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Rotary District 9800

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Rotarians and
all community
minded people

DG's Weekly Message

Rotarians at Work

There have been many occasions during my tenure as Governor that I have been immensely proud of the Rotarians and Rotary Clubs in our District. Without a doubt Rotarians at Work Day was right up there with those special moments. Although most clubs did most of their work on 21st April, the day that that we formally designated for this event, a number of clubs started earlier due to specific circumstances and to fit in with our major sponsor Bunnings, and their support partners – Dulux, Selleys and Yates.



District Governor Dennis Shore and Lynda

be everywhere. We did get to visit activities from Brighton to Daylesford where we saw the amazing work of Rotary in action. It was good to see many members of the public looking on at what we were doing and many of them did take the time to engage and ask about Rotary.



We kicked off the program by assisting the Friends of Westgate Park with the restoration work at Westgate Park on 6th April. Westgate Park is a real hidden gem if you have not been there. The Rotary Clubs of Southbank and Melbourne were there in force to make a significant contribution. The following day an amazing multicultural festival was staged at St Albans by the Rotary Club of Brimbank Central. This has great potential to be a continuing signature event for the area, although weary club members might not have shared those thoughts as they cleaned up after the event!

We were blessed by great weather on Sunday 21st April, especially in the morning, which was when many of the clubs concentrated their efforts. Lynda and I tried to visit as many of the project activities as possible but of course unfortunately we could not

It was great to see plenty of signs around many projects so that the public did know that it was Rotary in action. And we did have a lot of Friends of Rotary helping as well. I know that some of those friends took the decision on that day to become Rotarians. The fellowship and opportunity provided by this sort of activity to get to better know one another cannot be underestimated. We also engaged others in the community including Councillors and other community leaders. The significance of these contributions is inestimable.

The scope of projects undertaken reflected the creativity and range of vision of Rotarians. There were many gardening and renovation projects, which are always immensely satisfying because of the gratitude of recipients for what is done but also because participants can see the results of their endeavour.

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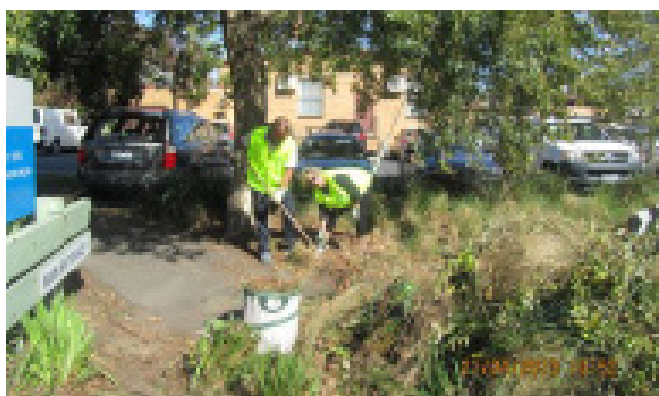


In many cases more than one club worked on a project and we had cluster projects as well. For Lynda and me it was also an opportunity to discover even more hidden gems. We started the day with a visit to the work being done by Brighton North to provide some TLC to their Rotary Centenary project, which is a fantastic play park done out as a ship at Brighton North Road Reserve. The work was done in full view of what must be one of the most popular coffee spots in Melbourne so Rotary was certainly on display at work. Of course there were a few kids disappointed that the fantastic playground was off limits for the day.



A little further south at Green Point the Rotary clubs of Brighton Beach and Brighton were hard at work in a picture post card setting to restore native vegetation. Brighton President Peter Sherman showed his true colours by being photographed in a Rotary Club of Brighton Beach vest (but not until I was out of sight).

The 10 clubs Eastside and Yarra clusters, assisted by the Rotary Club of Mont Albert & Surrey Hills from District 9810 worked at a range of major garden renovations for people in need in the City of Boroondara. Rotarians and friends worked like navvies and I'm sure that many discovered muscles that they forgot they had and would certainly know about it on Monday. I did notice a few activities that would have had our district Insurance officer ashen faced but I was assured that I did not actually see what I thought I saw.



The Hobsons Bay cluster took on the renovation of the Newport Scouts Hall. This was not a job done by halves and involved replacing doors with walls and putting windows where there had been none. Paint flowed like water and not just onto the walls. There is more work to be done but this work will undoubtedly see a reinvigoration of scouting in Newport. The workers include DGN Murray Verso, all the Cluster Presidents (leading by example) and PDG John Davis who perhaps in his first visit to the hall in more than 40 years was making sure that his name was still on the honour Board as a Queen's Scout, and he was no doubt pleased to note, it was.

Westside Cluster had an ambitious project to teach water safety to refugees. Numbers attending were disappointing but the concept is one that I am sure will be followed through to ensure that this vital service is delivered.

Lynda and I concluded our visits with a Peace concert held in the Daylesford Town Hall. The Rotary Club of Daylesford is of course well known in that community but Rotary and our theme for this year were very much on display. The concert capped off work done to refurbish the Peace Mile walking track on Lake Daylesford.



It would have been fantastic to have been able to visit all work areas to personally congratulate Rotarians on the great work they were doing. Although that was not possible I do salute everyone across the District who connected with our community so positively – thank you.

Rotarians did connect with the community in spades. Not only did we receive comments from passersby but some even took the trouble to contact clubs. The Rotary Club of Essendon was doing graffiti removal and received the following message – “This morning as I was walking my dog in Rose Street, I noticed a large group of your Rotarians doing a cleanup of the graffiti around the station area. May I say that I was very impressed with the enthusiasm and generosity of the people doing the clean up, this is very much appreciated and I wish to thank all involved”.

At Woodend the Rotarians at Work Day project for Woodend Rotary involved the refurbishment of an old fence at the entrance to the township of Woodend. The work received lots of attention from locals passing the area and compliments on making a much improved gateway into Woodend.

We appreciate the support of Bunnings, Dulux, Selleys and Yates in helping Rotary to achieve as much as it did. We also had Bunnings staff participate in some of our projects and that is what partnerships are about.

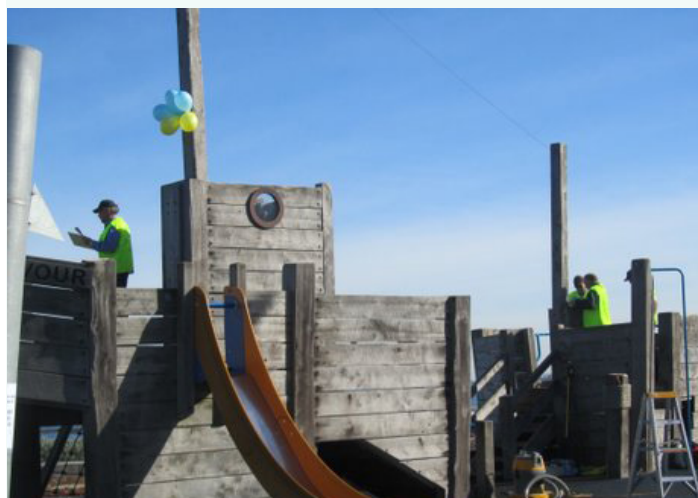
In Rotary Magazine Month it was really great to see our District initiative feature on the front page of Rotary Down Under and hopefully there was a reasonable take-up in other Districts. This District wide program has been a great success in the USA and elsewhere and I do hope that it continues and grows here because the concept knows no boundaries. The rebranding of the program as Rotary (and friends) @ Work gives us that indefinable pleasure of putting our own stamp on what we do. As we all know Rotary is amazing and we as Rotarians we can achieve amazing things through Rotary. But it is the connection with the community that makes what we do have the greatest impact.

This program provides us with an ongoing opportunity for connecting, reconnecting and staying connected with our community. Thank you to Rotarians (and Friends) of District 9800 for showing Rotary, at its very best, to your communities. Well done.

**Dennis Shore,
District Governor.**



Rotarians at Work



Woodend Rotarians at Work

The Rotarians at Work day project for Woodend Rotary involved the refurbishment of an old fence at the entrance to the township of Woodend. You can see from the before photos that the fence was in a poor condition with weathered timber, broken pickets and the garden was nonexistent.



Woodend Rotary partnered with the Bunnings Sunbury store via activities organisers Marie and Natalie who both provided a great support from the outset in corresponding and discovering our needs. The Bunnings support was fantastic with a lot of equipment to undertake preparation and to beautify the area. The total donations included plants, paint and all the extras like sanding pads, paintbrushes, buckets, mortar. They also offered to assist with some of the work which was unexpected but very welcome.

We had a preparation day Saturday 13 April where 6 members attended with mowers brush-cutters and shovels to clean up the grass and prepare the soil. It already started to look much better after we finished.

The second day on Tuesday 16th April saw 4 people from Sunbury Bunnings assist 8 Rotarians with scraping, sanding and filling the

timbers. Western Water provided a water trailer for the day so we had a ready supply to support our efforts especially with the pressure washing of the fence prior to painting. With help from local painter Daniel Rigoni the primer/undercoat was also applied. We were treated to some great weather which with good company made the work easier. Some loose bluestones were also reset.

On Sunday 21st April, the official Rotarians at Work Day, 10 Rotarians supported by 4 community-minded locals and local Councillor were again blessed with a nice sunny day. This was despite the forecast suggesting rain. I have often said that good deeds do not go unrewarded.

The group completed 2 coats of paint and planted into the new soil delivered. The choice of golden carpet roses and miniature lavender will make a significant improvement and when in bloom will represent the Rotary colours.

We received lots of attention from locals passing the area and compliments on making a much improved gateway into Woodend. Woodend Rotary appreciates the support of the community, Bunnings and the Macedon Ranges Shire Council.





Essendon North RC at Work

By Barry Coleman, Rotary Club of Essendon North

Our Project on Sunday, 21st April, was to spread mulch as well as complete the planting of some 500 grasses, sedges and shrubs at Aberfeldie Park, Aberfeldie.

The project not only involved Rotarians from our Club but volunteers from the general public. The Moonee Valley City Council kindly donated the mulch and all the plants which were specially selected for the area in which they were planted. Previously the area was unsightly, which, in time, will be turned into an environmental attraction. Bunnings were not involved because of the special variety of plants required.



The project was completed over the duration of 2 hours after which we held a free BBQ for all participants.

As can be seen from the photographs all Rotarians were wearing the bright yellow vests which stood out amongst all helpers and passers by. As an added attraction for the public during the day, we arranged an Australian Wildlife Display, which included live animals.

We also arranged as a public awareness medium, The Moonee Valley News who took photographs and completed report on our activities. In addition to the wearing of the yellow vests, we erected our Rotary Club of Essendon North marquees on site which clearly display our name. One of the marquees was used as an "information on rotary" point. Further, our "working in the community banner was also displayed. As you can see no stone was left unturned in regard to public awareness.

Each year we conduct as a major fundraiser the selling of fresh Christmas Trees. On such occasion we have always worn our Rotary polo shirts and caps. I must say the wearing of the yellow vests ensures public awareness and certainly stands out more than aforementioned attire.

Brighton Beach RC at Work

Rotary @ Work Day was a great opportunity to show our community what Rotary is all about.

Our club, the Rotary Club of Brighton Beach, in conjunction with Bayside City Council hosted a re-vegetation program along the foreshore on the north facing slope at Green Point, Brighton Beach. The plants were supplied by City Wide, Council's parks contractor.

Together with RC Brighton members, family and friends we spent the morning planting what seemed like hundreds of small plants.

DG Dennis Shore and Lynda dropped by to see how we were going, and President Linn provided morning tea. The fresh baked scones jam and cream, six layer slice and chocolate cake proved to be very popular!



A New Kind of Rotary for Bendigo

By Gary Noonan, RC Bendigo South

There are already six established Rotary clubs in Bendigo, and guess what, there's soon to be a seventh!

But this new club isn't your usual Rotary club. It's a club solely for members aged 20- 35ish. The new club, which upon chartering will be known as the Rotary Club of Bendigo Next Generation has been a long-term goal for Bendigo Rotarians, who are determined to ensure that the great work of Rotary is seen as attractive to younger generations and continues for many years to come.

Similar to most Rotary Clubs in our District, the Rotary Club of Bendigo South's average age of its members does not vary much from that of the District. Following the acceptance of a Report (Reinventing Rotary for the 21st Century Parts 1 & 2) from its Membership Committee a number of structural changes were implemented to bring the Club into the 21st Century.

Due to the average of its members it was very difficult to attract younger members to ensure the survival of the Club over the longer term. There was an inconsistency in commonality of interests between the Club's members and those it was trying to attract. The Club took the initiative to do something about this. The decision was taken to charter a new Rotary Club targeted at the 20-35ish age group. The concept of starting a new Rotary Club when there were already six other established Clubs was not considered a smart move by some. "Why would you want to start a new Rotary Club when there are already 6 and some of them are struggling", was the cry!

Sometimes one needs a vision. If the Rotary wheel does not keep moving there is a danger it may seize up! "Rotarians have a responsibility to ensure that the work of Rotary will continue after they have gone. To do this we need to ensure that Rotary reflects today's community in terms of its values, beliefs, gender and ethnicity. To ignore these is to tread the path to irrelevance" said Greg Noonan.

Greg Noonan, PP RC Bendigo South was appointed District Governor's Special Representative to oversee this project. The Rotary Club Bendigo-Strathdale was invited to be joint sponsor with Bendigo South in this project.

An initial focus group session was held involving 16 people in the target range to listen to their views on Rotary, its perceived role in the community, how younger people perceived it and how to get those in the target range attracted to it. A very enlightening and informative exercise.



The new Club, the Rotary Club of Bendigo Next Generation was born from this. The Club is to be Chartered on Thursday 6 June, 2013. The WIFM used included the being able to meet likeminded people, receive mentoring in a vocation, connect to the community, get involved in projects that can change people's lives and have some fun.

"We would warmly welcome and love to have as many Rotarians from the District to attend the new Club's Charter night, said President elect, Maxim Zuiykov. "We have a great group of young people who are not only motivated to make a contribution to the community but have the energy and ideas to make this happen."

Tickets can be purchased by contacting Gary Pinner at gejayautomotive@bigpond.com or by telephone 54437188 or PO B 320, Strathdale, 3550.



100,000 Hours at DIK

A large turnout of Rotarians and volunteers attended the Donations-in-Kind warehouse in West Footscray to celebrate 100,000 volunteer hours being worked since the turn of the century.

