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May is Rotary Health Research Month

Making a Real Difference

Rotary International President John Kenny has asked us this Rotary Year, as one of his emphases' for the year 2009-10, to focus on Water and Sanitation. I also spoke at each club, during my official visits, on the importance of clean water and basic sanitation. You may remember the words of Kofi Annan when he said "Access to safe water is a basic human right". Despite this right 1.2 billion people lack access to safe water and 2.6 billion lack access to basic sanitation.



DG Colin Muir and Pauline

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This year we in District 9800 are "Making a Real Difference in Water and Sanitation" projects with our commitment to two programs in the Philippines. Through our District Rotary Foundation Designated Fund we have recently provided a significant contribution to the Rotary International and U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Alliance Project based at Zamboanga, Mindanao Province, Philippines.

Additionally, we have provided through cash contributions from our clubs toward a Multi District Matching Grant # 71234 with our partners in D5500 and 9520 South Australia,,D9810 and D9800 in Victoria, and D3838 Philippines for a Waste Water Treatment Project - Barangay 6, at Guiuan Municipality, East Samar Province, Philippines. I sincerely thank all those clubs who provided funds for my "DG Call's for Support" initiative, it was greatly appreciated.

While both of these projects are designed to improve Water and Sanitation facilities in impoverished Philippine communities, they are being implemented, managed and funded in very different ways. By way of explanation, the RI/USAID Alliance is a totally new Rotary International initiative. It sits together with our Future Vision of The Rotary Foundation. The Matching Grant project # 71234 is part of our existing Foundation program.

Let me provide some background to both these very important projects:

DISTRICT 9800 SUPPORTS NEW FUTURE VISION PHILIPPINE HUMANITARIAN PROJECT

Through the District 9800 Rotary Foundation "District Designated Funds" we have provided financial support to a new Rotary International Humanitarian Project in the Philippines. In this project we have joined together with other rotary clubs and districts on a world wide basis to participate in a new Alliance forged between Rotary International and the U.S. Agency for International Development.

The U.S. Agency for International Development is the U.S. government agency that provides economic, development and humanitarian assistance around the world in support of the foreign policy goals of the United States. Part of the goals cover assistance in promoting health, agriculture, education and humanitarian needs. These goals being entirely compatible with the objectives of the Rotary Foundation.





This Alliance is the result of discussions that were initiated between Rotary International and the USAID Agency in 2004 to explore opportunities for a potential strategic partnership in those areas of mutual interest. Discussions continued through to 2008 when agreement was reached and a formal Steering Committee was formed being made up of both senior Rotarians and USAID Officials. This Steering Committee is chaired by PRIP Bill Boyd. Our guest speaker at the Perth District Conference, PDG Ron Denham, Chair of Rotary International Water and Sanitation Group, is also a member of this committee. PDG Terry Barritt who currently heads up the Water Resource Group, South Pacific Region is the Primary International Contact for the Philippine Project.

The Alliance has agreed on implementing three projects in differing developing countries. The three countries being the Dominican Republic, Ghana and the Philippines. These countries were selected on several strategic factors, including need, and the proven experience by Rotarians and USAID missions in these countries.

The Philippine Alliance consists of five separate water and sanitation management projects. The whole five projects being considered will be managed as a single project. Funding is being provided on a 50/50 basis between RI and USAID. The five projects being all based on improving water management and supply systems to the Philippine communities of Davao, Dipolog, Pasig River, San Fernando and Zamboanga. The US\$15,000 provided by D9800 through our DDF has been allocated to the Zamboanga City Water District Water Supply Expansion Program 3H-Grant # 71465 which has a budgeted expenditure of US\$214,000. Zamboanga City is located in the southern Philippine Province of Mindanao.

WASTE WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM - MATCHING GRANT #71234

This RI/USAID Alliance is not the only Project that our District is currently supporting in the Philippines. We are also providing funds contributed from our clubs totalling US\$19,920 for a Decentralised Wastewater Treatment System in the Municipality of Guiuan, East Samar Province, Philippines. The purpose of this Waste Water Treatment System is intended to reduce the incidence of Gastro Intestinal Disease amongst the Guiuan community. In this waste water treatment system we are joining in partnership with our neighbour District 9810, Districts 9550 and 9520 in South Australia and the host District 3830 in the Philippines. Through the involvement and consultancy of the Coffey International Development Company based in Adelaide we are also partnering with the World Bank who is providing 30% of the budgeted funding for the project totalling US\$152,000.

The Guiuan Council has examined various types of systems, and decided after exhaustive evaluation and discussion with Coffey International Development Pty Ltd, that a Decentralised Wastewater Treatment System (DEWATS) low cost plant will meet their needs.



The DEWATS system will cost 6 million Philippines pesos or US\$152,555 and will be completed within 6 months of commencement using local labour and materials. We hope that in due course a significant improvement in the health and well being will be gained by the impoverished people of the Guiuan community.

This District is extremely pleased to be able to participate in these very worthwhile projects and I would like to thank all those involved including PDG Ron Denham, Chair of Rotary International Water and Sanitation Group; PDG Terry Barritt, Water Resource Group, Area Coordinator, South Pacific Region; Peter Rostron Zone 7 Coordinator Water Resource; D9800 Foundation Chair Chris Don his team and of course our club members.

You have all **Made a Real Difference** in improving Water and Sanitation in our region. Thank You

Colin Muir

District Governor 9800



RC Flemington Opportunity Shop



Rotary District 9800 Governor, Colin Muir, accompanied by Pauline, officially opened the Rotary Club of Flemington Opportunity Shop at 444, Racecourse Road, Flemington on Sunday 2 May 2010.

DG Colin said that he was pleased and honoured to be asked to open the shop. He believes that clubs with High Street business addresses create an excellent location to promote Rotary within their communities, as well as raising funds for Rotary projects.

The Mayor of Moonee Valley, Councillor Shirley Cornish wished the club every success with their new venture. Councillors Jim Cusack and Rose Iser also attended the official opening.

Please Ring 0438557720 to arrange out of hours donations.

District 9800 Awards

Share your best Projects from your Rotary year! The District 9800 Club awards are a great way for your Rotary Club to gain recognition, add impetus for your Club's achievements. All finalist submissions will be showcased on the District Awards page on the website. Finalist Submissions will be included for recognition in the 2010 District Awards on 27th June at the District Governor's Change Over!

Don't forget to include project profiles, articles, press releases, photos and any other branding.

Award categories - :

International Service Trophy	Community Service Trophy
Vocational Service Trophy	Rotary Image Trophy
Environment Trophy	Public Relations Trophy
Rotary Rotaract	Strategic Planning
Best Club Website	



For details of criteria, and to submit your project for consideration, go to <http://www.vision6.com.au/em/message/email/view.php?id=618847&u=35709>



15th Anniversary of Cairo Conference

This is an excerpt of remarks by Hillary Clinton, US Secretary of State, on the 15th Anniversary of the Cairo Conference on Population and Development. Washington, DC. January 8, 2010

..... However, vast inequities remain. Too often, still today in 2010, women and girls bear the burdens of regional and global crises, whether it's an economic downturn or climate change or political instability. They still are the majority of the world's poor, unschooled, unhealthy, and underfed. They are rarely the cause of violent consequences, but increasingly – of violent conflicts, but increasingly they bear the consequences of such conflicts. We've seen that from the Congo to Bosnia to Burma. And 15 years after the Cairo conference, far too many women still have little or no access to reproductive health services, including family planning and maternal healthcare.

When we look at this deficit in healthcare for women, we can see what it means in terms of lost productivity, lost resources, and lost lives. Nearly half the women in the developing world deliver their babies without a nurse, a midwife, a doctor, or access to crucial medical care. Global rates of maternal mortality remain perilously high; one woman dies every minute of every day in pregnancy or childbirth, and for every woman who dies, another 20 suffer from injury, infection, or disease every minute.



More than 215 million women worldwide lack access to the modern forms of contraception, and this contributes to the nearly 20 million unsafe abortions that take place every year. Sexually transmitted diseases, of course including, but not limited to, HIV and AIDS, claim millions of lives annually among women. Fistula destroys the lives of millions, and it is often the result of pregnancies that occur when a girl is too young. An estimated 70 million – that is 70 million women and girls worldwide – have been subjected to female genital cutting, a procedure that is not only painful and traumatic but is also the source of infections and increased risks of injury during childbirth.

Now, as we know very well, the topic of reproductive health is subject to a great deal of debate. But I think we should all agree that these numbers are not only grim, but after 15 years, they are intolerable. For if we believe that human rights are women's rights and women's rights are human rights, then we cannot accept the ongoing marginalization of half the world's population. We cannot accept it morally, politically, socially, or economically. (Applause)

Full story at <http://www.state.gov/secretary/rm/2010/01/135001.htm>

Marketing Tip

Know your product.

Potential members and supporters will want to know what Rotary is all about when they first come to a Meeting.

Whilst we spend a lot of time on developing an 'elevator speech', a summary of Rotary's purpose that one could share in 90 seconds, which is worthy.

However, the next step is to qualify potential members to understand their deeper motivations and interest. One of the best ways to deepen your knowledge so that you can share details of projects that Rotary is involved in is to attend District Assembly on May 16th.

Product knowledge – and Rotary is our product – helps to attract people to Rotary and actually makes you a more valuable member for your Club. Join the 500 other Rotarians at Melbourne Grammar School and update or upgrade your Rotary knowledge. See your Club's Incoming President or Secretary to sign up today.





Australian Rotary Health

Australian Rotary Health is Australia's largest non-government funding body of mental illness research. It also funds research in other health related areas.

The genesis of Australian Rotary Health in 1981 was the mystery of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). The Late Ian Scott, from the Rotary Club of Mornington, established Australian Rotary Health to support research into SIDS. As Australian Rotary Health grew so did the vision of medical research possibilities. Supported by Rotarians Australian wide, Australian Rotary Health was soon in a position to sponsor health research in areas that did not readily attract funding.



Australian Rotary Health has a broad vision of health. It is a catalyst for projects that improve the quality of life for people who are least able to assist themselves.

