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Rotary District 9800

A publication for Rotarians and all community minded people

DG Weekly Message

Lynda and I have thoroughly enjoyed our recent official visits to 13 Rotary Clubs in our district and were impressed by the work being done.

We wish to thank everyone involved for making us feel very welcome and congratulate you all on the outstanding work you are doing. We were inspired by your comprehensive and balanced club plans and objectives.

The membership development activity we saw during our visits was "amazing". We were particularly impressed to see so many clubs inducting new members and future leaders.

Membership month is a good time to reflect on how we think about recruiting new members and I would like you to consider the following:

- Understand your community – consider diverse backgrounds and vocations and organise a purposeful and relevant membership drive.
- Understand generational differences – adapt your leadership/management/communication to differences in where each group/generation is coming from and what motivates them.
- Become more family friendly –



District Governor Dennis Shore and Lynda

recognise the time and financial constraints of people early in their careers and with young families and the different time demands today, e.g. fathers playing a greater role in child rearing, both parents working, single parent households, work which doesn't stop at the end of the day thanks to technology. Be more creative and flexible!

- Events that include the young children
- Creative solutions that reduce financial pressure as a barrier
- Review "cherished traditions... excess bureaucracy...the ways things are done in meetings". Use existing flexibility (see Manual of Procedure meeting attendance), challenge traditions ("lunch every week") and consider change - old 'Rotary Rules' or some cherished traditions (singing patriotic song, Happy Dollars) may be a turn-off or not accepted by younger people.

If your club is maintaining good membership levels and growing, it

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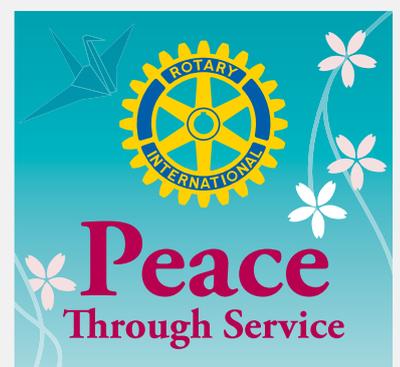
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means that you have most likely got the right balance in your club. Those clubs that I have visited know that I believe you have broad scope to look at what you are doing and how you are running your meetings. The key is to enshrine those 5 core values of Rotary:

Service
Fellowship
Diversity
Integrity
Leadership

I am sure you will also find the following article from Murray Verso both informative and helpful to your club membership development plans.

Dennis Shore
District Governor

Reasons why people join Rotary:

Networking... The opportunity to develop business connections was one of the two founding reasons Rotary was started in 1905 and it remains relevant today. More than ever, networking provides vital links in our personal and professional lives. Through Rotary people come together from all walks of life and business communities to help each other and collectively help others.
Friendship...

The second reason Rotary started was to provide access to friendship and fellowship. This is one of our most basic human needs and is no less relevant in our increasingly complex and technological world.

Personal Growth and Development... Membership in Rotary provides ongoing growth and education in human relations and personal development.

Leadership Development... Rotary is an organization of leaders and successful people. Serving in Rotary positions is like mentored higher learning in leadership skills. Rotary leaders learn how to motivate, influence and lead leaders.

Citizenship in the Community... Rotary Club membership is a pathway to becoming a better community citizen. The average Rotary Club includes some of the most active citizens of any community.

Continuing Education... Each week Rotary programs are designed to keep members informed about what is happening in the community, nation and world. Weekly meetings provide an opportunity to listen to informed speakers on a wide range of timely topics.

Fun... Rotary is fun, a lot of fun. Meetings are fun. Club projects are fun. Social activities are fun. Service is fun.

Public Speaking Skills... Many people join Rotary with a fear of public speaking. Rotarians develop confidence and skill in public communication through the opportunity to practice in a safe and supportive environment.

Citizenship in the World... There are few places on the globe that do not have a Rotary Club. Every Rotarian wears a "Rotary International" pin and is welcome, and encouraged, to visit any of the 29,000 Clubs in 194 nations and geographical regions. This opens up a world of instant friends to all Rotarians, locally and internationally.

Assistance when Travelling... Rotary Clubs are everywhere and members are always ready to assist fellow Rotarians in need of a doctor, lawyer, hotel, dentist, advice, etc., while travelling.

Entertainment... Every Rotary Club and District hosts parties and activities that provide a social diversion to business life. Rotary Conferences, Conventions, Assemblies and Institutes provide entertainment in addition to Rotary Information, Education and Service activities.

The Development of Social Skills... Through weekly meetings and other events, Rotarians develop social and people skills. Rotary is for people who like people.

By Murray Verso

Rotary Success Conference

By Murray Verso, District Governor Nominee 2014 - 2015

More than four hundred people from around Australia and New Zealand attended the two-day conference held in the Hellenic Club in Woden, ACT.

There were keynote addresses by R.I. President Elect Ron Burton, Rotary International Director John Boag and Kirsty Sword Gusmao, the wife of Timor Leste's Prime Minister. Most of the weekend was spent in breakout sessions discussing such important topics as Membership Recruitment, Membership Retention, Rotary's Public Image, Social Media, Club Visioning and Future Vision.

About 30 people from District 9800 attended. These included PDG Jim Studebaker (Foundation), Philip Archer (Regional Public Image Coordinator) and Kerry Kornhauser (Women in Rotary) who all gave excellent presentations.

Overall, the conference was a great success. It provided an opportunity to hear from well-informed presenters, to discuss issues of mutual concern and a chance to network with dedicated Rotarians.



Lynda and Dennis Shore, Jetta and Ron Burton, Ross and Annette Butterworth, Murray and Irene Verso.

RYLA 2012 Applications are Open

Helping young leaders to develop new skills, insights, networks.

By Diana Rigg

Six months have passed since District 9800 held its annual RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) camp, however participants are still feeling a “buzz” from what was another thought-provoking and inspirational program.

RYLA 2011 was held in December at the idyllic bush-setting of Camp Oasis, Mt Evelyn. A group of 59 young people, aged 18-25, participated in seven days of interactive seminars and workshops. A diverse selection of guest speakers presented an equally diverse (and sometimes controversial) range of perspectives on leadership. Some of the themes explored were: teamwork, community, social issues, personal strengths/challenges, and motivation. Highlights included sessions on indigenous awareness, effective communication, identifying personal values, and developing a vision statement along with tangible actions.

RYLA aims to stimulate both internal

self-reflection and open discussion on leadership concepts, and provides a supportive environment in which to do so. It also creates an effective space for young individuals to engage with people they may not have the opportunity to meet in their day-to-day lives, and to develop a robust network that continues to support and inspire well after the program.

Participants from the 2011 group have since formed an active and cohesive community, using the ubiquitous Facebook to great effect as a tool both to keep in touch and to inform each other of relevant community leadership events.

The RYLA D9800 program is unique within Rotary, in that it is run “by young people, for young people”. All of the camp leadership roles – including program directors, facilitators, and even catering – are fulfilled by past participants. This team is integral to the success of RYLA, working closely with a committee of Rotarians to ensure the program remains fresh and

relevant each year.

RYLA 2012 will be held on 2nd-8th December, and we will soon be asking for applications. The RYLA Committee appeals to all Rotarians in District 9800 to make use of your networks: identify a young person who might benefit from this program, and let them know of the opportunity.

Places to look for potential applicants could be:

- Local Government Youth Services
- YMCA
- CFA/St John Ambulance/Victoria Police
- TAFEs/Universities
- Registered training organisations (e.g. Apprenticeships Plus)
- Local community interest groups (e.g. sporting, theatre, music etc)

More information on the program can be found at <http://www.ryla9800.org.au/> or by calling committee chairman Wayne Hunter on 0408 398 927.



A SUNRISE BARBECUE

When Channel Seven invited Hawthorn Rotary Club President Ngaire Cannon to run a barbecue for their "Sunrise" program, she was flabbergasted to learn the program was in just three days time. Even worse, the barbecue had to start at 5.00 a.m!

Ngaire quickly got her team together to locate a large portable barbecue, and on Friday, 6th July they cooked and served nearly 2000 sausages, tea and coffee, and lovely Allens Chocolate Mud Cake. Spectators and production team alike enjoyed the welcome breakfast.

Too busy to see Nuala Hafner's interview with Molly Meldrum, the team were rewarded with a cameo TV appearance, as Nuala read out the Weather Forecast.

The moral of the story? Stay on your toes to catch the unexpected fundraising opportunity.

More photos of the team at work: https://picasaweb.google.com/106224275621582639712/HawsthornBBQ?authkey=Gv1sRgCOi2h_XC4tenOQ

Nuala chats with Molly Meldrum: <http://au.tv.yahoo.com/sunrise/video/-/watch/29895380/nuala-chats-with-molly-meldrum/>



We started in the dark



. . . . and finished in the daylight



Nuala interviewing Molly Meldrum



Nuala visits the BBQ

iPad Training for Disadvantaged People

By Keith McNeil, Rotary Club of Melbourne

Three years ago, the Rotary Club of Melbourne formed a partnership with the Brotherhood of Saint Laurence to recognise their shared commitment to address social issues through community service. Among the things the partnership committed to was to identify and develop projects to assist disadvantaged youth, homeless people and elderly people.

Society is increasingly interdependent and interconnected through information communications technology but large numbers of older people are being left behind where they do not have the knowledge or the resources to take advantage of the web and its potential to improve the quality of later life. In Australia, only 56% of those aged 65 and over have ever used the Internet, only 48% have a home Internet connection, and only 30% have a broadband connection.

“IT can transform the lives of older people, providing contacts, information, entertainment and access to specialised services. It can enable radical new models of health care and support for older people living at home, effecting savings that would amply repay the costs of installing an internet connection in every house, just like electricity, gas and water. But it requires profound changes in attitude - a belief in, and a belief by, older people that they can cope.” - Professor Thomas Kirkwood, Director of the Institute of Ageing and Health, at Newcastle University in the United Kingdom.

Michael Hillier of the BSL has a vision to use computing and internet training to positively reduce isolation of elderly and disadvantaged people in our community. The Rotary Club of Melbourne supported BSL with project management advice, IT expertise and funding for a symposium on training aged people on computers to bring a computer training programme to fruition. A true breakthrough moment came when through networking with Claremont Home in South Melbourne, it was realised that the iPad platform rather than Windows had fundamentally changed the game for ease of use by elderly people and there are many “apps” of wide interest for them to enjoy.

Through the BSL’s Registered Training Organisation, 15 week programmes to train elderly and disadvantaged people on iPads and the internet have commenced in the Frankston and Preston areas. All of the clients are disadvantaged in that they have a chronic illness or disability, receive an Aged or Disability Pension or are a family carer. Three courses with up to 20 persons in each have been completed to date. A comprehensive assessment and feedback process ensures that the courses are refined and improved for the future.

Feedback has been extremely positive. “I have enjoyed coming to the iPad Course as I was initially terrified that I wouldn’t be able to do it. I have done a lot of computer courses in the past and just haven’t been able to do it. I have loved my iPad as I have been able to make contact with photos and emails to my grandchildren and it’s amazing the difference it’s made to my life”. Shirley

“What I like about my iPad is the ability to search with Safari and eBay, which can be quite expensive if you don’t use your brain and it opens up your world to all sorts of fields that you can go into and it’s really made a difference to my life.” Ken

The attached video link provides first hand and heart-warming testimonials on the programme.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7EEf86xkGnA>

The programme is available for adoption by other Clubs in their communities.

For more information, contact Keith McNeil on 0428 970 748.



NEW FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION INITIATIVES

By David Smyth, RC Brighton

A Strategy Day for Violence Free Families highlighted the unique contribution that this District-endorsed initiative can make to improve the quality of life of violence-affected families.

It agreed that Research into existing prevention programs, Development of new programs and Education would be the themes for the next three years.

Existing programs will be expanded, especially in education and our network of partnerships, such as the Victorian Women's Trust, LifeWorks and Women in Rotary, will be strengthened.

Our independent, evidence-based approach was seen as a great strength, as was the vital support of Rotary.

Six clubs were represented and several more sent their apologies. The photo shows part of the Rotary support team relaxing after 3½ hours of discussions on 30 June 2012.



Rear row, L to R: Eric Vandenberg (Brighton), Norm Thomas (Brighton), Barry Hickman (Brighton), Tom Crampton (Melbourne), Kerry Kornhauser (Albert Park), David Smyth (Brighton)
Front row: Jan Hill (Glen Eira), Kate Strain (Brighton North), Kay Phillips (Brighton North), Sue Jones (Brighton North)
Absent: Clarke Ballard (Balwyn), Daryl Forge (Brighton).

E-CLUB LAUNCH IS NEXT WEEK !

Exciting news! Next week the new Rotary E-Club of Melbourne will be launched in our district and we will be giving you the website address so you can have a look. Also, you'll be able to do make-ups at the website from next week.

The Rotary Project Bank is also being launched next week on the e-club website. This is a database of projects being conducted by Rotary clubs in our district who are looking for additional volunteer resources. Any Rotarian or member of the public will be able to select a project and contact the relevant club directly to volunteer their time. Think what your club could do with a few extra helping hands !



ROTARY MEMBERS PREPARE FOR A NEW ROTARY YEAR

On Sunday 24th June Rotary Club of Rochester conducted their 48th Annual Changeover function. Held at the Rochester Sports Centre, this Function hosted an attendance of in excess of 60 people comprising members, partners, friends as well as Rotarians from other Rotary Clubs throughout District 9800 and beyond.

Outgoing President Rotarian Graeme Nelson presented a comprehensive report of the Club's activities for the past year, a highlight of the year being the purchase of a 24 seat Bus for Community use. This bus funded with the assistance of Rotary Club of Balwyn along with other major sponsors been part of assistance given to the Community post January 15th 2011 by Rotary Clubs and other Groups throughout Victoria.

Prior to handing the role of President to the incoming President for the coming Rotary year, Graeme had much delight in making a Presentation to Club member Heather Watson along with long time supporter and partner of Rotarian Noel Lucas, Robyn Lucas.

The two were presented with a Paul Harris Fellowship, acknowledging their contribution to the work of Rotary in the Community as well as their Contribution to the benefit in a variety of organisations in the greater community. Incoming President for the 2012-2013 year Rotarian Heather Watson thanked Graeme and his Board for their endeavours for the year, whilst outlining aims for the coming year. Heather took pleasure in introducing her Board of Directors for the coming year.



Robyn Lucas responding after receiving her Paul Harris Recognition from Rotarian President Graeme Nelson.

Rotary- “Connect to the Community”

By Matthew Scott

STUDENTS from East Loddon Prep- 12 College will now have the opportunity to take part in a community mentoring program, aimed at improving retention rates and broadening students’ horizons.

The program, ‘Lifting Aspirations, Broadening Horizons’ is in its first year of operation at the college, and involves Year 10 students being paired up with likeminded retirees and business professionals.

It is anticipated that the mentoring program will help the East Loddon students to become more confident and to develop their self esteem. The program will also allow the students access to positive role models and an expanded community network.

The Rotary Club of Bendigo South is taking an active stake in the East Loddon Prep-12 College youth mentoring program. Already three club members are involved in the program as either mentors or coordinators.

One of the mentors taking part in the program is accountant and rotarian, Greg Noonan.

“I see the mentoring program as an opportunity to pass on the benefits of life’s experiences, to aid my student’s decision making,” said Mr Noonan.

“As my student has an interest in accounting, I will be able to assist him when requested and perhaps be able to make a difference to his academic results, particularly where his accounting studies are concerned.”

The role of a community mentor in addition to providing career guidance is to be positive, influential, empathic and a good listener.

These are the essential characteristics of a good mentor suggested Mr Noonan, and are beneficial in allowing the program an opportunity to succeed. “Being able to provide encouragement when required and also act as a sounding board for any ideas he may wish to talk about, are positive benefits of the program which can assist in my student’s personal growth and development,” said Mr Noonan.

Currently there are more students volunteering to be a part of the program than there are community mentors. If any local Rotarians or community minded people from the area are interested in being a part of the East Loddon community mentoring program, please contact Mr Tony Plant on (03) 5446 8000 or 0408 590 589.



Mentors, staff and students from East Loddon College.

Call to Cut Birth Deaths

From: AAP, July 12 2012

In an editorial in the prestigious medical journal The Lancet, Senator Carr and three co-authors including Melinda Gates from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and representatives from American and British international aid agencies, voice their commitment to increasing the number of women with access to contraception in low-income countries.

If women were provided with universal access to family planning, newborn deaths could be reduced by 600,000 and 79,000 fewer women would die every year, the editorial published on Tuesday said.



Link to article:

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/breaking-news/carr-supports-call-to-cut-birth-deaths/story-fn3dxiwe-1226422302008>

Letters to the Editor

Dear Clarice,

Thank you for featuring the Cover of the Telstra White Pages article. I was pleasantly surprised and humbled when I received your email this morning forwarding the Networker. Very much appreciated.

With very best wishes.

Mina Armstrong, RC Toorak.

Clarice Replies:

Our pleasure, Mina! We are constantly amazed at the great things our Rotarians get up to.

And we cover-girls should stick together . . .



