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Rotary District 9800

A publication for Rotarians and all community minded people

In this issue:



In this issue we touch on the evolving Peace Fellowship program, focus on some clubs working in their communities, promote a healthy eating program for indigenous communities and highlight the willingness of exchange students to interact with the communities of central Australia on their annual Safari.

Try out our new look, it's an attempt to focus more on what's happening throughout District 9800 and then make it easier for you to get to what you're interested in - just click on the image to go to the story.

Let us know what you think.

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Clarice Caricare

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Stephanie Woollard, Peace Fellow Thanks The Rotary Foundation

Stephanie Woollard, our most recent Rotary Peace Fellow who is at Uppsala University Sweden, sent a Post Card of thanks via Bob Fels. This is what she said – her enthusiasm speaks for itself:

I am writing from my beautiful new home in Sweden where I am living with a Swedish family (mother, father, daughter, son and another boy who rents the other room). I love Uppsala.

Tomorrow I begin my course in Peace and Conflict Research and I am so excited. This is an unbelievable opportunity enabling me to meet like minded class mates sharing experiences in the field with the other nine Rotary Peace Fellows.

I can't wait to learn all the course has to teach. It has been fantastic meeting Suzanne Brenning and the current and incoming DGs. I am humbled, grateful and excited and will give it my 100%.

Thanks so much to both RC Melbourne and The Rotary Foundation for investing in me. I believe this is a fantastic way to bring peace to the world.



Stephanie Woollard with Bob Fels and PDG Jim Studebaker at the welcome BBQ for the district conference.

P.S. Tomorrow we have a lecture by Kofi Annan. Stephanie Woollard.

CLUB TURNS PLAY PRODUCER

By Tony Thomas

Central Melbourne-Sunrise RC has embarked on a unique venture – launching a new play “The Greatest Is Love” at the Melbourne Town Hall on Sunday October 20, 3pm.

The play is written by actor/broadcaster Roland Rocchiccioli and will star himself and Glenda Linscott (the one-time bikie chick from TV’s “Prisoner”).

The City of Melbourne is supporting the venture and proceeds go to Melbourne charities.

The play follows one couple, Rupert and Diana, through poignant love letters probing the pain of separation during the war and the heart-wrenching struggle to return to normality afterwards. The letters tell a story of unfolding romance, and later, breath-taking honesty as the man and woman confront their human weaknesses.

Rocchiccioli says, “This is a story which proves – above all else – The Greatest is Love.” The play was launched at Brighton, UK, to critical acclaim. Leading UK theatre director Sean Mathias says, “I turned every page of the script with excitement and fascination. I wanted to know every move, every thought, every detail about these two people.”

Tickets are \$60 (A Reserve) and \$48 (B Reserve), purchase on-line at www.rccms.org.au.

Local Candidate

Glenferrie RC World Peace Fellowship candidate, Dominic Bowen, volunteered to help out at our Farmer’s Market last Saturday.

Dominic worked the second shift on the bottom gate with Paul Gregory. Many of our members popped in to our tent to have a chat to Dominic and he appreciated the chance to learn more about the Glenferrie Rotary Club and Rotary International.

The help of a fit young Peace Keeper in the final pull down at the market was also very much appreciated! Dominic has spent most of this year working for RedR Australia helping refugees on the border between Syria and Jordan. Last week he returned to Australia after attending a Peace conference in Sweden.

I have been advised by our District Chairman Bob Fels that the World Selection Panel will commence their difficult selection process in the second week of October. We wish Dominic well in this.

Don Heath, Foundation Chairman



Eat Well Play Well Learn Well



Footy Nuts “Eat Well, Play Well, Learn Well” - Rotary’s Nourish Our Kids Project.

It is paramount that we need to improve the nutrition of indigenous children and their families in remote communities. The children have great eye ball coordination but no stamina on the footy fields or in the school room...nourishment is what they need!

Four Melbourne-based Rotary* clubs are partnering with ‘Red Dust Role Models’ to launch Rotary’s ‘Nourish Our Kids’ project. Our aim is to help improve the nutrition of indigenous children and their families in remote communities.

The key is this project is increasing the range and sales of nutritious foods in the local community stores.

The first wave of this project involves an innovative range of nut products, branded “Footy Nuts”. And the first community to embrace the project is Nganambala, a small community about 300kms south-west of Darwin.

The simple idea is to encourage the kids and their families to swap the chips and processed snack foods they currently eat, for more nutritious nut snacks as well as to add nuts to some of their favourite recipes such as damper.

The ‘Footy Nuts’ range comprises three nut snacks - oven-roasted almonds, oven-roasted cashews and oven-roasted mixed nuts - and two ‘damper mixes’ – chopped almonds and walnuts and chopped almonds, walnuts & sultanas. Packaged in convenient 200 gm tub packs, they will be competitively priced with equivalent packets of chips and chocolate bars.

The packaging of these nuts has initially been sponsored by Scalzo Foods, Rotary’s “Nourish Our Kids” project was developed from the very beginning in close consultation with the school principal from Nganambala and with the leaders of the Red Dust Role Models as ‘ownership’ of the project by each local community will be essential for its effectiveness. Also the community was consulted in relation to nut allergies.

One way of trying to excite the kids in our remote indigenous communities to make the swap from chips and chocolates to more nutritious and healthy nut snacks is through the active encouragement of their footy heroes.



“Footy Nuts” is proud to have the enthusiastic support of some of the AFL’s best indigenous footballers as well as the Hawthorn Football Club’s coach, Alstair Clarkson. They all know that to play well, we need to eat well.

“Footy Nuts” is also delighted to announce that the Aboriginal Literacy Foundation is a founding sponsor because we know that if we can improve the quality of our kids’ nutrition, they can learn more effectively in class,

We will be taking the message of our footy stars to our indigenous communities to give ‘Footy Nuts’ a go so that we can ‘EAT WELL, PLAY WELL & LEARN WELL’.

We are looking for people and corporates to support this project who are passionate about improving the nutrition of our indigenous kids to give us their support.

Please contact Catherine at Red Dust at:
catherine@reddust.org.au or

Rotary contact: Kerry Kornhauser 0411 597 690 or
kerry@rotarywomen.org.au

**Rotary Club of Albert Park, Rotary Club of Brighton North and Rotary Club of Docklands, Rotary Club of Melbourne,*

Rotary is making a 'World of Difference'

Phnom Penh Rotarians Rithy Lay and President Peter Gray provided me with a report on the 12th September about a remote village we are assisting in Kampong Speu province, Cambodia.

It makes me reflect on the important things in life. Through a "World of Difference" project I met the people in the villages back in October 2011. 800 people starving, 6 deaths the previous week from Cholera, Typhoid fever and Malaria which were endemic in the three villages which are within 3 kms of each other.

The simple things – crops, safe water, hygiene, nutrition. They sound so basic and it's terrible that in Cambodia they are only enjoyed by around 10% of the population. The other 90% of subsistence farmers are at the whim of the weather and live from day to day.

Now these 800 people now have these basic, important simple things. Three dams (courtesy RC Melbourne South, RC Chelsea, RC Holroyd and WOD tour participants) provide water for aquaculture and irrigation. Rain water harvesting, a solar electricity trial (courtesy RC Brighton) and a toilet provide safe water and a start in respect to sanitation.

Crop seed, medication, water filtration and basic housing providing shelter complete the picture so far. The people are healthy and happy.

In Rithy's words "Two years ago, if you came to visit Bossala village you might think that it is one of the empty isolated villages in Kampong Speu province and the people here are known as the illiterate. The children walk about 15km across the river and landmine fields to get to school without proper school uniforms or even without breakfast.

Hundreds of children gave up their school and do nothing in the village instead of helping their parents' season work on the rice paddy.

Today you see the school is erected in the centre of the village which is called "Bossala Primary School" and it will play a key role to providing education, to not only the children in Bossala village but also the children in other neighboring villages, we expect more than 500 children to come to this school."

This school will be fitted out, teachers trained and employed and children provided with school supplies. The people in these villages are working hard – collaborating in partnership with Rotarians from more than 6 clubs to make a future for their children. This for me, is a very important thing in life.

Bronwyn Stephens



A basic home but shelter from the rain



The school under construction



What happens on Safari should

D9800 Youth Exchange Blog

Safari 2012: Why What Goes on Safari Should Not Always Stay on Safari

Emanuel Tumino, Rotary Club of Footscray was one of 3 Leaders for the 2012 Safari, the others being Rotarians Mary Parks and Geoff Asher. In 2012, the bus stopped early on a Saturday morning for a toilet/coffee break at a place called Julia Creek along the Flinders Highway, in the desert and deep in the outback of Queensland. The "town" had a few shops, a handful of houses and a population of perhaps 100 people - a desolate place, where Australia Post had the only cappuccino machine in "town".

Emanuel walked up the road along with Geoff Asher to get their coffee from Australia Post. They noticed a teenage girl sitting on a street seat holding a puppy and it appeared that she just sat there watching occasional cars drive through the town. She overheard Emanuel and Geoff laughing about the need to go to Australia Post for a coffee and she obviously wanted a conversation badly because she chimed in with a comical comment about having to go to the ladies dress shop to get a haircut!

Introduction to Rotary Youth Exchange

On the way back, with coffees in hand, Emanuel and Geoff stopped to talk to her. Her name was Courtney. Her dad worked in the mines and she was schooled through 'School of the Air'. She was one of only 2 teenagers in the entire "town". There was a small primary school, no secondary school, no organised sport and she had virtually no face to face contact with other teenagers. Her Saturday mornings seemed to consist of sitting on that street seat, waiting and watching passing traffic.

A perfect match

Geoff and Emanuel explained to Courtney the Rotary Youth Exchange Program and the Safari and invited her to come to the bus and meet the international students. She eagerly accepted the invitation and revelled in the



opportunity to engage with peers, swap Facebook details and the like. For the bare 2 or 3 minutes available to her, it was very obvious that she was in her element and that she had been starved of face to face contact with students her own age.

When it came time to leave after those few small minutes, the students said their goodbyes and boarded the bus. Emanuel was the last to board and turned to Courtney, only to see that she was in tears. That moment brought home the sense of sheer isolation that Courtney must have felt. Of course, that had an impact on Emanuel, Geoff and all the students.

The Leaders thought they would see what they could do about getting support for Courtney for a potential international exchange and stayed in touch with her via Facebook. When it came down to it, her family was simply unable to afford it. During the last 12 months, Courtney moved to a place further along the Flinders Highway, called Maxwelton, which is even more remote and desolate and consisted of nothing more than a toilet/bus stop on the highway.

