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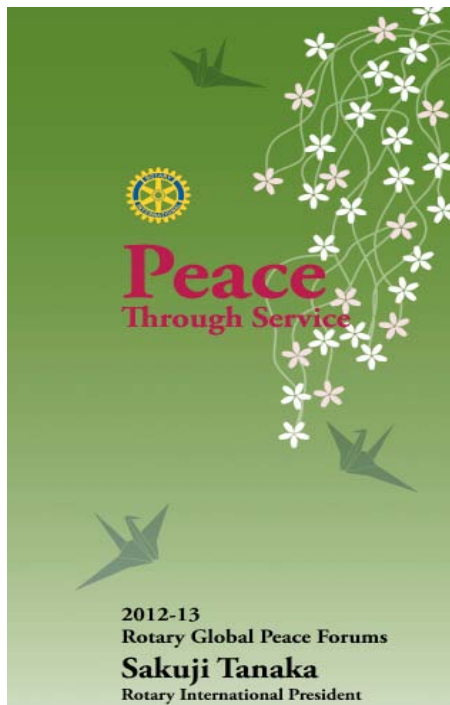
Rotary District 9800

A publication for
Rotarians and
all community
minded people

DG's Weekly Message

The monthly cycle of Rotary themes continues and February is World Understanding Month in the Rotary Calendar. This theme is significant every year but in this Rotary year of **Peace through Service**, the theme takes on extra significance.

Of course February is also the month in which Rotary's birthday is celebrated and on 23 February Rotary will celebrate the 108th anniversary of its founding. That day has been declared World Understanding and Peace Day.



In this year of Peace through Service it would be great to see all clubs making a feature of the significance of that day on their meeting closest to the 23rd February. This is a great opportunity to hold a club forum



District Governor Dennis Shore and Lynda

on peace and what peace means. Even a few thoughts about peace during your meeting might provide the spark that provides us with renewed inspiration and the motivation to continue work in support of the theme.

I have previously written about peacemaking becoming an early core objective of Rotary. Delegates at the 1914 Convention adopted a resolution calling for a peace conference and called upon all clubs to be advocates for peace. Sadly those actions failed to prevent the outbreak of World War I. Nevertheless Rotary had defined peacemaking as being at the core of its values. Arch Klumph, architect of The Rotary Foundation, making a visit to the UK immediately after that dreadful war proclaimed to British Rotarians that he envisioned the part that Rotary could play by creating "a mighty team to preserve peace, justice and honour among the nations of the world". In 1922 the Rotary Convention ratified a proposal to incorporate peacemaking into Rotary's constitution and bylaws. Interestingly this is also when Rotary's name was officially changed to Rotary International and Rotary could indeed legally proclaim itself to have as its objective to aid in the advancement of "international peace and goodwill".

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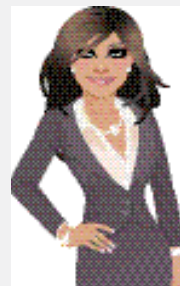
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Clarice Caricare

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Send Clarice an e-mail at clarice@rotarydistrict9800.org.au



February is World Understanding Month





So much of what we do as Rotary and Rotarians supports this objective even though we do not necessarily think of it as such. Our humanitarian programs are very much at the heart of alleviating the causes of conflict and war.

In fact the first of The Rotary Foundation's six Areas of Focus is about peace and conflict resolution. The other 5 areas of focus relate to disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy and finally economic and community development do provide an ideal recipe for achieving peace in our world.

Of course Rotary does not just beaver away in the background. So often we are called upon to take leadership roles or take on the role without being asked, such as in polio eradication.

Rotary's peacemaking leadership was recognised in its role in the formation of the United Nations after World War II and UNESCO before that. The UN universal declaration of Human Rights drew on the resolution of the Rotary International Havana Convention in 1940 as its framework.

When the UN Charter was finalised in 1945, Rotary was at the forefront of the action. Rotary was invited as an observer organisation but 23 Rotarians guided agendas, arranged translations, mediated and suggested wording for resolutions. Rotary continues to assist the UNO at the highest level of consultative status.

Despite the lofty ideals and objective of the United Nations Organisation, Rotary continues to provide a more pragmatic and independent approach to peacemaking and Rotary as an organisation is at the forefront of creating world understanding through its own programs.

Successive Rotary leaders looked for ways to extend Rotary's leadership in peacemaking. The need was clearly there and well expressed by Chuck Keller, RI President in 1987-89. Chuck said "Keep three central truths in mind: First, service to others is the essence of Rotary, the very foundation of our unity. Second, this unity is stronger than the enormous diversity that surrounds us. And third, peace is the single greatest imperative of our time". It is not surprising that Rotary's theme in Chuck Keller's year as RI President was Rotarians – United in Service – dedicated to Peace. This is very similar to our current theme 25 years on.

It is rather fitting therefore that after 25 years we have a similar theme and we are returning to Albury for the first time in 25 years for our District Conference.

We will be connecting with our theme at the conference and you will now have seen a list of some of the stellar speakers we will be having at the Conference. I'm pleased to announce that we will also have Tania Miletic speaking at our Conference. Tania was our very first candidate to the very first

intake of Rotary Peace Scholars. She studied at the International Christian University in Japan thereby creating the perfect circle with the theme from our Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka. I know you will be impressed with what Tania has to say to us.

We are continuing our support for the peace theme by supporting the Peace Forums that have been arranged by RI President Sakuji. Our District was pleased to join with the Rotary Clubs of Point Gellibrand, Keilor and Tullamarine to substantially support the attendance of 2 students from Aitken College to the Peace Forum that has just concluded in Hawaii. Ashlee Crane and Jacqueline Craven attended where amongst other speakers they had the privilege of hearing Nobel Peace laureate Aung San Suu Kyi, who was also honoured with the Hawaii Peace Award for her longstanding pursuit of democracy through peaceful, nonviolent means. Suu Kyi told the attendees that absolute peace is an unattainable goal, but one that we must nevertheless continue to endeavour toward. She said that democratic institutions are necessary to guarantee human rights.

"The kind of peace we want is very simple. We want permanent peace," said Suu Kyi. She also noted that young people have an important role to play.

In keeping with this objective I can also confirm that our District will support the attendance of up to 8 young people (aged 18 – 35) to the last of the three forums to be held in Hiroshima on 17 - 18 May this year. Details will be announced very shortly. Our District team will be supported by our Chair of the Rotary World Peace Fellows Committee, Bob Fels and Tania Miletic to ensure that our team gets full value from their participation.

There is indeed a lot going on in Rotary as club activity ramps up after our summer break but we also have a lot to think about. We have the bottom half of our nation in flames and the top half being washed away by floods. Both will need our support and I'm sure it will be forthcoming.

Finally, a reminder to those who have yet to register that there are less than two weeks available until the close of conference registration. We are still holding good rooms but understandably the motels would like us to release unsold rooms as soon as possible. A conference needs more than speakers to be successful – it needs you! I have no hesitation in saying that you will have a great experience in Albury and it will be time and money well invested. Our conference is all about the total experience.

Rotary – it's amazing.

**Dennis Shore,
District Governor.**



Australia Day Honours List

By DG Dennis Shore

I am delighted to recognise President Clive Weeks from the Rotary Club of Melbourne on his outstanding recognition in the Australia Day Honours List.

Clive was named an Officer in the General Division (AO) in recognition of his distinguished service to engineering through leadership roles in the development of key civil works projects and through contributions to professional and educational organisations, including Rotary.

It is appropriate to also acknowledge other Rotarians receiving honours:



Dr Mark Ellis (Rotary Club of Glenferrie) was named a Member in the General Division (AM) for significant service to medicine in

the field of ophthalmology, and to eye health in Indonesia and Timor-Leste. Marks' work in Sumba and Timor Leste is supported by Rotary. His service through the Rotary Club of Glenferrie was particularly acknowledged



PP David Graham (Rotary Club of Footscray, right) was awarded a

medal of the Order of Australia in the General Division (AOM) for service to the community through a range of organisations (including Rotary).



PP Terry Rolleston (Rotary Club of Glenferrie, left) was named the City of Boroondara Citizen of the Year



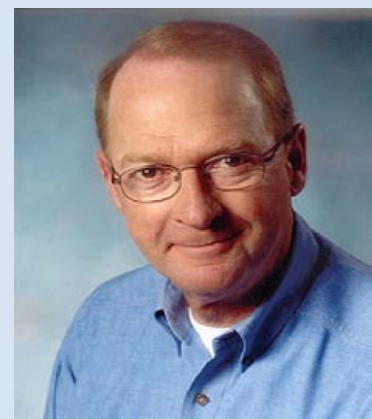


ROTARY DISTRICT 9800 CONFERENCE ALBURY ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE 14 – 16 MARCH 2013

OUTSTANDING SPEAKERS AND ENTERTAINMENT

The D9800 Albury Conference MC, **John Blackman** is one of the most visible and successful personalities in Australian radio and television. In a show business career spanning over 43 years, he has achieved enormous recognition, due (in no small way) to the 28 years he spent with Daryl Somers in the pivotal role as the voice of Dickie Knee and numerous other characters (including himself) behind Australia's longest running variety show Hey Hey It's Saturday.

John has also appeared on many television shows.



Peter FitzSimons is a journalist with the Sydney Morning Herald and Sun-Herald. He is the author of nearly twenty books - including Tobruk and biographies of Nancy Wake, Kim Beazley, Nene King, Nick Farr-Jones, Steve Waugh and John Eales - and was Australia's bestselling non-fiction writer in 2001 and 2004. He is one of Australia's most prominent and successful media and publishing identities.

Peter's latest book is 'Eureka Stockade - The Unfinished Revolution'.

Carolyn Cresswell: in 2012 the Telstra Victorian Business Woman of the Year Melbourne entrepreneur Carolyn Creswell, founder and managing director of Carman's Fine Foods, won the Victorian arm of the Telstra Business Women's Awards.

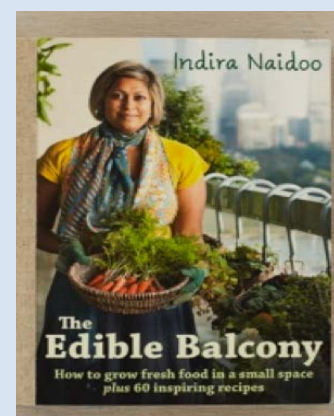
Creswell, bought the business from her then employers for just \$1000 when she was 18. Two decades later she has grown the business, which has predicted turnover of \$50 million in 2012-13, to include 22 product lines distributed in 33 countries.



Marilynne Paspaley is one of the world's most respected women with interests in media and production, hospitality and, of course, pearls. The daughter of Nicholas Paspaley Senior, Master Pearler and founder of the Paspaley Pearls Empire. She is a Director and shareholder of the Paspaley Pearls Group of Companies. Externally, she sits on the board of Tourism Council Western Australia and is on the judging panel of the prestigious Veuve Clicquot Business Woman Award.

She is also well known for her role in the television series G.P. as Dr Tessa Korkidas.

Indira Naidoo is one of Australian television's best-known broadcasters and journalists. South-African born, she first joined the ABC in Adelaide in 1990 and since then has become a regular fixture on our TV screens, most notably as the presenter of SBS Television's highly regarded national mid-evening news service, World News Tonight. She has also hosted the ABC's 7.30 Report, National Late Edition News and Behind the News, and made regular guest appearances on Good News Week, Race Around the World, The New Inventors and The Glass House, amongst other shows, most recently appearing on the first series of Celebrity MasterChef on Network Ten.





