



Networker

Rotary District 9800

A publication for
Rotarians and
all community
minded people

DG Weekly Message

What's the best job in Rotary?

Membership of a Rotary Club, wearing the Rotary pin, to us all, is something special in its own right. However, what's the best job in Rotary? Ask that question to any Rotarian and you are likely to get a different answer each time. Then ask that same Rotarian that same question some years later, and you may well get a different answer. Rotarians are able to take on different roles each year if they wish to do so.

Could one of these possibly be the best job in Rotary:

CLUB PRESIDENT: a sign that your fellow club members have selected you and have faith in you to lead your club for 12 months.

COMMITTEE MEMBER: be it in a Club or on District, you are adding ideas and contributing to the outcome of a project, idea or task.

GSE: team member or leader, with the opportunity to spend 5 weeks living, learning and experiencing a different culture.

RAWCS: involvement in any International Service activity.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR: the privilege of leading your District, the Presidents, Clubs, Leadership Team and Rotarians to help achieve plans & objectives and promote the RI Theme.



**Iven Mackay and Marilyn
District Governor 2010-2011**

CLUB BULLETIN EDITOR: a position in the club that requires constant information sourcing and publishing/distributing to members. As a bulletin editor or even editor of our District Networker, a week comes around very fast.

DISTRICT DIRECTOR: in a position to encourage Club Directors/Chairs in whatever the Avenue of Service may be. An opportunity exists to implement new projects across the District.

CLUB SERGEANT: controlling the conduct of meetings, holding fine sessions, able to be serious/funny in the same meeting, the challenge of variety and interest each meeting.

RIP: President of Rotary International..... you have reached the top! The choice of RI Theme for the year is yours, and all Rotarians look to your direction and leadership.

**CLUB PROGRAM CHAIR/
DIRECTOR:** Adding the balance of Rotary/non Rotary speakers,

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local business people and the various topics of the guest speakers at your club.

- Or could it be.....?

The answer to the question “**What’s the best job in Rotary**” is of course..... **ALL OF THE ABOVE and many others.**

I’d also like to welcome our new inbound Youth Exchange students, farewell our Outbound Australian YE Students going away for a year of adventure, and let us say goodbye to those returning home after being with us, and calling “Australia Home” for this last 12 months. Congratulations, well done, and our best wishes to you all.

Please see these recent photos taken at Melbourne Airport of our returning students.



Finally, our thoughts and very best wishes continue go to all those affected by the floods, that have extended from Queensland into parts of our own District 9800. We wish all those involved the very best with all the recovery and clean up activity that is taking place. Rotarians are ready to help..... **BUILDING COMMUNITIES BRIDGING CONTINENTS.**

Have a great week and take care,

DG Iven

Devastation in Queensland

Disaster Aid Australia, together with its international partners Canada, USA, UK & Ireland have offered to assist in any way we can. Although our charter is to provide humanitarian aid in developing countries, we cannot stand by without offering to help Australians in need.

Disaster Aid Australia General Manager, Jenni Heenan said, “we have been in contact with the Queensland government authorities offering support and aid in the form of tents and also the expertise of our Disaster Aid Response Team members. Our teams recently returned from flood devastated Pakistan and are on standby to assist should the authorities make a request.”



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Bushfire Recovery Update No. 8

Australia is a country prone to natural disasters as eloquently explained and sadly demonstrated yet again very recently in Queensland, Western Australia, Tasmania, and Victoria. Victorian experience following the tragic bushfires in February 2009 has shown that there is a long road back for survivors and a need for on-going community support in many forms. The RI D9800 Bushfire Recovery Program continues and is providing valuable support in relevant ways.

In order to keep Rotarians informed regarding how their District Recovery Fund is being applied, Update Reports are prepared from time to time and provided to the District Board, the District Leadership Team, and all Club Presidents. The aim is to have the information percolate “down the line” to as many Rotarians as possible, after all they are our most important “stakeholders”.