Bob Glindemann expressed his heartfelt thanks for the work of the volunteers and the contributions of donors. He recognised the contributions of the Rotary Clubs who help meet the running cost of \$60,000 per annum for the store. Bob took the opportunity to mention that hands-on help is needed soon for loading beds at the Caulfield and Austin Hospitals.

Several Rotarians welcomed the opportunity to see around the store, while others mingled and caught up with old friends. Laurie Fisher, David Dippie and their team served morning tea, sandwiches and cakes.

Visit the DIK Website: <http://www.rotarydik.org/>



A Van for Family Life

ROTARY CLUB OF BRIGHTON NORTH DONATES A VAN TO FAMILY LIFE

The Rotary Club of Brighton North together with Freemasons Victoria, have donated a brand new Mercedes Sprinter van to Family Life for use in their PeopleWorx program. The vehicle with fit-out is valued at \$65,000.

The van will be used to collect donated goods from people's homes and businesses and then take the goods to Family Life's Moorabbin warehouse and various Opportunity Shops. The van will also be used to deliver purchases to people's homes.

The van will help generate thousands of additional dollars in revenue which can be put back into the PeopleWorx program so Family Life can help more unemployed people.

Training unemployed people in skills relating to customer service, delivery of goods, pick up of goods, logistics, planning and map-reading are major benefits in having the van.

The members of the Rotary Club of Brighton North have been supporting Family Life's work for many years. In particular the Club has supported the PeopleWorx program since it commenced ten years ago with the establishment of the first Op Shop.

At the handover, Club President Jim Mitchell said "The Rotary Club of Brighton North has supported the programs of Family Life for many years. We are very proud to be working with Freemasons Victoria on this project to enable Family Life to continue their great work in the community."

Judith Latta, Family Life's Director Community Relations commented "The outstanding generosity of the Rotary Club of Brighton North and Freemasons Victoria means that many more unemployed Bayside and Kingston people will get the skills, work experience and support they need to get a job and become active members of the community."

ABOUT FAMILY LIFE

Family Life is a not-for-profit focused on building stronger communities through family services, counselling, mediation and parenting training. It also provides early intervention and prevention programs for family violence, child abuse and youth at risk; work-training programs for disadvantaged youth and children's mental health programs in schools

PeopleWorx is Family Life's innovative highly successful social enterprise that provides unemployed young people and adults with the skills, training, work experience, professional help and support from Family Life's trained volunteers. PeopleWorx runs up-market Opportunity Shops in Cheltenham, Chelsea and Frankston. Since it commenced in 2003, PeopleWorx has helped more than 200 people.



Freemason's Grand Master Bob Jones, Family Life CEO Jo Cavanagh and RC of Brighton North President Jim Mitchell at the handover of the new van.



QANTAS Uniform Designer

By Annie Wished, RC Richmond Marketing Chair

'The man behind Qantas' new uniforms - Paris-based, Melbourne-raised Martin Grant is about to watch his latest work take off'..... So read the headlines of The Age, 16th April, 2013; author, Alice Stutz.

'The man Qantas chose to design its new staff uniforms which were unveiled [last week] – says the project has been “amazing” to work on, not least because it has brought him back to Australia more regularly.'

Read more: <http://www.theage.com.au/executive-style/strive/the-man-behind-qantas-new-uniforms-20130416-2hxkc.html#ixzz2QsaonAug>

Back in April 2011, Bev Grant, mother of Martin Grant, was the RC Richmond's Guest Speaker. Her topic: Bev Grant on Martin Grant: From Melbourne Schoolboy to Fashion Designer for the Stars

Bevy shared with the Club how in 1996 Martin Grant opened his first Parisian boutique in an old barber shop in the historic Marais district.

For a boy born in Melbourne in 1966 and brought up in the suburb of Blackburn, and who attended Nunawading Primary School then Nunawading High School, it was a long way from home!

If you'd like to read more about Martin Grant's amazing success story, as told by his proud Mum to the Richmond Rotarians, then go to the Club's bulletin, The Tiger Rag, of the 18th April, 2011, page 5, by clicking on <http://www.rotaryrichmond.org.au/bulletin/Bull2133.pdf>

Photo: Vogue cover model Miranda Kerr with designer Martin Grant and Edwina McCann. *Sonny Vandavelde*



Welcome New Members

Rotary Club of Brimbank Central has a new member:
Andrew Tabone (Legal Services) seen here with President Lou Gionfriddo.



District Attendance Officer Peter Lamping had notified us of several other new members. We hope Club Secretaries have arranged for them to receive "The Networker".

R.C. of Altona, Liz Bailey, Steve Moss

R.C. of Bendigo-Strathdale, Brian Owens

R.C. of Brighton, Valentin Corchado

R.C. of Melbourne, Paul Fowler, Mark Owen, Mark Quarell, Janet Purves

R.C. Camberwell, Anne Frances Hawthorne

R.C. Canterbury, Ray Thomas

R.C. Kew, Rev Janice McWhinney

R.C. North Balwyn, Samantha Mainardi, Greg Dimopoulos

R.C. St Kilda, Joseph Ghaly





More Beds for DIK



DIK - CALL FOR ASSISTANCE - HOSPITAL BED COLLECTIONS

By Bob Glindemann

Over the next couple of weeks we have the opportunity and task of collecting 149 excellent hospital beds and many with mattresses. We have overseas requests for almost all of this total number but need a lot of assistance to do the task.

The first collection is from the Caulfield Hospital in Kooyong Road at Caulfield where there are 90 beds and mattresses being replaced. They are planned to be uplifted on **Tuesday, 7th May** and as we did at the St Vincent's lift, put them directly into 2 x40 ft Containers. These containers will be relocated back to the DIK store for some repacking with other goods.

On **Monday, 6th May** we will need some people at the hospital to secure the beds with straps to make the uplift a little easier and safer.

So the first request is for a god sized team of people at Caulfield for the **Tuesday, 7th May** and a smaller group on the **Monday 6th May** for the preparation.

The second collection is the following week at Austin Health at Heidelberg. Here we have 19 beds to collect on **Monday 13th May** from the Repatriation Campus and a further 40 beds on **Tuesday 14th May** from the Austin Campus. We are still to work out the best method of the Tuesday lift but another 40 ft is probably the best bet.

So here is an opportunity for some great "hands on" activity and great Rotary fellowship while being involved in a terrific project where we know there are terrific benefits for the recipients.

Some of the beds will go to Chile to ease problems that still exist from the earthquake last year, some are earmarked for Tanzania and a hospital where we have shipped goods before, others for South Sudan and possibly Somaliland. All are worthy recipients.

If you are able to assist in any of these locations on the dates listed, please respond to me by email bob.glindemann@bigpond.com by return please as there will be quite some organising to manage all of these tasks. Without support from quite a few people the job is virtually impossible.

Forget the gym that week and get your workout with Rotary.



Sydney RI Convention

1-4 June 2014

Are you interested in volunteering at the Sydney Rotary International Convention?

Please complete the form in the Volunteer section on <http://www.rotary2014.com.au/>

The Rotary International Convention 2014 will be held at Sydney Olympic Park with easy access to accommodation and attractions.

Sydney is one of the most beautiful and vibrant cities in the world. Its natural surroundings and glorious harbour make it a must-see destination. From the dramatic silhouette of the Sydney Opera House, the arch of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, fantastic shopping, waterfront dining and buzzing nightlife, the city will leave you captivated.





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SEVEN WOMEN NEEDS YOUR ASSISTANCE

Seven Women is looking for shops to stock our products that many of you saw and generously bought at the Annual Rotary Conference in Albury.

We have many women approaching our centre everyday. The more demand we create for the products, the more Nepali women we are able to assist out of poverty and suffering through skills training and employment.

Please contact steph.w@seven-women.com if you have any friends or relatives who have shops which our products would be a good match.

For those who are interested in journeying to Nepal on our next tour at the end of June, view this link:

<http://seven-women.com/mediakit/Study-Tour-Itinerary.pdf>



World of Difference

Tour leaders & Committee members are urgently needed. Can you help?

This powerful and successful District 9800 & RAWCS registered project is really developing fast.

Leading a tour to Cambodia with the help of our expert guide Rithy is a rewarding and wonderful experience. If you are an experienced

Rotarian and are interested.... we want to hear from you....please.

The committee needs help with marketing and also getting tours happening in other developing countries.

If you are interested in finding our more please contact Bronwyn on 0410324537 or info@WOD.org.au



May 2013

**4th
May**

RC Rochester Pie and Port Night

Saturday 4th May

This annual event promises a night filled with Fellowship, straight from the oven country fresh bakery, along with ample refreshment of all variety to suit attendees.

Rotarians and partners from all District and beyond Clubs are invited to come and spend a weekend

For further details contact rochester@rotarydistrict9800.org or direct to Rotarian Heather, 03 54841147



**5th
May**

2013 Shine On Awards

Sunday May 5th 12.30 for 1pm

Yarraville Club, 135 Stephens Street Yarraville

The Rotary Southern Districts Shine On Awards recognise outstanding community service by people with disabilities who, by their actions, serve as 'Shining Examples' to the community.

RSVP by Friday 19th April via email.

scott@bossmanmedia.com.au 0416 050 212

Wayne Hunter wayne.hunter@cvgrp.com

See: http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/images/Shine_on_Awards_2013.pdf



**5th
May**

Car & Vintage Bike Show

Sunday 5 May - 9am to 1.30pm

In the grounds of the historic Keilor Hotel - Cnr Old Calder Hwy & Arabin St, Keilor

Exhibitors entry from 7.30am in Arabin St (Cars \$20, Bikes \$5)

Spectators \$5pp (Under 16 free)

Kids entertainment, Western Region Concert Band, craft stalls, food & refreshments

www.rotarykeilor.org.au





Notices and Events

17th
May

HEART KIDS' NIGHT OF NIGHTS

FRIDAY 17TH MAY 7:00 FOR 7:30 START
FEATURING ELVIS TRIBUTE ARTIST MARK ANDREW
AND HIS SENSATIONAL SHOWGIRLS
ULTIMA RECEPTION CENTRE Cnr Keilor Park Drive &
Ely Court, Keilor.

Tickets \$100 eaCH. DRESS CODE: Evening wear
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Rotary Club of Tullamarine All money to the cardiac surgery unit at the Children's Hospital



17th
May

Kristina Olsen Benefit Concert

Friday 17 May @ 7.30pm
Life Saving Victoria 200 The Boulevard Port Melbourne

\$25.00 or \$30.00 at the door

Bookings: www.trybooking.com

Queries Kayleen on 0409596575

"Wicked blues slide guitar...soon her storytelling becomes so wonderful and her music so expressive, one realized that the untamed Olsen is more valuable than any slicker version could be" - Boston Herald

Supporting Tibetan Village Project & PNG Highlands Foundation and RCAP Community Projects



24th
May

The Brighton Lunch

24th May 2013, 12.00pm
The Brighton International, Bay Street Brighton
Cost: \$125.00

The 2013 Brighton Lunch will be held on Friday May the 24th at the Brighton International. Our expectations are indicating that this will be one of the biggest calendar events in Melbourne in 2013 and I am pleased to confirm that we have secured Cathy Freeman, Tiffany Cherry, Tottie Goldsmith and the return of the Chantoozies as the line up for this year's event. Proceeds for this event will be distributed to the Cathy Freeman Foundation and the Rotary Club of Brighton.

RSVP: Geoff Bentley – gbentley@neptuneservices.com.au

neptuneservices.com.au

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30th
May

An East African Soiree

Brunswick bowling club, 104 Victoria st, Brunswick
Thursday 30th May 2013

5.30 doors open for barefoot bowls and games. 7pm food is served.
Cost: \$35 pp or \$300 table of 10, drinks at bowls club prices.

<http://www.brunswickrotary.org.au/blog/an-east-african-safari-soiree/>

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AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH MONTH

As another leaf is torn off the calendar, May heralds Australian Rotary Health Month in our Rotary calendar.

Australian Rotary Health or ARH as it is usually abbreviated, given our Rotary propensity for acronyms, is the only home grown program that is recognised by our Rotary theme months. This special recognition is a tribute to the success and the great work that is achieved under the auspices of this program.

There are many great programs in Rotary but ARH has to be up there with the best of them. Most of us know something of the origins of ARH but the story is worth repeating, especially for newer Rotarians. Rotarian Paul Henningham (PDG and founding editor of Rotary Down Under) has eloquently captured the story of Australian Rotary Health in a booklet published for the 30th anniversary of ARH titled "With Health in Mind". Please contact me if you would like to receive a copy of the e-book.



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As so often happens, ARH grew from the seed of an idea that germinated in the mind of one Rotarian who decided to do something about a problem. That "power of one" blossomed by harnessing the power of many Rotarians working together to make a real difference.

In 1981 Rotarian Ian Scott happened to hear a radio interview with Professor Alan Williams who was then Chief Pathologist at Melbourne's Royal Children's Hospital, passionately relating his frustration about "cot death" now known as SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome). Professor Williams believed only the lack of research funding was obstructing ways to address this awful issue.

Ian Scott was a Mornington Bank Manager and was so moved by what he

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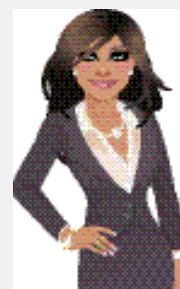
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OUR FOCUS IS ON MENTAL HEALTH



*"Supporting healthier minds, bodies
and communities through research,
awareness and education"*

heard that he felt he had to do something about it – but what? As so often is the case his wife had the answer and that was to use his Rotary connections to find a way. Within a month he had devised a plan and appealed to his club to join the fight. It needs to be recorded that he stunned his club (Rotary Club of Mornington) with his breathtaking proposal for his club to initiate a national Rotary research foundation with a corpus of \$2 million to provide essential funds for health research, with the initial grants to be allocated for research into cot death.

The plan had more than a few setbacks but once the seed was sown the journey to become a multi-District program took hold. Our own Royce Abbey was invited to Chair and select a steering Committee to make this happen.

The original proposal went by the acronym of RAFTER (Rotary Australia Foundation To Encourage Research) but they reluctantly gave up that acronym for one that was more clumsy – ARHRF (The Australian Rotary Health Research Fund) but more specific. In 2008 the opportunity was taken to adopt Australian Rotary Health as the legal (and more manageable) name when the constitution was changed to register the organisation as a charity and not for profit Company.