'An exceptional program that will appeal to all'

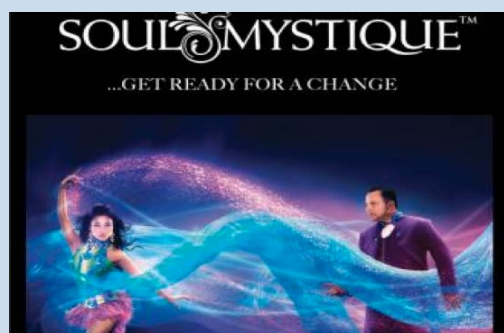
Engage, Learn, Laugh, Enjoy

Remember.....**QUALITY IS NOT EXPENSIVE....IT'S PRICELESS**

Rob Pennicott 'The Yellow Boat Road'

Rob, a Rotarian, has raised more than \$250,000 for polio eradication by circumnavigating Australia in an inflatable boat.

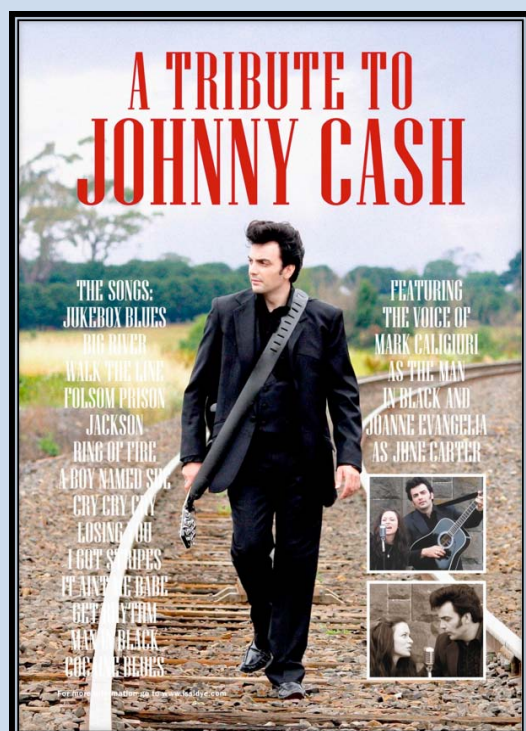
Rob started his first business as a fisherman in the pristine waters of southern Tasmania, before creating Bruny Island Cruises in 1999 out of a desire to show people the rugged beauty of the Bruny Island coast. His passion and enthusiasm for the business has seen it evolve into a world-class ecotourism experience, which has won numerous awards and accolades for his conservation and sustainability efforts, and business excellence.



'Soul Mystique', the world's slickest dance and magical costume transformation artists will close our Conference.

Having captivated, mesmerized, and flabbergasted audiences all over the globe with their astounding Dance & Quick Change act - they are known today as, Soul Mystique - the world's slickest and most unique magical dance transformation act.

They have been featured on global television from Australia, UK, France, Asia, and USA. Foxtel's Bio Channel placed them in 'The World's Top-10 Best Magic Acts'; and CNN's Business Traveller quoted them as 'simply extraordinary'. They never fail to mystify, amaze, and entertain their audiences wherever they go.



ROTARY'S GOT TALENT

Yes, we have! But....just wait until you see the acts that will appear. You won't believe the Talent!!

Be prepared to be amazed, highly amused andentertained. Don't miss out.

This will be very entertaining, with audience participation with John Blackman assuming the role of 'Chief Gonger' (Remember 'Hey, Hey It's Saturday!'). This is not to be missed.

Remember..... there's a great prize valued at over \$1,000 to be won!!



**FANTASTIC SPEAKERS, ENTERTAINING, ENGAGING,
RELAXING, LEARNING, RENEWING, FRIENDSHIP, FUN, MEMORABLE, VALUE FOR MONEY.**

WORLD of DIFFERENCE

By Bronwyn Stephens, Rotary Club of Melbourne South

A group of humanitarians have just returned from Cambodia. Members of Rotary Club of Chelsea, Rotary Club of Brighton joined non Rotarians on a “World of Difference” tour. We donated and volunteered our way from Siem Reap down South through Battambang, Phnom Penh, Kampong Speu province and Kampong Som province. Contrasts between remote rural very poor villages and schools were sharp compared with well supported and resourced projects that Rotary has injected funds in to.

We cycled, tuk-tuked, and bussed around the country distributing lots of love. This was appreciated as much as the \$10,000 of donations (spent in the local Cambodian economy) and bags of items from DIK warehouse we shared. One participant commented “the people are so poor – very moving. It must be terrible not to have food. One little boy had his own little vegetable plot – he was so proud”. In this particular village we donated enough vegetable seed for 20 families for a whole year.



We also provided 10 brand new bicycles for children. These were the first they had even owned. The children were over 12 years of age and all had previously had to walk over 10 kms each way to school each day in temperatures over 30 and sometimes over 35 degrees....and with no water!

In this village basic medications were donated and a local person continues to be taught to administer these effectively. This is working really well. Previously pneumonia and other serious infections were rife in the village. Between emergency food donations, water sanitation and the medicines the 800 villagers are healthy. Days were interspersed with Khmer tourism experiences.

Our very special guide is Rithy Ann. An exceptional man and now Rotarian with the Rotary Club of Phnom Penh, Rithy’s vast knowledge and personal past made the tour experience unique. We were able to observe what previous tours have achieved and help with planning the upcoming “Eye Sight Testing Tour” which is scheduled for March 2013. Comfortable accommodation and delicious Khmer meals made coming home after a hard day’s work very appealing. Rithy is guest speaker at District 9800 conference 2013.



Please come and visit us in the District conference marketplace, or contact WOD@melbournesouthrotary.com.au for more information.

World of Difference Humanitarian Travel



Thank-you DIK January 2013



The whole inside living accommodation



All very basic



Donations for Cambodia

Chress & Balossa villages



Baby clothes



Coats



Teaching in the local pagoda...DIK whiteboard



Trauma bed and trolleys



Baby clothes



SIDS toys



KNOW YOUR NUMBERS

Stroke Awareness Campaign

By Grant Hocking, Community Service Chairman

Registrations are now open for Know Your Numbers 2013.

Did you know that there are 60,000 strokes in Australia each year?

Many people would not know that stroke is Australia's second biggest killer (33% of all people who have a stroke die within the first year) and a leading cause of disability amongst adults.

Run in conjunction with the National Stroke Foundation the aim of the Know Your Numbers campaign is to raise awareness of High Blood Pressure as one of the major risk factors for stroke.



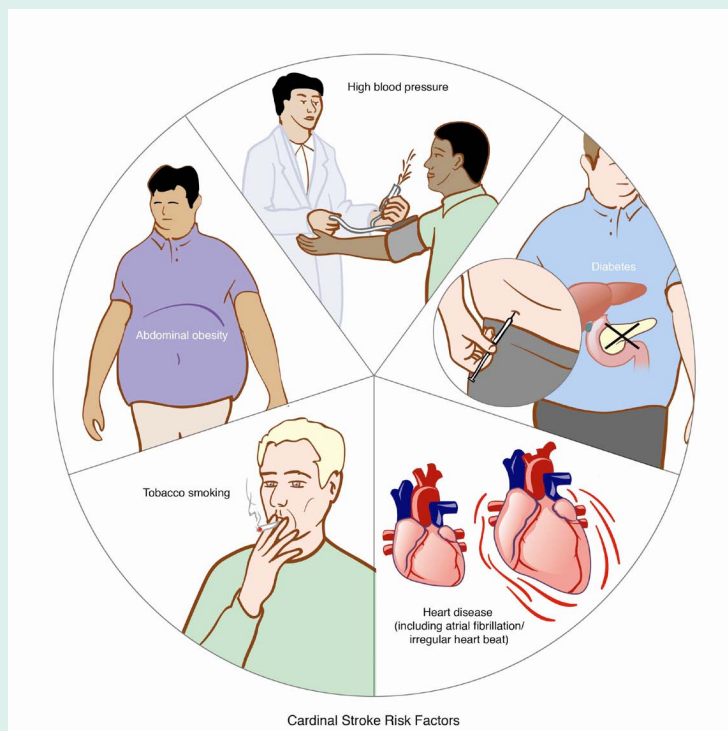
A registration form has been sent to all clubs via the Community Service directors, which must be completed and submitted to the NSF by 8th March.

Clubs can assist by organising a day to run a BP testing station in their community. The tests are conducted on an automatic testing machine which can be purchased or supplied by a club member or health professional in the community.

The preference is for this to occur during May or September each year as it coincides with National Stroke Week. Other dates during the year are also acceptable.

It's easy to organize, is well supported and promotes your club in the community whilst performing a vital activity. Hopefully we can recruit some new Rotary clubs in 2013.

Clubs can request more information or a presentation at a club meeting from Grant Hocking at grantandmelissah@bigpond.com



AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH

Rotary Reduces the Impact of Mental Health through Ian Scott Scholarships

Donations from Rotary clubs around Australia will be supporting eight new Ian Scott Scholarships in 2013 where PhD students researching various aspects of mental health will receive \$29,000 per year for up to 3.5 years. Topics include the ways depression and anxiety affect the treatment of chronic pain, new treatments for schizophrenia and improving diet to treat mental health.



One Ian Scott Scholar, Edith Holloway, will be introducing and evaluating a therapy to manage depressive symptoms for people with vision impairment at Australia's largest low vision rehabilitation setting, Vision Australia. She will begin her PhD research this year at the Centre for Eye Research Australia, Department of Ophthalmology, University of Melbourne.

"This research is really important because the incidence of depression is higher among people with vision impairment compared to the general population and can significantly affect their daily functioning and feelings of independence," Ms Holloway says.

If this program is found to be effective in reducing depressive symptoms, it can be used in other chronic health areas as well like heart disease and diabetes.

In addition, Australian Rotary Health will be funding six continuing Ian Scott Scholars.

Founder of the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund, Ian Laurence Scott (1933-2001) joined Rotary in 1973 in Victoria and served with distinction in many Rotary Clubs throughout NSW and Victoria. Whilst a member of the Rotary Club of Mornington in Victoria, Ian was inspired to found Australian Rotary Health in 1981 to identify the cause of 'Cot Death'.

Australian Rotary Health Ian Scott PhD Scholarships were introduced in 2000 to honour and recognise Ian's service to Rotary and mankind.



Ian Laurence Scott

Visit the ARH website at <https://www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au/>

The Donations In Kind Store is Stuffed

Last week we unfortunately forgot (!!!) to add the link to the latest Donations-in-Kind Newsletter. Find out how you can help relieve the congestion at:



<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/images/DIKClubNewsletterJulyDec12.pdf>



The Icing on the Cake for a Triple Sapphire Rotarian

By David Sutherland, R.C. Glenferrie

On Saturday 26th January 2013 Glenferrie Rotarian Terry Rolleston was presented with his "Boroondara Citizen of the Year" award for his dedication and endeavors in community work within the City of Boroondara.

Terry (obviously a dedicated Rotarian) with great support from his dear wife Helen and a strong committee ran the Boroondara Farmers Market from it's inception in 2003 until recently when ill health persuaded him to step back .