2013 Safari Stopover

Whilst stopped again in 2013 at Julia Creek, Emanuel told the story to this year's Safari students and asked if they wanted an opportunity to meet her. To a tee they all agreed and so a text message was sent to Courtney to say they were on their way. As there was nothing to see at Maxwelton and the Safari travellers all being half asleep on the bus, they drove straight past the bus stop where Courtney was anxiously waiting. Luckily, one of the other Leaders said they had seen someone frantically waving at the bus from the side of the road as it drove past and they realised they had driven straight past Courtney! As there was no room to turn the bus, they had to drive on for 5 kilometres until they could turn the bus around and head back to the bus stop.

Meanwhile Courtney had walked back to her house in tears, but she was trying to call on her mobile. She finally got through to Geoff saying, 'You drove past me'. Of course, Geoff told her the bus was turning around to come back. Her father later told how he had never seen her run so fast across the paddocks back to the bus stop to wait for the return of the bus.

They spent half an hour with Courtney. The students



interacted with her enthusiastically. She had a great time and had all 33 students eating out of her hands. She explained that she was still doing School of the Air and had a part time job cattle mustering. Her personal contact with others was limited to her father, her step mother and mainly adult males. She said she would love to go on exchange, but that her parents could not afford it.

Heading to Brazil

This time, things became a little different. The Leaders actively pursued Rotary District 9550 (Mount Isa, Tennant Creek etc) being the Rotary District within which she lives. After many phone calls and ongoing communications, Courtney has been accepted into the Youth Exchange Program and selected to go to Brazil for a year in January 2014.

Finances remain an issue for her, although some financial support is being offered by Rotary District 9550, being her own Rotary District. In addition, Courtney is saving as much as she can from her part time cattle mustering work and is also looking for extra work where available – of course this is particularly difficult given her isolation at a remote outback outpost. Anything more that can be done by Rotary would most certainly be appreciated.



In essence, this is a simple story about the opportunities Rotary can offer to our own, through coordination and involvement of a number of Districts. A few Rotarians have committed funds to arrange for Courtney to travel to Melbourne during the first week of the September holidays and to visit a few Rotary Clubs in “the big smoke” before heading back and getting ready for a year that will change her life.

To learn more

Youth Exchange is one Rotary’s most successful program it provides a young person the opportunity of a lifetime by starting a Rotary Youth Exchange. Exposure to new cultures and customs is a powerful way to promote global understanding and peace. And it’s not just students who benefit – your Rotary club and host families will too.

If you would like more information on how you can assist Courtney to Brazil and/ or sponsor an incoming student in 2014, contact Emanuel Tumino et@meerkinapel.com.au or (03) 9510-0366

Police Uniforms

Rotary Club of Prahran in Action

The Donations In Kind Police Uniform Recycling Project is well underway.

While each collection will be different this will help you gain a greater understanding of the project.

Overall the collection when as envisaged, the Rotary Club of Prahran worked with the local police station and resolved the issues they encountered. Early on the Sunday morning after the election the President Andrea Walton, her team and their friends were hard at work.



The Police Badges on the shirts had to be removed and all of the garments sorted into sizes and packed.

As you can see they were a happy team and it is the type of project where everyone can find something to do. It’s also an ideal opportunity to invite people who may be interested in Rotary to take part and get a chance to get to know each other.

With 21 collection locations throughout Victoria involved spread through all Districts it is an excellent example of what we can achieve when we all work together. For more information contact Eddie Szatkowski edkoski@living-edge.com.au 0418 878058.

ATTENTION: Rotary Donation In Kind has come to the attention of the Victorian Police and every Officer has been notified.

Study page three closely as you may be questioned by a Police Officer if they find out you are a Rotarian http://issuu.com/policelife/docs/policelife_spring2013final

Our congratulations to the Donations In Kind team who organized this and the Clubs who are doing the hard work. For more information contact Eddie Szatkowski edkoski@living-edge.com.au 0418 878058.



Beachside Cluster



Beachside cluster consists of the Brighton, Brighton Beach, Brighton North, Caulfield and Glen Eira Rotary clubs. Each club is unique in its history, membership base and the projects that they run. Often the clubs work together on joint projects or share speakers and events.

The Brighton club has just celebrated its 40th Birthday with a wonderful night, where they recognised their six Charter members and recounted their colourful and productive history, combining great fellowship with great service to the community.

Among a number of major fundraising activities the Bayside Art Show, which was held this year at the beautiful Sandringham Yacht Club, achieved a record result. The use of The Bayside Art Show website streamlined the running of the show.

The Brighton Beach club prides itself on being very hands on and

is active within both the local and international communities. A local environmental project involved tree planting and foreshore regeneration, assisting the Bayside City Council. There is an international focus in the Philippines.

The Brighton North club provides members with great fellowship and opportunities to serve through its projects. An ongoing project is the Shine On awards, which recognize outstanding community service by people with a disability.

The Caulfield club is a smaller club with a great history, having been Chartered in 1962. Its meetings are informal and its members are very active in their community. As an example they run a two day barbeque for VCE students during their pre exam study weekend at Monash University in October. They are assisted by the Rotaract Club of Monash University.

The Glen Eira Rotary Club, with the assistance of a grant from District 9800, erected a fence around a playground used by both the public and groups from St. Mary's Anglican Church in Elsternwick.

All the Beachside cluster clubs are very conscious of promoting the image of Rotary through their projects. They encourage and welcome visitors, so why not drop by at one of their meetings to experience another way of Rotary service?

*Peter Frueh
AG Beachside 2013-14.*





NOTICES AND EVENTS

Oct
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A ROUND AT ROYAL MELBOURNE

Your chance to play at Australia's number 1 rated golf course.

Monday, October 7

Plus the chance to win a

BIB STIWELL BMW

Click to see the poster to link to the website.....

or see... http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/notices_and_events_future

This is an opportunity for you to invite Friends, Colleagues or maybe your Top Clients to participate in our Ambrose Event.

Registration at 11 am and finishes at 8 pm.

\$295 per player

EXTRA DINNER GUESTS \$75 pp.

Oct
10

ROTARY CLUB OF CHADSTONE/EAST MALVERN

2014 Make or Break for Australia

CELEBRATING VOCATION MONTH

Presenter: Terry McCrann

Well-respected Australian columnist The Herald Sun in Melbourne, The Daily Telegraph in Sydney and Brisbane's Courier Mail, The Weekend Australian, and the Sunday papers.

Wednesday October 9th

6.00 pm for 6.30 pm, Matthew Flinders Hotel, Warrigal road, Chadstone

\$25.00 per person Includes 2 course meal, Drinks available at bar prices

RSVP by Monday 7th October 5pm

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Fiona Lewi Mobile 0407 166 635 Email fionalewi@connexus.net.au



Oct
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The Greatest Is Love

A STORY TO TOUCH YOUR HEART AND MAKE YOUR SPIRITS SOAR

Starring Glenda Linscott with Roland Rocchiccioli

SPECIAL CHARITY PERFORMANCE OF A NEW AUSTRALIAN PLAY BY ROLAND ROCCHICCIOLI

Sunday, October 20, 2013

MELBOURNE TOWN HALL

Bookings www.RCCMS.org.au

A project of the Rotary Club of Central Melbourne-Sunrise Inc. supporting Rotary Projects in Melbourne.

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY THE CITY OF MELBOURNE.



Oct
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Bahay Tuluyan **FUNDRAISING GALA**

TRIVIA NIGHT 2013

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

7 p for 7.30 start

THE PAVILION, ST BERNARD'S SECONDARY COLLEGE

8 HAMPTON STREET, ESSENDON

\$25 EACH (\$20 CONCESSION FOR STUDENTS AND PENSIONERS)

Bookings online at www.kangan.edu.au/bahaytuluyan

Bring along a supper basket and purchase your beverages at the bar.

Nov
10

SPECIAL LUNCHEON **INVITATION**

On the 25th Anniversary of Royce Abbey's World Presidency

GUEST SPEAKER IAN RIESLEY OAM

Trustee of the Rotary Foundation and Past RI Director and Treasurer.

Sunday, November 10

12 noon to 3 pm - ULTIMA FUNCTION CENTRE

Cnr Keilor Park Drive and Ely Court, Keloir (Melway 15D8)

Click on the link to download the registration form at:

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

Nov
19

Rotary Club of Warrandyte Donvale

D9810 Rotary Foundation **Annual Dinner**

Tuesday, November 19

6.30 for 7 pm start, concluding by 9.30 pm.

The Whitehorse Club, 298-336 Burwood Highway

Burwood East (Between Springvale and Blackburn Rds)

GUEST SPEAKER - R.I.P.E GARY C K HUANG, ROTARY CLUB OF TAIPEI

Two course dinner, including drinks (not spirits) \$45 per person

RSVP to Tony Mooney by Thursday, November 7 at t.m.mooney@bigpond.com 0419 352 644.

Please bring your badge.

Payment to The Rotary Club of Warrandyte Donvale, PO Box 31 Doncaster East, Vic, 3109.



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Gold Coast Conference

Weekend 7-9 March, 2014

John Blackman has again been secured as MC.

There is an outstanding list of key note speakers being engaged, including Lieutenant General David Morrison, head of the Australian Army and Nigel Chamier, Chairman of the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games Committee.

Rotary marketplace, will be located in the conference centre

Hotel accommodation has been pre-booked at Jupiter's as well as several apartment complexes within walking distance.

Kick off on Friday with the "Hawaiian Nights" cocktail party

The gala dinner will be held on Sunday evening in the Pavilion Ballroom. Saturday evening has been reserved for club dinners.

Early bird registrations will open on 1 September, 2013 - Remember: Gold Coast, Famous for Fun.

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ANY
TIME

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ROTARY DISTRICT 9800 - Events Calendar

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

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

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WHEN: SUNDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2013

WHERE: THE CITY2SEA 14km FUN RUN

Starts at the Arts Centre, travels around Albert Park Lake and finishes by the sea at St Kilda.


HOW: We need 400+ volunteers to work

on the day in return for a donation of between \$30 and \$60 per person depending on the role allocated. We need all Metropolitan Clubs to arrange at least 10 people to participate. This can be members of your Club, or from a group that can help themselves raise funds eg local school, Scouts etc.


CONTACT:

Ian Salek (RC Glenferrie)
City2Sea Event Coordinator
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Mobile: 0418 176 494



Rotary International
WORLD POLIO DAY: MAKING HISTORY
 Join Rotary's Livestream Event
THURSDAY, 24 OCTOBER
5:30 P.M., CST

Rotary  #endpolio | endpolionow.org

If you are a supporter of Rotary's effort to eradicate polio – or simply want to learn more about it – you won't want to miss World Polio Day: Making History, a special Livestream event presented by Rotary and Northwestern University's Center for Global Health, beginning at 6:30 p.m. EDT on Oct. 24 (World Polio Day).