Notices and Events

ROTARY CLUB OF EAGLEHAWK TRIVIA CHALLENGE

August 31, 7:00 pm

Bendigo Exhibition Centre, Prince of Wales Showgrounds, Bendigo

\$20.00 pp, tables of 10 (individual entries welcome)

Contact Details: PP John Jones

A major fundraiser for our extensive suite of New Generations programs

AUSTRALIAN DOCTORS ORCHESTRA 2012 CHARITY CONCERT

September 16th 2012 at 2p.m

Melbourne Town Hall

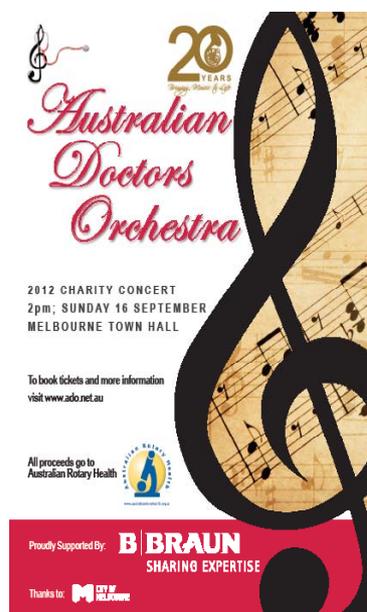
A Celebratory Melbourne Concert for Australian Rotary Health. Join 140 members of the Australian Doctors Orchestra (ADO) at 2.00 pm on the 16th September in the Melbourne Town Hall when they give a concert for Australian Rotary Health.

They are celebrating their 20th year of making music together and all the funds raised go to Australian Rotary Health. Enjoy some “medicine for the mind” as the ADO plays works by, Brahms, Mendelssohn and Stenhammar.

Especially for Rotary they have included Stenhammar’s Symphony No.2 composed by the grandfather of the past RI President Carl Wilhelm Stenhammar.

Ticket prices are \$35.00 and \$25.00 concession. Tickets available at the door or please visit www.ado.net.au.

Or contact Ron Adams on 9821044 or 0408 136 100 for more information.



BRIDGE PLAYERS - THE ROTARY DISTRICT 9800 CONFERENCE BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

Thursday 14th March 2013

The Commercial Club (Albury)

530 North St Albury NSW 2640

(5 minutes from the Albury cbd)

Cost: \$5.00 per head. For more information contact Bill Troedel 0408 053 223 (Rotary Club of Hawthorn)

FARM & ROAD SAFETY EXPO - ROTARY CLUB OF ROCHESTER

Tuesday 21st August 2012 10.00 am –3.00 pm,
 Rochester Recreation Reserve, Rochester.

A Day of teaching children and Adults the importance of Road and Farm Safety. Fully supported by all Emergency services the Expo focus s on the unpredictable behaviour of Machinery and animals in differing conditions.

The awareness of dealing with large machinery on the roads along with Safety around the Farm and Home can never be overlooked.

All welcome to attend, with a free sausage sizzle for Lunch.
 For further information contact Graeme –54842008. Karen 54841128.
 Or simply come along and enjoy the experience.



LAPTOP COMPUTERS WANTED

World of Difference, Rotary Club of Echuca and Campaspe College of Adult Education are working together....In October 2012 10 students will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the culture, history and daily life of Cambodia. Laptop computers are high on the list for donations to take for the projects that they will volunteer at. We can get them “freshened up” ie data, stripped, Office 2007 installed, Khmer dictionary and Khmer typing and educational programs installed, new batteries, new AC cords, new keys and really all sorts of minor repairs. This is very cheap in Cambodia....\$15 for a new AC cord, \$4 for software installation and data removal.

If you have any laptops that are now no longer used please let us share them with young students and teachers who would treasure them.

Contact Bronwyn Stephens (Rotary Club of Melbourne South) to arrange drop off or collection:
 0410 32 4537. www.wod.org.au



HOBSON BAY ART SHOW 17 AUGUST FRIDAY, PREVIEW EVENING.

Weekend Art Show 18-19 August Saturday/Sunday 10-4pm
 Williamstown Town Hall, nr Lenore Crescent and Ferguson Street
 Preiiew Evening \$40 Weekend Entry Costs: \$10/\$5 conc
 Preview Evening rsvp by 13th August tickets can be purchased online.
 Beneficiaries: Kick Start Breakfast, Murdoch Childrens Research Institute
[Website Online Preview Here](#)
[Purchase Opening Tickets Here](#)



Rotary Melbourne South invite all District9800 Clubs to join in a celebration to mark 60 years since charter.
 Thursday September 27th (Grand Final Week) Jubilee Dinner at the Champions Room, Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre. A night to celebrate the past and a night of Fun Raising featuring Greg Champion
 \$95 per head
bookings@melbournesouthrotary.com.au





ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 9800



2012 MEMBERSHIP & MARKETING SEMINAR



Saturday 11th August 2012

9.30AM to 1.30PM

Registration from 9.00AM

Trinity Grammar School, Kew 3101

Cnr. Charles Street & Cotham Road, Kew.

Melway Map Ref 466D

Cost \$20 per person

Dynamic presentations & interactive workshops will give you:

- Inspiring ideas on how your club can recruit & retain members
- Ideas on how to market your club & its projects
- Ways your club can use social media
- How you can engage Gen X & Gen Y
- And lots more

Coffee, tea and a lunch included

Please complete this Registration Form and return today to Paul Rake:

Email: paul.rake@bigpond.com

Post: 2/56 Moylan Street, Bentleigh East 3165

RSVP: Friday 3rd August

For more information contact:

Membership Director Murray Verso: membership@rotarydistrict9800.org

Marketing Director Chris Don: marketing@rotarydistrict9800.org

Notices & Upcoming Events

CHANGE OF VENUE

Rotary Club of Werribee now meets at Santini's Restaurant,
102 Watton St, Werribee.

ROTARY COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

We need your help to promote and support the 2012 Rotary
Community Service Awards on October 15th.

The Rotary Community Service Awards is a great initiative from
Rotary that is specifically designed to acknowledge and promote
the great partnerships that community groups have with those
organisations that support them i.e. service clubs, sponsors,
corporations, individuals etc.

We will be awarding \$30,000 in cash prizes and \$100,000 in pro-
bono prizes to community groups at this year's Community Service
Awards event to be held on August 16th at the Crown Palladium.

Please support this Rotary event by either:
Book seat(s) or a table of 10 for your club to experience this
amazing event and/or
Tell a community group that you support to nominate for their
chance to enter and win.

The websites are <http://www.communityserviceawards.org.au> to
submit a nomination for the awards and <http://www.trybooking.com/BGIX>
to book a table for the gala awards night.

Nominations close on Friday August 2nd.

All the details, including the nomination process, are on the website
or contact:

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ROTARY DISTRICT 9800 Events Calendar

For a full Notices & Events calendar,
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notices_and_events](http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/notices_and_events)

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DG Weekly Message

One of the great rewards of serving as District Governor is the opportunity to see first-hand and participate in the many great programs that Rotary supports.

We all know about many of these programs, but it is not until you see the process at work that you get a real appreciation of the ways in which so many Rotarians serve the community. The National Youth Science Forum – and yes in good Rotary fashion we usually know it better by its acronym of NYSF – is one such program. The NYSF is a wonderful program of excellence for our future scientists and engineers who participate in a two week residential program at either the Australian National University in Canberra or at Perth with the University of Western Australia and Curtin University.

This outstanding program is a national initiative in partnership with Rotary. Rotary International coordinates selection around the country through an application process run by Rotary Clubs who select potential participants from applicants to the program.

The program gives the students an insight into the vast opportunities that exist by way of a career in the sciences and engineering. But, it also teaches the students



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much more including personal development, and skills beyond the classroom are also a large part of the program in both Canberra and Perth. Selection for the NYSF is highly competitive with as many as 2000 of the very best students competing for only 432 places nationally.

Last Saturday I attended the District selection day at International House. Nearly 60 shortlisted candidates vied for their chance to be part of the January 2013 program. Seven teams conducted personal half hour interviews over much of the day with the aspiring candidates. Each interview team comprised a Rotarian and a former NYSF student from last year. Several other Rotarians and former NYSF students participated as coordinators and helpers. The photo shows only some of the exhausted but satisfied team members after the interviews.

The selection is hard work as the quality of students to choose from is outstanding, and every one of them would probably be deserving of a place in the program. Watching the former NYSF students at work assures me that we do have fantastic

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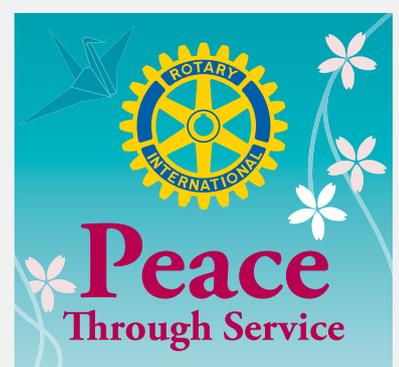
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young people to provide great role models and leaders for the future. Yes they are smart and high achievers, but also incredibly well rounded young people with wide interests outside of their academic pursuits. Even so, NYSF Chair, AG Gabrielle Morgan commented that you would not have known they were the same students who were sent to NYSF last year, such was their personal development and confidence.



So congratulations to all the Rotarians involved in the selection process at Club level and District level who offer their time so generously for this program, as they do for so many other programs. It is said that your reward as a Rotarian is directly proportional to the effort put in. In this case I think the reward is exponential.

We can certainly add this program and the opportunity to participate in other like programs to the list of membership benefits of being a Rotarian and I encourage all Rotarians to look for these opportunities to serve their communities. Rotary – it's amazing.

In Membership month, I would like you to consider Rotary's Club Visioning for your Club. Clubs that I have visited know that this is one of the challenges that I am putting to clubs, a challenge that I hope all clubs will embrace.

Where will your Club be in three years?

The Rotary International Club Leadership Plan recommends every Club develop a long range strategic plan. This promotes continuity and consistency of leadership, service and program. A strategic plan sets the stage for growth and effectiveness. Conducting a Rotary Club Visioning Plan helps your Club design its own vision, and then sets out the steps necessary to achieve that vision. The result is not a vision decided by District or RI, it is a vision built through consensus and is endorsed by your own Members.

To start to plan your Club's visioning session, contact our District 9800 Vision Facilitation Chair, Chris Richardson on cdrichardson@bigpond.com.au.

Dennis Shore
District Governor

Further to last week here's some additional reasons why people join Rotary

Family Programs... Rotary provides one of the world's largest youth exchange programs; high school and college clubs for future Rotarians; opportunities for partner involvement; and a host of activities designed to help family members grow and develop family values.

Vocational Skills... Every Rotarian is expected to contribute to the growth and development of their own profession or vocation; to serve on Committees and to teach young people about their job or vocation. Rotary helps make us better doctors, lawyers, accountants, teachers, secretaries or plumbers...

The Development of Ethics... Rotary provides a strong ethical framework through a 4-Way Test that defines personal ethical standards. Rotarians are expected to be ethical in business and personal relationships.

Cultural Awareness... Around the world, practically every religion, country, culture, race, creed, political persuasion, language, colour, and ethnic identity is represented in Rotary. It is a cross section of the world's most prominent citizens from every background. Through Rotary, people become more culturally aware and learn to love and work with people everywhere. In the process, they become better citizens of their own countries.

Prestige... Prominent people are members of Rotary, including leaders from business, government, the professions, arts, sports, the military, religion and all other disciplines. Rotary is the oldest and most prestigious service club in the world. Among Rotary's ranks are executives, managers and professionals who make decisions and influence policy.

Nice People... Above all, Rotarians are nice people – the nicest people on the face of the earth. Whilst they may be important people, they all follow the policy that "it is nice to be important but it is important to be nice".

The Absence of an "Official Creed"... Rotary has no secret handshake, no secret policy, no official creed, no secret meeting or rituals. It is an open society of men and women who simply believe in helping others.

The Opportunity to Serve... Rotary is a Service Club. Its business is mankind. Its product is service. Rotarians provide community service to both local and international communities. This is perhaps the best reason for becoming a Rotarian - the chance to do something for somebody else and to gain the sense of fulfilment and personal satisfaction that brings. Rotary is richly rewarding.

Dr Murray Verso, District Director of Membership

ROTARY E-CLUB IS HERE!

The new Rotary E-Club of Melbourne is now online at www.rotaryclubofmelbourne.org.au – why don't you take a look now and see what an e-club looks like.

What is an e-club? This e-club is just like a traditional Rotary club except that the members don't meet face to face each week – instead they visit the website every week at a time that suits them. While they are there, they read up on the topic of the week and respond with their comments, they check the projects they are working on and contribute their updates or volunteer to work on a new project, and they can log into the clubhouse and correspond with other members in the chat room.

Who would join an e-club? People, who for various reasons find they can't commit to a regular meeting at a fixed time and place, will find an e-club fits their lifestyle better. If you know anyone, a past member who has left the club for these reasons perhaps, or just a friend or colleague who you think may be suitable, can you encourage them to visit the website and check it out.

Alternatively, contact PDG Ann White at ann@landmarksoftware.com.au with their details and she will invite them personally.

As if that wasn't enough, we are excited by the launch of the Rotary Project Bank this week on the e-club website. This is a database of projects being conducted by Rotary clubs in our district who are looking for additional volunteer resources. Any Rotarian or member of the public will be able to select a project and contact the relevant club directly to volunteer their time. Think what your club could do with a few extra helping hands!

As Paul Harris said: "This is a changing world; we must be prepared to change with it. The story of Rotary will have to be rewritten again and again."

The integration and launch of District 9800's first e-club and the Rotary Project Bank is a huge step forward in our Rotary story.



Supporting healthy minds, bodies and communities for over 30 years

Mental illness can affect anyone at any age and is close to becoming an invisible epidemic, affecting more than one in five Australians every year. So fast is this problem growing that depression and anxiety are expected to become the world's leading causes of disability within the next eight years.

As mental health continues to be a growing issue for Australians, so does the need for quality support systems, hospital facilities and services with knowledgeable, experienced staff. Providing the best for Australians with mental health is heavily reliant on current research funded through donations to organisations such as Australian Rotary Health who allow

mental health professionals to stay informed of the most recent research findings in areas of mental health.

Australian Rotary Health is one of Australia's largest non-government funding bodies for mental illness research. Thanks to the generous support of Rotarians Australia wide over the past 31 years, Australian Rotary Health has donated over \$28 million that has facilitated better treatment and services for all Australians, in particular those who are least able to assist themselves.

This year we have funded projects addressing the issues and causation of indigenous mental health, which is

2-3 times higher than the rest of Australia, furthered research into the effects of prenatal hormone exposure on mental health, and financed the first online therapy program to investigate the treatment of preschool children with anxiety.



By continuing to fund research that uncovers possible causes of mental illness, Australian Rotary Health brings the possibility of prevention all the more closer. If you would like to know more about Australian Rotary Health, please [visit our website](#) at or call 02 8837 1900 for more information. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Our Man in Dili

On Thursday July 19th The Australian Ambassador H.E.

Mr Miles Armitage invited a small group of Daryl Mills' friends and family to a reception at his residence. At this gathering Daryl was invested with a Medal in the General Division of the Order of Australia.



had been involved with over a number of years, which had resulted in this recognition.

The citation reads: *Daryl Bruce MILLS, Dili, Timor Leste: For service to the international community through humanitarian roles.*

Daryl is Liaison Officer for Timor-Leste with Rotary International, Rotary Australia World Community Service, Coordinator for Timor-Leste, Rotary Overseas Medical Aid for Children and

Liaison Officer, East Timor Roofing and Training Co-operative.



In his speech the Ambassador spoke of the wide range of humanitarian activities that Daryl

International Literacy Day - September 8th

By Bronwen Scarffe - District Literacy Chair

In 1965, UNESCO decreed that September the 8th 1966 would be the inaugural International Literacy Day and since then this annual tradition has given concerned individuals and groups an opportunity to highlight the world-wide plight of people who are illiterate through no fault of their own and the impact this has on their lives, their communities and society in general.

What can your club do on September the 8th this year?

- Plan a club meeting with a literacy focus during the week of

September the 8th

- Invite reps from local schools to share information about literacy rates in your community
- Invite a literacy guest speaker
- Identify special groups of people in your community who may enjoy being read to or with and designate time to do so
- Invite a local poet, writer or story-teller as a guest speaker
- Research literacy data from the UNESCO website or the Australian National Year of Reading Website, publish it and place on meeting tables for members to read
- Designate a meeting as a

- Book Club Meeting and invite members to bring along books to swap, talk about, read from to their peers
- Have book marks published and circulate these to community members
- Take members to DIK for a literacy and basic education working bee
- Donate books, writing implements or funds to local groups /institutions for the purchase of books, e books and associated equipment

This is also an opportunity to celebrate the fact that at least 4 billion people around the world are literate and a time for your club to consider the development and implementation of a Literacy Project, of its own.



Quality Education in Nepal

A Project in Need of a Sponsor

Since its registration with RAWCS two and a half years ago, RC Woodend's Nepali Village Initiatives Project has been hitting its mark. Achievements over that time have included:

- providing a salary that has allowed Krishna Pun to return to his village of Paudwar in Western Nepal and reinvigorate it in the role of Village Development Coordinator
- supporting English medium teaching at Paudwar and Gibung schools
- facilitating the development of a dairy farm and cheese factory by Krishna and his community – an enterprise that is already providing employment and which will generate funds for the local community and its school
- with the assistance of a Rotary Foundation

Matching Grant, delivering teacher training in the first program of its kind in Western Nepal, benefiting 40 teachers from six rural schools.

Spawned by a group of trekkers in 1993, the project had a long gestation. Peter Hall's move to join Rotary in 2009, bringing the project with him, proved the trigger for its recent dramatic growth. The teacher training in particular – now in its second year – enjoys support from other clubs, not only in District 9800, but beyond. Four of the team of seven volunteers that Peter led to Paudwar in April were Rotarians – the other three being from the Rotary Club of Portland Bay, District 9780.