Selling the project throughout Australia was not a straightforward task but was executed with military precision by Royce and his team. The steering committee, having achieved its goal then voted itself out of existence in favour of a Board of Directors. The inaugural Chair of the Board was Royce Abbey with PDG Geoff Stevens (a member from my own club) as Secretary.

Australian Rotary Health has been approved by the Board of Rotary International as a multi-District project and is registered under Corporation Law. It operates through a Constitution which provides for membership to be restricted to Rotarians and for control by a Board of Directors elected by and drawn from the Members. Because ARH is controlled by Rotarians, clubs and individual Rotarians can have confidence about its mission and an incentive to take a strong interest in supporting ARH.

First as a steering committee and then as a Board the fledgling organisation went about the business of achieving multi-district status but it also worked hard on fund raising and 2 years after that spark of inspiration by Ian Scott, donations of \$250,000 had been collected.

An important early task of the Board was to establish a Research Committee and not unexpectedly Professor Alan Williams was the first Chairman and research into cot death its first objective. In 1985 the first 6 grants were awarded and ARH was in business.

From those initial grants it was identified that ensuring that babies slept on their backs was significant in reducing SIDS. Health authorities reacted promptly with an information campaign, which led to a rapid fall in the deaths from SIDS in Australia. The campaign resulted in a 40% reduction in SIDS deaths in the first year. Within a decade SIDS deaths had fallen from 500 a year to just over 100 a year.

By the time Royce retired as Chair in 1988 – because he had an important duty to fulfil in Evanston as RI President Elect – the \$2 million corpus was all but achieved.

ARH has not shirked from tackling the big issues. The scope of research undertaken through funding from ARH has been truly breathtaking. First it was SIDS, then muscular dystrophy and then Alzheimer's! ARH has also invested in research into adolescent health, environmental health, family health as well as diseases such as Ross River Fever, Malaria, bowel cancer, prostate cancer and many others. Since 2000, ARH has

adopted mental illness research as its focus and is committed to removing the stigma of mental illness through education.

That said, ARH continues to fund a broad range of research activities with other important social objectives also foremost. For example it provides significant scholarships for indigenous Australians.



Ian Scott

All these areas of research have been possible because Rotarians could see the outcomes. As early as 1989 probably 90% of Rotary clubs were supporting ARH. From time to time there has been some criticism of what was being dubbed esoteric research but generally the organisation continues to be well supported. When critics have been invited to look at what ARH is achieving, they often become some of the most active supporters.

So why focus on mental health? It is a bigger problem than most of us realise. Estimates are that more than 40% of the adult population will be affected in their lifetime and 10 to 15% of young people in any one year! The need is certainly there.

Like many of the programs conducted by Rotary, raising funds is an increasing challenge. Donations by Rotarians and Rotary clubs are a major source of funding but ARH also receives funding from the general public, businesses, charitable trusts and bequests. Funding peaked in 2008-9 but the GFC and declining Rotary membership have taken their toll and in 2010-11 donations were down more than 20% from their peak.

Although ARH is a multi-District program, Rotarians from District 9800 have played a significant role in ARH and indeed continue to do so. Professor Tony Jorm (RC Carlton) is Chairman of the Research Committee. PRIP Royce Abbey is Patron, along with Australia's other past RI Presidents, Sir Clem Renouf and Glen Kinross. PDG Judy Nettleton is a Rotary Ambassador for ARH and our District

Dennis Shore,
District Governor.



Libby and Maxwell



Around this time last year a group of people came together to form a Team, called Victorian Spirit, and to travel to Rotary District 1080 in East Anglia to represent our Rotary District and country. Whilst we took a lot of luggage and carried the good wishes of our families and friends in Rotary, one member was carrying something very special.

Elizabeth Nuttall, Group Study Exchange Team member, has just recently delivered her special bundle of luggage, Maxwell Nuttall. After a healthy time in the womb, Maxwell arrived with great aplomb on the 12th of April to two happy parents. He has found his place in a great family, enjoys his food and lots of hugs. He may not ever remember the GSE experience but the team will always remember his presence and his special Mum.

Daily Litter Walk Improves your Health

By Robin Roberts, a member of the Rotary Club of Mobile West, Mobile, Alabama

Would you like an a easy way to change the world? What if there was a project you could start today, in your own neighborhood regardless of where you live? Implementing it requires no fundraising and no committee approval. You can take part starting today. It improves your mind, body and spirit and improves your environment too. Here's the idea: Every day take a daily litter walk. You will be happier, you will be leaner, and your community will be cleaner.

RI President Sakuji Tanaka described his personal commitment to cleaning up litter in the July 2012 issue of The Rotarian magazine. The idea of a daily litter walk brings community cleanup down to the grassroots level of one person and a daily routine.

Annual litter clean-up campaigns take an army because they clean once a year. But everyone can clean up their community if it's done every day. Here are a few things I have learned from more than a year of daily litter walks:

1. Daily walks improve the mind and the spirit, as well as the body.
2. It doesn't require a lot of effort to pick up a little litter each day as you walk.
3. You don't need fancy tools. You can use a small plastic bag from a local merchant and a gardening glove. If you want, employ a grabber.
4. Make it a routine. Make an appointment with yourself each day.
5. Each day, leave at the same time and return at the same time. Consider walking five miles a day.
6. Encourage others to join the effort. Just think what would happen if each town had a thousand daily litter walkers?
7. By cleaning up litter, you will be keeping it out of streams and storm sewers, improving our water as well.
8. You can have an impact immediately — clean land, clean water, better health, one street and one person at a time.



Now doesn't that sound like a win – win, and a great project for Rotarians worldwide? You can learn more at <http://www.lean-and-clean.com/> and you can reach me at Robin@lean-and-clean.com

Best wishes and go forth and change the world.

DLT @ DIK

You must be used to Rotary acronyms by now, so this tells you that the District Leadership Team visited the Donations in Kind storerooms in Footscray.

Not only were they given a conducted tour of the premises and an explanation of the work that goes on, but they were treated to a three course meal with waiter service!

In between courses, some Rotary business was conducted. DG Dennis thanked Bob Glindemann and his team of volunteers for their wonderful hospitality.



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Cafe Internationale 2013

Many Rotarians enjoyed an evening of Parisian culture at International House, when the students produced "La Nuit des Musees".

A group of students were led on a magical adventure through the longest night by a strange tour guide, and we watched with bewilderment as pieces of art came alive.

The students as always provided an evening of splendid entertainment and fine dining. Their talents never cease to amaze us.

The money raised from the evening will go towards updating and revamping the communal areas at International House to improve students' wellbeing, and 30% towards End Polio Now.





Malaria Awareness Day - April 30th

By Bill Oakley, Rotarians Against Malaria Co-ordinator

April 30th is Malaria Awareness Day for Rotary in Australia (moved from the World Malaria Awareness Day because of a clash with ANZAC Day). There are good reasons to be aware at this time of the scourge that is malaria, because of the exciting work that is being undertaken in the fight against malaria.

The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute (WEHI) in Melbourne is a World Leader in the fight against malaria. They established a Malaria Unit over 40 years ago to learn and understand the complex relationship between the plasmodium parasite which inflicts malaria, the female anopheles mosquito which carries it, and human beings. By understanding just what happens at each step along the way of this complex relationship between man, insect and parasite, they hope to learn how we can disrupt the transmission cycle. On April 30th, 8 or so Rotarians joined an audience of over 200 at (WEHI) to learn the latest about malaria research.

We learned that there are five distinct types of plasmodia, leading to five different versions of malaria, ranging from some which are often fatal through to some which give a fairly mild form of the disease. When a pregnant female mosquito bites a human the plasmodia gets into the bloodstream and travels to and lodges in the liver. Some versions can remain dormant in the liver for periods up to over a year and "hibernate" over the winter. When it is ready plasmodium leaves the liver and rejoins the bloodstream where it invades red blood cells. The parasite multiplies in the cell, killing it, and spilling multiple parasites into the bloodstream to invade other cells. When another female anopheles mosquito bites an infested human, it absorbs the plasmodium parasite, which multiplies in the mosquito ready to infect the next human the mosquito bites.

We try and break this cycle to reduce the incidence of malaria:

- By stopping the mosquitoes from biting (bed nets, repellent sprays)
- By killing mosquitos (insecticide sprays and nets)
- By stopping mosquitoes from breeding (clean ups, removal of stagnant water)
- By early treatment to kill the parasite in humans
- By vaccines to immunise humans.

We learned the difference between reduction the breaking of the cycle of transmission such that parasite numbers fall; elimination, the lowering of parasite incidence in a given area or region such that malaria infection ceases to be a health problem in that area; and eradication the total destruction of the plasmodium parasite such that none remains on the planet, and malaria is consigned to history, like smallpox and soon (we hope!) polio.

The last five years have seen spectacular decreases in the incidence of malaria infection and death – by over 90% from 1990 levels. This has not been achieved by great technological advances, but by the tried and true methods of bednets, spraying, mosquito habitat removal, and rapid diagnosis and early treatment. However there are still approximately 660,000 deaths a year from malaria, mostly in Africa, and mostly of children under five and pregnant women. There is still a lot of work to do!

The aim at present is to progress by creating areas of elimination, and in the South West Pacific (our neck of the woods) in both the Solomon Islands and in Vanuatu there are whole islands where malaria has been virtually eliminated (incidence of infection less than one per thousand). There's still a lot of work to do in Papua New Guinea, where elimination areas are still a way off, but where we still have achieved reduction of between 40% and 60% across PNG in the last two years.

Malaria eradication will probably require an effective vaccine, and we learned that WEHI is close to being able to report a vaccine they have found effective in mice which they think will be effective against all varieties of malaria, and will stop transmission of the parasite both from mosquito to man, and also from man back to the mosquito. If this works, and if it gives long term immunity, it will be a major breakthrough. Present vaccines only provide short term protection for a few weeks – OK for visitors to malarial regions, but impractical for large resident populations.



The message was that in order to get on top of malaria we need a coordinated attack on the parasite at every point on the cycle where it is vulnerable. This means a mixture of new super technology with on the ground community education about nets and mosquito preventing practices. All speakers were aware of the role Rotary has played, and stressed there will be many contributions a community based "people driven" organisation like ours can play. We hope to strengthen Rotary's involvement in the major World partnerships of Roll Back Malaria and the Asia Pacific Malaria Eradication Network, to learn more about how we can make Rotary's contribution even more effective. Meanwhile, every net we can deliver to a family on the ground, particularly in PNG, will be another step along the path of reduction, elimination, and eventually eradication.

More news as it comes to hand!



Miles for Smiles



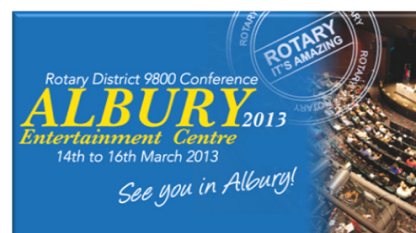
Over \$11,000 raised so far!

Over \$11,000 has been raised for Miles for Smiles, the epic motorbike ride through South East Asia and Australia, scheduled for February 2014. Check out the new bike Peter and Trish will be taking on this 6500 mile (approx. 10,460 km) journey to raise funds and awareness for Interplast Australia and New Zealand. Read here for more. <http://www.milesforsmiles.org.au/check-out-the-new-pimped-up-bike/>

On the road

Thanks to the new partnership with Rotary Australia, Peter Jones was invited to speak at the 2013 Rotary International Conference up in Albury NSW recently. Peter was in great company on the stage with renowned author Peter FitzSimons also speaking.

Read more. <http://www.milesforsmiles.org.au/rotary-international-conference-albury-march-2013/>



Another speaking engagement was to be at Interplast's major annual fundraiser, the Black & White Ball, held at the George in Sydney, where once again Peter FitzSimons was on the stage...this time as Master of Ceremonies!

Read more about the Black & White Ball here. <http://www.milesforsmiles.org.au/interplast-black-white-ball-march-2013/>



They said it couldn't be done...well we've done it!

We have just received the news we have been waiting months for.... special permission to overland through Myanmar! We have been granted authorisation to enter from Northern India and through the Western border at Tamu, Myanmar and exit from the Eastern border at Myawaday into Thailand.

Read more here. <http://www.milesforsmiles.org.au/weve-done-it-myanmar-permission-received/>

Follow us!

With lots of activities and events coming up in the next few months including our event launch at Eureka 89, a fundraising Whiskey appreciation evening (courtesy of Chivas Regal), and the Rotary Road Show be sure to stay in touch with what's going on.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Clarice and Friends,

A big thank you to all who assisted at Caulfield Hospital yesterday and today with the uplift of the hospital beds. I hope I have covered everyone in the addresses above but if you see someone I have not included, please pass it on to them.

In addition to 99 beds and mattresses, we have an electric physio couch and some walking aids. Importantly, we have made some new contacts for the DIK store and I have little doubt that we will have more opportunities there in the future.

I know that some of you have also put your hands up for next week at The Austin Hospital at Heidelberg – many thanks for that but we are still a few short for the lift on Tuesday the 14th at The Austin in particular so if you can have a look at your diaries and see if you can assist, that would be great.

We will have 40 beds to assist unpack and then the same number to collect and pack into the container.

I look forward to any offers.

Cheers.
Bob Glindemann
for the DIK Team.



Welcome New Members



The Rotary Club of St Kilda is proud to announce a new member, **Marc Fookes**.

Marc is well known in the Rotary Community having been a member for over 30 years. Marc has been President previously at the Rotary Club of Glen Eira, Rotary New Generations District Chair 2006-2007, and Assistant Governor 2010/11 for Eastside Cluster. Marc is our incoming President for the 2013/14 year.



Pete Jensen has been inducted as a new member at RC Brighton Beach.

Photo shows PP Neil Graham, President Linn Maskell, Pete Jensen, AC Gordon Cheyne and Richard Noble.



Notices and Events

For a full Notices & Events calendar, visit the following link:

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

9th
May

SPORTS STAR NIGHT

9TH MAY, 2013 - COMMENCES 7.00PM.

