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September is Vocational Service Month

The Heart Of Rotary

Every Rotary Year, October is designated as **Vocational Service month** and I hope that, during October, Rotarians in District 9800 will recall the principles and continue to apply them to their vocational environments. Vocational service is at the very heart of Rotary. By making 'vocation' the principal criterion for membership during its founding in 1905, Rotary set itself apart from other organisations. The use of the vocational classification principle- the guideline by which nearly all Rotary membership is determined – assures that each club has amongst its members a cross section of their community's business and professional population.

In 1943, the RI Board of Directors provided Rotarians with a structure to assist them in achieving their vocational service goals when they voted to make the 4-Way Test an official component of the vocational service ideal. The test gave Rotarians a way to assess whether their personal and business dealings were being conducted with truth, fairness, goodwill and decency.

Although Rotary is a vocation-based organisation, it's ironic that vocational projects at club level are often the most difficult of the Four Avenues of Service projects to define and implement. Vocational projects, however, can range from the hands-on type such as job talks, literacy projects, Computers for Kids, interschool debates, career interviews/counselling, work experience, apprenticeship awards, pride of workmanship awards and Science Schools, to the selection of worthy candidates for the annual Multi-District Shine on Awards. This Rotary year these awards will be presented at a function to be held at Wangaratta on the 3 May 2008.

We have many clubs in our District that have established a friendship/sister club relationship with other clubs in Australia. This is an excellent way of increasing vocational contact and widening perspectives as well as forming enduring relationships.

When new members join a Rotary club they do so as a representative of their particular business or profession. In classical Rotary terms, they "...will be the representative of their vocation in their club and the principles of Rotary will be known to that calling through them and the application by their example." This gives Rotarians the dual responsibility of representing their vocation within their club and exemplifying the ideals of Rotary within their workplace.

In 1989 the Council of Legislation adopted The Declaration of Rotarians in Business and Professions to provide more specific guidelines for the high ethical standards called for in the Object of Rotary.

As a Rotarian engaged in a business or profession I am expected to:

- Consider my vocation to be another opportunity to serve;
- Be faithful to the letter and to the spirit of the ethical codes of my vocation, to the laws of my country, and to the moral standards of my community;
- Do all in my power to dignify my vocation and to promote the highest ethical standards in my chosen vocation;
- Be fair to my employer, employees, associates, competitors, customers, the public and all those with whom I have a business or professional relationship;
- Recognise the honor and respect due to all occupations which are useful to society;
- Offer my vocational talents: to provide opportunities for young people, to work for the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in my community;
- Adhere to honesty in my advertising and in all representations to the public concerning my business or profession;
- Neither seek from nor grant to a fellow Rotarian privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship.

Vocational Service sets Rotary and Rotarians apart. Through our vocations and the 4-Way Test, principles of fairness are enacted. Ideally, they mirror our attitudes on wider issues and encourage trust and certainty.

It's a great relationship.

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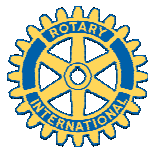


DG John Davis & Joan

- John Davis, District Governor

Problems become opportunities when the right perspective is taken.

- Wes Truscott



New Members

Welcome to the following new members:

- David Jones (transfer from RC Port Nicholson, NZ), RC Central Melbourne-Sunrise, Classification: Tourism
- Micaela Lapina, RC Central Melbourne-Sunrise, Classification: Banking-Project Accounting
- Robert McIldowie, RC Albert Park, Classification: TBA
- James Portz, RC Collingwood, Classification: Business Development Manager
- Neil Salvano (transfer from RC Albert Park), RC Central Melbourne-Sunrise, Classification: Risk Management
- Brian Smith, RC Central Melbourne-Sunrise, Classification: Business Development-Workcover
- Marietta Taylor, RC Southbank, Classification: Dentistry

Quip Corner:

"I don't want any yes-men around me. I want everybody to tell me the truth even if it costs them their jobs."

40+ Rotarian

I know that Malvern is only a short drive from Far East Prahran, and a tram would have been logical, but I had my own reasons for taking the Beemer (more later). Clive Elliott ... Rotary Club of Malvern Charter Member and keen photographer awaited me and I didn't want to be late. Nice area, Malvern ... a bit too far east for me, but if circumstances changed I could certainly 'exist' in Malvern. Clive is 87 years young, but my suggestion about adjourning to a wine bar to conduct our interview was politely declined and we settled for a cross table chat in the back garden.