Recognition of the potential of the teacher training, and its success to date, present a new challenge – how to expand the aid that the project is able to deliver? With Woodend committed to ongoing support of the original project, the search is on for another club that can work with Peter to develop a new project – Quality Education Nepal. The Rotary Clubs of Portland and Portland Bay are keen to participate, but Peter is hoping to find a lead sponsor club in District 9800, with the prospect of it becoming a District Endorsed project.

So what makes this project so special?

First, it is aiding a country in real poverty. Only Afghanistan ranks lower on the UNDP's Human Development Index throughout Asia and Oceania. The best solution to poverty over the long term is educating the people so that they can help themselves. And the best way to improve education is to give teachers the skills and enthusiasm that will enhance the education of the children in their care.

The Teacher Training Program of the new project has evolved out of the work of the Australian Himalayan Foundation, the UK Himalayan Trust, UNICEF and others in building the capability of REED, a Nepalese NGO that delivers the training in a highly professional manner. Started in the Solo Khumbu (Everest) region of Nepal, the Rotary project has taken REED to western Nepal



for the first time. The potential there is immense. The government's District Education Officer, seeing the training in progress in March, laid down the challenge: *"You've trained forty of the teachers in our District – when can you train the other 1,200?"*

Your Club can take up this challenge. Peter is keen to visit Clubs, to tell them about the visit of the Volunteer Team in April when they delivered a Holiday program for the children, and to describe how he would like to see Quality Education Nepal grow not only to become a District Endorsed Program, but to gain active support from other Districts. See www.nepalaid.org.au, email Peter at info@nepalaid.org.au or call him on 03 5424 8274.

Olympic athletes help Rotary promote polio eradication

By Arnold R. Grahl, *Rotary News* – August 2012

The best athletes in the world gathered in London for the 2012 Summer Olympics, and some of them are helping to spread the word about Rotary's campaign to rid the world of polio.

Rotarians in Plymouth, Devon, England, used a few connections to line up Olympic divers Tom Daley and Tonia Couch for "This Close" posters, which have been displayed around Plymouth and at the training facility used by Ghana's Olympic team.

District 1290 received a public relations grant to use Couch's image on bus advertisements around the counties of Devon and Cornwall to raise her image during the Olympics, promote Rotary's polio efforts, and help with a membership drive.

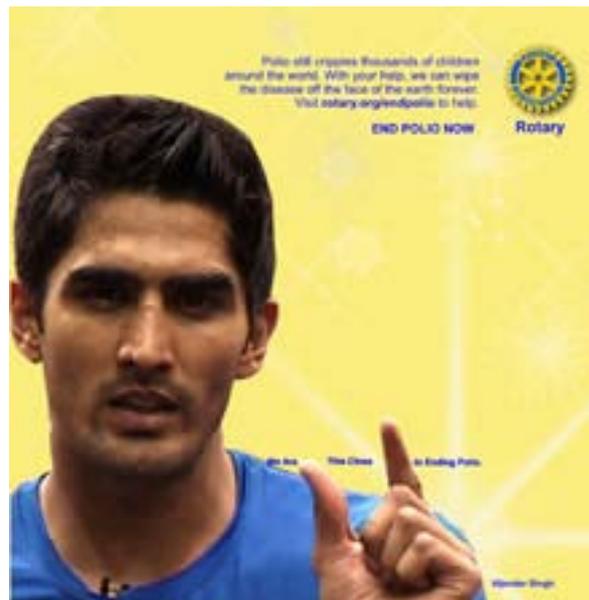
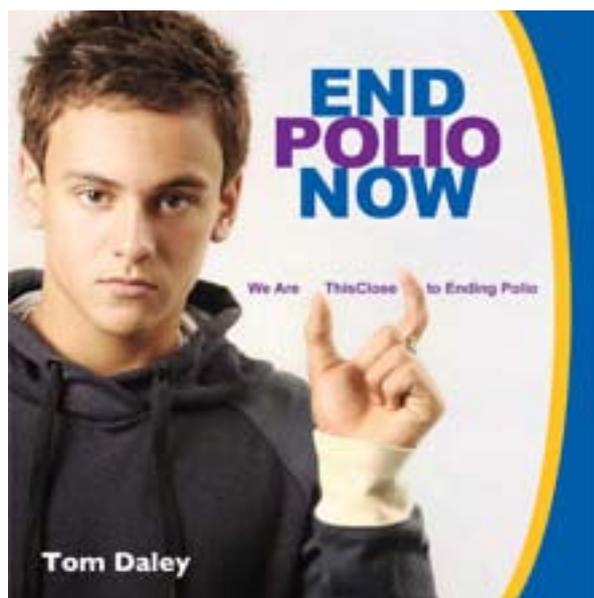
Other Olympic athletes participating in the "This Close" campaign are more than a dozen members of India's team, including members of the men's boxing, men's and women's weightlifting, and men's and women's wrestling teams.

Through an initiative of the RIBI Olympic Committee called Work for Purpose, more than 300 volunteers signed up to work as cleaners in the athletic village to raise money for various Rotary projects. One effort includes members of the Rotary clubs of Hatfield and Stevenage, Hertfordshire, whose work will benefit several local children's hospices.

Rotarians have also signed up to clean up after the games.

"Rotary and the Olympics share a common ethos," says Debbie Hodge, governor of District 1260. "That is the building of a more peaceful world."

Full story at http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/120801_news_olympics.aspx



Olympic diver Tom Daley is featured in "This Close" posters as part of a publicity campaign by the Rotary Club of Plympton, Devon, England. Rotarians in India also lined up several members of Indian's Olympic team, including boxer Vijender Singh, for their "This Close" campaign.

Speaker Bank Update

By Jill Weeks, D9800 Speaker Bank Committee

How can you help The Rotary D9800 Speaker Bank?

Do you know of interesting Speakers that we can add to the D9800 Speaker Bank?

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

To see a list of topics and speakers, login at: http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/rotary_membership_and_login

If you do not have a login, please [contact the webmaster](#) so he can create a login for you. All members in District 9800 are eligible.

Fran Henry of the Traveller's Aid

Melbourne not-for-profit, Travellers Aid, would like the opportunity to speak to Rotary members about a new service that they will be launching in March 2011 called the Medical Companions Project. The project will service the frail and people with disabilities from rural and outer metropolitan areas who need to travel to Melbourne for medical appointments.

Contact: Fran Henry (Medical Companions Project Coordinator)
Email: fran@travellersaid.org.au or Telephone: 9654 2600



The Spirit Of Sharing, Peter Cole, OAM

Peter Cole, Spirit of Sharing founder, has contacted us and writes:



"During my stay in Fiji in 2000, I visited some schools around Suva, where I saw kids using coconuts to play rugby, and kicking an empty bottle around instead of a soccer ball. I could not believe that, in this day and age, these kids did not have adequate sports equipment. It dawned on me that I could help."

The 27-year-old founded Spirit of Sharing in 2001. Since then he has delivered more than \$1 million in sporting, educational and medical supplies to children in Fiji.

Peter is now a member of the Rotary Club of Knox, and Spirit of Sharing has joined forces with District 9810, the Rotary Foundation and the Fiji Government to provide new school dormitories and a hospital in Fiji.

Contact:

Peter Cole - Founder, The Spirit Of Sharing PO BOX 139, Ferntree Gully, Victoria, Australia, Vic, 3156
Mobile: 0439 997 583 Email: petercole99@hotmail.com W: www.spiritofsharing.com.au

World Population Day

By Rekha Shetty, Rotary Action Group for Population and Development

“World Population Day last year marked the anticipated birth of the Earth’s seven billionth inhabitant. This is an opportunity to celebrate our common humanity and our diversity. It is also a reminder of our shared responsibility to care for each other and our planet.” Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, Message for World Population Day

July 11th was World Population Day, but there was no ribbon cutting or popping of champagne corks to commemorate the occasion. In a world suffering from climate change, water scarcity and the rising price of food and energy, population growth is a challenge, not an unequivocal triumph.

Population quadrupled in the 20th century, and despite the escalating demands that humanity was placing on the planet, the human enterprise prospered. Food production quadrupled, mortality rates dropped dramatically, human longevity doubled and living standards soared. Best of all, as the century came to a close, the costs of oil, minerals and basic food commodities fell to near historical lows. Malthusian fears were virtually extinguished.

As the world passes the 7-billion mark, confidence in the human enterprise is not so high. After decades of progress in reducing hunger and severe poverty, a global recession and two global food crises have slowed and, in some cases, reversed recent gains. Even more worrisome is an almost decade-long trend of higher and higher commodity prices for energy, minerals and basic foodstuffs.

At a minimum, the eras of cheap energy and cheap food appear to be over. If so, the fight against hunger and severe poverty will get a lot harder. It already has. While significant progress continues to be made in India, China and other parts of East Asia, gains in the rest of the developing world are grudging at best.

A report released last week on the U.N. Millennium Development Goals indicated laudable progress in areas like education, access to safe drinking water, and infant and child mortality. But the U.N. warned that “we still have a long way to go in empowering women and girls, promoting sustainable development, and protecting the most vulnerable from the devastating effects of multiple crises, be they conflicts, natural disasters, or volatility in prices for food and energy.”



Thus far, the 21st century has not been kind to many countries in the developing world. When the 2007-2008 food crisis hit, the price of rice tripled, the World Bank warned that 33 countries were at risk of political upheaval, and over 100 million people slipped back into poverty. During the latest food crisis, corn and wheat prices doubled, food-importing countries in North Africa and the Middle East were hit hard, governments began toppling in the ensuing unrest, and an estimated 44 million were driven back into poverty.

The critical question, the one that really matters, is whether the food situation is becoming a chronic food crisis. Oxfam issued a report last month suggesting that due to climate change and other factors, food prices could double or more by 2030.

In order to feed a hungry world, the Food and Agriculture Organization estimates that food and grain production will have to increase by 70 percent in the next 40 years to keep pace with rising population and a global shift to more meat-intensive diets. In a world afflicted by rising temperatures, increasing droughts and floods, shortages of arable land, water scarcity, loss of topsoil and the escalating costs of fertilizer and fuel, that’s a tall, if not impossible, order.

Unless we successfully address the 21st-century challenges posed by population growth, food insecurity and water scarcity, many of the gains that we have made in improving the human condition could be reversed. In addition to assisting developing nations with food production and water conservation, we urgently need to keep girls in school, empower women and make sure that family planning services and information are more widely available. Then we can celebrate, not just observe, World Population Day.

Notices and Events

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CHANGE OF VENUE

Rotary Club of Werribee now meets at Santini's Restaurant, 102 Watton St, Werribee.

LAPTOP COMPUTERS WANTED

World of Difference, Rotary Club of Echuca and Campaspe College of Adult Education are working together....In October 2012 10 students will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the culture, history and daily life of Cambodia. Laptop computers are high on the list for donations to take for the projects that they will volunteer at. If you have any laptops that are now no longer used please let us share them with young students and teachers who would treasure them.

Contact Bronwyn Stephens (Rotary Club of Melbourne South) to arrange drop off or collection: 0410 32 4537.

www.wod.org.au

AUGUST 2012

17TH HOBSONS BAY ART SHOW

17 AUGUST FRIDAY, PREVIEW EVENING.

Weekend Art Show 18-19 August Saturday/Sunday 10-4pm

Williamstown Town Hall

[Website Online Preview Here](#)

[Purchase Opening Tickets Here](#)



21ST FARM & ROAD SAFETY EXPO - ROTARY CLUB OF ROCHESTER

Tuesday 21st August 2012 10.00 am –3.00 pm,

Rochester Recreation Reserve, Rochester.

A Day of teaching children and Adults the importance of Road and Farm Safety. Fully supported by all Emergency services the Expo focus s on the unpredictable behaviour of Machinery and animals in differing conditions. The awareness of dealing with large machinery on the roads along with Safety around the Farm and Home can never be overlooked.

All welcome to attend, with a free sausage sizzle for Lunch.

For further information contact Graeme – 5484 2008 or

Karen 5484 1128.



23RD CHOIR OF HARD KNOCKS

An evening with founder Jonathon Welch AM

Thursday 23rd August, 6:30 pm for 7:00 pm. Fredricks Restaurant, 980 Mt Alexander Road, Essendon.

\$40 per head for 2 Course Dinner. Drinks at Bar Prices.

RSVP by Thursday 16th August, 2012. Fredricks Function Centre 9379 3247

Email enquiries@fredricksrestaurant.com.au

Barry Coleman 0427 852 062.

31ST ROTARY CLUB OF EAGLEHAWK TRIVIA CHALLENGE

Bendigo Exhibition Centre, Prince of Wales Showgrounds, Bendigo.

\$20.00 pp, tables of 10 (individual entries welcome).

Contact Details: PP John Jones

A major fundraiser for our extensive suite of New Generations programs.

SEPTEMBER 2012

7TH ROTARY CLUB OF HOPPERS CROSSING 'SIX DEGREES OF DIABETES'

Friday 7 September 2012 with the production commencing at 7.30pm sharp.

Westbourne Grammar School, 300 Sayers Road, Truganina. \$5.00 per head.

Contact Details:

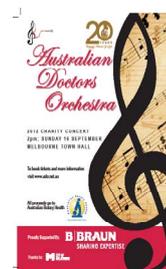
Colin Styles – 0416 191 320 or cstyles@bigpond.net.au

Greg Beirne – 0408 422 085 or greg@fireandsafetyaustralia.com.au

16TH AUSTRALIAN DOCTORS ORCHESTRA 2012 CHARITY CONCERT

A Celebratory Melbourne Concert for Australian Rotary Health. Join 140 members of the Australian Doctors Orchestra (ADO) at 2.00 pm on the 16th September in the Melbourne Town Hall when they give a concert for Australian Rotary Health.

Ticket prices are \$35.00 and \$25.00 concession. Tickets available at the door or please visit www.ado.net.au. Or contact Ron Adams on 9821044 or 0408 136 100 for more information.



27TH CELEBRATING 60 YEARS...

Rotary Melbourne South invite all District 9800 Clubs to join in a celebration to mark 60 years since charter.

Thursday September 27th (Grand Final Week) Jubilee Dinner at the Champions Room. Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre. A night to celebrate the past and a night of Fun Raising featuring Greg Champion. \$95 per head

bookings@melbournesouthrotary.com.au



OCTOBER 2012

15TH ROTARY COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

Help promote and support the 2012 Rotary Community Service Awards on October 15th.

For more information visit:

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

Book a table for the gala awards night:

<http://www.trybooking.com/BGIX>



30TH ROTARY CLUB OF MELBOURNE: 2013 SENIORS AWARD NOMINATIONS CLOSE

The Award was created to recognise the contribution of men or women 60 years and over who give outstanding service in a voluntary capacity to older people. They must be a role model for older people and have hands on experience in that role.

Nominees should be:

- (1) 60 years or over
- (2) satisfy the principle of Service before Self
- (3) committed to making a difference especially for older people
- (4) be a role model for older people
- (5) present a positive view and purpose on growing older and have hands on experience
- (6) They would be a volunteer in their role as an advocate for older people.

Please forward nominations, containing full details of the C.V. of the Nominee to: Max Barr: bmbarr@cyberspace.net.au

FEBRUARY 2013

6TH ROTARY CLUB OF MELBOURNE: 2013 SENIORS AWARD AWARDED AT ROTARY CLUB OF MELBOURNE LUNCHEON

The award consists of a Citation and Certificate of Recognition which will be presented to the successful awardee at the Rotary Club of Melbourne's luncheon on the 1st Wednesday in February 2013.

MARCH 2013

14TH THE ROTARY DISTRICT 9800 CONFERENCE BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

Thursday 14th March 2013 - The Commercial Club (Albury)
530 North St Albury NSW 2640
(5 minutes from the Albury cbd).

Cost: \$5.00 per head.

For more information contact Bill Troedel 0408 053 223
(Rotary Club of Hawthorn)

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Is something on your mind?

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ROTARY DISTRICT 9800 Events Calendar

For a full Notices & Events calendar,
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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 9800



2012 MEMBERSHIP & MARKETING SEMINAR



Saturday 11th August 2012

9.30AM to 1.30PM

Registration from 9.00AM

Trinity Grammar School, Kew 3101

Cnr. Charles Street & Cotham Road, Kew.

Metway Map Ref 466D

Cost \$20 per person

Dynamic presentations & interactive workshops will give you:

- Inspiring ideas on how your club can recruit & retain members
- Ideas on how to market your club & its projects
- Ways your club can use social media
- How you can engage Gen X & Gen Y
- And lots more

Coffee, tea and a lunch included

Please complete this Registration Form and return today to Paul Rake:

Email: paul.rake@bigpond.com

Post: 2/56 Moylan Street, Bentleigh East 3165

RSVP: Friday 3rd August

For more information contact:

Membership Director Murray Verso: membership@rotarydistrict9800.org

Marketing Director Chris Don: marketing@rotarydistrict9800.org



DG Weekly Message

As I make my official visits to clubs the one key objective that I see listed for all clubs is membership.

This is not just lip service because on Saturday 11 August more than 100 Rotarians representing the majority of clubs attended the excellent Membership and Marketing Seminar, which was held in the splendid facilities of Trinity Grammar School in Kew. The strong attendance we saw from our regional clubs confirmed to me that clubs were proactively searching for answers.

