and ask all the questions you may have about what Rotary does in other clubs, in our District and in the rest of the world. Find out all about the opportunities that exist within Rotary to make your contribution to a better world.

Contact PDG Ann White to register or if you have any queries – 9699 5538 (ah), 9682-7777 (bh), 9686-4141 (fax), 0402 306 790 (m) or email ann@landmarksoftware.com.au

Australian Rotary Health Symposium

All Rotarians, partners and friends are invited to the Australian Rotary Health Symposium conducted by Directors and Regional Coordinators from all Districts in Victoria. This is a unique opportunity to put forward your ideas and have your questions answered.

Speakers will include:

- Associate Professor Greg Snell on organ transplantation
- India Bohanna, PhD Scholar
- Veronica Kyle, Indigenous Scholar

Unfortunately the Symposium scheduled for Camp Getaway on Sunday, 9 September had to be cancelled because of a lack of registrations. This is an important event and we encourage you to join us at Deakin University Burwood Campus on Sunday, 14 October 2007 from 9.15am to 12.30pm to be followed by a sandwich luncheon.

For further details, please contact:

Des Jones	desjones@vicnet.net.au	9836 9626
Ron Pickford	pic@netconnect.com.au	5339 9756
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Terry Grant	tjgrant@ozemail.com.au	9740 8973
Philip Hedley	pjhedley@ozemail.com.au	9587 1767

RC Brimbank Central's Youth Forum – Change of Date

RC Brimbank Central is now holding its Youth Forum on Wednesday, 31 October 2007 with the theme "It's okay to say No!". The forum will be held at the Starlight Room, Taylors Lakes Hotel, Sydenham Melton Road, Taylors Lakes from 6.30pm for a 7.00 pm start. Cost is \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for students with ID.

Key-Note Speakers

Jennifer Brooker ~ Stride
Sue Renkin ~ Open Family
Jan Tully ~ Tobin Brothers
Dr Stefan Gruener ~ Odyssey House
Senior Constable Jon Reader

Subject

Youth Wellbeing
Stress
Bullying
Suicide
Victoria Police Drugs & Alcohol

Students, parents, teachers, Police, youth workers, welfare workers, counsellors and lots of Rotarians are encouraged to attend.

Please contact David Johnson on 0418 580 045 to book or Lou Gionfriddo, Program Chairman on 0411 871 978.

"Rotary lets you give something back, in the knowledge that you belong to the largest family of givers."
Deanna Ann Duguid, Indonesia



Rotary & Community Service Radio Show

Just a reminder that 3WBC 94.1FM (Whitehorse Boroondara Community Radio) radio is a fantastic opportunity for your club projects to receive free promotion during the Rotary 7 Community Service show each Friday 6.00 – 8.00pm.

The objective of the show is to give the audience a better understanding of the projects and activities Rotary and other community service organisations support.

Brian Bloomer is the Producer and Presenter of the show and is a member of the Rotary Club of Canterbury. Brian Interviews Rotary special guests about their experiences such as Rotary Youth Exchange students, Rotary Group Study Exchange teams, Rotary club members, and special project leaders, along with many other projects in the 9800 and 9810 Districts.

3WBC 94.1FM has official transmission coverage in the inner eastern suburbs of Melbourne (Kew to Box Hill and North Balwyn to Ashburton), with spill over into Melbourne City and out to Ringwood and south to parts of the Mornington Peninsular.

The promotion of your projects or events can be in the form of on-air announcements from your project flyer or an in-person interview on air.

Stay tuned to 94.1FM for upcoming interviews with Philip Archer, D9800 Marketing/Club Service Director on 21 September and our District Governor, John Davis on 28 September.

The offer of FREE publicity is open to all clubs. Simply contact Brian on 0405 124 958 or via brian.bloomer@3wbc.org.au. You can also visit the Rotary Club of Canterbury web site - www.canterburyrotary.org - and click on the Radio Show tab for this year's program and additional information.

Featured Club

This week, Clarice visited Richard Lawrence, President of the Rotary Club of Essendon, which was chartered 21 May 1935.

C: *What differentiates the Essendon Rotary Club from all others?*

RL: Tradition and experience. Being the oldest suburban club (73 years old) in Australia, we certainly have an immense wealth of Rotary experience. The history of Essendon - which includes 6 District Governors and one World President in Royce Abbey - provides an enormous knowledge pool for us to tap into. There is also a great sense of fellowship and a contribution to the fabric of the local community.

C: *What past projects would rank in your Club's 'Hall of Fame'?*

RL: Building the Royal District Nursing Service facility in Essendon. Equipping the Yangon Children's Hospital (Myanmar) with most of their Technical Medical equipment for the past seven years. Formation and Chartering of daughter clubs Essendon North, Keilor, Bacchus Marsh, Brunswick, Daylesford and Moonee Valley. Rowallan Scout and Guide camp established 50 years ago by RCE with provision of ongoing assistance and upgrades over many years. Essendon Traffic School for Children established 35 years ago. Royce and Jean Abbey Endowment Fund established to support cultural exchange training for international students. Hundreds of food parcels sent to Great Britain during WW2 by RCE. Up until the late 1980's, during Royal Melbourne Show, members pick up country Rotarians from the Show and take them to a RCE meeting and return them after the meeting.

C: *What has your Club in the pipeline for the 2007/08 Rotary year?*

RL: International projects in Philippines, Burma and Kenya. Local community projects including "Careers in Action" - Rotarians talking about their careers in local schools. Supporting Cancer research via Relay for Life. Youth Concert to be held at Royal Melbourne Showgrounds. Support to the Caroline Chisholm Society for disadvantaged women. Support and involvement with the Somali immigrants living in the Flemington high-rise flats.

C: *Tell us about Essendon and the surrounding areas, the way that area is developing and any local features of note.*

RL: Essendon is unique in the northwest of Melbourne with a number of large established properties that are over 100 years old. Along with most of inner suburban Melbourne, property values have soared over the past 10 years. Suburbs that form part of the Essendon area include Moonee Ponds, Ascot Vale, Aberfeldie and Strathmore. There are a number of private schools in the area and my own children are fourth generation at Penleigh Girls College. People tend to live in Essendon generation after generation. However, the area is changing with the building of many high-rise apartments and unit developments. Local features of note include Puckle St Shopping Strip, Moonee Valley Racing Club, Windy Hill (Essendon Football Club), Essendon Airport, ATO Building and Royal Melbourne Show Grounds. There is much to like about Essendon.



C: What is the Essendon Rotary Club's passion?

RL: We are passionate about serving both the local community and international community. The phrase 'maximum bang for our buck' is often used to describe where we spend our money and time. This includes work we have done with the youth in the area, helping to heal sick children in Burma and assisting with getting children off the streets in Manila. We are very much a 'do it ourselves' type club and the passion that our members have towards achieving end results in cancer research, hospitals, schools, disadvantaged women and the local community - much of it achieved without help from governments, District or RI - is what shines through so often. We are also a great fellowship club and if there is going to be a club social event on you can bet Essendon Rotarians will be there with a passion.

C: If you had to liken your Club to an animal, what would it be and why?

RL: The RCE would have to be likened to the Old Wise Owl. We are capable of covering a lot of territory with our International Projects and we have the wisdom of the ages being around for over 73 years and actually having Rotary's founder Paul Harris attend a Rotary Club of Essendon meeting back in the late 1930's.

C: In the Essendon club, does anyone have an unusual or exotic vocation?

RL: Many of our members enjoy the thrill of the ocean and take to the ocean liner cruises that are available all over the world. This includes Tony Rulli, Tim Anderson, Anne Rogers, Tony Coliccia and Neil Henderson. Other members Anne Rogers, John Green and Judy Anderson love Antarctica and travel via South America to the frozen continent.

C: Who is the longest serving member in your Club?

RL: We have 3 Essendon Rotarians who have been members for over 50 years they are: Royce Abbey who joined in 1954, John Steele (1953) and Jim Lamers (1957).

C: Essendon is the third oldest club in our District. There must have been some interesting events and characters along the way. What are some weird, funny and/or wonderful highlights or characters that you could mention?

RL: Two big wonderful highlights were Paul Harris attending a Rotary Club of Essendon meeting in the 1930's and Royce Abbey becoming the World President of RI in 1988.

C: I guess when people think of Essendon, they think of the football club and great names such as Coleman, Reynolds, Hutchinson and Hird. Does the Rotary Club have a close relationship with the football club? Do many members follow the Bombers and is there a bit of anxiety with the uncharacteristic lack of success at present?

RL: We have a close relationship with the Essendon Football Club. We held a Sportsnight at Windy Hill only two months ago and, through our Club, Kevin Sheedy was inducted as a Paul Harris Fellow two years ago. Most of the members of our Club follow the Bombers and are season ticket holders. We try and vet any new members prior to them joining the Rotary Club of Essendon to ensure that we don't get any Carlton or Collingwood people. However, a couple have slipped through the system much to the disgust of many members.

C: If there was a cheque for \$1 million made out to the Rotary Club Essendon with a note saying, "Spend it all on worthwhile community projects or lose it", where do you think you would spend it?

RL: We would spend it on projects that we currently have detailed including expanding the Manila Street Kids project and helping to resource the Carolyn Chisholm Society for Disadvantaged Women and Family needs in Moonee Ponds. Also we would add some new projects in areas of local youth development as well as a community environmental awareness program.

C: If I was keen to get involved with the Rotary Club of Essendon, how would I go about making contact?

RL: Ring, email, text or fax Richard Lawrence (bh: 9338 8608, ah: 9337 6896, m: 0418 369 290, fx: 9335 3898, jenrich@ezee.com.au, or Tim Anderson (bh: 9379 1131 ah: 93371968, m: 0411 869 944, fx: 93793268, taalaw@primusonline.com.au)



Keith Forbes was Best & Fairest and the Leading Goal Kicker for the Bombers when RC Essendon was Chartered in 1935

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New Generations With Marc Fookes



Marc & Bev Fookes

New Generations is heading for a very exciting year.

We are starting a new concept for our District by initiating an Alumni for youth, aged between 16 and 24 years of age, who have passed through our hands at our various youth activities and are not followed up. These young people have much to offer in so many ways and we hope they will be able to assist Rotary and the community while having social interaction. Leadership and guidance will be provided by experienced Rotaractors and Rylarians who will guide them along the way.