Over 300 research projects have been funded with more than 150 of these in mental illness. Remember: Today's research is tomorrow's treatment.

- 80 PhD research scholars are being funded by ARH or have recently graduated.
- 70 indigenous health scholars are funded by ARH each year.
- More than 50 ARH sponsored doctors and nurses have worked in rural hospitals and communities.
- Over 500 Community Mental Health Forums have taken place with an estimated 50,000 Australians attending to learn about mental health issues.

See More: <http://www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au/>

Readers Letters

Dear Clarice,

As well as being a Rotarian, I am involved in our local little Church. My first experience of the church was when I took my son to a service after he was baptized and confirmed at the local grammar school. The instruction was to attend the next Sunday service at the closest Anglican church to our home. We were greeted by a lady who said "there are only a few of us, and we are all quite elderly, but you are very welcome".

Welcome we were, and some years later I feel a warmth and a very special sense of family community as part of the congregation. At vestry meeting it was identified that the wooden outside timber surfaces were badly in need of repair, sanding back and a lick or two of paint. Our small, elderly congregation were not up to the task, and our uninhabitable vicarage was the priority in terms of financial investment. The Vicar and his family are in rented accommodation while the vicarage is empty.

Who to help? Brighton North Rotary Club agreed and in fact leapt to help us. With a small army of volunteers they have quickly and efficiently attended to the much needed repair and painting works. Gerry as our liaison at the Club has been really helpful and a wonderful example of a Rotarian in action. We at St Stephens Gardenvale are very appreciative of the help, and myself as a Rotarian am ever so proud to be involved in such a wonderful service organization.

*Bronwyn Stephens,
Rotary Club of Melbourne South*





Notices and Events

District Governor's Changeover Lunch

The Rotary Club of Toorak invites you to attend the DG Changeover Lunch at Crown Palladium 11.30am for Pre-Luncheon Drinks **Sunday 27 June 2010**

Entertainment by Singer/Songwriter Dianna Corcoran - Female Artist of the Year

FREE PARKING in multi level car park - Entrance off Kingsway and Clark Street, Airbridge to Crown. Take ticket to cloak room for validation.



Bookings by Friday 12th June 2010 to: Rotary Club of Toorak Inc. PO Box 397 Toorak Vic 3142

Phone: 0419 357 864 Fax: 03 9509 7935

Email: alan.l.freedman@bigpond.com

Booking form available from:

http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/uploads/downloads/Members/2010_04_Messages/District_9800_Changeover_flyer.pdf



ROTARIAN CO-ORDINATOR - (PART TIME)

Interplast is seeking applications from a suitably qualified person to fill the position of Rotarian Co-ordinator for 3 days per week (or equivalent). As Rotarian Co-ordinator you will be responsible for proactive and positive engagement with Rotarians in Australia & New Zealand on behalf of Interplast, and provide administrative support to the Rotarians Committee. A knowledge of the workings of Rotary in Australia and New Zealand is essential as are computer skills.

Applications enclosing a CV and a statement detailing relevant skills, qualifications or experience should be sent to General Manager, Interplast Australia & New Zealand, Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, 250 – 290 Spring Street, MELBOURNE VIC 3000. Applications close 30th of April 2010. Further information can be obtained from Marion Wright, General Manager. Telephone (03) 9249 1231.

Email: interplast@surgeons.org <http://www.interplast.com.au/staff>



Pie and Port Night

The Rotary Club of Rochester will hold its Pie and Port Night on **Friday 7th May** at the Historic Court House Moore Street Rochester. Contact Noel Lucas - 0427 841 262



Brimbank Central Charter Anniversary



Come and join with us to celebrate our 35th Charter Anniversary **Saturday, 8 May**

6.30pm for 7.00pm start Starlight Room, Taylors Lakes Reception Centre, 7 Melton Hwy, Taylors Lakes \$30.00 per head (3 course meal). Plus a 35 Year History Booklet. Drinks at Bar prices. Musical Entertainment by : Michael Lapina – Tenor, Plus music for dancing.

Cheques payable to : The Rotary Club of Brimbank Central, PO Box 81 KEILOR VIC 3036

Bookings close 30 April. Enquiries : Barbara or John Rafter 9331 5662 or 0419 135 185

barbara@craftbooks.com.au or johnrafter@craftbooks.com.au

A Mother's Day for Everyone

What do you get if you mix together some cooking tips from renowned chefs, a lot of goodwill and stir in a pinch of community spirit? Great food for good causes. This Mother's Day you can grab mum two recipe books for a special deal of \$35 and feel good in the process.

Purchase both books before Monday, 3 May to be in the running to win a special Mother's Day treat. Further information/photos: Julia Topliss Ph: 0411 364 004

11th May Rotarian Ken Dowling will be celebrating 50 years in Rotary. If anyone would like to join the Rotary Club of St Kilda on this momentous occasion please contact Julia Email: pr@stkildarotary.org.au





The Rotary Club of Tullamarine



Invites all interested to attend a special meeting to hear Mr. Sam Lipski
Chief Executive of The Pratt Foundation
7:15 am on **Thursday, 13th May** Hilton Hotel, Melbourne Airport
(Park car 2nd level – take lift to 4th floor)
(Hilton Hotel Reception 4th floor)
Cost - \$25 includes dining and parking costs

Rotary Club of Tullamarine Heartkids Spectacular

Ultima Function Centre Cnr Keilor Park Drive and Ely court
Friday 14th May. 7 p.m. till close Dress: Dress to impress
The Entertainment : The Ladies of Motown Compere : John Deeks
Price \$95 per person All proceeds to benefit children with heart disease
2 Brand new Kia cars will auctioned on the night
Many thanks to our main sponsor Kia Motors
For Tickets call Conrad : 0434 609 520



Rotary Club of Brighton North Dinner Auction



Fund Raising event on **May 14th** to raise funds to donate to Motor Neurone Disease research and equipment for sufferers of this disabling and deadly disease.
Shawn Cosgrove, the well-known radio & media personality, will humorously promote the bidding for exciting & worthwhile items such as high quality jewellery, holidays, golf games plus many more items to enjoy. There is also a wide range of silent auction items.
Good food, drinks and a lively band further ensure the night an enjoyable one.
\$50 of the ticket is tax deductible. Alternatively if you wish to support the MND research but cannot attend then the attached invitation link shows you how you can do that.
[http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/9800/4970/html/87683/Dinner Auction Brochure.pdf](http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/9800/4970/html/87683/Dinner%20Auction%20Brochure.pdf)

District Assembly – 16th May

All Rotarians are invited to the Rotary International District 9800 Assembly to be held on **Sunday 16 May**, 2010; from 9-00 am start to 1-00 pm finish.
We will be providing a substantial morning tea and fellowship opportunity during the Assembly.
For the very first time this will be held at Melbourne Grammar School, Domain Rd, South Yarra, which is easy to find and easy parking.



http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/uploads/downloads/Members/2010_04_Messages/Ivens_District_Assembly_Invite.doc

Dance Expo

Rotary Club of Caulfield is hosting a Dance Expo to showcase a broad spectrum of dance styles to promote dance as a professional occupation, for well-being, social recreational opportunities and multi-cultural connections.

Classical to Contemporary Dance Exhibitors, Blood Pressure testing and the opportunity to buy detergent free and water saving Green Clean Laundry Balls.

Sunday May 23. 10am-5pm Demonstration performances hourly from 11am to 4pm Glen Eira Auditorium (upstairs) cnr Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield. Free Entry (gold coin donation appreciated)

Light refreshments: served by students and staff from Caulfield Park Community School Proceeds to Rotary Club of Caulfield's Annual Festive Season Lunch for the Aged. Volunteers Needed-For backstage and front of house. For more information, ph 9568-7190 or rotary.dance.expo@gmail.com





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Public Speaking Course

Presented by the Rotary Club of Brimbank Central

Sunday 23rd May, Leaping Lizard Conference Centre Brimbank Park.

8.45am to 5.00pm \$45.00pp Includes a Participant Manual, Certificate and Catering. Come along and learn how to prepare to make a speech on a wide range of subjects, speak in public, to make announcements and give verbal reports at meetings. You will have the opportunity to make a number of short speeches, receive critiques and participate in an interactive program with only 10 participants to ensure that everyone gains the most from the program.

Comments from the last program:

"This is a terrific program that represents great value for money."

"The program is non threatening, but challenging"

"It is a great learning environment where you grow in confidence throughout the day"

For further information, or to request a registration form, please contact:

David Moss-Bennett Ph: 0412 388 823 dmossbennett@optusnet.com.au



Global MS Dinner



7.30 to 10.30pm **Tuesday May 25** Keilor Hotel, 670 Old Calder Highway, Keilor
Cost \$30/head, Wear something Red

Fabulous Tuesday Evening, Latin American music, entertainment, auction, "Door Prize" and raffle in marquee setting. Any Auction or Raffle Items would be appreciated.

Roast Beef Dinner Complimentary Glass of Champagne on arrival

MS Society Speaker Funds raised go to RAGMSA projects, MSRA and MSIF

RSVP May 24th, 2010 to Diana 0419 564 389 or Martin Taurins 0407564389

taurins3@vegas.com.au

The New Rotary Club of Melbourne Park

invites you to their official charter evening.

With the help of some dedicated and experienced Rotarians a group of around 25 young people (21-35 years old) have been working towards forming a Rotary Club that caters specifically to their needs. The group would be delighted to have your support on the 26th as they are officially inducted.

The venue for the night is the brand new AAMI Park, located within the Olympic Park Complex.

Official proceedings will be complemented with a two course meal.

Wednesday 26th May from 7pm Lounge Suit / Cocktail Dress

Tickets at \$65 per head. can be purchased by contacting Trevor Pang: 9445 1234 Mobile: 0413 618 883

Online booking at at <http://www.rotaryaustralia.org.au/dinner-signup.php>



Camberwell Rotary Art Show- Exclusive Preview & Opening

Caulfield Racecourse, Station Street, Caulfield

Thursday 27 May, 6.30pm – 9.30pm Opening Night, Preview and Awards

Presentation. Be the first to purchase from an estimated 2,500 paintings. Many from acclaimed Australian artists.