Perhaps we did not find all of the answers, but the feedback tells us that those attending went away with lots of great ideas, and more importantly, with the determination that recruiting new members is certainly possible. In fact I have been particularly impressed to see so many clubs already inducting new members and future leaders.



District Governor Dennis Shore and Lynda

The statistics actually tell us that despite what we might have thought, we actually do a pretty good job in recruiting across the District. What we don't seem to be as good at is keeping the people that we recruit.

So it was great that attendees also went away with an armoury of tips and ideas of how to keep the new members that we recruit and how to re-energise longer term members who have perhaps lost the passion they once had.

One idea that really appealed came from PDG Steve Wilcox from District 5960 in the USA. One of the main reasons new members tell us why they leave Rotary after only a year or two is because they never get to feel engaged with the

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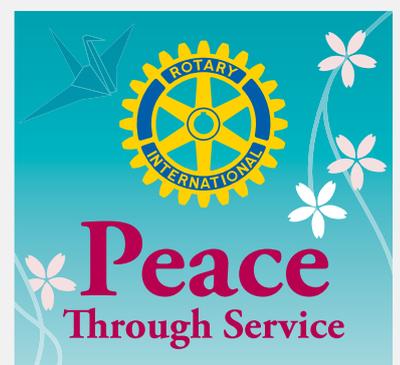
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August is Membership and Extension Month



club. They feel they do not get to make a worthwhile contribution.

So the idea put forward by Steve that has been employed with great success, is to form a special committee of first year Rotarians to establish a worthwhile community service project with a small budget to implement the project. In the second year, the committee takes on an international project, which they research and implement. This surely is engagement and bonding from the 'get go'.

Steve is the founder of the Club Visioning Process and is visiting our District to make sure our Club Vision facilitators are right up-to-date with the latest facilitation techniques.

To make sure that District leaders walk the talk, he will take the District Leadership Team through the process. He will also facilitate a club visioning day for the Rotary Club of Melbourne. As Australia's first and by far largest club, this preparedness to look within shows why the Rotary Club of Melbourne continues to be such a successful club.

If your club is maintaining good membership levels and growing, it means that you have most likely got the right balance in your club between what you do for the local and international community and engagement by all members to achieve these outcomes.

The clubs that I have visited know that I am very relaxed about clubs finding their own destiny and running their meetings and activities in a way that attracts and retains members. In fact only club members can decide the look and feel of their club.

I would like to think that all those who came away from the Marketing and Membership Seminar have lots of great ideas how to do just that.

In Rotary we do often ask people to give up even more of their precious leisure time, but in this case I think the organisers and speakers at the seminar delivered comprehensively. Those attending also made valuable contributions to the day by their active participation in the breakout sessions. So congratulations to the organisers, the brilliant speakers and the engaged Rotarians who really made the seminar the success that it was.

Best of all, everyone went away with the satisfaction that it was time well spent. This is Rotary at its best.

Rotary – it's amazing.

Dennis Shore
District Governor

Membership & Marketing Seminar

By Suzanne Wilson, RC Hoppers Crossing



Yet another great day for District 9800, with 100 Rotarians coming together to hear about and share ideas on increasing Membership, and further promoting Rotary through various marketing strategies.

DG Dennis Shore addressed the group by reminding all that retention is a real issue. He asked us to accelerate recruitment until we get retention right. He went on to ask us to understand the communities we serve and to understand generational differences. Become family friendly and be aware of financial constraints facing many today. Dennis concluded by asking Clubs to review 'traditions' and work with greater flexibility. Clubs must find their own 'destiny'.

Attendees heard from a range of dynamic speakers on issues of Recruitment, E-Club of Melbourne, Marketing, Engaging with Gen X & Y and Use of Social Media.

Some of the highlights of these presentations are included below:

Chris Egger – RC Laverton/Point Cook – 'A successful Recruiting Strategy'

Feel the 'passion' throughout the year and keep the momentum going. Be sensitive to your community and the area in which you work. Be aware of

differences and you'll get along well with those in your community and in your Club. Promote Rotary as a community minded organisation and establish real relationships with groups rather than just handing out donations. Make your Club 'fit for purpose' and celebrate membership success throughout the year.

Damien Heywood – RC Melbourne Park – 'How you engage Gen X & Gen Y'

Damien outlined the facts that only 2% of Rotarians are under 30 and 11% under 40!! He added that you are more likely to be a female Rotarian than one U40.

Gen Y, born between 1982 and 1995 are globally minded and they have grown up with the Internet. The world to them is a small place and they strongly believe they can change it. Gen Y is socially engaged and interacts with people, creating their own social networking. They are ambitious and will do whatever it takes to reach their goals.

Damien said that the public image of Rotary is one of being 'Male/Pale/Stale'! Rotary needs to fit Gen Y – not the other way round and they need to be asked to join Rotary. Damien closed with some advice for Clubs: Look at your environment & traditions - Do they work for us or are they a barrier?

Philip Archer – RC Southbank – ‘Marketing Your Club and its Projects’

Philip began by asking Rotarians to visualise where their Club would be in 3 years. He used the analogy of a Family Album and the diversity within the same. Philip suggested that we make our Clubs a place where this ‘Family Snap’ works. List your true assets and give them a ‘spit & polish’ – i.e. your Venue, Website, Social Media and List of Projects. Take a look at Business companies and organisations and learn from them. Share the development of your Website and use professionals if necessary and get on board with Social Media – this is how people today communicate.

Ann White – RC of Albert Park – ‘E-Club of Melbourne’

Ann informed the gathering that the E-Club of Melbourne is a hybrid Club servicing the needs of members in the Melbourne area. This is an opportunity for attracting new members to Rotary – those unable to commit to attending meetings at a set time each week. Ann also encouraged Rotarians to undertake Make-Ups on this site. Those members of the E-Club will get together for projects and social functions.

Ann also outlined Project Bank and stressed the opportunities Clubs have to promote their projects and to gain additional support where needed.

The website is not yet indexed by Google so go to: www.rotaryclubofmelbourne.org.au

Attendees then broke into four discussion groups with summaries fed back to attendees as a whole. These included: Diversifying Membership; Fit for Purpose; Membership Development & Retention; Social Media. Valuable points were put forward by each group and, undoubtedly, were of use to those attending.

All in all it was a great day with much food for thought going back to those Clubs represented.

<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.com.au/news/1327>



Photos show: First page, Damien Heywood inspiring the audience

This page: Chris Eggar in full flight

The more colourful attendees: Peter Lamping with Bill Dagg and Sooty

A think tank in action

Safe Water?

It was rare good news. On March 6, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon declared that the world had halved the proportion of the world's population drinking unsafe water. One of the key Millennium Development Goals set by the UN more than a decade earlier had been reached — and, moreover, it had been reached five years ahead of schedule. Ban Ki-moon called it “a great achievement for the people of the world.” And apparently, the world agreed, as most media reported the claim at face value.



However, some senior water professionals have called the UN claim “a drastic overestimate.” In their report, Clarissa Brocklehurst and her colleagues of the Rural Water Supply Network criticized the “shamefully” poor performance of drilled wells attached to hand-pulled pumps, the most popular “improved” water technology. A typical pump will break down within two years and most are abandoned within five. “Thousands of people who once benefited from a safe drinking water supply now walk past broken hand pumps or taps and on to their traditional dirty water point,” the report stated.

Often there are cultural taboos — in India, for instance, only certain castes are sometimes allowed to drink from a particular well. And the water may be so far away that few people make the trek if there is another source, albeit a dirtier one, close by. According to the joint-monitoring program report, 18% of people in sub-Saharan Africa supposedly using an “improved” water source are actually more than 30 minutes walk away.

Note that the Rotary Foundation's Guidelines for Matching Grants state that chosen projects should have the aim of providing sustainable development.



Photos:

Villagers draw water from a well in Koure, Niger, built with support from the Rotary clubs of Mannheim-Brücke, Germany, and Niamey, Niamey, Niger. Rotary Images/ Alyce Henson

A boy transports jugs of water by donkey from a river in La Grúa, Dominican Republic. Rotary Image/Alyce Henson

RYPEN

By Neville John, District 9800 RYPEN Chairman

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

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

The next RYPEN camp will be held on the weekend of Friday 26 – Sunday 28 October 2012. The cut off for applications is Monday 24 September 2012.

Dates: Friday 26 - Sunday 28 October 2012

Location: Weekaway, Kitchenhams Road, Lancefield

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

Clubs New Generation Chairs and Club Secretaries should have received application packs via email – incorporating a brochure, letter to schools and students' application form. Applications are due back on Monday 24th September 2012. Please contact me via email if you need an extension and even if you are not planning to send any students to this camp, it would be appreciated if you would advise me so that we can adequately plan for numbers and for follow up purposes.

If you need to know more about RYPEN, a member of the committee would be pleased to talk to your club or committee about sponsoring a student, or being the host club.



Neville John nrjohn@primus.com.au

Application forms are available at
[http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/
networker_0009_rypen](http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/networker_0009_rypen)

VIC Police put on “Show and Tell”

By Tony Thomas, RC Central Melbourne-Sunrise

It was an event far outside the experience of our Central Melbourne-Sunrise RC members. With District Governor Keith Ryall and guests, the 24 of us were at the Victoria Police Air Wing hangar at Essendon Airport, soon after dark, on Friday May 18. Outside the hangars special police groups had come from the city and suburbs just to show us their technical equipment and take questions about how it was used.

We were handed shotgun cartridges containing ‘bean bag’ canisters. When fired at the lower body of a miscreant, the canister creates a whopping bruise but doesn’t even break a bone. Two hits and no-one is going to keep running away.

We could lift up and weigh the Kevlar body armor used by police like the Critical Incident Response Team – it weighs about as much as a backpack with picnic items. It easily stops a pistol bullet but a rifle bullet, although it won’t penetrate, can still break your ribs. Wearing body armour cuts your running speed so the police K9 team showed how their big dogs take up the chase.

We admired the long shields of the Public Order Response Team – they can also be hooked together to form a human barricade. The team also has small round shields rather like those of the Roman army, except in plastic. The Tasers are another life-saving weapon, like a large toy plastic pistol that fires twin darts on fine wires. For serious shoot-outs, we could see the advanced machine-pistols bristling with high-tech add-ons.

The tool-kits had something for every task – window smashers, and strangely lightweight door-breakers (plus the classic ‘door-key’, a big sledgehammer). We saw telescopic ladders, flexi-handcuffs, and full gas-protection gear for dealing with suspicious packages. We admired the DNA kits and the precision equipment for analyzing serious crash sites, such as road friction coefficients. (Sadly the Major Collisions Investigations Unit is called out at least weekly).

We tried out the police’s night-vision gear, which made the pitch-black paddock alongside, seem as clear as an early twilight scene. Indoors we each tried out a pair of \$20,000 night goggles, after being warned not to drop the set. These show what’s



happening via two mini-TV screens rather than reflected light.

This introduction was just a segment of an incredible evening turned on for us by the Victoria Police Operations Support Department, thanks partly to Superintendent (and our club member) Neville Taylor, backed by Assistant Commissioner Andrew Crisp and Chief Commissioner Ken Lay. It was the police’s way of saying thanks for our club’s mentoring work with senior police officers over the past half-decade. The detailed planning of the event was by Sgt Arty Lavos, helped by Leading Senior Constable Nicki Peters.

Supt. Taylor joked that we would experience the food hardships of uncomplaining working police, such as sardines on mouldy bread. What we actually got from the Mobile Field Catering Unit parked outside the Air Wing were either lamb shanks and roast vegetables or chicken parmigiana, followed by apple crumble and ice cream and a drinks choice ranging from cappuccino to hot chocolate. Catering is always top-notch for large teams out in the bush on a search, or spending all night at a major crime scene. Other visits during the six-hour tour were to the Water Police Squad and Rescue Coordination Centre, Williamstown, and to a booze bus roadblock in action on Sunshine Road in a western suburb. Safety issues are paramount. The first police car was flashing like a Christmas tree. When the five breath-testing car spots were full, new drivers were waved on to avoid holding up the traffic flow – that’s why some people get waved in but not others.

Our party donated \$600 to the Police Legacy Fund.

Membership is Dead?

By Belinda Moore, Strategic Membership Solutions

Are younger members joining your association and then leaving after a year or two? Or not joining at all? Are you struggling to get people to your events? Are you battling to recruit quality volunteers? Is your board full of men aged over 50? Are competitive organisations forming around you?

These are the stirrings of the “perfect storm” of generational, cultural and economic forces that are combining to challenge the way associations operate.

Association leaders need to effectively position themselves to deal with these challenges and take advantage of the opportunities they bring.

Belinda Moore highlights some of the major issues that association leaders should be addressing now for the future success of their associations here <http://www.smsonline.net.au/pages/membership-is-dead.html>

About the Author

Belinda Moore has assisted thousands of not-for-profit organisations with their membership challenges. She specialises in training, motivating and up-skilling boards, staff and volunteers to improve membership performance.

Belinda is available to deliver presentations to your boards, staff and volunteers on membership and related topics.

Welcome New Members



Above: The Rotary Club of Melton Valley inducted two new members on the 2nd of August, Stephen Hobbs and Bernice Parker.

Our photo shows Graham Dempsey Sue & Stephen Hobbs, President Michael Dowling, Bernice Parker and John Birmingham

Left: John Youngs (Electrical Contractor) has rejoined Brimbank Central Rotary Club

Model United Nations Assembly



M.U.N.A. simulates the workings of the U.N. assembly by having teams of two students represent a particular U.N. country. Topics are debated on matters of world political and social concern. It is held over a week-end to give sufficient time for all participants to become involved. The main aim is to develop an awareness of the United Nations in students as well as international situations of other countries and to encourage students to study topics from another country's perspective.

The objective is to encourage young people to learn respect and tolerance for people of all races, religions and nationalities. They do this by debating U.N. topics from their given countries perspectives.

Students are selected in teams of 2 to represent a country. This year we have about 70 students representing 35 countries.

They are encouraged to wear the national dress of that country and are given topics to discuss and debate. This process is carried out in the "assembly room" in a manner as close as possible to a genuine United Nations Assembly

Whilst some districts put the emphasis on running their assembly in a venue as close as possible to the real thing (District 9810 use the Old Parliament House), district 9800 have put the emphasis on a "live in" venue to encourage camaraderie.

The cost of MUNA 2012 is \$275 per student and the Assembly will be limited to 35 teams of two students. As a deadline for all practical purposes for participation student's names and the fee must be received by 20 April 2012.

Contact Neville Page on 0414 673 611 for more information, Student Registration and Parental Consent Forms.

<http://www.muna9800.org.au/>



ELVIS LIVES!

Spotted at Hawthorn Rotary Club last week: or is it impersonator and raconteur Geoff Kennedy?

Thursday 16 August sees the 35th anniversary of the death of the King of Rock 'n' Roll. Born Elvis Aaron Presley, 'The King' was only 42 when he died and millions of his fans still mourn his loss.

Business Succession Planning

By Mike McFarlane, District Vocational Chairman

“Caught in the middle - a female perspective sought”

Family businesses make up approximately 70 per cent of all businesses in Australia and a considerable number will change hands over the next decade as baby boomers retire.

Passing on a family business, however can be a fraught process creating tensions which can linger for a lifetime. Women, who are often perceived as the ‘managers’ of the family relationships, can find themselves caught in the middle as they try to juggle the interests of their partners with those of the next generation and the future of the business.

PhD student at Swinburne University, Barbara Cosson is seeking spouses’ insights into the succession process. She says there is very little research on the topic, yet passing on the business is often characterised by uncertainty and delay. With a considerable number of family businesses facing succession issues as baby boomers retire, spouses’ perspectives become particularly important. Barbara is seeking participants for her study with the aim of gaining a more comprehensive understanding of the issue – its challenges and its successes. She is interested in interviewing women who may or may not work in the business.

Specifically she wants talk to:

- Spouses who are or have been actively involved in their husbands/partner’s business;
- Spouses who are not necessarily actively involved but who provide support to family members behind the scenes;
- Spouses who have co-founded a family business with their husbands/life partners; and
- Women who have succeeded their husbands in the family business.

The confidentiality of all participants in the research will be paramount however Barbara is happy to share her findings. Anyone interested in participating can contact Barbara directly on 9214 5978; on mobile: 0419386153; or via email at bcosson@swin.edu.au.

ROTARY FOUNDATION SEMINAR

On the 24th September the District Foundation Committee have arranged a Foundation seminar with an emphasis on how you may use Foundation funds to support your club humanitarian projects both locally and overseas.

We also will be discussing how your club can fund scholars for post-graduate degrees with a Foundation Global Grant.

Clubs in order to obtain a Foundation Grant must be Qualified, club attendance is one part of the club Qualification process.

We hope you and other members are able to attend, it could be the best investment in the future your club could make.

The flyer ON PAGE 14 gives you more information and a registration form.

<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/D9800%20Foundation%20Seminar%20final.pdf>

Notices and Events

NOTICES

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

CHANGE OF VENUE

Rotary Club of Werribee now meets at Santini's Restaurant, 102 Watton St, Werribee.

Rotary Club of Caulfield now meets at BARCELO café, 312 Glenhuntly Rd, Elsternwick

Webmaster Stuart encourages other clubs to check their meeting locations on the district website.

LAPTOP COMPUTERS WANTED

World of Difference, Rotary Club of Echuca and Campaspe College of Adult Education are working together....In October 2012 10 students will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the culture, history and daily life of Cambodia. Laptop computers are high on the list for donations to take for the projects that they will volunteer at. If you have any laptops that are now no longer used please let us share them with young students and teachers who would treasure them.