Each of our committees have agreed to take in two Aboriginal youth to partake in our programs and hopefully this can help their communities with health and education.

We are in the process of seeing the viability of forming a RYLA + program for Rylarians who wish to go a step further with their RYLA experience. This idea has been formulated by Rylarians themselves.

This is only our second year of involvement with Storm The Stage and already we have about 35 students participating in this music and drama competition. All competitors have been found by the work of our Rotary Clubs. The heats are beginning now with the State Final being held in Echuca at the end of this month (see the Notices & Events section for more information).

The Youth Exchange Committee is working hard, producing a great schedule for the students. We no longer consider this to be 'just a holiday' – we want students to achieve a sense of belonging to their community and to learn what it is to work for the community. It is disappointing to note that we still struggle to get the commitment of Rotary clubs to take on an exchange student or send one out, however, with the support of past and present DGs we are hoping to overcome this difficulty.

RYLA , RYPEN, MUNA, Youth Suicide Awareness, INTERACT and SKANDIA are in good hands and all are looking forward to a very good year. Their planning to this stage has been wonderful and all the committees have good leadership and enthusiastic members.

For further information, please contact Marc Fookes, D9800 New Generations Advisor on mfookes@bigpond.net.au or 0349 456 120, or visit the website – www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au



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would make a
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Quip Corner

"I read part of it all the
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September is New Generations Month

Club Leadership Plan

The one thing that Rotary does better than any other organisation is to provide an endless supply of acronyms. Sometimes I wonder - if acronyms were universally outlawed, would Rotary survive? I'm kidding!

We have another one: CLP – Club Leadership Plan.

I would like to endorse this one wholeheartedly, because I believe that it could provide great assistance in making each club more responsive and focused.

Rotary International has introduced a new recommended administrative structure for Rotary clubs. Although not mandatory, it is considered by RI that clubs will benefit from a standardisation of administrative procedures based on a suggested model.

The new leadership plan has now been discussed at the last two Pre-PETS and PETS seminars and has been the subject of further discussion at District training seminars. It seems that an increasing number of presidents and club boards are thinking more seriously about incorporating the plan into their club structures. While no accurate data exists, it would seem that from a 'show of hands' poll at last year's Pre-PETS seminar, around 20 clubs in our District are running some form of the new Club Leadership Plan.

Feedback assists us greatly, so I would be pleased to hear back from club presidents who have introduced, or have been using, the Club Leadership Plan this year. A 50-100 word summary on the strengths and/or weaknesses you have observed would be valuable information for me and for the District team 2008-9.

Please send your assessments to mailto:dg@rotarydistrict_9800.org. There are certainly some clubs that have thoroughly researched and discussed the new leadership plan and have restructured their clubs accordingly. The Rotary Club of Richmond is one club that have, after many meetings with the Board and club members, developed a plan and LOA (another acronym ... sorry) 'Line of Action' for each Board member and have specified their responsibilities.

There ought to be no ambiguity about the expectations of the club in regard to each of the Board members and the Club Leadership Plan facilitates this. While it is not expected that each club will initially go into this much detail, the CLP does provide a framework for extended possibilities in pre-planning and this should greatly assist the focus and organisation of individual clubs.

Understandably, there is still some uncertainty about the plan and how it can be implemented in many clubs. The questions of why, how, and when will be directed to you by Presidents-Elect in particular.

The Assistant Governors were involved in a workshop on the Club Leadership Plan last Sunday at ISON House in Werribee. The facilitator was PDG Cathy Roth. The AG's are therefore able to discuss with you the CLP and the reasons why it should be looked at as a possible alternative model to existing club structures. A PowerPoint presentation on the new CLP can be obtained for your club by your Assistant Governor.



DG John Davis & Joan

A comprehensive manual can also be downloaded from the RI website - <http://www.rotary.org/training/index.html>. Open and click on Club Leadership Plan on the left of screen.

Addressing, assessing and deciding ... all part of the process (just like acronyms!). Please take a moment to consider whether this is something that would be of a benefit to your club.

- John Davis, District Governor

Did You Know...

Each and every day of the year, the number of deaths in the world resulting from malaria exceeds the number of deaths ensuing from the September 11 terrorist attacks on New York and Washington.

Nothing is as fatiguing as eternally putting off the unfinished task.
Get on with whatever it is that you must do!
- Wes Truscott

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New Members

Welcome to the following new members:

- Ross Wilmoth, RC Malvern, Classification: Energy Management
- Adrian Ohlsen, RC Canterbury, Classification: Business Consultant

40+ Rotarian

In Rotary journalistic terms I had just landed the big one - an interview with a Past District Governor ... and none other than 1993 -94 supremo – the charming and urbane Rob Dunn. “We’ll play nine holes of golf”, said Rob. “I’ll meet you in the car park at Commonwealth.” “Commonwealth,” I thought, “It sounds a bit ‘God Save the Queen’.” A quick attire discussion with a latter day golfing gal from school and I was ready for action. But Rob was even more ready as he stood on the elevated putting green resplendent in his half pants and stockings. ‘Plus fours’ he explained. Stifling a laugh, I enquired about his Mardi Gras shoes. “They are brogues”, he bristled, “Are you ready, Clarice?” I was. How exciting ... off to tackle 9 holes at Commonwealth with PDG Brogue Rogue. As Rob drove our cute little cart I began my assault ...

C: How did you become involved with Rotary?

RD: I was living in Adelaide in 1958 and was invited to join the Rotary Club of Edwardstown. This was after three visits to the club as a guest and the interviews with the club president and secretary – that was the way it was done in those days.

C: What is the biggest project you’ve been involved with as a Rotarian?

RD: The building of the Bone Marrow Hospital in Royal Parade, Melbourne. PDG Gordon McKern and I committed District 9800 to raise over \$2 million over two years, which was a lot of money at that time. And we did it! *(And I did it too ... my ball went into a mud hole, Rob retrieved it but one leg sunk in the mud - the checkered plus four stocking? ... ruined -C)*

C: Melbourne South ... South Melbourne. Tell me about the area as it was when you first began to work there.

RD: It was a working class area in those days with a large number of business and corporate headquarters. Our club met at South Melbourne Town Hall which was the centre of South Melbourne. Since those days the area has become full with smart apartments and residences.

C: What are the biggest changes in Rotary that you’ve seen during your time and have they all been positive?

RD: Probably the biggest change was admitting women to Rotary. My club, Melbourne South, was the first club in District 9800 to induct women into its ranks. The first two ladies we inducted into our club in 1989 went on to become outstanding Rotarians - Joan Daniels became our President in 1994/5 and Ann Price did some great work with youth both in the South Melbourne area and for our District. Sadly Ann passed away in 1997. In my opinion, the introduction of women into Rotary has been a positive move.

C: What do you particularly enjoy about the Melbourne South Rotary Club?

RD: The longstanding friendships that I have made over the years and the caring nature and enthusiasm of the members.

C: Over the years there must have been some interesting and inspirational characters in the Rotary Club of Melbourne South. Tell me about some of them.

RD: There was the late Sir Lou Pike. Lou was a major builder in Melbourne whose business was eventually overtaken by Costains, the British company. Lou was larger than life. Every week, over many years, the sergeant’s first fine would always be Sir Lou. Lou would always stand up and complain bitterly, threatening to resign (which he never did) and always claiming his innocence. We had several other memorable characters including Gordon Hoadley, Harry Pill and Tiny Price.

C: If you could have been present at a famous event in history what would you choose and why?

RD: The opening of the Sydney Harbour Bridge ... I would have loved to have been there to have seen Captain de Groote spoil the party by slashing the ribbon. I have had dealings with his grandson, Bob de Groote, and he has

I am a Rotarian because:

- The world is not Polio free ... yet. But, Rotary is still in action to eradicate it.
- People in Honduras, Africa, and other underdeveloped countries die every day from unclean water. But, Rotary is helping to provide clean water filtration devices to those people.
- Close to 1 billion people lack the most basic literacy and numeric skills. But, Rotary is helping to educate those through literacy programs.
- Nearly 1.3 billion people live in extreme poverty. But, Rotary is helping to provide those folks with opportunities to enhance their lives.
- Our world is not at peace. But, Rotary is educating young leaders on Mediation Skills and Peace and Conflict Resolution.

When there is a need, Rotary responds. That's why I'm a Rotarian.

*Mike Dennis, Past President
Rotary Club of Orangeburg-Morning*



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the same sense of humour. *(Rob's humour was diminishing ... for ten 10 minutes he gallantly searched under ti-tree for my favourite pink golf ball – the legendary Dunn thatch emerged covered in twigs –C)*

C: What are your interests outside of Rotary?

RD: I enjoy golf a couple of times a week and Faye and I like to travel as much as we can. We enjoy the theatre, dining out and getting together with the family, including six grandchildren.

C: Complete the sentence “A District Governor is like a ...” (pick an animal) Why?

RD: A kangaroo - always hopping from place to place and leaving his droppings behind. *(And drop behind he did ... I decided to drive the golf cart. Got about 300 metres in front of Rob and it conked out. He didn't have clubs and he had to pick up his ball. I couldn't see the problem ... -C)*

C: You are a golfer of some note. What course would you like to play and why?

RD: I have been fortunate to play some of the great courses, including St Andrews and Muirfield. I have walked around Augusta and I would love to play there but it is very difficult to get a game.



“The charming and urbane” Rob Dunn

C: You seem to be nervous about your putt?

RD: Who wouldn't be after your 320 metre drive on the last !!!

C: It's AFL finals time. Who's your team and how did that come about?

RD: Melbourne is my team. Many years ago, my dad took me along to watch South Melbourne but they always lost. Melbourne was winning in those days so I switched my allegiance to the Demons. Boy, I wish I had stayed with South Melbourne/Sydney!

C: Who do you think will win the flag?

RD: Any team except Collingwood. *(I detect some resentment ... perhaps the 1958 premiership? –C)*

C: Where were you when Gough Whitlam was sacked? Were you shocked?