This 90-minute program before a live audience at Northwestern's John Hughes Auditorium in downtown Chicago, brings together a panel of experts to discuss the progress of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative -- the ambitious public-private partnership spearheaded by Rotary, the World Health Organization, UNICEF and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, with additional support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation – and the many ways that members of the general public can help make history by supporting the final push needed to end polio forever.

Confirmed speakers include Dr. Bruce Aylward, WHO assistant director-general for polio, emergencies and country collaboration; Dr. Robert Murphy, director of the Center for Global Health at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine; and polio survivor and world-class Paralympian Dennis Ogbe, an ambassador for the United Nations Foundation's Shot@Life campaign to promote childhood immunizations.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn how you can become a part of history by helping Rotary and its partners End Polio Now.

Visit the World Polio Day: Making History Livestream page to add the event to your calendar.

Embed the Livestream video player on your website or Facebook page.

Download a World Polio Day toolkit for sample social media posts and graphics.

Add a World Polio Day: Making History cover photo to your Facebook page.

Rotary Down Under has a simple 'Step-by-step' guide to public awareness of Rotary's amazing polio eradication program.

1. Every Rotary club to select SIX members to comprise their END POLIO NOW awareness team.

2. Order six END POLIO NOW red t-shirts from [RDU Merchandise and Promotions](#)

at the special World Polio Day price of \$10 each!

3. Obtain supply of END POLIO NOW red pins attached to story cards from your District Governor.

4. On World Polio Day (October 24), the END POLIO NOW red shirt team makes appointment with a variety of community leaders,

ie: Mayor, Town Clerk, local newspaper Editor/radio station manager, Police Superintendent/Inspector, Hospital Matron, etc.

5. For same day, book newspaper photographer or hire local professional photographer to accompany Red Shirt team on visits to community leaders to present END POLIO NOW pins and share the Polio message on attached cards.

6. Arrange interview with Editor and Radio Station manager.

NOTE: To enlarge the day's activity, fit all club members in END POLIO NOW red shirts, equip with red buckets complete with Rotary emblem stickers and canvas the streets of towns/cities for END POLIO NOW fundraising at lunch time on WORLD POLIO DAY. Collections will be more effective with appropriate END POLIO NOW signage – also available from RDU Merchandise & Promotions:



ROTARY IN THE NEWS



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Another week and lots more news around the district. See the DG's piece on Vocational Service, an update on Camp Getaway, a report from DIK in Footscray, some business training in the Cook Islands by the RC Wendouree and the RC Port Melbourne have been working in Balibo.

In other news the Royce Abbey award has reached a milestone, the latest attendance figures are in and check out the latest events from around the clubs.

Did you know Rotary has launched a global campaign to improve its public image, see page 15. Just click on the link in the last image.

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Vocational Service Month – Where it all began!

Our experienced Rotarians will offer you a full range of vocational service opportunities and these facts are why these four men in Chicago came together in 1905 and what they have achieved since then.

With us to do even greater projects and service through strategic partnerships or indeed through membership.

Our vocations always have been, and remain today, the key to successful Club recruitment and service. Clubs who identify a diversity of vocations will remain healthy and provide more opportunities for service each year.

Do you have a vocational service opportunity you have seen successfully operating elsewhere and would like to share ideas? Please drop me a line at rotarydistrict9800.org.au and we will add to the opportunities we

DIK Report July 2012-June 2013

Value: 3.2m+
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30 containers x 40 x 20 units and 2 from Bendigo

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Freight cost: \$104,548
Store & Van: \$18,318

Cambridge 1
Chile 1
Egi 1
Indonesia 1
Kenya 2
PNG 6
Philippines 1
Port Senia 1
Sudan 1
Tanzania 1
Togo 1

RC Port Melbourne visits Balibo

Some 40 persons travelled from Melbourne to Balibo, Indonesia, to visit the Balibo Community and RC Port Melbourne has partnered with the Balibo Community to support the establishment of the Balibo House Trust.

The trust was established to honor the life of the five Australian journalists killed in Balibo in 1975. The trust focuses on the living conditions of the Balibo Community and the Balibo House Trust.

Adrian Suter, who just last week visited Balibo, said that the children were all extremely disadvantaged and pleaded with all of us to do something to help them. We have had many requests for help, but we have not had the time to do so. We have had many requests for help, but we have not had the time to do so.

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A Rotary Club of Central Melbourne Tourist Fund-raiser for Melbourne children.

An evening with Kevin Bailey

HEAVENLY FINANCIAL PLANNER

"The topic: INVESTING IN A LOW-YIELD WORLD - IS IT WORTH IT?"

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

6.30 canapés, 7 pm dinner

WE NEED YOU!

THE SUNDAY CITY 2SEA

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KITCHEN REDEVELOPMENT at Camp Getaway

Camp Getaway (Rotary District 9800) is located in District 9800, located in Bendigo, the camp has been an active Rotary project since 2003 when it was handed over to District 9800.

The camp has been undergoing a major redevelopment project since 2003 when it was handed over to District 9800. The camp has been undergoing a major redevelopment project since 2003 when it was handed over to District 9800.

Cook Islands Business Training

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Royce Abbey Award MILESTONE

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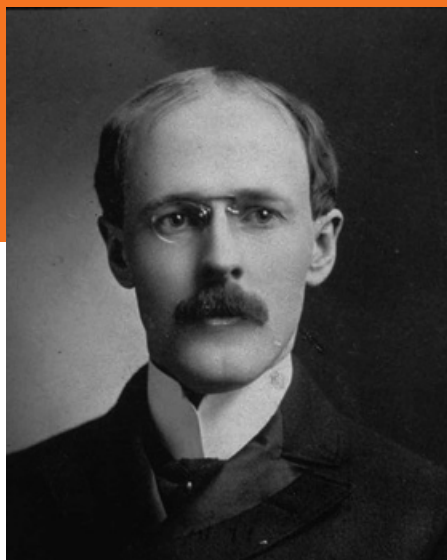
ROTARY LAUNCHES ITS "STRENGTHENING ROTARY" GLOBAL PUBLIC IMAGE INITIATIVE

28 Sep 2013

NEWS RELEASE

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Vocational Service Month – Where it all began!

Our experienced Rotarians will often tell you, Paul Harris started Rotary and we were the first Service Organisation and these facts are very true. What we often overlook is why those four men in Chicago came together in 1905 and what their goals were, way back then. In fact those four businessmen, three of them in their mid 30s and one just over 40 years of age, and relatively new to Chicago, were all wanting to build new networks for their fledgling businesses and develop new circles of friends. They wanted to start a vocational fellowship to strengthen their business ties in Chicago.

As with our beginnings those many years ago, today these elements of our beginnings are just as true and important as when our great organization commenced. Our Vocations provide us with the skills and connections to provide Service Above Self through our team efforts in supporting our local and world communities. The Fellowship so evident when Paul Harris and his three colleagues started Rotary is today the glue that holds Rotary International and our Clubs together, it is one of two main reasons why members stay members of Rotary and why Rotary achieves so much.

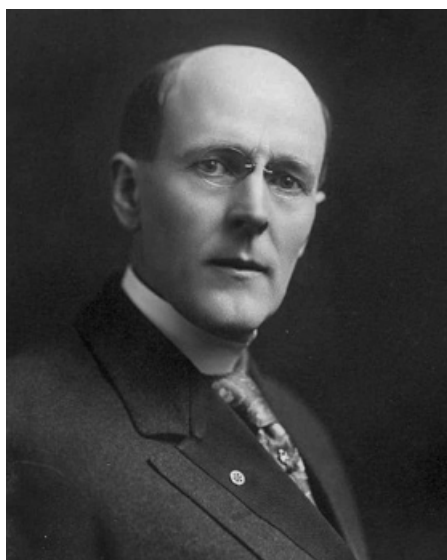
Our vocations also allow us to network for greater service, our workmates and industry colleagues provide us with additional opportunities for service and membership and this year we are challenged by Rotary International President Ron Burton to Engage Rotary. What better opportunity than through our networks at large to invite like-minded individuals and organizations to partner up

with us to do even greater projects and service through strategic partnerships or indeed through membership.

Our vocations always have been, and remain today, the key to successful Club recruitment and service. Clubs who identify a diversity of vocations within their Club recruitment will remain healthy and provide many opportunities for service each year. Do you have a vocational service experience you have seen successfully operating elsewhere and would like to share ideas? Please drop me a line at dg@rotarydistrict9800.org.au and we will add to the opportunities we present to our future leaders.

Best wishes to you all and very LARGE THANK YOU as you go forward and Engage Rotary Change Lives.

Remember Rotary gives each of us an opportunity to turn Conversations into actions.



Images of Paul Harris courtesy of Rotary International.



DG Ross and Annette

KITCHEN REDEVELOPMENT at Camp Getaway

Camp Getaway (Rotary D9800) is Rotary's biggest asset in District 9800. Located at Axedale, 20 minutes from Bendigo, the camp has been an entire D9800 project since 2000, when it was handed over to District by RC Bendigo. The camp has been redeveloped with the prime aim of providing camping opportunities for people of all abilities, with a focus on children. Increasingly it is also being used for D9800 activities such as Youth Exchange camps and MUNA. Over \$1m has been donated by clubs, government and charities to transform termite infested buildings into a modern camp of single unit and dormitory accommodation – some would say '5 Star Camping'!

The District Committee overseeing Camp Getaway has been working hard over the last two years to have the old kitchen at the camp replaced with a modern amenity that will meet all current needs and standards. D9800 clubs and generous individuals have donated over \$145,000 for the project, which has commenced under a staged building permit. If District clubs who have not donated, could contribute further funding of up to \$20,000, then that would see the fundraising total met.

Many hurdles have had to be overcome with the kitchen replacement project, including Planning Permits, EPA requirements, preparation of detailed plans, etc. However, in usual Rotary spirit, the work towards replacement would not be as far advanced as it is without the magnificent volunteer support of individual Rotarians and clubs who have contributed countless hours to the preparatory work of preparing plans, obtaining permits, undertaking site

preparation works, drainage works, equipment procurement, relocation of buildings and plant, erection of buildings associated with the kitchen including storage facilities, vehicle parking provision and other support.

Practical support for the site preparation works and associated building construction has been phenomenal, with clubs such as Eaglehawk, Keilor, Bendigo South, Bendigo Sandhurst, Nth Balwyn, Bendigo, Bendigo Strathdale and others providing valuable expertise in a true 'hands-on' role to see the project progress to the commencement of the main kitchen building. As the project operates on a staged building permit, the last stage of the construction of the actual kitchen building will commence just as soon as plans are approved by the building surveyor. The final version of the plans were submitted in early September, and approval is expected shortly. In the mean time, work does not stop on the preparatory and site works required for the new kitchen. Working bees in August, September and October have seen significant progress in this regard. The following photos give some indication of the scope of activities tackled.