Contact Bronwyn Stephens (Rotary Club of Melbourne South) to arrange drop off or collection: 0410 32 4537.

www.wod.org.au

AUGUST 2012

17TH HOBSONS BAY ART SHOW

17 AUGUST FRIDAY, PREVIEW EVENING.

Weekend Art Show 18-19 August Saturday/Sunday 10-4pm

Williamstown Town Hall

[Website Online Preview Here](#)

[Purchase Opening Tickets Here](#)



21ST FARM & ROAD SAFETY EXPO - ROTARY CLUB OF ROCHESTER

Tuesday 21st August 2012 10.00 am –3.00 pm,

Rochester Recreation Reserve, Rochester.

A Day of teaching children and Adults the importance of Road and Farm Safety. Fully supported by all Emergency services the Expo focus s on the unpredictable behaviour of Machinery and animals in differing conditions. The awareness of dealing with large machinery on the roads along with Safety around the Farm and Home can never be overlooked.

All welcome to attend, with a free sausage sizzle for Lunch.

For further information contact Graeme – 5484 2008 or

Karen 5484 1128.



23RD CHOIR OF HARD KNOCKS

An evening with founder Jonathon Welch AM

Thursday 23rd August, 6:30 pm for 7:00 pm. Fredricks Restaurant, 980 Mt Alexander Road, Essendon.

\$40 per head for 2 Course Dinner. Drinks at Bar Prices.

RSVP by Thursday 16th August, 2012. Fredricks Function Centre 9379 3247

Email enquiries@fredricksrestaurant.com.au

Barry Coleman 0427 852 062.

**26TH PARKINSONS VICTORIA WALK IN THE PARK -
ROTARY CLUB OF GLENFERRIE**

Sunday August 26th, 2012 - Leaves from Federation Square - 11am (2KM or 4KM)

The Parkinsons Victoria Walk in the Park is not just a walk in the park BUT a walk with a great purpose.

31ST ROTARY CLUB OF EAGLEHAWK TRIVIA CHALLENGE

Bendigo Exhibition Centre, Prince of Wales Showgrounds, Bendigo.

\$20.00 pp, tables of 10 (individual entries welcome).

Contact Details: PP John Jones

A major fundraiser for our extensive suite of New Generations programs.

SEPTEMBER 2012**7TH ROTARY CLUB OF HOPPERS CROSSING
'SIX DEGREES OF DIABETES'**

Friday 7 September 2012 with the production commencing at 7.30pm sharp.

Westbourne Grammar School, 300 Sayers Road, Truganina. \$5.00 per head.

Contact Details:

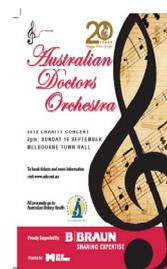
Colin Styles – 0416 191 320 or cstyles@bigpond.net.au

Greg Beirne – 0408 422 085 or greg@fireandsafetyaustralia.com.au

**16TH AUSTRALIAN DOCTORS ORCHESTRA 2012
CHARITY CONCERT**

A Celebratory Melbourne Concert for Australian Rotary Health. Join 140 members of the Australian Doctors Orchestra (ADO) at 2.00 pm on the 16th September in the Melbourne Town Hall when they give a concert for Australian Rotary Health.

Ticket prices are \$35.00 and \$25.00 concession. Tickets available at the door or please visit www.ado.net.au. Or contact Ron Adams on 9821044 or 0408 136 100 for more information.

**27TH CELEBRATING 60 YEARS...**

Rotary Melbourne South invite all District 9800 Clubs to join in a celebration to mark 60 years since charter.

Thursday September 27th (Grand Final Week) Jubilee Dinner at the Champions Room. Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre. A night to celebrate the past and a night of Fun Raising featuring Greg Champion. \$95 per head

bookings@melbournesouthrotary.com.au

**OCTOBER 2012****15TH ROTARY COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS**

Help promote and support the 2012 Rotary Community Service Awards on October 15th.

For more information visit:

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

Book a table for the gala awards night:

<http://www.trybooking.com/BGIX>



26TH RYPEN

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

Neville John nrjohn@iprimus.com.au

NOVEMBER 2013**11TH CITY2SEA**

SUNDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2012

The CITY2SEA 14km fun run starting at The Arts Centre, around albert park lake and finishing by the sea at st kilda.

We need 700 volunteers to help with drinks stations, course marshalling and General help!

Rotary District 9800 has again been asked again to source and manage the 700 volunteers for this great event. Let us know 'asap' that you would like to be a part of this great event.

Contact Sandi Fulcher, City2Sea Event Coordinator

Mobile: 0416 063 434 or Work: 9686 0688

Email: sandi_fulcher@hotmail.com

[Download Registration Form Here](#)



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

clarice@rotarydistrict9800.org.au





2012-2013 ROTARY DISTRICT 9800 FOUNDATION - GRANTS SEMINAR

Monday 24th September 2012 - 5.30 for 6.00 pm

Venue: Graduate House, 220 Leicester St., Carlton (phone 9347 3428)

Opening at 6 pm - evening to be concluded by 8.30 pm

Light food, tea and coffee, soft drinks available from 5.30 pm
Cost \$15/registration fee

Clubs - consider covering the cost of your delegates as it is a great investment in your future programs

Parking is available at Graduate House, "Members" Carpark, Grattan St,
(entrance off Bouverie St)

Melway Map 2B D11 (press the button on the far wall if the gate is not open)

This seminar will be useful for Club Presidents, International Chairs and any member with an interest in developing a Rotary Foundation District or Global Grant project.

Subjects to be covered include:

- How to qualify your club to apply for a Foundation Grant
- District Grants (\$1,000 to \$4,000) What are they? How to apply
- How Grants are financed by club funding to the Annual Program Fund
- Global Grants
 - How to build a Global Grant Humanitarian Project
 - The Global Grant Scoping Document
 - Elements of a successful Global Grant submission
 - The Resources of the District Foundation Subcommittee
 - Submitting your Global Grant application online
 - The Rotary Foundation approval process
 - Managing your Global Grant project
 - Periodic reporting
 - Grant project completion and closure
 - Find out how your Club can fund a Post Graduate Scholarship with support from District, for a scholar of your selection to study overseas

Club attendance at this seminar will qualify the club under section 2 part C of the Club Memorandum of Understanding to be able to submit either an application for a District or Global grant to the District Grants Committee.

Please complete and return this Registration Form to Philip Rowell by 18th September - by either email: prowell@bigpond.net.au or by mail to 3 Rose Court, Brighton. Vic. 3186. Cheques payable to Rotary District 9800.

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DG Weekly Message

As I make my official visits to clubs I try to relate what I have to say back to the District Strategic plan, which in turn is consistent with the Rotary International Strategic plan.

There are 3 key elements to the Strategic plan:

- Support and Strengthen clubs
- Focus and increase humanitarian service
- Enhance public image and awareness

In coming months I'll have a lot more to say about all of the elements of the strategic plan, but during membership month I'd like to build on what I have been writing about over the past few weeks and concentrate on how clubs can be supported and strengthened to put them into great shape for the future.

Our District provides a number of services to clubs to help them in this regard for no cost or minimal cost and I'm pleased that most clubs know a good deal when they see one. For some years now a team of dedicated Rotarians have served as the faculty of the



District Governor Dennis Shore and Lynda

Rotary Leadership Institute. To date we've graduated almost 200 Rotarians who participated in the program over 3 separate days. Now that might seem like a lot of time but the feedback is that the time spent has been well worth it. The program is fast paced and not in the slightest bit dull or dreary. The RLI faculty is also looking at additional programs to address specific needs identified by clubs.

The RLI faculty will also travel and did so last weekend to Bendigo to present the first of the 3 part program to Rotarians in that area. One of the biggest challenges that clubs face in retaining new members is that much of what happens in a club often makes little sense to a new member and most of us are guilty of using too many acronyms and talking in Rotary speak, which to the uninitiated can sound closely related to Swahili!

RLI breaks through all of that but

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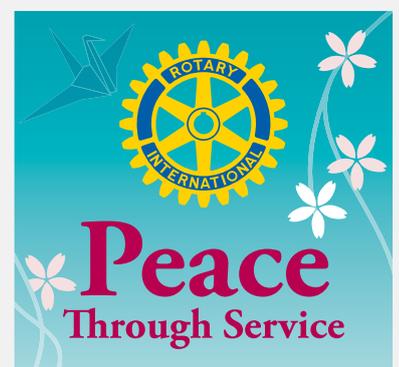
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August is Membership and Extension Month



goes way beyond being a translating service and captures the passion that Rotarians share as well as providing a lot of helpful tips to enhance the experience of being a member of a Rotary club.

Once a club has got a lot of well versed members (and even if a club does not have members who have been to RLI) there is huge value in harnessing the club members to shape the future direction of the club. I know that a number of clubs have Horizon Committees and some have Horizon days. Congratulations if you belong to such a club. But even those clubs may be surprised at the outcomes from a facilitated Rotary Club Visioning day.

A couple of weeks ago I sat in on a “train the trainers” day for Club Vision facilitators and last weekend we had a District Leadership Team Visioning day. After this exposure to the process I can confidently recommend the process as can those clubs that have already experienced their visioning for the future.

In both the sessions that I attended we did have the privilege of being led by PDG Steve Wilcox from the USA, who developed the formal process. In the previous Networker I mentioned some of the tips that Steve had shared with us at the District Membership and Marketing Seminar. Steve happily spent a week with us to review the format of the process to ensure that it is entirely compatible with the way we do things in Australia. Clubs can be sure that the process has been “road tested” for our use, even though our experience over some years now tells us that it was pretty close to the mark as it was. The outcome of the process will be to develop the

road map that you as a club determine is right for you. You will have a clear strategy for the future and it will be your strategy. This promotes continuity and consistency of leadership, services and programs. The strategic plan sets the stage for clubs to grow and be effective. Rotary Club Visioning will help clubs design their own vision and then set out the steps necessary to achieve that vision. The result is not a vision decided by District or RI, it is a vision built through consensus and endorsed by club members.

The preeminent concern shared by all clubs is about membership recruitment and retention but there are many other concerns also expressed. Club Visioning will provide a pathway to addressing all of those concerns.

To close out membership month, next week I will try to link the membership issues to some proven strategies and talk about some of the membership matters that clubs have raised with me. In the meantime and beyond Membership Month, please take the opportunity to connect with the District Membership Committee which is happy to work with you to develop a specific membership and retention program. Please contact DGN Murray Verso who also leads the District Membership Team in this regard.

Have a great week in Rotary and I know that you will, because Rotary – it’s amazing.

Dennis Shore
District Governor



What's Your Goal For Membership Month?

August is Rotary Membership and Extension Month. Will you:

- sponsor a new member?
- recommend a friend or family member who doesn't live close by to other clubs?
- volunteer as a mentor to a prospective or new member?
- tell a friend or colleague about Rotary and bring them to a club meeting or project?
- invite one or more Rotary New Generations or educational program alumni to a club meeting or community service project?
- tweet about your favorite Rotary moment?
- promote a service project on Rotary Showcase?



Enter your details to receive resources to support your membership month goal, at:

https://rotary.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_eIGUENyHVLbwo0Q

Rotary Peace Centers

Rotary International News - 20 September 2011

The Rotary Peace Centers program provided Alejandra Rueda Zarate, of Bogota, Colombia, with skills that she's now using to help poor villagers in her nation's countryside.

"Thanks to the program, I complemented my years of work experience with international knowledge and learning, allowing me to start my own initiative on rural development and poverty alleviation," says Zarate, a 2010 graduate of the Rotary Peace Center at the University of California, Berkeley, who had worked in the agricultural industry before her fellowship. "The strategic platform brings capacity building to peasants in the countryside, and has had significant results for conflict alleviation in Colombia."

Each year, the Rotary Peace Centers train future leaders who have a demonstrated commitment to peace, preparing them to promote national and international cooperation and the successful resolution of conflict. Fellows earn a master's degree in international relations, sustainable development, peace studies, conflict resolution, or related fields, or a professional development certificate in peace and conflict studies.

Learn more about the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution <http://www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/EducationalPrograms/RotaryCentersForInternationalStudies/Pages/ridefault.aspx>



Indian newlyweds get cash not to have children

By Karishma Vyas

WHILE countries like Japan, Canada and Australia hand out “baby bonuses” to encourage people to have children, couples in one part of India are getting cash to do just the opposite.

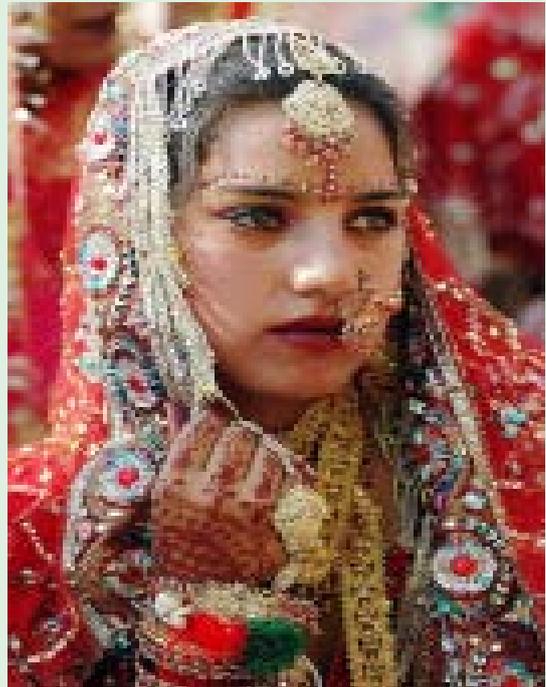
Maharashtra state is paying newlyweds a so-called “honeymoon” bonus to delay starting a family, with the twin aims of slowing population growth and improving women’s health.

Rajia Sayad was 20 when she married her husband Shakil in 2007. Money is tight and not always regular. Rajia is an unpaid housewife and Shakil is a musician, earning 200 to 2500 rupees (\$4.40 to \$55) a month during the wedding season. His father earns about 3000 rupees a month selling fruit.

The young couple signed up for the scheme soon after they were married. “We didn’t want a child so soon,” she said. “Our circumstances weren’t so good. I was also feeling physically weak and I didn’t want any problems with the child in the future. That’s why we took the decision.” The couple still plans to have children at some point - ideally a boy and a girl - but only when the time is right. “If you have a child you should be able to take care of it, right?” said Rajia.

The scheme is voluntary: the only conditions being that the marriage has to be registered with the government. Over the first two years, couples have to attend compulsory counselling and education classes every three months. The sessions include family planning advice. Free condoms and the oral contraceptive pill are available. Even abortions can be arranged.

India’s population jumped to 1.21 billion in 2011 from 1.02 billion in 2001, according to provisional census figures



released last month. Only China - with 1.34 billion - has more people, but India is set to surpass its Asian rival and neighbour by 2030.

The family remains the cornerstone of Indian society, particularly in more conservative rural areas, with children seen as a guarantee of future income and support where little or no state help exists.

Read more: <http://www.news.com.au/money/money-matters/forget-the-baby-bonus-indian-newlyweds-get-cash-not-to-have-children/story-e6frfmd9-1226046488325#ixzz1NyyvHoPvd>

Business tips: How to boost your work/life balance

Striking the right balance between work and play is tough, especially in these modern times where many of us are never really ‘away’ from work thanks to smart phones. But a lopsided life can harm your health, relationships and — despite all that work effort and stress — your job performance and productivity. We shall show some strategies to help get the balancing act back on track.

Explore your options

If your current work arrangements just aren’t working for you, then be bold and think outside the square. Don’t get stuck in the old, outdated rut of thinking ‘this is just the way things are — there’s nothing I can do’. Many savvy employers, releasing that flexibility is one of the keys to retaining staff and fostering commitment and loyalty, now offer options such as working from home, job sharing and hours suited to their workers’ needs. Why not open the discussion and see if these options are available to you? You won’t know unless you ask. If you own your own business and are spending too much time at the office, step back and assess your work day. Could you make changes that would allow you to work from home more often?

Workplace giving makes donating even easier

Australian Rotary Health, Australia's largest non-government funding body for mental illness research, has recently launched a new workplace giving program.

Workplace giving allows employees and employers to connect more easily with charities that have deductible gift recipient (DGR) status. Simple, cost effective and tax efficient, workplace giving runs through the payroll system and allows an employee to nominate the amount they would like to donate each pay. This amount is then deducted from the employee's wage and sent straight to the nominated charity.



By participating in workplace giving, employees are able to donate through a transparent and trustworthy channel – their employer. It's also easier come tax time; no more worrying about collecting receipts or waiting until the end of the financial year to claim a deduction.

For employers, offering a workplace giving program helps foster employee morale and strengthen community ties. And don't forget that by supporting Australian Rotary Health you are helping to solve important issues that affect your community. From mental health to cancer research, Australian Rotary Health's broad vision helps improve the quality of life for people who are least able to assist themselves.

If you would like to find out more about workplace giving or the research programs Australian Rotary Health currently fund, please contact Terry Davies, Corporate Manager, on 02 8837 1900 or email terrydavies@australianrotaryhealth.org.au.

From the Speaker Bank

The Australian First Fleet Voyage was the eighteenth century version of landing men on the moon. Probably the most comprehensive observer's account is found in the journal of the Ship's Surgeon of the Lady Penrhyn, a transport ship for female convicts.

Surgeon Arthur Bowes Smyth kept a diary for his friends and family, never intending it for publication. It was discovered to the world in 1979, providing historians with a new original source document.