The Farmers Market is held every third (and fifth) Saturday on Patterson Reserve Auburn Road Hawthorn. It averages 70 stalls and is visited by an average of 2000 people . Glenferrie Rotary Club is assisted by members of the Boroondara Foundation in manning this event . Depending on numbers it averages between \$7 & \$8 thousand dollars each Market Day. These funds are distributed to both local and international charitable organizations approved by Rotary International.



Terry is also very involved with Parkinson's Victoria and assists in organizing the annual " Walk in the Park". This fund raiser is very successful and is rewarded with tens of thousands of dollars being donated.

Terry has been a Rotarian since 1993 and was President of the Glenferrie Club in 1999/2000. As most Rotarians would know -- sapphires are not given out like " candy at a fete". The President at the time thinks long and hard about these recognitions and each of Terry's recognitions triggered a spontaneous standing ovation.

In every position within the Club Terry has been innovative and motivational and Rotary has always been the beneficiary.

"Well done that man" -- and that man is Terry Rolleston.

Welcome New Members

Essendon: John Odgers

Southbank: Areli Avendano, Christoph Begert

Glenferrie: Richard Groom (former member of RC of Hawthorn)

Daylesford: Anne Marie Borsboom

Melbourne: Rev Dr J Hugh Kempster, Richard A Dent,

Chadstone/East Malvern: Tracey Wyatt (formerly Strathmore RC)

Fitzroy: Barrie Morton, Tony Douglas



ARH Photography Competition

Australian Rotary Health will launch their inaugural digital photography competition on Australia Day Saturday 26th January, 2013. The aim of the photography competition is to inform the general public about Australian Rotary Health and in return motivate the community to share their concept of who Australian Rotary Health is and what it represents.

The theme for the competition, "Supporting healthier minds, bodies and communities through research, awareness and education" will challenge photographers of all skill levels to think about how health is projected in the community. Photographs can demonstrate a positive visual influence in promoting research, awareness and education to the health of an individual or a community.

This year we have two categories (Youth and Adults) with 6 major prizes being awarded to competition winners; and 20 minor prizes as well as a Peoples Choice which will be determined by the public. The entry deadline for the competition is Anzac Day, Wednesday 24th April, 2013 with winners being announced on Wednesday 1st May, 2013. Facebook is being utilised to determine 'Peoples Choice' with the photograph with the most likes <http://www.facebook.com/AustralianRotaryHealthPhotographyCompetition> Guidelines and conditions for the contest and Official Entry Form can be downloaded at <http://australianrotaryhealthphotocomp.org/>

IMPORTANT DATES

Competition Launch
AUSTRALIA DAY

Saturday 26th January, 2013

Competition Closes
ANZAC DAY

Wednesday 24th April, 2013

Winners Announced
MAY DAY

Wednesday 1st May, 2013



"We see utilising social media to promote this photographic competition a novel way to promote our name out in the community" says Australian Rotary Health's CEO, Joy Gillett.

"It should be exciting to find out how the general public visualise our role in the community," say Ms Gillett.

Australian Rotary Health acknowledges their sponsors of Rotary Club of Menai, Australian Photography+Digital Magazine and SmallBusiness Essentials for their support in the inaugural photography competition.



Australian Rotary Health is one of the largest independent health research funds in Australia. Since its establishment in 1981, Australian Rotary Health has provided almost \$29 million in funding for health research in Australia. Since the year 2000, Australian Rotary Health has focused its funding on mental health research.

We're committed to improving health through research. Through the funds we provide to researchers, Australian Rotary Health makes continuing, worthwhile contributions to community health all around Australia.

Australian Rotary Health believes in supporting a healthy future for all Australians. That is why Australian Rotary Health offer scholarships to Indigenous students studying health based degrees, as well as medical and nursing students who wish to pursue their studies in rural or remote Australia.

Australian Rotary Health Contact:
Cheryl Deguara, Program Co-Ordinator

Phone: 02 8837 1900 Mobile: 0419 465962 Email: cheryldeguaara@australianrotaryhealth.org.au



The sheila asked me if I wanted my steak with salad or vegetables....

What if newspaper editors sacked their restaurant reviewers and employed truck drivers to write them instead?

There'd be less of this:

... the tiramisu is a studied but respectful deconstruction ... mains are artfully strewn ... the decent-enough \$54 rib eye steak comes with a sauce (red wine) that I think we paid extra for. ... It's Texas meets Chiang Mai ... comes with mustard ice-cream ... the purist in me is screaming ... truffled butter with the house-baked rolls, an amuse bouche, a pre-dessert palate cleanser ... fish is a better bet if food miles are an issue ... Aztec-inspired dishes informed by his recent six-week field trip ... the menu doesn't follow the typical gradient of antipasti, zuppa, primi piatti, but respects its spirit by moving on to braised goat from the wood oven.

And more of this:

Bimbo's is one of the old-timers among the eating places along the Hume Highway. It's at Bargo, about 60 miles out of Sydney. The roadhouse is close to the highway but there's a huge parking area alongside, and getting off the road is no problem. Day or night, you'll always find a couple of rigs parked there.

Into Bimbo's I waltzed. The restaurant is big, much bigger than you'd reckon from the outside. There were eight blokes in blue singlets demolishing T-bones when I arrived and yet the joint seemed empty. I counted seats for 58 at 26 tables. Everything looked bright and clean. The tables were Formica and chrome and the floor was vinyl squares.

It was in the middle of the day and the room was good and airy, helped by the big windows. They give you a clear view of the highway and the parking lot, so you're the first to know if someone tries to knock off your rig.

A pleasant woman with big brown eyes and arched eyebrows came up and gave me the menu. She reminded me of the mother of an old girlfriend of mine and I didn't know whether to feel hungry or guilty.

Anyhow the menu was huge. The sheila was back in a flash, because speed is what Bimbo's is all about, but you'd need to do a course in speed reading to get through all the items. There must be a hundred of them. I had time to see you could get breakfast food and two soups, and she was saying What would you like. By golly she reminded me of my girlfriend's old woman, except she knew what I would like and did her darndest to see I didn't get it. Still, that was a lot of miles ago.

I said What's your best steak and she said T-bone and solved a lot of problems. I'd joined another bloke at the table and he was a bit more fastidious. "They serve Chinese meals," he said brightly and then ordered a salmon salad, which shows you the sort of mind he must have.

The sheila asked me if I wanted my steak with salad or vegetables, and I said salad. So she brought vegetables. She even acted like that other sort! With the meal came a huge helping of peas, diced carrots and mashed potatoes burying the T-bone.

The steak was tough. I tried to cut it without much luck and the cove opposite gave me his knife, which had a bit of edge left on it. It was better, but I had to work hard on the meat. Still, there was plenty of it. You'd never starve at Bimbo's. The Chinese food fancier did better with his salmon salad. He got a whole tin of red salmon on his plate and enough salad to suggest the cook was trying to clear the refrigerator so he could put the beer in. He finished the salmon a long time before I knocked off my last bit of steak. It was tasty but just didn't like the idea of being sliced or chewed. The steak cost \$1.70 and the salmon salad \$1.50.

I had a milk shake for 22 cents and a double ice cream with flavouring for 15 cents. Both items were good and the ice cream acted like cold putty, filling the grooves the meat had cut in my throat.

Maybe I just struck a bad day. I'll go back, because everything else I liked, and just to be reminded of an old flame gave me something to think about for the rest of the journey.

Bimbo's, Bargo. 24 hour service. Toilets. Shower block. Parking – huge area. Distillate. Ice. TV. Motel accommodation alongside. No juke box. Not air conditioned.

From

<http://verygoodcooking.blogspot.com.au/2013/01/what-if-newspaper-editors-sacked-their.html>

By Bluey Tucker in Truck & Bus Transportation magazine, May 1974, page 105.





Letters to the Editor

Dear Clarice,

Networker Issue 23 reminded us of the definition of Rotary prepared in 1976: "Rotary is an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world."

I believe all organisations including Rotary need to change over time, and the change I'd like to see in this definition is removal of the words "business and professional".

I'd like to believe that these days Rotary is open to all who share our commitments as defined by the rest of the definition.

Peter Hall
RC Woodend



Clarice Replies:

A good point Peter, Rotary's rules and regulations have indeed relaxed over the decades. I'm sure that if you find the right people, you can find a way to bring them into your club.





Notices and Events

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

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

EVENTS - February 2013

7th
Feb

Mike Brady Presentation and Performance

Thursday 7th Feb: 6pm for 6:30pm start, at Kew Golf Club, 120 Belford Rd, Kew East, Mike Brady is an entertainer, songwriter, speaker, producer, singer and music writer. His band 'The Mike Brady Band' are one of Australia's leading corporate and private function acts and have performed all over Australia and overseas for the last twelve years. His speaking engagements are inspirational, talking about his life as a musician/writer.

Event Cost: \$33. RSVP by: 4rd Feb, Hugo Goetze [hugogoetze@](mailto:hugogoetze@netspace.net.au)

netspace.net.au

<http://www.rotarynorthbalwyn.com.au/>



8th
Feb

Rotary Altona 50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner

Friday 8th February 2013, 7.30pm

Grand Star Receptions, Grieve Parade Altona North

\$60 for Adults, \$40 for children 12 and under

RSVP: Friday 25th January 2013

Peter Shephard 93698358 or peter.shephard@bigpond.com

Website or link for more information: [http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/](http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/index.php?action=news&type=36&dateid=2567)

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9th
Feb

Nepalese Dinner

Mechanics Institute in High Street, Trentham at 6.30 for 7 p.m. on Saturday 9th February (BYO). George Hillary, grandson of Sir Edmund Hillary, will talk about his family's involvement in aid projects in Nepal. There will be Nepalese cuisine provided by Gurkhas Nepalese Restaurants of Melbourne. Tickets are \$45 a head. See booking details online at www.nepalaid.org.au/ or email enquiries to info@nepalaid.org.au or call 03 5424 8274



15th
Feb

Brimbank Central Annual Charity Golf Day

Friday 15th February – Tee off at noon Medway Golf Club

Golf Only: \$ 40.00pp Golf & Dinner \$ 80.00pp Dinner Only: \$ 40.00pp

RSVP Date and Contact Details: Entries close on Friday 8th Feb, contact Jack

Watson: Ph: 9337 4710 or Richard Carthew: Mob: 0422 375 493

Why not make up a team from your Rotary Club and come and join us for a great day's golf followed by dinner in the clubhouse.



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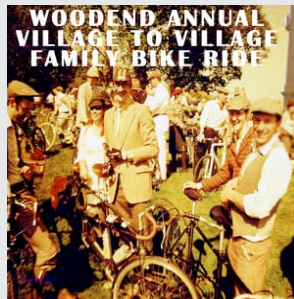


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No charge. Drinks and meals are optional and are ordered during the meeting
RSVP Date and Contact Details: Friday 15th February 2013 to Carly Nuthall at carly.nuthall@rcmelpark.com
Website or link for more information: www.rcmelpark.com
Travis will talk to us about what is important to each of us and how a 'bucket list' gives you purpose and direction.



26th
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GSE Welcome Dinner

The Rotary Clubs of Brighton Beach and Brighton North are hosting the welcome dinner for the GSE Team from District 1080 in the UK. The welcome dinner will be held on Tuesday 26th February 2013, 6.30pm for 7pm. The venue is Milanos Hotel, 4 The Esplanade Brighton Beach. The cost is \$45, bookings can be made by contacting Julie Avery 9591 9591 or 0418 364 191.