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RSVP 2nd May, 13 - Barry Coleman. 0427852062 or bgdcoleman@optusnet.com.au

GUEST SPEAKERS - DAVID EVANS, CHAIRMAN ESSENDON FOOTBALL CUB.

-CATHRYN FITZPATRICK, COACH AUSTRALIAN WORLD WOMEN'S CRICKET TEAM. -BARRY

MICHAEL, FORMER I.B.F WORLD BOXING CHAMPION. HOST - SHANE TEMPLETON TV RACE COMMENTATOR TVN.

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17th
May

HEART KIDS' NIGHT OF NIGHTS

FRIDAY 17TH MAY 7:00 FOR 7:30 START

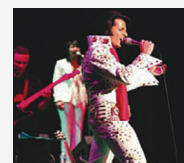
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17th
May

Kristina Olsen Benefit Concert

Friday 17 May @ 7.30pm

Life Saving Victoria 200 The Boulevard Port Melbourne

\$25.00 or \$30.00 at the door

Bookings: www.trybooking.com Queries Kayleen on 0409596575

"Wicked blues slide guitar...soon her storytelling becomes so wonderful and her music so expressive, one

realized that the untamed Olsen is more valuable than any slicker version could be" - Boston Herald

Supporting Tibetan Village Project & PNG Highlands Foundation and RCAP Community Projects



Rotary Engaged - the 2013 Assembly

Sunday May 19 2013, Tabcorp Park, Ferris Road, Melton.

District Governor Elect, Ross Butterworth, the District Training team and the Rotary Club of Melton invite all District 9800 Clubs and Rotarians to attend the Rotary Engaged – the 2013 Assembly event on Sunday May 19 2013 at Tabcorp Park, Melton. Following feedback from next year's Club Presidents the newly formatted District Assembly will provide an opportunity for D9800 Rotarians to engage with a number of training options to be involved in conversation about programs of interest, learn how to develop Programs and learn about new projects, significant change to past District Assemblies. The Registration cost for Rotarians remains at \$25.00, including lunch; only \$10.00 if optional lunch is not ordered. The event begins at 9.15am with registrations being taken from 8.15am.

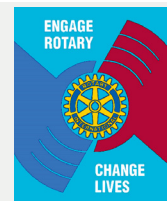
Plenty of parking is available at Tabcorp Park but Rotarians are still encouraged to travel down in groups as this will enable you to engage with each other travelling to and from the event. This will be a great learning opportunity for all Rotarians.

Club Presidents and Presidents Elect are encouraged to promote this new initiative replacing District Assembly and endeavor to have as many club members attending as possible. Club Presidents, Presidents Elect and Nominees are asked to attend the afternoon sessions for the Club Executives where a joint Presidents Forum will be held along with specific Elect and Nominee sessions. There will also be a Club Leaders session after the lunch break for the Club Secretaries, Treasurers and Protection Officers.

Country residents have the option of taking accommodation at Tabcorp Park on the day before if they wish to make a weekend of the event; Essendon play Brisbane on Saturday at 2.10 PM at Etihad Stadium and Collingwood play Geelong at the MCG on Saturday at 7.40 PM. Trains from Melton can be taken to and from the city. Free parking is available at the Melton Rail station. Accommodation details for those who wish to take on this offer will be made available shortly.

Tabcorp Park offers ample and comfortable facilities for up to 1000 guests and Rotarians will have access to tea and coffee throughout the event. Lunch for those who opt for it will be taken in the dining area.

Registrations will be taken from next week through the Rotary Club of Melton, c/- PP Leigh Francis, email: leigh-francis@bigpond.com. Late registrations will be taken on the day but there will be a \$2.50 processing cost per member and the member's club will be invoiced, no cash payments on the day will be accepted.



22nd
May

E-Club of Melbourne Charter Night

Wednesday 22nd May '13, 6:30 for 7:00 PM

Life Saving Victoria, 200 The Boulevard, Port Melbourne \$40.00 per head

Contact Details: - Peter Lamping on 0418 510 312

Website or link for more information: www.rotaryclubofmelbourne.org.au

Click here to book: <http://www.rotaryclubofmelbourne.org.au/item/424018>





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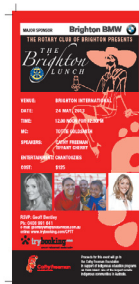
24th
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The Brighton Lunch

24th May 2013, 12.00pm
The Brighton International, Bay Street Brighton Cost: \$125.00

The 2013 Brighton Lunch will to be held on Friday May the 24th at the Brighton International. Our expectations are indicating that this will be one of the biggest calendar events in Melbourne in 2013 and I am pleased to confirm that we have secured Cathy Freeman, Tiffany Cherry, Tottie Goldsmith and the return of the Chantoozies as the line up for this year's event. Proceeds for this event will distributed to the Cathy Freeman Foundation and the Rotary Club of Brighton.

RSVP: Geoff Bentley – gbentley@neptuneservices.com.au
0408 991-41 www.trybooking.com/CPTT



30th
May

An East African Soiree

Brunswick bowling club, 104 Victoria st, Brunswick
Thursday 30th May 2013

5.30 doors open for barefoot bowls and games.
7pm food is served. \$35 pp or \$300 table of 10, drinks at bowls club prices.

<http://www.brunswickrotary.org.au/blog/an-east-african-safari-soiree/>

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6th
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Australian Small Business Commissioner

Speaker: Mark Brennan, The
first Australian Small Business
Commissioner

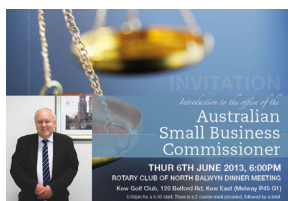
Location: Kew Golf Club, 120 Belford
Rd, Kew East

6 June 2013, 6:00pm for a 6:30 start
Cost: \$33

RSVP: Before 3 June 2013 or go to the
Club Website

www.rotarynorthbalwyn.com.au

or email to hugoGoetze@netspace.net.au



22nd
June

Choir of Hope & Inspiration Concert

Saturday 22nd June, 2013 at 3.00pm

Malvern Town Hall, Cnr Glenferrie
Rd & High St, Malvern. 3144

\$28 Adults - \$20 Concession

including Seniors & Under 16 years

RSVP: John Walmsley (RC
Chadstone/East Malvern) 0412 516
445

For more information: www.choirofhopeandinspiration.com

Please book tickets online or call (03)
9016 0175.

This is a joint fund raising effort by the Rotary Club of Chadstone/East Malvern and the Choir of Hope & Inspiration



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DG's Weekly Message

2013 Council on Legislation

From 21-26th April delegates from all Districts in the Rotary world assembled in Chicago for the 2013 Council on Legislation. This Council is considered as Rotary's Parliament since this is where proposals to change Rotary's rules and regulations are deliberated on and decided. Proposals to amend the RI Constitution or Bylaws or the standard club constitution are known as enactments and other proposals are resolutions.

The Council has not always been a legislative body; the role and the authority of the Council have changed over the years. Early in Rotary's history, from 1910, significant matters were debated and decisions made by the delegates to the annual convention. At that time Rotary was still evolving and this was probably an effective and democratic way to determine the future direction for the new organisation.

Rotary's 25th anniversary convention in 1930 was attended by 11,000 people and with so many delegates it became clear that the system in place was no longer feasible. A decision was taken to establish a Council on Legislation, which was ratified by the 1933 convention and the Council was created in 1934. Until 1970 the Council was an advisory body, which debated and evaluated proposals before they were voted on at the following Rotary convention. At the 1970 convention the Council on Legislation was approved as a legislative body, commencing with the 1974 Council. Every three years since the Council has met to determine the future shape of Rotary.

Each District has one elected delegate, a Past District Governor, to represent the clubs within the District. Certain ex-officio non-voting delegates also attend. Once an item of legislation has been agreed by the Council it must be submitted to every club for ratification. Delegates to the Council obviously do their work well since apparently no decision made by the Council has ever been overturned. Approved enactments will go into effect on July 1 if ratified.



District Governor Dennis Shore and Lynda

The RI decision on actions resulting from resolutions will be advised within one year.

The proposals considered by the Council can originate from any club in the Rotary world or from the Board, often it seems to "test the water" or the appetite for change. To some Rotarians the Council is seen as an impediment to changes that they see as vital for Rotary's future. They argue that many past Governors want to perpetuate the Rotary that they know and love rather than embracing need for change. Others resent the one vote for one District rule and this year there was an unsuccessful attempt to allow larger districts to have additional representation.

Our District's representative was PDG Don Jago, attending his second Council. The Council was chaired by John Germ who will be well remembered as the RI President's Representative at our District Conference in Melbourne last year.



PDG Don reports the first General Session commenced with a welcome speech by RI President Sakuji Tanaka, followed by discussion of procedural matters and conduct of the Council. An

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May is Australian Rotary Health Month



important item was presentation of the RI Preliminary 5-Year Financial Forecast from 2014, which assumed increases in membership by 42,500 and in per capita dues as well as a 5% return on an investment base of \$US 108 million.

A significant number of changes were agreed by this Council, although critics would argue that fundamental changes are still overdue. Some seemingly radical changes probably will have little impact, such as removal of the previous limit of two e-clubs that a District can charter. Consider our own District, where we have just chartered our first e-club, which becomes only the 5th e-club established by an Australian District. There are no necessary geographical limits to membership and given there is another e-club in District 9810, adjoining our District, it is likely that we have more than satisfied the local demand for the time being. Of course some current physical clubs might choose to make the transition and so that potential is now there. At the same time club boards can determine if the locality for an e-club is to be worldwide or more local if it operates as a hybrid club.



What else from the Council deliberations might have some impact on the way we function as clubs or Districts?

- Satellite Clubs have been approved. PDG Don Jago reports the Council saw the provision of Satellite Clubs as important, not only as alternative places to meet in remote areas or where working hours are variable, but it enables a Club to create a satellite club in the area of a proposed new club, allowing the satellite club to meet and to encourage prospective new members to enjoy a proper club atmosphere prior to achieving the required number of members to form a new separate Club.
- Engagement in service now counts towards attendance at meetings.
- Club secretary to a member of the club Board
- Removal of the 65 year age requirement in the 85 rule so if any combination of membership and age equal 85, a member may be excused from attendance.
- Allows membership for persons "who have interrupted employment or having never worked in order to care for children or to assist the spouse in their work."
- Admission fees will not be payable by a former member of club who rejoins same club
- Honorary members approved to wear the Rotary pin
- District Assembly renamed District Training Assembly
- Approval for the Fifth Avenue of Service (New Generations) to be renamed Youth Service. The Board was requested to consider adding a fifth part to the "Object of Rotary" to include the involvement and development of youth
- The proposal to enshrine "Service Above Self" as the permanent annual theme was soundly defeated, and incoming RI Presidents will continue to determine a distinctive theme for their year of office
- Revised the minimum membership for the RI Board to change district boundaries from 1200 members down to 1100

- Created the title of Governor Nominee Designate (which we have been doing for years)
- The number of clubs that may participate in a pilot project to be increased from 200 to 1000
- Clubs outside the US / Canada can decide if the Rotary magazine will be distributed as a print copy or through the Internet (already the case in North America).
- Request the RI Board to consider proposing legislation to the next Council to introduce a new associate membership category
- Adoption of the second Object of Rotary as the guiding principle of Vocational Service, still recognised as a most important part of Rotary service
- Delegates approved the resolution to refer the proposal "to allow grandchildren of Rotarians to be eligible for Rotary Foundation programs" to the RI Board. PDG Don Jago feels this is unlikely to be endorsed
- Requested the RI Board to consider adding peace & conflict resolution activities to International Service
- Requested the Board to add a Youth Day to the Rotary calendar

The majority of the 199 items for consideration were rejected, most by a substantial margin and quite a number were withdrawn. Those defeated included the perennial requests to reduce meeting frequency and the requirement for attendance reporting. A proposal to impose a levy for International Conventions was also defeated as was a proposal to limit Youth Exchange to children of Rotarians. Two measures affecting Rotaract were also defeated - raising the age limit to 35 and lower dues for Rotaractors joining Rotary, partly because Rotaract membership records have not been collected by RI.

Whilst the Council recommended that Rotary Leadership Institute be recognised as a structured program of Rotary the proposal to recognise RYPEN as a structured program was defeated as was a request to recognise EarlyAct. Our district will continue to expand this program however!

There seems to be regular criticism of the Council on Legislation, particularly the cost and the perception that it gets in the way of much need re-engineering of Rotary. Readers of RDU would have noted in the latest edition that the editor took what might be described as a provocative view about the Council to presumably encourage debate. PDG Don Jago has responded as follows: "The Council on Legislation is the one business meeting in Rotary wherein each Club and District has the opportunity to debate and consider many important aspects of Rotary, to speak and be heard, in the presence of and with the cooperation of the RI Board, TRF Trustees, the General Secretary and the RI staff. Further, a good deal of work is done outside sessions between delegates. It is indeed the Parliament of Rotary. The format may not be perfect, such never is, but it is the best available forum we have at the present. Would Mr Wallace suggest our State and Federal Parliaments meet electronically, a tick-the-box format with no debate or discussion, and without scrutiny, I think not".

It seems unlikely that the Council on Legislation is on a path to extinction anytime soon. But it and other programs of Rotary have to be paid for and accordingly the Council approved a US\$1 increase in RI annual dues commencing in 2014-15 through 2016/17. However for very small clubs the good news is that the minimum fee for semi-annual dues payable by each club based on 10 members has been removed.

On final ratification of changes, each Club's Rules and the Statement of Purpose will need to be updated to incorporate the changes. Clubs will receive details about the process for changes as they become available.

Have a great week in Rotary – it's amazing.

Dennis Shore,
District Governor.



District Awards

By Bronwen Scarffe, District 9800 Club Service Chair

It's not too Late!

D9800 Awards & Recognitions provide all Clubs with an opportunity to share and celebrate their achievements with the rest of our District, and at the same time, seek recognition for their efforts and dedication. They will be proudly presented during the District Governors' Changeover Dinner and because it is a special event Rotarians and their guests get a real sense of the great work we do and leave with new and exciting ideas and enthusiasm for the coming Rotary year and what their clubs can achieve.



Category 1 Awards (Applications must be completed for these Awards)

- **Australian Rotary Health Research Award**

This award recognizes a Club that has contributed the highest per capita giving to the ARHRF between July 1st 2012 & May 31st 2013, or a Club that has undertaken a significant project or event in the support of the ARHRF.