It is a human interest story, written by a sympathetic but sharp-eyed observer, who unexpectedly finds himself on centre stage when things go wrong on the return voyage to England.

This talk was first given to the Australia Day Council in 1999 and since then to the First Fleet Fellowship and numerous service clubs. The speaker is Dr David Smyth, member of the Rotary Club of Brighton and Chairman of Violence Free Families

David asks clubs to make an agreed donation to Violence Free Families which is part of the District endorsed family violence prevention program. Contact David Smyth at secretary@violencefreefamilies.org.au or Mobile: 0428 566 878.

To see a list of topics and speakers, login at: http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/rotary_membership_and_login If you do not have a login, please contact the [webmaster](#) so he can create a login for you. All members in District 9800 are eligible.



Rotary Foundation Newsletter

District Foundation Chairman, PDG John Davis, has sent us the latest Rotary Foundation Newsletter.

The Newsletter contains information on the forthcoming Foundation Seminar, which will highlight Foundation Grants. Read how your club can participate in the Foundation's grant program and see what has been done by clubs in our District with a Global Grant.

You can also read about the progress of our Vocational Training Teams to Timor Leste, with its work on maternal and child health.

Polio Eradication – is within our grasp but we need to finish the job we started, read how your support to the Melton Valley cake projects can help fund the programs of The Rotary Foundation.

Where are our male scholars, missing in action? No, you can read about them here. We are the only Rotary District in the world to have a scholar selected each year for the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies program, and this year we have nominated 3 people.

Our outbound GSE team to D1080 England leaves in October, and the Newsletter tells of their progress and preparation.

Read the Foundation Newsletter at: <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/Foundation%20News%20Edition%201.Sep.12.pdf>



Photo: A young boy carries water up a hill to the Bujo Primary School in Kasamu-Kyali, Mpigi District, Uganda, where schoolchildren receive a free porridge lunch five days a week during the school year. The project is made possible by a Health, Hunger and Humanity Grant from The Rotary Foundation.



District 9800 is chartering an e-club in 2012 to provide an opportunity for people to participate in Rotary who may not be able to make weekly face to face meetings.

The reasons for having an e-club, and how it will operate, can be found at <http://www.rotaryclubofmelbourne.org.au/Useful-Links/Rotary-eClub-of-Melbourne/ROTARY-eCLUB-OF-MELBOURNE.asp>

You can listen to PDG Ann White's MP3 at: <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.com.au/news/1357/rotary-e-club-of-melbourne>

Ann White held many positions in District 9800 before becoming Governor in 2001-02. Since then she has held various district appointments.



Visit the Rotary e-club of Melbourne:
<http://www.rotaryclubofmelbourne.org.au/>

Phyllis Diller

Phyllis Diller, the woman who once described herself as the 'Elizabeth Taylor of The Twilight Zone' and could deliver 12 punch lines in a minute, has died aged 95. She was famed for her outlandish wardrobe, gregarious laugh and self-deprecating humour.

Here are some of her zany comments:

A bachelor is a guy who never made the same mistake once.

A smile is a curve that sets everything straight.

Aim high, and you won't shoot your foot off.

Always be nice to your children because they are the ones who will choose your rest home.

Any time three New Yorkers get into a cab without an argument, a bank has just been robbed.

Best way to get rid of kitchen odors: Eat out.

Burt Reynolds once asked me out. I was in his room.

Cleaning your house while your kids are still growing up is like shoveling the walk before it stops snowing.

I once wore a peekaboo blouse. People would peek and then they'd boo.

I never made 'Who's Who,' but I'm featured in 'What's That?'

Housework can't kill you, but why take a chance?

Find out just why audiences loved Phyllis at <http://www.yourlifechoices.com.au/news/phyllis-diller>



Welcome New Members

District Attendance Officer Peter Lamping reports the following new members:

R.C. of Bacchus Marsh: Ian Dakin, Bev Dakin

R.C. of Woodend: John Williamson

R.C. of Bendigo-Strathdale: Michael McKee, Chris Parks, Mary Parks, Richard Sloan

R.C. of Melton: Graeme Davis

R.C. of Kangaroo Flat: Adam Randall

R.C. Wyndham: Yasna Djuric

R.C. of Camberwell: Samuel [Sam] Santoso

R.C. of Melbourne: Robert Jongebreur, former member of RC Melbourne, Elaine Saunders, former member

RC Sth Yarra & Toorak

R.C. of Keilor East: Ben Carol

We assume they have been shown how to visit the District Website, and to subscribe to "The Networker" at <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au>



The Rotary Club of St Kilda is pleased to announce its newest member, Dr Helen Topliss, who was inducted at last week's meeting on 14th August.

Letters to the Editor

Hi Clarice,

I read with considerable interest the recent article by Murray Verso on why people join Rotary. I have met Murray many times and find him to be enthusiastic, proactive and an engaging speaker. If I may, I would like to challenge the thinking on the relevance on one point as to why people join Rotary, that being prestige, and the connotations of business leaders etc that was further detailed under that heading.

Our particular club has had fabulous membership growth over the last year or so, and this has been due at least in part to smashing that perception of Rotarians being high achieving business people. As for myself, my vocation is an electricity meter reader, and the fact that I can walk and chew gum at the same time already makes me over qualified for the job. Yet in Rotary, I am a PHF, past president and treasurer, I reintroduced our club to Youth Exchange after effectively having forgotten about it for over ten years, and I am the current New Generations Director.

We have another fellow who is an outdoor council worker and yes, we have photos discretely captured whilst he thought he could get away with leaning on a shovel. Yet under his leadership as Community Director the club indisputedly had its most active, varied, and high profile presence in the community that the club has ever had in its 30+ year history.

Another chap's vocation is setting up knitting machines in a clothing factory, another low skilled job. Yet this member led our club in a Blues music festival we had a few years back and the unsolicited feedback we had from the public was 100% positive, praising what an outstanding organisational success it was. He is also a PHF, past President and held other board positions.

Of course we have a solid representation of highly motivated professional people as well. They make invaluable contributions that no unskilled or semi skilled person could achieve without the relevant professional or technical knowledge. We even have a mix of younger members as well, with our youngest member being just over 30.

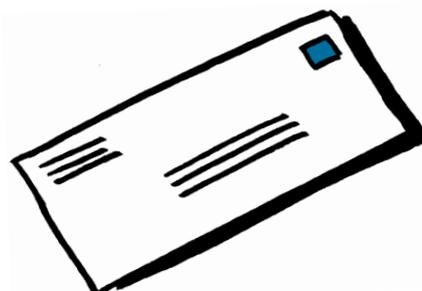
This eclectic mix of characters is what makes our club what it is...vibrant and relevant to our community and representative of its demographics. I once read an article about the relevance of Rotary today, and this line stuck in my mind..." It's no good having every doctor, solicitor and accountant in town comprising the membership of your Rotary club when it's a coal mining town. You are not relevant or connected to the vast majority of the community".

Our mix of membership won't work in every town or suburb, but it works for us because that is what our community is. It's only when we stopped trying to be the stereotypical Rotary club that wasn't relevant to us, that we achieved the biggest membership growth in the District in both raw number growth and also in percentage terms.

We welcome everyone; the only people that aren't welcome in our club is those that want to be elitist, and not want to share a beer and a snag around the barbeque alongside the hoi polloi.

Yours in Rotary,

GORDON CLARENCE,
Laverton Point Cook Rotary Club.



Clarice Replies: Thanks Gordon, I'm sure the Membership and Marketing Committee will welcome your feedback.

The article that Gordon refers to is at
http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/20120722_reasons_why_people_join_rotary

Dear Clarice,

You may recall a few weeks ago publishing an article on the RCGlenferrie Sumba project ---well Dr Mark Ellis has been awarded a Certificate of Appreciation from the Indonesian Government for this project --attached are some photos of the presentation a week or so ago.

Maybe you can publish these at sometime ?

Ciao ---David Sutherland
R.C.Glenferrie



Above: Consul General Mr Wisnander, his wife, Janet and Mark Ellis.

Below: the full celebration, and Dr Ellis at work.



Dancing to End Polio



Notices and Events

NOTICES

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

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CHANGE OF VENUE

Rotary Club of Werribee now meets at Santini's Restaurant, 102 Watton St, Werribee.

Rotary Club of Caulfield now meets at BARCELO café, 312 Glenhuntly Rd, Elsternwick

The RC Kyneton is now meeting at: The Piper Street Hotel, 84 Piper Street Kyneton

Webmaster Stuart encourages other clubs to check their meeting locations on the district website.

LAPTOP COMPUTERS WANTED

World of Difference, Rotary Club of Echuca and Campaspe College of Adult Education are working together....In October 2012 10 students will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the culture, history and daily life of Cambodia. Laptop computers are high on the list for donations to take for the projects that they will volunteer at. If you have any laptops that are now no longer used please let us share them with young students and teachers who would treasure them.

Contact Bronwyn Stephens (Rotary Club of Melbourne South) to arrange drop off or collection: 0410 32 4537.

www.wod.org.au

RYPEN

The next RYPEN camp will be held on the weekend of Friday 26 – Sunday 28 October 2012. The cut off for applications is Monday 24 September 2012.

Dates: Friday 26 - Sunday 28 October 2012

Location: Camp Weekaway, Kitchenhams Road, Lancefield

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

Neville John nrjohn@iprimus.com.au



EVENTS

AUGUST 2012

26th Parkinsons Victoria Walk in the Park - Rotary Club of Glenferrie

Sunday August 26th, 2012 - Leaves from Federation Square - 11am (2KM or 4KM)

The Parkinsons Victoria Walk in the Park is not just a walk in the park BUT a walk with a great purpose.

31ST ROTARY CLUB OF EAGLEHAWK TRIVIA CHALLENGE

Bendigo Exhibition Centre, Prince of Wales Showgrounds, Bendigo.

\$20.00 pp, tables of 10 (individual entries welcome).

Contact Details: PP John Jones

A major fundraiser for our extensive suite of New Generations programs.

SEPTEMBER 2012

7TH ROTARY CLUB OF HOPPERS CROSSING 'SIX DEGREES OF DIABETES'

Friday 7 September 2012 with the production commencing at 7.30pm sharp.
Westbourne Grammar School, 300 Sayers Road, Truganina. \$5.00 per head.

Colin Styles – 0416 191 320 or cstyles@bigpond.net.au

Greg Beirne – 0408 422 085 or greg@fireandsafetyaustralia.com.au



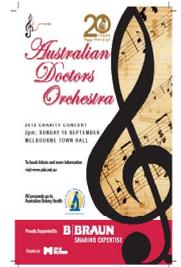


16th Sept

AUSTRALIAN DOCTORS ORCHESTRA 2012 CHARITY CONCERT

A Celebratory Melbourne Concert for Australian Rotary Health. Join 140 members of the Australian Doctors Orchestra (ADO) at 2.00 pm on the 16th September in the Melbourne Town Hall when they give a concert for Australian Rotary Health.

Ticket prices are \$35.00 and \$25.00 concession. Tickets available at the door or please visit www.ado.net.au. Or contact Ron Adams on 9821044 or 0408 136 100 for more information.



22nd Sept

Celebrating 40 years of Service

The Rotary Club of Melton invites all District 9800 clubs to help celebrate 40 years of service to the Melton Community at its Birthday Dinner Dance, to be held at Tabcorp Park, Saturday 22nd September 2012. Cost \$45.00 for 3 course meal. See the flyer at <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~rcmelton/events.html>

24th Sept

FOUNDATION - GRANTS SEMINAR

Monday 24th September 2012 - 5.30 for 6.00 pm
Graduate House, 220 Leicester St., Carlton (phone 9347 3428)
Opening at 6 pm - evening to be concluded by 8.30 pm
Light food, tea and coffee, soft drinks available from 5.30 pm
Cost \$15/registration fee



Clubs - consider covering the cost of your delegates as it is a great investment in your future programs.
Please complete and return the Registration Form to Philip Rowell by 18th September - by either email: prowell@bigpond.net.au or by mail to 6 Rose Court, Brighton. Vic. 3186. Cheques payable to Rotary District 9800.

25th Sept

PINK RIBBON BREAST CANCER BREAKFAST – ROTARY CLUB OF POINT GELLIBRAND

Tuesday 25th September 2012, 7am until 9am at Royal Victorian Motor Yacht Club, 260 Nelson Place, Williamstown (opposite Holy Trinity Church).

Cost: \$45.00 includes glass of champagne, selection of hot and cold food, loads of raffle prizes.

Guest speaker is Susan Alberti, AO founder of the Susan Alberti Medical Research Foundation and Board Member of the Western Bulldogs Football Club.

RSVP by 14th September 2012. Enquiries: Faye Lanyon 0409 677 127

For credit card payments and more information go to www.rotarypointgellibrand.com

Buy tickets at http://www.rotarypointgellibrand.com/?page_id=374



27th Sept

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS...

Rotary Melbourne South invite all District 9800 Clubs to join in a celebration to mark 60 years since charter.

Thursday September 27th (Grand Final Week) Jubilee Dinner at the Champions Room. Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre. A night to celebrate the past and a night of Fun Raising featuring Greg Champion. \$95 per head

bookings@melbournesouthrotary.com.au



OCTOBER 2012**12th
Oct****Charity Auction & Dinner**

KOOYONG LAWN
TENNIS CLUB
489 Glenferrie Road,
Kooyong. Friday 12
October 2012
6.30pm for 7pm.
\$95 per ticket (GST incl).
Bookings of 10 tickets or
more \$86 per ticket.



THREE COURSE DINNER including quality wines, beer and soft drinks LIVE AUCTION AND SILENT AUCTION Music featuring BackDated
RSVP 30 SEPTEMBER 2012
Neville Taylor 0400 169 866 or
neville.taylor5@bigpond.com

NOVEMBER 2012**11th
Nov****CITY2SEA**

SUNDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2012
THE CITY2SEA 14km FUN RUN STARTING AT THE ARTS CENTRE, AROUND ALBERT PARK LAKE AND FINISHING BY THE SEA AT ST KILDA.
WE NEED 700 VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH DRINKS STATIONS, COURSE MARSHALLING AND GENERAL HELP!
Rotary District 9800 has again been asked again to source and manage the 700 volunteers for this great event. Let us know 'asap' that you would like to be a part of this great event.
Contact Sandi Fulcher, City2Sea Event Coordinator
Mobile: 0416 063 434 or Work: 9686 0688
Email: sandi_fulcher@hotmail.com
<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/We%20Want%20You%20As%20A%20Volunteer%20for%20The%20City2Sea%20Fun%20Run%202012%282%29.pdf>

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JULY ATTENDANCE

A full list of Attendance Statistics is available at:

<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.com.au/news/1359/july-attendance-statistics>

District 9800		Attendance		Membership				
2012/2013		July-12		At June 30	July-12			
Club	Cluster							
		No. of	Month		Start	End	Net gain /loss 12/13	% Change
		Mtgs	%					
Melbourne Park	Heritage	5	50%	18	18	22	4	22.2%
Bendigo S'dale	Goldfields	5	58%	26	26	29	3	11.5%
Kangaroo Flat	Goldfields	3	71%	25	25	26	1	4.0%
Wyndham	Port Phillip	4	84%	26	26	27	1	3.8%
Castlemaine	Calder	4	64%	36	36	37	1	2.8%
Keilor East	Gateway	5	83%	40	40	41	1	2.5%
Brighton North	Beachside	4	71%	50	50	51	1	2.0%
Melbourne	Batman	4	50%	234	234	236	2	0.9%
Albert Park	Batman	4	50%	63	63	63	0	0.0%
Altona	Port Phillip	5	63%	24	24	24	0	0.0%
Bacchus Marsh	Westside	4	65%	35	35	35	0	0.0%
Bendigo	Goldfields			78		78	0	0.0%
Boroondara	Eastside	5	50%	15	15	15	0	0.0%
Brighton Beach	Beachside	5	57%	21	21	21	0	0.0%
Brimbank Central	Gateway	4	81%	27	27	27	0	0.0%
Brunswick	Heritage	4	48%	28	28	28	0	0.0%
Camberwell	Eastside	4	76%	77	77	77	0	0.0%
Canterbury	Eastside	5	55%	41	41	41	0	0.0%
Caulfield	Beachside	4	83%	10	10	10	0	0.0%
C'tral Melb. S'rise	Batman	5	69%	57	57	57	0	0.0%
Collingwood	Heritage			20		20	0	0.0%
Docklands	Batman	5	62%	9	9	9	0	0.0%
Essendon	Gateway			68		68	0	0.0%
Essendon North	Gateway	4	79%	26	26	26	0	0.0%
Fitzroy	Heritage			24		24	0	0.0%
Flemington	H'sons Bay			25		25	0	0.0%
Gisborne	Calder	5	85%	24	24	24	0	0.0%
Glen Eira	Beachside	5	78%	18	18	18	0	0.0%
Glenferrie	Yarra	5	71%	42	42	42	0	0.0%
Hawthorn	Yarra	5	84%	57	57	57	0	0.0%
Hoppers Crossing	Port Phillip	4	70%	23	23	23	0	0.0%
Keilor	Gateway	5	80%	42	42	42	0	0.0%
Kew	Yarra	4	73%	35	35	35	0	0.0%