MARCH 2013

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Ballarat PETS Golf Tournament

Friday 1st March 2013

To register complete your MDP Registration Form and tick the MDP "Golf on Friday" Box, cost is \$35.00 and details will be sent shortly. Alternatively turn up at the course and you will be most welcomed. For further details please contact PDG Jim Studebaker on 0413 304 864.

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A publication for
Rotarians and
all community
minded people

DG's Weekly Message

Among many initiatives established by RI President Sakuji Tanaka in his year of Peace Through Service, are the signature Peace Forums that are being staged over the course of the Rotary year.

The Peace Forums will achieve far more than encouraging and promoting peace. They will also promote awareness of Rotary, what it stands for and what it does.

The venues chosen for these forums are remembered for the devastation that was suffered in World War II and in many ways they define our images of war. Berlin, where the first forum was staged and Hiroshima, which will be the venue for the last forum, were all but obliterated. Hiroshima and another Japanese city, Nagasaki stands as stark testimony to the terrors of nuclear warfare. The death and destruction experienced by those two cities by small capacity nuclear weapons (by today's standards) should be all the persuasion that the human race needs to ensure that this never happens again.

The second Peace Forum was staged in Honolulu, whose destruction was limited compared with Berlin and Hiroshima but transformed World War II into a truly global conflict. Importantly, although each of the cities selected was heavily affected by the events of World War II, their rebuilding and transformation means that they



District Governor Dennis Shore and Lynda

also represent the healing power of sustainable peace between nations. That is what Rotary is about.



Last week your District announced the support that will be provided to clubs to assist a significant group of younger people to attend the Peace Forum in Hiroshima. I know that many clubs are keen to propose suitable candidates to be selected for this team but I would encourage all clubs to use this opportunity as a positive way of promoting peace within the club and the community. It is also a way to connect or reconnect with young future leaders in our communities and it is also a positive way to enhance Rotary awareness.

In the last Networker I mentioned that as a District we also supported two students from

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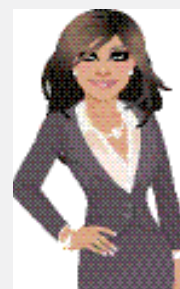
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February is World Understanding Month





Aitken College to attend the Peace Forum in Hawaii. We look forward to Ashlee Crane and Jacqueline Craven sharing their experience with us in due course.

The three-day forum held in Berlin last November was the largest Rotary event staged in Germany since the RI Convention in Munich 25 years ago. The forum had more than 1,800 attendees including Rotaractors, Rotary Peace Fellows, exchange students and Rylarians joining Rotarians and community leaders.

At the conclusion of the Berlin Forum, a "Peace Declaration" was issued. The full declaration is [HERE](#), but I think it is worthwhile to highlight the vision for action developed at that Forum:

- Encourage your national leaders to emphasize peaceful conflict resolution practices and avoid resorting to war.
 - Reject the notion of enemies. Actively befriend people from countries that have traditionally had adversarial relationships with your own country.
 - Reach out to marginalized groups in your community, such as ethnic or religious minorities, and develop new friendships and partnerships.
 - Work to empower those who live in places that lack political stability and the rule of law, as these areas are the most susceptible to conflict.
 - Connect with others to make a difference.
- There are Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas, working in more than 34,000 communities worldwide. Join us in advancing Peace Through Service.

Rotary, through its Peace Scholars program, provides the wherewithal to achieve many of these objectives in a sustained and sustainable manner but we as individual Rotarians have the capacity to make a real difference. Rotary Clubs and Rotarians lead efforts in our local communities to reach out to minority and refugee groups in our communities with meaningful strategies to integrate them into our communities.

Every international project that Rotary clubs initiate or partner in, either directly, through RAWCS, ROMAC, Interplast or through Foundation grants make a significant contribution to removing the typical causes of conflict. By helping to eradicate polio, providing clean drinking water, helping with sanitation and by addressing illiteracy, we are chipping away at inequities that should not exist and thereby helping to make a real difference towards sustainable peace in the world.

Some projects are small, funded by a DDF grant to the club, or large such as our District's Vocational Training Team to Timor Leste. Shortly our fourth VTT team will make the journey to rural areas of Timor Leste to provide refresher courses for midwives and doctors working in these remote areas. The Training Team deals with the major causes of maternal

and neonatal mortality and provides hands-on training to make a real difference in reducing the grim statistics of a country with one of the highest maternal and child death rates in the world.

As with many of Rotary's programs the benefits extend beyond the immediate goals. The VTT has refined and developed a delivery program model that can be taken to developing countries around the world.

We are fortunate to have as Rotarians in our District world renowned practitioners to develop and implement the program. Professor Jeremy Oats (RC Melbourne) and Professor Sue McDonald (RC North Balwyn) with the other team participants have indeed made a significant difference to the lives of women and children in this fledgling nation. This is "Peace Through Service" in action.

The VTT is one of many projects, many of which just happen, almost in the background. We will be showcasing club activities through the annual cluster reviews at our District Conference in Albury but we will also have some special guests who will share their experiences on the ground in developing countries. Peter Gray is an Aussie who now spends his life rescuing kids from unspeakable situations in Cambodia. He is a Rotarian and President of RC Phnom Penh. He will be joined by Rithy Pahn who has experienced tragedy and rebirth in his life. All of his family were murdered by the Khmer Rouge. He was raised in a monastery by Buddhist monks and learned 6 languages, a deep historical and political knowledge of his country, and a quest to help his "poor people". He has continued educating himself and has degrees in teaching and agriculture. Rithy makes his living as a tour guide but beyond his family's needs all his income goes to helping his "poor people". Rithy has now become a Rotarian because through Rotary he can leverage his personal contribution to a peaceful future.

This is one of the many fabulous presentations that we will have the opportunity to experience at Albury. The amazing story of Rotary and Rotarians in action in Cambodia is only one of the many fantastic aspects of our Conference in Albury because Rotary is amazing.

We are still accepting bookings for the Conference and we still have good rooms available so – See you in Albury.

Dennis Shore,
District Governor.





BILL GATES and MONEY

Bill Gates, one of world's richest men, says he has no use of money

World, Posted on Jan 19, 2013 at 09:52pm IST

London: William Henry 'Bill' Gates with an estimated wealth of \$65 billion is as rich as two Kenyas, three Trinidads and a dozen Montenegros but is now engaged in the process of ridding himself of all the money in the hope of extending the lives of others less fortunate than himself. Having already given away \$28 billion, the 57-year-old Microsoft co-founder now intends to eradicate polio, the British newspaper Telegraph reported.

But even at the age of 57, Gates is a restless man and wants something more. Gates and his wife Melinda have so far given away \$28 billion via their charitable foundation, more than \$8 billion of it to improve global health.

"We're focused on the help of the poorest in the world, which really drives you into vaccination. You can actually take a disease and get rid of it altogether, like we are doing with polio," Gates told the daily. "Polio's pretty special because once you get an eradication you no longer have to spend money on it. It's just there as a gift for the rest of time." The disease is still endemic in Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan.



There is, however, one obstacle. Islamist groups believe polio vaccination was a front for covert sterilisation and other western evils. "It's not going to stop us succeeding. It does force us to sit down with the Pakistan government to renew their commitments, see what they're going to do in security and make changes to protect the women who are doing God's work and getting out to these children and delivering the vaccine," Gates said.

In 1990, some 12 million children under the age of five died. The figure today is about seven million, or 19,000 per day. According to the UN, the leading causes of death are pneumonia (18 percent), pre-birth complications (14 percent), diarrhoea (11 percent), complications during birth (nine percent) and malaria (seven percent).

**BILL & MELINDA
GATES foundation**

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will spend \$1.8 billion in the next six years to tackle polio. "All you need is over 90 percent of children to have the vaccine drop three times and the disease stops spreading. The number of cases eventually goes to zero."

<http://ibnlive.in.com/news/bill-gates-one-of-worlds-richest-men-says-he-has-no-use-of-money/316681-2.html>

You can read about "The last days of Polio", "Contraceptives are not Contraversial" and "College Knowledge Challenge", or read the 2013 Annual Letter from Bill Gates at The Billand Melinda Gates Foundation Website: <http://www.gatesfoundation.org/Pages/home.aspx>



CAMP GETAWAY

By Paul Kirkpatrick, Chair - Camp Getaway



Following working bees over the last couple of months, dedicated Rotarians from the Camp Getaway (Rotary D9800) District Committee ably assisted by other willing local club members have completed the storage shed which is Stage 1 of the kitchen replacement project at the camp. This weekend (Feb 3rd), saw the final roofing sheets fitted and various finishing tasks completed.

At the District Committee meeting on Feb 6th, the final detailed construction plans of the kitchen will be presented for discussion. Local government planning requirements have led to a somewhat drawn-out process for final approvals.

The second stage of the project is the relocation and fitting-off of the second-hand storage module/office, which was acquired locally and delivered to site. Construction of the footings for the kitchen should commence shortly after that.

GREEN PATH to PEACE

Aung San Suu Kyi, leader of Myanmar's democracy movement and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, delivered the keynote address at the Rotary Global Peace Forum held in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, 25-27 January.

She was honored with the Hawaii Peace Award for her longstanding pursuit of democracy through peaceful, nonviolent means. After 20 years of house arrest, Suu Kyi was released in November 2010, and last year was elected to Myanmar's parliament as a member of the pro-democracy opposition party.

She asked Rotarians to empower youth to work as peacemakers. Participants also adopted a declaration recognizing the Green Path to Peace.

http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/130129_news_honolulu.aspx





Interact in District 9800

Our district at present has three Interact clubs with a further three being established. Of course it would be great if there were more .. and certainly we hope to see more. In the meantime, we want to celebrate the Interactors in our Rotary family.



Aitken College Interact has been doing a variety of things and we profile some of them for you. A couple of these photos depict our young Interactors getting involved in the community. A great face for Rotary!

The Interact club at Balwyn High School also organised a Strictly Balwyn night – a very special event involving lots of skills in the preparation by Interactors ..oh and yes lots of dancing! This was a major fundraiser held during the evening and aimed at Rotarians and family and friends. During last year “it takes 2”, a Student and Teacher talent show was held at lunch time and not only raised money but allowed the Club to promote Interact to the Student body as a whole.

The Rotary Club of North Balwyn has also recently awarded their Vice President a trip to Japan to attend the Hiroshima Peace Forum with a chaperone next May. A very special award and we hope to hear of their experience on their return. Unfortunately with one award and a highly competitive field wishing to go to the forum ... let's hope in time the others get to make their own way to Japan.

Aitken College have 2 Interactors going to the Peace Forum in Hawaii. These 2 girls have raised the majority of the funds for this with some received from the Rotary Club of Tullamarine and Point Gellibrand. A great effort!

During the Year North Balwyn Rotary Club sent 3 students to RYPEN. Interact Club's Funds have been used to help construct a Student Bike shed and support the overseas charity A.B.C. Dreams.

A number of Interact Members have wholeheartedly been involved in the Rotary club and Boroondara Council's new Gardening and Maintenance program for older residents of the municipality.

Just recently Interact was 50 years old and currently there are some 200,000 members worldwide today. And what some Interact clubs are doing is inspiring – this link contains information about some projects <http://www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/YouthPrograms/Interact/Pages/Programsworldwide.aspx>

The RI website also contains some interesting videos of Interact and Interactors.