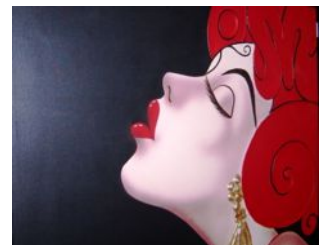
This is a popular annual opening event on Melbourne's arts calendar and not to be missed.

Tickets \$30 - Double \$55 (book 'double' ticket on-line and Save \$5)

Includes welcome drink. On-line booking details soon!

Enquiries Telephone: 0431 286 483 admin@camberwellrotaryartshow.org.au

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



Rochester Change Over

The Change Over function for the Rotary Club of Rochester Inc will take place at the Lake Cooper Estate Midland Highway Corop on **Sunday June 6th**. 12pm for 12.30pm





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Supporting Healthier Minds, Bodies and Communities

Rotary International is at the forefront in supporting programs to improve the health of people throughout the world. In Australia, the Rotary Health Research Fund is one of the largest independent health research funds. Australian Rotary Health (ARH) has been approved by the Board of Rotary International as a multi-district project and is registered under Corporation Law.



DG Colin Muir and Pauline

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Australia Rotary Health's primary mission is to fund medical research by Australians, for Australians. Those research projects that are eligible for funding are selected by an honorary Research Committee, comprising eminent medical professionals from around Australia. ARH has now allocated over \$20 million in grants to Australian researchers with the major focus of this research currently on Mental Illness but other areas supported have included:

- Cancer research (bowel, prostate, breast and pancreatic)
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Motor Neurone disease: organ transplants: leukaemia and many others.

This year ARH endowed 10 pilot research studies under the new initiative **Mental Health of Young Australians (Birth to 17 Years)**. The project is the first of its kind in Australia with over \$300,000 being spent on funding the pilot research projects. This research is a valuable investment in the health of Australian children.

How It All Began

Australian Rotary Health began with one objective to provide funds for research into Cot Death. After the initial funds were provided for Cot Death research, the additional spending was directed towards other areas of health which impact significantly on the community. By having research projects that contain a strong element of applied research, it is possible to bring about practical strategies to enhance community health in a way that allows individual Rotarians and Rotary Clubs to see the benefits applied in their own communities.

Programs of Australian Rotary Health

Mental Illness Research Projects - Grants

Provides research grants for up to 3 years per project

Mental Illness Research PhD - Scholarships

Provide financial support to PhD students

Mental Illness Post Doctoral - Fellowships

Will be provided to early career researchers in the area on mental illness.

Evaluation of Mental Health Services- Research Project Grants

This funding aims to improve local mental health services by providing grants to evaluate current programs.

Evaluation of Rural Health Services - Research Grants

Funding will support research projects that have the potential to restore or promote the health of Australians living in rural and / or remote areas.

Indigenous Health Scholarships.

This program assists Indigenous Australians who are undertaking a health related university course.

Scholarships for Nursing

Rural Nursing Scholarships provide an incentive for nursing students to complete their third year major clinical placement and graduating year in a rural or remote area.



www.arhmf.org.au



Funding Partners - Research in all Health Areas - PhD Scholarships

ARH Funding Partners program helps to provide funds for medical research in areas other than mental illness. If a Rotary club wants to provide a grant for a particular area of research for instance heart disease, ARH will also contribute and arrange contributions from the scholar's university.

How Can You Participate In This Research?

Rotary Clubs are invited to form a partnership with Australian Rotary Health (ARH) to jointly fund a research project grant or a research scholarship in an area of health that is not the current focus for the fund.

For instance, a Rotary Club or Cluster can join a University and ARH to jointly fund a PhD Scholarship. Also Clubs and individuals can make a contribution to ARH by becoming a "Friend" or "Companion" of the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund (ARHRF). Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Australian Rotary Health has a broad vision of health. They are a catalyst for projects that improve the quality of life for people who are least able to assist themselves. The research that they support saves lives, transforms communities and improves the quality of life for Australians.

Your support of Australian Rotary Health will ensure **Healthier Minds, Bodies and Communities.**

Further information phone (02) 88371900 or go to:

www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au admin@australianrotaryhealth.org.au

Colin Muir

District Governor

Heritage Cluster Bowls 'em Down!

By Annie Wysham, RC Richmond

Approximately 50 Rotarians, partners and friends turned up to do battle with the bowls on Wednesday evening, 21st April, at the Fitzroy Victoria Bowls Club, in the interest of indigenous health. Competition was keen, with senses sharpened, eyes focussed and bowling arms flexed! Serious business Lawn Bowls.

Twelve teams of four players bowled under a selection of curious monikers such as *The Winston Churchills* (RC Collingwood), *The Cemeterians* (RC Carlton), *The Tiger Woods* (RC Richmond), *The Wicks* (RC Brunswick), *The Casablanças* (RC Fitzroy) etc.

Before and after a BBQ and salad dinner, two rounds were played, resulting in 3 unbeaten teams. Richmond Rotary's *The Squizzy Taylors*, hung in undefeated throughout the night! With nerves of steel, well-placed bowls and French frolics, farce and frivolity from Jean-Marc Berthier, they secured the rights to the inaugural Heritage Shield!

Peter Phille, President of the RC Fitzroy and the energetic organiser of the event, made the presentations to the winning teams. Second placement went to *The Buntons* and third place to the dodgy *Wang Triads*, captained by AG Chris Wang. Profits of \$1,140.00 from the night will be directed to the RC Carlton's Indigenous Health Project (Diabetes).

Photos: AG Chris Wang in action on the green, and *The Squizzy Taylors*, Inaugural Heritage Shield winners.





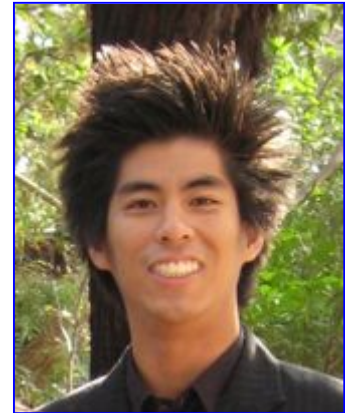
Australian Rotary Health

BRIGHT YOUNG ACADEMIC AWARDED FUNDING PARTNER PhD SCHOLARSHIP

You may not have heard of **Kevin Jia-Jin Loo** yet. However, if his academic record is anything to go by this brilliant young Australian could well become a researcher of renown.

Born in 1989 in Bathurst, NSW, to Malaysian-Chinese parents Kevin moved to Wollongong to start kindergarten in 1995. His father worked at the University of Wollongong as senior lecturer in the Graduate School of Journalism, so Kevin was exposed to the University environment and academic life from an early age.

Kevin was admitted into an accelerated learning program in infants and primary school. In 1999 he was accelerated from Year 3 to Year 5. The 10 year old was then accelerated to Year 7 in 2000 after achieving equal first in a state-wide 'Gifted Education Research Resource and Information Centre' test.



At 16 Kevin completed high school. His keen interest in science and mathematics led to his acceptance into the advanced honours program in Medical and Radiation Physics at the University of Wollongong. He completed his honours thesis with high distinction in 2009. This year, aged 20, he commenced his PhD as an Australian Rotary Health/District 9690 Funding Partner Scholar.

Kevin's PhD studies will focus on improved brachytherapy treatment for prostate cancer, one of the most commonly diagnosed cancers in men over 55.

Australian Rotary Health is proud to be supporting Kevin's research and we anticipate a brilliant future ahead for this impressive young Australian. Stay tuned!

Your financial support makes it possible to fund scholarships for young people like Kevin. Donations to Australian Rotary Health are tax deductible and can be made to PO Box 3455, Parramatta, NSW 2124. or online at: www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au

Aussies in the Philippines

by Eve Neiger *The Rotarian* -- May 2010

Every October for the past 13 years, the Rotary Club of Canterbury, Australia, has sent a team to the Philippines to conduct vision and hearing screenings alongside volunteers from more than 20 Philippine Rotary clubs and local health organizations.

In 2009, the team incorporated dental screenings for the first time on its trip to the capital, Manila, and to Bohol Island, in the south-central part of the country.

The volunteers included three Australian orthoptics students – participants in a club vocational service project to provide them with field experience – as well as audiologist Penelope Barrett of Wollongong, who was caught in action as she checked a young patient's ears at a Bohol Island school.





GSE Team Arrives in Spain

by Dennis Shore, D9800 GSE Chairman

On Friday 30 April, the moment of truth arrived after months of planning and our GSE team departed Tullamarine bound for Spain. Friends and Family along with DG Colin Muir and GSE Chairman Dennis Shore were at the airport to wish the team bon voyage.

Although the travel time was a challenging 30+ hours via Doha and Madrid to Alicante in Spain where the team received a “rockstar reception”, the team travelled like true Aussies and avoided jet lag. There was no universal formula for this achievement as some slept for virtually the whole trip and others had no sleep at all. The photos show their departure from Melbourne, and welcome at Alicante airport.

After a day of rest (and obviously also some recreation) the team was right into the non-stop existence of a GSE team. The first official day consisted of a vocational visit, a mayoral celebrity reception, interviews at a local radio station and a late, long and very liquid lunch (apparently in best Spanish tradition).

But there was more. The team met an Aussie expat at the yacht club, had another vocational visit and then presented themselves for the official welcoming dinner hosted by the RC Torrejeiva, which in good Spanish tradition finished at 1am!

The GSE adventures can be followed via the team’s blog, which can be accessed at <http://d9800gse.blogspot.com/>



Camp Getaway

From DGE Iven Mackay

Camp Getaway is a wonderful D9800 facility. The camp site is located at Axedale, just outside of Bendigo, and is adjacent to the Campaspe River. It provides purpose designed camp based facilities and accommodation for people with special needs, while also catering to all abilities and age groups. People with special needs, especially children’s groups, have priority for bookings and usage.