- **Environment Award**

This Award recognises a Club which has initiated a project that has provided significant community benefits, is sustainable and which meets EPA criteria.

- **Community Service Award**

This Award recognises the most outstanding Community Service project or program which addresses and meets a significant problem or identified need within the local community. The project should include extensive involvement of clubs members and the club's family of Rotary. Projects or programs involving the use of Rotary Foundation Grants are especially encouraged.

- **New Generations Award**

This Award recognises outstanding and comprehensive Youth Service through involvement in District Programs or a Club initiative that may also include an outstanding special Youth Program or project. Participants in the program/event should be 18 years and under.

- **The Jack Nankervis International Service Award**

This award is presented for outstanding and comprehensive International Service through either involvement in a District or Club initiative that may also include an outstanding international program or project. The positive impact and outcomes of the program or project should provide benefits to as wide a spectrum of the community, as possible. Projects involving the use of The Rotary Foundation Grants are especially encouraged.

- **The Bill King Rotary Image Award**

This Award recognises a Club that has created the greatest awareness of Rotary by inclusive Club membership involvement.

- **Vocational Service Award**

This Award recognises an outstanding Club Vocational Service project that has both impact and outcome.

- **Significant Achievement Award**

This Award recognises the most unique Club project or event that has involved the majority of Club members and has resulted in significant benefits to a community.

- **Rotary – Rotaract Involvement Award**

This Award recognises a Club that has initiated the best joint project or event between their club and a Rotaract Club(s). The Award may also be presented to a Club that has successfully, either chartered a new Rotaract Club or assisted in the growth of an existing Club.

- **Strategic Planning Award**

This Award recognises a Club that has undertaken a Club Vision Event and has gone on to develop, document and enact at least the first year of its Strategic Plan that addresses the 3 Rotary International Priorities – to support and strengthen clubs, to focus and increase humanitarian service and to enhance public image and awareness along with its own club priorities.

- **The Thomas Lothian Public Relations Award**

This Award recognises a Club that has demonstrated evidence of a significant Public Relations Program that has effectively and positively promoted and enhanced the image of Rotary.

- **The Vance Hilton Best Submission Award**

This Award recognises the best overall submission.

For a copy of the Application form contact bronwensacrffe@harboursat.com.au and once completed and marked for the attention of Bronwen Scarffe – District 9800 2012 2013 district 9800 Awards they should be posted to PO Box 47 Hepburn 3461 or emailed to bronwensacrffe@harboursat.com.au by the due date.NB. All written submissions must be received by 12th of June 2013

And importantly could clubs which won awards for their efforts last year please bring their trophies/ shields/plaques to the Registration desk at this year's Rotary Engaged District Assembly on May 19th at Tabcorp Park, Melton so we can get them ready for our new winners!



No matter how large or small your club may be, you can still win an award. Our photos show DG Keith Ryall last year, presenting Austen Burleigh of Melbourne Rotary Club with the Best Website Award, and Heather Welsh of Caulfield Rotary Club with the Rotary/Rotaract Involvement Award.



A Postscript to “Black Saturday”

By PP Melville Connell PSM

Rotary International District 9800 quickly rose to the challenge to provide assistance to communities that survived the catastrophic “Black Saturday” Bushfires of February 2009. Donations-in-kind were made to people in need, volunteers assisted in community recovery efforts, and nearly one million dollars was raised to enable a more substantial and durable recovery program. Of the funds raised, 31% came from Rotarians and Clubs in District 9800, 55% came from numerous donations made by private individuals, Rotarians and Rotary Clubs and Districts in other Australian States and overseas, and 13% came from non-Rotary sources. This tremendous generosity was undoubtedly a response to the horrific loss of life experienced and the spontaneous nature of a natural disaster that wreaked enormous havoc overnight. Immediate dissemination of the sad news through the world media certainly captured the hearts of people everywhere.



District 9800, working in close conjunction with government agencies, charitable bodies, and other Rotary Districts in Victoria and Tasmania, sought to understand where best to commit its efforts. It was apparent from the start that Rotary had no role as a “first responder”: it was decided that District 9800 would seek to identify projects that were likely to be very beneficial to communities but might be overlooked by other participants in the recovery project. It was considered that dealing with individual survivors was not generally appropriate, with the exception of a few extreme cases. It was however deemed to be imperative that all of our efforts should be coordinated as far as possible with other agencies and that the views of affected communities must be taken into serious account. Many projects have been funded covering a wide range of activities and costs. Potential durability of benefit was considered to be an important issue and investment in support for psychological recovery from post traumatic stress was also included as a major plank in the program.

Major projects undertaken in conjunction with all Rotary Districts in Victoria and Tasmania included:

- provision of seeding funds to enable conversion of a building at Marysville into a shopping and business centre (known as Marysville Central);



- and provision of funds to enable construction and fitting out of a Youth Centre at Kinglake (known as “Ellimatta”)



In conjunction with District 9810 and 9830, significant funding was provided to:

- Yarra Valley Practitioners Project; and
- Healesville Living and Learning Centre to enable construction of a building unit to be used as a Youth Hub, log splitters, and a BBQ trailer was purchased and made available for use by Global Care and then CatholicCare in their work assisting survivors secure and clean up their properties and also supplying firewood to people in need. That equipment was still in daily use up to February 2013 when it was almost all withdrawn and donated to District 9830 for use in a bushfire recovery program in Tasmania.



Traumatic stress created by the fires is still a major issue in the affected communities and also in personnel who were engaged by agencies during and immediately following the fires. Unfortunately, stress of this nature is not easily overcome and attention to the problem is ongoing. District 9800 records its appreciation of the cooperative associations that it has enjoyed with Global Care Australia, CatholicCare, the Salvation Army, the YMCA, Rotary Districts of Victoria and Tasmania, the Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority, Healesville Living and Learning Centre, the Lord Mayor’s Charitable Foundation, the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal and many other bodies. The generosity of many suppliers of goods and services is also acknowledged..

Rotary International District 9800 has now closed its Post “Black Saturday” Bushfire Recovery Program. As the Chairman of that Program I thank the several District Governors, District Boards, and Committee Members that over the past four years have supported the work of the Committee in an unstinting manner. I am sure that we have all learned valuable lessons from involvement in the challenging task.



Eradicating Polio In Africa

Thousands of health workers and volunteers mobilized public support for polio eradication and immunized children against the disease during recent National Immunization Days in Côte d'Ivoire. Volunteers distributed vitamin A supplements and de-worming tablets to improve public health, which is another objective in the polio endgame strategy.

http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/130501_news_NIDgallery.aspx



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Remember.....if you have corrections or additions, updates or feedback regarding speakers, please let us know.

"A Lasting Record"

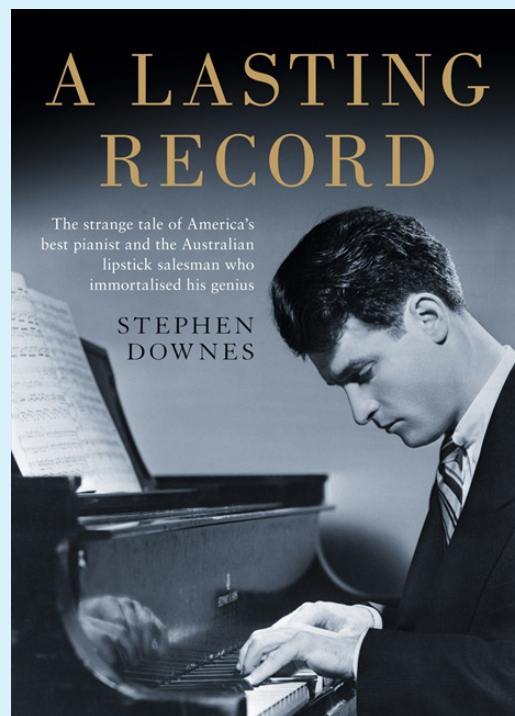
Many thanks to President Miranda Bain from the Rotary Club of Woodend.

Miranda writes: 'Tonight we had the fascinating writer and journalist Stephen Downes talk about his new book "A Lasting Record", the true story of America's best pianist, William Kappell, who died in an aeroplane crash aged just 31 years along with all other passengers. Kappell's musical genius was ironically immortalised by an Australian lipstick salesman who worked in Myer. The new owners of the airplane service, Qantas, although they compensated all other passengers, did not compensate the widow and her two children.'

Contact: Stephen Downes: Email: downes@people.net.au

Stephen Downes, who is the author of several other books, came along tonight with his gorgeous French wife Dominique, of whom he met in London in the 70's when he was working as a foreign journalist. Stephen is a fabulous speaker. He is extremely well-travelled and erudite; he brings a wonderful sense of colour and knowledge to this true story and to the times. Colin Fox renowned ABC radio broadcaster who was in the audience tonight was equally impressed with the story, the unknown facts about this extraordinary musical talent and this wonderful writer.

Stephen donated 15% of the book takings from the night to our club charity project: the cleft palate ops that we run every year'



Thanks to Ben Hosking from the Rotary Club of Richmond for the following suggestion. He writes: 'We had an excellent presentation at our meeting on Monday night from Lisa Du and Brad Donnini on the subject **"Technology for Seniors"**. They are the co - founders of Ready Tech Go Pty Ltd who conduct one on one training for clients on the use of technology .As well computers/ Ipads they also teach how to use social media such as Facebook, Linked in and Twitter. They can also assist with smart phone training and all household equipment including TV set up and usage . Our members found it very informative as they both presented in a very friendly and supportive manner . They showed us some useful Apps and a website 360cities. net which allows you to view some of the most beautiful places in the world . Overall they were most helpful and knowledgeable talking in very non technical manner . Lisa and Brad would be delighted to visit other Rotary clubs in the district.'

Lisa has added the following:

'We are happy to present on any technology related topics such as:

- General - "Technology for seniors" - where we will present some great things that seniors can do with technology
- Or topics that the Rotary members have identified that they would be interested in

Contact Lisa Du Mobile 0413 419 065 email: lisa.du@readytechgo.com.au Website : www.readytechgo.com.au





Rotary Leadership Institute

Have you attended the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)? If the answer is yes, then you will know just how worthwhile and rewarding this can be. If the answer was no, then let me tell you a little about it.

They are fun, fast paced, interactive one day courses run by experienced and formally trained Rotarians in our District. The participants contribute their experience and ideas in facilitated conversational small discussion groups, sharing knowledge, ideas and opinions. They learn how Rotary operates differently in clubs and learn from these differences. It builds confidence in a Rotarian.

This multi-District leadership development program seeks to have Rotary clubs identify potential future club leaders who want to be more effective leaders in their vocation and club and increase their Rotary knowledge. RLI gives you a perspective about where Rotary has been, where it is going, and a vision of what Rotary can be.

The program consists of 3 full day sessions, which run from 9.00am to 3.15pm, held on Sundays, with venues in South Melbourne and Bendigo, thus enabling all Rotarians in the District the opportunity to attend.

For Nomination and Registration Forms (and any other questions) please email PP Vicki Teschke E: vicki.t@tacobill.com.au or call B.9690 2077 M.0412 525 055

Dates and Nomination Forms are also available at

<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.com.au/news/1627>



Welcome New Members



Estelle Kelly and Matthew Pauli were inducted by President Tony Wells as members of North Balwyn Rotary Club.

Matthew is a past President of the Club and we are pleased he has chosen to re-join Rotary after a short absence.





Letters to the Editor

Dear Clarice,

The tribute to Jim Thompson concert that was held two Sundays ago (renamed 'New Composer's Concert for Cancer Research') raised \$1,300.00 for the cause. The audience was entertained by some of Melbourne's best musicians and composers. The musicians were sponsored by the University of Melbourne.

Everyone present was awestruck by the voice of soprano Hilary Taylor-Bill. Hilary had suspended her career while raising her 3 children, but came out of retirement for the concert. We hope to hear her again in the not too distant future. She is an international-standard soprano who worked in the UK with the Covent Garden Opera Company, as well as with the Australian and Victorian Opera companies.

The original music was brilliant, the atmosphere was relaxed and friendly, and people enjoyed the after-show fellowship, door prizes and raffles.

Yours in Rotary,
Jacob Taurins,
PP Rotary Club of Essendon North



Dear Rotarians Tarriela and Carlos Martinez:

Thank you for submitting the final report regarding global grant 25275, to provide households in Lubang Mindoro, Philippines with year-round access to clean water from nearby cluster faucets and training on sanitation and hygiene. The report has been reviewed and found to be complete. The Foundation will now mark the grant as closed. Your cooperation in fulfilling this requirement is greatly appreciated.

In your application you indicated that the grant committee would be measuring and evaluating the beneficiaries' ability to maintain the water distribution system and the management of the monthly tariffs. Please be sure to maintain records of these measurements and evaluation. Staff may contact you in the future in order to compile this data for the Foundation's records. With this information we will be able to measure and to publicize the impact Rotarians are having world wide.

Many thanks to all the Rotarians who gave their time, funds and expertise to implement this project that supports The Rotary Foundation's mission to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

Best Regards,
Laura Bradley
Senior Grant Coordinator
Future Vision Pilot
The Rotary Foundation
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



Notices and Events

For a full Notices & Events calendar, visit the following link:

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



Otago Youth Adventure Trust

Milton Rotary Tramping Club



THE OTAGO YOUTH ADVENTURE TRUST
ROTARY CLUB OF MILTON TRAMPING CLUB INC

A Special message to members of Rotary Clubs in Australia

Places are now available on our many trips, planned for the 2014 season. As in previous years, we try to notify every person in our address book, and many Australians and their friends have already joined us in past years. Many return year after year to participate in other trips, hence we always need to find "new trips". We are a Charities Commission Registered Club and all trips are run by unpaid volunteers. Leadership is "low key", and most of our trips are "independent" walks, as distinct from the "up market" commercially guided tramps.

we have now completed our 27th season, and in that time almost 17,000 people, of all ages and nationalities have participated and shared in the fun of our low cost adventures.

YOU WILL NOTICE A CHANGE IN OUR BOOKING PROCEDURES THIS YEAR,
AS NOW ALL OUR BOOKINGS AND PAYMENTS WILL BE MADE "ON LINE".