RD: I was in Melbourne and was never a fan of Gough Whitlam, so I wasn't sorry that he was sacked, but I was surprised at the way it was done.

C: Which film director(s) do you think would do justice to the cinematic classic “Dunn Like a Dinner – a 1993 -94 Retrospective” - Steven Spielberg, Mel Brooks or the Monty Python crew? Why?

RD: Mel Brooks. It was a happy, fun year and our district conference had the theme “Have Fun With Dunn”. I'm sure that Mel Brooks would do justice to the film ... but then again, maybe Monty Python???

C: You live in Brighton and all Brighton jokes are taboo here. Seriously, if I was seeking a fine wine and dine experience in Brighton, where would you recommend?

RD: Firstly it is spelt 'Braughton' and we have excellent restaurants. One that we would put in the category of 'fine dining' is the 'Vivace' in Bay Street. We also enjoy Chinese cuisine and our favourite is the 'Humble House' in Church Street - a cut above the normal suburban Chinese place. *(Yep, a few 'Braughtons' coming through ... a 'cut above the normal' and 'Humble House' in Church Street sounds like any oxymoron -C).*

C: And the ‘Clarice signature question’ ... what is your taste in wine?

RD: I am a white wine drinker and prefer New Zealand wines from the Marlborough district. I especially enjoy Geisen and Wither Hills sauvignon blanc. *(Robert, Robert, Robert ... white wine ... and you, a classy, 'brogue wearing' PDG. Sad really. -C)*

C: If your life had to be likened to a song, what would it be?

RD: “Life is Just a Bowl of Cherries”.

C: Complete the following: Life is ...

RD: ... what you make of it - it's a mystery and you learn as you go.

C: My secret talent is ...

RD: ... fixing things around the house (but my wife wishes it was cooking).

C: The way to my heart is ...

RD: ... through my loving wife and family ... and a big platter of pork spare ribs!!!

C: I am ...

RD: I am what I am and what I am needs no excuses (like the song).

C: Rotary is ...

RD: A worldwide organisation that provides the opportunity for members to be involved in various avenues of service in the community of the world.

C: Rotarians are ...

RD: A very diverse range of people, all with a similar goal of serving the community.



The golf finished wonderfully - we managed to get through five holes in three hours. Rob was a thorough gentleman. He retrieved my pink golf ball from some incredible places ... mud, water, bushes and sand. Along the way he gave me some expert instruction. On the fifth (and final hole) my last shot - a 3 wood from 60 metres - leapt a log, ran through a bunker and then 40 feet into the hole. Rob rolled his eyes skyward and extended his arms ... I think he was pleased that his instruction had yielded such a great result.

PDG's are very special people. I loved my day with Rob, and told him that whenever he had a few hours I'd be willing to come back to Commonwealth and tackle the next 5 holes.

RAWCS Round-Up

Each month the dedicated RAWCS committee meets at alternative venues, alternating between Woodend and Melbourne. The committee is made up of District 9800 club members from 10 different clubs.

At each meeting, reports are presented on the progress of D9800 International projects. Each project is overseen by a Coordinator who is available to assist the individual clubs with the running of their elected project. This assistance can include making application to Rotary Foundation for a Matching Grant.

Rotarians wishing to get acquainted with these projects can do so by contacting a RAWCS committee member.

Rotarians Against Malaria - Michael Morrison, RC Prahran - michael.morrison12@bigpond.com

Safe Water Saves Lives - Peter McGrath, RC Footscray - mcgrath@gotalk.net.au

Rotary Volunteers - Garry Gunnell, RC Bendigo - ggunnell@netcon.com.au

Rotary Projects - Colin Burns, RC Bendigo - cjburns@tpg.com.au

Aboriginal Housing - (Volunteers only) - David Dippie, RC Keilor - Mob: 0408 174 773

Mothers & Babies Support Initiative - Jill Forsyth, RC Kew - jill.forsyth@formax.com.au

Shelter Box - Roger Fasken, RC Kew - fasken@bigpond.net.au

Donations In Kind - Bill Dagg, RC Point Gellibrand - bdagg@tpg.com.au

Committee Chairperson - Virginia Turner, RC Brighton North - v.turner@bigpond.net.au



The RAWCS Committee

Shelterbox Australia Appeal

The Rotary Club of Kew are co-ordinating an appeal for donations from Rotary Clubs in D9800 on behalf of Shelterbox Australia – a Rotary Club Global Project.

The Solomon Islands Earthquake and Tsunami caused severe damage in the western province, particularly in and around Gizo, resulting in the deaths of 52 people and more than 5,000 were left homeless and traumatised after the April tsunami.

200 ShelterBoxes were deployed by a ShelterBox Response Team (SRT) led by Rotarian Keith Robins of the Rotary Club of Toorak. They provided shelter, comfort and dignity for some 2,000 people in the Solomon Islands after the worst natural disaster in years.

PDG Charles Guesdon (D9600) arranged delivery by a RAAF Hercules of ShelterBoxes to Munda: the Honiara and Gizo Rotary Clubs assisted the SRT delivering the desperately needed boxes.

The response by Rotarians and friends in Australia has been extraordinary and is greatly appreciated. However, the need persists. We need more ShelterBoxes including a minimum of 200 in Australia ready for deployment in the event of another disaster in our region.



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The cost of a ShelterBox is \$A1,200, and that will provide shelter, dignity and basic survival equipment for at least 10 people. Each ShelterBox normally holds a 10-person tent and a range of other equipment, such as:

- Thermal blankets and insulated ground sheets.
- Waterproof ponchos and bin bags.
- A multi-fuel stove that can burn anything from diesel to old paint!
- Cooking pans, utensils, bowls and mugs.
- Collapsible water containers and water purification tablets.
- Basic tool kit – hammer, axe, saw, pliers, hoe head, trenching shovel, rope, etc.
- A small, children's pack containing drawing books, crayons, pens, etc.



Although ShelterBox is now the biggest Rotary Club project in the world, we can never supply enough ShelterBoxes to meet the demand.

To enquire about a speaker at your Rotary Club, school or business, please contact any of the following members of the Rotary Club of Kew's International ShelterBox Committee:

- Roger Fasken, Chairman, 03 9802 4308 (home) or email fasken@bigpond.net.au
- Bob Crozier, 03 9509 7443 (home) or email bob_crozier@hotmail.com
- Michael DeVincentis, 03 9815 2266 (work) or email Michael@mdv-architects.com
- Dennis McDonald, 03 9836 2710 (home) or email dennmac@tpg.com.au

The cost of a complete ShelterBox is \$1,200. This includes the cost of all materials, packing, storage, transport worldwide and distribution as well as the usual overheads. Donations of less than the cost of a complete ShelterBox are welcomed and are used to purchase individual items for a ShelterBox.

The ShelterBox Trust will only distribute aid on the basis of need within safe and achievable operating parameters. Location and time specific donations cannot be accepted.

To make a donation with your credit card, please visit <http://www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au/> or <http://www.shelterbox.org/>, or send a cheque made payable to 'ShelterBox RAWCS' to Rotary Club of Kew (Attn: Roger Fasken), PO Box 101, Kew, 3101.

R.A.M. Chairman's Message

My Rotary friends and friends of Rotary,

The fight against malaria in our region has been, and continues to be, very successful. Anticipated outcomes constantly exceed expectations. Australian Rotary clubs and private individuals maintain a high level of financial support which has a significant impact on the successes we are achieving through the Adopt A Village (AAV) Programme. The success we achieve relates, in no small part, to the dedication, commitment, and leadership of our past Chairmen, namely, PDG Dr. John Reddish, PDG Richmond Manyweathers, and PDG Peter Thomas. However, each of these people would readily acknowledge they could not have recorded the success achieved during their period in office without the ready cooperation and direct involvement of so many committed people in Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, as well as in Australia.

Rotarians are generally known to be people who recognise a need, and then go about doing it, despite obstacles they may face along the way, and without looking for any recognition of the success achieved. However, I believe it is timely we come out from under that 'mushroom' and communicate our successes to others. In this way we are ensuring many more people are better informed of the problems being faced with malaria – including its impact on children under five years and pregnant women, what we are doing to alleviate the problem in our region, and what malaria control activity may be occurring in other parts of the world.

Finally, our objective is - ***"The prevention of mortality, and a reduction in morbidity and social and economic loss caused by malaria through a progressive improvement and strengthening of local and national capabilities in malaria control."***

Quip Corner

"Gentlemen, include me out."

PDG Bill Dethlefs, National Chairman
Source: R.A.M. Newsletter, Issue 1, August 2007



RC Bendigo Sandhurst Kicks Goals For Sick Kids



Jacques Olivier, Kevin Dobson, Marc Smith & Linda Barrow

The Rotary Club of Bendigo Sandhurst last week hosted a Footy Colours Day, where the usual business attire of Rotarians was replaced by gear from their favourite footy clubs.

The Rotarians were among thousands of Australians who united to don their favourite football team's colours – AFL, NRL, Rugby Union, Soccer – to help raise money for children living with cancer.

Former AFL player and Bendigo Pioneers Football Club Chief Executive, Ray Byrne, was the guest speaker and members enjoyed mini-footy pies, saveloys etc for breakfast.

President Rob Guley said the morning meeting raised \$170 for the Bone Marrow Donor Institute, but some of the outfits were priceless. Some of the attire had not seen the light of day for 20 years or so, adding to the general amusement.

Those few members who forgot to dress up were forced to wear Hawthorn scarves, and one member even turned up in the British National Rugby jumper.

Notices & Events

RC Brighton Change Of Venue

The Rotary Club of Brighton are leaving Milanos Hotel to return to the Royal Brighton Yacht Club (The Esplanade, Brighton) after a two year refurbishment project.

District Foundation Seminar & Workshop

District Foundation Committee Chairperson, Chris Don, invites all Presidents, Presidents Elect, Foundation Chairman, International Chairman and new Rotarians to our 2007 District Foundation Seminar & Workshop.

All aspects of our District's Foundation Programs will be covered by the District Committee Chairperson and Regional Zone Executives. Active participation from delegates will be encouraged.

This will be held on Sunday, 23 September from 9.00am to 12.30pm at International House, Royal Parade, Carlton.

