



February Is World Understanding Month

It's About Having Fun

When asked why I joined Rotary, I used to reply that I joined Rotary 'to have the opportunity to give back a little' ... ah yes, the 'solid citizen' answer which still resonates beautifully in some of the dustier corners of the demographic.

While that answer was certainly true, I suspect the real reason I joined Rotary was to **HAVE FUN**.

In fact, if Rotary wasn't fun I'm sure that I'd be somewhere else.

In short ... **IF** I didn't enjoy going to my weekly Rotary meetings, **IF** I didn't enjoy working with my fellow members at fundraising events, **IF** I didn't enjoy working on humanitarian projects and **IF** I didn't enjoy the great club and district fellowship activities **I doubt that I would be a Rotarian now.**

So there, I'm a District Governor unmasked.... the real reason I am a Rotarian is to have fun. One of the things I have noticed about highly effective clubs is the genuine camaraderie amongst the members. This is not some lucky social engineering accident ... it is developed and nurtured over many years by each of those clubs being very active across a wide range of projects, fundraisers and fellowship activities.

Clubs that understand that fellowship and fun are at the very heart of a successful Rotary club, consciously orchestrate activities that will involve all their members. And this requires **PLANNING**. It is so important to plan the Rotary year, to plan early and to plan around the interests and preferences of the members. Each club has a personality ... it is a wonderful, intangible asset formed by the sum of the personalities of its members. This individuality and strong personality leads to effective outcomes and much is achieved by clubs who have 'attitude' and are comfortable and confident in the way that they transact their version of Rotary.

This year, our District has introduced the new Club Vision program. This program facilitates longer term strategic planning for clubs so that they can tailor their plans to meet the needs of their members. And given the wonderful diversity of clubs in D9800, I would be very surprised if any two club strategic plans were the same. I'm sure that, once instituted, the club can be confident it has the right plan with the right programs and activities to engage all members. One of the wonderful aspects of the Club Vision program is that it is not size dependant. It is equally beneficial to large, strong and effective clubs as it is to our smaller, developing clubs.

So (with appropriate apologies to 'solid citizenry') let's set ourselves up to have fun. Let's make our club meetings and activities fun-filled and attractive to others so we can continue to grow and revel in the good works of Rotary.

Remember it's all in the planning.

HAVE FUN

~Jim Studebaker, District Governor

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DG Jim Studebaker & Carol





Connecting With The ITHF

ITHF continues to flourish and we are looking forward to reunion with many of our members from near and far at the Birmingham Convention.

As usual we will have a booth at the Convention as a central meeting place for our members and for other Rotarians seeking membership of a friendly fellowship with over 2,000 members in 60 countries, all happy to meet and break bread with fellow members.

There are many benefits of membership of ITHF, not the least of which is to join with fellow members on a Tour to the World Convention.

Two busloads this year, leaving from London on June 6, travelling through England, Ireland and Scotland, and arriving in Birmingham on June 19 in time for the Convention.

During the Convention we hold our AGM over breakfast, normally attended by some 150 members, a fun occasion with a few minutes of serious business.

Other events are held from time to time at locations around the world for local members to get together for fun and frivolity.

A huge amount of information is available for our members, including full details and photos of our members, in our on line directory. Members are free to contact other members wherever they travel, for cultural exchange and to get local information.

Check our website, www.ithf.org, for more information, including how to join this fabulous fellowship, or contact our administrator, Jim Andrews - jandrews@ithf.org or telephone +1 931 528 1810



Rotarian Jennifer Chiwela's Visit

Renowned Zambian educator, International Guide Leader, consultant to the United Nations and Chairperson for the Africa Network Campaign for Education for All, Jennifer Chiwela recently spoke at meetings of the Rotary Clubs of Hawthorn, Keilor and Canterbury.

A teacher and educator who became the youngest person and first woman ever to chair Zambia's Education Commission, she has launched education and health care programs for preschoolers, teenagers, and rural and refugee women and men, as well as projects combating AIDS.

Bringing good wishes from the Rotary Club of Lusaka Central, Jennifer spoke of the good work that is flowing from Rotary's contribution, which is being implemented in her country with the assistance of local Rotary clubs. Jennifer thanked the Rotarians for the 7 containers of goods sent through the DIK store and mentioned there is much more to do.



L- R: PP Anne Scott, Jennifer Chiwela and President Rotary Club of Hawthorn, Joan Janka.



Goorambat Community Gather For Drought Relief

One hundred and twenty people packed the Goorambat community hall on the evening of Saturday, 24 January to enjoy a dinner and movie as part of the Stonnington Cares drought relief project.

Guests were treated to a two-course dinner cooked by Benalla and Melbourne Rotarians.

After the meal a children's movie was presented while conversation flowed freely as neighbours and friends caught up with each other.

Benalla Rural City Council Drought Coordinator Kim Scanlon said the night was a joint celebration of Australia Day and the completion of improvements to the community hall.

"Attendance on the night surpassed expectations and it was great to see so many people catching up with friends in Goorambat's grand old hall," she said.

"The Rotary Club of Prahran sponsored the night and through its generosity the Goorambat community was able to truly connect. It was lovely to see a wide range of ages attending the function and the night provided entertainment for everyone."

The Goorambat event was the second in a series of three community dinner and movie nights being held throughout the Benalla Rural City.

The first successful gathering was held at the Lurg Hall on 17 January 2009. The final get-together will be held at the Warrenbayne Hall on 7 February, 2009 starting at 7pm. Residents of Warrenbayne, Baddaginnie and Lima districts are welcome to attend.

Bookings would be appreciated and can be made by telephoning Kim Scanlon on 5761 2247 or email kim.scanlon@benalla.vic.gov.au



The RC of St Kilda's Tastes of St Kilda Recipe Competition

If you have ever fancied yourself as a bit of a whiz in the kitchen here is your chance to prove it. Enter the Tastes of St Kilda Recipe Competition and be one of five lucky winners.

<http://stkrotary.etoools.com.au/tastes-competition.html>

Win great prizes and have your recipe published in Relish 2010



What Your Club Can Do For Rotary Day

This year Rotary Day is on Sunday 22nd February, how will your club celebrate?

From the 20th to 27th February we need to celebrate the birthday of Rotary. Below are some suggestions as to how your club can help to make it a special celebration.

1. Celebrate the success your club has had in the community by writing an article for your local newspaper.
2. Ask your local business to display our District's Rotary brochure for the week.
3. Hold a birthday party for Rotary. Don't forget a cake, candles, streamers and balloons. Invite your family, friends, community and corporate partners and your local media.
4. Invite former RYLA, RYPEN and GSE Team members to a special meeting of your club.
5. Contact your local Community Radio station, can they help you publicise Rotary Day?
6. Organise a fete within your community for Rotary Day, with proceeds going to a local community charity.
7. Write a letter to the editor of your local community newspaper which publicising Rotary Day and the events you have planned to celebrate.
8. Combine with surrounding Clubs and have a joint meeting to celebrate your successes together.
9. Arrange to visit a local school— ask the school choir to sing Happy Birthday to Rotary. Invite a Rotary Exchange student to speak to the students.
10. Get out into the community, hold a stall at your local shopping centre or market – give away balloons.
11. Ask your local council if you can fly the Rotary flag from your townhall.
12. Whatever you do have fun and celebrate the joy of Rotary.



For more ideas from Rotary International on how to celebrate
<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/uploads/downloads/Events/2009/RotaryDay.pdf>

Let's together inspire the community around us!



Notices & Events

The Probus Club of Carlton-Parkville



The Rotary Club of Carlton is establishing a local Probus Club to serve the needs of residents of Carlton and Parkville as well as surrounding areas. A Community Interest Meeting which will be held at 10.30 a.m. on **Tuesday, 10 February** at Graduate House, 220 Leicester Street, Carlton. This is a community service program established by the Rotary Club of Carlton for active retirees to enjoy fellowship through monthly meetings that will attract great speakers on a broad range of topics. Members will also have the opportunity to participate in additional leisure activities if they so desire.

For expressions of interest contact: Ian Jungwirth at probuscarltonparkville@gmail.com or Rotary Club of Carlton P.O. Box 14, Parkville 3052



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Homegrown Blues By The Bay

WHERE: POINT COOK HOMESTEAD, Homestead Rd. Point Cook.

WHEN: **Sunday, 15 February**

TIME: Gates open 10am, first act 10:30am. finish at 6pm

COST: \$30 Adult, \$20 Concession & Pensioner, Children 15 and under Free.

Listen to home grown blues by the bay at the Homestead Blues Festival! Featuring Michael Charles, Jimi Hocking, Andrea Marr, Blues Dukes, Cold Snap, The Sweethearts and Mannish Boys. Enjoy magnificent country and city views, gourmet food, wine tasting and free kids activities, or just sit under the Norfolk pines, relax and enjoy some great Blues. The Point Cook Homestead is a magnificent bayside heritage property on 25-acres, with fabulous country and city views, a real hidden gem.

www.bluespointcook.com

For more information please contact Michael Nash, Homestead Blues Festival Chairman

Email: michaelnash1@bigpond.com 9886 0055 (W) 9741 4317, 0403373664 (Mob) or 9886 0122(Fax)



Welcome Dinner for GSE team Sweden



To be held on **Tuesday, 17 February** at 6.30PM for 7.00PM at The Brighton Baths Restaurant, to be hosted by

The Rotary Club of Chadstone/East Malvern. A special rate of \$48.00 per head with a wide range of drinks available at bar prices. Confirmation of attendance required no later than Monday 9, February.