The picture here shows IPDG Jim Studebaker, DG Colin Muir, and DGE Iven Mackay, paying a visit to inspect the recent works at the camp, an ongoing project that many of our Clubs get involved in. On this day, the RC of Brighton Beach had a team on a working bee.



The previous night, Jim, Colin and Iven attended the RC of Rochester Pie and Port night, a long standing and most enjoyable fellowship meeting held in the Old Court House, Rochester.

More about Camp Getaway at <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/CampGetaway>



Country Meets City

By Annie Wysham, RC Richmond

40 drought-affected farmers arrived in Melbourne by coach for an overnight stay the weekend of Saturday 1st May. Welcome guests of the Heritage Cluster Group of Clubs – Brunswick, Carlton, Collingwood, Fitzroy and Richmond - they were accompanied by some members of the Rotary Club of Rochester and a Drought Counselor/Support Worker from Kyabram.

AG Chris Wang and his wife Janet have demonstrated a great commitment to this project, even opening their home on the Saturday to treat the visitors to a Chinese cooking lesson and lunch while others visited and toured the Shrine of Remembrance. The Saturday evening highlight was a wonderful fellowship dinner for almost 90 at a great Greek restaurant in Camberwell. On the Sunday a leisurely morning was spent at the Abbotsford Convent market, followed by lunch – all costs for their weekend being met by the Heritage Cluster. This support program has been running now for the past 2 years under AG Chris' inspiring leadership.

"It is a project where you come face to face with the people you are endeavouring to assist and what is so good about such initiatives," said President Michael O'Sullivan, RC Richmond. "Our visitors really appreciated the efforts of the Heritage Cluster and stated as such often."

Following the successful inaugural 'City Meets Country' trip in May 2009 to connect with the RC Rochester and better inform city Rotarians of the impact of prolonged drought in country Victoria, funds raised were used to acquire food vouchers for others less fortunate in the Rochester area. A second project then led to the production of a glossy calendar showcasing the positive aspects of Rochester and the Campaspe District. Sale proceeds were directed to local drought relief initiatives by the Drought Counsellors on behalf of the Heritage Cluster Group.



AAMI Park?

Get used to the name of Melbourne's newest football stadium – it's where the Charter Night of our 70th District 9800 Club, **The Rotary Club of Melbourne Park**, will take place on **Wednesday 26th May**.

The eye-catching stadium, which features a unique bio-frame roof, was commercially named following a lucrative eight-year sponsorship deal signed by the Australian insurance company.

Sited within Melbourne's Sports and Entertainment Precinct, AAMI Park fills a vital gap in the city's sporting infrastructure, offering a venue suitable for soccer, rugby league and rugby union.

Check you have the date right as it had to be changed earlier.

Details in "Notices and Events"





Welcome New Members

The Rotary Club of Woodend has inducted two new members, Howard Bradfield and Howard Burvill. Both Howards have been attending regular meetings and assisting with projects in this time and are keen to get started in Rotary. Members are unsure why the influx of Howards at the moment but welcomed them warmly.



RC Central Melbourne-Sunrise have a new member: Dr. Jillian Cavanagh - Education - Tertiary Business

Readers Letters

Dear Clarice,

Today's Networker is splendid.

Colin, your long explanatory article about the projects shows that by focussing on one of the 6 areas of Future Vision and combining with both other Districts and partners such as USAid, we get get large meaningful projects which really make a difference. I think small projects in overseas countries can have difficulties even though they may be attractive to an individual Rotary Club. We may be fiddling only at the edges.

This one is impressive in the way it uses Coffey's international expertise to give value for the buck. I think it is a good example of what Future Vision can achieve. We focus on one of the 6 areas and in this case focus on 3 countries and then go for significant projects.

Melbourne Rotary Club had a recent water project in India in which the Indian Club ignored free professional advice which we lined up through an Indian based organisation. That Club also diverted some of the funds and has now been deregistered by RI.

Should we in Australia be looking to partner with Ausaid?

Regards

Bob Fels, RC Melbourne.

Marketing Tip: Talking To Potential Rotarians

Convince them by talking about your passion

I am sure there is a programme of Rotary that every potential Rotarian would want to be involved with if given the opportunity. Through Rotary people can become involved with not just their own local community but the international community as well.

Tell potential members about the benefits of Rotary and our programmes, find out what they are interested in, then tell them how they can become involved, tell them about the friendships and fellowship that we all enjoy. We need to show our passion and enthusiasm for Rotary when we are telling other people about what we get out of being involved in Rotary. By seeing and hearing our enthusiasm they will want to be a part of this great organisation. Potential members will be denied the opportunity to be a part of our organisation unless members ask them to join.





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(Hilton Hotel Reception 4th floor)
Cost - \$25 includes dining and parking costs

Rotary Club of Tullamarine Heartkids Spectacular

Ultima Function Centre Cnr Keilor Park Drive and Ely court
Friday 14th May. 7 p.m. till close Dress: Dress to impress
The Entertainment : The Ladies of Motown Compere : John Deeks
Price \$95 per person All proceeds to benefit children with heart disease
2 Brand new Kia cars will auctioned on the night
Many thanks to our main sponsor Kia Motors
For Tickets call Conrad : 0434 609 520



Rotary Club of Brighton North Dinner Auction



Fund Raising event on **May 14th** to raise funds to donate to Motor Neurone Disease research and equipment for sufferers of this disabling and deadly disease.
Shawn Cosgrove, the well-known radio & media personality, will humorously promote the bidding for exciting & worthwhile items such as high quality jewellery, holidays, golf games plus many more items to enjoy. There is also a wide range of silent auction items.
Good food, drinks and a lively band further ensure the night an enjoyable one.
\$50 of the ticket is tax deductible. Alternatively if you wish to support the MND research but cannot attend then the attached invitation link shows you how you can do that.
[http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/9800/4970/html/87683/Dinner Auction Brochure.pdf](http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/9800/4970/html/87683/Dinner%20Auction%20Brochure.pdf)



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MS Society Speaker Funds raised go to RAGMSA projects, MSRA and MSIF

RSVP May 24th, 2010 to Diana 0419 564 389 or Martin Taurins 0407564389

taurins3@vegas.com.au

Camberwell Rotary Art Show- Exclusive Preview & Opening

Caulfield Racecourse, Station Street, Caulfield

Thursday 27 May, 6.30pm – 9.30pm Opening Night, Preview and Awards Presentation. Be the first to purchase from an estimated 2,500 paintings. Many from acclaimed Australian artists.

This is a popular annual opening event on Melbourne's arts calendar and not to be missed.

Tickets \$30 - Double \$55 (book 'double' ticket on-line and Save \$5)

Includes welcome drink. On-line booking details soon!

Enquiries Telephone: 0431 286 483 admin@camberwellrotaryartshow.org.au

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May is Rotary Health Research Month

District Assembly



DG Colin Muir and Pauline

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Headmaster Roy Kelley welcomed Rotary District 9800 to Melbourne Grammar School on a beautiful sunny Sunday.

DG Colin Muir and DGE Iven Mackay set the pace in the main hall, where we had the opportunity to hear firsthand the vision and goals of our RI President Elect Ray Klinginsmith, together with an update on our District's activities.

The large turnout of over 500 Rotarians then split into different interest groups, to learn the nuts and bolts of various Rotary positions.

Organised by the Rotary Club of Brighton, the program and refreshment breaks ran smoothly and efficiently. Thanks to PDG John Davis and the District Training Team, sixty-nine clubs (and one in waiting) are now fully prepared for the new Rotary year.

Spotted on the day were members of the Rotary Club to be of Melbourne Park, several Past District Governors and Past RI President Royce Abbey. Below PDGs Vance Hilton and Jim Studebaker during a break.





RI Outstanding Achievement Award

At the District Assembly on 16th May, PDG Jim Studebaker presented Philip Archer with the RI Outstanding Achievement Award for his contribution to Rotary Public Relations in the year 2008-2009

The Award was one of only 37 awards for Public Relations presented by Rotary International for the 2008-2009 Rotary Year, and it was signed by 2008-2009 Rotary International President, D.K Lee.



GALLIPOLI STEP

An Exciting and Important Youth Exchange Initiative

Rotary District 9800 has introduced an innovative initiative called "Australia – Turkey, Gallipoli Short Term Youth Exchange Program". The Exchange Program enables young students from Australia to go to Turkey, live with Turkish families and attend Anzac Day ceremonies at Gallipoli.



While the Program is facilitated by Rotary, the partnering schools undertake the project management and implementation process. Local RSL Clubs also participate in this program.

On 1st of April, 16 Year 10 and 11 students from three states and five Rotary Districts departed for a once in a lifetime opportunity of visiting Istanbul & Gallipoli. In Turkey, students were home-hosted by Rotary or school families to experience the local cultural environment.

At the end of their stay, the students all attended the ANZAC Cove Dawn Service and Lone Pine ceremony at Gallipoli, on the 95th Anniversary of that tragic campaign, before departing for home. The photo shows students at Anzac Cove on 25th of April.

In July, 23 high school students from Turkey will be coming to Australia in exchange, to be hosted by the schools taking part in the program. Local communities, both in Australia and Turkey, are responsible for raising the funds for the students' travel & insurance costs.

The 2010 implementation of the Gallipoli STEP was a great success as exemplified by one of the participating students who said "I loved every minute, the parts I hated were even worth doing"



For further information, please contact John Basarin, 0438055056, johnnyturk@optusnet.com.au.



Paul Harris Society

by John Rafter, PHS Administrator

Four new members joined the District 9800 Paul Harris Society on Thursday the 6th of May. Foundation Chairman Chris Don and John & Barbara Rafter attended the Rotary Club of Kew to induct Roger Fasken into the Paul Harris Society, then one week later the process was repeated when Collin and Julie Hutchieson and Lola Miller from the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk were also inducted into the Paul Harris Society.