Of course, whilst the kitchen replacement project is underway it is still 'business as usual' for the many groups who have booked and continue to book the camp for a multitude of purposes. From disability support organisations booking camps for school aged children to church groups, family reunions, business seminars or our own D9800 uses for MUNA and Youth Exchange, there is hardly a weekend in the next 10 months where a booking is available. Mid-week bookings are strongly encouraged, with on-site caretaker, Dowell Mitchell



keen to assist campers to enjoy the great facilities. (Of course, Dowell balances this with his Presidential year at RC Bendigo Sandhurst).

To arrange bookings, (or to discuss a donation to the kitchen project from your club), please call Ken Maxfield (RC Nth Balwyn) on 0412 489 580, the metropolitan contact person for Camp Getaway (Rotary D9800).

Paul Kirkpatrick

Chair - Camp Getaway (Rotary D9800)

THIS YEAR

30 containers = 46 x 20' units and
1 from Bendigo

VALUE 3.2million+

Volunteers; Rotarians and
Members of the Public
contributed 10,898 hours to
make this happen

Freight cost **\$166,548**

Store & Van **\$59,358**

Cambodia	1	
Chile	1	
Fiji	1	
Indonesia	1	
Kenya	2	
PNG	6	
Philippines	1	
Sri Lanka	1	
Sudan	1	
Tanzania	1	
Timor Leste	11	(Bendigo 1)
Vanuatu	1	

2000 – June 2013

Containers shipped **367**

Volunteer hours **102,342**

Value of goods* **\$37,754,000**

Freight cost* **\$1,943,000**

*Current \$

Regular Store Times

Tuesdays & Thursdays

9.00am - 3.00 PM

Other times by negotiation

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DIK Report

July 2012-June 2013

"Due to Club support last year your Donations In Kind Store now provides our new Leaders with the greatest opportunity ever, to help people in need."

It was a great year with an 18% increase in goods shipped from the Store. The volume and quality of donations increase and we are currently overstocked.

Education

The World President has asked Rotarians to focus on this area and we know how important this area is for children in developing countries.

It only costs \$5.00 to ship a chair and \$20.00 for a desk.

For many students a desk and chair is still a dream that you can turn into a reality - we have furniture in stock that looks brand new - many students who need our help.



Education is an area where every Club can make a difference

Branding

This year we promoted DIK as "Practical Rotary". DIK may not have the emotional appeal and photo opportunities of other projects. At times it's hard work in trying conditions, but when you look at the results it's often by far the most cost effective way to help people. Contact Us for details

What other project generates a better return on investment? \$225,000 to deliver \$3,200,000 worth of goods 1500% return

Unprecedented Medical Aid

Shipping medical equipment and supplies has been the highlight this year. Collecting 140 electric beds and other equipment from St Vincent's Hospital and loading three containers on site in two days was a great achievement and it was only possible because terrific support from many volunteers. This year we shipped 400+ beds and other medical equipment went to eleven countries.



Diversity

The spread of the projects is increasing as is Club involvement, with Club containers shipped for all Victorian and Districts and one from interstate. Computers 4 Kids and Mobility and Home Aids Project are located at the Store and receive assistance to collect and deliver equipment

Partnerships

Allow Clubs to do much more and should be considered. Some Clubs have formed relationships with schools to collect their reusable material, with great results for minimal effort. We also have well researched project opportunities with detailed wishlists. Clubs can collect material or fund the shipping costs. Contact Us for details



Store Funding

It now costs \$50,000+ to run the Store. The van is a wonderful resource is often working five days a week, but it is a cost that needs to be funded. Some Clubs are great supporters and we are indebted to them; without their help there would be no Store. It's still an ongoing challenge and we need to spread the net further to get more support.

An organization that is run by Volunteers, that Recycles Material that would often become landfill and provides great Overseas Aid is worthy of Community and Government support.

Have you visited the Store lately?

The warmer months are an ideal time to visit the Store for a working bee, or a Club visit.

You now have a great venue for your meetings and a wonderful opportunity to show Rotary in action. Think about this as the place for your next Membership Meeting, we are yet to find people who are unimpressed when they visit. With the new kitchen the standard of the catering we can provide has also improved. We realise that for some travel is a challenge, but if you talk to the Clubs who have travelled by bus it is an excellent bonding opportunity.



Your Store provides you with an opportunity to help people that few Rotary Clubs have. It allows you to do things that others can only dream of, Grasp the opportunity!

The Promotional Highlight of the year was our 100,000 Volunteer Hours Celebration. This was very well attended by non-Rotarians and significantly increased our profile.

Once again thank you on behalf of all of the people who have benefited from your support.

David Dippie, Laurie Fisher
dik.vic.rotary@gmail.com



Cook Islands Business Training

A Cook Islands (CI) business man was smiling proudly as he showed me his new web site at the conclusion of the three day workshop on web design. In fact all the participants in this workshop emerged with smiles on their faces which reflected their new confidence in what was previously a difficult challenge for them. This workshop facilitated by Rotarian John Blanchard of the Rotary Club of Wendouree, was one component of the Rotary Business Week which has now been conducted over the last five consecutive years.

Each year Wendouree in partnership with the Rotary Club of Rarotonga, the Business Trade and Investment Board, Allan and Shirley Cann of Cann Business Enterprises and the Rotary Club of Woodend, deliver to participants a free, one week intensive business training program specifically for the small business community of the CI.

As well as web design, this year's program included a workshop on soils management, designed to assist farmers create healthier crops from healthier soils and one on one



mentoring covering various business issues.

The thrust of the Rotary Business Week is to assist small businesses in the CI to become more productive and hence more competitive which inevitably improves the standard of living of the whole CI community. The topics for each year are selected by the CI partners. This is done deliberately to ensure that the

program is meeting the immediate needs of the small business community.

For example this year and last, workshops were conducted on how to assist farmers develop healthier crops. This was very much in line with the CI governments program to reduce the need for the community to import stable food products which could otherwise be grown locally. Accordingly, Melissa Caffrey a soil scientist from Swan Hill, Victoria was recruited to deliver this most important training.

It is planned that all partners will continue this most important and innovative International Service project in the Cook Islands. Also, there is currently, ongoing research into expanding this program into other Pacific Island countries, providing the opportunity for other Rotary Clubs to participate as well.

Allan Cann
RC of Woodend
September, 2013



RC Port Melbourne visits Balibo

Some 40 persons travelled from Melbourne to Balibo, Bobonaro district, Timor Lesta on September 15-19, 2013, to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the establishment of the Balibo House Trust. [BHT] The trust was established to honor the life of the five Australian based journalist killed in Balibo in 1975, by the invading Indonesian forces. The trust honors them by striving to improve the life of the Balibo Community and RC Port Melbourne has partnered BHT in this task since 2010, partially via RAWCS project No. 142-2010-11 and more recently with the help of a District 9800 – District Grant.



PP Robyn McDonald and myself, together with two of our donors to the Balibo Portuguese Fort Restoration project, Michael Renzella and Peter Santiago, and members of the

Balibo House Trust board, attended the celebrations of the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Trust.

It was a great occasion and it seemed the whole village was present. The official delegation was welcomed with traditional chanting, dancing and drummers, all in traditional dress and head gear. Lots of speeches were followed by a great feast for around 600 guests. RI and RC Port Melbourne with our donors and Daryl Mills from RC Dili were all mentioned and thanked for our contributions.

Robyn and myself took time out from the speeches to visit the various projects funded by RCPM in the village, such as the new toilet and furnishings at the Balibo 5 Kindergarten, the new toilet block and computers at the Community Learning Centre, and the restored Balibo Portuguese Fort and Fort House, where RCPM has provided funds, professional consultancy, a commercial kitchen and museum exhibits. We did not get to see our donated furnishings at the Balibo Convent.

All these projects in Balibo, have been delivered in partnership with R.C. Dili and in particular with the help of Daryl Mills A.O. who has been the project manager. We also received much help from Donations in Kind. We also visited the Leo-Lima Primary School and talked to the kids and teachers, including headmaster, Mr.



Adriano Suarez, who, just like teacher Maria Lake at the Balibo Kindergarten, pointed out that their children were still extremely disadvantaged and pleaded with us not to be forgotten when planning our projects. We assured them that we had every intention to support them into the future and came back with requests for; 44 children's desks, 5 teachers desks, 5 blackboards, filing cabinets, exercise books, etc. etc.

All in addition to the recently shipped 140 'Return to School' bags, computers and other stuff. As a Rotarian, the trip served to confirm once more that our club is relevant, needed, and appreciated in Balibo; but our job is not done, to really achieve a higher educational outcome, it must remain an ongoing and long term commitment to the children and the larger Balibo Community.

At a personal level, it was a great experience, an eye opening adventure really, and I am certain that Robyn, Michael, Peter and myself will not easily forget it.

Ricardo Krauskopf

Rotary Club of Port Melbourne

Images;

1] New toilet block at Balibo Community Learning Centre [Flag House]

2] The restore Balibo Portuguese Fort, from L to R, Rob Hudson, chair BHT, P.P. Robyn Mc Donald, P. Ricardo Krauskopf, James Kelly from Peck van Hartle, architects to the Fort restoration project, and Daryl Mills A.O. R.C. Dili, the Projects Manager.

3] The restored Balibo Flag House

4&5] Children playing at the Balibo Fort all in their Sunday Best for the festivities

Royce Abbey Award

MILESTONE



2013 marks the 25th anniversary of Royce Abbey's induction as Rotary International World President. Royce joined the Rotary Club of Essendon in 1954, was Club President in 1963-64 and served as District Governor in 1969-70. He held Rotary's highest office in 1988-89.

In recognition of Royce's significant achievements the District Governors of 1988-89 established The Royce and Jean Abbey Endowed Fund as part of the Rotary Foundation. The earnings of the Fund have been used to pay for people from poorer Asia Pacific countries to undertake practical agricultural training in Australia in areas such as food production, forestry and animal husbandry, and the successful candidates then return home to impart the knowledge gained to their own communities. The scholarships are now administered by the Royce and Jean Abbey Vocational Training Team Committee, chaired by David Abbey, Royce and Jean's son and Past President of the Rotary Club of Shepparton.

To further acknowledge Royce's long-term contribution and dedication to Rotary, PP Roger Leask of the Rotary Club of Essendon created the Royce Abbey Award. Since 2004, this award has been presented to Rotarians who show enthusiasm and commitment to Rotary just as Royce Abbey has done throughout his life.

Initially intended for members with less than five years service, the criteria have now been amended to include Rotarians of longer standing who continue to commit themselves to helping others. When an award is made, the conferring Rotary Club contributes AUD1000 to the Royce and Jean Abbey Endowed Fund assisting with the provision of further scholarships.