Please contact Michael Bennett at michaelbennett@live.com.au or 0412 636 264

Please use this link:

<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/uploads/downloads/Events/2009/GSEDinnerInvite.pdf>

for the booking form.

Lunar New Year Banquet

Friday, 20 February at 6.30pm for 7.00pm

Dragon Boat Restaurant on the Yarra, Crown Plaza Melbourne 1-5 Spencer Street, Melbourne

Entertainment: Nicole Wallace - soprano

Traditional Chinese Lion Dance - Chinese Youth Society of Melbourne

All proceeds to assist RoCan Ovarian Cancer Research and Rotary Club of Richmond Community Projects.



People born in the Year of the Ox are patient, speak little, and inspire confidence in others. They tend, however, to be eccentric, and bigoted, and they anger easily. They have fierce tempers and although they speak little, when they do they are quite eloquent. Ox people are mentally and physically alert. Generally easy-going, they can be remarkably stubborn, and they hate to fail or be opposed. They are most compatible with Snake, Rooster, and Rat people.

For more information or to book please use this link:

<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/uploads/downloads/Events/2009/LunarNYDinner.pdf>

The Rotary Wine Appreciation Fellowship



The next function of the Rotary Wine Appreciation Fellowship will be held on **Sunday, 22 February**-- Wine tasting 12--12.30 -- Lunch 1.00pm at Kellybrook Winery & Restaurant, Fulford Road, Wonga Park 3115 Telephone 9722 1304 Melway map 24 J8

Kellybrook is a lovely oasis in the old Yarra Valley orchard belt and is the closest Yarra Valley winery to Melbourne. It is set in its own private valley with extensive vineyards, gardens and native bushland.

The award winning restaurant, with its views across the vineyards, serves imaginative menus drawing on local produce. The long-established restaurant opens out onto a decking and vine covered terrace area, providing the perfect indoor/outdoor setting.

Kellybrook make a unique range of still and sparkling wines, ciders and apple brandy.



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Tastings are held in the Barrel Room and wine purchases can be made on the day.

- Pinot Noir, Cabernet Merlot
- Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz
- Gewurztraminer, Champagne Cider
- Non-sparkling table cider; and...
- many more

Two course meal at a discount price + some exciting wines

For more information please contact Leon Lewi 9333 1441 or email llewi@connexus.net.au

Tee Off with the Rotary Club of Altona City!



The RC of Altona City is holding their 7th Annual Golf Day for Very Special Kids along with other local and international projects.

To be held on Friday, 27 February at Koorringal Golf Course, Altona, hit off at 12.30pm. Plenty of great prizes with a presentation dinner and auction following a great day of golf.

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

Banquet Auction Dinner

Support a great project! - All funds raised will support Eyes Wide Open,

Friday, 27 February 6:30pm—11:00pm

Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club, Williams Road North, Toorak

Tickets: \$85 or \$850 per table of ten

Includes: Two course meal, beer, wine and soft drink

Entertainment: Bhán Tré Celtic Band MC: Fred Poli

Banquet Auction: Auction items include holiday packages, household goods, wine packages and much more. Tax receipts will be issued for all purchases.



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For bookings please use this link:

<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/uploads/downloads/Events/2009/EWOForm.pdf>

Charity Golf Day

Rotary Club of Brimbank Central CHARITY GOLF DAY - **Friday, 6 March**, Medway Golf Club, Omar Street, Maidstone,

Tee Off time 12.30pm. Dinner 6.00pm for 6.30pm

\$10,000 prize for The Hole in One - try your luck

The competition is AMBROSE

Prizes for winners & 2nd place, Nearest the pin on 8th & 10th holes, and Mens and Ladies Longest Drive



Further information contact Jack Watson on 9337 4170 or email dawnwatson@yahoo.com

60th Anniversary Dinner Dance

The Rotary Club of Williamstown was chartered on 11th March 1949.

They will celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the granting of our charter on **Saturday, 28th February** with a black tie dinner dance in the Williamstown Town Hall. This is the same venue in which our Charter Dinner was held in 1949.





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The District Governor, the Mayor of Hobson's Bay and other dignitaries will be attending. All Presidents of District 9800 clubs have been sent invitations asking their clubs to send representatives to help us celebrate this milestone.

Entertainment will be provided by the Williamstown RSL Pipe Band, the Rathdowne Street Big Band and the talented Wendy Stapleton who will do a floor show. The musicians have been selected for their ability to help us reminisce with some of the best music from the last 6 decades.

For more information or to book please contact:
Chris James on 0412 055 412 cwjames@sctelco.net.au or
Yvonne Moon on 0407 303 255 yvonne.moon@bigpond.com

Tickets - \$100



Bendigo Olive Fiesta



When: **Saturday, 28 February**, 6:30pm – gala dinner **Sunday 1 March**, 10:00am to 4:00pm – public fiesta

Where: Bendigo Pottery, 146 Midland Highway, Epsom

For more information
website: www.bendigoolivefiesta.com
email: contact@bendigoolivefiesta.com.au

Melbourne Food & Wine Event for Relish 2009

Free event but entry only by RSVP - 150 places available

RSVP now to be part of St Kilda's Melbourne Food & Wine Festival event for 2009.

At this event:

- * Winners announced from the Tastes of St Kilda recipe competition
- * Cheques presented to the benefiting charities, Sacred Heart Mission & ShelterBox from Relish 2009.
- * Featuring free food from local restaurants & cafes.



When: **Thursday, 19 March**

Where: Linden Gallery, 26 Acland Street, St Kilda

Time: 6.00pm to 8.00pm

RSVP Friday 6th March 2009

RSVP NOW to info@relishrecipes.com.au - be quick only 150 places available!

Annual Wyndham Rotary Fun Run Walk - Take the First Steps

8am, **Saturday, 28 March**

Come for an enjoyable run or walk along the peaceful Werribee River, starting from President's Park (Melways 205 C3) Werribee. For individuals, families, schools, businesses and clubs to promote community health with 3Km, 8Km and 15 Km options.

All welcome including BEGINNERS, ADVANCED, OLDIES & YOUNGIES.

This is the second year of the event and organisers are hoping for 600 entrants - with proceeds going to support the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

For further information please contact Gary Willson on garywillson@hotmail.com
or
enquire and registration at www.wyndhamfunrun.org





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“Have fun making
a difference!”
- Rotary Reporter

“For global charity effectiveness,
definitely an award-winner!”
- The Daley Comment

“Special events during welcome
month - Make time and go!”
- Chris the Critic

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COME AND FIND OUT MORE!

Rotary Clubs near your home or workplace are hosting this month special events to welcome new members who want to make a difference in their own communities as well as around the world.

www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au



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Supporting Our Fire Ravaged Communities

This week I am particularly proud to be both a Victorian and a Rotarian. The energy with which all have responded to the bushfire crisis has been both astounding and inspirational. The absolute support from around the globe is also heartwarming.

I appreciate the way our District and sister Districts have responded to my message earlier this week. It's great to know that we are all working in tandem to do what we do best.

This week's Networker outlines the initiatives and undertakings of our District's response. Our District's response is being headed up by Mev Connell our Community Service Chairman. Mev can be contacted at bushfirehelp@rotarydistrict9800.org.au.

Whilst we immediately established the Bushfire Recovery Fund to support our projects, this Fund does not have a tax deductible status and we are now very close to finalising a second fund which will allow tax deductible donations for Rotarians and Friends of Rotary who wish to make valued tax deductible donations. Both funds will work in tandem to finance the numerous projects our clubs will get involved in, in both the short and long-term.

At last night's District Leadership Team meeting it was evident that the normal work of Rotary is continuing at a pace with extensive reports from our Leadership Team. DGE Colin Muir was delighted with the success of the PrePETS program that was run last Sunday at Macedon and is looking forward to the PETS program in April.

This morning we also welcomed the Swedish GSE Team at Tullamarine airport, next week's Networker will include an article about the incoming GSE Teams. I hope you will get a chance to meet them at one of the many functions being held during their visit.

The Lexus cocktail party, this week reminded me that the lead up to our District Conference is in full swing. If you haven't booked then please do at:
<http://groupstasmania.com/booking/register.php>.

I know that all of us will get behind the Bushfire Recovery Fund in our own way. These communities need our support as they go about rebuilding their lives, homes and businesses. Our efforts to assist through fundraising and community support are vital in ensuring that some sense of normality is restored to the victims of the disaster. I urge you all to get behind the Bushfire Recovery Fund and show the Family of Rotary's true spirit.

~Jim Studebaker, District Governor

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Bushfire Recovery



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Districts

What we are doing.

As with all Victorians our District has been profoundly saddened and touched by the tragedy of the Victorian Bushfires. With the fires destroying homes and claiming lives throughout the heart of our state we have been overwhelmed by the response of Rotarians around the nation and indeed the world.

What is particularly heartening is the willingness of The Family of Rotary from far and wide to ask "What can we do to help?".



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In response, we wanted to share with you some ideas on how we can assist those dealing with the consequences and challenges of the bushfires.

Donate

Rotary District 9800 has opened a trust fund account to provide assistance to affected communities. Rotarians, corporate supporters, Friends of Rotary and members of the public can make donations to the **"Rotary International D 9800 Bushfire Recovery Fund"**, **BSB Number 013 345, Account Number 2521 12703 (Swift code ANZBAU3M)** at any ANZ Bank. Cash donations enable us to support the changing needs of bushfire victims as time goes on. They allow us the flexibility to appropriately adapt our response to local needs, which will no doubt change as the focus of communities switch from short-term survival and shelter requirements to the rebuilding of community infrastructure. Recognising that there are already many Non-Government Organisations already working in affected areas, this medium to long-term period will be the main focus of Rotary's efforts.