Contact Chris Don on 9312 6933 or via email at chrisd9@bigpond.com.

24 Hour Megaswim



The Rotary Club of Tullamarine is proud to present the 24 Hour Megaswim to be held at the East Keilor Leisure Centre, Quinn Grove, East Keilor, commencing 3.00pm on Saturday, 6 October through to 3.00pm on Sunday, 7 October.

Money raised will be donated to the 'Go For Gold Scholarships' in support of people living with Multiple Sclerosis enabling them to follow their dreams in education, sport, music, travel or the arts.

You can help this very worthy cause by joining the relay, donating cash or prizes, or even volunteering at the event.

Please call Rob Lawrence on 0412 330 948 for more details or more information about Megaswim can be found at <http://www.msswim.com/>



PDG Bernie Walshe at the 2006 winner's presentation



New Member Information Workshops

9.30am-12.00pm Sunday, 7 October, International House, Parkville

9.30am-12.00pm Sunday, 14 October, Eaglehawk

Have you joined Rotary in the last couple of years – or perhaps you'd just like to know more about the Rotary organisation, regardless of when you joined? Then you're invited to come along to one of the sessions we are holding and be informed, educated and inspired by Rotary's capacity to help others throughout the world.

These workshops will be a combination of presentation of Rotary information combined with time spent in discussion groups with very experienced Rotarians who can share their knowledge with you. Come along and ask all the questions you may have about what Rotary does in other clubs, in our District and in the rest of the world. Find out all about the opportunities that exist within Rotary to make your contribution to a better world.

Contact PDG Ann White to register or if you have any queries – 9699 5538 (ah), 9682-7777 (bh), 9686-4141 (fax), 0402 306 790 (m) or email ann@landmarksoftware.com.au

Australian Rotary Health Symposium

All Rotarians, partners and friends are invited to the Australian Rotary Health Symposium conducted by Directors and Regional Coordinators from all Districts in Victoria. This is a unique opportunity to put forward your ideas and have your questions answered.

Speakers will include:

- Associate Professor Greg Snell on organ transplantation
- India Bohanna, PhD Scholar
- Veronica Kyle, Indigenous Scholar

Unfortunately the Symposium scheduled for Camp Getaway on Sunday, 9 September had to be cancelled because of a lack of registrations. This is an important event and we encourage you to join us at Deakin University Burwood Campus on Sunday, 14 October 2007 from 9.15am to 12.30pm to be followed by a sandwich luncheon.

For further details, please contact:

Des Jones	desjones@vicnet.net.au	9836 9626
Ron Pickford	pic@netconnect.com.au	5339 9756
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Terry Grant	tjgrant@ozemail.com.au	9740 8973
Philip Hedley	pjhedley@ozemail.com.au	9587 1767

RC Brimbank Central's Youth Forum – Change of Date

RC Brimbank Central is now holding its Youth Forum on Wednesday, 31 October 2007 with the theme "It's okay to say No!". The forum will be held at the Starlight Room, Taylors Lakes Hotel, Sydenham Melton Road, Taylors Lakes from 6.30pm for a 7.00 pm start. Cost is \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for students with ID.

Key-Note Speakers

Jennifer Brooker ~ Stride	Youth Wellbeing
Sue Renkin ~ Open Family	Stress
Jan Tully ~ Tobin Brothers	Bullying
Dr Stefan Gruener ~ Odyssey House	Suicide
Senior Constable Jon Reader	Victoria Police Drugs & Alcohol

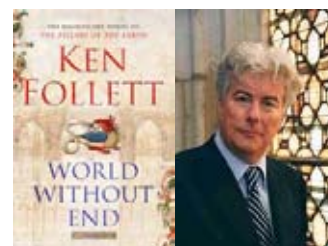
Students, parents, teachers, Police, youth workers, welfare workers, counsellors and lots of Rotarians are encouraged to attend.

Please contact David Johnson on 0418 580 045 to book or Lou Gionfriddo, Program Chairman on 0411 871 978.

Dinner With Ken Follett

RC Toorak invites you to a dinner with renowned UK author, Ken Follett, 7pm for 7.30 Monday, 12 November at Lincoln of Toorak (Level 2, Trak Centre, 445 Toorak Road, Toorak). There is ample parking in Trak Center car park (enter Jackson Street).

Ken Follett will launch and personally sign his sequel to *The Pillars of the Earth*. *World Without End* is one of the most anticipated books in memory and is one of the biggest releases on Pan Macmillan's list this year.





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Special guest at the launch will be the Hon Jeff Kennett AC proudly supporting beyondblue.



\$95.00 per person includes two course meal and all beverages
\$950.00 table of 10
\$1140.00 table of 12

Contact Alan Freedman on 0419 357 864 or at barhampton@bigpond.com (RSVP: 5 November), or check the D9800 website to download your booking form (<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/Members/EventsCalendar>).

Rotary & Community Service Radio Show

Just a reminder that 3WBC 94.1FM (Whitehorse Boroondara Community Radio) radio is a fantastic opportunity for your club projects to receive free promotion during the Rotary 7 Community Service show each Friday 6.00 – 8.00pm.

The objective of the show is to give the audience a better understanding of the projects and activities Rotary and other community service organisations support.

Brian Bloomer is the Producer and Presenter of the show and is a member of the Rotary Club of Canterbury. Brian Interviews Rotary special guests about their experiences such as Rotary Youth Exchange students, Rotary Group Study Exchange teams, Rotary club members, and special project leaders, along with many other projects in the 9800 and 9810 Districts.

3WBC 94.1FM has official transmission coverage in the inner eastern suburbs of Melbourne (Kew to Box Hill and North Balwyn to Ashburton), with spill over into Melbourne City and out to Ringwood and south to parts of the Mornington Peninsular.

The promotion of your projects or events can be in the form of on-air announcements from your project flyer or an in-person interview on air.

Stay tuned to 94.1FM for upcoming interviews with Philip Archer, D9800 Marketing/Club Service Director on 21 September and our District Governor, John Davis on 28 September.

The offer of FREE publicity is open to all clubs. Simply contact Brian on 0405 124 958 or via brian.bloomer@3wbc.org.au. You can also visit the Rotary Club of Canterbury web site - www.canterburyrotary.org - and click on the Radio Show tab for this year's program and additional information.

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New Generations With Marc Fookes



Marc & Bev Fookes

For this week's column, we thought it would be interesting to get the perspective of someone who has benefited from New Generations' work, so we interviewed Johannes Kemmer from Germany, an exchange student at the Rotary Club of Glen Eira during 2005-06. His exchange was an outstanding success. Johannes engaged people and Australia enthusiastically at every level. He made many friends and was widely respected during his year of exchange. True to his word, he said "I'll be back next year". He has spent his time catching up, renewing friendships and connecting with his host club, RC Glen Eira.

We often hear the reports of returning Australian exchange students ... highlights, difficulties etc, and Johannes' visit provided a unique opportunity to gain a retrospective from a student who had experienced the highs and lows of exchange in Australia. It was a revelation to have a brief chat with this outstanding young man.

Tell me about your home in Germany ... town, area, school etc.

I live in a small country town called Bobingen which is about 60 km northwest of Munich. It's a very quiet place and the area is quite nice. There is a lot of country here as well as a lot of forest. But it's a very nice place. My school is in a bigger town called Augsburg which is about 15 km away. The school is very big and I have to do a lot of subjects.

What made you decide to go on a Youth Exchange?

About 3 years ago I decided to go on youth exchange. My cousin wanted to go to the U.S. and he convinced me to do the same, so I talked to my parents who told me I would get a lot out of it. I also wanted to learn about a different culture and society but, above all, I wanted to meet new people.

Why Australia?

I chose Australia because I wanted to go to an English speaking country but I didn't want to go to the U.S., so I put down Australia as my first choice. Other than that Australia sounded very exotic and I didn't know much about it.

What did you feel when you first left Germany?

I felt normal when I left Germany, I didn't expect anything and I wasn't even nervous. I just wanted to be an exchange student.

What were your first impressions of Australia?

My first impressions were really good. At the airport I met my counsellor, Geoff Asher, who is a great guy. I then met my first host family and a few other people, and they were all really nice and treated me in a really friendly way.

Tell me about your host club and the families you stayed with.

All my families were fantastic. It was sometimes very hard to leave them but that was part of the program. I got to know many people through my families and also learnt a lot about Australian culture. My Rotary club was fabulous. They were all really nice and I really enjoyed the meetings, therefore I went there almost every week.

How about school ... what school did you attend and how was it different from schooling in Germany?

On my exchange I attended Glen Eira College in Caulfield. The school was very different to the one I had attended in Germany. The people were a lot friendlier and the teachers were more like friends. I was accepted from the first day and made many friends there. I also had to wear a school uniform which I wasn't used to as we don't have them in Germany. There were less subjects and I was able to choose my subjects which I could never do at home. I chose subjects that are not offered in Germany and they were really interesting.

Tell me about some of the more memorable events or places that you visited.

The city and the suburbs that I lived in will always be in my memory because I got so used to them. Other than that I really liked St. Kilda beach. There is also a place in the country that I will never forget. It's the farm of a Rotarian, John Strong, who took me there a couple of times. The place is very close to Noojee in Eastern Victoria. The best event was certainly the Central Australian Tour. I had a great time with my mates and saw a lot of Australia as well. I really enjoyed the trips to Sydney and the Gold Coast, too. I will never forget the footy matches either.

What did you enjoy about the Glen Eira Rotary Club?

The Glen Eira Rotary Club was great. They have some really terrific members and it was just fantastic to be part of the club. It was always fun to go there because the members have such a wonderful sense of humour. In general Australians have a great sense of humour.



Johannes with his Host Mum, Coryl Asher



For you, what was the highlight of the safari trip to the Centre and Queensland?

The highlight of the Safari was Uluru. I loved it there.

I believe that, in football, we failed you ... you follow the West Coast Eagles. However, I'm fascinated that you became a keen cricket follower. How did that happen?

Yes, I do follow the Eagles and I had to live with that 'failure' throughout my whole exchange. People just couldn't understand why I follow the West Coast Eagles and I know there are still many who say it's a Victorian sport. But I just love footy and I think Australians can be really proud to have such a unique sport that is only played in their country. I also got really interested in cricket which is a great sport that I hadn't known before. I really like playing it as well as watching it.