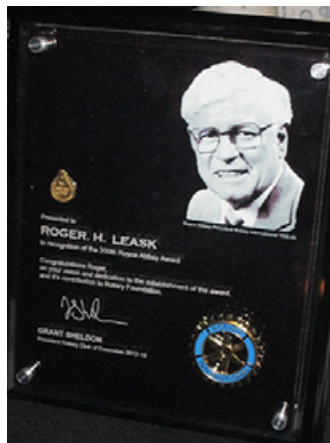
A milestone was reached in July this year when President Jane Cox of the Rotary Club of Geelong Central presented the 200th Royce Abbey Award to Rotarian Richard Oakley.

The current count is 213 awards made to Rotarians in Australia, Indonesia and the Philippines which signifies a contribution of \$213,000 towards scholarship funds.

At the Rotary Club of Essendon's mid-year Presidential changeover, a very surprised Roger Leask was presented with a stylish plaque to mark the success of the Royce Abbey award. In his congratulatory remarks, President Grant Sheldon highlighted Roger's initiative in his creation and tireless promotion of the award, its significant benefit to the Rotary Foundation and our Pacific and Asian neighbours as well as the fine example Royce continues to set for the next generation of Rotarians. Well done Roger!

All Rotary Clubs are welcome to participate in these most worthwhile programs.

For further information about the Royce Abbey Award or the Royce & Jean Abbey Scholarship, please visit www.royceabbey.com





District 9800		Attendance		Membership				
2012/2013		August-13		At July 1	August-13			
Club	Cluster	No. of Mtgs	Month %		Start	End	Gain /loss	% Change
Port Melbourne	Batman	4	60%	13	15	15	2	15.4%
Melbourne Park	Heritage	4	45%	27	30	31	4	14.8%
Glen Eira	Beachside	4	84%	16	16	18	2	12.5%
Castlemaine	Calder	4	66%	33	33	36	3	9.1%
St Kilda	Stonnington	4	63%	14	15	15	1	7.1%
Kew-on-Yarra	Yarra	4	74%	18	19	19	1	5.6%
Hawthorn	Yarra	3	84%	47	47	49	2	4.3%
Kangaroo Flat	Goldfields	4	67%	24	24	25	1	4.2%
Flemington	Hobsons Bay	3	80%	26	27	27	1	3.8%
Richmond	Heritage			32		33	1	3.1%
Kew	Yarra			37		38	1	2.7%
Werribee	Port Phillip	4	79%	38	39	39	1	2.6%
Kyneton	Calder	4	65%	41	41	42	1	2.4%
Canterbury	Eastside	4	60%	42	43	43	1	2.4%
Central Melb. Sunrise	Batman	4	77%	47	47	48	1	2.1%
Footscray	Hobsons Bay	5	48%	52	53	53	1	1.9%
Albert Park	Batman	4	49%	56	56	56	0	0.0%
Altona	Port Phillip	4	63%	25	25	25	0	0.0%
Altona City	Port Phillip	4	62%	23	23	23	0	0.0%
Bendigo	Goldfields	4	40%	70	70	70	0	0.0%
Bendigo Next Generation	Goldfields	4	54%	28	28	28	0	0.0%
Bendigo Sandhurst	Goldfields	4	75%	57	57	57	0	0.0%
Bendigo South	Goldfields	5	67%	31	30	31	0	0.0%
Bendigo-Strathdale	Goldfields	4	77%	26	26	26	0	0.0%
Boroondara	Eastside	4	52%	15	15	15	0	0.0%
Brimbank Central	Gateway	4	68%	32	33	32	0	0.0%
Camberwell	Eastside	4	71%	77	76	77	0	0.0%
Caulfield	Beachside			11		11	0	0.0%
Chadstone / East Malvern	Stonnington	4	65%	49	49	49	0	0.0%
Collingwood	Heritage	4	58%	16	16	16	0	0.0%
Docklands	Batman			4		4	0	0.0%
Echuca-Moama	Goldfields	4	88%	18	18	18	0	0.0%
E-Club of Melbourne	Batman	4	74%	24	24	24	0	0.0%
Fitzroy	Heritage	4	51%	25	25	25	0	0.0%
Gisborne	Calder	4	78%	27	28	27	0	0.0%
Keilor	Gateway			39		39	0	0.0%
Laverton Point Cook	Port Phillip	4	67%	26	26	26	0	0.0%
Malvern	Stonnington			34		34	0	0.0%
Melbourne South	Batman	4	65%	25	23	25	0	0.0%
Melton	Westside			29		29	0	0.0%
Melton Valley	Westside	5	89%	17	17	17	0	0.0%
Moonee Valley	Gateway			13		13	0	0.0%
Rochester	Goldfields	5	94%	8	8	8	0	0.0%

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2012/2013		August-13		At July 1	August-13			
Club	Cluster	No. of Mtgs	Month %		Start	End	Gain /loss	% Change
Sunshine	Westside	4	55%	17	17	17	0	0.0%
West Footscray	Hobsons Bay	4	66%	23	23	23	0	0.0%
Williamstown	Hobsons Bay			29		29	0	0.0%
Woodend	Calder	5	61%	24	24	24	0	0.0%
Yarraville	Hobsons Bay	4	67%	22	22	22	0	0.0%
Melbourne	Batman	4	48%	233	233	232	-1	-0.4%
North Balwyn	Eastside	5	86%	78	77	77	-1	-1.3%
Balwyn	Eastside	4	63%	69	69	68	-1	-1.4%
Brighton	Beachside	4	55%	108	107	106	-2	-1.9%
Brighton North	Beachside			52		51	-1	-1.9%
Keilor East	Gateway	4	84%	40	39	39	-1	-2.5%
Bacchus Marsh	Westside	4	58%	38	37	37	-1	-2.6%
Carlton	Heritage	4	83%	38	37	37	-1	-2.6%
Eaglehawk	Goldfields	4	33%	37	36	36	-1	-2.7%
Point Gellibrand	Hobsons Bay	3	71%	31	30	30	-1	-3.2%
Southbank	Batman	4	81%	26	24	25	-1	-3.8%
Toorak	Stonnington	4	78%	25	24	24	-1	-4.0%
Glenferrie	Yarra	4	67%	47	47	45	-2	-4.3%
Prahran	Stonnington	4	57%	22	22	21	-1	-4.5%
Essendon	Gateway	4	62%	73	69	69	-4	-5.5%
Daylesford	Calder	4	65%	31	28	29	-2	-6.5%
Wyndham	Port Phillip	4	71%	27	25	25	-2	-7.4%
Essendon North	Gateway	4	99%	26	22	24	-2	-7.7%
Brighton Beach	Beachside	4	65%	23	21	21	-2	-8.7%
Hoppers Crossing	Port Phillip	4	68%	21	21	19	-2	-9.5%
Brunswick	Heritage			30		26	-4	-13.3%
North Melbourne	Heritage	5	69%	28	23	23	-5	-17.9%
Tullamarine	Gateway	5	44%	19	16	15	-4	-21.1%
No. of Clubs Reporting			60		60			
No. of Members				2549		2530	-19	-0.7%
% Average of Those Reported			66.9%					
% of Clubs Reporting Attendance			85%					
% of Clubs Reporting Membership						85%		
* a blank in the "Start" column indicates no numbers supplied and the End number is based on the last reported number.								



NOTICES AND EVENTS

Oct
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The Greatest Is Love

A play to touch your heart and make your spirits soar. It follows one couple, Rupert and Diana, through poignant love letters probing the pain of separation during the war and the heart-wrenching struggle to return to normality afterwards.

Starring Glenda Linscott (from TV's "Prisoner") with author/broadcaster Roland Rocchiccioli.

SPECIAL CHARITY PERFORMANCE OF A NEW AUSTRALIAN PLAY BY ROLAND ROCCHICCIOLI

Sunday, October 20, 2013 - 3 pm

MELBOURNE TOWN HALL

Read more/Bookings www.RCCMS.org.au

A Rotary Club of Central Melbourne-Sunrise fund-raiser for Melbourne charities.

Oct
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An evening with Kevin Bailey

LEADING FINANCIAL PLANNER

The topic

INVESTING IN A LOW YIELD WORLD - IS IT WORTH IT?

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

6.30 canapes, 7 pm dinner

MILANO'S HOTEL, 4 THE ESPLANADE, BRIGHTON BEACH

\$50 PER PERSON, DRINKS AT BAR PRICES

Bookings: are essential and close 5pm Wednesday 16th October 2013.

Please contact Julie Avery on 9591 9591. Payment by cheque made payable to the Rotary Club of Brighton Beach, PO Box 154 Hampton 3188, or direct deposit BSB 083 276 Account no. 94537 4378.

All proceeds go to: Kwaya Uganda Project



The Rotary Club of Brighton Beach invites you to an evening with,

Kevin Bailey

leading financial planner,

*The topic.....
'Investing in a low yield world - is it worth it?'*



Kevin is a Private Client Adviser with Shadforth Financial Group's Melbourne office.

A Certified Financial Planner™ practitioner and former Director of the Financial Planning Association, Kevin received a Distinguished Service Award in 2002 and was made a Fellow of the FPA in May 2005. Kevin currently sits on the FPA's Conduct Review Committee and Professional Conduct Committee. He was Financial Planner of the Year in 1998 and the highest rated premier adviser with independent ratings agency "Adviser Ratings" for 2003 and 2004.

Kevin is the author of "Your Money Guide" and "Money Guide 2". He has also presented radio talkback programs for the ABC and 3ABC, and has previously contributed a weekly finance column for The Herald Sun.

Kevin was the Honorary Consul General for East Timor from independence in 2002 until 2013.

Date: Tuesday 22nd October 2013

Time: 6.30pm for canapes, 7pm sit down for dinner

Venue: Milano's Hotel, 4 The Esplanade Brighton Beach

Cost: \$50 per person, drinks at bar prices

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All proceeds go to: Kwaya Uganda Project which involves The African Children's Choir Music for Life program. Volunteers, including our club member Marge Desmyth, (self funded) are participating on site providing labour, tools and materials for the needy and vulnerable children in the poorer Ugandan schools.

Oct
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Bahay Tuluyan **FUNDRAISING GALA**

TRIVIA NIGHT 2013

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

7 p for 7.30 start

THE PAVILION, ST BERNARD'S SECONDARY COLLEGE

8 HAMPTON STREET, ESSENDON

\$25 EACH (\$20 CONCESSION FOR STUDENTS AND PENSIONERS)

Bookings online at www.kangan.edu.au/bahaytuluyan

Bring along a supper basket and purchase your beverages at the bar.