All trip and booking details can be found on our web site

www.otagorotarytrusttramps.org.nz

TRIPS PLANNED FOR 2014

Cycle the Otago Central Rail Trail (x2)
Tuatapere Hump Ridge Track (x1)
Routeburn/Greenstone Track (x3)
Catlins – Tautuku Camp (x1)
Rakiura Track (Stewart Island) (x4)

Milford Track (x4)
Kepler Track (x1)
Borland Lodge (x1)
Aspiring – Tititea Lodge (x3)

NEW TRIPS:

Routeburn/Milford Combined(x1)
Alps2Ocean Cycle Trail (Mt Cook to Omarama) (x3)

On all our trips our bus will pick you up, and return you to Dunedin, (or other places, if on the bus route). Food and accommodation is provided while on the trip.

We are a legal tramping club, not a commercial operator, and are required (by law) to run our trips on a "cost recovery" basis only. Consequently our unpaid volunteer leaders and organisers can offer you a low-priced adventure. However, you do need to become a member of our Tramping Club (\$50), in the season of your trip, and we do suggest a voluntary donation, so we can return some funds to the two very worthwhile Charitable Trusts that are the parent bodies of our Club.

For further information about us and our trips, visit our web site, or contact the specific person listed on our web site.

Many of our trips fill up rapidly, and it is always a case of "first in-first served".

Regards

The Team from OYAT/Milton Rotary Club Tramping Club Inc



Rotary Engaged - the 2013 Assembly

Sunday May 19 2013, Tabcorp Park, Ferris Road, Melton.

District Governor Elect, Ross Butterworth, the District Training team and the Rotary Club of Melton invite all District 9800 Clubs and Rotarians to attend the Rotary Engaged – the 2013 Assembly event on Sunday May 19 2013 at Tabcorp Park, Melton. Following feedback from next year's Club Presidents the newly formatted District Assembly will provide an opportunity for D9800 Rotarians to engage with a number of training options to be involved in conversation about programs of interest, learn how to develop Programs and learn about new projects, significant change to past District Assemblies. The Registration cost for Rotarians remains at \$25.00, including lunch; only \$10.00 if optional lunch is not ordered. The event begins at 9.15am with registrations being taken from 8.15am.

Plenty of parking is available at Tabcorp Park but Rotarians are still encouraged to travel down in groups as this will enable you to engage with each other travelling to and from the event. This will be a great learning opportunity for all Rotarians.

Club Presidents and Presidents Elect are encouraged to promote this new initiative replacing District Assembly and endeavor to have as many club members attending as possible. Club Presidents, Presidents Elect and Nominees are asked to attend the afternoon sessions for the Club Executives where a joint Presidents Forum will be held along with specific Elect and Nominee sessions. There will also be a Club Leaders session after the lunch break for the Club Secretaries, Treasurers and Protection Officers.

Country residents have the option of taking accommodation at Tabcorp Park on the day before if they wish to make a weekend of the event; Essendon play Brisbane on Saturday at 2.10 PM at Etihad Stadium and Collingwood play Geelong at the MCG on Saturday at 7.40 PM. Trains from Melton can be taken to and from the city. Free parking is available at the Melton Rail station. Accommodation details for those who wish to take on this offer will be made available shortly.

Tabcorp Park offers ample and comfortable facilities for up to 1000 guests and Rotarians will have access to tea and coffee throughout the event. Lunch for those who opt for it will be taken in the dining area.

Registrations will be taken from next week through the Rotary Club of Melton, c/- PP Leigh Francis, email: leigh-francis@bigpond.com. Late registrations will be taken on the day but there will be a \$2.50 processing cost per member and the member's club will be invoiced, no cash payments on the day will be accepted.



Rotary Leadership Institute 2013

Education is a crucial component of any Club Service Program because it ensures your members are gaining the knowledge, understandings, skills and confidence to take on leadership roles within and beyond your club. Compile a list of members who have attended RLI Courses and allow time in your Club Program for them to encourage others to begin a Rotary Learning and Development Journey of their own.

PART 1: 25th August
PART 2: 5th May & 6th October
PART 3: 2nd June & 17th November
Montague Continuing Education Centre
100 Montague Street, South
Melbourne



PDG Anne White with last year's happy graduates from the Rotary Leadership Institute.



**22nd
May**

E-Club of Melbourne Charter Night

Wednesday 22nd May '13, 6:30 for 7:00 PM
Life Saving Victoria, 200 The Boulevard, Port Melbourne
\$40.00 per head
Contact Details: - Peter Lamping on 0418 510 312
Website or link for more information: www.rotaryclubofmelbourne.org.au
Click here to book: <http://www.rotaryclubofmelbourne.org.au/item/424018>



**24th
May**

The Brighton Lunch

24th May 2013, 12.00pm
The Brighton International, Bay Street Brighton Cost: \$125.00
The 2013 Brighton Lunch will to be held on Friday May the 24th at the Brighton International. Our expectations are indicating that this will be one of the biggest calendar events in Melbourne in 2013 and I am pleased to confirm that we have secured Cathy Freeman, Tiffany Cherry, Tottie Goldsmith and the return of the Chantoozies as the line up for this year's event. Proceeds for this event will distributed to the Cathy Freeman Foundation and the Rotary Club of Brighton.
RSVP: Geoff Bentley - gbentley@neptuneservices.com.au
0408 991-41 www.trybooking.com/CPTT



**30th
May**

An East African Soiree

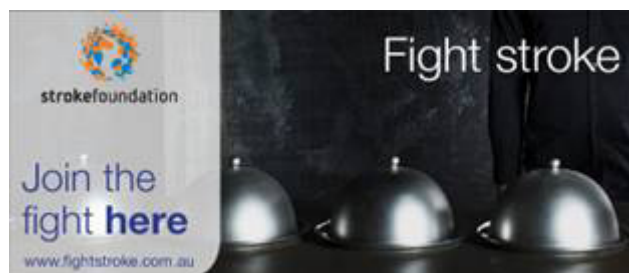
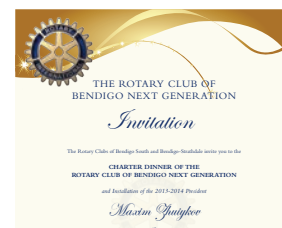
Brunswick bowling club, 104 Victoria st, Brunswick
Thursday 30th May 2013
5.30 doors open for barefoot bowls and games. 7pm food is served. \$35 pp or \$300 table of 10, drinks at bowls club prices.
<http://www.brunswickrotary.org.au/blog/an-east-african-safari-soiree/>
A playful evening to help create playgrounds where there are none
FOOD, WINE, MUSIC, BOWLS, RAFFLES, AUCTION, FUN
Come treat yourself to the finest banquet of exquisite Ethiopian cuisine and fine wines accompanied by the 5 piece Royal Jelly Dixieland Band featured on Claire Bowditch's latest album "The winter I chose happiness"
Bring a friend and some cold hard cash for Auctions, Raffles, Bowls and games Prizes include a yacht cruise for 4 on the night herron, BOSE sound .wave III Sound system (\$800), A years worth of 5 senses coffee. fine wine and much more...



**6th
June**

CHARTER DINNER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO NEXT GENERATION

At The Foundry Complex, 366 High St, Bendigo
Thursday, 6th June, 2013 6:30pm for 7:00pm
Cost \$55 per person – drinks at bar prices
Payment preferred with acceptance by 3 June, 2013
Direct Credits can be made to Bendigo Bank
BSB 633108 Account No 103497236
Credit Card payment also available. Please contact Gary Pinner on 5443 7188.
RSVP 3 June, 2013 Rotary Club of Bendigo South, PO Box 346, Bendigo 3552
Or gejayautomotive@bigpond.com Enquiries: Greg Noonan 0419 546 739





Notices and Events

6th
June

Australian Small Business Commissioner

Speaker: Mark Brennan, The first Australian Small Business Commissioner

Location: Kew Golf Club, 120 Belford Rd, Kew East

6 June 2013, 6:00pm for a 6:30

start Cost: \$33

RSVP: Before 3 June 2013 or go to the Club Website

www.rotarynorthbalwyn.com.au

or email to hugoGoetze@netspace.net.au



22nd
June

Choir of Hope & Inspiration Concert

Saturday 22nd June, 2013 at 3.00pm

Malvern Town Hall, Cnr Glenferrie Rd & High St, Malvern. 3144

\$28 Adults - \$20 Concession

including Seniors & Under 16 years

RSVP: John Walmsley (RC Chadstone/East Malvern) 0412 516 445

For more information: www.choirofhopeandinspiration.com

Please book tickets online or call (03)

9016 0175.

This is a joint fund raising effort by the Rotary Club of Chadstone/East Malvern and the Choir of Hope & Inspiration



29th
June



The Rotary Club of Melton Valley

Invites you to attend the

2013 District 9800 Changeover & Awards Night





District Governors Dennis Shove & incoming District Governors Ross Butterworth invite you and your partner to join them for this annual event.

Ultima Reception Centre, Cnr. Keilor Park Drive & Ely Court, Keilor (Keilor Park Drive exit off Calder Freeway).

Saturday 29th June 2013

5.30pm for 6.00pm

\$65.00 including pre-dinner drinks, 3 course meal, beer, wine & soft drinks.

After Five

The Keith Campbell Band.



Payment Options

The Rotary Club of Melton Valley

PO Box 768, Melton 3337



Return the attached booking form to the address above with a cheque before 15th June

Or

eMail the attached booking form to randallbrown3@bigpond.com before 15th June and pay by bank transfer to "Rotary Club of Melton Valley"

National Australia Bank, Melton

BSB: 083-758

Account: 50-666-6571

Please add your name as reference.

Any enquiries to Randall Brown on 0478 401097

Do you have a letter for Clarice?

Contact the Editor

Do you have a letter for Clarice?
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Send your thoughts to her email address at
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DG's Weekly Message

Be the change that you want to see in the world

The words in the title were purportedly delivered by Mahatma Gandhi. I recently read with great disappointment that there is actually no reliable documentary evidence for the quotation. According to the article I read the closest verifiable remark we have from Gandhi is: "If we could change ourselves, the tendencies in the world would also change. As a man changes his own nature, so does the attitude of the world change towards him ... We need not wait to see what others do".

The annual District Assembly held at Tabcorp Park on Sunday had an emphasis on being prepared to change how we engage in Rotary if that is what is needed to do the things we need to do in the world.

The emphasis on the capacity to change and engage in Rotary was reinforced by a rebranding of the traditional District Assembly to Rotary Engaged; the 2013 Assembly.

In opening the assembly I made the following comments:

"At its most basic, the Assembly is about preparing incoming Rotary club leaders for their forthcoming roles. But it is more - it is, as the Rotary theme for 2013-14 challenges us to do, about engaging in Rotary and what Rotary is about.

It is interesting that at the recent Council on Legislation there were two items specifically relating to Assemblies and the annual cycle of Rotary.

1. There was a proposal to change the name to Club Leadership Seminar but in the end it was a modest change - District Training Assembly

2. It was also proposed that there should be no special theme each year, just reinforcement of "Service Above Self". That was not approved.

Irrespective of the theme, Rotary remains committed to an annual cycle. The annual cycle I believe is vital to maintain the enthusiasm and vitality of Rotary. Yes we may lose a



District Governor Dennis Shore and Lynda

bit of efficiency but this is more than compensated by the energy and the opportunity to refresh, revitalise and reinvigorate Rotary.

Internationally and at District level we are committed to a rolling three year strategic plan so that at any given time, irrespective of the annual focus, there is a vision to the future and a plan to achieve that vision.

Through this past year I have been encouraging clubs to undertake club vision facilitation from which a strategic plan will emerge. This will build a solid foundation from which each club will continue to evolve, to flourish and to comprehensively deliver service above self.

As a District we encourage all Rotarians to better understand Rotary via the Rotary Leadership Institute but "Assembly" is where we get more focus on specific leadership roles. Importantly this year there is also a real focus on the bigger picture of Rotary and its connectedness.

Today you will learn more about the next focus of Rotary as Rotary International President Ron Burton's theme of "engage Rotary - change lives" is introduced to the club leadership team for next year.

Peace Through Service will soon make way for the new focus but of course "peace" will continue to be a vital element of Rotary's work as it remains part of our mission statement - **to promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill and peace.**

But changing lives for the better is the outcome of Rotary's mission. We define the core essence of Rotary as - **a worldwide network of inspired individuals who translate our passions into relevant social causes to change lives in communities.**

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May is Australian Rotary





We are here today because that core essence is what defines us as Rotarians.

Make the most of the opportunity to learn and experience the magic of the power of Rotary and to learn from the fellowship of Rotary.

I know that if you do, the early start will have been well with the effort - after all, Rotary - it's amazing"!

Feedback from the large numbers attending the Assembly was very positive so well done to DGE Ross and his training team led by PDG Colin Muir who put in the hard yards to deliver an assembly that would indeed engage Rotarians. Special thanks go to the members and friends of the Rotary Club of Melton and the Rotary Club of Melton Valley who made sure we were where we needed to be.

In thinking about appropriate comments to open the Assembly I looked back at what I had to say at the start of the year. As this Assembly recognised, I made the point that "Rotary is not the same as it was yesterday and will not be the same tomorrow. As a district we will provide all the assistance we can for clubs to evolve and adapt. If it isn't broke we don't need to fix it but most clubs would agree that we need to do something! The future of Rotary is ultimately in the hands of clubs, not Rotary International, not District. As far as I am concerned all options are open provided we stay true to the core values of Rotary – Service, Fellowship, Diversity, Integrity and Leadership".

Samuel Johnson supposedly once said the road to hell is paved with good intentions (this is a bit like the Gandhi quote – not exactly what was said by Samuel Johnson, but close) so all the best intentions to be prepared to embrace change, be adaptive and be responsive, need to be put into action and then be shown to be of value. Change for change sake is likely to have a negative rather than a positive outcome.

So what changes have we seen over the past year and is Rotary in our District any better because of them? This week has seen a couple of the "new" Rotary initiatives come to pass. Early in the week saw the charter of our second EarlyAct club in our District at Balwyn North Primary School. Forty-nine enthusiastic children were charter members of this initiative from the Rotary Club of North Balwyn. These children will hopefully feed into the active Interact Club at Balwyn High School. How does an EarlyAct Club represent a positive direction? It imbues from an early age those values that Rotary holds and which we believe will be a positive force for good in the world.