A world where every child is wanted

By Maryn Sanderson, Marie Stopes International

Some 358,000 women a year die from pregnancy and childbirth related causes. Nearly 70,000 of these deaths are caused by what the World Health Organisation has called the world's greatest 'preventable pandemic' – unsafe abortion. Millions more suffer permanent injury. (1)



Women are dying all over the developing world from pregnancies they did not wish to have. And, for 70,000 women, pregnancies they were so desperate to avoid that they risked - and lost - their own lives.

Around one third of all these deaths could be avoided if women had access to family planning. (2)

That's thousands of mothers, sisters, daughters and wives whose lives could be saved.



Access to contraceptive choices can also play a fundamental role in the reduction of poverty. The biggest threat to women's freedom, health, education, livelihoods and mortality is that they cannot choose whether to become pregnant, or access the services they need when they do.

By providing this choice, family planning has a catalytic impact on women's empowerment and can be a turnkey for other areas of development.

When women have the choice, they overwhelmingly decide to have fewer children. This means a greater ability to feed, clothe, educate and provide

healthcare for their families. It means increased opportunity to work and participate in the economy. In this way, women can elevate their role in family and community decision making, increase standards of living and help reduce poverty.

When girls go to school, when women have control of productive assets like farmland and help decide how family income is spent, children are healthier and more likely to be educated. Communities are more likely to emerge from poverty when women play a greater role.

The statistics speak for themselves. Marie Stopes International works to help women claim the rights denied them by economic, social or geographic barriers. By ensuring accessible and affordable family planning and contraceptive services for those who want it, Marie Stopes empowers women to exercise their reproductive rights and demolish these terrible statistics.

1. Guttmacher Institute, *Abortion Worldwide: a decade of uneven progress*, 2012.
2. Population Reference Bureau, *Family Planning Saves Lives: Fourth Edition*, 2009

Watch video on Marie Stopes International in PNG: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L2QFPIzQoq0>





2012 Rotary Castlemaine Truck Show



By Peter Higgins Rotary Club of Castlemaine

The Rotary Club of Castlemaine received the "Community Event of the Year Award 2013" at the Mt Alexander Shire Australia Day function on 26 January 2013 for our annual Truck Show.

The Truck Show is more than a Rotary fund raiser. We utilise the services of a number of local volunteer organisations and service clubs with entrants coming to Castlemaine from all around Australia.

The Truck Show is now a major event on the Australia calendar for people interested in this sort of activity.





THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE ROTARY D9800 ALBURY CONFERENCE IS APPROACHING (12th February)

Don't Miss Out:

Hey, Hey It's John Blackman, MC

Be prepared for a fun filled conference with one of Australia's most successful radio and TV personalities. He is best known for his voice-over work for the comedy show Hey Hey It's Saturday from 1971 to 2010. Droll, Spontaneous, Mischievous and Laconic Humour have made him one of the most sought after personalities in a show business career spanning over 43 years.

EXCELLENT SPEAKERS, FANTASTIC ENTERTAINMENT.....

So much fun, engagement, learning, entertainment, fellowship.....

Hey Hey!! ROTARY'S GOT TALENT
Just wait until you see the acts that will appear. You won't believe the Talent!!
Be prepared to be amazed, highly amused andentertained.

You are very welcome to contact:
Noel McInnes, Conference Chair
E: info@rotary9800conference.org
W: www.rotary9800conference.org



ROTARIANS at WORK DAY

By Tony Wells, RC North Balwyn

D9800 has scheduled Rotarians At Work Day (RAWD) for April 21st and the 10 Rotary Clubs in the City of Boroondara in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne are looking at a collective Gardening Project as a combined contribution in the municipality.



RAWD has been developed to provide an opportunity for all Rotarians, their families and their friends, to join others throughout the District in a day of service.

The “in principle” decision for the Rotary Clubs in Boroondara to focus on a gardening project follows a meeting last Friday of Boroondara Cares, which is an informal grouping of the all the Rotary Clubs in the municipality. This includes all the Clubs in the Eastside and Yarra Clusters and extends to RC Mont Albert and Surrey Hill in the adjoining D9810. The focus of Boroondara Cares is on the development of community programs in the municipality of Boroondara.

The Rotary Club of North Balwyn has a well-developed gardening project that helps elderly and disabled residents to keep their properties presentable and the Rotary Club of Kew on Yarra is also working on a program of gardening activity in the Yarra Cluster.

After hearing reports on these programs Boroondara Cares agreed to investigate a joint gardening project for RAWD. Rowan McClean and Garth Symington from RC North Balwyn and Ed Brown from RC Kew on Yarra are now discussing development of a suitable program for all the Clubs in the municipality. Final agreement will be subject to agreement from all the Clubs associated with Boroondara Cares.

This is an excellent example of how Boroondara Cares might provide leverage to provide service in our local community by drawing on the combined strength of the Rotary Clubs in the municipality. The initiative is supported by the Boroondara City Council and has the potential to become a broader program.

The work of Boroondara Cares is another example of how Rotary might seek and achieve *Peace Through Service*.





D9800 SPEAKER BANK

Welcome to a brief update of the D9800 Speaker Bank.

Has your club had interesting speakers? Please let us know.....and send us an email.

Jill Weeks jill.weeks@lifestylematters.com.au

Thanks to Des Malcolm, RC of Tullamarine for suggesting Geoff Gaff as a speaker.

Geoff Gaff addressed our Club, his topic: **"The Religion of Islam"**.

Geoff and his wife, Jill Koolmees, lived in Saudi Arabia for some years teaching English to potential University entrants.

Jill has since written a book – "My Desert Kingdom".

Geoff writes: I spoke to the Rotary Club of Tullamarine on the topic: The Religion of Islam. It is a quick overview of islam with regard to our own concerns. These relate to the fact that Mohammad established not only a religion as we understand it, but a 'religious' state and an army too. Naturally I would be happy to speak on any theme dealing with the attitude of Islam to non muslims amongst other possible themes.

Contact: Geoff Gaff Telephone: 9329 5492



Thanks to Miranda Bain, RC Woodend, for the following suggestion:

Lawyer and Wine Merchant, Rhys Goodey,

Miranda writes: 'Rhys came to our little club of Woodend, set up 7 tasting glasses of French Italian and Victorian wines, for 20 people, and talked about the wine, the people who grew the grapes of the particular wines all of whom he knew. He is absolutely wonderful as a guest speaker, everything beautifully presented and we charged each guest for the night as we used it has a fund raiser and gave some funds to Rhys for the wine we drank. He can come and just talk about wines... he is first class'.

Contact: Rhys Goodey Email: rhyswine@yahoo.com Website: www.arkwines.com



Thanks to Carly Nutall from the Rotary Club of Melbourne Park for the following suggestion. Carly writes '**Tristan White** was a really great speaker. We found his topic of **'Culture is Everything'** very useful and great for applying to Rotary clubs.'

Culture is Everything: How one little Physio practice became Australia's 8th Best Place to Work, Tristan White

From 2009-2012, The Physio Co has ranked as one of Australia's 50 Best Places to Work and one of Australia's fastest growing small businesses. The Physio Co helps Australian oldies stay mobile, safe and happy; specialising in onsite physiotherapy for aged care residents.

Contact: Tristan White Telephone: 1300 797 793 Mobile: 0418 503 392



Rotary Leadership Institute

The successful Rotary Leadership Institute program is ready to commence its 2013 training with a Part 1 group on Sunday 24th February at 9.00am.

This program has benefited many Rotarians and their clubs as more knowledgeable Rotarians express their enthusiasm in club meetings and projects and I encourage you to nominate members of your club today whether they are long time members or newer members!.



The following comments were made by participants at recent Part 1 course:

"Very well presented. Good fun"
 "Great interactive and engaging sessions"
 "Found out a great deal about many aspects of Rotary"
 "Impressed with the overall content and the time management throughout"

The venue is the Montague Continuing Education Centre 100 Montague Street South Melbourne (Enter via Gladstone Street) Melway Map 2E J12.

Send an email to Vicki Teschke today at vicki.t@tacobill.org with your nominations.

ROTARY CONFERENCE GOLF DAY

Calling All Golfers! Tee Off with the Best!

*This is a great way to start our Conference, and will be enjoyed by golfers of all standards.
 At this stage we have plenty of vacancies, and if you or other Club members have not already registered for golf, we invite you to join us on Thursday 14 March at 11.00am.*

See details on our Conference website <http://www.rotary9800conference.org/82748259>

Arrival time 11am.
 BBQ 11.30am to 12.30pm.
 Shotgun start at 12.30pm.
 \$50 per head for golf.

More Information: Simon O'Donoghue 0407 315 049

The Commercial Club Golf Course is described as 'a set of consistently wonderful greens regarded as the best in country NSW and is at least the equal of the majority of metropolitan clubs in Melbourne or Sydney. This course presents a real challenge to championship golfers with its tree lined fairways and well placed bunkers, whilst allowing sufficient leeway for all standards to enjoy the layout'.





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Rotary Altona 50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner

Friday 8th February 2013, 7.30pm

Grand Star Receptions, Grieve Parade Altona North

\$60 for Adults, \$40 for children 12 and under

RSVP: Friday 25th January 2013

Peter Shephard 93698358 or peter.shephard@bigpond.com

Website or link for more information: <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/index.php?action=news&type=36&dateid=2567>



9th
Feb

Nepalese Dinner

Mechanics Institute in High Street, Trentham at 6.30 for 7 p.m. on Saturday 9th February (BYO). George Hillary, grandson of Sir Edmund Hillary, will talk about his family's involvement in aid projects in Nepal. There will be Nepalese cuisine provided by Gurkhas Nepalese Restaurants of Melbourne. Tickets are \$45 a head. See booking details online at www.nepalaid.org.au/ or email enquiries to info@nepalaid.org.au or call 03 5424 8274



15th
Feb

Brimbank Central Annual Charity Golf Day

Friday 15th February – Tee off at noon Medway Golf Club

Golf Only: \$ 40.00pp Golf & Dinner \$ 80.00pp Dinner Only: \$ 40.00pp

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Watson: Ph; 9337 4710 or Richard Carthew: Mob: 0422 375 493

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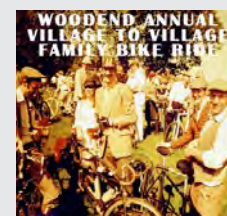


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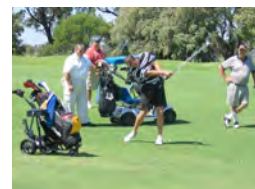
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**22nd
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Golf & Presentation Dinner

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Cost- \$90 – Team of 4 with dinner - \$350 – Dinner only \$30
Proceeds to Very Special Kids
RSVP by 15th February to Charlie Montebello 0412 257 723 or email charles.montebello@bigpond.com
montebello@bigpond.com Frank Landells 9315 6650 or email flandells@bigpond.com
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WYNDHAM ROTARY RIVER FUN RUN/WALK

5KM and 10KM runs with 4KM, 8KM Walks
SUNDAY 24TH February, 8:30 AM
CHIRNSIDE PARK WERRIBEE (MEL REF 205 H9)
Proudly supporting the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday appeal.
Enter at www.wyndhamfunrun.org



**26th
Feb**

GSE Welcome Dinner

The Rotary Clubs of Brighton Beach and Brighton North are hosting the welcome dinner for the GSE Team from District 1080 in the UK.
The welcome dinner will be held on Tuesday 26th February 2013, 6.30pm for 7pm.
The venue is Milanos Hotel, 4 The Esplanade Brighton Beach.
The cost is \$45, bookings can be made by contacting Keiran Cromie - 0419 252 814 or Julie Avery - 0418 364 191
<http://www.rotarybrightonbeach.com.au/images/GSE%20Flyer%202012.pdf>
1. EFT Payments must include your name.
2. We need a Booking form with Names & Dietary needs.
3. RSVP and payment deadline is 15th February.