For more information on the fund, which has been authorised for official fundraising, please contact bushfirehelp@rotarydistrict9800.org.au

Current Projects

District Governor Ken McDonald from District 9820 has advised that Rotarians from within his District have immediately got involved with numerous hands on projects in support of the recovery. They are manning many barbeques and community shelters in support of the volunteers and those affected. District 9820's Centenary House in Traralgon has been offered by their Committee of Management as an accommodation venue for the displaced. The Rotary Club of Bairnsdale through its President Elect, Peter Saul has made his Alpaca Farm available for agistment purposes. Members in the area are supporting the farming community with fodder for animals from their properties. The Eco Lodge on Phillip Island has also offered their accommodation facilities to District 9820, free of charge, to those displaced in this catastrophe. DG Ken also advises that their own emergency fund has been established and is being well supported by the District's Rotary Clubs, local businesses and friends of Rotary.

Promote the Recovery Fund

The rebuilding and recovery phase is a long-term one and will require ongoing promotion and support around the country. Simple forms of promotion such as adding a short message promoting the Bushfire Recovery Fund to your email signature provide a visible and tangible means for people to help us help others.

For example:



As with other major disasters, Rotarian volunteers from Victorian Districts will be there helping extensively in the rebuilding and recovery of communities affected by the Victorian bushfires. You can help Rotary help them by making a donation to the **"Rotary International D 9800 Bushfire Recovery Fund"**, **BSB Number 013 345, Account Number 2521 12703 (Swift code ANZBAU3M)** at any ANZ Bank. **100% of monies donated will go to helping these communities.** Or for more information, simply email bushfirehelp@rotarydistrict9800.org.au

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Plan a Project

Rotary clubs should begin preparing a response immediately - we encourage city clubs to get in touch with local country clubs to partner in their efforts. To avoid unnecessary duplication, we suggest you contact bushfirehelp@rotarydistrict9800.org.au to advise of your likely contribution prior to your undertakings – we will endeavour to let you know of similar efforts and opportunities to partner with other clubs. Below are further proposed aid projects for your consideration which would provide tangible assistance to affected communities.

Some Project Ideas

Typical activities for consideration by the **Combined Rotary Districts Community Services Group** and individual Clubs include:

Work in ravaged areas:

- **Clean-up work**

Debris resulting from the fires will need to be cleared, transported and disposed of. Shovels, excavation equipment and manpower would be of assistance.





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This kind of work needs to be determined by local people and coordinated by them. It needs close management of where, when, equipment, transport, cartage, catering etc. Those assisting are strongly advised to make sure all those assisting in the clean up are wearing suitable masks.

- **Rebuilding work**

Assistance in rebuilding community halls, facilities, monuments, etc., as well as private residences – this will be an extensive task. Building materials, water tanks, fencing, hardware, excavation and clearing equipment, etc will all be required.

Assisting members of the public in rebuilding their homes and assisting in rebuilding infrastructure such as sports grounds, playgrounds, schools, toilets, picnic and/or tourist facilities.

- **Replanting**

Replanting of community and residential gardens. Equipment, seedlings and manpower will be required.

1. Private gardens/vegetable gardens
2. Public street and park planting
3. Farm and rural planting

- **Emergency Services and Recovery Team Relief**

Drink and food stations, temporary accommodation or shelters, pillows, foam mats and blankets, wash-off stations, etc. Additional tea, coffee and cold drinks are likely to be highly appreciated even if SES and other groups have their own resources. Volunteer relief of workers on existing stations might also be of use.

- **Clothing**

Victims will most likely be provided second hand clothing from other aid groups. Vouchers for new clothes may allow victims to begin to purchase their own clothes again.

- **Household Supplies and Goods**

On-site services to assist in shopping, the purchasing of whitegoods and other household essentials as well as the transporting of residents en masse to retail stores may be of some assistance.

- **Give Blood**

Giving blood via the Red Cross is a tangible way to provide support that can save lives.

- **Assistance With Insurance Paperwork and Administration**

Some residents may not know where to begin or how to fully access benefits available to them or complete insurance paperwork. Those Rotarians particularly familiar with insurance claims may be able to set up an assistance booth in conjunction with major insurers providing the paperwork and resources to get claims underway ASAP.

- **Food and Grocery Supplies**

Again vouchers or donations to general funds may be preferable to supplies to enable those affected to purchase what they require.

- **Burns Unit Assistance**

Meals, offers of temporary accommodation for family members, pillows, blankets and personal care for family members waiting with patients, offer of showers or amenities, etc. The Alfred Hospital is attending to the bulk of the burns victims.

- **Wildlife**

Assisting volunteer veterinarians and veterinarian nurses in their tremendous support and care for our wildlife. We can help these great people to continue their great work by raising funds for necessary medicines and equipment.

Just Some Of The Efforts So Far...

- The Rotary Club of Brunswick have already put in place a program to raise \$10,000 through member donations, with additional plans also in place.
- Like GrainCorp (who have provided a corporate donation of \$25,000), many other Australian businesses have pledged donations to the Bushfire Recovery Fund.
- Many individual Rotarians have arranged pay deductions with their employers who transfer the donation direct to the Bushfire Recovery Fund.
- The Rotary Club of Eaglehawk, its own region and members hit extensively by the fires, has responded to a request from the City of Greater Bendigo to conduct a Community Day BBQ for the public on Wednesday 18th February. They report that another club in their cluster will further assist them with the donation of six vehicles to bushfire victims on this day, while The Rotary Club of Bendigo has organised the Bendigo Youth Choir to present a public concert at the Capitol Theatre with corporate and public support.
- Rotary District 9600 which covers Brisbane, North of the river, PNG and Solomon Islands have appointed a Bushfire and Flood Victims Coordinator for their district, Paul Fernyhough. Paul has indicated that his intention is to raise at least \$60,000 for this cause and also assist those struck by disaster in the floods affecting North Queensland and The Solomon Islands.
- Rotary Camp Getaway in Axedale, Victoria has been offered as temporary accommodation and a community meeting point for those who have lost their homes and for firefighters requiring respite.
- Our sister clubs overseas have shown their care, with The Rotary Club of Osaka contacting us and promising a donation via its sister Club, The Rotary Club of Melbourne.



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- **Livestock**

Purchase of livestock, assistance with fencing, feed and veterinary requirements, etc.

- **Toys, schoolbooks, school uniforms, etc for children.**

Many children have lost everything – providing them with some small comforts as well as educational means to allow them to continue their studies would be meaningful. Temporary transport to and from school may be required in some instances.

- **Manual Labour Assistance**

Much manual labour is likely to be required. Creation of a centralised volunteer centre at which those willing to volunteer can congregate and be transported to locations requiring labour may be of assistance.

- **Seating**

Many involved will be spending large hours on their feet – seating to allow them to sit down may be beneficial.

- **Counselling**

Those Rotarians who are trained in counselling may want to volunteer their services via Victorian Information Services by phoning 1300 366 356. Doubtlessly those who do volunteer for counselling duties will themselves require debriefing peer support opportunities – those interested in forming an interim Fellowship network can express your interest via bushfirehelp@rotarydistrict9800.org.au

Activities in city areas:

- **Fundraising**

Please assist our District's Recovery Fund by donating direct to **"Rotary International D 9800 Bushfire Recovery Fund", BSB Number 013 345, Account Number 2521 12703 (Swift code ANZBAU3M).**

1. Direct cash donations - A central fund for both public and Rotary Club and Rotarian donations. Possible dedication of all fines money for the next year to this fund.
2. Develop a specific long term "Rotary" fundraising activity that all Clubs and Rotarians can become part of if they choose.
3. Rotary promotion and/or management of an ad-hoc "blockbuster" activity - \$500,000 outcome aim.
4. Clubs to develop local ad-hoc specific purpose fundraising activities.

- **DIK**

1. Involve and utilise existing DIK centres and expertise.

- **R&R relief for affected people**

1. City holidays.
2. Buying expeditions.
3. Private one-on-one or group activities.
4. Day trips, weekend or extended timeframe.
5. Support for country people needing medical care in the city and/or their relatives who need to be close for visiting.

- **Assistance with business recovery**

1. Mentoring business re-establishment.
2. Community tourism re-establishment support, marketing and promotion.

- **Plant raising**

1. Tree and shrub growing.
2. Seedlings for vegetable gardens.
3. Fruit trees.

It should be noted that rural people are already badly affected by the poor economic conditions. Consequently it is important to make sure that work done by well intentioned volunteers does not take away work opportunities for rural people.

It is suggested that Rotary try to make it a feature of voluntary work done, that local unemployed people are included in some way.

Just Some Of The Efforts So Far (cont)...

- From the North to the South, Australians don't stop giving - The Rotary Club of Darwin Sunrise has advised that it would be making a donation following its fundraising efforts to help their southern neighbours.
- Rotary District 9930 Leadership in New Zealand has thoughtfully passed on details of District 9800's Bushfire Recovery Fund to all members in District 9930, enabling them to channel donations to our efforts.
- District 9630 have reported back that a public collection is underway, with Toowoomba region Presidents meeting to arrange action through a coordinated assistance program.

There are many more clubs and districts that have already begun to send through their donations, details of projects, encouragement and offers of assistance - over the coming months your support will no doubt prove invaluable.

Thank you ALL for your generosity, thoughts and offers.



Asking What Is Required

We cannot presume what is required entirely – it is important that we ask how we can be of assistance at all times – while there will be coordinated efforts to provide major services and provisions, it will be the “things between the cracks” that get missed where we may be able to provide the most assistance.