The Paul Harris Society recognizes individual donors who make a commitment to contribute US\$1,000 or more each year to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Programs Fund, PolioPlus, and PolioPlus Partners, or the Humanitarian Grants Program. With an additional annual gift of \$1,000, donors may also recognize their spouse as a Paul Harris Society member. Paul Harris Society contributions are eligible toward Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member, Paul Harris Fellow, Multiple Paul Harris Fellow, and Major Donor recognition.

As the Rotary year comes to a close, with the exchange rate at \$1.10 for the US Dollar, it would be a great opportunity for other Rotarians who are thinking about supporting the Foundation to join before the 30th of June.

The Paul Harris Society is planning a Paul Harris Society Luncheon for the 18th of July. Any Rotarian wanting information on the Society or is interested in attending the luncheon please contact the Administrator John Rafter at johnrafter@craftbooks.com.au

Café Internationale

Cirque de International House was a great hit with the spectators: outstanding entertainment and service from the students, as we have come to expect.

Lots of happy smiles, dancing and puppetry, with a silent auction on the side – who could ask for more?

Watch out for this great event again next year.





Donations In Kind

DIK is a program that assists clubs of Rotary District 9800 to undertake their local and international projects. Many goods and products, for which organisations in Australia have no further use, are valuable commodities in needy countries.

Donations of goods, products and equipment can help rebuild villages and disaster torn townships overseas as well as at home.

Packaging TAPE is still urgently needed.

D9800 Donations in Kind needs you now!

Helpers are needed (light work available, no lifting) for loading containers for Samoa, Vanuatu, Timor Leste and South Africa. Also for unloading \$200,000 of Exercise Books.

Tuesday 18th and Thurs 20th May From -0930-2-30pm
Tuesday 25th and Thursday 27th May
Sat 22 May 0900-1300. BYO BBQ food and liquid.
Sat 29th May, ditto.

Rear of Shed 40, 400, Sommerville Rd, West Footscray.MELWAY 41E7. Enter Gate 1. If you get lost, ring Bill and he will collect you in his yellow Rolls Royce.

Tax Deductible donations for Freight. Club, Individual or Company
Cheques to :- ROTARY AUSTRALIA OVERSEAS AID Fund.
Post to:- Bill Dagg,39 Brentwood Dr,Avondale Hts. VIC. 3034.
Include name/postal & ACN/ABN if applicable. Cut off for FY 09-10 is 20 June 2010.

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The Great Australia Day Swim

by Peter Grey, RC Brighton

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With the assistance of professional event management, 485 swimmers took part in 16 age and gender group events starting deep water from Brighton pier and swimming around the marina finishing on the beach in front of the Royal Brighton Yacht Club.

This was followed by a corporate teams relay race of 5 by 200 metres with several past and present Olympic swimmers competing including Brightonian John Konrads.

There was great support from our various sponsors in a festival environment, the first of many similar events to come. The event was endorsed by the Australia Day Council.

The result was nearly \$50,000 in funds to be distributed to child related charities, the main one being BAYCISS, a Bayside group supported by Council, to help local underprivileged children.





Marketing Tip: Great Speeches

A great speech does not just inspire or capture the truth: it allows us to get our wonderful message across

Since 1905 Rotary has encouraged members to become inspirational leaders and allowed them to practice the power of speech at meetings, community events and in the media.

Not all of us are born great orators and indeed a number of worthy Rotarians have had years of practice in order to develop into charismatic public speakers.

Through David Moss Bennett's course on 23rd May, you too could become proficient in the art of public speaking. See under "News and Events" below.



Here are some tips to ensure that you get a strong message to your audience:

DO . . .

- Ensure you have done your homework and researched your topic thoroughly.
- Speak clearly, and adjust your voice so that everyone can hear you.
- Be passionate and well intentioned—this way the subject of your speech will sell itself.
- Use language that your audience understands.
- Effectively use pauses in your speech. Pauses can help to emphasise a point, or to allow the audience to react to a fact, anecdote or joke.
- Make eye contact with your audience. This helps to build trust and a relationship between you and the listeners.
- Be yourself, allow your own personality to shine in your speech.



DON'T . . .

- Talk in a monotone. Intonation is important. A monotone voice loses the audience's attention.
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RSVP May 24th, 2010 to Diana 0419 564 389 or Martin Taurins 0407564389

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Red Scooter 25 William Street, Balaclava

RSVP by 7th June to pr@stkildarotary.org.au



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Cost \$75 per person, with 3-course meal, beer, wine, soft drinks, great fellowship and amazing entertainment including harness racing.

Payment by cheque to PO Box 2042, Greenvale 3095

More details from tullamarinerotaract@rotarydistrict9800.org



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May is Rotary Health Research Month

An International Experience

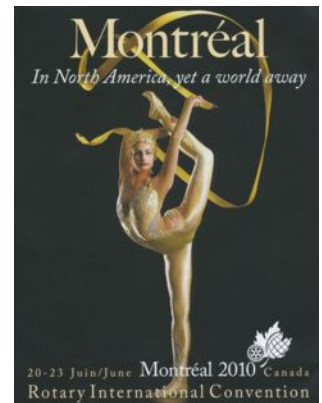
In just on a month from now Rotary International will hold its 101st Annual Convention in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, from the 20-23 June 2010. Montreal is an elegant and cosmopolitan city known for its unique blend of the Old and New Worlds and an ideal city for a convention. Several Rotarians from this District are about to head off on a wonderful rotary experience and we wish them well, I am sure they will have a great time.

RI Conventions offer more than just an opportunity to learn about service projects, visit exhibitions and Global Networking Group booths in the House of

Friendship they also give Rotarians from around the world the chance to reflect on, and celebrate, the successful rotary year just gone. You can learn about strengthening clubs and identify service and fellowship opportunities by attending the many plenary sessions and by listening to speakers, participating in workshops, visiting the Club and District Project Exhibitions, and talking to fellow Rotarians and other members of the Family of Rotary.



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International Conventions are designed to help members become more effective in Rotary Service and to give the attendee a renewed commitment to service. Many of those who attend these outstanding events will experience the diversity and global character of Rotary while enjoying the warm fellowship of new friends from all over the world.

This year country music legend and philanthropist Dolly Parton will be a keynote speaker during the 2010 RI Convention. Dolly Parton will speak to Rotarians about the importance of early childhood reading and how the collaboration with Rotary International has augmented the success of the **Imagination Library**.

Dolly has developed a personal love of books while growing up in rural Tennessee, USA, where she saw firsthand the toll that illiteracy can take on families. *"I am thrilled about our partnership with Rotary International,"* she said *"Rotarians love kids as much as I do, so I truly believe we can do something extraordinary together to help even more children love to read and succeed."* Since its launch in 1996, the **Imagination Library** has provided more than 23 million books to preschoolers.

Our World President John Kenny has issued an invitation to all Rotarians to join him and June in Montreal to take part in **"An International Experience"** for the thrill of a performance at the Ecole Nationale de Cirque and to enjoy everything from a cultural festival, a theatrical spectacle, or a traditional musical ride with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in scarlet regalia. *"You'll also have the opportunity to cruise down the St. Lawrence River and enjoy French fare at the Chalet atop Mont-Royal"* he said. *"Because **The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands**, I encourage you to invest in yourself and in Rotary by registering for the 2010 RI Convention. Come and celebrate with your Rotary family against the magnificent backdrop of Montreal. I can think of no better place than Montreal to enjoy fellowship at the RI Convention with you.*

A la prochaine! See you soon!"

John Kenny

For those Rotarians who may like to attend the 2010 Convention, you may register at the convention, or you can register and book accommodation at this link before 31st May 10:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/Events/Convention/Pages/ridefault.aspx?housead#1>

Colin Muir

District Governor



District 9800 Awards



The District 9800 Club awards are a great way for your Rotary Club to gain recognition, add impetus for your Club's achievements. Share your best Projects from your Rotary year!

Finalist Submissions will be included for recognition at the District Governor's Change Over, and all finalist submissions will be showcased on the District Awards page on the website.



Don't forget to include project profiles, articles, press releases, photos and any other branding.

Deadline 31st May 2010 for awards

For details of criteria, and to submit your project for consideration, go to <http://www.vision6.com.au/em/message/email/view.php?id=618847&u=35709>

Camp Getaway

By Paul Kirkpatrick – Chair Camp Getaway

This past weekend a dedicated team from the Rotary Club of Central Melbourne Sunrise undertook a wide variety of tasks to assist with maintaining Camp Getaway as a premier venue for disabled children and other groups.

During the day the team cleaned, shovelled, painted and hammered their way through a variety of maintenance jobs around the site.

They then had a fabulous opportunity for fellowship in front of the blazing open fire as the bright blue daytime skies faded to a crisp clear night.





Victorian Bushfire Recovery

By Mev Connell PSM

Marysville:

The RI D9800 Bushfire Recovery Fund has made a major financial contribution to the re-development of one of the very few buildings in Marysville that survived the fire unscathed, the old Motor Museum. The Project was considered by independent consultants (Boston Consulting Group) to be essential to the recovery of Marysville and neighbouring townships: the surviving resident community supported that view.

The premises were purchased by the Victorian Government, rather belatedly, and the Commonwealth Government and Rotary contributed to the conversion of the building into a shopping and business complex.



This was a Rotary Multi-district Project involving donation of funds by Districts 9790, 9800, 9810, and 9830 amounting to \$370,000, of which D9800 contributed \$165,000. Significant proportions of the D9800 contribution came from donations made to the RI D9800 Bushfire Recovery Fund by Rotary International of Britain and Ireland and the Rotary Club of Brighton, both of these bodies having expressly specified that they wished their donations to be expended in Marysville.

Marysville Central is now recognised as being a major contributor to improvement of confidence within the community; it has also provided job opportunities for residents, and essential services for residents and tourists / visitors. Rotary involvement in this Project enabled the establishment of a formal understanding between all parties concerned that the Shire of Murrindindi will retain control of Marysville Central into the future on behalf of the Marysville Community: the Community is in effect the beneficial owner.