The most recent Update Report No. 8 refers to several important projects and successes that can be summarised as follows:

- Construction of a Youth Space at Kinglake which is to be officially commemorated by RI President 2010 / 11 Ray Klinginsmith on 7 March;
- Extension of the YMCA Swimming Pool Operation at Marysville into 2011;
- Rehabilitation of floor sealing in public areas of Marysville Central by members of the Rotary Club of North Balwyn; and
- Provision of \$450,000 to the Yarra Valley Practitioners Project by the New Coalition Government of Victoria in accordance with a pre-election promise: Rotary initially funded the Project and had an important part to play in achievement of the Government commitment.

> Readers can access the informative full Report online.

Make February Your Membership Drive Month

With your Club now swinging back into action in the New Year and planning exciting new events, now is a great time to start thinking about introducing new members into your Club in the month of February.

In the coming weeks, each Club should aim to have every member introduce at least one new person to Rotary.

Who should we try to attract as new members?

Some obvious people to target might include:

- Those who share similar values
- Those who are involved in projects of value where we already share an affinity
- Those who would join us but don't know how
- Those who would join us but don't know who we are
- Those who are passionate about 'dreaming, believing, creating and succeeding'
- Those looking for business networking opportunities but who want to share with the community as well (young professionals, people who have moved from interstate, people with new businesses, etc.)
- Those without a productive outlet for their social conscience
- Those who may have lapsed because of previous perceptions of lack of value
- Those who would join us but for their misconceptions about who we are
- People of different backgrounds to ourselves yet that share commonalities
- Who else?

Make Contact – Put Your Invitation Out in Advance

A simple email invitation or call via phone is all that's needed:

- Make it a personal and individualised contact and not too formal, lengthy or officious
- Explain why you think they would get something out of it – i.e. what's in it for them
- Give an example of the great work you've done and explain how it provides them the opportunity to do something similar
- Provide them with a date, time and place to put in their diary
- Attach the flier you can [DOWNLOAD HERE](#) to your email – you can introduce it by mentioning its simple theme – "Rotary: People like you and me."

Prepare Your Club Now

A dedicated new member night can be an invaluable event for your Club. If your Club makes a concerted and coordinated effort to ensure that your Club and its activities are impressive and at their best when these prospective members are exposed to your Club for the first time, you can be assured that your chances of keeping them on board will be enhanced. A boring or laborious first night will lose them quickly, so plan the first impression you want to give now – make it special!

Remember also to ask them what problems they would love to see fixed in the community and if they have any ideas for projects you could help them implement – the opportunity to finally take action on something they have always wanted to do is an attractive incentive to join Rotary. Simply put, if your Club is a place where prospective members can "make it happen" it will be a place they will want to be part of.

Your Ideas

Please let me know if you have any ideas or initiatives that have worked for you, as I would love to share them with other Clubs and our membership in the coming weeks through Networker.

Philip Archer

Marketing & Membership Director

Australia Day BBQ - For Flood Relief

Why not have a BBQ this Australia Day and raise money for victims of all the Australian Flooding?

It's the perfect time of the year to invite your neighbours, your friends or have your work colleagues around to the house.

Networker has an Australia Day challenge for you... throw a barbie on or around this coming Australia Day and tip the hat for donations to go to the Australian Flood Disaster Appeal.

Donations can be made at the Australian Flood Disaster Appeal page!



Raise money for Australian Flood Victims!

Clean Up Australia Day

Sunday 6 March, 2011

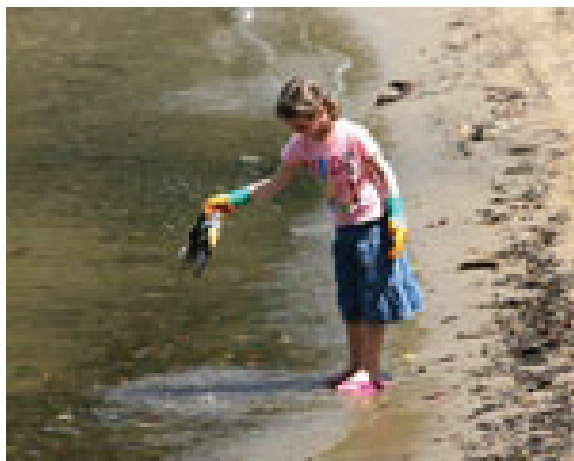
Why not come along and be part of Australia's largest community driven environmental event, Clean Up Australia Day? You won't be alone, last year one in fifty Australians took part - totally 588,000 volunteers! Together, they collected more than one hundred thousand bags of rubbish at 7,073 registered sites across Australia.