Australians are famous for pulling together in times of need and certainly Rotarians as a whole are again leading the way.

ShelterBox And The Victorian Bushfires

Victorian Government responds to ShelterBox Australia's offer of aid

The Department of Human Services requested an initial deployment of 50 ShelterBoxes – 20 to Whittlesea and 30 to Kinglake. Arrangements are being made now and ShelterBox Response Team [SRT] members might assist with the deployments.

The Department believes tents will be erected on community sports fields and on sites where homes once stood, and say that the multi-fuel stoves will also be of vital assistance. Many people want to be on their property, especially as there is some looting.

After the deployment has been made, the Department will assess the need for more boxes – they are aware that we have immediate access to 200 in storage in Melbourne. We are sure that Rotarians in the affected areas will also be available to assist as the Department of Human Services guides the deployments.

This is Australia's greatest peace-time tragedy. With more than 5,000 made homeless, ShelterBox Australia is pleased to be able to provide some assistance to our fellow Australians.



Background to the ShelterBox Australia response

On Saturday evening – as the enormity of this tragedy was becoming known – Jenni Heenan, ShelterBox Australia General Manager contacted State MP Rob Hudson and Red Cross Australia and offered ShelterBox aid. The response this morning from Department of Human Services is a result of the contact by Jenni with Rob Hudson who conveyed our offer to State Government Ministers. ShelterBox Australia has been and remains in contact with the Rotary District Governors in the affected areas who are monitoring the situation.

“We have all been watching from afar with great dismay the dreadful wildfire disaster Victoria. Our thoughts are with our Rotary and Australian friends at this difficult time.”

A message from ShelterBox founder and CEO Tom Henderson

Dog Respite Care for Bush Fire Victims – Can You Help?

Fun4Paws is currently offering emergency respite care to the animals affected by the bush fires, however there are many more animals than there are carers.

There are large numbers of owners with nowhere to place their dogs. If you are able to offer a place to a dog in your home, please contact Luke Williams or Lynne Fitzsimmons and they will coordinate.

Luke - 0415 104 044 contact@fun4paws.com.au Lynne - 0428 844 810 or lynne@fun4paws.com.au

Dog Listeners Australia wide have pledged \$1000.00 to assist in the costs of food, petrol etc. so we hope that all costs of looking after a dog will be covered.





Rotary 'Activist' Ann White Featured

Docklands Community News, this week...

Rotary activist Ann White has formed Rotary Clubs in both Southbank and Yarraville and has now turned her considerable positive energy on Docklands.

Ms White, who runs a software business in South Melbourne, has had her eye on Docklands for some years now. She assesses the precinct as now being sufficiently mature to successfully host its own service club and is running two information evenings at Waterfront City.



The hour-long "interest meetings" are being held at 6.30pm on Tuesday, February 24 and Tuesday, March 10 at the Waterfront Room, Level 1, 427 Docklands Drive. Ms White said a successful club had a mix of members. "Retired professionals are good to have. Executives, small business people and younger people who benefit from the experience are a good mix," she said.

She said the common experience of being in business bound members together... She also warned not to view Rotary as a "networking opportunity". She said people who were not motivated to give something back to the community should save themselves the bother of applying. "Business people with skills and talents acquired over many years often feel the need to give something back," she said. Ms White said she wanted the new Docklands Rotary Club to charter by the middle of this year and that the new club would choose a project to work on straight away.

"Each club is autonomous and has the power to support those projects the members select as worthy of their time and efforts. This makes it very exciting as the charter members will decide the direction of the new club," she said.

"If you've been looking for a way to make some of your spare time useful and productive while meeting people who have similar values, Rotary may be the answer." "It's always easier when working with a team of like-minded people to make significant changes. This world needs its best and brightest to give of themselves rather than just donate money."

She said a new Rotary Club opened somewhere in the world every 12 hours.

Source: Docklands Community News, February 2009, Issue 39

Join The Great Australian Bike Ride

Starting in Melbourne on Saturday, 21 March

If Roberta Gordon can ride 17,803 kms around Australia – can you??

Roberta is 61 years old and plans to complete the entire Great Australian Bike Ride, commencing in Melbourne on Saturday 21 March. Roberta grew up in Brighton and worked at Brighton Primary School as a Librarian. She cycled and competed in many runs and triathalons in areas around District 9800 including Altona, Kew, St Kilda Albert Park, Port Melbourne and Rotary Club of Brighton's Bay Run. She has a great affinity with District 9800 having spent holidays in Echuca and Bendigo. She will be aiming to raise \$40,000 for Australian Rotary Health and has already raised \$20,000 with the help of District 9800 Clubs.

Come and join a leg of the Ride with Roberta. If you can't manage to ride from Melbourne to Sydney on the second leg (the first is from Melbourne to Hobart and back), then why not ride in a Launch Ride on the morning of Saturday, 21 March. You can start in Mornington, where the main Riders will commence, or perhaps Gardiners Creek takes your fancy? A ride will come in from the north or you can ride beside the sea from Werribee/Altona/Williamstown.





Rides will finish in Treasury Gardens with a BBQ lunch. Be part of the group of riders that will congregate on the steps of Parliament House for the official launch at 1.30 pm. Past Rotary International President Royce Abbey will cut the ceremonial ribbon to start the main group of riders on their way.

This is an event not to be missed.

Entries need to be made by 27th February to ensure receipt of your official yellow t-shirt to wear on the morning's ride.

Register at <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/uploads/downloads/Events/2009/RideLaunch.pdf> or go to the website www.greataustralianbikeride.org.au

4WD Trek In The Wombat State Forest

It was 9:00am Sunday 1st Feb with slightly overcast skies when 10 vehicles of all makes and models assembled for the 4WD trek through the Wombat State Forest. The organisational skills of Annie McGennissen were exceptional and the day went off without a hitch. No lost vehicles, damaged tyres, nervous drivers or petrified passengers. No winches, snatch straps, hi-lift jacks, bow shackles or drag chains were required. However, a good Mercedes mechanic would have come in handy, but that's another story.



After introductions and promptly forgetting people's names, filling in forms, handing over money, letting some air out of the tyres, assembling in convoy, checking two ways, swapping around hand-held two ways with ones that worked, re-checking two ways, ensuring all were could be heard clearly, re-checking two ways and finally getting it right, the convoy was off and running.

The convoy headed down Carrolls Lane, headlights ablazing because of the anticipated dust (that was an understatement), each vehicle registering to the Trip Leader via UHF radio that they were on their way.

The fun was about to start and you could hear the excitement in their voices... prepared for anything (except the dust). The first part of the route included Radcliffe Track, Blue Gum Track, Blue Gum Link Road, O'Briens Road and Upper Chadwick Track. It took one and a half hours to arrive at the much anticipated morning tea destination with some steep inclines and declines and very, very deep dried up mud holes slowed the progress somewhat.

Morning tea was spent heating kettles on dinky little gas burners, drinking tea, coffee and water, eating bikkies, fruit and even salmon & rice. Lots of discussions, the likes of "How did your Toyota handle the mud holes? My Patrol had no problem of course, just like driving on asphalt." "Is the Mercedes still in one piece?" "Whose 4WD is full of dust?" "How long before the lunch stop?". Just enough time for a walk to the trees and bushes, for a pit stop, before a group photo.

Time to rock and roll (literally). The route went from Chadwick Track to Diggers Track, Chettle Road, XL Link Road, Mill Road, Firth Road, Firth Park Road to our lunchtime destination of Firth Park. Another 1½ hours of ups, downs and sideways jolts. Time to unpack the picnic baskets, uncork the wine bottles, secure a shady spot and enjoy food, fresh air and fellowship in idyllic surroundings. Lunch was followed by a quick committee meeting. Apart from the usual meeting formalities it was the perfect time to discuss future 4WD trips. Areas that came up as possibilities were Howqua / Mansfield, Tallarook, Pyrenes and Perth (Post 2010 Conference). Meeting over, cars packed and we're on our way again. Or are we?.....

Wanted: Mercedes Mechanic

Just when it was safe to get back into our cars the Mercedes wouldn't start. What now? Turn off your motors, try not to snigger out loud and stumble out of your vehicles. Lift the bonnet, gather all the men around, stare confusedly into the motor, scratch heads, look underneath the car, scramble around frantically for the manual, keep trying to turn it over, swear under your breath and try not to snicker out loud again. Troy to the rescue. Armed with the fuse box and after much frowning and gollygoshing the filthy culprit turned out to be the stupid air conditioning fuse. Go figure! Mercedes now turns over and we can all be on the last leg of the journey.



Heading Home

The final route took the entripid travelers back to Carrolls Lane. What a great day. Lots of fun, lots of laughs and the making of new friendships. Thanks again to Annie. It was now just a matter of re-inflating tyres and heading home. A little bit dustier but very,very happy.



Show Your Support – Email Signatures Highlighting Rotary Appeals

In the wake of major disasters at home or abroad, Rotary will often appeal to the public and other Rotarians alike for their support of those affected by the disaster. Often this might be via designated relief funds, donations in kind, special projects or events.

An email signature is one of the best ways of highlighting these appeals and showing your support as a Rotarian. Email signatures are a personal, non-pressured and frequently viewed format of communication which cost nothing but convey a message.

While an actual email appealing for support can easily be read once then forgotten or deleted, the value of a message conveyed through an email signature is that you can include it in all your messages and it will continue to provide a salient yet unobtrusive reminder to your recipients on an ongoing basis.