Kinglake:

A second major project is now being developed; again it will involve multi-district funding. The provision of a Youth Space at Kinglake is considered to be essential for reasons previously explained. The Rotary contribution is likely to be of the order of \$400,000. Non-Rotary donors have also indicated their willingness to contribute to the project in both cash and kind. It is hoped that physical implementation of the Project will commence before the end of June 2010.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM NOW?

Much work remains to be done to assist the fire affected communities. Consolidation of current projects and development of new projects will certainly continue over the next year. Even after all available funds are committed there will be need for follow up. Equipment owned by the RI D9800 Bushfire Recovery Fund will have to be sold, funds realised will be placed back in the Recovery Fund and applied to projects.

There is still great need for **personal involvement of volunteers** in the fire affected communities. There is no standard prescription for such involvement, it can take many forms. Volunteers need to identify for themselves how they might assist. Good starting contact points are organizations such as Global Care, Community Recovery Committees, and local schools in fire affected areas. Based on the known current position, it is estimated that conclusion of the work of the RI D9800 Bushfire Recovery Committee will not occur until at least June 2012.

Operation of the Rotary Bushfire Recovery Program has been and remains very demanding; however, there is great satisfaction to be obtained from the success of the work involved. All Rotarians in D9800 are urged to continue to remember that the end of the road to recovery is far from being in sight, much remains to be done and any help that can be provided is still needed and will be appreciated.



Kokoda – Connecting the Community

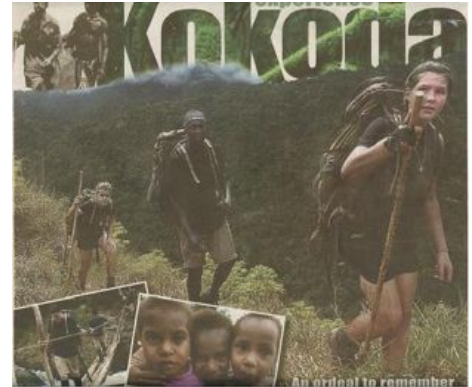
The Kokoda Project is a Victoria Police programme taking young people from the high rise of Flemington to the hills of Kokoda.

It has been supported by the Rotary Club of Williamstown, since a member of the club saw a need to engage Rotary and Victoria Police in raising funds for troubled Youths to participate in this project. These kids, both male and female are identified as having low self esteem and are disenfranchised in the community, lacking goals and direction in life and are at risk of not completing school. They are taken on a positive life changing experience walking the Kokoda track.

The Spirit of Kokoda changes the lives of all who take the challenge.

- **Aims** To Provide a positive and life changing experience, normally not available to young people in this community.
- **To continue** this great project with its positive results Rotary needs your help to continue this Community Support Program with Funds.

You can help by contacting: Yvonne Moon OAM Community Service Health Chair
Mobile 0407-303255 e-mail yvonne.moon@bigpond.com



Welcome New Members

New members as reported in the April '10 Attendance/Membership reports etc.

Brighton- Mario Azzopardi

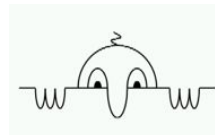
Bendigo- John Hutchinson

Bacchus Marsh- Emma Done, John Done

Balwyn- Greg Scott

Collingwood - Gerry Fanning

North Balwyn - Sally Blaubaum, David de Garis, Robert Stewart



Wot, no photos?



Readers' Letters

Dear Clarice,

Please pass on a sincere "Thank you" to the sixty-five Rotarians and friends who turned up at Donations-in-Kind in Footscray on Sat 22nd, including 4 hrs from DGE Iven Mackay.

We will still need a good turn up on Sat 29th, (byo BBQ food) and the following Tuesdays and Thursdays, for light work and loading containers for Timor Leste, Samoa, Vanuatu and South Africa.

Best wishes

Bill Dagg bdagg@tpg.com.au





Notices and Events

District Governor's Changeover Lunch

The Rotary Club of Toorak invites you to attend the DG Changeover Lunch at Crown Palladium 11.30am for Pre-Luncheon Drinks **Sunday 27 June 2010**

Entertainment by Singer/Songwriter Dianna Corcoran - Female Artist of the Year

FREE PARKING in multi level car park - Entrance off Kingsway and Clark Street, Airbridge to Crown. Take ticket to cloak room for validation.



Bookings by Friday 12th June 2010 to: Rotary Club of

Toorak Inc. PO Box 397 Toorak Vic 3142

Phone: 0419 357 864 Fax: 03 9509 7935

Email: alan.l.freedman@bigpond.com

Booking form available from:

http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/uploads/downloads/Members/2010_04_Messages/District_9800_Changeover_flyer.pdf



North Melbourne Rotary Club – Change of Venue

Please note that effective immediately the North Melbourne Rotary Club is changing the venue for its weekly Friday breakfast meetings (7.30am for 7.45am start) to the:

Radisson Hotel 380 William Street Melbourne Conference Room, Level 1

For those who have not been to the Radisson it is opposite the Flagstaff Gardens on the corner of William Street and A'Beckett Streets, Melbourne

There is parking at the Victoria Market car park which is directly adjacent and costs \$5 for 2 hours or 2 hour and 4 hour parking meters in the streets surrounding which are \$4/hr.

Docklands Dinner and Wine Auction

Join old friends or meet new ones for an evening of good food, good wine and good song, with entertainment by tenor Michael Lapina. \$65 per person, include canapés and two-course meal BYO alcohol
NAB Auditorium Cnr Bourke St and Harbour Esplanade Docklands
6pm—10pm **Saturday May 29**

For bookings and information contact: Anne King Phone: 0425 871 555

E-mail: mailto:aking@hewsons.com.au



Albert Park Book Store

The Rotary Club of Albert Park have recently opened a second hand book store, operating from 10am until 2pm each Saturday from the old Galilee School Building of the Parish of Sts Peter and Paul, Cnr of Dorcas & Montague Streets, South Melbourne. There are plenty of books for everyone, books for littlies, primary-age kids, teens, adults. Fiction, non-fiction, crime, cookery, craft, parenting, classics and a whole lot more! All money raised goes back into the local community. For enquiries, please call Henry 9681 7382.



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Dist 9800		Attendance		Membership				
2009/2010		April-10		At July 1	April-10			
Club	Cluster	Meets	Month%		Start	End	gain /loss	% change
Caulfield	Beachside	5	64%	6	11	11	5	83.3%
Brunswick	Heritage	5	36%	29	36	37	8	27.6%
Melton Valley	Westside	5	61%	17	21	21	4	23.5%
Williamstown	Hobsons B	2	58%	30	37	37	7	23.3%
Elsternwick	Beachside	2	69%	11	13	13	2	18.2%
Southbank	Batman	4	52%	29	34	34	5	17.2%
CentMel Sun	Batman	4	62%	55	62	62	7	12.7%
Malvern	S'ton	4	73%	42	46	47	5	11.9%
Collingwood	Heritage	4	65%	18	19	20	2	11.1%
Rochester	Goldfields	?	80%	9	10	10	1	11.1%
N Melbourne	Gateway	4	56%	28	31	31	3	10.7%
St Kilda	S'ton			12		13	1	8.3%
Camberwell	Eastside	4	79%	61	66	66	5	8.2%
Wyndham	Port Phillip	4	72%	27	29	29	2	7.4%
Melbourne	Batman	4	47%	258	275	276	18	7.0%
Woodend	Calder	4	59%	18	19	19	1	5.6%
Kyneton	Calder	2	75%	37	39	39	2	5.4%
M Valley	Gateway			20		21	1	5.0%
Brighton B	Beachside	4	75%	23	24	24	1	4.3%
Gisborne	Calder	4	74%	24	25	25	1	4.2%
Brighton N	Beachside	4	81%	51	53	53	2	3.9%
Footscray	Hobsons B	5	60%	53	55	55	2	3.8%
Hoppers Cr	Port Phillip	4	73%	31	32	32	1	3.2%
Brighton	Beachside			126		130	4	3.2%
Bendigo St	Goldfields	4	57%	32	33	33	1	3.1%
Carlton	Heritage	3	72%	39	40	40	1	2.6%
Castlemaine	Calder	4	61%	41	42	42	1	2.4%
Bendigo	Goldfields	4	61%	84	85	86	2	2.4%
Kew	Yarra	?	67%	44	47	45	1	2.3%
Albert Park	Batman	4	61%	62	63	63	1	1.6%
Essendon	Gateway	4	56%	76	77	77	1	1.3%
Altona	Port Phillip	4	58%	25	25	25	0	0.0%
Bacchus M	Westside	4	65%	40	38	40	0	0.0%
Boroondara	Eastside	2	47%	18	18	18	0	0.0%
Eaglehawk	Goldfields	4	82%	39	39	39	0	0.0%
Hawthorn	Yarra	4	58%	65	65	65	0	0.0%
Kangaroo F	Goldfields	2	79%	27	27	27	0	0.0%



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Keilor	Gateway	4	81%	38	38	38	0	0.0%
Keilor East	Gateway	2	78%	41	41	41	0	0.0%
Richmond	Heritage	2	88%	38	38	38	0	0.0%
Tullamarine	Gateway	4	70%	20	20	20	0	0.0%
N Balwyn	Eastside	4	87%	87	83	86	-1	-1.1%
Canterbury	Eastside	3	57%	45	49	44	-1	-2.2%
ChadstoneEM	S'ton	4	68%	41	40	40	-1	-2.4%
Toorak	S'ton	2	93%	35	35	34	-1	-2.9%
Brimbank C	Westside	4	66%	31	31	30	-1	-3.2%
Prahran	S'ton	3	65%	30	29	29	-1	-3.3%
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Altona City	Port Phillip	2	57%	33	33	29	-4	-12.1%
Melbourne S	Batman	5	84%	33	29	29	-4	-12.1%
Kew/Yarra	Yarra	4	66%	23	20	20	-3	-13.0%
Ech-Moama	Goldfields	4	74%	27	24	23	-4	-14.8%
Bendigo S	Goldfields	5	66%	45	38	38	-7	-15.6%
Flemington	Hobsons B	4	88%	24	20	20	-4	-16.7%
Glen Eira	Beachside	4	77%	23	21	19	-4	-17.4%
Docklands	Batman			30		24	-6	-20.0%
Pt Melbourne	Batman	2	69%	21	14	13	-8	-38.1%
No. of Clubs Reporting			65		65			
No. of Members				2730		2749	19	0.7%
% Average of Those Reported			67.9%					
% of Clubs Reporting Attendance			94%					
% of Clubs Reporting Membership						94%		



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- Have fun and enhance their Rotary Experience.