MARCH 2013

**3rd
Mar**

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY 2013

Like to help clean up the Yarra? SUNDAY 3rd MARCH, 2013 9.00AM - MIDDAY
FAIRFIELD BOATHOUSE - 1 FAIRFIELD PARK DR, FAIRFIELD * Mel Map: 30/J12
THE ROTARY CLUB OF RICHMOND IS ONCE AGAIN JOINING WITH THE YARRA RIVERKEEPERS ASSOCIATION TO HELP CLEAN UP THE YARRA AT FAIRFIELD BOATHOUSE ON CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY 2013.
FOR ALL DETAILS, PLUS HOW TO REGISTER,
GO TO: <http://rotaryrichmond.org.au/notice.php> AND CLICK ON: 'DOWNLOAD DETAILS'





Notices and Events

**1st
Mar**

Ballarat PETS Golf Tournament

Friday 1st March 2013

To register complete your MDP Registration Form and tick the MDP "Golf on Friday" Box, cost is \$35.00 and details will be sent shortly. Alternatively turn up at the course and you will be most welcomed.

For further details please contact PDG Jim Studebaker on 0413 304 864.

**8th
Mar**

Women's International Day Breakfast

Fri 8 Mar, 7:00am–9:00am

Crown Palladium, 8 Whiteman Street, Melbourne

- Adult: \$65.00
- Buy Tickets – 0411 597 690
- Booking fees may apply

Website: www.rotarywomen.org.au



**22-24
Mar**

Rotary Youth Program of ENrichment

The next RYPEN camp will be held on the weekend of Friday 22 – Sunday 24 March 2013. Dates: Friday 22 - Sunday 24 March 2013

Location: Weekaway, Kitchenhams Road, Lancefield

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

For more information about RYPEN, please read our RYPEN page.

<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/news/1595/rotary-youth-program-of-enrichment-rypen>



ROTARY HIROSHIMA PEACE FORUM

17th-19th MAY 2013

District 9800 the world's leading Rotary District in Peace Studies wishes to engage and inspire young people to pursue paths to peace in their studies, in their work and in their daily lives.

District 9800 proposes to part sponsor a max of 8 young people aged between 18 to 35 years of age to attend the upcoming Hiroshima Peace Forum 17-19 May 2013 in Japan.

District 9800 will provide funding of up to \$1,400 towards of a return economy airfare and to assist with the cost of the travel component.

Clubs that sponsor successful applicants may choose to contribute to the applicants' costs of accommodation, internal travel and incidentals which we estimate to be in the region of \$700, excluding any passport or visa costs.

For details on the PEACE FORUM http://www.info-hiroshima.co.jp/peace/index_e.html

Further enquiries should be directed to Bob Fels, Phone 5989 2455 or email rfels@satlink.com.au



17-18 May 2013
Rotary Global Peace Forum
in Hiroshima

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ROTARY DISTRICT 9800 Events Calendar

For a full Notices & Events calendar, visit the following link:
http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/notices_and_events

To submit Notices & Events, please send Clarice all the details at:
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Rotarians and
all community
minded people

DG's Weekly Message

In Rotary Awareness Month we generally think about raising awareness about Rotary in the community or heightening our understanding of Rotary knowledge within our own club.

There is another aspect of Rotary Awareness that we often do not think about and that is the way in which our club reflects its Rotary values and how those values and traditions came about. For clubs that have been chartered a relatively short time, many members joined the club because the club from the outset had an emphasis or priority that attracted the member in the first place.



For longer established clubs, many aspects of the way things are done and the club's priorities are lost in time. How many times do we hear "that's the way we always do it"? Often that is not a bad reason because it defines what was, and probably still is, important to the club. As Club Historian in my Club, I've done more than my fair share of



District Governor Dennis Shore and Lynda

delving into musty documents and old bulletins to gain some appreciation of what makes us tick. Sometimes it takes a really significant anniversary to put it all into perspective.

Rather conveniently, two clubs have celebrated significant charter anniversaries in Rotary Awareness month of this Rotary year of Peace Through Service. The Rotary Club of Altona celebrated its golden anniversary and being its second quarter century received a splendid certificate on the occasion from RI President Sakuji Tanaka as a memento of the occasion. Meanwhile the next night on the other side of town the Rotary Club of Brunswick celebrated 60 significant years serving the Brunswick area.

Both of these celebrations were significant in the number of past members who made the journey to be with their former club. Brunswick no longer has living charter members but Altona had their two surviving charter members in attendance. Jim Mann is still a vibrant member of the club and Peter Perry long ago

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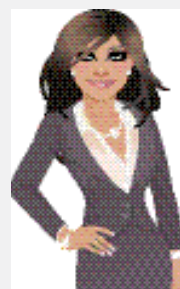
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February is World Understanding Month





moved to Sydney where the impeccable grounding that he received from our district saw him rise to District Governor of his district.

Whilst the black and white photos of the charter nights seemed to portray a very different world, and indeed it was, it also was a grand reminder of the history of achievement of both clubs.

But those old photos also tell us something else. 2013 is very different to 1953 or 1963. The differences the photos reveal – the “de rigueur” of hats for men, heavy suits and dark and gloomy meeting rooms – also remind us that the world was indeed a different place. Most noticeable is the absence of women, not just at meetings but in many of the other activities.

All clubs have moved on. The style of dress at most meetings is much less formal, even on formal occasions, and interpersonal relations are usually conducted on a much less formal basis.

But think of the changes in technology and communications, it is almost another world! Focus was necessarily more local and of course this is still important. But we are now doing important things on a more national and international stage. Back in those days there was no ROMAC, RAWCS, Australian Rotary Health, Interplast, RYLA or many of the familiar programs of The Rotary Foundation.

The community links we once enjoyed have changed. Most clubs had as a member the Town Clerk, the City Engineer, a Bank Manager, the local News Agent. Local Councils have now been subsumed into larger councils and often the executives prefer not to favour one club over another and join none. As an example, my own club (Hawthorn) is in the City of Boroondara as are nine other Rotary clubs including one that is part of another District. Bank Managers these days come and go, seemingly without an opportunity to even unpack and many local business people do not seem to have the option of taking time out from their business.

A major change that has occurred, particularly in metropolitan clubs, is that members are increasingly joining clubs based on their residential location rather than their work location. Indeed areas that were once focussed on factories and manufacturing industry are fast becoming residential. The time and day that a club meets also is really important to many members. For many clubs this means that the model on which the club was chartered might no longer be relevant or appropriate.

Many clubs have already made significant changes to their meeting time. Increasingly clubs that originally met at lunch time have transitioned to evening clubs or sunrise clubs. As an aside, Rotary International discourages the use of terms like lunch or breakfast clubs because the meeting should be more about business or content rather than having a meal as a priority – as enjoyable as that may be.

Even with all these changes, most clubs will still have strong links to some of the earlier priorities for the club and these will rightly be appropriate while ever a need exists. Those links should be strengthened and embraced.



On the flip side, all members need to ask themselves if their club is relevant to the community it now serves. If it's not then we have to look at how we make it so. There is a lot of debate about meeting procedure and while some of the things some clubs do may not seem to be relevant to a prospective member I suspect they are not the issue that decides whether a prospective member joins or not. If a club appears to be looking back rather than ahead, that will be relevant in making a decision.

Tradition and history are important. They shape what we are and who we are but history is just that. Try as some of us do to pretend that change is not all around us, we really cannot ignore it. It is true that with change we sometimes lose things that are fundamental and preferable. But we can also benefit from change.

The trick for Rotary clubs is to keep the bits that are really important and adopt the new stuff that can really add value. If we really want to remind ourselves of the good things that traditions can provide but still be relevant and forward looking, make sure that we continue to remind ourselves and particularly newer members. Many clubs do that really well.

Anniversaries should be celebrated and not only the significant ones. After all everyone enjoys a party.

And talking of parties and celebration, it is still not too late to join in the celebration of the first and largest District in Australia at our 81st Conference in Albury from 14 – 16 March. Yes we will celebrate that heritage but our eyes will be fixed on the future. Rotary is amazing, that is why we are Rotarians but sometimes it takes us getting together to remind us just how amazing. So, see you in Albury!

Dennis Shore,
District Governor.



Rotarians Honoured

Professor Abdullah Saeed (Rotary Club of Melbourne) was awarded an AM for “significant service to tertiary education in the field of Islamic studies and to the community, particularly through the promotion of interfaith dialogue”.



Echuca Citizen of the Year

Chrissy Weller (Vice President Rotary Club of Echuca-Moama), was named “Echuca Citizen of the Year for 2013”.

Brimbank City Citizen of the Year.

Past President of East Keilor Rotary Club, **Dr Les Norton**, was named Brimbank City Council’s Citizen of the Year.

The Council’s Facebook page said

Les is a long-term resident of Keilor, having moved to the area in 1975. As the first local gastroenterologist at the Western Hospital in Footscray, Les saw the need for more local medical services in this field of medicine and as such, lobbied for and created local specialist facilities so that people don’t have to travel to Melbourne for treatment. He has spent over 30 years restoring the historical Overnewton Castle and has made it available for the community to enjoy. Les is also an active philanthropist and is a member of the East Keilor Rotary Club, the Keilor Historical Society and the Keilor Life Activities Group. He is highly regarded for his continued support and commitment to the community.

Right: Gastroenterologist Les Norton at work. The anaesthetist appears confused by one of Les’ anecdotes.



Our heartiest Congratulations go to these Rotarians upon receiving their honours.

Make Our Voices Heard

By Kalyan Banerjee, Past President, Rotary International

We build peace by dealing with the problems, whether those problems are a lack of water, or sanitation, or safe, affordable housing.

When we work for peace, we don't do it by negotiating treaties or demonstrating in the streets.

Instead, we build peace by example – by working together and putting others' needs above our own. We build peace by dealing with the problems that disrupt people's ability to live normal, peaceful lives – whether those problems are a lack of water, or sanitation, or safe, affordable housing; whether they stem from a shortage of education or health care, or a need to build productive and positive connections between communities. In everything we do, we rely on our good name.

This is why all of us have a responsibility to be sure that our good name is indeed known. We need to not just work through Rotary, but talk about Rotary – letting the world know about the work we are doing, the differences we are making, and the benchmarks we are setting. Our Rotary work speaks to our belief that a better, more peaceful world is possible, and we need to be sure that our voices are heard.



Ethical Dilemmas

Privacy and Health

You arrive home to your share house and find your housemate's computer on the couch with her Facebook page open with a message written to her mother back home discussing her recent cancer diagnosis. Lately your house mate has been showing signs of what you think could be depression (which she has a history of) and she has not told you about her diagnosis.

You want to ask her if she needs help and feel that because she is not from the area she might not have a good support group around her and her diagnosis could trigger more mental illness problems. However, you also want to respect her privacy and right to keep her medical issues to herself.

Ethical questions:

- What are the issues?
- Who are the stakeholders?
- What should you do?
- What would you do?