How do you think Warnie - the on field brilliance and off-field antics - would translate in Germany? Sports Superstar or not?

Shane Warne wouldn't be a sports superstar in Germany. People don't know much about Australia but they know nothing about cricket. So he would be very unknown because the media doesn't report about cricket at all.

How did you feel about leaving Australia when you went home in mid-2006?

I felt very sad about leaving Australia. I didn't want to go home because I was having the best time of my life in Australia and leaving all that was very hard.

I'm sure that there were great celebrations when you arrived home, but how did you find settling back into the German way of life?

When I got home people very happy to see me again and of course we celebrated but I had a lot of trouble settling back into the German way of life. I didn't get along with my parents in the beginning because they didn't accept the 'changed' Johannes. I also had trouble settling into my new school and with my new class. But in general I missed the warmth and friendliness of the Australian people the most.

It's a year later ... how's everything going now?

Now everything is going well. I'm settled in but Germany has never been the same since I got back and I think it will never be the same again. That's the reason why I want to leave it one day.

Coming back to Australia ... how did you feel about returning and how was the 'homecoming'?

It was fantastic to return to Australia. It was a bit different in the beginning but after a few days I felt similar to how I felt on my exchange except that I wasn't on exchange anymore.

Have you noticed any changes?

Nothing much had changed. It was more me that had changed. Back in Germany I learnt more and got even more mature and coming back to Australia after this year was just amazing.

What advice would you give an exchange student coming to Australia?

The best advice is not to expect anything. When you expect too much you'll get disappointed. Other than that you just have to be yourself and then you'll make many friends.

Imagine that you are in Germany ... sitting at home at night ... in the middle of winter ... snow outside etc ... and someone said "Australia". What would be the first picture or memory that came to your mind?

The first thing I'd think about would be all the people I love - my friends and my families - because here in Germany I miss them a lot. Other than that I'd think about the good weather and the footy!

Johannes Kemmer, exchange student at RC of Glen Eira, ex-captain of Glen Eira College soccer team, passionate West Coast Eagles supporter, devoted follower of the Australian Test team, volunteer in Glen Eira Rotary Club projects, magnificent ambassador and 'all round good guy' returned to Germany for the second time last week.

Contact Marc Fookes, D9800 New Generations Advisor on mfookes@bigpond.net.au or 0439 456 120, or visit the website www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au.



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Are you planning to give something back this holiday season?

Get your company or your team at work to give back this holiday season by making a donation to Rotary Foundation.

Contact Chris Don on 9312 6933 or via email at mailto:chrisd9@bigpond.com or one of the Foundation team to organise your Christmas giving (see D9800 for more contact details).





September is New Generations Month

Time, Leadership & Ethics

The 'tyranny of distance' is an oft used expression. Well, if 'distance' has a tyrannical aspect, then what about 'time'?

Right now as presidents, board directors and individual Rotarians (even DG's), it may appear that there's a large block of time - a whole 9 months, in fact - to carry out the objectives we've set for 2007-8. But this year, like most other years, has only 365 days. It's a mysterious business, but the time tyrant has probably got under our guard again. Ninety days have gone!

If we were talking about a traditional 4 lap mile foot race, then one lap has been completed. If we've taken up a comfortable position in the field ... running easily and not pushing too hard ... then some solid planning needs to be done to ensure a strong finish.

There's no doubt that some of us will feel daunted by the thought that time is running out. The responsibility can sometimes weigh heavily and it is important to maintain a perspective that encourages rather than coerces. If you do feel alone in this effort, it may reassure you to hear the words of Harold Thomas, the first New Zealander to serve as President of Rotary International. "I am only one, but I am one, I cannot do everything, but I can do something, and therefore let me do what I can."

What is a leader? To my mind, leaders must be willing to do everything that they ask of their followers, and more. They must exude a willingness to go that extra distance: to work harder, concentrate longer, and carry, where necessary, an extra burden. A leader is one who carries the torch, lighting the way and encouraging others to be seized by the moment.

A good leader knows how to draw others to his or her vision and how to delegate. As leaders, we need to encourage all Rotarians to become involved. The size of any one particular Rotary club is irrelevant. There are countless examples of smaller clubs contributing more in the form of service than the larger clubs.

One of Rotary's greatest weaknesses is that we have been unable to involve, enthuse and activate enough of our membership. There are too many capable Rotarians who have not been effective because their club has failed to give them inspiration, leadership and, importantly, a job.

Friendship and kindness are two pillars which help to anchor a good relationship. Every symbol of friendship that we extend, every letter we write, and every hand we shake has an impact. A life is touched ... it goes on ... and other lives are touched.

Of all the Avenues of Service, it is Vocational Service which most distinctly depicts Rotary's core. Whatever else we do in Rotary, others are doing the same and, it has to be said, sometimes they may be doing it better than us. But it is the arm of Vocational Service that sets Rotary apart.

Vocational service has often been the solid foundation that has afforded Rotary the opportunities to serve with distinction in the many humanitarian and educational programs it offers. However, while significant progress has been achieved in many areas of human endeavor, both materially and spiritually, our business and professional lives continue to be plagued by the publicity surrounding scandals and corrupt practices. Too often the importance of integrity and ethics in business, politics, and even our personal lives, is overlooked. The need to represent our 'Vocation in Rotary and Rotary in our Vocation' is as strong and necessary as ever.

Being selfish, singularly grasping for wealth and pursuing personal honors doesn't involve a complicated imagination. Compassion and idealism demand much more.

Rotary, with its history and its ethical vocational base, provides a magnificent lead in encouraging us to cherish our ideals as well as being successful in business.

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DG John Davis & Joan

Stop blaming others for the things that go wrong in your life. The biggest problem you have in life is, after all, the person in the mirror! Get on with it ... you may not get another chance!

- Wes Truscott

- John Davis, District Governor



New Members

Welcome to the following new members:

- Linda Britten, RC Melbourne, Classification: TBA
- Luba Grigorovitch, RC Altona City, Classification: Public Relations
- Ray Lipscombe, RC Altona City, Classification: Commercial Linen Service
- Adrian Ohlsen, RC Canterbury, Classification: Business Consultant
- Joanne Marie Roberts, RC Flemington, Classification: Primary Education

Quip Corner:

"Spare no expense to save money on this one."

40+ Rotarian

I love the footy finals/spring racing carnival time of the year. There's a certain buzz ... Melbourne seems to shake off the winter weather and the talk is 'Grand Final' then 'The Cup'. A round of parties even sees me 'slumming it' with some old footy and racing colleagues from years ago. As you can imagine, the gals from my Far East Prahran set go 'ga ga' at Cup time (the Beemer is locked in the garage for two weeks). Despite the Clarice football team being brutally denied an opportunity to play in the Grand Final, the crisp spring weather had me feeling wonderfully upbeat as I headed up the Calder Highway for an interview with Rotary Club of Kyneton legend, David Wells. David's old world charm, accompanied by a soothing cuppa in a quiet setting, was ideal as my subject readied himself for a 'grilling a la Clarice'.

C: How did you become involved with Rotary?

DW: I was chosen by the Rotary Club of Castlemaine to become the Charter President of RC Kyneton in 1967.

C: What is the biggest project you've been involved with as a Rotarian?

DW: I was at the International Convention in Philadelphia when Polio Plus was launched. A defining moment, because this project really set Rotary International up as a world leader in taking action against disease.

C: What is the biggest change in Rotary you've seen?

DW: Admitting ladies into the organisation was a big step forward.

C: So, 7 October 1967 ... RC Kyneton was chartered, with one David Wells as Charter President. Tell me about the lead up to the Club's formation and where the dinner was held.

DW: Our first meeting proved to be a slip-up but our second was very successful with 26 Charter Members. The Charter Dinner was held in the Kyneton Shire Hall under difficult conditions as the SEC was on strike ... that seemed to be their custom at that time. The preparation of the meal and the lighting were real problems, but it was a great night. PPRI, Royce Abbey was in attendance, along with many District officers of our Rotary District 280.

C: What do you enjoy about the Kyneton Rotary Club?

DW: The meal together with its fellowship and good guest speakers leading to useful work for the Kyneton community and for International service.

C: Over the years there must have been some interesting and inspirational characters in the club. Tell me about some of them.

DW: Bill Calsaferrri - a Charter Member who still gives the attendance report and rainfall figures each meeting and it is a feature of our meetings as Bill is a real character. (*Tell Bill to concentrate on the rainfall -C*). Also, our John Wigley who became District Governor and led us to a wonderful District Conference in Geelong. I was pleased to have proposed him for Rotary and golf club membership although the golf club was a mistake as he won too much money off me. (*Interesting ... a PDG who is also a golf hustler -C*).

C: If you could have been present at a famous event in history what would you have chosen and why?

DW: The crowning of Queen Elizabeth the Second as it was a spectacular event for a wonderful lady!

C: I understand that there is long history of the Wells family in the Kyneton Pharmacy. Tell me about it.

DW: My great grandfather Henry arrived in Melbourne on 1 October 1852 in the barque 'Hollyrood' (552 tons) and, with his two older brothers, must have walked to Fryers Creek near Chewton and lived in a tent as they looked for gold. By 1854 they reached Taradale where Henry set up a tent as a draper. Glowing reports of a new life in Australia were sent home to England and the rest of the family came to Australia later in 1854 in the barque 'Bloomer'. After landing they travelled to Taradale in three days - a trip which now takes just over an hour! One of the family members was a pharmacist and he set up in Kyneton in February in 1855. The pharmacy was a tent lit by two candles set in, I hope, empty brandy bottles. From there we have had five Wells family pharmacists in Kyneton and the sixth, my grandson Peter, is in Ashburton.



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C: *As a Charter President from the 1960's what qualities do you think define an effective Rotary Club President?*

DW: The President must show zeal and leadership guiding his members with decorum and dignity.

C: *Last week I had a memorable game of golf with PDG Rob Dunn. I believe your golf adventures are fascinating ... even International Rotary Golf Fellowship trips. Tell me about your golf experiences.*

DW: I attended 19 International Fellowships of Rotary Golf all around the world and also 15 World Seniors Golf Tournaments in the USA, Morocco and South Africa. My late wife Verena and I met many wonderful people who home-hosted us and we also hosted them in Kyneton.