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One of the best supported fellowship programs in this District is the **Rotary Friendship Exchange** program. This program gives Rotarians and their partners, or single Rotarians the opportunity to experience other cultures firsthand, by participating in reciprocal visits with Rotarians from other countries and their families. The goal of the program is to advance international understanding, goodwill and peace through person-to-person contacts across national boundaries.

If you would like further information on Rotary Friendship Exchange please contact RFE Chair Jeanette Lynch on 0419568639 or email: Jeanette.michael@bigpond.com

Whether recreational, vocational, or medical/health-related, Rotary Fellowships unite Rotarians to foster friendship, international understanding, and service in exciting and innovating ways that benefit the global community.

To learn more about Rotary Fellowships, use the resources to contact those of interest to you. Come and join the fun of Rotary Fellowships at [Global networking groups](#)



Your Rotary Future May be in Their Hands.

Colin Muir District Governor 9800



RI President John Kenny

My Fellow Rotarians,

In February, I attended the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Rotary Club of St. Paul, Minn. USA. After dinner that evening, a young lady came up to me and asked: "Of everything you have seen this year in Rotary, what has touched your heart the most?"

For such a simple question, it was nearly impossible to answer – only because I have seen so much that has touched my heart so deeply and made me so proud to be a Rotarian. These past 12 months have given me the opportunity and the privilege of observing firsthand how our service touches the lives of others, and how great are the needs we address.

As this Rotary year and my term as RI president draw to a close, I thank you all for your service to Rotary and your support. I have been honored to serve as your president, and remind you that *The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands*.

John Kenny
President, Rotary International



The full text of RI President John Kenny's last monthly message is available at <http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/RotaryLeadership/RIPresident/Pages/Messages.aspx>

100 Km Run to Fight Cancer

by Jackson Saunders – Bendigo Advertiser



Swedish Rotary Exchange Student Gusten Danielson is ready to run more than 100 Km to help raise money for breast cancer. Gusten is preparing to complete the non-stop run for the McGrath Foundation.

The 17-year-old said he had been inspired to take part in the run as his aunt in Sweden is battling breast cancer. Gusten, who is staying in Castlemaine, said he has already raised \$5,500 but was hoping to raise up to \$10,000.

The avid runner said he was looking forward to the challenge on Sunday June 6th. He hopes to start at 3.00am from Tullamarine and finish the trek about 3.00 pm at the Castlemaine Town Hall. "It's a challenge to see where my limits are," he said. As well as raising money, he hoped the event would increase awareness about the effects of breast cancer.

With his 12 month stay in Australia drawing to a close, Gusten said he had particularly enjoyed the laid-back Australian culture. He has enjoyed visiting places such as Perth, Uluru, the Great Barrier Reef and the Gold Coast. "It's been great," he said. "The people and way of living is different to European living". Gusten has studied at Castlemaine Secondary College during his stay, and has been hosted by five families from the Castlemaine and surrounding

areas. He leaves Australia on July 11th to head back to his home in Norrköping on the south-east coast, one hour south of Sweden's capital, Stockholm.

Anyone wishing to support Gusten's run can leave a donation at Harding's Footwear at 174 Barker St, Castlemaine, or log in to www.mcgarthfoundation.com.au and quote community event number CE000745.



Rotarians Mark a Milestone

BY EUGENE BENSON OF THE MOONEE VALLEY COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER 25 May, 2010

THE Rotary Club of Essendon had a huge weekend of celebration to mark its 75th anniversary. Starting on Friday night, the club had a 1935-theme party, with suits and cocktail dresses worn by distinguished guests. Food was also representative of a 1935 menu with scones and cakes in high demand.

The highlight of the night was two re-enactments of the then Essendon Council accepting the Charter of the Rotary Club in 1934 and then the Rotary Club's first meeting. A copy of the Essendon Gazette from May 23, 1935 was also handed out to those in attendance, the paper featuring an article about the rise of Essendon Rotary. Remarkably, the re-enactment was held in Clocktower's Pascoe room, the same room where the Charter of Rotary International was presented to it on May 21, 1935.



On Sunday, celebrations continued at the Moonee Valley Racing Club where more than 200 guests celebrated at a 75th birthday luncheon. Guests were also treated to a speech by former Governor-General Michael Jeffery.

Rotarian Michael Mahoney said it was a weekend packed with fun and frivolity: *"Friday night was just a really fun evening. There was a broad mix of people there and everyone really enjoyed themselves."*

A Sustainable Solution to Global Malnutrition

Imagine, if you could, a world that was free of chronic malnutrition. Where children as young as five did not die of hunger or disease. That could be a reality now, thanks to the efforts of Tasmanian agricultural scientist, Bruce French.

Bruce has devoted a lifetime of work to devising a simple and sustainable solution to global malnutrition through establishing the not-for-profit organisation, *Food Plants International*. Through his work he has documented the world's most complete and comprehensive database of edible plants. These plants thrive in their homelands, provide nutrition and, most importantly, help the hungry feed themselves.

Traditional and emergency responses to the problem in the human population have failed to come up with permanent solutions to the problem. In developing countries, seven million children die each year from malnutrition.

An alternative approach is needed to address malnutrition around the globe. Learn \diamond Grow is a visionary approach to malnutrition – to grow the best local foods to meet nutritional needs.

Learn \diamond Grow will be at the Rotary International Convention at Montreal: The Break Out Session will be chaired by PRIP Wilf Wilkinson.

More details at <http://www.learn-grow.org/>



“Not only will nutritional food be more available... but those most at risk will have the dignity of managing their own needs.”

Dr Elleen Gentilecore, RI Health and Hunger, 2006-2008



Rotary Praises Polio Efforts

By Ryan Hyland *Rotary International News* – 18 May 2010

In recognition of their ongoing support of a polio-free world, four members of the U.S. Congress and one government official received Rotary's *Polio Eradication Champion Award* on 5 May in Washington, D.C.

Since the mid-1980s, the U.S. government has contributed \$1.7 billion to the cause. President Barack Obama also announced a global push for polio eradication in conjunction with the Organization of the Islamic Conference during a 2009 speech in Cairo. The location was chosen for its symbolism: Ancient Egyptian artwork features the earliest known depictions of people disabled by the disease.

In addition to the 2010 honorees, Past RI President James Lacy acknowledged the ongoing leadership of the more than 40 other members of Congress whom Rotary has previously recognized.



"The progress made toward polio eradication is seen through the collective achievement of the current and past congressional recipients of the Polio Eradication Champion Award," said Lacy. "When Congress began its support of this effort, nearly 60 countries had polio. Today there are only four countries. We must maintain this level of dedication to end polio forever."

RI President Elect Ray Klingensmith honored volunteers of the *Stop Transmission of Polio* program who have been killed during eradication efforts in hostile regions, calling them "heroes."

Global leaders who have received the Polio Eradication Champion Award include President Laurent Gbagbo of Côte d'Ivoire, former President Mamadou Tandja of Niger, Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh of India, and United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

Full story at http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/100518_news_poliochampions.aspx

Farewell – and Welcome back!

By Robyn Grigorovitch *Altona City RC*.

On Friday April 23rd Altona City Rotary Club hosted the Outbound Group Study Exchange Farewell Dinner. Attended by over one hundred Rotarians and guests, the night had a different atmosphere and format to other GSE Dinners. Instead of being formal dinner and speeches, it was a farewell party that took up the full 5 hours with a lot of fun, food, dance and wine!

Ken Vazquez and his team had the send off Ken had hoped for, and many visiting Rotarians enjoyed the night so much they had to be coaxed into leaving long after midnight.



All the stories about the GSE Team and their experiences will come to the fore at the welcome back dinner on 16th June.

Dinner details below in "**Notices and Events**"



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

- Will we be able to achieve our aim to build the Permanent Fund to US\$1 billion by 2025?
- Will we have eradicated Polio by 2013?
- Will the Foundations Future Vision be accepted by Rotarians as the right decision by 2015?
- Will the Rotary Peace Program be recognised as Rotary's most prestigious educational program by 2020?



Foundation Chairman Chris Don asks these questions, and news of the Paul Harris Society, Global Grants, Future Vision, Ambassadorial Scholarships, Royce Abbey Awards and the progress of the GSE Team are in the current **Foundation News** at:

http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/uploads/downloads/News/Foundation_Newsletters/FoundationNewsEdition2.pdf

Marketing Tip

Changing Audience Perspectives

Within Rotary, we see words like "Foundation" or "Service" and know exactly what they mean. We see the Rotary International emblem and we know what it represents. We know when we speak to a fellow Rotarian that they hold admirable values.



But as Clubs how often do we consider how we are seen by those outside of Rotary? Are we aware of the perceptions and misconceptions others hold? Do we understand how these impact on us? Are we doing anything to counter misconceptions?

Before trying to gain publicity, we should first gain an understanding of just how we are perceived publicly:

How we are currently seen by the public

How we want to be seen by the public

What we need to accentuate in order to reduce the difference between the actual and desired perceptions

Who we particularly want to take notice of us (Our Target Audience)

Each Club needs a plan to combat the misconceptions that can arise about Rotary and Rotarians – we can't put our head in the sand or just remain adamant that the misconceptions aren't true so they don't affect us. Often we won't get a chance to tell people in person where the truth really lies, so we need actions, events, promotions, advertising, and myth busting examples to break down "mythconceptions".

What actions and promotion does your Club take to break down the following common perceptions and misconceptions?