Nov
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Rotary Club of Gleneira

24th Annual Business Persons' Breakfast

BUSINESS AND MULTICULTURAL VICTORIA

with CHIN TAN, Chair Vic Multicultural Comm.

Thursday, October 31

7 am for 7.15, finished at 8.45

Glen Eira Town Hall, Cnr Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield

TICKETS \$60 PER PERSON OR \$550 PER TABLE OF 10

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN AT www.rotaryglenira.org.au

Inquiries or support/sponsorship

President Alan Samuel 0408 024 224 alan@samuelfamily.net

Nov
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ROTARY CLUB OF ESSENDON NORTH

OAKS DAY LUNCHEON

FASHIONS AT FREDRICKS

Awards for: Lady of Day, Best Hat, Best Shoes, Best Head Piece

PRIZES AND SURPRISES

Lucky TAB Tickets, Sweeps, Door Prizes and More.

11.00am to 4.00pm, Free Glass of Champers, 2 Course Meal and Devonshire Tea - \$50 per head + Drinks at Bar Prices

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Nov
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SPECIAL LUNCHEON INVITATION

On the 25th Anniversary of Royce Abbey's World Presidency

GUEST SPEAKER IAN RIESLEY OAM

Trustee of the Rotary Foundation and Past RI Director and Treasurer.

Sunday, November 10

12 noon to 3 pm - ULTIMA FUNCTION CENTRE

Cnr Keilor Park Drive and Ely Court, Keloir (Melway 15D8)

Click on the link to download the registration form at:

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



NOTICES AND EVENTS

Nov
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Rotary Club of Warrandyte Donvale

D9810 Rotary Foundation Annual Dinner

Tuesday, November 19

6.30 for 7 pm start, concluding by 9.30 pm.

The Whitehorse Club, 298-336 Burwood Highway
Burwood East (Between Springvale and Blackburn Rds)

GUEST SPEAKER - R.I.P.E GARY C K HUANG, ROTARY CLUB OF TAIPEI

Two course dinner, including drinks (not spirits) \$45 per person

RSVP to Tony Mooney by Thursday, November 7 at t.m.mooney@bigpond.com 0419 352 644.

Please bring your badge.

Payment to The Rotary Club of Warrandyte Donvale, PO Box 31 Doncaster East, Vic, 3109.

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Gold Coast Conference

Weekend 7-9 March, 2014

John Blackman has again been secured as MC.

There is an outstanding list of key note speakers being engaged, including Lieutenant General David Morrison, head of the Australian Army and Nigel Chamier, Chairman of the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games Committee.

Rotary marketplace, will be located in the conference centre

Hotel accommodation has been pre-booked at Jupiter's as well as several apartment complexes within walking distance.

Kick off on Friday with the "Hawaiian Nights" cocktail party

The gala dinner will be held on Sunday evening in the Pavilion Ballroom. Saturday evening has been reserved for club dinners.

Early bird registrations will open on 1 September, 2013 - Remember: Gold Coast, Famous for Fun.

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WHEN: SUNDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2013

WHERE: THE CITY2SEA 14km FUN RUN

Starts at the Arts Centre, travels around Albert Park Lake and finishes by the sea at St Kilda.

HOW: We need 400+ volunteers to work

on the day in return for a donation of between \$30 and \$60 per person depending on the role allocated. We need all Metropolitan Clubs to arrange at least 10 people to participate. This can be members of your Club, or from a group that can help themselves raise funds eg local school, Scouts etc.

CONTACT:

Ian Salek (RC Glenferrie)
City2Sea Event Coordinator
Email: isalek@bigpond.net.au
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ROTARY LAUNCHES ITS “STRENGTHENING ROTARY” GLOBAL PUBLIC IMAGE INITIATIVE

ROTARY IN
THE NEWS

**24-Sep-2013
NEWS RELEASE**

Contact: Jessica Abell, PR Manager Siegel+Gale jabell@siegelgale.com

EVANSTON, IL, SEPTEMBER 17, 2013 – Together with global strategic branding firm Siegel+Gale (www.siegelgale.com), Rotary today announced the launch of its global public image initiative “Strengthening Rotary” to enhance and amplify the volunteer service organization’s great story, visual identity and digital experience.

The global organization includes Rotary, Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation and more than 34,000 clubs worldwide. Its membership comprises neighbors, community leaders and global citizens who come together to exchange ideas and take action to improve communities around the world.

“Rotary has had a tremendous global impact over the past 100 years—including the decades-long charge to eradicate polio; however, much of the organization’s collective contributions were not being fully recognized by the public,” said Rotary International President Ron D. Burton. “So in 2011, we engaged Siegel+Gale to help us clearly communicate who we are and what we do for greater understanding, relevance and impact.”

Through extensive global research, Siegel+Gale discovered that Rotary had all the necessary strengths for greatness—it just needed to communicate its differentiated approach and impact in terms that were clear and compelling to its audiences.

“Our team worked collaboratively and tirelessly with Rotary—with input from thousands of Rotarians—to crystallize Rotary’s essence, amplify its voice, and activate its values,” said David Srere, co-CEO and chief strategy officer of Siegel+Gale. “Rotary is a tremendously impressive global organization, and the team’s challenge was to dramatize the breadth and depth of its impact. Harnessing the power of simplicity, together we cut through the volume and complexity of the organization to present a clear, credible and compelling story.”

Working with a global steering committee, the Board of Directors of Rotary International and the Trustees of the Rotary Foundation, Siegel+Gale helped Rotary to elevate the benefit of bringing together diverse perspectives to solve problems, and, ultimately, define the type of impact Rotary creates—community impact scaled globally. The team then developed a brand architecture

framework that clearly signaled how both members and non-members can engage with Rotary—join leaders, exchange ideas and take action through local and global service projects.

“Rotary has an identity that’s recognized around the world,” said Justin Peters, global executive creative director of Siegel+Gale. “The team didn’t set out to reinvent the wheel (logo). On the contrary, the goal was to celebrate the wheel’s heritage and build upon an identity that has unified and inspired Rotarians for over a century. The new identity enables the organization to move forward with a stronger, more consistent visual expression. While the design system better aligns Rotary communications, it also provides enough flexibility that each club can have its own creative voice within the framework.”

Next, Siegel+Gale and Rotary tackled the organization’s digital experience. To elevate Rotary’s collective impact and deliver on its new public image strategy, two sites were developed—based on the brand architecture framework—to meet the needs of Rotary’s dual audiences.

“Together, My Rotary and Rotary.org convey the organization’s global vantage point and its active engagement in communities around the world,” said Thomas Mueller, chief experience officer at Siegel+Gale. “In eight languages and with a responsive site design approach that provides an optimal experience across platforms—from desktop to mobile—Rotary is now fully equipped for the new digital age.”

Working through the lens of simplicity, Siegel+Gale was able to help Rotary communicate its global impact in a manner that is relevant and meaningful to its various audiences across all points of interaction.

“Rotary is an organization defined by the compassion and great work of its members. With our new public image platform, visual identity and digital experience, Rotary’s passion for a better world is now at the forefront for all to see,” said Rotary International General Secretary John Hewko.

For a more in-depth overview, please view the case study here. http://www.siegelgale.com/case_study/rotary/

See the story on the IR site
<https://www.rotary.org/en/node/67876>



A publication for
Rotarians and
all community
minded people

In this issue:



Number 13, unlucky for some but this edition of the Networker is full of news with our latest 'Cluster Update' from Batman ADG Tony Wells.

A wrap up of the Paul Harris Breakfast at the RACV Club that saw over 230 Rotarians gather to listen to the Hon. Justice Chris Maxwell and raise over \$9,000 in the process.

Heard of Interact? Check out page 5 for an update and don't forget page 7 because DIK has a couple of projects on the go that they need help with.

Lots of events happening and we've started a Letters & Comments section so send them in and we'll publish what we think is appropriate.

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Rutney Club of Donors

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\$11K CROWD-FUNDING CAMPAIGN

Bronzeville Rutney is supporting the local volunteer group interns of Bangladesh in their fundraising campaign for climate-vulnerable landless farmers in Bangladesh.

We're offering prizes: 2014 calendars and magnets, and we'll sell out photography books that raised \$10K last year, so we want opportunities to visit Bangladesh 40 profits go to supporting agriculture and organizing skills training for rural farmers.

For more info, or to check out the calendar or photography book, or donate online: <http://climategoodfund.com/3ho>.

Campaign ends Dec 13th.



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Batman Cluster

AG TONY WELLS

The Batman Cluster includes a mixture of eight clubs based loosely around the Melbourne CBD, some mature clubs and some recently chartered clubs. All demonstrate commitment to the spirit of Rotary, reflecting our core values of service, fellowship, integrity, diversity and leadership.

Batman currently includes the largest and oldest Club in Australia, RC Melbourne with about 230 members and an enormous range of projects and the smallest club in the District, RC Docklands, with less than a handful.

Rotary Programs

Rotary projects originating in the Cluster vary widely, ranging for example from the Paul Harris Breakfast (RC Central Melbourne Sunrise) and the International Women's Day Breakfast (RC Albert Park) to typical Rotary service programs.

An example, from a smaller club in RC Port Melbourne (16 members), is its partnership in the Balibo House Trust in Timor Leste - a program to improve educational and sanitary outcomes in the village of Balibo, where five Australian journalists died during East Timor's struggle for independence.



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The Rotary program has supplied furniture for the Balibo Kindergarten, a new toilet block for the Community Learning Centre and has restored the 350 year old Balibo Portuguese



Fort. The result is the development of tourism based skills, employment and micro-enterprise opportunities.

RC Central Melbourne undertook an innovative and entrepreneurial approach to fund raising by producing the Australian premier of a play "The Greatest is Love". It was ultimately successful, but the scale of the production reflected a risk for the Club. At the final curtain the outcome matched DG Ross Butterworth's challenge: "Don't be afraid to fail – be afraid not to try".

Challenges in Batman

Challenges in the Batman Cluster have included bedding down the Rotary E-Club.

There is no traditional model or structure in D9800 for an E-Club to draw on and less experienced Rotarians in the Club have been mentored by of RC Melbourne.

The E-Club Board meets regularly and, as might be expected, there has been debate about the directions the Club should take – the functionality of the website for example and the mix between online activity and personal contact between members and engagement in service projects.

The Club is working to develop its own culture and a sense of direction and intends to proceed to Club Visioning facilitation.

General Comment

A feature of Cluster activities are joint meetings between RCs Melbourne South, Port Melbourne and Albert Park on a regular basis and joint fund raising efforts between RCs Melbourne South and Port Melbourne.

Rotary seeks to connect with the community and RC Southbank has a program called 'Synergy' which is a new type of networking program for people of all occupations, designed to help build high quality connection for long term mutual benefit and service.