For a hands on way to help the environment register for 2011 Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday 6 March by going to: <http://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au> or by calling 1800 282 329.

The latest media release can be found here: <http://www.cleanup.org.au/au/Media/clean-up-australia-day-2011---do-your-bit-for-the-environment.html>

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any information you need. tatjana@cleanup.com.au

Kind regards,
Tatjana Fromm
Campaign Manager Clean Up Australia Day



> Visit the Clean Up Australia Day Website

Paint in the Park Day

Rotary Club of Caulfield had quite some years ago organised Art Exhibitions, but in more recent times wanted to do something to really bring local artists together as a means to enhance the cultural life of the City of Glen Eira. It was also to enable these artists the opportunity to work together to exchange creative ideas and further their work. Thus the Glen Eira Artists' Society Inc was established by the Club with a couple of artist Club members forming the nucleus of what is now a thriving group.

The first Paint In the Park Day at Caulfield Park on 28 November, 2010 absolutely bucketed with rain and artists had to hang onto their easels in the wind. There was great camaraderie amongst the artists, buoyed along by the convivial Art Facilitator, Artist Colin Johnson. Some 18 brave and stalwart artists produced amazing works of which 10 were exhibited for two weeks at the City of Glen Eira Community Gallery courtesy of the municipality, receiving much favourable comment. The Society has gained new members through this event and the Club looks forward to more joint activities with this fledgling Society.



Rotary Club of North Balwyn Adopts Poor Vietnamese Community

Following successful projects to develop infrastructure and rice-growing projects in the Solomon Islands over the past five years, the Rotary Club of North Balwyn has now adopted one of the poorest communities in Vietnam, the subsistence farming community of Minh Hac, 130 kilometres north-west of Hanoi. This will be the Club's key international project for the next five years.

The 3,000 people of Minh Hac live alongside the Red River that produces no fish these days, and there is very restricted land suitable for farming. Rotarians Imre Lele and Rowan McClean visited the community in October to inspect a community centre that the Club has helped fund. The Centre is the first in the Minh Hac area, and will act as a discussion place for community groups, an activity centre for older citizens and provide the first library of any type in the community (even the Primary and Secondary schools do not have one).

The Rotarians who visited the community have considerable senior management and relevant developing country economic projects experience between them, and they also sought to identify opportunities through consultation with the people that might produce income and employment for Minh Hac citizens. In total, 31 projects were considered and ranked against specially developed attractiveness criteria.

There are many ways to assist Minh Hac in education, health, new enterprise start-ups and community development, and other Rotarians or clubs interested in supporting this initiative should email rowanmcclean@gmail.com or call 0412 966 066 to discuss specific opportunities.

Together with local NGOs and a Charitable Trust from Australia, the Rotary Club of North Balwyn has formed a sound partnership that should enable significant contributions to be made to this area.



RI hires new General Secretary

Rotary International has named John Hewko, an attorney with extensive international experience in both the private and public sectors, to be the global humanitarian service organization's new top executive, serving as its general secretary. Rotary's Secretariat supports the activities of more than 33,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas, with a combined membership of 1.2 million men and women. The Rotary Foundation annually distributes over \$180 million to fund a variety of educational programs and humanitarian projects throughout the world.

Hewko is a former partner with the international law firm of Baker & McKenzie and was vice president at the Millennium Challenge Corporation, a U.S. government agency established in 2004 to deliver U.S. foreign assistance to the world's poorest countries. He begins work on 1 July at a key moment in Rotary's 106-year history.