C: *It's AFL finals time. Who's your team and how did that come about?*

DW: The Demons are my team although as a boy my uncle took me to Carlton matches but when I became a MCC member I changed, of course, to the Demons and I was there when they won four out of five premierships in the 1950's. *(That's three Demons in a row I've interviewed ... what is it with you guys and the underperforming red and blues? Didn't Ron Barassi leave the club 40 years ago? -C)*

C: *Who do you think will win the flag?*

DW: Geelong. *(Me too ... sort of brings back memories of an old 'Grammar' boy I used to go out with (sigh) -C).*

C: *How would you describe the aura of the Melbourne Cup to an international visitor and is there a Cup you remember well?*

DW: The Melbourne Cup has everything and is known all around the world. I can't forget the year it was won by Phar Lap. *(I seem to remember my old dad getting a far away look in his eyes when 'Phar Lap' was mentioned. He must have been 'something' -C)*

C: *Kyneton seems to have become increasingly conscious of its past. Tell me a little about Kyneton and its history.*

DW: Kyneton was the grain area and gateway to the goldfields in the 1880's and, at one time, was the fat lamb raising area in Australia. Times change and now it is developing into a city fringe residential area for Melbourne workers.

C: *Image the Pharmacy Board decides to hold its annual dinner in Kyneton and asks you to organise it. Where would the dinner be?*

DW: I would have it at the new Kyneton Bowling Club Complex – a building that Kyneton has needed for some time and it will set the town apart.

C: *Wine (it's always about wine) ... what makes up the imposing list of the 'David Wells Selection' group of wines and what is your absolute favourite wine?*

DW: My favourites are a good Shiraz from the Macedon Ranges and a Sauvignon Blanc from NZ. But I am also rather partial to a single malt whiskey!

C: *Of all the cars you've owned what was your favourite? Why?*

DW: My Jaguar Mach 2 3.5 litre. It was stylish and comfortable. I have to say that my wife Verena looked perfect when she was driving it with our golden cocker spaniel on the back seat. I loved that car.

C: *Complete the following: Life is ...*

DW: ... still very full, but I miss my girl.

C: *My secret talent is ...*

DW: ... definitely not singing!

C: *The way to my heart is ...*

DW: ... good food and wine.

C: *I am ...*

DW: ... getting too old.

C: *Rotary is ...*

DW: ... a great interest to me.

C: *Rotarians are ...*

DW: ... very caring people.



What an enjoyable morning. An interview with a Charter President – what a wonderful 'Networker' coup. And David's profile leapt further when he started to talk about 'the sun being over the yard-arm'. I pointed out that it wasn't quite there but David countered by saying, "It is in New Zealand" and started to move towards the sauvignon blanc. I counter-counter by saying that "...in a few minutes it would be over the Macedon Ranges". He relented and the two of us strolled down to a wonderful little lunch spot on the road heading north out of town, armed with one of the Macedon Ranges' finest. We talked cars (mainly mine) and golf (how I'd beaten PDG Rob Dunn in a 5 hole epic). Come to think of it, I think David really wanted the sauvignon blanc. I felt guilty (for about 3 seconds) but still managed to savour a delicious lunch with a great companion. I guess I am a bit of a bully ... sorry David.



DIK Needs Your Help

DIK is for the benefit of all District 9800 clubs. DIK is all about the collection and distribution of donated usable items such as clothing, toys, hospital equipment, computers, tools and children's school requirements. DIK exists for the benefit of District 9800 clubs to store, sort, pack and load product for distribution to their own International Projects in various countries.

Open every Tuesday and Thursday from 9.00am to 3.00 pm and at weekends for club days, DIK is located at Woolshed 37, 400 Somerville Road West, Footscray.

All donated items are sorted and boxed up to be shipped in containers to countries such as East Timor, PNG, Solomons, Vanuatu, Fiji, Zambia, Tanzania just to name a few.

DIK is run by one of District 9800 hardest workers, Bill Dagg. Bill, along with his team of volunteers and Rotary club members, have knocked up some pretty amazing stats over the past twelve months, with 19 containers shipped with requested items valued in excess of \$3M and shipping costs of \$76,000. Bill and his mainly non-Rotary volunteers have notched up 7,516 man hours.

The biggest issue for DIK is the cost of shipping. Shipping costs are met solely by Rotary club funds and donations, and at times insufficient money is available to send of the next batch of containers. Bill is constantly doing the rounds of District 9800 clubs to create awareness of how DIK can assist clubs with their International projects. However for DIK to continue to operate effectively, your club help is also needed with volunteering a small amount of time for sorting and packaging goods and the most needed funds for shipping of containers.

Your club is encouraged to look at what can be done to assist this high profile and very worthy District project that works on behalf of every club in D9800.

You can contact Bill on (h) 93185313, or Tuesday and Thursday at DIK on 0425 741 045, or e-mail bdagg@tpg.com.au



Rick Altman, Rotary Club of Melbourne North & RAWCS Committee Member

Philippines Eye-Screening Project Sponsorship



Deborah Rodrigues, Emily Caruso, Club President David Robinson and La Trobe University Lecturer Linda Malesic

The Rotary Club of Canterbury has an annual International Services project where 10-15 Rotarians and friends head to the Philippines to assist local medical staff in screening for cataracts and other eye conditions. This year the Canterbury Vocational Committee has added to the value of the project by taking applications from 3rd year students in the Orthoptics course in the Department of Clinical Vision Sciences at La Trobe University, for sponsorship awards to the Philippines. After receiving many strong applications and subsequent personal interviews, three students were awarded sponsorship by the club. This extends last year's commitment of sending one Orthoptics student on the team.

The awardees are Deborah Rodrigues, Emily Caruso and Natasha Stedman, who will be travelling with the Rotary team to the Philippines in October 2007.



In addition to being a part of an international community service team transforming people's lives, the vocational experiences gained by the student in the eye-care clinics will be invaluable in their future careers. Participation in the Philippines Eye-Screening Project offers a most unique and rewarding skills-building opportunity and personal growth experience available to young eye-care professionals as humanity steps forward to face the challenges of the 21st century.



Doug Hawley checking a patient's eyes

Participation will provide professional experiences which are unlikely to be seen in Australia. Students who participate in this valuable, once-in-a-lifetime experience will return home, not only with new perspectives and an enlarged vision, but with fresh ideas and an understanding of a nation's culture and eye-care challenges. The change in lifestyle for beneficiaries of this project is dramatic. They transition from being a person almost totally dependent on their extended family for daily living, to one who may, with their cataracts removed, become independent again and may return to being a productive member of their family and local community.

Vacancies For Outgoing Friendship Exchanges 2008

What is Friendship Exchange?

A team of 12 made up of Rotarians and their partners or single Rotarians. The team is hosted by 3–4 clubs over a 2 week period, staying 3–4 nights with each host family. Participants get to see another part of the world with a fellow Rotarian.

As team members usually visit places by themselves before and/or after the exchange, a meeting place and time is prearranged at the destination, eg airport, railway station etc. Entry fees, meals eaten out, etc are paid for by the team, and home hosting, breakfast, and often an evening meal are provided by the host family.

10-24 May 2008, D1100 - United Kingdom

This is a beautiful part of the UK near the world famous towns of Bath, Bristol, Oxford, Reading, Salisbury, with Stonehenge and the Wiltshire Downs nearby.

Swindon is home to many cutting-edge businesses: all mini car body panels are produced here for BMW; and Motorola, Intel, Nationwide and the largest European Honda factory all call it home.

Other features of note: Bristol club meets on a boat; the Severn bridge across to Wales is nearby - an incredible structure; and there is a bus service that connects Bristol to Heathrow Airport.



time in the beautiful city of Stockholm.

15 May – 2 June 2008, D2340 - Central Sweden

With 57 clubs and 2800 members in the 3 counties of Varmland, Orebro and Vastmanland, the western border is the Norway border (east of Oslo) and the eastern border is 100kms west of Stockholm. The district is a land of forests, lakes and millions of Christmas trees! Come and let them show you their industries, trades, social and cultural life. Their land is famous for its music and literature. In Varmland they are very proud of the great author Selma Lagerlof, Noble Prize winner in Literature.

This is a great exchange if you want to combine it with a trip to the other Scandinavian countries. The Norway coast is spectacular (with Hertilgruten), Denmark is right next door, and you can spend some

Rotary World Convention, 15–18 June 2008, Los Angeles USA

21 June – 5 July 2008, D6000 - Iowa USA

RI District 6000 lies in the central US and includes the capital of Iowa, Des Moines. Iowa is a food production and processing giant, leading the nation in production of corn, soybeans, eggs and hogs, and ranks high in many other agricultural areas. But that doesn't mean that everyone there wears bib overalls and runs a tractor! Iowa's largest portion of income is from manufacturing and processing and is home to a broad-ranging list of giants including John Deere Co., Rockwell International, and Pioneer Hybrids. It also stands first or second in the nation for the number of insurance companies located there.



Despite its interior location, it ranks high in international exports, creating a much more cosmopolitan outlook in its citizens than might be expected. Its colleges and universities are internationally recognized for research and training. Paul Harris studied law in Des Moines before attending and graduating from the University of Iowa, after which he went to Chicago, and we all know what happened then.



District 6000 includes nearly 4400 members in 63 clubs, and those members are most welcoming of guests from around the world, and are looking forward to having you come see them. This exchange will include the July 4th Independence Day celebrations.

The above three Districts have all been hosted by clubs in D9800 in the last 12 months, and had a wonderful time – they are now looking forward to showing everyone a really great time in their Districts and also hope that some of the hosts will return and renew their friendships.

For more information, or to apply to be on any of the teams please email or phone Jeanette Lynch, D9800 RFE Chair, 9390 5400 or 0419 568 639, M_J_LYNCH@MSN.COM.AU

Storm The Stage Finalists

Anne Peace, member of the Rotary Club of Echuca-Moama, picked up a leaflet at the District Assembly advertising a new national Rotary program for young performers. Immediately she thought 'This is it for our club!' Then, through the sister-club relationship with the Rotary Club of Central Melbourne-Sunrise (RCCM), she met this club's pre-eminent opera singer-member, Michael Lapina and they were off – on a common project!