We have created a signature which we encourage you to place in your email during our bushfire appeal campaign, while we will send out a Rotary District 9800 at the conclusion of the campaign to replace this signature. These can be used in conjunction with your existing signatures by simply inserting the signature along with your existing default signature.

This signature draws attention to Rotary and our efforts in regard to the bushfire, letting people know that we are doing something and that they can contribute and be involved. At the individual level as well this is a great way to promote your own involvement in a fantastic cause.



An initiative of District 9800
in conjunction with the
Victorian Districts

As with other major disasters, Rotarian volunteers from District 9800 will be there helping extensively in the rebuilding and recovery of communities affected by the Victorian bushfires. You can help Rotary help them by making a donation to the **"Rotary International D 9800 Bushfire Recovery Fund"**, **BSB Number 013 345, Account Number 2521 12703 (Swift code ANZBAU3M)** 100% of monies donated will go to helping these communities. Or for more information, simply email bushfirehelp@rotarydistrict9800.org.au.

We proudly support Rotary and its activities in our community, both locally and worldwide.
www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au



Notices & Events

Homegrown Blues By The Bay

WHERE: POINT COOK HOMESTEAD, Homestead Rd. Point Cook.

WHEN: **Sunday, 15 February**

TIME: Gates open 10am, first act 10:30am. finish at 6pm

COST: \$30 Adult, \$20 Concession & Pensioner, Children 15 and under Free.

Listen to home grown blues by the bay at the Homestead Blues Festival! Featuring Michael Charles, Jimi Hocking, Andrea Marr, Blues Dukes, Cold Snap, The Sweethearts and Mannish Boys. Enjoy magnificent country and city views, gourmet food, wine tasting and free kids activities, or just sit under the Norfolk pines, relax and enjoy some great Blues. The Point Cook Homestead is a magnificent bayside heritage property on 25-acres, with fabulous country and city views, a real hidden gem.

www.bluespointcook.com

For more information please contact Michael Nash, Homestead Blues Festival Chairman -

Email: michaelnash1@bigpond.com 9886 0055 (W) 9741 4317, 0403373664 (Mob) or 9886 0122(Fax)

Profits from this event will now be directed to the Bushfire Recovery program.



RC of Flemington - Bushfire Appeal

In lieu of the regular weekly meeting, the Rotary Club of Flemington will be running a fundraiser barbeque at Newmarket Railway Station on **Wednesday, 18 February** from 7.00am. Details are available on the club's website www.rotarydistrict9800.org/flemington



Welcome Dinner for GSE team Sweden



To be held on **Tuesday, 17 February** at 6.30PM for 7.00PM at The Brighton Baths Restaurant, to be hosted by The Rotary Club of Chadstone/East Malvern. A special rate of \$48.00 per head with a wide range of drinks available at bar prices. Confirmation of attendance required no later than Monday 9, February.

Please contact Michael Bennett at michaelbennett@live.com.au or 0412 636 264

Please use this link:

<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/uploads/downloads/Events/2009/GSEDinnerInvite.pdf>

for the booking form.

Lunar New Year Banquet

Friday, 20 February at 6.30pm for 7.00pm

Dragon Boat Restaurant on the Yarra, Crowne Plaza Melbourne 1-5 Spencer Street, Melbourne

Entertainment: Nicole Wallace - soprano

Traditional Chinese Lion Dance - Chinese Youth Society of Melbourne

All proceeds to assist RoCan Ovarian Cancer Research and Rotary Club of Richmond Community Projects.



People born in the Year of the Ox are patient, speak little, and inspire confidence in others. They tend, however, to be eccentric, and bigoted, and they anger easily. They have fierce tempers and although they speak little, when they do they are quite eloquent. Ox people are mentally and physically alert. Generally easy-going, they can be remarkably stubborn, and they hate to fail or be opposed. They are most compatible with Snake, Rooster, and Rat people.

For more information or to book please use this link:

<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/uploads/downloads/Events/2009/LunarNYDinner.pdf>

The Rotary Wine Appreciation Fellowship



The next function of the Rotary Wine Appreciation Fellowship will be held on **Sunday, 22 February**-- Wine tasting 12--12.30 -- Lunch 1.00pm at Kellybrook Winery & Restaurant, Fulford Road, Wonga Park 3115 Telephone 9722 1304 Melway map 24 J8

Kellybrook is a lovely oasis in the old Yarra Valley orchard belt and is the closest Yarra Valley winery to Melbourne. It is set in its own private valley with extensive vineyards, gardens and native bushland.

The award winning restaurant, with its views across the vineyards, serves imaginative menus drawing on local produce. The long-established restaurant opens out onto a decking and vine covered terrace area, providing the perfect indoor/outdoor setting.

Kellybrook make a unique range of still and sparkling wines, ciders and apple brandy.

Tastings are held in the Barrel Room and wine purchases can be made on the day.

Two course meal at a discount price + some exciting wines.

For more information please contact Leon Lewi 9333 1441 or email llewi@connexus.net.au

Daryl Mills - volunteer for five years as Liaison Officer in Timor Leste

The RC of Altona City are pleased to host the only speaking engagement for Rotarian Daryl Mills during his brief visit from Timor Leste on **Monday, 23 February**, 6.00 for 6.30pm

At Koorngal Golf Club. Wilga Avenue (cnr Queen Street) AltonaMelway Ref. Map 54, Ref. D12

Meet this extraordinary Rotarian, who since his appointment in December 2003, has assisted in many Rotary and non- Rotary projects in Timor Leste including ROMAC, DIK, re-building East Timor, Save Water Save Lives, The Rotary East Timor Roofing and Training Co-operative BAUCAU and learning and distributing up to 15 containers in a month . . . to mention a few

Daryl was a relatively new member of the Rotary Club of Footscray when following a talk by Bill Dagg, DIK, he volunteered for the Liaison Officer position. Daryl has been honoured with four PHF's

Cost: Only \$23 pp to listen to this great person's experiences

Bookings essential for catering purpose, by Tuesday, 17th February, 2009



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Contact: Frank Landells 9315 6650 or email: fclandells@bigpond.com Joe Gianchino 9399 1055, 0412 187 740 or email: joelgraphics@optusnet.com.au

Tee Off with the Rotary Club of Altona City!



The RC of Altona City is holding their 7th Annual Golf Day for Very Special Kids along with other local and international projects.

To be held on **Friday, 27 February** at Koorringal Golf Course, Altona, hit off at 12.30pm. Plenty of great prizes with a presentation dinner and auction following a great day of golf.

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

Banquet Auction Dinner

Support a great project! - All funds raised will support Eyes Wide Open,

Friday, 27 February 6:30pm—11:00pm
Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club, Williams Road North, Toorak
Tickets: \$85 or \$850 per table of ten
Includes: Two course meal, beer, wine and soft drink

Entertainment: Bhán Tré Celtic Band MC: Fred Poli

Banquet Auction: Auction items include holiday packages, household goods, wine packages and much more. Tax receipts will be issued for all purchases.

For bookings please use this link:

<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/uploads/downloads/Events/2009/EWOFForm.pdf>



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Charity Golf Day

Rotary Club of Brimbank Central CHARITY GOLF DAY - **Friday, 6 March**, Medway Golf Club, Omar Street, Maidstone,

Tee Off time 12.30pm. Dinner 6.00pm for 6.30pm

\$10,000 prize for The Hole in One - try your luck

The competition is AMBROSE Prizes for winners & 2nd place, Nearest the pin on 8th & 10th holes, and Mens and Ladies Longest Drive

For further information contact Jack Watson on 9337 4170 or email dawnwatson@yahoo.com



60th Anniversary Dinner Dance

The Rotary Club of Williamstown was chartered on 11th March 1949.

They will celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the granting of our charter on **Saturday, 28th February** with a black tie dinner dance in the Williamstown Town Hall. This is the same venue in which our Charter Dinner was held in 1949.

The District Governor, the Mayor of Hobson's Bay and other dignitaries will be attending. All Presidents of District 9800 clubs have been sent invitations asking their clubs to send representatives to help us celebrate this milestone.

Entertainment will be provided by the Williamstown RSL Pipe Band, the Rathdowne Street Big Band and the talented Wendy Stapleton who will do a floor show. The musicians have been selected for their ability to help us reminisce with some of the best music from the last 6 decades.

For more information or to book please contact: Chris James on 0412 055 412 cwjames@sctelco.net.au or Yvonne Moon on 0407 303 255 yvonne.moon@bigpond.com. Tickets - \$100





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Bendigo Olive Fiesta

When: **Saturday, 28 February**, 6:30pm – gala dinner **Sunday 1 March**, 10:00am to 4:00pm – public fiesta

Where: Bendigo Pottery, 146 Midland Highway, Epsom

For more information go to www.bendigoolivefiesta.com or email: contact@bendigoolivefiesta.com.au



Melbourne Food & Wine Event for Relish 2009

Free event but entry only by RSVP - 150 places available

RSVP now to be part of St Kilda's Melbourne Food & Wine Festival event for 2009.

At this event:

- * Winners announced from the Tastes of St Kilda recipe competition
- * Cheques presented to the benefiting charities, Sacred Heart Mission & ShelterBox from Relish 2009.
- * Featuring free food from local restaurants & cafes.

When: **Thursday, 19 March**

Where: Linden Gallery, 26 Acland Street, St Kilda

Time: 6.00pm to 8.00pm

RSVP Friday 6th March 2009



RSVP NOW to info@relishrecipes.com.au - be quick only 150 places available!