"I am delighted to be joining Rotary and honored to be able to participate in the organization's mission to promote world peace and understanding by addressing some of the root causes of conflict, such as poverty, hunger, disease, illiteracy, and the global water and sanitation crisis," Hewko said. "Rotary's global membership of 1.2 million business and professional leaders -- supported by a dedicated, professional staff -- is a powerful resource that is making a meaningful global and grassroots contribution to that goal. Just look at what Rotary already has accomplished in the area of polio prevention and eradication."

As RI's general secretary, Hewko will play a lead role in the implementation of the organization's newly revised strategic plan that envisions Rotary's expanded engagement in areas such as maternal and child health, water and sanitation, disease prevention and treatment, basic education and literacy, economic and community development, and peace studies and conflict prevention/resolution. His tenure could also see the successful conclusion of Rotary's principal humanitarian initiative: its 25-year campaign to eradicate the crippling disease polio, a goal that is more than 99 percent complete.



Notices & Events

Great Australia Day Swim

26 January, 2011

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NEW

Conviction Movie Night

20 February, 2011

You are invited to an exclusive private viewing of a remarkable new movie, Conviction. This is an extraordinary story of how far we go to fight for our own family.

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25 February, 2011

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Cluster Club Presentations D9800 Conference: Adelaide

March 31 to April 2, 2011

Once again Cluster presentations will be produced through the conference organising committee.

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Anzac Peace Tour

Rotarians from all over Australia are booking for the Rotary ANZAC Peace Tour to Turkey, departing in April 2011.

Back to School Exercise Books - First DIK Project

Until the end of January many of the major stores and supermarkets will have exercise books on special. Exercise books are a key component of the Student Kits we send to many countries.

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It's time for Clubs to seek out & nominate a worthy recipient!

All Clubs in D9800 should consider finding a suitable person to nominate for a Shine On Award. This is an outstanding program that recognises the abilities of those with a disability who, despite their own situation, help and assist others in the community.

The Shine On Awards will be held on Sunday 1 May at Deakin University, Waurn Ponds Campus, near Geelong. This multi District program, involving 5 Rotary Southern Districts (Victoria), is to be hosted this year by D9780, with D9790, D9800, D9810 and D9820 participating. Information has been sent to all Club Presidents and I encourage Club Vocational Service Chairs/Directors to discuss this in their Committees and get involved in this very worthwhile project, which is easy to do, will cost no money, and the small amount of effort will be rewarded by the acknowledgement of someone, a quiet achiever, in your Community. I have been to many Shine On Awards, and in my 3 years as District Director Vocational Service, I witnessed just how much this award meant, to those who day after day,



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regardless of their own situation, do so much for others.

Eligible nominees are people who are actively involved in Community Service for the benefit of others and have demonstrated a significant level of achievement whilst managing a specific medical disorder/ disability. For further information please contact D9800 Shine On Awards Chair PP Dawn Watson, email dejewats@y7mail.com or mobile 0408 471037. PP Dawn is to be congratulated on the successful running of this program over many years now.

In last week's Networker we welcomed home our YE Students from Rotary year 2010-11, who had been away for 12 months. This Networker we say goodbye/ tchau to our **YE Students** who have been with us 12 months from Brazil and we say farewell to our 2011-2012 outbound YE Australian students, who head off

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to other Districts in the Rotary World, for the year of their life!

Our best wishes continue to go to all those affected by floods. Thank you to all those Rotarians that continue to “lend a hand” so willingly. Also, please remember to **REGISTER NOW** for the 79th District 9800 Conference in Adelaide, Bound for fun, bound for South Australia.

Have a great week,

DG Iven



Marketing Tip

Know someone who would make a **great** Rotarian?

In our Rotary Clubs we are lucky to have people with a broad diversity of knowledge, professional skills and personalities. But when it comes to new members we don't search for people who know the same things as you or me – we seek people with the same sense of community spirit and passion for sharing and helping. We each gain from meeting others outside our profession who come together with a similar desire to make the world a better place.

So when we sit down to think about who we would approach to become a new member, remember that it's not what you know – it's who you know.

Who do you know that would make a great new member?

So who do you know? Who do your fellow Club members know?

> View the Worksheet

Rotary Alumni

The bimonthly e-newsletter Reconnections is now available. It is for and about alumni of The Rotary Foundation, and it includes updates on alumni activities and accomplishments as well as Rotary news.