The happy outcome is that two young performers will be performing in the National Finals to be held in the Burswood Casino Theatre, Perth on Friday 26 October. They won at the District Final held on 15 September in Echuca.

Montana Perrin, a 19 year old Theatre Studies student at Ballarat University, will be competing in the Drama section while Nelson Gardner, 19, from Bendigo, will compete in the Musical Theatre section.

Storm the Stage is a new Rotary program for young performers. It is a national competition for 16-19 year old drama and musical theatre students. In Victoria the RCCM hosted and organised the Melbourne heats on Sunday, 9 September with eminent adjudicators Judith Durham, Beverley Sheehan and Graham Simpson, while the State finals were hosted by the Echuca clubs with a skilled judging panel chaired by Pat O'Farrell. The Bendigo clubs also collaborated to support their young performers.



L-R Michael Lapina, Judith Durham OAM, PHF, Stacey-Louise Camilleri and Montana Perrin, (winning competitors), Beverley Sheehan and Graham Simpson (adjudicators), President John Ilott



The winners - Montana Perrin and Stacey-Louise Camilleri

An unexpected benefit for the clubs involved has been performances at club meetings by some young competitors. Members at the RCCM were enchanted by the singing of Stacey-Louise Camilleri at a recent meeting. She began her stage career at age 4 and has performed in *Secret Garden*, *Oklahoma*, *Wizard of Oz*, *Into the Woods* and *Blood Brother*.

It seems that the Rotary collaboration between many clubs has resulted in thrilling career opportunities for many young performers and enormous pleasure for the Rotarians involved in organising this new project. Congratulations to the winners and good luck for the national finals – and well done to the enthusiastic Rotarian organisers.

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Notices & Events

Rotary & Community Service Radio Show

Just a reminder that our District Governor John Davis is being interviewed on 3WBC 94.1FM (Whitehorse Boroondara Community Radio) radio on Friday, 28 September.

The objective of the show is to give the audience a better understanding of the projects and activities Rotary and other community service organisations support, and is a fantastic opportunity for all clubs to promote projects or events. On-air announcements can take the form of having your project flyer read out or an in-person interview on air.

Brian Bloomer is the Producer and Presenter of the show and is a member of the Rotary Club of Canterbury. Brian Interviews Rotary special guests about their experiences such as Rotary Youth Exchange students, Rotary Group Study Exchange teams, Rotary club members, and special project leaders, along with many other projects in the 9800 and 9810 Districts.

The offer of FREE publicity is open to all clubs. Simply contact Brian on 0405 124 958 or via brian.bloomer@3wbc.org.au. You can also visit the Rotary Club of Canterbury web site - www.canterburyrotary.org - and click on the Radio Show tab for this year's program and additional information.

RC Brighton Change Of Venue

The Rotary Club of Brighton are leaving Milanos Hotel to return to the Royal Brighton Yacht Club (The Esplanade, Brighton) after a two year refurbishment project.

RC Carlton Meeting Cancellation

The Rotary Club of Carlton will not be holding its usual Tuesday meeting on 2 October due to the proximity of another club function. Meetings will resume as usual the following week.

Wyndham Rotary Fashion Parade and Auction

Once again the Rotary Club of Wyndham is holding a Fashion Parade and Auction to support organisations and individuals assisting people with mental health concerns. Clothing from Parisi Male Fashions and Tonia T Boutique will be on parade and a bargain can be obtained from the silent auction. Come along on Saturday, 6 October to the Italian Sports Club Heaths Road Werribee at 6:30 pm for a great time! Tickets available by calling Julie 0402 324 093 or Peter 0411 652 421.

24 Hour Megaswim



The Rotary Club of Tullamarine is proud to present the 24 Hour Megaswim to be held at the East Keilor Leisure Centre, Quinn Grove, East Keilor, commencing 3.00pm on Saturday, 6 October through to 3.00pm on Sunday, 7 October.

Money raised will be donated to the 'Go For Gold Scholarships' in support of people living with Multiple Sclerosis enabling them to follow their dreams in education, sport, music, travel or the arts.

You can help this very worthy cause by joining the relay, donating cash or prizes, or even volunteering at the event.

Please call Rob Lawrence on 0412 330 948 for more details or more information about Megaswim can be found at <http://www.msswim.com/>



PDG Bernie Walshe at the 2006 winner's presentation

New Member Information Workshops

9.30am-12.00pm Sunday, 7 October, International House, Parkville

9.30am-12.00pm Sunday, 14 October, Eaglehawk

Have you joined Rotary in the last couple of years – or perhaps you'd just like to know more about the Rotary organisation, regardless of when you joined? Then you're invited to come along to one of the sessions we are holding and be informed, educated and inspired by Rotary's capacity to help others throughout the world.

These workshops will be a combination of presentation of Rotary information combined with time spent in discussion groups with very experienced Rotarians who can share their knowledge with you. Come along and ask all the



questions you may have about what Rotary does in other clubs, in our District and in the rest of the world. Find out all about the opportunities that exist within Rotary to make your contribution to a better world.

Contact PDG Ann White to register or if you have any queries – 9699 5538 (ah), 9682-7777 (bh), 9686-4141 (fax), 0402 306 790 (m) or email ann@landmarksoftware.com.au

Australian Rotary Health Symposium

All Rotarians, partners and friends are invited to the Australian Rotary Health Symposium conducted by Directors and Regional Coordinators from all Districts in Victoria. This is a unique opportunity to put forward your ideas and have your questions answered.

Speakers will include:

- Associate Professor Greg Snell on organ transplantation
- India Bohanna, PhD Scholar
- Veronica Kyle, Indigenous Scholar

Unfortunately the Symposium scheduled for Camp Getaway on Sunday, 9 September had to be cancelled because of a lack of registrations. This is an important event and we encourage you to join us at Deakin University Burwood Campus on Sunday, 14 October 2007 from 9.15am to 12.30pm to be followed by a sandwich luncheon.

For further details, please contact:

Des Jones	desjones@vicnet.net.au	9836 9626
Ron Pickford	pic@netconnect.com.au	5339 9756
Judy Nettleton	aceheat@ace-heat.com.au	9427 7233
Terry Grant	tjgrant@ozemail.com.au	9740 8973
Philip Hedley	pjhedley@ozemail.com.au	9587 1767

D9800 Welcomes It's Newest Club!

The Rotary Club of Port Melbourne invites you to join them at their Charter Night on Friday, 26 October 2007 (7.00pm for 7.30pm) at Albert by the Lake, first floor of the Bob Jane Soccer Stadium, Aughtie Drive, Albert Park. The \$65.00 cost includes a two-course meal, wine, beer, soft drink and entertainment by the Ferguson Brothers.

Enquiries can be made to Russell Stott on 0411 758 819 or russell.southmelbourne@signarama.com.au, or you can visit the Events Calendar on the D9800 website for the booking form and further information - <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/Members/EventsCalendar>.

As RC Port Melbourne are having a Charter night function on Friday, 26 October the meeting scheduled for 29 October has been cancelled, as has the 5 November meeting because it is Melbourne Cup Eve.

RC Brimbank Central's Youth Forum – Change of Date

RC Brimbank Central is now holding its Youth Forum on Wednesday, 31 October 2007 with the theme "It's okay to say No!". The forum will be held at the Starlight Room, Taylors Lakes Hotel, Sydenham Melton Road, Taylors Lakes from 6.30pm for a 7.00 pm start. Cost is \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for students with ID.

Key-Note Speakers

Jennifer Brooker ~ Stride
Sue Renkin ~ Open Family
Jan Tully ~ Tobin Brothers
Dr Stefan Gruener ~ Odyssey House
Senior Constable Jon Reader

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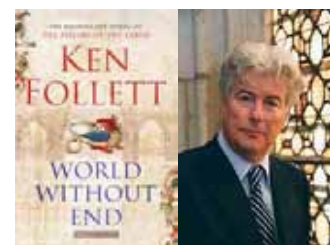
Students, parents, teachers, Police, youth workers, welfare workers, counsellors and lots of Rotarians are encouraged to attend.

Please contact David Johnson on 0418 580 045 to book or Lou Gionfriddo, Program Chairman on 0411 871 978.

Dinner With Ken Follett

RC Toorak invites you to a dinner with renowned UK author, Ken Follett, 7pm for 7.30 Monday, 12 November at Lincoln of Toorak (Level 2, Trak Centre, 445 Toorak Road, Toorak). There is ample parking in Trak Center car park (enter Jackson Street).

Ken Follett will launch and personally sign his sequel to *The Pillars of the Earth*. *World Without End* is one of the most anticipated books in memory and is one of the biggest releases on Pan Macmillan's list this year.





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\$95.00 per person includes two course meal and all beverages
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Contact Alan Freedman on 0419 357 864 or at barhampton@bigpond.com (RSVP: 5 November), or check the D9800 website to download your booking form (<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/Members/EventsCalendar>).

Tee-Off With RC Altona City!

Altona City Rotary Club is holding its Sixth Annual Charity Golf Day for Very Special Kids and other local and international Rotary projects.

Commencing at 12.30pm on Friday, 29 February 2008 (we're giving you lots of time to get your entries in before the 14 February deadline!), there will also be a presentation dinner and plenty of great prizes.

All the details, including the entry form, are available on the District website (<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/Members/EventsCalendar>) or you can call Ivan Board (9749 3808 or 0422 389 102) or Charlie Montebello (9398 4047 or 0412 257 723).

Featured Club

The Rotary Club of Glen Eira was Chartered as the RC of Caulfield Rosstown on 10 November 1987 and renamed as the RC of Glen Eira in 1996 as a Dinner Club.