This sort of activity illustrates a collective approach within the Cluster as Rotary seeks to provide Service Above Self.



Paul Harris Breakfast Packs out RACV



In question time, he said it would not be effective to enshrine the charter in the State Constitution, which was itself an Act of Parliament. To try to put the charter into the Federal Constitution might lead to unexpected rigidities since the Charter could well be expected to evolve with the temper of the times, rather than be adapted by referendum.

Those present were encouraged to look up the Charter and to read and understand the rights, particularly as it may well apply when undertaking activities as Rotarians and community leaders.

By Tony Thomas, Rotary Club of Central Melbourne-Sunrise.



The 17th Floor of the RACV Club on Bourke St, Melbourne, was packed out as 238 Rotarians and friends gathered for the 21st annual Paul Harris Breakfast, run by the Rotary Club of Central Melbourne-Sunrise (RCCMS). Numerous Paul Harris Fellows attended the breakfast, held on Wednesday November 13 with all up 23 Rotary clubs from District 9800 represented.

The breakfasts are dedicated to the Rotary Foundation and recognise the achievements of our Paul Harris Fellows. This year's event raised more than \$9,000 for Foundation programs, including \$3,300 from raffles and \$1,750 from a large-scale auction - the major items being a Mercedes-Benz Brighton Driving Experience and a Qantas Flight Training Experience for three people.

RCCMS President Doug Robertson welcomed District Governor Ross Butterworth and Director, District Foundation Committee, PDG John Wigley, DGE Murray Verso and DGN Julie Mason .

Guest speaker was the Hon. Justice Chris Maxwell, Judge of the Supreme Court of Victoria and President of the Court of Appeal. He spoke on 'Reflections on Victoria's Human Rights Charter - Has It Made a Difference?'

He explained the relationship of Victoria's Charter to citizens, government and the legislature, and subtleties involved when judges find conflicts between the Charter and specific laws and prosecutions. Large numbers of case studies have evolved, mostly dealt with out of court, between individuals, departments and local councils.

He instanced one such case where State law put the onus of proof on a woman to show she was unaware that her boyfriend had kept drugs in her fridge, resulting in her conviction for drug possession and trafficking. Normally a defendant can stand mute and require prosecutors to prove guilt. "We made a declaration that the onus provisions of the Drugs Act were incompatible with the Charter of Human Rights," he said. This finding caused the issue to be referred back to Parliament to see if legislation should be amended or retained in the public interest. "We don't write laws, we only interpret them," he said.





'5 minutes of Fame' Helps Homeless

The Rotary Club of Melbourne South stepped up to help with an event, that the Port Phillip Community Group had initiated, for the homeless and disadvantaged in our local community.

An event where the audience is encouraged to perform. All are provided with a free meal and transport to the venue. We were asked to provide a number of able bodies to help drive the mini bus to collect the participants from a number of local boarding houses.



Also required were volunteers to help with dinner preparation and service.

Our good friends at the Rotary Club of Port Melbourne pitched in with volunteers and were designated the task of mini bus drivers. The drivers managed to muster a good size audience with the promise of great food and good entertainment. All up they managed to bring to the St Kilda Bowling club 55-60 eager participants from the local boarding houses.

Back at the venue a number of volunteers were hard at work setting up the dinner service for 60, a wonderful meal of roast beef, roast potatoes, pumpkin, carrots, corn, zucchini and mushroom gravy, followed by trifle for dessert all donated by a local catering company. Surprisingly we were kept very busy with coffee making. Little did we

realise that there would be such a constant but very polite request for coffee (mostly white with 2 sugars please) with several of the participants drinking more than 5 cups of coffee in a short space of time. I don't think the party was going to last as long as the caffeine fuelled participants!

Dinner was scheduled for 7pm with the entertainment starting at 6pm. A number of local artists started the evening's entertainment and encouraged audience participation. There were several bongo players, a rhythmic section of maracas, an inspirational female group singing a number of popular songs and a brave soul who decided to dance. A few more brave souls decided to join the festivities on the dance

floor following the encouragement of the MC. Singers and poets entertained us from the audience following dinner service and the evening wrapped up around 9.30pm. All remarked on what a successful



evening it had been.

Maggie, the events organiser from the community service committee was most grateful for the assistance and is looking forward to our continued support. For me it was an evening where I had intended simply to help, but I came away with the sense that I had received more than I gave simply because of the gratitude received from all those I spoke with.

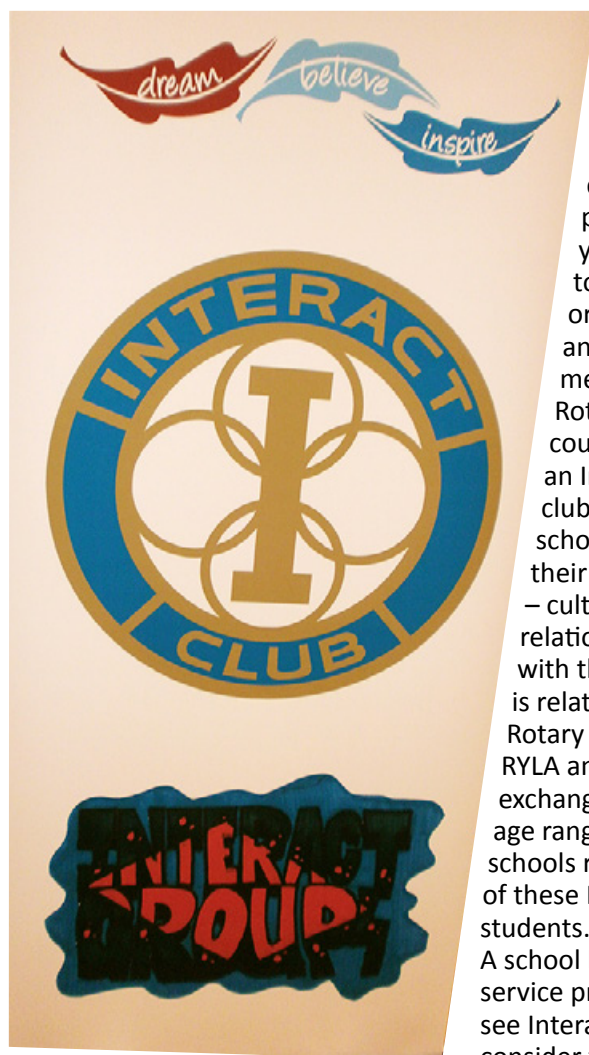
Pam Dittmer

Rotary Club of Melbourne South





Interact makes sense for Rotary Clubs



Our district is currently more active with Interact than it has been for some time .. and one asks could this continue?? On Friday, 15 November, the Interact Club at Albert Park was chartered and this follows the recent charter of the Manor Lakes Club. There are also a number of other Rotary Clubs that are progressing towards establishing an Interact club – several meetings have been held and the students are very interested ... in fact it is inspiring watching the students learning about Interact and how they can get involved. It makes sense for Rotary to be

fostering relationships with our youth and looking to the future. Various organisations, whether they be sporting, cultural or social have programs dedicated to the young, to introduce them to the activities within these organisations

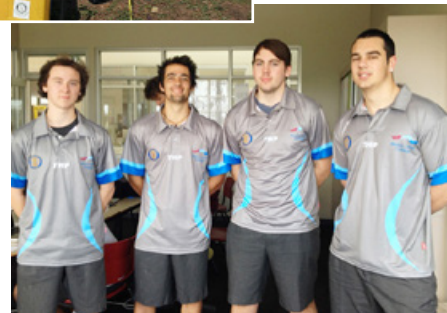
and promote membership. Rotary clubs could pursue an Interact club within schools around their localities – cultivating relationships with the schools

is relatively easy as the suite of Rotary programs such as RYPEN, RYLA and Muna, as well as youth exchange, fits very well with the age range of Interact, and the schools really appreciate the value of these Rotary programs for their students.

A school looking for a community service program could very well see Interact meeting that need and consider the investment of a co-ordinating teacher, time well spent,



when fostering an Interact club within their school. An Interact club provides students with the



opportunities of community service, creativity, networking and leadership, which also enhances resumes and further opportunities beyond school life.

These new Interact clubs are very interested in the idea of an Interact district conference which unfortunately did not get off the ground this year, but looks promising for next year. A conference could extend the networking and leadership opportunities for Interactors as well as become the vehicle for district projects. So, Interact does make sense in many ways - including Rotary membership. Rotary Clubs are encouraged to consider this and invest in the future of our young.





IT'S HAPPENING AGAIN AND WORSE THAN EVER!

Public Media and the Social Networks have spread the sad news about bushfires in New South Wales much better than we can possibly describe. In essence, the situation is extremely bad and likely to get a lot worse. Fortunately, so far, there has apparently not been the dramatic loss of life as experienced on "Black Saturday"; however, the damage to property and the environment is horrendous. Also, we must not forget the psychological impact that exposure to these fires will have on survivors and others close to the event.

We know that Rotary is constantly seeking to raise funds to help in all sorts of desperate and sad situations. Rotary in New South Wales donated to our call for help in February 2009, now we should return that help as best we can. Our District Disaster Relief Committee has been charged with the task of running an Appeal. We need the help of Clubs and Rotarians to raise funds that will make a meaningful contribution to the work that will be done by our colleagues in the affected areas.



We know that money is hard to come by these days and therefore a modest target is being set for the D9800 effort. It does not seem unreasonable to aim for an average donation of **\$15 per Member** in the District, that's only the cost of three cups of coffee! We would of course be delighted to receive more generous donations than the target average. Please dig deep to help ensure that D9800 can demonstrate its genuine concern and support to our Rotary colleagues in New South Wales and the affected communities they serve.

Our District has two methods through which donations to the Appeal can be made:

DONATIONS WITHOUT TAX DEDUCTIBILITY

Donations by cheque should be sent to the District Treasurer at the following address:

Treasurer
Rotary District 9800
208 Elgin Street, CARLTON
Victoria 3053.

Cheques should be made payable to Rotary District 9800 Australian Disaster Appeal. Donations by electronic funds transfer can be made using the following details:

Account name: **Rotary District 9800
Australian Disaster
Appeal**
BSB: **033 181**
Account number: **377982**

TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS

The Rotary International District 9800 Australian Bushfire Recovery Fund 2013 is operated by the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR).

All donations over \$2 to that Fund will be tax deductible.

FRRR has provided D9800 with an online gateway and also a printable donation form via which tax deductible donations can be made.

The online gateway can be accessed via the https://www.frrr.org.au/online_donations.php. Please note the drop down box titled "FRRR hosted donation accounts (for community groups)" on the right hand side of the page. Select the RI District 9800 Australian Bushfire Recovery Fund option.