Inside Reconnections, you'll find:

- Empowering the next generation of peacemakers
- Keeping children out of harm's way
- Bringing smiles to children in India
- Catching life at the crossroads

Rotary Foundation alumni associations are a great way for alumni to stay in touch with each other and to continue to build their relationships with Rotary. Associations are often affiliated with a Rotary district, although some reach out to include alumni from an entire country. Active alumni associations generally organize social events, such as dinners or lunches; perform service projects with the help of a local Rotary or Rotaract club; and organize special fundraising events designed to support the mission of The Rotary Foundation.



More information about Alumni available from the Secretary on 0418 387 973 or http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/contact_us

If you're a Rotary alumnus, update your information online today and receive issues of Reconnections in your e-mail inbox.

Not a Rotary alumnus? Sign up to receive Reconnections [here](#).

Caulfield Park Community School Cafe

The Rotary Club of Caulfield is pleased to announce that it has been instrumental in the City of Glen Eira granting a Planning Permit to the school for a 25 seat Cafe open to the general public during school hours. The cafe will be built by VET Certificate 11 Building and Construction students under supervision as part of their training. VET Certificate 11 Hospitality students will work in the Cafe as part of their studies. This project could not have been undertaken without the generous pro bono assistance of Architect Joe Kovacs and the goodwill of the City of Glen Eira in waiving most of the planning application fees. The Project has met with support, there being not even one objection to the Planning Permit Application.

The Cafe will front onto Balaclava Road, directly opposite Caulfield Park and should attract patrons from park users and pedestrians.

The Rotary Clubs of Caulfield and Toorak will now work with the School to get the Cafe built. Once built, the Rotary Club of Caulfield will hold at least one meeting a month at the School Cafe.

Local Rotary Clubs in Flood Relief Efforts

Last Sunday saw a team of 25 volunteers from the Rotary Club's of Keilor and Tullamarine head to the small agricultural town of Charlton in north west Victoria to help in its massive clean up operation. Eighty per cent of the town had been under water after the Avoca River broke its banks in what has been one of Victoria's most significant natural disasters.

The true devastation at Charlton was obvious once the floodwaters receded after inundating more than 300 homes and businesses with up to one metre of water in little more than one hour. Farms around the town also suffered with massive crop loss, fencing destruction and erosion.

The Rotary volunteer team supported the townspeople in the massive clean up operation of flood destroyed property and possessions by clearing them from the town's streets, and in property cleaning, in an effort to bring a minimum level of normality to the town. Two Electricians in the team tested and reconnected power in a number of properties, a bob-cat and high pressure cleaning equipment taken up by the team were used to clear rubble and stagnant waters, and cakes and comfort were taken to a number of elderly townsfolk.

To provide further support, all profits from the Rotary Club of Keilor's, Keilor Village Market on Sunday 6 February will go to Rotary flood relief efforts. The Market features a range of craft, plant, produce and food stalls and operates from 9am to 1pm in the grounds of the Keilor Hotel, Old Calder Hwy, Keilor. Entry is by gold coin donation and stallholder enquiries can be made to Norm Draper on 9337 8914.





A New Approach to Rotary

Katie Ischkin, president and founder of the Rotary Club of South Metro Minneapolis Evenings, Minnesota, USA, believes in a new approach to Rotary.

Her Rotary club, chartered in June, has already grown to 25 members, including 12 new Rotarians who were recruited in a three-month period. The club has signed up for its first Matching Grant and international service project and has participated in more than 10 community service or hands-on volunteer efforts.

"We need to focus on generating interest in young people for the future success of Rotary," she said. "We are faced today with the need to grow not just for the sake of numbers but to create strong, young, global leaders who are going to help continue the success of the Rotary organization."



Ischkin's club meets in the evening and lowers costs by not having meals. And it doesn't hold a traditional meeting every week: The third meeting of the month is a happy hour/networking event at different locations in the city, and the fourth meeting is a hands-on volunteering opportunity.