Kew-on-Yarra	Yarra	4	82%	17	17	17	0	0.0%
Kyneton	Calder	5	72%	40	40	40	0	0.0%
Laverton Pt Cook	Port Phillip	4	61%	34	34	34	0	0.0%
Melton	Westside	5	78%	27	27	27	0	0.0%
Melton Valley	Westside	4	92%	16	16	16	0	0.0%
Moonee Valley	Gateway			14		14	0	0.0%
North Melbourne	Heritage			24		24	0	0.0%
Point Gellibrand	H'sons Bay	5	54%	37	37	37	0	0.0%
Port Melbourne	Batman	4	85%	10	10	10	0	0.0%
Richmond	Heritage	5	63%	37	37	37	0	0.0%
Rochester	Goldfields	4	100%	8	8	8	0	0.0%
Southbank	Batman	4	60%	23	23	23	0	0.0%
St Kilda	St'ton	5	78%	9	9	9	0	0.0%
Sunshine	Westside			18		18	0	0.0%
Toorak	St'ton	5	78%	30	30	30	0	0.0%
Woodend	Calder	4	75%	25	25	25	0	0.0%
Yarraville	H'sons Bay	5	73%	20	20	20	0	0.0%
Brighton	Beachside	4	57%	108	108	107	-1	-0.9%
Balwyn	Eastside	5	64%	77	77	76	-1	-1.3%
Footscray	H'sons Bay	4	60%	55	55	54	-1	-1.8%
Bendigo S'hurst	Goldfields	4	72%	51	51	50	-1	-2.0%
C'stone/EMalvern	St'ton	4	79%	44	44	43	-1	-2.3%
Carlton	Heritage	5	84%	41	41	40	-1	-2.4%
Eaglehawk	Goldfields	4	84%	40	40	39	-1	-2.5%
Malvern	St'ton	4	68%	37	37	36	-1	-2.7%
Melbourne South	Batman	4	89%	29	29	28	-1	-3.4%
Altona City	Port Phillip	5	69%	26	26	25	-1	-3.8%
North Balwyn	Eastside	4	88%	77	77	74	-3	-3.9%
West Footscray	H'sons Bay	4	68%	25	25	24	-1	-4.0%
Daylesford	Calder	4	89%	31	31	29	-2	-6.5%
Werribee	Port Phillip	5	71%	41	41	38	-3	-7.3%
Prahran	St'ton	5	71%	23	23	21	-2	-8.7%
Bendigo South	Goldfields	4	56%	34	34	31	-3	-8.8%
Williamstown	H'sons Bay	4	66%	41	41	36	-5	-12.2%
Tullamarine	Gateway	4	63%	19	19	16	-3	-15.8%
Echuca-Moama	Goldfields	5	85%	18	18	15	-3	-16.7%
No. of Clubs Reporting			61		61			
No. of Members				2550		2529	-21	-0.8%
% Average of Those Reported			71.2%					
% of Clubs Reporting Attendance			88%					
% of Clubs Reporting Membership						88%		



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Rotary District 9800

A publication for Rotarians and all community minded people

DG Weekly Message

Why Y Generation - Engagement vs Attendance

The conclusion of Membership Month provides the opportunity to try to address the vexing question of why Rotary's focus on attendance seems to have become perceived by many Rotarians as a real impediment to recruiting and retaining members.

As clubs, and Rotary as an organisation, contemplate how to reverse the declining membership trend that seems to have become entrenched over the last decade in Australia and other developed countries, attendance demands of Rotary are invariably cited as a reason for people leaving or not joining.

There is a groundswell of opinion that Rotary needs to give more weight to engagement rather than attendance so that members can balance their busy lives by concentrating on outcomes rather than process in Rotary. The argument is that flexibility and responsiveness are more important than the traditional adherence to weekly meeting attendance.

There is a body of evidence to support engagement as the key to connecting with members of the so called Y generation, those born between the early 1980's and the late 1990's. Those born at the start of that generation are very much potential Rotarians and indeed many of them are.



District Governor Dennis Shore and Lynda

Michael McQueen, who spoke at the District Conference in Melbourne this year, is from the Y generation and an expert on the generation. He is also a Rotarian. His company, TheNexgenGroup is a training consultancy and he has also authored a successful book called "The New Rules of Engagement". In this book there are many tips about how to understand and connect with the Y generation. It is clear that for the Y generation outcomes are indeed far more important than process and commitment is very much favoured over compliance.

Rotary International have not been entirely asleep at the wheel on such matters and over time have softened attendance compliance rules. Some traditional Rotarians might argue that the concession on attendance is part of the membership problem in that members have so many options to minimise attendance that they do not establish the deep bonds of friendship and commitment that have characterised Rotary. After all, Rotary started as a meeting and the regular meeting has been the cornerstone of Rotary ever since, even though service has become our objective and the

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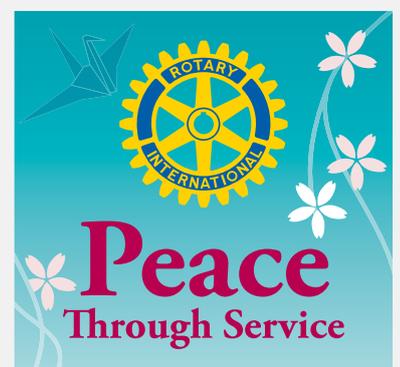
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August is Membership and Extension Month



five Avenues of Service guide the work done by clubs. A club by definition is a voluntary association dedicated to a particular interest or activity, meeting on a regular basis.

In any event Rotarians can comply with official attendance requirements and still avoid traditional attendance frequency at their meetings. They can makeup via e-clubs, do the odd bit of service and basically attend only a minimal number of their club's regular meetings. And of course poor attendance does not necessarily result in automatic termination of membership because the Board of a club "may" rather than "must" terminate for poor attendance. Boards are often pragmatic about attendance and hope that in time a poor attending member will come back to committed attendance at Rotary.

But Boards also have a pretty good idea of who is actually making a contribution to their club so that in many cases Boards are in fact making the call on those who are engaged whether or not their attendance is in line with the Standard Club Constitution as set out in the Manual of Procedure.

We are not yet quite at the stage where I can give clubs an alternative to the permitted options for recognising attendance but I can make some comments, even if it is at the risk of confusing an already complex debate.

In calling for engagement to be the yardstick we really need to agree on how to value the alternatives to attendance. Therein lies the challenge. Already the club is able to credit attendance at a service project authorised by the Board, which clearly represents engagement by anyone's definition.

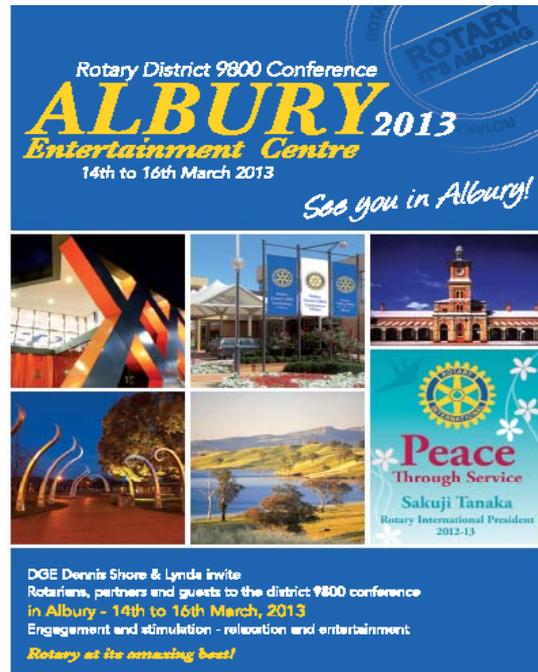
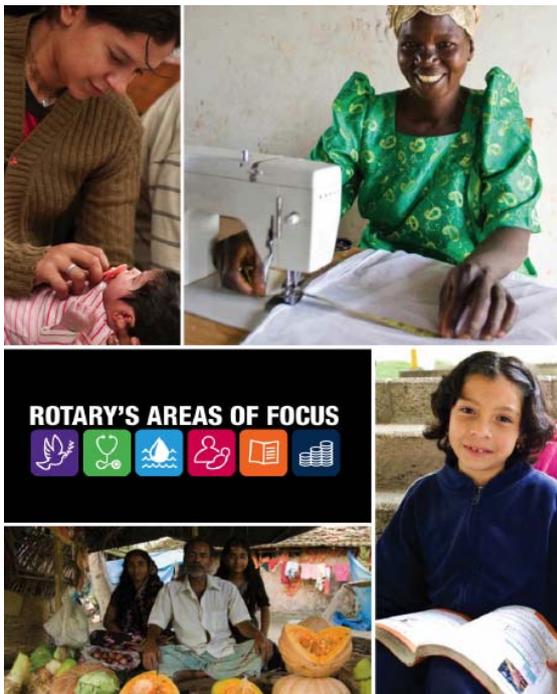
Other critical activities such as the maintenance of the club website and preparation of a quality bulletin might also be examples of significant engagement even if there is no provision to credit it as such within our present system. How do we recognise the Rotarian who commits countless hours to devising and managing a club project?

The problem is how to equalise the value of different forms of engagement. Perhaps the core values of Rotary provide the clue. If a Rotarian actively participates in service and fellowship opportunities and acts with integrity, contributes to club diversity and provides community leadership is this not the test? Perhaps it should be optional as to whether this is achieved via a regular club meeting or a combination of alternative activities.

The ultimate valuation of worthy activities may become clearer as clubs quantify the value of their activity through Rotary Club Central. If you are not familiar with this innovation, check it out at the rotary.org website.

Alternatively, many clubs have a Friends of Rotary option, which may be the answer for people with passion but unable to commit at this time to the obligations of being a Rotarian. However we define engagement we must all recognise that being a Rotarian does require commitment, the debate is really how we measure it. Either way, Rotary is still amazing.

Dennis Shore
District Governor



Youth Programs Pay Dividends

By Anne Peace, RC Bendigo South

Rotary and Rotarians have been enthusiastic supporters of many great programs that develop our young people of today into the leaders of tomorrow. We know about high profile achievers such as Sir William Deane and Virginia Trioli, who were the beneficiaries of Rotary's ambassadorial Scholar program.

But all of the programs from Rotary youth initiatives, such as the Youth Exchange program, RYLA, RYPEN and NYSF make a significant contribution to the development of all the participants.

Every once in a while those opportunities are again leveraged through Rotary to make a real difference for the future.

Rotarians who have been associated in any capacity with the National Youth Science Forum know how it transforms already vibrant young people into confident, articulate and well-rounded leaders for the future. Bevan Main is one such person.

Bevan was born in 1990 and educated at Lockington Primary School, Echuca Secondary College and Echuca College. During his secondary schooling, Bevan was involved in many extracurricular activities, such as Rotary public speaking and debating events. These culminated in him being selected to attend The National Youth Science Forum in Canberra in January 2007. He was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Echuca-Moama.

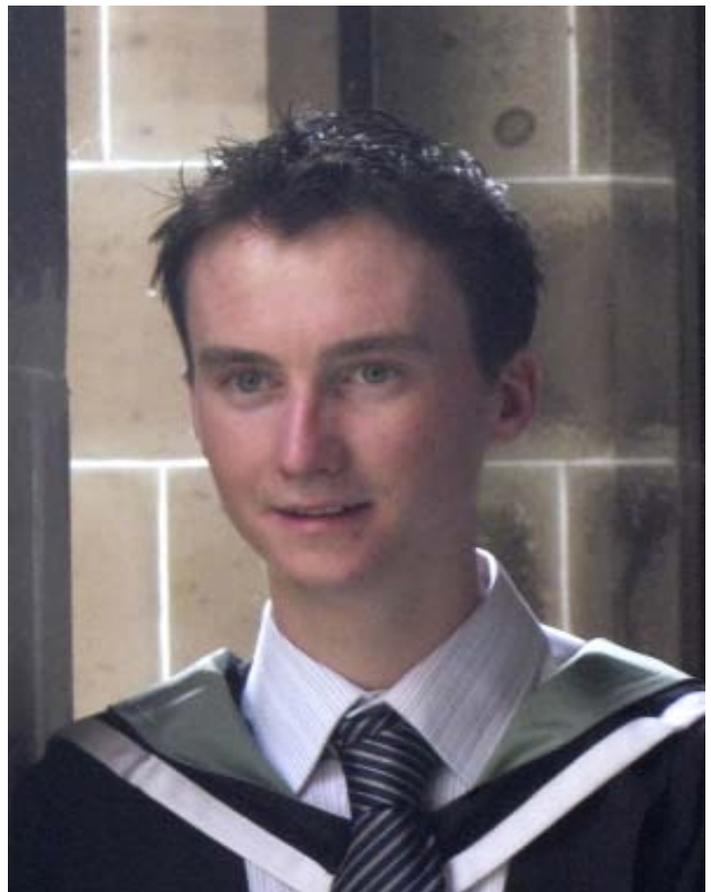
He moved to University College, Melbourne, and completed his Bachelor of Science degree at The University of Melbourne, followed by an Honours year in the neuropharmacology laboratory. His honours research project focused on Parkinson's Disease.

In 2012 he was accepted as a student to complete a PhD in Neuropharmacology and was awarded an Australian Rotary Health-Ron Fallaw Scholarship.

His PhD research into Parkinson's Disease involves the roles of the immune system and injury in the development of the disease.

But Bevan is not just an academic. He is also a football umpire in the Echuca area, officiating at games in the Heathcote district football League. In 2011 he was invited to trial in the VFL.

Rotary has been rewarded by Bevan's all-round achievements and it seems fitting that Rotary continues to pay a big part in Bevan's journey through life.





Australian club promotes Rotary on the air

By Peter Schmidtke, Rotary International News

An eastern Australian Rotary club has taken to the airwaves weekly to spread the word about Rotary in its community.

The Rotary and Community Service radio show is a product of the Rotary Club of Canterbury, Victoria, and has aired on Whitehorse Boroondara Community Radio, serving Melbourne’s eastern suburbs, since 2006. The two-hour music and talk program, produced by club president Brian Bloomer, includes an interview each week with Rotarians about their service projects, how they improve people’s lives, and how the public can get involved. Bloomer originally served as the sole interviewer for the talk segment but now he shares the task with fellow club members David Proud and Neil Williams and Rotaractor Andy Reed, who each present one show per month.

He freely admits that he is not a radio professional. Before taking to the airwaves, Bloomer took courses offered by Australia’s national broadcasting association. He also filled in several times on other radio programs before approaching the station about creating his own show.

Bloomer prepares well in advance of each broadcast, developing a written script and scheduling topics far enough ahead of time so

guests will be ready to give a good interview. He says he keeps the show interesting by asking his subjects open-ended questions and selecting music that will appeal to his audience.

Full Story at http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/091012_news_radioshow.aspx

Listeners can stream live broadcasts on Fridays, 6-8 p.m. <http://www.3wbc.org.au/>



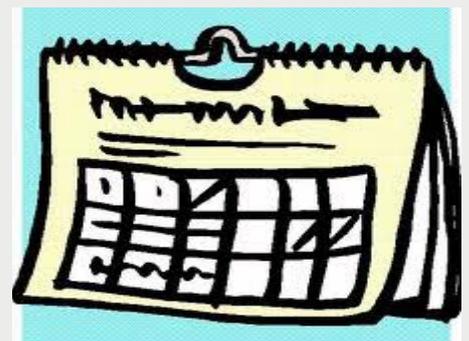
Bloomer and Japanese Ambassadorial Scholar Chinatsu Endo after an episode of the Rotary and Community Service radio show that aired in August 2008. Photo courtesy of Brian Bloomer

Business tips: How to boost your work/life balance

Striking the right balance between work and play is tough, especially in these modern times where many of us are never really ‘away’ from work thanks to smart phones

Schedule your leave

According to Roy Morgan research cited in The Age, one in four full-time Australian workers stockpile their leave, with the availability of funds blamed as the biggest barrier to taking a holiday. In light of this, it’s important to note that a break doesn’t have to be expensive — for many, taking a week of annual leave and staying at home would be the best way to recharge their batteries. Working for months — or years — with no break puts you at risk of burning out. At the start of the year, look at your work calendar and assess the ‘peak’ and ‘low’ seasons. Then consider when you could take a few breaks, and schedule the leave early. You’ll also have something to look forward to during the toughest work days.



Success at MUNA

By Neville Page, D9800 MUNA Chairman

This year's District MUNA program came to an end a week or so ago in Canberra when our two teams went there to represent our district at the National MUNA.

As in the last few years we continued with the policy of sending the winning team and a combined team. Our winning team was Blake Dunne and Kapil Bhargava from Scotch College (sponsored by the Toorak club) and the combined team was Anne Williamson from Wesley College (sponsored by the Melbourne club) combined with Emily Kayes from Sacred Heart Girls College (sponsored by the Chadstone East Malvern club). At Canberra, the boys represented Switzerland and appropriately were very even handed. They abstained from all votes while the girls represented France.

There were 32 teams from most states of Australia and the debating standard was the highest ever, with nearly every team performing exceptionally well. The result for our district was excellent, with our combined team coming second and our other team coming third. Interestingly, the team that won was the only other combined team there.

It was an exceptional experience for the students who had the privilege of debating in the House of Assembly in Old Parliament House, as well as being given a tour of the Australian National University. They were hosted by the University for a prestigious dinner on the Saturday night, with an excellent guest speaker.



Former Rotary Scholar Helps New Mothers with HIV

By Dan Nixon, Rotary International News

Aadila Sabat is on a personal mission to help achieve one of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals.

"We can all do something to heed the call to action from the United Nations to eliminate by 2015 all new HIV infections among children and keeping their mothers alive," says the former Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar from South Africa. "Because the transmission of HIV/AIDS from mother to child is preventable."