Annual Wyndham Rotary Fun Run Walk - Take the First Steps

8am, **Saturday, 28 March**

Come for an enjoyable run or walk along the peaceful Werribee River, starting from President's Park (Melways 205 C3) Werribee. For individuals, families, schools, businesses and clubs to promote community health with 3Km, 8Km and 15 Km options.

All welcome including BEGINNERS, ADVANCED, OLDIES & YOUNGIES.

This is the second year of the event and organisers are hoping for 600 entrants - with proceeds going to support the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

For further information please contact Gary Willson on garywillson@hotmail.com or enquire and registration at www.wyndhamfunrun.org



Annual John Flynn Memorial Charity Golf Day

The Werribee Rotary Club are holding their annual John Flynn Memorial Charity Golf Day on Tuesday, 31 March. The event is named after former President of the Werribee Rotary and Werribee Park Golf Clubs. The event will again be held at the Werribee Park Golf Course. The event is a 4 person Ambrose Format and hit off is at 12.30pm.

Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze Sponsorships are available and we also welcome single entries. There is a BBQ Lunch before tee off and a dinner and presentation of trophies after the completion of play. All monies raised are put back into the local communities.

All Rotarians and friends are encouraged to enter this prestige day.

All enquiries can be directed to me (Graham Roper) Ph: 040 343 7349 or for more information please <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/uploads/downloads/Events/2009/GolfFlyer.pdf>

Annual Art Show

From **Saturday 25 April** to **Saturday, 2 May**

For Preview Tickets to the Preview & Awards Night – Friday 24th April please contact John Steven – 9882 6184 or johnsteven@bigpond.com. Tickets are \$50.00 each – Light refreshments and beverages included.

Almost 2000 original paintings on show - Prize Pool of over \$50,000.00

Demonstrating Artists most days - Food & Beverages on sale during the week.



February Is World Understanding Month

Remembering the Bushfire Recovery and Our Foundation

Rotarians are doing an enormous job of giving at this time both in donations and in the numerous projects to aid Bushfire recovery in Victoria.

District 9800 have been strong supporters of ShelterBox and ShelterBox's rapid deployment of ShelterBox tents and equipment to the bushfire affected areas is to be congratulated. District 9800 have made significant donations in the past few years to assist ShelterBox help in times of disaster - just like the Bushfires and we will continue to support ShelterBox's fantastic work both locally and overseas.

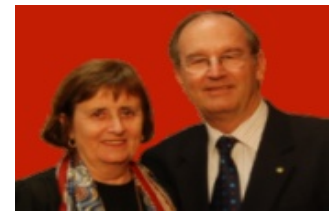
Presently however, from my perspective it is obvious that our giving needs to be directly focused on the Bushfire Recovery program and our Rotary Foundation.

To assist our devastated communities with the bushfire recovery at this time is a must as is our commitment to the Rotary Foundation. The Foundation is at the heart of Rotary's philanthropic giving. I encourage each club to commit as much as it can to support the Foundation by ensuring that your club's annual donation is at the highest level possible particularly in these times of global financial crisis while continuing to support our Bushfire Recovery program with both donations and projects.

~Jim Studebaker, District Governor

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DG Jim Studebaker & Carol

Donating to Bushfire Recovery



An initiative of District 9800
in conjunction with the Victorian Districts

District 9800 has provided two separate ways for Rotary Club members and members of the public to provide donations to our Victorian Bushfire Recovery efforts, allowing for both direct contributions and tax-deductible contributions.

There are two funds available for Rotarians to donate money to in assistance of Bushfire victims.

The first fund established was done so to provide Victorian Rotary Clubs with a centralised fund from which money could flexibly be dispensed to projects run by Victorian Rotary Clubs. With a focus on medium to long term projects, 100% of these funds will be provided to Rotary Clubs and Clusters running relief and community rebuilding projects.

The second fund was set up with the imperative of offering tax deductions to those donors requiring them (which it was quickly ascertained was not an insignificant number of donors.) This fund was set up in partnership with the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation (LMCF), with whom Rotary already shares a fantastic partnership. This excellent opportunity allows Rotarians to provide a donation that the LMCF (in consultation with Rotary) is able to distribute to charities registered as Deductible Gift Recipients (DGR's) with the Australia Taxation Office. The opportunity may exist for Rotary to partner with some of these recipient organisations in conducting projects utilising the funds to help Bushfire affected communities.





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If you would like to help Rotary help those in need, you can make a donation in either of two ways:

Option A - Non-Tax Deductible Donations



Option A

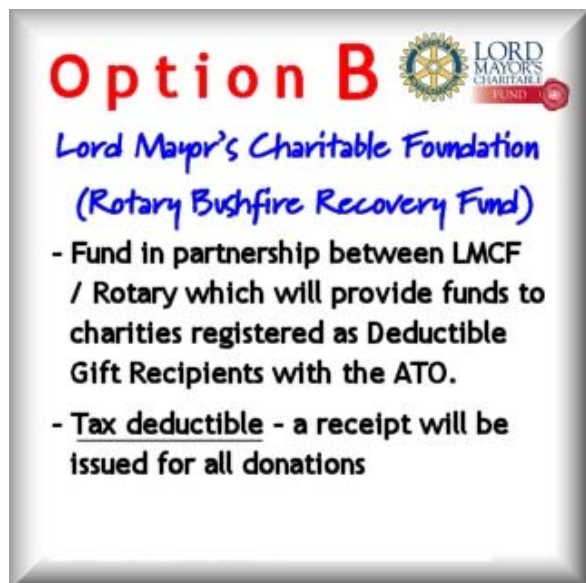
Rotary International District 9800
Bushfire Recovery Fund

- Preferred option (Please use this fund unless you require a tax deductible receipt)
- Non-tax deductible
- Rotary has full control over the distribution of funds to projects

Please make a donation through your bank to
"Rotary International D 9800 Bushfire Recovery Fund"
BSB Number 013 345, Account Number 2521 12703
Swift Code ANZBAU3M
For overseas donors please use swift code
Swift Code ANZBAU3M
and bank address of
176 High Street KEW VIC. (AUSTRALIA)
Cheques can be posted to
The Treasurer, District 9800, PO Box 189, KEW EAST, VIC 3102

Or you can donate in person at any ANZ branch using the information above.

Option B - Tax Deductible Donations



Option B

Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation
(Rotary Bushfire Recovery Fund)

- Fund in partnership between LMCF / Rotary which will provide funds to charities registered as Deductible Gift Recipients with the ATO.
- Tax deductible - a receipt will be issued for all donations

Please select one of the following options

1. Log into <http://www.lordmayorsfund.org.au/> and click on the Rotary Badge to make a direct donation by credit card
2. Make your direct deposit to
Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation
NAB Bank
330 Collins St Melbourne VIC 3001
BSB 083-004, Account Number 589440307
3. Post your cheque payable to
"Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation (Rotary Bushfire Recovery Fund)"
and send to
Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation, GPO Box 1851, MELBOURNE, VIC 3001

Ensure that your name and address details are included as a tax deductible receipt will be issued for all donations. Please note that this fund is a Deductible Gift Recipient [DGR] as defined by the Australian Taxation Office. As such distributions from this fund are restricted to Eligible Charities.)

WANTED

ENERGY, ENTHUSIASM AND A LITTLE TIME

District Governor Elect, Colin Muir is calling for nominations from Rotarians to fill vacant positions on District Committees and Sub Committees for 2009-10. No experience necessary.

If you are interested please contact DGE Colin Muir at colinmuir@westnet.com.au or Secretary Elect Marjorie Gerlinger at marbern@bigpond.net.au. If you have a special interest or would like to join a particular committee or perform a specific role please contact Colin or Marjorie as soon as possible

The opportunities may surprise you!



Supporting Our Bushfire Affected Communities



The response from Rotarians near and far has been heartening.

Read about how Rotary is making a difference and ensure your club contributes to the blog at <http://rotaryd9800projects.blogspot.com/> (See marketing tips for details on making your entries).

Sausage Sizzle at Newmarket raises funds



The RC Flemington ran a successful sausage sizzle at Newmarket Railway Station on the morning of Wednesday 18 February, raising approximately \$3000 for our District's Bushfire Recovery Appeal.

Commuters were offered an option of a sausage or a piece of fresh fruit in exchange for a donation to the appeal. Connex managers and staff attended and contributed a significant donation toward the appeal.

Photo: Rtn. John Wright - (John Wright Photography)

Thank you to the RC Algoa Bay – D9320, Port Elizabeth, South Africa

On hearing the news of the devastating bushfires, Alan Roer of the RC of Algoa Bay contacted DG Jim with an offer to help. Alan, who owns the sign company, Wholesale Signs in Port Elizabeth, South Africa offered to provide a banner for each Victorian District.

Our District's banner will shortly arrive and will help to create visual appeal and in the communities in which we are working.

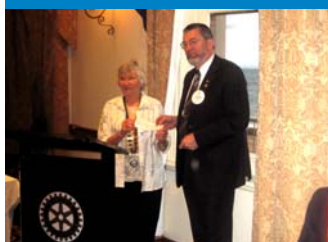
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Rotarians at Work
Supporting our
Local Community



www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au

Donated by Rotary Club of Algoa Bay - District 9320 - Port Elizabeth - South Africa

Helping Marysville's Primary School Students



Member of RC Brighton Beach Linn Maskell is launching an appeal to provide a complete reading and comprehension scheme for Marysville Primary School and to restock library and maths equipment. Macmillan publishers have already donated three boxes of books and toys and will supply the reading scheme and big books at below cost and throw in extra teacher reference books. Genie Education have offered to supply, free of charge all maths equipment for the three schools burnt to the ground - a magnificent gesture.

Howzat!