Full story at http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/110120_IA_ischkin.aspx

Honoured Rotarians

Dr Jamie Robertson AM. (Rotary Club of Footscray) was recognised on Australia Day for services to dentistry, and to international humanitarian aid through the delivery of dental health programs in Asia.

Bob Glindemann, OAM. (Rotary Club of Melbourne) for service to the community through Rotary International, and to a range of social welfare, children's and motor sport organisations.

Waist Disposal Challenge

Dr Samar Aoun, Director, The Western Australian Centre for Cancer and Palliative Care, Curtin University, will be seeking funding from the National Health and Medical Research Council Partnership Projects, to roll out the Waist Disposal Challenge project in our district.

To be able to assess the required budget, she needs to find out how many clubs would be willing to take it on.

To facilitate information, could you kindly forward the attached expression of interest by the end of January.

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Web: <http://curtin.edu.au>
<http://www.supportiveandpalliativecare.org.au/>
<http://www.waistdisposalchallenge.com.au/>

> **View the flyer**

Rohit Talwar

ROHIT TALWAR is an internationally renowned futurist, award winning inspirational speaker, consultant and change agent. His core talent lies in motivating teams to think differently, act fast and be first to the future. Rohit is a personal advisor to CEO's of global corporations, innovative start up companies and governments.

Sign up now for the Rotary Club of Southbank's Business Breakfast Series with Rohit Talwar. A hot breakfast will be provided and all profits are going directly to the [Rotary District 9800 Australian Flood Disaster Appeal](#).

> **For More Details**

Australians and Sunburn

In Australia, sunburn can occur in as little as 15 minutes on a fine summer's day. Long-term sun exposure and repeated bouts of sunburn cause skin cell damage, which can lead to the development of skin cancer. Every year 1,600 Australians die from skin cancer.

According to a National Sun Protection Survey, the number of adults reporting they had been sunburnt dropped by almost one-third between 2004 and 2007. Yet there was no change among adolescents – one in four teenagers are still getting burnt. This is not because they are deliberately trying to get a tan, but because they are forgetting to protect themselves. Boys are more likely to get sunburnt than girls, as more boys spend time outside in peak UV times and they are less likely to use sunscreen.

Sunburn is the skin's reaction to the ultraviolet radiation (UV) in sunlight. You can see sunlight and feel heat (infrared radiation), but you can't see or feel UV radiation. It can damage your skin even on cool, cloudy days. Sunburn can occur in minutes and can take a few days or weeks to heal depending on the severity.

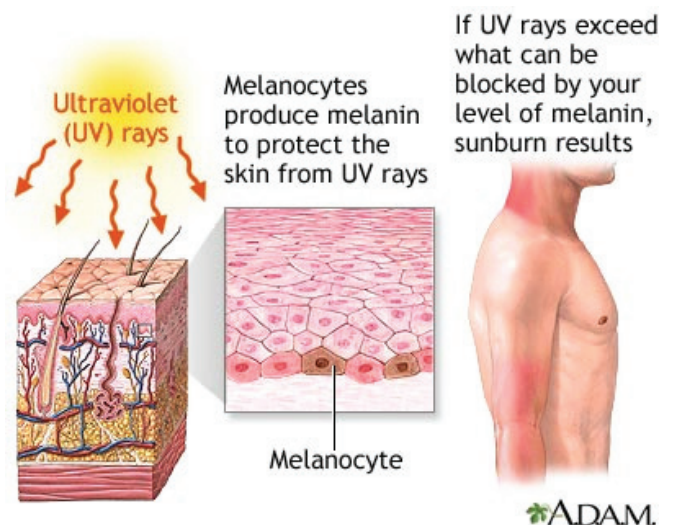
Mild sunburn can be treated at home, but severe and blistered burns need prompt medical attention. The long-term effects of repeated bouts of sunburn include premature wrinkling and increased risk of skin cancer, including melanoma. Once skin damage occurs, it is impossible to reverse. This is why prevention is much better than cure.

Use sun protection whenever the UV Index level reaches 3 and above. Remember to 'slip, slop, slap, seek and slide' – slip on a shirt, slop on SPF 30+ sunscreen, slap on a broad-brimmed hat, seek shade and slide on some sunglasses.