Think of Glen Eira and you think of that area south of Dandenong Road. I think of plane trees (spectacularly deciduous) and California bungalow-type houses, some with those distinctive 'barber pole' columns. On Saturday you can be greeted with the sight of traditionally garbed members of the Jewish community heading to the synagogue while the background noise emanates from a race caller and the crowd on a Caulfield race day. Everything you seek is probably available, just gracefully understated. I took the tram ride along Dandenong Road and caught up with David Heuberger, Glen Eira RC President, and, wait for it, 'bachelor man' - never married!! This was a singular and salutary moment ... best behaviour Clarice. Dressed to the nines, (overdone yet, arrestingly demure) I greeted David and he escorted me to, would you believe, an understated but excellent Glen Eira-type coffee shop. I nearly opened my innings with, "I believe you're single, how ...", but showed admirable restraint and took the conservative line ...



RC Glen Eira mascot - Trudy

C: So David, what differentiates the Glen Eira Rotary Club from all others?

DH: This is the only club to have an old chook as its mascot. 'Trudy' the 13- year old chook passed on this year and is remembered by a brass plaque on our fine box! (*Most of the 'old chooks' I know lived well past 13 years ... Vale Trudy.* -C). Ours is a Dinner Club, with focus on local community projects. Our local communities have various health services and aged care facilities and these are supported physically and financially. We also have a heavy emphasis on youth involvement - New Generations. We have been involved in Youth Exchange since 1989 (accepting students here and sending abroad), GSE involvement, Ambassadorial Scholars, host families, youth nights, RYLA and RYPEN camps, as well as programs we run at our local secondary college. We have a sister club arrangement with the RC of Ogaki West in Japan and reciprocal visits have been hugely successful. We have an eclectic mix of member's backgrounds both in vocation and personal lives. Each year since 1989, our club has organised a Business Persons' Breakfast that has established a tradition of high profile speakers and our recognition of the Business of the Year Award. We host up to 300 guests in the Glen Eira City Hall; this is always our major fund raiser. We also believe in ensuring that all our guests are welcome and made to feel at home. Humour is the main ingredient at our meetings and we don't take ourselves too seriously. (*Zealots, take note ... having fun is important.* -C).

C: What past projects would rank in your Club's 'Hall of Fame'?

DH: There's a number of them: organising eight annual Rotary Race Days at the Caulfield Racecourse in the 1990s, and dedicating the funds raised to such areas as the Bone Marrow Donor Institute; substantial financial support to the Caulfield General Medical Centre (CGMC) to provide a much needed bladder scanner; recent support of \$10,000 to the International Diabetes Institute from that year's Businessperson's Breakfast; support for CGMC to establish a rehabilitation mobility garden; an East Timor project to establish education facilities (building project); elderly care facility, painting, gardening, assisting in establishing a home theatre for residents; sponsoring of Paul Oliphant on exchange to Brazil in 1999 - we are proud of the opportunity we gave Paul and the success he made of it.



C: What has your club in the pipeline for the 2007/08 Rotary year?

DH: Plans include: our club's 20th birthday celebrations in November. (*Yippee... a party just after the Cup carnival. I'm there !! -C*); our Business Breakfast in March 2008; a GSE dinner plan and support; preparations for the Ogaki West visit to celebrate our 21st birthday; continued support to CGMC and its rehabilitation mobility garden; sending a student on exchange to Germany in 2008; arranging a joint international project involving our sister Club Ogaki West, apan; assistance to asylum seekers' advocacy (already completed); continuation of collection days at Caulfield Racecourse to assist prevention of youth suicide (this is via the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund); and Catering for the upcoming RYPEN camp.

C: Tell us about the area around Glen Eira Rotary Club - the way the area is changing and developing and any local features of note.

DH: Glen Eira is predominantly surrounded by the Caulfield area. It is an established area within inner Melbourne close to the Bayside suburbs. The area remains in many ways unchanged from the early 1900s, other than some newer houses which, some say, unfortunately replace the heritage homes. It is a well maintained area with parks and numerous schools, small businesses and aged care facilities. It has an older average aged community though it is thriving, and it probably has Australia's largest Jewish community base. It's main features are the well known Caulfield Racecourse and the stately Glen Eira City Hall (both of which provide facilities for our use).

C: What is the Glen Eira Rotary Club's passion?

DH: Our club has a passion for assisting our local community and a strong passion for new generations (such as Youth Exchange). Last week's Networker published an interview with Johannes Kemmer from Germany (our 2005/6 Exchange Student) who had visited for his recent holiday - his time with us was the best experience of his life! We are also continually supporting international projects and we wish to ensure our sister club relationship continues to thrive and becomes a conduit for many worthy projects. For a relatively small club we are always over-represented in District committees and in supporting District and Foundation initiatives (for instance, we recently arranged a DG Changeover night, catered a RYLA camp and hosted the Dutch GSE team). We have a great passion to welcome all our guests as if they were part of our club. We also have a strong belief in fellowship.

C: If you had to liken your Club to a song, what would it be and why?

DH: 'Melting Pot' as all our members have differing backgrounds and ages and our projects are varied, but placed all together it seems to work.

C: In the Glen Eira club, does anyone have an unusual or exotic job or hobby?

DH: PP Adrian Nelson and GSE tour leader (2006 - 2007) is a Funeral Director. I guess I should include myself so here goes ... 'David Heuberger (current President and a banker) loves the racing industry and racing history and likes to think he knows more about the Melbourne Cup than just about anybody. And Clarice ...it's not true that bank customers should check where their funds are being invested!! (*Ah ha ...racing industry, I knew it - I can see the beginnings of a very good friendship.* -C) Yoshiko Stynes is involved in the crayfish industry and exports to Japan. Geoff Oscar and Joe Aarons both have had Australian Honours awards presented to them. Frank Jacobs is a Master Painter who held the contract for surfacing the floor of Melbourne's Exhibition Building (how would you like to sand that on your knees?).



Glen Eira RC representatives at the Ogaki City Mayoral Reception in the Club's honour in Japan March 2007

C: Who is the longest serving member in your Club?

DH: PP Geoff Oscar AM was inducted into Rotary in June 1967; his vocation was Pharmacy. Geoff became our Charter President in 1987 and has served our club with huge distinction throughout its life. Geoff is also a Past President of our parent club, the RC of Caulfield. There are five other current members who were with Geoff in the Club's first year: PP David Nettelbeck, PP Kurt Langfelder, Hon Member Frank Jacobs, PP Max Sherlock, and PP John Leske.

C: Over the 20 years since RC Glen Eira's inception there must have been some interesting events and characters along the way. What are some weird, funny events or characters that you could mention?

DH: Some we best not mention. (*That bad, eh? -C*) However, while painting the facilities for an exhibition at the National Gallery Victoria, Frank Jacobs splashed a bit of Dulux flat on to an old master. The Curator had an attack of the 'vapours' and you don't want to know how Frank removed it!! (*No I don't ... but I am a little in awe of Frank.* -C)



C: *Looking at the area where the Glen Eira club operates, the landmark that I most remember is Caulfield Racecourse. Has the club organised events at the racecourse and is there a solid racing group within the ranks?*

DH: We have raised funds via the racecourse on numerous coin collecting days - we are their preferred coin collector as a general rule. We have always had a good relationship with the Glen Eira Council and the operators of the racecourse. Over many years we have organised functions at the course, including our race days, District dinners, tin shaking etc. Some of the hospitality in the VATC Committee rooms was legendary and certain members found it hard to find their cars in an empty car park late in the evening!! We don't have a core racing group in the club ... however, as I said, I'm very passionate about racing industry, especially its history. *(At this point I started to rattle off names - 'Makybe Diva', 'Might & Power', 'Kingston Town', 'Vo Rogue' ... David gave me a funny look and continued -C)* Two of our members, Marilyn and Keith Faiman, are family of the owners of 1972 Caulfield Cup winner, Sobor. *(Ironic name when you think of the members' emerging from the VATC Committee rooms. -C)*

C: *If there was a cheque for \$1 million made out to the Glen Eira Rotary Club with a note saying, "Spend it all on worthwhile community projects or lose it", where do you think would you spend it?*

DH: Our Club would involve itself in the following local projects: complete the Mobility garden track at CGMC; seek to contribute further to CGMC in activities to assist people's recoveries back to health and wellbeing; assist in projects also with the Bethlehem Hospital; continue with youth exchange; and we would continue with prevention of youth suicide projects. Internationally, we would: work on joint projects with Ogaki West (and Foundation - why not double the funds via matching grants?); seek further information about matching grants from Foundation to assist in the clearance of mines in Cambodia (this is being explored by one of our members); one of our members has been very active in East Timor in raising funds to build educational facilities, class rooms, schools, and we would seek to continue this fine work.

C: *If I was keen to get involved with the Rotary of Glen Eira, how would I go about making contact with the club?*

DH: Contact via our club website is easiest overall - www.rotarygleneira.org.au. Alternatively you can email rotary@rotarygleneira.org.au or heubergd@anz.com. Or call David Heuberger on 0421 098 394.

Just then, David received a call from his office ... the bank ... and was unable to stay for lunch. Unfortunate, really. Even so, I don't think I created a massive first impression. Maybe he just needed more time to consider his options ... and I'm told that I can be a bit 'confronting'. I guess I could improve my racing knowledge ... I just realised that I've been to eleven Melbourne Cups and never actually seen any horses. Hmmm. It doesn't end here, David. The Glen Eira club, being very social, is likely to have some interesting events where an intrepid female journalistic type, in the interest of Rotary public relations, could 'just happen to turn up'. Maybe the anniversary of Trudy's demise?

New Generations With Marc Fookes



Marc & Bev Fookes

Have You Remembered That September Is Rotary New Generations Month?

Are you guilty of not doing something together with your club for our future leaders of the community?

Our programs within New Generations are not only a wonderful learning opportunity for our youth but also a great deal of satisfaction and fun for all Rotarians involved at club and district levels.

Invite students who have just completed a program back to the club to speak of their experience and you will be delighted with the effect upon them. If you are not fully aware of the variety of programs we offer, then you can find the

information in the District Directory, the District website and in the first Networker for September.

When did your club last select a student out of a local school to be Young Citizen of the Year? When did your club last select an apprentice of the year? Go out into the community and give our youth a feeling of pride and wellbeing!

Have you thought that your club could set up an Interact Club at your local school? We have the expertise to help you with this and many other projects.

You can contact Marc Fookes on 0439 456 120 or email mfookes@bigpond.net.au and he will put you on to the right person to guide you through a program.