The Australian International Fellowship of Cricketing Rotarians (IFCR) has a big weekend planned next weekend. They will celebrate Don Bradman's Rotary service while helping in the Bushfire Recovery.

Clubs involved will be making a contribution to the cricketing Clubs and players within the fire affected regions, providing them with resources to keep permitting keen sportsmen and women in the region to participate.

In the family budget, sporting equipment may be a low priority but it will play an important part in getting people in the affected areas back to some normality.





GSE News

Team From D2380 Arrive From Sweden

On Friday, 13 February the GSE Team from Sweden arrived at Tullamarine to be greeted by DG Jim Studebaker, D9800 GSE Committee members Dennis Shore (Chair) and Henry Drury and the host families from the RC Canterbury, the first host club.

The all female team is led by Rotarian Annika Graberg Sandmark whose profession is "Redundancy and Career Management", an occupation that clearly has some significance in the current economic times.

Team members are:

- Jenny Larsson (32) who is a "City Development Project Manager" with an emphasis on "Town Planning".
- Maria Wisen (26) who is a Senior Secondary Mathematics and Biology teacher.
- Annica Caldeberg (35), also a teacher in the subjects of Physical Education and English language.
- Helena Nordstrom (27) who is a "PR and Marketing Manager" with the emphasis on "Recruitment".

While here, the team will have a wide range of experiences in their respective vocations and in turn will share and compare the Swedish way of doing things with our own professionals.

Equally importantly, it has been arranged by each hosting club that the team be exposed to many of our diverse cultural, sporting and family life activities both in the city and the country.

The eight host clubs in order are Canterbury, Melbourne, Melton, Castlemaine, Glenferrie, Balwyn, Brighton North, and Keilor East. It puts new meaning into the saying, "living out of a suitcase"!

Finally, they will be attending our District Conference in Launceston before returning home at the end of the organised program on Tuesday 17 March 2009.



Annica Caldeborg, Jenny Larsson, Helena Nordström, DG Jim, Maria Wisen, Annika Gråberg Sandmark (Team Leader),

Team From Turkey To Visit Shrine

The Turkish GSE team will visit the Shrine and participate in a Wreath Laying Ceremony on **Tuesday, 3 March at 3pm**. The exchange team is made up of four high school teachers and their Rotarian leader Mrs Nilgun Ulug who will be in Australia for five weeks. The GSE group will be hosted by Brighton Rotary Club, Melbourne Central Sunrise Rotary Club, Camberwell Rotary Club, Kew Rotary Club, Kyneton, Echuca-Moama and Bendigo Rotary Clubs.



The trip will be a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for the young visitors and it will help them with early years of their professional lives.



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The group will be visiting local schools and learning about Australian culture. A visit to the Shrine of Remembrance will be an experience which will allow the group to learn more about the ANZACs and to pay their respects to all who served in the First World War. The group will go on a guided tour of the Shrine, participate in a Commemorative Ceremony in the Sanctuary and will be hosted for an afternoon tea with the Shrine's staff and volunteers.

For more information please contact Brighton Rotary Club contact: John Basarin mobile 0438 055 056 email: johnnyturk@optusnet.com.au

Can you help District 9800's GSE team - Sweden



With the arrival of the Swedish GSE team in the past week, the departure of District 9800's outgoing team to Sweden grows closer and closer. The excited team are now halfway through a course of Swedish lessons, busily putting together their presentations and sourcing uniforms, souvenirs and other goodies.

Any Rotarians who may be able to assist the team in obtaining discounted / sponsored apparel or Australian-influenced gifts to take away with them are invited to contact team leader, Mike Flavel (RC Melbourne) at mike.flavel@bigpond.com or on 0438 017 948.

Who wants to gain the support of a millionaire?

With your hosts

Leigh Wallace
Director of Grants
and Philanthropy
Lord Mayor's
Charitable Foundation



Philip Archer
Marketing &
Membership Director
District 9800

How do you engage a philanthropist to
obtain support for your Rotary projects?

•A: Don't try

•B: Stalk them

•C: Take them hostage

•D: Come and find out

The Gift Of Philanthropy – Its Vital Importance In Our Future.

Marketing and Membership Breakfast

District Conference, Launceston. Saturday 14 March, 7am. \$25pp.

- Learn what attracts a philanthropist to a cause like Rotary
- Don't miss out - how can your club gain funding through philanthropic sources?
- What do we need to change to successfully attract philanthropists in the future?
- Share strategies that work, allowing your Club to prosper and grow

Reserve your seat now as seats are limited. RSVP to membership@rotarydistrict9800.org



New Member



The RC of Brighton Beach are pleased to announce the induction of a new member GRANT WISHNOWSKY on February 10. Grant's classification is Nursing. His induction (photo attached) was attended by his wife Glenda, daughters Caroline and Elise and son Peter.



Camp Getway Update

The RC of Kew on Yarra put in a sterling effort with a well attended working bee at Camp Getaway on the weekend of Feb 14 & 15th. Many maintenance tasks were undertaken, including clearing of trees felled by the recent horrific weather conditions. Fortunately the camp survived any bushfire threat and the accommodation was offered both to CFA teams at the Redesdale fires and to people from the 58 homes lost in the fires at Bendigo.



Marketing Tip: Be Part of the Rotary Bushfire Assistance Blog

Rotarians now have two blogs through which they can showcase projects and efforts related to assisting those affected by the recent Victorian Bushfires.

Rotary 9800 Community Projects Blog

The first blog is our very own Rotary 9800 Community Projects Blog at <http://rotaryd9800projects.blogspot.com/>. All Rotarians can contribute to this blog and we encourage you to at the very least become a follower of the blog (there is a link in the top right hand corner of the blog itself).

If your club is providing a response, no matter how big or small, we want to hear about it through the blog. By sharing ideas, information and efforts, Clubs can learn from each other, collaborate and more effectively plan their assistance.

Contributing your blog entry is easy to do.

Simply go to <http://rotaryd9800projects.blogspot.com/> and Sign In (Far top right corner) with the following details:

Username: marketing@rotarydistrict9800.org.au

Password: d9800blog





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Once you've logged in you should see a "new post" button option. Hit that, then type away, making sure you include a subject in the subject box. You can format your words easily or add pictures using the buttons above the main text box – simply hover your mouse cursor over the buttons to find out what they do – the rest is simple. Once you're done, just hit the Publish Post button. The blog format is very user friendly and easy to do – don't be afraid of it, even if you've never done anything like it before!

In time this blog will be used to showcase all Rotary District 9800 projects, not just those related to bushfire recovery assistance.

Rotary Victoria Bushfire Assistance Blog

The second blog is the Rotary Victoria Bushfire Assistance Blog – this blog is for ALL Victorian clubs across Districts 9520, 9780, 9790, 9800, 9810 and 9820 to showcase projects related to bushfire assistance. We encourage you to contribute your blogs to BOTH the District 9800 Community Projects Blog and the Rotary Victoria Bushfire Assistance Blog at the same time. Remember you will need to sign out of one to log into the other.



The Rotary Victoria Bushfire Assistance Blog's log in details are:

Username: marketing@rotarydistrict9800.org.au

Password: d9800blog

Why Blog?

- It shows other clubs what you are doing as a club.
- It shows the public what your club and Rotary as a whole are doing.
- It better illustrates the needs and requirements in providing aid in areas hit by disasters.
- It helps showcase our efforts to the media, the public and potential sponsors.
- It keeps a long-lasting record of our cumulative efforts.
- It helps coordinate efforts and helps Clubs find other Clubs they can collaborate with – leading to more efficient efforts to help.
- It recognises the efforts of your members in a tangible and public way.
- It reaches out to a new demographic of online users amongst the very groups we need to attract as the next generation of Rotarians.
- It is easy for us to promote as a record of achievement when demonstrating Rotary to prospective members.
- It's easy, quick, and anyone can do it – you don't need to be an expert or webmaster.

Notices & Events

RC Brimbank Central – Change of meeting

The RC of Brimbank Central's meeting on Wednesday, 4 March is being transferred to Friday, 6 March because of the Charity Golf Day/Auction – see details below.

RC Daylesford – Change of meeting venue

Just a note to let you know that Daylesford Rotary now meet at the Daylesford Bowling Club, Camp Street Daylesford.

Wednesdays:

Summer Time 6.30pm for 7pm start finish 8.15

Winter time 6.00pm for 6.30pm start finish 7.45pm

For more information please call 5348 2130.





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Lunar New Year Banquet

Friday, 20 February at 6.30pm for 7.00pm

Dragon Boat Restaurant on the Yarra, Crowne Plaza Melbourne 1-5 Spencer Street, Melbourne

Entertainment: Nicole Wallace - soprano

Traditional Chinese Lion Dance - Chinese Youth Society of Melbourne

All proceeds to assist RoCan Ovarian Cancer Research and Rotary Club of Richmond Community Projects.

People born in the Year of the Ox are patient, speak little, and inspire confidence in others. They tend, however, to be eccentric, and bigoted, and they anger easily. They have fierce tempers and although they speak little, when they do they are quite eloquent. Ox people are mentally and physically alert. Generally easy-going, they can be remarkably stubborn, and they hate to fail or be opposed. They are most compatible with Snake, Rooster, and Rat people.

For more information or to book please use this link:

<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/uploads/downloads/Events/2009/LunarNYDinner.pdf>

The Rotary Wine Appreciation Fellowship



The next function of the Rotary Wine Appreciation Fellowship will be held on **Sunday, 22 February**-- Wine tasting 12--12.30 -- Lunch 1.00pm at Kellybrook Winery & Restaurant, Fulford Road, Wonga Park 3115 Telephone 9722 1304 Melway map 24 J8

Kellybrook is a lovely oasis in the old Yarra Valley orchard belt and is the closest Yarra Valley winery to Melbourne. It is set in its own private valley with extensive vineyards, gardens and native bushland.