Things to remember

- Sunburn can occur in less than 15 minutes and can take a few days or weeks to heal depending on the severity.
- There is no cure for sunburn except time and patience.
- Mild sunburn can be treated at home, but severe and blistered burns need prompt medical attention.
- Excessive exposure to UV damages the skin permanently and may cause skin cancer, including the dangerous malignant melanoma.

More on prevention and treatment at: http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/bhcv2/bhcarticles.nsf/pages/Sunburn_explained





Notices & Events

NOTICE**Rotary Club of Caulfield -
Change of Venue**

The Club has temporarily relocated to the Glasshouse Cafe in Station Street at Caulfield Racecourse.

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[> Read More](#)**NEW****Go the Tan**

12 February, 2011

Melbourne's official Tan time trials - is on again. Make sure you get down to the Tan!

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22 February, 2011

The Rotary Club of Central Melbourne - Sunrise is organising a breakfast talk by Paulo Maia on 'Australia's Place in Emerging Asia'.

[> Read More](#)**NEW****Nepal Cultural Dinner**

25 February, 2011

Sponsored by Rotary Club of Woodend, Nepalese Association of Victoria and Nepali Village Initiatives Association Inc.

[> Read More](#)**NEW****Altona City Golf Day**

25 February, 2011

Rotary Club of Altona City is hosting an annual charity golf day at Koorringal Golf Club Altona, to raise money in aid of Very Special Kids.

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WYNDHAM ROTARY RIVER FUN RUN/WALK will have a 4km, 8km and 15.2km run with a 3.6km walk.

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Readers Letters

Ask Clarice...

Dear Clarice,

I coordinate a national bike count event called the Super Tuesday Bike Count.

This is on Tuesday 1 March from 7am-9am.

To make this a success, we are now in the process of recruiting volunteer counters to go out and count the riders.

Each person that does so, can nominate an organisation, to receive \$50 as a reward for their work.

It is all online registration, so to register to count riders or simply view the sites please

click on the link - <http://www.bv.com.au/general/bike-futures/92039/>

Please pass this on to anyone who you feel may like to count riders on Super Tuesday!

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Jeff McPhan

Bike Futures Coordinator Ph: 8636 8883

Bicycle Victoria

Dear Clarice,

My name is Fran and I am the project coordinator at the not-for-profit, Travellers Aid, in

Melbourne. We are about to launch a new project, which seeks to provide assistance

to senior citizens and people with disabilities from regional Victoria with Melbourne

community volunteers when they need to come into the city for medical appointments.

The volunteer will accompany the traveller to their medical appointment from Southern

Cross or Flinders Street station, wait with them while they are with the doctor or specialist

and take them back to the station. At the moment we are looking for volunteers and we

would also like to raise awareness of the program. I am wondering if there was any way

that you can put me in contact with Rotary Clubs in district 9800 so that I can contact

them about coming to a meeting and talking about the program with members?

If this is a possibility, can you please email me on fran@travellersaid.org.au or call 03

9654 2600?

Thank you,

Fran Henry

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Travellers Aid Level 3, 225 Bourke St, Melbourne 3000

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

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





Readers Letters

Ask Clarice...

Dear Clarice,

On behalf of Wycheproof Vision I would like to take this opportunity to thank members of Keilor and Tullamarine Rotary Clubs for the help and support not only our town of Wycheproof but for our neighbouring town of Charlton.

Last week David Bourke came to see me and see what could be done for our town after the floods. Fortunately damage to housing in some places was scant. This was due to the fact that we had so many members of our community working non stop for 48hours to build levee's to train the water away from the town and out to the west. But for others, houses will be demolished, businesses unable to reopen and I guess many will never return to the town. It is when people like yourselves come to help that it shows that people do care about our small communities and not just the city.

So a HUGE thankyou to all of you who came last Sunday with man power and equipment, not only have you made a huge difference to the look of the town but you have helped restore faith to these communities. YOU GUYS DESERVE A MEDAL.

With warm regards

Ann Durie

President of Wycheproof Vision