<http://www.ethics.org.au/content/ethical-dilemmas>

ROTARIANS at WORK

Rotarians & Friends @ Work is an inaugural initiative running from April 1 -21 this year. Rotarians and friends of Rotary are invited to work on local community projects with the generous support of partnering Bunnings Warehouse stores and products kindly donated by Selleys, Yates and Dulux.

Whether it's beautifying a school or a public housing estate with a garden project or brightening up the community by helping repaint a community hall or a welfare organisation's facilities, virtually every Rotary Club can take up this great opportunity to do something positive for their community.

All projects will be delivered from April 1-21 and during that time a national public relations campaign will be undertaken to showcase the great work undertaken by Rotary Clubs across Australia. At the end of the campaign, all Rotary Clubs are encouraged to send in their stories and pictures of the projects so we can showcase our work throughout the year and highlight the difference that Rotary can make to Australian communities.



How Your Club & Friends Can Get Involved:

Clubs get started by visiting the website to register their interest online in February (until February 28), after which a local Bunnings Warehouse Activities Organiser will get in touch to get things rolling.

Each Bunnings Warehouse store will partner with one Rotary Club who will take the lead in coordinating additional Rotary Clubs in the local area who would like to join in to work as a Cluster on a project. Rotary Clubs without a nearby Bunnings Warehouse store can nominate an alternate community project to work on as part of Rotarians & Friends @ Work.



This is a great opportunity for Rotary Clubs around Australia to come together in a high profile campaign in partnership with Bunnings Warehouse, Selleys, Yates and Dulux to make Australia a better place.

Be sure to register before February 28!

Visit the Rotarians & Friends @ Work Website at <http://www.rotariansandfriendsatwork.org.au/> to find out more, register and get started!

For more information, please contact projects@rotariansandfriendsatwork.org.au

A Rotary Australia initiative.



Early Bird Cocktail Party

Once again, Andrew Moore of Lexus of Blackburn hosted a generous and enjoyable Early Bird Cocktail Party. Rotarians welcomed the opportunity to mix with Lexus staff and to examine and discuss the merits of the models on display.



Centre: Lynda Shore, who won the major raffle prize a few years ago, was dexterous enough to draw her own name from the bucket, but in a re-draw Gigi O'Donoghue was the winner of winner of a stay at the Heritage Golf Club with the choice of a Lexus to drive.

Below: PDG Greg Ross and Anne Maney announced their engagement, and Chris and Lyn Don celebrated a Wedding Anniversary at Lexus of Blackburn.





Everyone has a role in peace

By Kai Nestman, a member of the Rotaract Club of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

This past weekend I was fortunate to participate in a Rotary Global Peace Forum in Honolulu, Hawaii. The forum placed a heightened emphasis on young people as catalysts for peace. Workshops brought together participants from around the world to discuss and engage in peace education, technology, intercultural understanding, peace through humanitarianism, and world peace through personal health, among many others. Young people offer us the greatest opportunity to move towards world peace.

Peace can be described as a lifetime journey that individuals travel through in the quest to achieve harmony – a personal expedition in search of harmony that could extend to the cosmos, our environment, the relations between each other, and our harmony with oneself. Peace could include a world free from violence and suffering, yet full of tolerance and love.

Full story <http://blog.rotary.org/2013/02/01/kai/#more-2198>



Sustainable Projects

Sustainability can make the difference between a project that fails after a year or two, and one that keeps providing benefits to the local community long after the last grant dollar is spent.

Watch a video on sustainability: <http://vimeo.com/56048443>

See five steps to make your project sustainable: <http://www.rotaryleader-en.org/rotaryleader-en/en201301#pg5>

Right: School children wash their hands at newly installed faucets. The Rotary clubs of Chico, California, USA, and Moshi, Tanzania, have collaborated since 2008 on a series of projects, planting trees, providing schools with clean water, distributing deworming medication, and working on various community development initiatives.

Photo courtesy of the Rotary Club of Chico





D9800 SPEAKER BANK

By Jill Weeks, RC Hawthorn

Thanks to Gordon Cheyne (Assistant Governor Beachside, RC Hawthorn) for the following suggestion: Gordon says: "I recommend Madryn Sanderson of Marie Stopes International. Maternal and Child Health is one of Rotary's Six Areas of Focus. With Marketing and Communications Director Maya Goldstein, she reported on how Family Planning is saving lives in Timor and Papua New Guinea."

Family Planning Saves Lives: **Madryn Sanderson**

Madryn writes: 'Our talk focuses on the catalytic impact that family planning and access to contraception can have on women's lives, their families and their entire communities. A vital element of maternal health and safe motherhood, family planning has all too often been disregarded because of the stigma associated with the topic. Of the 358,000 deaths that occur each year from pregnancy and childbirth related causes, nearly one-third would be prevented if all the women who wanted it, had access to contraception. The talk explains how family planning saves lives and the impact it has on poverty reduction and women's empowerment. We illustrate this with case studies of programs in the Asia Pacific region such as Timor Leste, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Myanmar'.



Speakers: Madryn Sanderson, External Relations Director and/or Maya Goldstein, Program Development Manager, Marie Stopes International

Contact: Madryn, 03 9658 7507 or 0422 115 691. madryn.sanderson@mariestopes.org.au

About Marie Stopes International: Million of the world's poorest and most vulnerable women trust Marie Stopes International to provide them with high quality sexual and reproductive healthcare. We work in 42 countries around the world, delivering services where they are needed the most through clinics, mobile outreach and social franchises. Our Australian branch focuses on the Asia Pacific region.
www.mariestopes.org

Thanks to Assistant Governor (and member, RC Keilor East, Cherrie Osborn) for the following suggestion. Cherrie writes: I have a wonderful speaker to introduce, who told me that he would be willing to speak, on occasion to Clubs in our District 9800. He is most impressive, speaking on social media."

Pete Marcus has more than 30 years experience in small business. In that time he has built eight successful businesses from scratch, while helping many other businesses to achieve success. At the age of 22 he sold his software business for seven figures and semi-retired.

Pete will show you some very practical but extremely powerful techniques you can implement into your business today so you too can experience a significant increase in productivity and profits.

Now who would be interested in that for their business?

Pete currently operates a social media business in Australia and a marketing business in the U.S.A. Pete spends his time devoted to his wife and six children and travels extensively while living a life by design, not by default. Pete is available for speaking engagements in Australia, New Zealand, U.K., Canada and the U.S.A. His focus is on small business inspiration, improvements and implementation through positive mindset and proven techniques.

Contact: Pete Marcus Email: pete@adeleglobal.com
Phone: 1300-661-345 (Toll Free Australia)
(03) 9988-3838 (Australia)

EVERY LIFE MATTERS



Obstetric Fistula is the Biggest Problem You've Never Heard OF

From Operation OF

Imagine five days of labour that end in stillbirth. As you try to pull yourself together emotionally after this unimaginable loss, you realize that you're constantly wet. You don't know why, but that five days of labour made a hole in your bladder that constantly leaks urine. This hole is also known as an obstetric fistula. You try to drink less, but that makes your wretched smell even stronger. Your husband thinks you're cursed so he leaves. No one wants to work with you because you stink. You can't even get water because you are the unclean. You are left alone on the margins of society begging for an end to your suffering. This is obstetric fistula.

We really do not know how many women have obstetric fistula. These women are spread to the far corners of the developing world. The problem is biggest in the most remote places. Even in places where they can be counted, many women with fistula are so ashamed of their condition that they do not want to come forward.

More than 2 million women are living with obstetric fistula and there are 100,000 new cases every year. But despite an inexpensive surgery that is 90% effective, only 15,000 women receive treatment every year. That means that this year, only 1 out of every 140 women with fistula will get life-recovering treatment.



<http://www.operationof.org/fistula/how-many-women-have-obstetric-fistula/>



International Women's Day Breakfast

Women in Rotary is pleased to announce the 2013 International Women's Day Breakfast, 'Is It All In the Genes?', to be held at Crown Palladium on Friday 8 March.

Celebrate 2013 International Women's Day as our vibrant panel of eminent Australians consider the role of gender diversity in the workplace, and debate questions such as 'are men and women programmed differently?' and 'does biology determine our success in managing job demands?'. The panel will include:

- Virginia Trioli
- Dr Feelgood
- Fabian Dattner
- Stephen Mayne
- Graeme Wise
- Peter Hollingworth AC OBE
- Beverly O'Connor (moderator),
- Liela Gurruwiwi (MC)

The Breakfast, to be opened by the Minister for Women's Affairs, **the Hon. Mary Wooldridge**, follows the success of last year's inaugural event, which attracted over 700 men and women. This year's event promises to be even bigger, bolder and more provocative!

Proceeds from the Breakfast will be directed to Violence Free Families, a Rotary initiative that educates Australian families challenged by aggressive and violent behaviour, and the Kids Foundation, keeping Aussie Kids Safe.

For further information, sponsorship opportunities, and bookings, please visit www.rotarywomen.org.au or contact Kerry Kornhauser on 0411 597 690.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/hjg23s8wrjdlaym/Rotary3.mp4>



Photos:
Virginia Trioli (top)
Liela Gurruwiwi
Fabian Dattner
Stephen Mayne
Dr Feelgood



Women in Rotary
2013 International Women's Day
BREAKFAST
Crown Palladium

Friday
8
MARCH
7am-7:15am to 9am

Proudly presented by
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District 9800		Attendance		Membership				
2012/2013		January-13		At July 1	January-13			
Club	Cluster							
		No. of Meet	Month		Start	End	Net gain /loss 12/13	% Change
Port Melbourne	Batman	0	0%	10	13	13	3	30.0%
Melbourne Park	Heritage	3	50%	18	23	23	5	27.8%
St Kilda	Stonnington	2	59%	9	11	11	2	22.2%
Echuca-Moama	Goldfields	4	81%	15	17	17	2	13.3%
Southbank	Batman	3	57%	23	26	26	3	13.0%
Melton Valley	Westside	4	94%	16	18	18	2	12.5%
Brimbank Cent	Gateway	3	66%	27	30	30	3	11.1%
Tullamarine	Gateway	3	42%	18	18	20	2	11.1%
Toorak	Stonnington	1	48%	28	30	31	3	10.7%
Caulfield	Beachside	1	82%	10	11	11	1	10.0%
Glenferrie	Yarra	1	66%	43	45	47	4	9.3%
Bacchus Marsh	Westside			33		36	3	9.1%
Fitzroy	Heritage	2	59%	22	23	24	2	9.1%
Point Gellibrand	Hobsons Bay	3	65%	34	37	37	3	8.8%
Woodend	Calder	3	68%	25	27	27	2	8.0%
Bendigo S date	Goldfields	4	66%	26	29	28	2	7.7%
Kelior East	Gateway	1	75%	40	43	43	3	7.5%
Daylesford	Calder	4	75%	29	31	31	2	6.9%
Bendigo S hurst	Goldfields	4	75%	50	52	53	3	6.0%
Sunshine	Westside			18		19	1	5.6%
Werribee	Port Phillip	3	79%	37	39	39	2	5.4%
Chadstone E Mal	Stonnington	2	74%	43	45	45	2	4.7%
North Melbourne	Heritage	3	60%	26	27	27	1	3.8%
Wyndham	Port Phillip	4	81%	26	27	27	1	3.8%
Brunswick	Heritage	3	39%	27	28	28	1	3.7%
Footscray	Hobsons Bay	3	52%	54	56	56	2	3.7%
Kew	Yarra	2	83%	35	36	36	1	2.9%
Richmond	Heritage	2	53%	37	38	38	1	2.7%
Camberwell	Eastside	4	70%	77	79	79	2	2.6%
Kelior	Gateway	3	75%	39	40	40	1	2.6%
Brighton North	Beachside	4	61%	51	52	52	1	2.0%
Hawthorn	Yarra	2	78%	57	58	58	1	1.8%
Altona	Port Phillip	3	65%	24	24	24	0	0.0%
Altona City	Port Phillip	2	67%	23	23	23	0	0.0%
Bendigo	Goldfields	4	66%	72	72	72	0	0.0%