The award winning restaurant, with its views across the vineyards, serves imaginative menus drawing on local produce. The long-established restaurant opens out onto a decking and vine covered terrace area, providing the perfect indoor/outdoor setting.

Kellybrook make a unique range of still and sparkling wines, ciders and apple brandy.

Tastings are held in the Barrel Room and wine purchases can be made on the day.

Two course meal at a discount price + some exciting wines.

For more information please contact Leon Lewi 9333 1441 or email llewi@connexus.net.au

Tee Off with the Rotary Club of Altona City!



The RC of Altona City is holding their 7th Annual Golf Day for Very Special Kids along with other local and international projects.

To be held on **Friday, 27 February** at Koorringal Golf Course, Altona, hit off at 12.30pm. Plenty of great prizes with a presentation dinner and auction following a great day of golf.

All details, including entry forms, are available on the district website

<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/Members/AltonaCity> or call Ivan Board (9749 3808 or 0422 389 102) or Charlie Montebello (9398 4047 or 0412 257 723)

Banquet Auction Dinner

Support a great project! - All funds raised will support Eyes Wide Open,

Friday, 27 February 6:30pm—11:00pm

Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club, Williams Road North, Toorak

Tickets: \$85 or \$850 per table of ten

Includes: Two course meal, beer, wine and soft drink

Entertainment: Bhán Tré Celtic Band MC: Fred Poli

Banquet Auction: Auction items include holiday packages, household goods, wine packages and much more. Tax receipts will be issued for all purchases.

For bookings please use this link:

<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/uploads/downloads/Events/2009/EWOForm.pdf>





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60th Anniversary Dinner Dance

The Rotary Club of Williamstown was chartered on 11th March 1949.

They will celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the granting of our charter on **Saturday, 28th February** with a black tie dinner dance in the Williamstown Town Hall. This is the same venue in which our Charter Dinner was held in 1949.

The District Governor, the Mayor of Hobson's Bay and other dignitaries will be attending. All Presidents of District 9800 clubs have been sent invitations asking their clubs to send representatives to help us celebrate this milestone.

Entertainment will be provided by the Williamstown RSL Pipe Band, the Rathdowne Street Big Band and the talented Wendy Stapleton who will do a floor show. The musicians have been selected for their ability to help us reminisce with some of the best music from the last 6 decades.

For more information or to book please contact: Chris James on 0412 055 412 cwjames@sctelco.net.au or Yvonne Moon on 0407 303 255 yvonne.moon@bigpond.com. Tickets - \$100



Bendigo Olive Fiesta

When: **Saturday, 28 February**, 6:30pm – gala dinner **Sunday 1 March**, 10:00am to 4:00pm – public fiesta

Where: Bendigo Pottery, 146 Midland Highway, Epsom

For more information go to www.bendigoolivefiesta.com or email: contact@bendigoolivefiesta.com.au



Turkish GSE Welcome Dinner

Tuesday, 3 March, 7 for 7-30 pm

Enjoy a Typical Australian Travellers Welcome!

Three Course Dinner (Vegetarian option available - please advise if required)

Only \$42 per head

Drinks at Bar Prices

Refined Australian Entertainment!

Fantastic Waterfront Location, with the best view of Melbourne! - [Royal Victorian Motor Yacht Club](#), 260 Nelson Place Williamstown Melways 56D9

RSVP by 23rd Feb to Henry Fitzell on 03 9399 8523 or E-mail henry@fourleaf.com.au

Charity Golf Day

Rotary Club of Brimbank Central CHARITY GOLF DAY - **Friday, 6 March**, Medway Golf Club, Omar Street, Maidstone,

Tee Off time 12.30pm. Dinner 6.00pm for 6.30pm

\$10,000 prize for The Hole in One - try your luck

The competition is AMBROSE Prizes for winners & 2nd place, Nearest the pin on 8th & 10th holes, and Mens and Ladies Longest Drive

For further information contact Jack Watson on 9337 4170 or email dawnwatson@yahoo.com

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT WILL BE DONATED TO THE VICTORIAN BUSHFIRE APPEAL





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Breakfast on the Foreshore with Tim Costello & RC Melbourne South

Wednesday, 11 March 7.30-9.00am

Tickets only \$35.00

Amello's St Kilda Seabaths, Jacka Bvd

Don't miss the opportunity to begin the day with this inspirational speaker.

This breakfast's proceeds will be donated directly to those affected by the bush-fires.

For more information or to book [click here](#)

Melbourne Food & Wine Event for Relish 2009

Free event but entry only by RSVP - 150 places available

RSVP now to be part of St Kilda's Melbourne Food & Wine Festival event for 2009.

At this event:

- * Winners announced from the Tastes of St Kilda recipe competition
- * Cheques presented to the benefiting charities, Sacred Heart Mission & ShelterBox from Relish 2009.
- * Featuring free food from local restaurants & cafes.

When: **Thursday, 19 March**

Where: Linden Gallery, 26 Acland Street, St Kilda

Time: 6.00pm to 8.00pm

RSVP Friday 6th March 2009



RSVP NOW to info@relishrecipes.com.au - be quick only 150 places available!

Sunshine Rotary Annual Golf Day

Yes it's that time of year again when Sunshine Rotary hosts its Annual Charity Golf Day.

Friday, 20 March, Medway Golf Club, Omar Street, Maidstone

Support the local community!!

Your company can sponsor a hole including signage, green fees and dinner all for just \$400. Or get a group together. customers, friends, relatives or even mates and for \$80 each you will enjoy Four Man Ambrose along with dinner after the event.

[Click here](#) for the information leaflet which outlines the tournament in more detail.

Should you have any further questions, or wish to make a booking, please fill out the [Player card](#) and return it call Tony Ebejer on 0419 545229

If golf isn't your thing, but know someone who lives and breathes it, please pass this information along.

ARHRF Great Australian Bike Ride

The Great Australian Bike Ride will be taking place on Saturday, 21 March. There will be several different legs of the race, which you can participate in. The first is from Melbourne to Hobart and back and the second is from Melbourne to Sydney. Alternatively, you can participate in a Launch Ride on the morning of Saturday, 21 March. You can start in Mornington, where the main Riders will commence, or perhaps Gardiners Creek takes your fancy? A ride will come in from the north or you can ride beside the sea from Werribee/Altona/Williamstown.



Rides will finish in Treasury Gardens with a BBQ lunch. Be part of the group of riders that will congregate on the steps of Parliament House for the official launch at 1.30 pm. Past Rotary International President Royce Abbey will cut the ceremonial ribbon to start the main group of riders on their way.

This is an event not to be missed.

Entries need to be made by 27th February to ensure receipt of your official yellow t-shirt to wear on the morning's ride.

Register by [clicking here](#) or go to: <http://www.greataustralianbikeride.org.au/>



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Annual Wyndham Rotary Fun Run Walk - Take the First Steps

8am, Saturday, 28 March

Come for an enjoyable run or walk along the peaceful Werribee River, starting from President's Park (Melways 205 C3) Werribee. For individuals, families, schools, businesses and clubs to promote community health with 3Km, 8Km and 15 Km options.

All welcome including BEGINNERS, ADVANCED, OLDIES & YOUNGIES.

This is the second year of the event and organisers are hoping for 600 entrants - with proceeds going to support the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

For further information please contact Gary Willson on garywillson@hotmail.com or enquire and registration at www.wyndhamfunrun.org



Annual John Flynn Memorial Charity Golf Day



The Werribee Rotary Club are holding their annual John Flynn Memorial Charity Golf Day on Tuesday, 31 March . The event is named after former President of the Werribee Rotary and Werribee Park Golf Clubs. The event will again be held at the Werribee Park Golf Course. The event is a 4 person Ambrose Format and hit off is at 12.30pm.

Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze Sponsorships are available and we also welcome single entries. There is a BBQ Lunch before tee off and a dinner and presentation of trophies after the completion of play. All monies raised are put back into the local communities.

All Rotarians and friends are encouraged to enter this prestige day.

All enquiries can be directed to me (Graham Roper) Ph: 040 343 7349 or for more information please <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/uploads/downloads/Events/2009/GolfFlyer.pdf>

Annual Art Show

From Saturday 25 April to Saturday, 2 May

For Preview Tickets to the Preview & Awards Night – Friday 24th April please contact John Steven – 9882 6184 or johnsteven@bigpond.com. Tickets are \$50.00 each – Light refreshments and beverages included.

Almost 2000 original paintings on show - Prize Pool of over \$50,000.00

Demonstrating Artists most days - Food & Beverages on sale during the week.

Raising Funds For Heart Kids with the RC of Tullamarine

Join in a great night of entertainment.

May 15th at Reggio Calabria... with goody bags, lucky spots, a silent auction, public auction... great entertainment from Johnny Memphis and the Thankyou Very Much Orchestra... Wow!! What a night.

Book a table or help our by donating goods and services for use at the auctions.

To Enquire, book or donate please call Dr. Kaylene J Evers on 9309 1854 or 0416 226 906.

Save the Date! - DGs ChangeOver

This year's ChangeOver dinner will be held on Saturday, 27 June from 7pm at the Melbourne Park Function Centre beside the Rod Laver Stadium.

The Rotary Club of Hawthorn will be hosting the event. Please contact David Pisterman on 0418 345 607 for further information.