Rotary is all about sausage sizzles

Rotary doesn't achieve much or do anything worthwhile

I'd be just one person if I joined – I couldn't initiate new projects

Joining Rotary would mean sacrificing time spent on my passions

All those terms like "Foundation" and RYLA/RYPEN, ARHRF are all Rotary-speak

Rotarians are all men

Rotarians are all old people

Rotary is a secret society only for people invited into it

I went to a Rotary meeting once but it was stuffy and boring

Rotary is just a local organisation that only does local projects

There's nobody from my background in Rotary and they don't welcome people like me



What we do – in terms of projects, publicity and the examples we provide - will determine how we are seen by the public. So if you always do what you've always done means you'll always get what you have always got, what do you need to start doing?



Readers Letters

Dear Clarice,

Please pass on a sincere "thank you" to the 97 Rotarians and friends who turned up at the 2010 MS Global Dinner held at Keilor Hotel on May 25. Our photo shows MS Society speakers Dr Holly Cate and Carol Cooke with myself.

Hundreds of events and activities took place in at least 65 countries world wide on May 26 as the Global MS Movement marked World MS Day

Don't forget the MSWalk and Fun Run Sunday June 6, 2010 at Albert Park Lake.

Best wishes, thanks and regards,

Martin Taurins

D9800 MS Committee and RAGMSA

taurins3@vegas.com.au



Dear Clarice,

The Charter of Melbourne Park was a wonderful and thought provoking event, the birth of a New Club and a vision of the next Rotary generation – Our Future. I imagine the reminder of why new clubs are essential (partly because some existing clubs fail to evolve and adapt to ongoing change and eventually close) would have given many of us something to ponder.

Often we don't notice the world is constantly changing and somewhere in the mix of tradition, habit and reluctance to change, we form a fixed view of what Rotary is, that is not based on reality. It would have been very interesting if some of our more conservative members were forced to observe that singing God Save the Queen, the National Anthem and saying the non existent "Rotary Grace" has nothing to do with modern Rotary. Continue to use them in your Club by all means, but don't pretend that they are an essential part of Rotary, or be surprised that it is difficult to obtain younger members.

What would a young person's first impression of my Club be – Old People, Grey Hair, Old World Procedure? We can dye our hair (no blue rinse please), cull our older Members (some would object) or look at a fresh approach to the way we run our meetings.

The burlesque dancer (thank you for the photo in the Networker, some were sceptical) was a lovely way for the new club to "thumb their nose" at some of our conservative ideas. No tut tuts, no one swooned and the roof did not cave in.

Our New Club proves that young people want to be Rotarians, but may not want to join some clubs because of the way they operate.

PP David Dippie



Dear Clarice,

COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION REPORT

It was my privilege to represent D9800 as a voting delegate at the recent Council On Legislation..

Together with Board Directors and Foundation Trustees, 528 voting delegates, one from each Rotary District, attended the Council.

The Council provides Rotary with a opportunity to make significant and thoughtful changes to our constitutional documents, to present important resolutions for consideration by the RI Board and to suggest legislation for future Councils..

Significant decisions were to approve a fifth Avenue of Service, New Generations and to rarify the formation of e- Clubs. with the limit of 2 clubs per District.

There were 24 resolutions proposed concerning The Rotary Foundation dealing with the inclusion of new programs, such as environmental conservation, hearing care, blindness, TB, mental illness and Infant mortality. all worthy in their right but all were defeated in view of the Future Vision program. Most were then referred to the Board.

Rotary maintained its integrity in defeating several resolutions to include spouses, partners, children and grandchildren of Rotarians as eligible for the various Foundation awards and programs. Also defeated were proposals for the Trustees to consider accepting grants applications ONLY from clubs that contribute to the Annual Program Fund and that Matching Grants be provided for construction and associated volunteer service.

I would be available to provide a full summary of enactments and resolutions as requested.

PDG Don Jago



Notices and Events

District Governor's Changeover Lunch

The Rotary Club of Toorak invites you to attend the DG Changeover Lunch at Crown Palladium 11.30am for Pre-Luncheon Drinks **Sunday 27 June 2010**

Entertainment by Singer/Songwriter Dianna Corcoran - Female Artist of the Year

FREE PARKING in multi level car park - Entrance off Kingsway and Clark Street, Airbridge to Crown. Take ticket to cloak room for validation.



Bookings by Friday 12th June 2010 to: Rotary Club of

Toorak Inc. PO Box 397 Toorak Vic 3142

Phone: 0419 357 864 Fax: 03 9509 7935

Email: alan.l.freedman@bigpond.com

Booking form available from:

http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/uploads/downloads/Members/2010_04_Messages/District_9800_Changeover_flyer.pdf



North Melbourne Rotary Club – Change of Venue

Please note that effective immediately the North Melbourne Rotary Club is changing the venue for its weekly Friday breakfast meetings (7.30am for 7.45am start) to the:

Radisson Hotel 380 William Street Melbourne Conference Room, Level 1

For those who have not been to the Radisson it is opposite the Flagstaff Gardens on the corner of William Street and A'Beckett Streets, Melbourne

There is parking at the Victoria Market car park which is directly adjacent and costs \$5 for 2 hours or 2 hour and 4 hour parking meters in the streets surrounding which are \$4/hr.

Volunteers Urgently Needed

The Cancer Council Victoria urgently needs volunteers who have cared or supported someone with cancer, to join the **Family Cancer Connect Telephone Support Program**.

With 70 Victorians diagnosed with cancer every day, few Victorian families are not affected by cancer. This invaluable service offers one to one phone support to people affected by cancer from specially trained volunteers who have been through a similar experience.

- Full training is provided to volunteers (a minimum of 2 years post treatment or bereavement is required)
- Travel and accommodation expenses are covered for rural volunteers
- Out-of-pocket expenses to attend training will be reimbursed.

Anyone who may be interested in becoming a Family Connect volunteer, please contact

Trish Waters Cancer Services Coordinator

Phone 03 9635 5276 Email trish.waters@cancervic.org.au



Albert Park Book Store

The Rotary Club of Albert Park have recently opened a second hand book store, operating from 10am until 2pm each Saturday from the old Galilee School Building of the Parish of Sts Peter and Paul, Cnr of Dorcas & Montague Streets, South Melbourne.

There are plenty of books for everyone, books for littlies, primary-age kids, teens, adults. Fiction, non-fiction, crime, cookery, craft, parenting, classics and a whole lot more! All money raised goes back into the local community. For enquiries, please call Henry 9681 7382.



Rochester Change Over

The Change Over function for the Rotary Club of Rochester Inc will take place at the Lake Cooper Estate, Midland Highway, Corop on Sunday **June 6th**. 12pm for 12.30pm

Jenny Owen: 0438 841 419 <mailto:dow47994@bigpond.net.au>



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We care. We share. We all gain.



GSE Team - Welcome back from Spain - Dinner

Italian Sports Club of Werribee, 601 Heaths Rd, Werribee

Wednesday 16th June 6:30pm for 7.00pm Cost: \$25 per person (drinks at bar prices) includes steak and seafood dinner.

Come and join in the celebration of a successful GSE team visit to Spain. Hear the exciting adventures of this extraordinary young team. Yes, we know it is changeover time but this will be your best chance to hear from one of the success stories of this rotary year. Support your foundation and come along.

Enquiries Contact: Gary Willson 0418 788 838 or garywillson@hotmail.com



Indonesian Night



Jointly held by Rotary Clubs of Glenferrie and Kew: Dinner and auction night fundraiser for next Sumba Eye Program

Wednesday, 16th June 6:30 to 9.30pm. Hawthorn Town Hall Burwood Rd
Mr Peter Stewart and Dr Mark Ellis will present - "The land, the people and delivery of eye care to West Sumba"

\$45 per head (Drinks at Bar prices) Authentic Indonesian cuisine and celebration of Indonesian culture. Enquiries: Helena Wimpole 9818 5231 or Bob Crozier 9509 7443

BOOKING is essential - RSVP and PREPAYMENT by 8th June

Please return booking form and payment to Geoff Wood, 13 Orrong

Crescent, Camberwell, 3124 or email mailto:kellwood@bigpond.net.au

Rotary Club of St Kilda Changeover Dinner

21st June 6.30pm for 7pm start Cost \$55.00 Red Scooter 25 William Street, Balaclava

RSVP by 7th June to pr@stkildarotary.org.au

Interact Club of Aitken College – Charter Night

The Rotary Club of Tullamarine invites you to join them in the Charter of the Interact Club of Aitken College **Monday 21 June** 6:30 for 7:00pm at the Aitken College Chapel and Performing Arts Centre Melway map 178 K5

\$40 per person (includes finger food and soft drinks)

\$36 to Aitken students and parents who pay via College accounts

RSVP: Wednesday 16 June, to Barbara Wyatt 9333 1866



R.C.Werribee Changeover

will be conducting their Club Changeover at the Werribee Racing Club Function Rooms, Bulban Road, Werribee, **Tuesday 22nd June**, and also not at their usual meeting locality at Chilli Cheese Restaurant, Watton Street, Werribee.

Shrek Film Night

The Rotary Club of Yarraville invites you a night at the movies to see "Shrek Forever After".

Come and enjoy a night at the movies at the charming art deco Sun Theatre 8 Ballarat St. Yarraville.

Ticket includes nibblies before movie and drinks at bar prices and 3D glasses

When: Tuesday 22nd June -6.15pm :drinks & nibblies 7.00pm :Movie Starts

Tickets: Adults:\$20, Children \$18 (14yrs or less)

For bookings and information, contact Gerard White 0438 072 153 or email king67@optusnet.com.au



Rotaract Club of Tullamarine Change-Over

Come and celebrate the beginning of our second year with a new board, new projects and a chance to acknowledge the achievements of our first year.

Tabcorp Park at Melton Racecourse, Friday, **July 2nd** at 6.30 for 7.00 to 11.00pm.

Cost \$75 per person, with 3-course meal, beer, wine, soft drinks, great fellowship and amazing entertainment including harness racing.

Payment by cheque to PO Box 2042, Greenvale 3095

More details from tullamarinerotaract@rotarydistrict9800.org