Boroondara	Eastside	4	47%	15	15	15	0	0.0%
Brighton Beach	Beachside	2	71%	21	21	21	0	0.0%
Castlemaine	Calder			37		37	0	0.0%
Collingwood	Heritage			20		20	0	0.0%
Docklands	Batman	2	42%	9	10	9	0	0.0%
Essendon North	Gateway	4	73%	26	24	26	0	0.0%
Glen Eira	Beachside	3	80%	18	18	18	0	0.0%
Kew-on-Yarra	Yarra	1	94%	17	17	17	0	0.0%
Melbourne S	Batman			27		27	0	0.0%
Melton	Westside	3	75%	26	27	26	0	0.0%
Moonee Valley	Gateway	3	31%	13	13	13	0	0.0%
Prahran	Stonnington	3	71%	23	23	23	0	0.0%
Rochester	Goldfields	3	87%	8	8	8	0	0.0%
West Footscray	Hobsons Bay	2	67%	24	24	24	0	0.0%
North Balwyn	Eastside	4	90%	74	73	73	-1	-1.4%
Essendon	Gateway	3	47%	68	67	67	-1	-1.5%
Albert Park	Batman	3	57%	62	62	61	-1	-1.6%
Carlton	Heritage	3	73%	41	40	40	-1	-2.4%
Canterbury	Eastside	3	65%	39	38	38	-1	-2.6%
Brighton	Beachside	2	58%	110	107	107	-3	-2.7%
Malvern	Stonnington	4	55%	35	34	34	-1	-2.9%
Bendigo South	Goldfields	4	70%	32	31	31	-1	-3.1%
Melbourne	Batman	3	63%	230	221	222	-8	-3.5%
Balwyn	Eastside	4	51%	76	75	73	-3	-3.9%
Flemington	Hobsons Bay	3	72%	24	23	23	-1	-4.2%
Gisborne	Calder	4	89%	24	23	23	-1	-4.2%
Hoppers Crossing	Port Phillip	4	62%	23	22	22	-1	-4.3%
Eaglehawk	Goldfields	7	74%	40	38	38	-2	-5.0%
CentMelbS'rise	Batman	3	58%	57	54	54	-3	-5.3%
Williamstown	Hobsons Bay	1	50%	36	34	34	-2	-5.6%
L'ton Pt Cook	Port Phillip	3	75%	34	35	32	-2	-5.9%
Kyneton	Calder	3	52%	41	38	38	-3	-7.3%
Kangaroo Flat	Goldfields	3	70%	26	25	24	-2	-7.7%
Yarraville	Hobsons Bay	3	61%	20	18	18	-2	-10.0%
No. of Clubs Reporting			64		64			
No. of Members				2498		2525	27	1.1%
% Reported			65.0%					
% Reporting Attendance			93%					
% Reporting Membership						93%		



Notices and Events

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

**19th
Feb**

Travis Bell, The Bucket List Guy

Tuesday 19th February 2013, 6.45pm start

Public House Bar, 433 Church Street, Richmond

No charge. Drinks and meals are optional and are ordered during the meeting

RSVP Date and Contact Details: Friday 15th February 2013 to Carly Nuthall at carly.nuthall@rcmelpark.com

nuthall@rcmelpark.com

Website or link for more information: www.rcmelpark.com

Travis will talk to us about how a 'bucket list' gives you purpose and direction.



**22nd
Feb**

RC Altona City Golf & Presentation Dinner

Koorringal Golf Club, Wilga Ave. Altona - Friday 22nd February – Tee off 12.30pm – Shotgun start

Cost- \$90 – Team of 4 with dinner - \$350 – Dinner only \$30

Proceeds to Very Special Kids

RSVP by 15th February to Charlie Montebello 0412 257 723 or email charles.montebello@bigpond.com

montebello@bigpond.com Frank Landells 9315 6650 or email flandells@bigpond.com



**22nd
Feb**

Flemington / Footscray Trivia Night

Friday 22nd February 2013; 7:00 for 7:30 start.

Flemington Primary School, 200 Mount Alexander Road, Flemington

Cost: \$10 pp

Contact: PE Chris Drenen 0421-085-0000; Pres. Maria Silber 0438-023-947.

Prize donations welcome.



**24th
Feb**

Rotary Leadership Institute

The Rotary Leadership Institute program is ready to commence its 2013 training with a Part 1 group on Sunday 24th February at 9.00am.

This program has benefited many Rotarians and their clubs as more knowledgeable Rotarians express their enthusiasm in club meetings and projects

The venue is the Montague Continuing Education Centre 100 Montague Street South Melbourne (Enter via Gladstone Street) Melway Map 2E J12.

E-mail to Vicki Teschke today at vicki.t@tacobill.org



**24th
Feb**

WYNDHAM ROTARY RIVER FUN RUN/WALK

5KM and 10KM runs with 4KM, 8KM Walks

SUNDAY 24TH February, 8:30 AM

CHIRNSIDE PARK WERRIBEE (MEL REF 205 H9)

Proudly supporting the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday appeal.

Enter at www.wyndhamfunrun.org



**26th
Feb**

GSE Welcome Dinner

The Rotary Clubs of Brighton Beach and Brighton North are hosting the welcome dinner for the GSE Team from District 1080 in the UK.

The welcome dinner will be held on Tuesday 26th February 2013, 6.30pm for 7pm.

The venue is Milanos Hotel, 4 The Esplanade Brighton Beach.

The cost is \$45, bookings can be made by contacting Keiran Cromie - 0419 252 814 or Julie Avery - 0418 364 191

<http://www.rotarybrightonbeach.com.au/images/GSE%20Flyer%202012.pdf>

1. EFT Payments must include your name.
2. We need a Booking form with Names & Dietary needs.
3. RSVP and payment deadline is 15th February.





EVENTS - March 2013

**1st
March**

Ballarat PETS Golf Tournament

Friday 1st March 2013

To register complete your MDP Registration Form and tick the MDP "Golf on Friday" Box, cost is \$35.00 and details will be sent shortly. Alternatively turn up at the course and you will be most welcomed.

For further details please contact PDG Jim Studebaker on 0413 304 864.

**1-2nd
March**

Stonnington Open Gardens – presented by RC Malvern

Friday 1 March & Saturday March 2, 2013 10am to 5pm daily

Eight beautiful private gardens located within the City of Stonnington

Cost: \$35 for "All Garden" pass or \$8.00 per garden

Pre-purchase of 'All Garden' Tickets available on the website www.stonningtonopengardens.org

Proceeds from the event will be donated to Very Special Kids



**3rd
March**

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY 2013

Like to help clean up the Yarra? SUNDAY 3rd MARCH, 2013 9.00AM MIDDAY

FAIRFIELD BOATHOUSE - 1 FAIRFIELD PARK DR, FAIRFIELD * Mel Map: 30/J12

THE ROTARY CLUB OF RICHMOND IS ONCE AGAIN JOINING WITH THE YARRA RIVERKEEPERS ASSOCIATION TO HELP CLEAN UP THE YARRA AT FAIRFIELD BOATHOUSE ON CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY 2013.

FOR ALL DETAILS, PLUS HOW TO REGISTER,

GO TO: <http://rotaryrichmond.org.au/notice.php> AND CLICK ON: 'DOWNLOAD DETAILS'



**8th
March**

2013 International Women's Day Breakfast

'Is It All In the Genes?' Crown Palladium Friday 8 March.

Celebrate 2013 International Women's Day as our vibrant panel of eminent Australians consider the role of gender diversity in the workplace, and debate questions such as 'are men and women programmed differently?' and 'does biology determine our success in managing job demands?'

For further information, sponsorship opportunities, and bookings, please visit www.rotarywomen.org.au

or contact Kerry Kornhauser on 0411 597 690

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/hjg23s8wrjdlaym/Rotary3.mp4>



**23rd
March**

The Willy Ball

Saturday 23rd March 2013, starting 6.45pm until 12.30am

Held at Fort Gellibrand, Morris Street, Williamstown

Cost: \$125 per person and includes canapés on arrival, 3 course meal, drinks, dancing and entertainment. There's even a ceremonial cannon firing and tours of the Fort.

Dress code: Black tie

Booking is easy, just go to our website for all the details at www.rotarypointgellibrand.com For enquires contact Martin Smith at martin.smith.51@gmail.com



**22-24
March**

Rotary Youth Program of ENrichment

The next RYPEN camp will be held on the weekend of Friday 22 – Sunday 24 March 2013. Dates: Friday 22 - Sunday 24 March 2013

Location: Weekaway, Kitchenhams Road, Lancefield

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

For more information about RYPEN, please reread our RYPEN page.

<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/news/1595/rotary-youth-program-of-enrichment-rypen>





Notices and Events

April 2013

**15th
April**

Charity Golf Day

Footscray Rotary & Vic Police Annual Charity Golf Day
Monday 15th April 2013 from 11.30am to 6:30pm Cost: \$75 per player
Sunshine Golf Club, Mt Derrimut Rd. Derrimut (Melways ref: 39- E3)
RSVP by 9th April 2013 to Ron Hunt 0400-205-858 or ron@tradesmart.net.au



**19th
April**

Back to Square Dance Night

Maribyrnong Park Bowls Club, 195 Holmes Road, Moonee Ponds.
Friday 19th April Cost: \$20.00 per person
RSVP: To Meg Smith-Beale on 9331-6699, by 31st of March 2013
Net Proceeds to Royal Children's Hospital Clown Doctors
Ladies, please bring a basket supper. Drinks at bar prices.
Flyer available at www.rotarykeilor.org.au



**21st
April**

ROTARY CLUB OF HOPPERS CROSSING BRIDAL EXPO

Werribee Function Centre, Werribee Racecourse, Bulban Road, Werribee. **21 April 2013** 10.00am till 4.00pm
\$5.00 per head with all funds raised going towards Rotary's work in the community
More info: Colin Styles on mobile 0416 191 320 or email rhcbridalexpo@inet.net.au or cstyles@bigpond.net.au

There will be some 40 to 50 wedding specialists including: Marriage Celebrants, Wedding Photographers, Bridal Make-Up, Bonbonnières, Wedding Invitations and Stationery, Wedding Reception Venues, Wedding Cakes, Wedding Florists, Wedding Dresses, Mother-of-the-Bride Wear, Male Formal Wear, Wedding Gifts, Decorations, and Wedding Cars and Limousines.
Fashion parades at 11.30am and 2.30pm showcasing Bridal and Mother-of-the-Bride Wear. Novelty events for Brides-to-be with some worthwhile prizes available.



17-18 May 2013
Rotary Global Peace Forum
in Hiroshima

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Is something on your mind?

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clarice@rotarydistrict9800.org.au



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