DG Dennis Shore presenting the Charter of the Rotary e-club of Melbourne to incoming President Rebecca Heitbaum

On Wednesday night the District's 70th active club, the Rotary e-Club of Melbourne, formally received its charter. Already this club has achieved very commendable service outcomes. It has brought nine former Rotarians back to Rotary and has provided an opportunity for Foundation Alumni to join Rotary. Yes it is a very different club to our traditional Rotary Clubs, but it is very much a Rotary Club.

Soon another different club will charter. The Rotary Club of Bendigo Next Generation will have a very different age profile to traditional clubs but speaking with the incoming club officers at the Assembly leaves me in no doubt that it will be very much an effective Rotary Club. The Rotary Club of Melbourne Park, which operates with a similar model has certainly put paid to the notion that younger people cannot relate to Rotary. Oh yes they can! A couple of weeks ago the club had a mass induction of nine new members. I do not know if this is a record in Australia but I think it must go pretty close.

By the time this edition is published, the Rotary Club of Yarraville will have inducted 3 new members – Mum, Dad and Son! We can certainly and literally talk about the Family of Rotary.

Last week I was made welcome by the Rotary Club of Bendigo South at their Club Vision Facilitation Day. This program has been adopted by a significant proportion of clubs in our District to identify where they want to be in the foreseeable future. This process will indeed enable clubs to be the change that they want to see in themselves! This brings me back to the bit about change for change sake. The only force for change in a club is the club itself. So change must be what clubs want and need and what will ensure sustainability of clubs to deliver the core values of Rotary.

Our district can and will facilitate the opportunity for change but clubs are where the future of Rotary lies. Our future is shaped by our past and respects and acknowledges past achievements and contributions; but it must also be relevant and able to respond to the challenges and the priorities of the times in which we live. Strong clubs do just that because Rotary is amazing.

**Dennis Shore,
District Governor.**



The Centenary Bell

"Presented to the most recently chartered Rotary Club in Australia for its own use until the next club in Australia is chartered. In commemoration of the first 100 years of Rotary International, this bell was gifted by the Rotary Club of Melbourne to Australian Rotary on February 23rd, 2005. The Rotary Club of Melbourne was the first club formed in Australia, on April 21st, 1921."



Earlyact Club of Balwyn North Primary School

By Tony Wells, RC North Balwyn



District 9800's second EarlyAct Club was launched by DG Dennis Shore at the Balwyn North Primary School on Monday, 20th May. The Club has been sponsored by the Rotary Club of North Balwyn and has 50 members from years 6 and 7. All received membership badges from DG Dennis.

Earlyact is a Rotary initiative designed to promote goodwill, understanding and peace through the active participation of its student members, so that with committed citizenship and effective leadership they may improve the quality of life of their school, local and global communities. Friendship with one another, respect for others and help for people in need will be a focus for the Club.

The Club will be run by the students, with guidance from the Rotary Advisor, Bronwen Dimond (who is a member of the Rotary Club of North Balwyn) and the School Advisor, Jan Rowe. The President, Vanessa Han and Vice President, Rishov Doloj will preside over a committee of 14 members whose areas of activity broadly match those found in Rotary Clubs.

Several projects have already been identified and work on these will begin immediately. The Earlyact Community team will collect food for the Wesley Central Mission's Winter Meals Appeal. The School team will start working on the stall which they will run at the school's Fun Fair, in November, and the International team will form friendships with, and assist, schools in Vietnam and Bali



Photo: RC North Balwyn President, Tony Wells, DG Dennis Shore, Principal Balwyn North Primary Caitlin Heitis, Rotary Advisor Bronwen Dimond and fellow Rotarians from RC North Balwyn, PDG Greg Ross, Bob Bromley and Peter Elliott who were present at the launch. (We await permission from parents to show photos of the children)



District 9800 Asssembly

Most clubs were well represented at the District 9800 Assembly on Sunday, held at Tabcorp Park in Melton. District Governor Elect Ross Butterworth introduced his team, and District Training Officers involved Rotarians in all the Avenues of Service.

Involvement was the keyword of the day, and instead of "Death by PowerPoint", group discussions and question and answer sessions produced a swag of new and improved ideas for the next Rotary Year.



All speakers had interesting topics for attendees, and new Vocational Chair Justine Murphy (left) was inspirational in showing us how Vocational Service has a special place in Rotary.

DGE Ross was dressed appropriately to wax lyrical on the facilities at Broadbeach, so we now look forward to the 2014 District Conference next March. He presented a video of the facilities, enough to attract us all.

Lookout, Jupiter's, here we come!





Rotary E-Club of Melbourne Charter Presentation Night

By Graham O'Donnell, Rotary E-Club of Melbourne

What a night! 160 Plus Rotarians, Partners and Friends, 33 Rotary Clubs represented, more past Governors than a Pentridge Prison Reunion and speeches in numbers to rival Dame Nelly's comebacks LOL For those younger members who don't understand those last references just look them up on Google as all good E-club members would naturally do. But seriously, I know I speak on behalf of all the new Rotary E-Club of Melbourne Members when I say you could not help but to feel proud to be part of such a magnificent organisation.

The Toasts, The Welcome Speeches, The Genuine Warmth with which we were greeted by those in attendance all combined to provide an example of just what The Fellowship which comes with the privilege of being a member of Rotary International is all about.



Our thanks to everyone who's efforts have made our club a reality, to everyone who contributed to the night and of course those who implemented the night's formality's including Clifton Warren of RC of Melbourne who was an exceptional Master of Ceremonies, Liz De Nittis, President RC of Albert Park and Ross Butterworth District Governor Elect, RC of Melton Valley who gave respectively the Toasts to Australia and Rotary International, Clive Weeks President RC of Melbourne as the Sponsor Club of Rotary E-Club of Melbourne, Chris Egger DG Special Representative Chair of the Rotary E-club of Melbourne Charter Committee and Dennis Shore District

Governor who Inducted the New Members and of course our Inaugural President of Rotary E-Club of Melbourne Rebecca Heitbaum who's speech and the pride she displayed in her delivery represented our new club in the brightest of lights by reflecting energy and innovation and a desire to serve. Thank you one and all.

It is over to us now to prove ourselves worthy of being members of Rotary International. We will not let you down!

Photos at <https://picasaweb.google.com/106224275621582639712/EClubOfMelbourne?authkey=Gv1sRgCNbZudL1kZzQqQE>





Swags for the Homeless

By Megan Ferringer, The Rotarian -- June 2013

Former Rotary Youth Exchange student designs a backpack bed for the homeless



Tony and his wife Lisa with the Backpack Bed they designed. The bed has won four global product design awards. Photo courtesy of Tony Clark

During Australia's colder months, emergency shelters often fill to capacity. Many homeless people searching for a warm bed are turned away, handed a piece of cardboard and a blanket for the night.

Tony Clark, an IT entrepreneur, 1992 Rotary Youth Exchange student, and the founder of the Melbourne-based nonprofit Swags for Homeless, offers an alternative.

In the past year, his organization has distributed more than 3,000 swags, or portable sleeping units, to charities and shelters throughout Australia, New Zealand, Germany, and the United Kingdom. The Backpack Beds, which Clark and his wife, Lisa, designed, are made of a lightweight fabric and have a built-in, 6-foot foam mattress and mosquito netting. But most important, they offer warmth with their waterproof, windproof design. The entire assembly weighs only 6.5 pounds and rolls into a backpack.

Clark was inspired to start the nonprofit when he questioned why so many shelters didn't provide homeless people with proper outdoor bedding. He immediately began working on designs for the versatile bed.

"I thought to myself, 'How would I like to be treated if I slept on the street?'" Clark says. "Homeless people suffering from frostbite, hypothermia, and trench foot are common in wealthy countries. A Backpack Bed is an interim crisis measure – one that can save the lives of those without shelter."

The bed, which can be purchased with a A\$68 donation, has won four international honors, including the Australian International Design Award and the German Red Dot "Best of the Best" award – one of the most prestigious accolades in the product design world.

The innovative beds offer more than physical comfort, say those who have used them – they also provide a renewed sense of dignity.

"Until people are faced with living on the streets, they have no idea of what is involved. Just getting a shower, finding a toilet, or trying to wash clothes becomes a big event," says Matt, a young homeless man in Australia. "This is the third time I have been on the streets, and previously I didn't even have a blanket. Tony Clark and his organization change the lives of people like me."

The success of Swags for Homeless throughout Australia and Europe has encouraged Clark to bring his Backpack Beds to the United States. Rotary clubs in District 9800, which includes Melbourne, funded and transported 100 beds to Baltimore and parts of New Jersey and New York to help the region's homeless and those displaced by Hurricane Sandy. District 7500 (New Jersey) worked with Australian Rotarians to coordinate the effort. Swags for Homeless also donated 60 beds for distribution in Chicago, Washington, D.C., and Los Angeles.

"We knew we had to take this idea and spread its success to other countries and help save others," Clark says. "Thanks to Rotary, this is an important moment: It will be the first time Backpack Beds will be distributed to street-sleeping homeless and disaster victims in the USA."

Full story: http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/130414_news_swags.aspx





Sakuji Tanaka's Message for May

From the moment I was nominated as Rotary International president, I knew I would choose a theme that would focus on peace. This is why I planned three peace forums – to give Rotarians an opportunity to think about peace, to talk about peace, and to share their ideas on building peace together. The final Rotary Global Peace Forum takes place this month in Hiroshima, Japan.

We hear the word peace every day. But most of us spend little time thinking about what peace is. On its simplest level, we can define peace by what it is not. It is a state of no war, no violence, and no fear. It means that you are not in danger of hunger, or persecution, or the suffering of poverty.

But we can also define peace by what it is, and by what it can be. Peace can mean freedom of thought and of speech, freedom of opinion and of choice, and the ability for self-determination. It can mean security, confidence in the future – a life and home in a stable society. On a more abstract level, peace can mean a sense of happiness, of inner serenity, of calm.

Full message: <http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs>



Operation Cleft at Bendigo

By Noel Hopley, RC Bendigo



At the weekly lunch meeting of the Rotary Club of Bendigo, held last Tuesday at the Bendigo Club in Strathdale, the members celebrated the recognition of one of their own. After raising over \$30,000 with the Annual Rotary Golf Day over the past four years Glenn Reilly was recognised by the Operation Cleft committee from the Rotary Club of Box Hill.

Michael Kirk, chairman of Operation Cleft, was on hand to present Glen with a 'Paul Harris Fellowship' and said, "Operation Cleft provides free cleft lip and palate repair surgery for underprivileged children in Bangladesh. We only work in Bangladesh and focus specifically on surgery, training and parent and healthcare sector education related to the cause, effect and treatment of cleft lips and palates. Glenn's commitment has seen Cleft Lip and Palate repair surgery made available to over 120 patients whose life, and that of their family, is forever changed as a result."

"Within Rotary International the awarding of a Paul Harris Fellow is the opportunity to recognise a person whose life demonstrates a shared purpose with the objectives of Rotary. The PHF recognition was introduced in 1957 in honour of Paul Harris who founded Rotary in 1905. The Rotary Club of Box Hill has recognised Rotarian Glenn Reilly, on whose behalf they have made a contribution of US\$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation in recognition of Glenn's tremendous contribution over the past 4 years."

Glenn's immediate family were discreetly ushered into the meeting to surprise him and witness his recognition. Although suspicious of their arrival Glenn was caught unawares by the award and spoke humbly of his efforts and the many people who have supported him in making the Golf Day an annual event. Glenn joins a distinguished list of fellow PHF recipients within the Rotary Clubs around Bendigo, which includes his father, Past President of the Rotary Club of Bendigo, Kevin Reilly.



More about Operation Cleft at <http://operationcleft.org.au/>



Camp Getaway Update

By Paul Kirkpatrick, Chair - Camp Getaway

Over the weekend of May 18th and 19th a very energetic working bee was held at Camp Getaway (Rotary D9800) with the Rotary Club of Werribee mustering 20+ members and supporters to undertake many maintenance activities at the camp. Painting, weeding, roof repairs, wood-splitting and many other tasks were undertaken with great enthusiasm over the two days. These tasks were of great assistance to the effective operation of Camp Getaway.



Also on site during the weekend were members of the Camp Getaway District Committee and supporters who were advancing the construction of the new kitchen buildings for the camp and updating the fire exit to Dormitory Two. Clubs represented included Keilor, Eaglehawk, Bendigo, Bendigo Sandhurst and Bendigo Strathdale. Activities undertaken included removal of an existing building and installation of foundation footings for the new storage building adjacent to the main kitchen. Final plans for the main kitchen building are now out for comment for two weeks prior to the finalisation of construction drawings for council approval.

As the construction of the new kitchen is a staged process, clubs are reminded that as the end of the Rotary is fast approaching, financial assistance to this much needed project would be most appreciated. Funds of \$30,000 are still required to see the new kitchen project at the camp to finalisation.

Donations can be made to the Treasurer, Camp Getaway (Rotary D9800), 11 Bignold Ave, Bendigo East 3550.





Welcome New Members

The Rotary Club of Flemington is pleased to welcome two new members:

Luke Anderson is a young man living in Flemington who has already made valuable contributions to our fundraising BBQs.

Photo: Luke with President Lesley McCarthy



Beate McManus is past president of the former Rotary Club of Maribyrnong Highpoint, and we are delighted to welcome her back into the Rotary family.

Photo: Beate with President Lesley McCarthy and PP Allan Bruno.

Quote of the Month

The highest unmet need for family planning is in sub-Saharan Africa.

I would like to point out that these are the same countries with the highest rates of poverty and population growth, factors that often lead people to migrate. There is a connection between financial flows for population and migration flows.

And the connection comes in part from the lack of choice that women face because of unmet need and inability to exercise their human rights, including the right to determine the number and spacing of their children.

- Opening Remarks of Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin, Executive Director UNFPA, at the Commission on Population and Development 46th Session, 2013





Notices and Events

For a full Notices & Events calendar, visit the following link:

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



Otago Youth Adventure Trust

Milton Rotary Tramping Club



**THE OTAGO YOUTH ADVENTURE TRUST
ROTARY CLUB OF MILTON TRAMPING CLUB INC**

A Special message to members of Rotary Clubs in Australia

Places are now available on our many trips, planned for the 2014 season. As in previous years, we try to notify every person in our address book, and many Australians and their friends have already joined us in past years. Many return year after year to participate in other trips, hence we always need to find "new trips". We are a Charities Commission Registered Club and all trips are run by unpaid volunteers. Leadership is "low key", and most of our trips are "independent" walks, as distinct from the "up market" commercially guided tramps.

we have now completed our 27th season, and in that time almost 17,000 people, of all ages and nationalities have participated and shared in the fun of our low cost adventures.