The rate of transmission is as high as 45 percent for mothers with HIV who don't receive antiretroviral drugs, according to the World Health Organization. Use of the drugs, however, decreases the transmission rate to less than 2%.

Sabat works in Los Angeles for mothers2mothers, a nongovernmental organization that educates and supports pregnant women and new mothers on issues related to HIV and maternal and child health. She helps train new mothers living with HIV to provide such support to women like themselves. These "mentor mothers" then work alongside doctors and nurses to serve the needs of this population group, helping to lessen the burden on critically understaffed health systems.

In addition to saving lives, achieving the UN's goal is an economic imperative, says Sabat. "It costs less than \$100 to stop the transmission of HIV/AIDS from a mother to her child during pregnancy, but if that baby is born HIV-positive the cost [of treatment] is \$150,000."

Since 2001, m2m has grown from a single site in Cape Town to more than 700 in nine countries in sub-Saharan Africa, with offices also in London and Los Angeles. One of the first donations to the organization came from the Rotary Club of Waterfront in Cape Town.

Sabat's connections with m2m and Rotary go back to her teenage years in Cape Town. She was president of her Interact and Rotaract clubs, and a Rotary Youth Exchange student to France.



Full Story at: http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/111027_news_sabat.aspx

ANZAC Centennial Tour, 2015

The Centenary of the ANZAC landing at Gallipoli in 2015 will be an important moment in the history of Australia, New Zealand and Turkey. It was the events of the Gallipoli campaign in 1915 that ultimately helped shape our nations. The Rotary Club of Balwyn plans to have around 130 Rotarians, partners and friends on site to commemorate this historic event.

In April 2015, a luxury cruiser will anchor near Gallipoli allowing passengers a unique view and access to the battlefields where so many died a century ago.

The commemoration will be unique. It will acknowledge the heroes, stories and the bond that has grown between those who live in Turkey, Australia and New Zealand today.

The 2015 tour is a project of the Rotary Club of Balwyn, with the APT Travel Group appointed to handle all travel arrangements. APT is recognized as a leading tour operator in Australia and with its international partners they are able to offer tour participants the exclusive use of the MS Island Sky, a boutique luxury cruiser with capacity for 114 passengers.

The MS Island Sky is operated by Noble Caledonia, a cruise line recognized for its educational and special interest offerings. MS Island Sky is one of the finest small ships travelling the world today. Her boutique size means she can manoeuvre into small docks and squeeze into bays off limits to large cruise ships. Another plus is the open-bridge policy which allows guests' access to the Captain and Officers throughout the cruise and encourages an intimate atmosphere on board. The ship has 57 suites and a crew of 75.

The ANZAC Centennial tour package will include 14 nights with the first 7 days spent discovering modern and ancient Turkey. Expert tour guides will accompany the group and visits will be made to both Istanbul and the capital Ankara. Rotary Club of Goksu will be arranging special events including a dinner cruise along the Bosphorus, the historic strait that forms part of the boundary between Europe and Asia, and an official Rotary meeting between the Clubs of District 2420 and 9800.

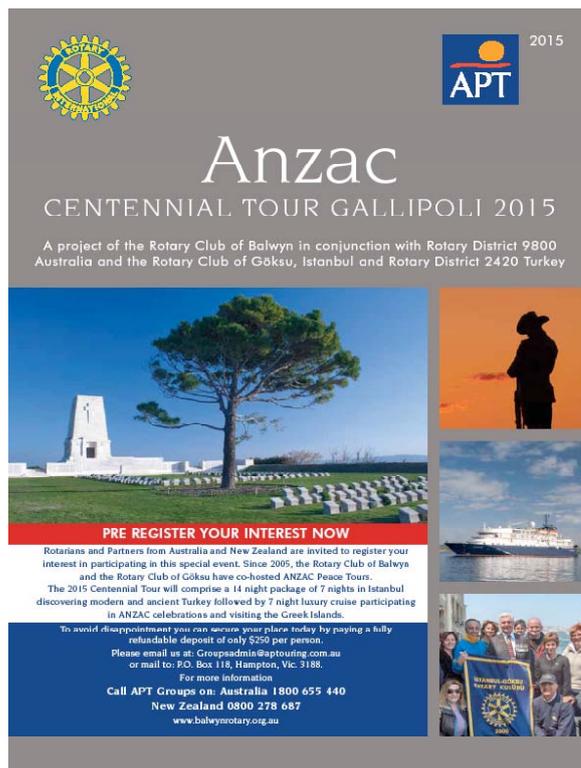
Following on, a 7 night cruise has been arranged from Istanbul to Athens. Our luxury ship will allow us

to access the Gallipoli peninsula to explore ANZAC memorials and places of interest. Accompanying us will be an Australian historian and former RAAF intelligence officer who will provide us with his unique perspective. The Mayor of Gallipoli will host a tour of his city where we can observe the celebrations for Turkish National Sovereignty and Children's Day.

The ANZAC day commemorative services including the dawn service are held within the Gallipoli Historical National Park. The New Zealand and Australian Governments, along with counterparts in Turkey have commenced discussions about strategies for attendance at Gallipoli for ANZAC Day 2015. As planning is still in its infancy, we are not able to guarantee how the commemorations will be operated or where members of the Rotary ANZAC Centennial Tour will be able to view the commemorations. Full details will be advised as known

For further information see the advertisement on the back page of RDU and those wishing to register an expression of interest can contact APT on Australia 1800 655 440 or New Zealand 0800 278 687.

More details: <http://www.balwynrotary.org.au/wawcs0135458/ANZAC-Peace-Tour.html>




 2015

Anzac

CENTENNIAL TOUR GALLIPOLI 2015

A project of the Rotary Club of Balwyn in conjunction with Rotary District 9800 Australia and the Rotary Club of Goksu, Istanbul and Rotary District 2420 Turkey

PRE REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW

Rotarians and Partners from Australia and New Zealand are invited to register your interest in participating in this special event. Since 2005, the Rotary Club of Balwyn and the Rotary Club of Goksu have co-hosted ANZAC Peace Tours.

The 2015 Centennial Tour will comprise a 14 night package of 7 nights in Istanbul discovering modern and ancient Turkey followed by 7 night luxury cruise participating in ANZAC celebrations and visiting the Greek Islands.

To avoid disappointment you can secure your place today by paying a fully refundable deposit of only \$250 per person.

Please email us at: Groupsadmin@aptouring.com.au or mail to: P.O. Box 118, Hampton, Vic. 3188.

For more information

Call APT Groups on: Australia 1800 655 440
 New Zealand 0800 278 687
www.balwynrotary.org.au

RI Convention in Lisbon

By Bronwen Scarffe on behalf of the Organising Committee



It is now time for all Rotarians and their friends to consider including the RI Convention in their travel plans for 2013 and we would love to know if you would like to join the official District 9800 team who will be attending: please email bronwenscarffe@harcoursat.com

This information will assist us with our request for official group housing which needs to be submitted by September 4th. It is also a great time to register because Early Bird Registration currently sits at US\$265.00 till Dec 15th and this will increase markedly to US\$365 by March 31st next year.

For information about reduced airline fares contact the Star Alliance website click on Business solutions, Convention plus, For Delegates, then enter the Convention Code TP02S13 and this will get you to the Flight options/bookings site.

Regular updates will be forthcoming so look out for them and in the meantime talk up this great opportunity to enjoy the company of Rotarians from around the globe, to be inspired yet again and to learn more about Rotary.

The Convention Webpage is at <http://www.riconvention.org/en/2013/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

Or watch the promotional video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9qekmGavILc>



Letter to the Editor

Dear Clarice,

Thanks a lot for sending me "The Networker".

I'm sorry for not updating the information about our activity because I went to countryside (my village).

Basically, I want to tell you that, I am as a member of Rotaract Club of Dili - Timor-Leste. I've been joined with RCD since February 2010 and currently my position as an Assistant of Community Service as well as an English Tutor for Primary school. On the other hand, Our main Project is to Provide English Course for the Students of Basic School, Junior & Senior High School and also for Alfont. And two other project are Sanitation & reforestation. Apart from that Rotaract of Club Dili helping out the government for realizing the event that usually happens every year in Timor-Leste like Dili Marathon, First Lady Cup, Fishing and Diving Competition and Tour de Timor.

I hope that will work together for developing our Club/organization.

On behalf of Rotaract Club of Dili once again I would like say Thanks a lot for the Rotary District 9800.

Agusto Colo agustocolo@rocketmail.com



Clarice Replies: How nice to hear from you Agusto. We have three Rotaract Clubs in District 9800 who are all very active. They are at Tullamarine, Monash University and Melbourne University, and I'm confident you can easily find their Web or Facebook pages.

Notices and Events

NOTICES

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

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

CHANGE OF VENUE

Rotary Club of Werribee now meets at Santini's Restaurant, 102 Watton St, Werribee.

Rotary Club of Caulfield now meets at BARCELO café, 312 Glenhuntly Rd, Elsternwick

The RC Kyneton is now meeting at: The Piper Street Hotel, 84 Piper Street Kyneton

Webmaster Stuart encourages other clubs to check their meeting locations on the district website.

LAPTOP COMPUTERS WANTED

World of Difference, Rotary Club of Echuca and Campaspe College of Adult Education are working together....In October 2012 10 students will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the culture, history and daily life of Cambodia. Laptop computers are high on the list for donations to take for the projects that they will volunteer at.

If you have any laptops that are now no longer used please let us share them with young students and teachers who would treasure them.

Contact Bronwyn Stephens to arrange drop off or collection: 0410 32 4537. www.wod.org.au



RYPEN

The next RYPEN camp will be held on the weekend of Friday 26 – Sunday 28 October 2012. **The cut off for applications is Monday 24 September 2012.**

Dates: Friday 26 - Sunday 28 October 2012

Location: Camp Weekaway, Kitchenhams Road, Lancefield

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



ROTARY COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

The annual Rotary Community Service Awards recognise the relationship between Community Service Organisations and their support partners. This program celebrates the vital contribution of Corporate Social Responsibility, Philanthropy and other forms of business, government and Community support to the non profit sector, formally acknowledging their amazing contribution and showcasing some of the wonderful work being done in our community. With major category award winners receiving cash awards to enable them to further their work, the Rotary Community Service Awards formally acknowledge and showcase the amazing contributions of community-based organisations and the individuals within them.

The Awards also provide a well-deserved opportunity for Community Service Organisations and their partners to celebrate their hard work, with a gala evening providing uplifting celebration and entertainment.

Nominations close: 28th September

Gala event: 15th October

More information and nomination forms at <http://www.communityserviceawards.org.au/>



EVENTS

AUGUST 2012

31ST
Aug

TRIVIA CHALLENGE - ROTARY CLUB OF EAGLEHAWK

Bendigo Exhibition Centre, Prince of Wales Showgrounds, Bendigo.

\$20.00 pp, tables of 10 (individual entries welcome).

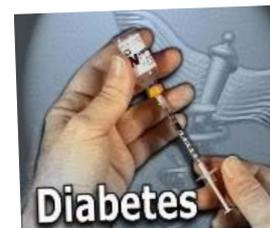
Contact Details: PP John Jones

A major fundraiser for our extensive suite of New Generations programs.



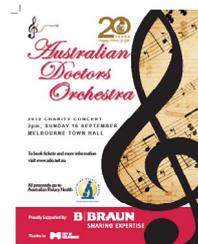
SEPTEMBER 2012
**7th
Sept**
'SIX DEGREES OF DIABETES' - ROTARY CLUB OF HOPPERS CROSSING

Friday 7 September 2012 with the production commencing at 7.30pm sharp. Westbourne Grammar School, 300 Sayers Road, Truganina. \$5.00 per head. Colin Styles – 0416 191 320 or cstyles@bigpond.net.au
 Greg Beirne – 0408 422 085 or greg@fireandsafetyaustralia.com.au


**16th
Sept**
AUSTRALIAN DOCTORS ORCHESTRA

A Celebratory Melbourne Concert for Australian Rotary Health. Join 140 members of the Australian Doctors Orchestra (ADO) at 2.00 pm on the 16th September in the Melbourne Town Hall when they give a concert for Australian Rotary Health.

Ticket prices are \$35.00 and \$25.00 concession. Tickets available at the door or please visit www.ado.net.au. Or contact Ron Adams on 9821044 or 0408 136 100 for more information.


**24th
Sept**
Charity Golf Day - Rotary Club of Brighton

Monday 24 September 2012 Huntingdale Golf Club
 A teaching professional will be there to offer golfing tips. Enjoy a great game of golf and then a sit down Gourmet BBQ meal to finish off the day. Excellent prizes are available for winners. We invite you to join us again this year

Format: Ambrose, Fee \$150 incl. GST:

Registration: 10:00 am - light lunch provided

Golf Clinic: 10:00 am - 12:30 noon Tee Off: 1:00 pm Drinks after golf: 5:00 pm

Gourmet dinner/Presentations: 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm or later

Contact Ivan Vojlay Tel: 9592 9400 or 0416 210 002 Email: ivojlay@optusnet.com.au

Cameron Spence M 0413 777 111


**22nd
Sept**
Celebrating 40 years of Service

The Rotary Club of Melton invites all District 9800 clubs to help celebrate 40 years of service to the Melton Community at its Birthday Dinner Dance, to be held at Tabcorp Park, Saturday 22nd September 2012. Cost \$45.00 for 3 course meal. See the flyer at <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~rcmelton/events.html>

**24th
Sept**
FOUNDATION - GRANTS SEMINAR

Monday 24th September 2012 - 5.30 for 6.00 pm
 Graduate House, 220 Leicester St., Carlton (phone 9347 3428)

Opening at 6 pm - evening to be concluded by 8.30 pm

Light food, tea and coffee, soft drinks available from 5.30 pm

Cost \$15/registration fee

Clubs - consider covering the cost of your delegates as it is a great investment in your future programs
 Please complete and return the Registration Form to Philip Rowell by 18th September - by either email: prowell@bigpond.net.au or by mail to 6 Rose Court, Brighton. Vic. 3186.

Cheques payable to Rotary District 9800.


**25th
Sept**
PINK RIBBON BREAST CANCER BREAKFAST – ROTARY CLUB OF POINT GELLIBRAND

Tuesday 25th September 2012, 7am until 9am at Royal Victorian Motor Yacht Club, 260 Nelson Place, Williamstown (opposite Holy Trinity Church).

Cost: \$45.00 includes glass of champagne, selection of hot and cold food, loads of raffle prizes.

Guest speaker is Susan Alberti, AO founder of the Susan Alberti Medical Research Foundation and Board Member of the Western Bulldogs Football Club.

RSVP by 14th September 2012. Enquiries: Faye Lanyon 0409 677 127

For credit card payments and more information go to <http://www.rotarypointgellibrand.com>. Buy tickets at http://www.rotarypointgellibrand.com/?page_id=374





27th Sept

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS...

Rotary Melbourne South invite all District 9800 Clubs to join in a celebration to mark 60 years since charter.

Thursday September 27th (Grand Final Week) Jubilee Dinner at the Champions Room. Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre. A night to celebrate the past and a night of Fun Raising featuring Greg Champion. \$95 per head bookings@melbournesouthrotary.com.au



Do you have a letter for Clarice?

OCTOBER 2012

12th Oct

Charity Auction & Dinner

KOOYONG LAWN TENNIS CLUB 489 Glenferrie Road, Kooyong. Friday 12 October 2012 6.30pm for 7pm.

\$95 per ticket (GST incl). Bookings of 10 tickets or more \$86 per ticket.

THREE COURSE DINNER including quality wines, beer and soft drinks LIVE AUCTION AND SILENT AUCTION Music featuring 'BackDated'

RSVP 30 SEPTEMBER 2012
Neville Taylor 0400 169 866 or neville.taylor5@bigpond.com



Contact the Editor

Do you have a letter for Clarice? Is something on on your mind?

Send your thoughts to her email address at clarice@rotarydistrict9800.org.au

28th Oct

CAMCARE CONCERT - Rotary Club of Hawthorn

The Grand Camcare Concert will be held on 28th October this year at Gennazano. It promises to be an outstanding concert once again. Tony Charlton has arranged a talented and diverse group of musicians and entertainers for the event who include:

- The Royal Melbourne Philharmonic Choir*
- Allan Kogasovski, piano: Sally Cooper, Violin*
- Rebecca Chambers, Classical pianist and former Young Australian of the Year*
- Paul Jennings Comedian and impersonator*
- Blackburn High School Band*

At only \$25.00 this represents incredible value. Proceeds will be shared between Camcare and club revenue. Please call Noel Halford on 9889 1519 or 04118 901 to book.



NOVEMBER 2012

11th Nov

CITY2SEA

SUNDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2012
THE CITY2SEA 14km FUN RUN STARTING AT THE ARTS CENTRE, AROUND ALBERT PARK LAKE AND FINISHING BY THE SEA AT ST KILDA.

WE NEED 700 VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH DRINKS STATIONS, COURSE MARSHALLING AND GENERAL HELP!

Rotary District 9800 has again been asked again to source and manage the 700 volunteers for this great event. Let us know 'asap' that you would like to be a part of this great event.

Contact Sandi Fulcher, City2Sea Event Coordinator
Mobile: 0416 063 434 or Work: 9686 0688
Email: sandi_fulcher@hotmail.com
[Download PDF](#)

ROTARY DISTRICT 9800 Events Calendar

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To submit Notices & Events, please send Clarice all the details at: clarice@rotarydistrict9800.org.au