Donations by cheque or credit card can be made by downloading a printable form from http://www.frrr.org.au/cb_pages/donate.php. Complete the form for donation to the RI District 9800 Australian Bushfire Recovery Fund. The page contains all the necessary instructions. The completed form and cheque (if appropriate) should be sent to the FRRR postal address provided on the form.

Please help!

Clubs and all Rotarians are asked to do as much as they can to make the Appeal a success. Clubs can arrange "collective action" for their members or if individuals wish to proceed independently they are encouraged to do so.

Please note that all donations to the FRRR administered Account must be made by individuals or any other parties seeking tax deductibility as they will have to receive tax invoices from FRRR.

BEDS ON DEC. 30th



Fellow Rotarians, I have now been advised that a date for the delivery of the beds to St Vincent's has now been firmed up.

It is now confirmed as Monday 30th December!

Previously, the beds were delivered over 2 days enabling us to fill the 2 X 40 ft containers similarly. This time the intention of the bed supplier is to deliver all 100 beds in the single day which will call for a considerably larger number of volunteers if we are to do the same thing and take delivery of all 100 beds and pack them in the single day.

What the DIK store now needs is your confirmation of availability on Monday the 30th December for the day to complete the task.

I recognise that it is the holiday period and that might make it more difficult to get the number we need but on the other hand, it might just enable others to assist where the earlier date was during a normal work period.



Regardless, can you advise your availability to be available on the 30th December to deliver this task. The destination of the beds is still Chile and The Philippines.

Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

*Cheers,
Bob
For the DIK Team.*

Creating order out of chaos

Our Donations In Kind Store has inherited a mountain of high quality, mixed, unidentified, clothing in cartons that are unsuitable for shipping.

The goods are in a shed that has to be vacated ASAP / definitely before Christmas. We have an urgent request for clothing for the Philippines Disaster victims and much of this material would suit.

We urgently need people to help to sort and repack the goods. We are very grateful to the highly motivated Rotarians from Chadstone / East Malvern and St Kilda and their friends, for their fantastic effort last Saturday.

If you have a few hours to spare on

a Tuesday or Thursday please help at the Store. We are opening some Saturdays and this may be more suitable for some people, but we need to balance the numbers. If you

can assist please contact the Store
Email: dik.vic.rotary@gmail.com
Telephone: 0428 550 574

Regards, David Dippie



CONNECTIONS THAT MAKE A 'World of Difference'

Joan spent nearly 16 days in January 2013 crying....she was either weeping tears of joy for the beautiful people, culture, landscape and adorable children in Cambodia, or she was weeping with compassion for the terrible history and legacy of the Khmer Rouge regime, and the desperately poor standard of living that the people now find themselves born into.



Joan is a hairdresser and spent her volunteering time cutting the children's hair....those who couldn't afford their own haircuts. She made it a fun and special experience for the children – using a spray bottle of water and her distinctive green hairdresser's cape.

Since returning from her District 9800 endorsed Rotary project "World of Difference" tour, Joan has inspired others to contribute to helping in Cambodia. Joan works

at Highvale Residential Village. She has shared her memories of Cambodia with the residents and staff. In turn they have fundraised for pigs, bicycles, water wells, water filters etc to be purchased while we are on tour

and donated directly to those in the remote villages who need them most.

The ladies in Highvale have knitted tirelessly, and when I went to their home to accept a donation cheque I was overwhelmed when presented with a whole car full of beautifully knitted rugs, babies and children's wear and slippers. Then Joan presented me with a big bucket of notes and coins totaling \$2733.60.

Joan is returning for another World of Difference tour in January 2014 to share more inspirational moments with her best Australian friend and all her Cambodian friends.

*Bronwyn Stephens,
Committee Chair
World of
Difference District
9800 endorsed
project*



COMMENTS AND LETTERS

Dear Clarice,

Image-conscious Rotarians will be interested that The Australian newspaper gave Rotary some national publicity in Saturday's issue November 9. It was in the front-page story "Bikies Inc: how a police sting revealed clubs' bid to amass a legal warchest", which spilled to page 8.

In the article one reads: "Watson [a brutal member of the Finks club] also boasted of what had happened to an ex-girlfriend who 'pissed' him off: he hacked off her hair and kicked her in the head.

The Finks are part crime business, part Animal House fraternity and part Rotary Club Chapter, run to stringent rules enforced by the sergeant-at-arms, a kind of first among equals.

There is no president; full or patched members vote at meetings where minutes are taken by the club secretary.

Detective Inspector Garry Watts, the operations manager of the Queensland Police Service's Taskforce Hydra, which goes after bikies, suggests it is not so much democracy as anarchy...the club treasurer also manages the 'dues' levied on members..."

While the organisational structure of the Finks and my own club are similar, the meeting content and overall goals of Finks and my club are not really similar.

Tony Thomas

RC Central Melbourne-Sunrise

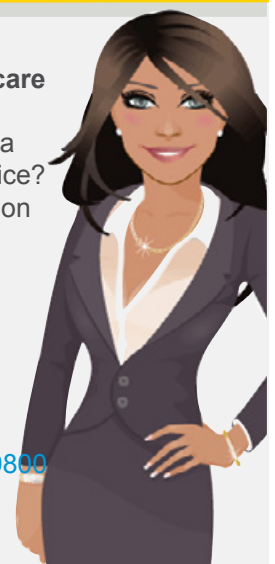
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Rotary Club Bendigo South Inc.

Rotary Foundation Dinner

Thursday, November 28

6.30 pm for 7.00 pm

Platinum Room, Foundry Hotel

High Street, Bendigo

GUEST SPEAKER: IAN RISELY OAM

Trustee of the Rotary Foundation

Past Rotary International Director and Treasurer.

Bookings Essential. Tables 10 people

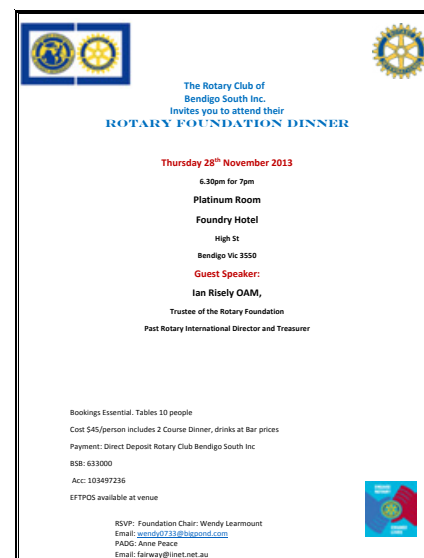
Cost \$45/person includes 2 Course Dinner, drinks at Bar prices

Payment: Direct Deposit Rotary Club Bendigo South Inc

BSB: 633000 Acc: 1034972367 EFTPOS available at venue

RSVP: Foundation Chair: Wendy Learmount

Email: wendy0733@bigpond.com. PADG: Anne Peace Email: fairway@iinet.net.au



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Rotary Club of Point Gellibrand third annual

PINK BREAKFAST

Tuesday, October 29

Royal Yacht Club of Victoria

6.45 am to 9.00 am

120 NELSON PLACE, WILLIAMSTOWN

NEXT TO POLICE STATION

GUEST SPEAKER TERRY BRACKS AM.

MC ANGELA ALTAIR, Mayor City of Hobsons Bay.

Tickets: \$50 per head

Bookings: www.rotarypointgellibrand.com

RSVP: OCTOBER 21

ENQUIRIES: Faye 0409 677 127

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Rotary Club of Essendon

Movie Night 'Once Chance'

Sunday, December 8

Help support the victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines and join us for a special fundraiser screening of the acclaimed movie, Once Chance

Year: 2013, Length: 103 minutes, Genre: Musical & Performing Arts, Art House & International, Comedy, Rating: CTC Cast: Julie Walters, Colm Meaney, Mackenzie Crook, Director: David Frankel.

Sun Theatrs, 8 Ballaate St, Yarraville

7 pm, \$20 per ticket (Popcorn and lollies included.)

R.S.V.P. 5th December,

Cathy Nicou, 0425 728 782, nicat1@bigpond.com

Shirley Kukuk, 0412 399 643, shirleykukuk@optusnet.com.au





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Rotary Club of Brunswick

Calendars for Climate Justice \$11k CROWD-FUNDING CAMPAIGN

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ROTARY CLUBS TAKE ACTION FOR TYPHOON-RAVAGED PHILIPPINES



ROTARY IN THE NEWS

Rotary members in the Philippines pack relief goods for victims of Super Typhoon Haiyan. Hundreds of Rotary clubs around the world are also coordinating emergency aid packages for hard-hit communities.

Photo Credit: Photo courtesy of Rotary District 3860, Philippines

Rotary clubs around the world are pledging emergency aid to communities in central Philippines after last week's massive typhoon flattened entire coastal towns and villages, killed thousands of people, and displaced nearly 600,000 more.

The situation remains dire as widespread destruction has made food, water, and medicine scarce in remote areas affected by Typhoon Haiyan, the strongest storm to make landfall on record.

Rotary President Ron Burton is urging our 34,000 clubs worldwide to continue to assist storm victims.

"I know we all want to help. I am urging our clubs to take action to provide emergency aid now and begin planning for the future when we can help rebuild homes, schools, and businesses," says Burton. "We are in the business of helping people in need."

Rotary partner ShelterBox has committed aid for 4,000 families in the form of emergency shelter and other relief assistance.

Such disasters are "exactly why we entered into our partnership with ShelterBox," says Burton. "It gives Rotary members worldwide the opportunity to respond immediately and in a very meaningful way to the life-threatening conditions faced by the people of the Philippines."

For nearly 100 years, Rotary clubs in the Philippines have been creating positive change in their communities. The first Philippine Rotary club was formed in Manila in 1919. Today, more than 800 Rotary clubs throughout the Philippines give members the chance to make a difference at home and around the globe.

Rotary's work to eradicate polio, our top priority, began in the Philippines. In 1979, Rotary funded the immunization of six million children with the oral polio vaccine. Based largely on the success there, the World Health Assembly authorized the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in which Rotary is a spearheading partner.

Rotary clubs in the Philippines have

Rotary members in the Philippines pack relief goods for victims of Super Typhoon Haiyan. Hundreds of Rotary clubs around the world are also coordinating emergency aid packages for hard-hit communities.

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improved water and sanitation, led medical and dental missions, created literacy programs, and participated in reforestation plantings. When a 7.1 magnitude earthquake struck central Philippines in September, clubs were there to bring aid to those in need.

"Rotary members often are both first-responders and rebuilders when major disasters strike because clubs are present in every corner of the world," Burton says. "We continue with recovery efforts long after international relief agencies have gone because Rotary clubs are part of the communities we serve."

Contact your local Rotary club to learn how you can help your community.

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