**YOU WILL NOTICE A CHANGE IN OUR BOOKING PROCEDURES THIS YEAR,
AS NOW ALL OUR BOOKINGS AND PAYMENTS WILL BE MADE "ON LINE".**

All trip and booking details can be found on our web site

www.otagorotarytrusttramps.org.nz

TRIPS PLANNED FOR 2014

Cycle the Otago Central Rail Trail (x2)
Tuatapere Hump Ridge Track (x1)
Routeburn/Greenstone Track (x3)
Catlins – Tautuku Camp (x1)
Rakiura Track (Stewart Island) (x4)

Milford Track (x4)
Kepler Track (x1)
Borland Lodge (x1)
Aspiring – Tititea Lodge (x3)

NEW TRIPS:

Routeburn/Milford Combined(x1)
Alps2Ocean Cycle Trail (Mt Cook to Omarama) (x3)

On all our trips our bus will pick you up, and return you to Dunedin, (or other places, if on the bus route). Food and accommodation is provided while on the trip.

We are a legal tramping club, not a commercial operator, and are required (by law) to run our trips on a "cost recovery" basis only. Consequently our unpaid volunteer leaders and organisers can offer you a low-priced adventure. However, you do need to become a member of our Tramping Club (\$50), in the season of your trip, and we do suggest a voluntary donation, so we can return some funds to the two very worthwhile Charitable Trusts that are the parent bodies of our Club.

For further information about us and our trips, visit our web site, or contact the specific person listed on our web site.

Many of our trips fill up rapidly, and it is always a case of "first in-first served".

Regards

The Team from OYAT/Milton Rotary Club Tramping Club Inc



Rotary Leadership Institute 2013

Education is a crucial component of any Club Service Program because it ensures your members are gaining the knowledge, understandings, skills and confidence to take on leadership roles within and beyond your club. Compile a list of members who have attended RLI Courses and allow time in your Club Program for them to encourage others to begin a Rotary Learning and Development Journey of their own.

PART 1: 25th August
PART 2: 5th May & 6th October
PART 3: 2nd June & 17th November
Montague Continuing Education Centre
100 Montague Street, South Melbourne

Below: PDG Anne White with last year's happy graduates from the Rotary Leadership Institute.



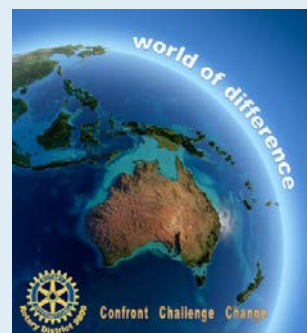
World of Difference

Tour leaders & Committee members are urgently needed. Can you help? This powerful and successful District 9800 & RAWCS registered project is really developing fast.

Leading a tour to Cambodia with the help of our expert guide Rithy is a rewarding and wonderful experience. If you are an experienced Rotarian and are interested.... we want to hear from you....please.

The committee needs help with marketing and also getting tours happening in other developing countries.

If you are interested in finding out more please contact Bronwyn on 0410324537 or info@WOD.org.au





EVENTS

30th
May

An East African Soiree

Brunswick bowling club, 104 Victoria st, Brunswick
Thursday 30th May 2013

5.30 doors open for barefoot bowls and games. 7pm food is served. \$35 pp or \$300 table of 10, drinks at bowls club prices.

<http://www.brunswickrotary.org.au/blog/an-east-african-safari-soiree/>

A playful evening to help create playgrounds where there are none

FOOD, WINE, MUSIC, BOWLS, RAFFLES, AUCTION, FUN

Come treat yourself to the finest banquet of exquisite Ethiopian cuisine and fine wines accompanied by the 5 piece Royal Jelly Dixieland Band featured on Claire Bowditch's latest album "The winter I chose happiness"

Bring a friend and some cold hard cash for Auctions, Raffles, Bowls and games. Prizes include a yacht cruise for 4 on the night heron, BOSE sound .wave III Sound system (\$800), A years worth of 5 senses coffee. fine wine and much more...



6th
June

CHARTER DINNER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO NEXT GENERATION

At The Foundry Complex, 366 High St, Bendigo

Thursday, 6th June, 2013 6:30pm for 7:00pm

Cost \$55 per person – drinks at bar prices

Payment preferred with acceptance by 3 June, 2013

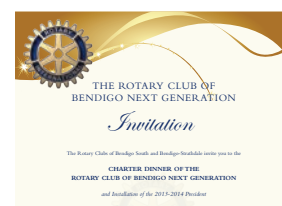
Direct Credits can be made to Bendigo Bank

BSB 633108 Account No 103497236

Credit Card payment also available. Please contact Gary Pinner on 5443 7188.

RSVP 3 June, 2013 Rotary Club of Bendigo South, PO Box 346, Bendigo 3552

Or gejayautomotive@bigpond.com Enquiries: Greg Noonan 0419 546 739



6th
June

Australian Small Business Commissioner

Speaker: Mark Brennan, The first Australian Small Business Commissioner

Location: Kew Golf Club, 120 Belford Rd, Kew East

6 June 2013, 6:00pm for a 6:30 start Cost: \$33

RSVP: Before 3 June 2013 or go to the Club Website

www.rotarynorthbalwyn.com.au

or email to hugoGoetze@netspace.net.au



18th
June

Men's Health Seminar

Tuesday June 18th 6:00 PM for 6:30

LifeSaving Centre Port Melbourne

Bowel Cancer Screening Prof Finlay Macrae, Royal Melbourne Hospital

Depression in Men: Kat:e Carnell, CEO BeyondBlue

Joint Meeting of Rotary Clubs of Melbourne South, Port Melbourne and Albert Park

\$30 Dinner Meeting Bookings www.trybooking.com/CXLD

Mark Stephens president@melbournesouthrotary.com.au 0419373781



22nd
June

Choir of Hope & Inspiration Concert

Saturday 22nd June, 2013 at 3.00pm

Malvern Town Hall, Cnr Glenferrie Rd & High St, Malvern. 3144

\$28 Adults - \$20 Concession including

Seniors & Under 16 years

RSVP: John Walmsley (RC Chadstone/East

Malvern) 0412 516 445

For more information: www.choirofhopecandinspiration.com

Please book tickets online or call (03) 9016 0175.

This is a joint fund raising effort by the Rotary Club of Chadstone/East Malvern and the Choir of Hope & Inspiration





Notices and Events

29th
May -
7th
Jul

Camberwell Art Show

Public hanging of Australia's finest artists.

One of Australia's preeminent art competitions and exhibitions, the 47th Camberwell Art Show, is moving to the spectacular Swinburne University ATC Building, 427-451 Burwood Road, Hawthorn. The Camberwell Art Show is from June 29 to July 7 and open 10-5 daily. Over 1300 quality art works from emerging and celebrated artists will be exhibited ranging from traditional to contemporary and covering all mediums. With \$20,000 is up for grabs for the artist of the 'Best of Show' painting, there's no better place to be hung. Free daily demonstrations of painting techniques will be presented by leading artists during the Art Show.

The Gala Opening Night of the 2013 Art Show is on Friday 28 June. Purchase tickets online. For full details, visit www.camberwellartshow.org.au.

You can also 'like us' on Facebook: www.facebook.com/camberwellartshow



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29th
June



The Rotary Club of Melton Valley

Invites you to attend the

2013 District 9800 Changeover & Awards Night





District Governor Dennis Shove & incoming District Governor Ross Butterworth invite you and your partner to join them for this annual event.

Ultima Reception Centre, Cnr. Keilor Park Drive & Ely Court, Keilor (Keilor Park Drive exit off Calder Freeway).

Saturday 29th June 2013

5.30pm for 6.00pm

\$65.00 including pre-dinner drinks, 3 course meal, beer, wine & soft drinks.

After Five

The Keith Campbell Band.



Payment Options

The Rotary Club of Melton Valley

PO Box 768, Melton 3337



Return the attached booking form to the address above with a cheque before 15th June

Or

eMail the attached booking form to randallbrown3@bigpond.com before 15th June and pay by bank transfer to "Rotary Club of Melton Valley"

National Australia Bank, Melton

BSB: 083-758

Account: 50-666-6571

Please add your name as reference.

Any enquiries to Randall Brown on 0478 401097



ROTARY DISTRICT 9800 Events Calendar

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To submit Notices & Events, please send Clarice all the details at:



District 9800		Attendance		Membership				
2012/2013		April-13		At July 1	April-13			
Club	Cluster							
		No. of	Month		Start	End	Net gain /loss 12/13	% Change
		Mtgs	%					
St Kilda	Stonnington	4	68%	9	12	13	4	44.4%
Port Melbourne	Batman	4	54%	10	13	13	3	30.0%
Echuca-Moama	Goldfields	4	81%	15	17	18	3	20.0%
Brimbank C'tral	Gateway	4	80%	27	31	32	5	18.5%
Melbourne Park	Heritage	5	70%	18	21	21	3	16.7%
Fitzroy	Heritage	4	49%	22	25	25	3	13.6%
Southbank	Batman	5	65%	23	26	26	3	13.0%
Melton Valley	Westside	3	80%	16	18	18	2	12.5%
Bendigo S'dale	Goldfields	5	72%	26	29	29	3	11.5%
Tullamarine	Gateway			18		20	2	11.1%
Canterbury	Eastside	3	59%	39	43	43	4	10.3%
Bendigo S'hurst	Goldfields	3	73%	50	53	55	5	10.0%
Caulfield	Beachside	3	88%	10	11	11	1	10.0%
Brighton Beach	Beachside	5	74%	21	21	23	2	9.5%
Gladstone EMai	Stonnington	4	73%	43	47	47	4	9.3%
Glenferrie	Yarra	5	68%	43	47	47	4	9.3%
Bacchus Marsh	Westside	4	64%	33	35	36	3	9.1%
Kew	Yarra	4	77%	35	37	38	3	8.6%
Altona	Port Phillip	5	75%	24	26	26	2	8.3%
E-Club	Batman	4	36%	24	24	26	2	8.3%
Woodend	Calder	3	69%	25	27	27	2	8.0%
Melton	Westside	5	82%	26	27	28	2	7.7%
Daylesford	Calder	3	73%	29	31	31	2	6.9%
Boroondara	Eastside	5	50%	15	15	16	1	6.7%
Malvern	Stonnington	4	61%	35	35	37	2	5.7%
Richmond	Heritage	4	60%	37	41	39	2	5.4%
Werribee	Port Phillip	4	72%	37	38	39	2	5.4%
Kellor East	Gateway	4	79%	40	42	42	2	5.0%
Camberwell	Eastside	4	77%	77	80	80	3	3.9%
N Melbourne	Heritage	4	59%	26	27	27	1	3.8%
Brunswick	Heritage	3	42%	27	28	28	1	3.7%
Footscray	Hobsons B	3	61%	54	55	56	2	3.7%
Kellor	Gateway	4	70%	39	40	40	1	2.6%
Brighton North	Beachside	4	84%	51	51	52	1	2.0%
Hawthorn	Yarra	4	69%	57	58	58	1	1.8%
Essendon	Gateway	5	60%	68	69	69	1	1.5%



North Balwyn	Eastside	4	75%	74	74	75	1	1.4%
Melbourne	Batman	4	77%	230	229	232	2	0.9%
Altona City	Port Phillip	4	68%	23	23	23	0	0.0%
Collingwood	Heritage			20		20	0	0.0%
Flemington	Hobsons B	3	78%	24	23	24	0	0.0%
Gisborne	Calder	4	85%	24	24	24	0	0.0%
Glen Eira	Beachside	5	82%	18	18	18	0	0.0%
Kew-on-Yarra	Yarra	4	87%	17	17	17	0	0.0%
Melbourne S	Batman	?	85%	27	27	27	0	0.0%
Moonee Valley	Gateway			13		13	0	0.0%
Prahran	Stonnington	4	74%	23	23	23	0	0.0%
Rochester	Goldfields	4	73%	8	8	8	0	0.0%
Sunshine	Westside	4	54%	18	18	18	0	0.0%
Wyndham	Port Phillip	4	89%	26	26	26	0	0.0%
Bendigo	Goldfields	5	64%	72	71	71	-1	-1.4%
Kyneton	Calder	4	77%	41	38	40	-1	-2.4%
Brighton	Beachside	3	67%	110	108	107	-3	-2.7%
Point Gellibrand	Hobsons B	4	63%	34	35	33	-1	-2.9%
Bendigo South	Goldfields	4	66%	32	31	31	-1	-3.1%
Essendon North	Gateway	4	71%	28	25	25	-1	-3.6%
Hoppers C'ing	Port Phillip	4	77%	23	22	22	-1	-4.3%
Carlton	Heritage	4	88%	41	40	39	-2	-4.9%
Eaglehawk	Goldfields	?	83%	40	38	38	-2	-5.0%
Balwyn	Eastside	4	66%	76	72	72	-4	-5.3%
Williamstown	Hobsons B	4	53%	36	34	34	-2	-5.6%
Central M S'rise	Batman	4	66%	57	53	53	-4	-7.0%
Toorak	Stonnington	3	78%	28	24	26	-2	-7.1%
Kangaroo Flat	Goldfields	4	74%	26	24	24	-2	-7.7%
West Footscray	Hobsons B	3	64%	24	23	22	-2	-8.3%
Albert Park	Batman	4	52%	62	58	56	-6	-9.7%
Yarraville	Hobsons B	4	58%	20	18	18	-2	-10.0%
L'ton Pt Cook	Port Phillip	4	67%	34	32	30	-4	-11.8%
Castlemaine	Calder			37		32	-5	-13.5%
Docklands	Batman	3	50%	9	6	6	-3	-33.3%
No. of Clubs Reporting			66		66			
No. of Members				2522		2563	41	1.6%
% Average of Those Reported			69.4%					
% of Clubs Reporting Attendance			96%					
% of Clubs Reporting						96%		