C: *How did you become involved with Rotary?*

CE: I was asked to become a Charter Member. At that stage I knew nothing about Rotary.

C: *What is the biggest project you've been involved with as a Rotarian?*

CE: In 1966 I was involved in the formation of a cub group at the Lady Herring Spastic Centre. It was so successful that we went on to build a scout hall which ultimately led to the establishment of the 3rd Malvern Spastic Scout group. The hall was opened by Sir Edmund Herring in 1970. He went on to make a 16 mm film which was later shown at Rotary International.

C: *What are the biggest changes in Rotary that you've seen?*

CE: The relaxation of rules. Also, the fact that, sadly, members are more difficult to find because people have less time to devote to community service.

C: *The Rotary Club of Malvern was chartered in May 1959. What do you remember about the event?*

CE: Our charter night was held in the Malvern Town Hall. I was 38 ... I am now 87. I remember a thick layer of smoke in the hall as most people were smokers then. There were many District Governors there and we sang Rotary hymns to popular songs. The Reverend Chris Goy conducted the singing. *(Sounds very blokey, but I love a bit of crowd singing ... I wonder if I would have enjoyed it? –C)*

C: *What do you particularly enjoy about the Malvern Rotary Club?*

CE: We have always been a happy club, successfully combining service and fellowship.

C: *Over the years there must have been some interesting and inspirational characters in the Rotary Club of Malvern. Tell me about some of them.*

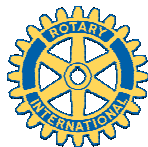
CE: Our Charter President was Dudley Lucas. He had been the City of Malvern Town Clerk for many years and was very strict. He demanded 100% attendance. *(Go Dudley! –C)*. He wouldn't get away with that these days but that was 48 years ago. Another interesting person was Gil Gilbert. Gil was also a Charter Member and before the war he joined the RAF, becoming a group captain at the age of 32. He had some exciting war experiences, including shadowing the German battleship 'Bismarck' before it was sunk.

C: *If you could have been present at a famous event in history what would you have choose and why?*

CE: I'd have liked to have been at the signing of the treaty which ended the war in the Pacific. I also would have liked to witness the building of the pyramids in Egypt. I'm sure that I could have made a good home movie of both.

C: *Ah, home movies. .. that leads me to my next question. You owned a camera store for many years in Malvern. Tell me about the rigours of being in business in Malvern.*

CE: The business is in a strip shopping centre and for many years it was fairly static with not many changes. As purpose-built shopping centres began to spring up, the changes became more rapid. In our case we had to change mini labs on occasions to keep up with technology. We have now been in business in Malvern for over 90



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years and the shopping strip has grown from a series of family businesses to a modern strip centre that caters for all people and tastes.

C: *Do you see a relaxation of Rotary's rules and formalities as a natural progression or do you believe that 'standards have dropped'?*

CE: I see it as adaptation. Rotary has relaxed most of its rules to adapt to today's way of life.

C: *I understand that even at the tender age of 87 years, the Malvern Club has found you irreplaceable when it comes to maintaining attendance records and taking club photographs. How long have you been doing that?*

CE: Although I had a photography store, I am not a professional photographer. But it is a hobby that I've put to good use. I've been taking pictures of our club's history since its formation and take weekly pictures of our guest speakers. As for the attendance, I do that because I can get there early and nobody else wants to do it. It seems to be a job that falls to the 'over 80's'.

C: *I believe that you've been an Essendon fan for over 80 years. Tell me about the early years and some of the famous players you saw.*

CE: My aunt lived across the road from Windy Hill, so I saw most footballers from a very early age. I remember many of the pre-war greats such as Dick Reynolds, Hadyn Bunton and Bob Pratt. Keith Forbes, a former Essendon captain owned a tuck shop near the ground. I was also privileged to see a lot of the great John Coleman, who remains the best footballer I've ever seen. (*"The great John Coleman" – Essendon champion and former member of the Rotary Club of Brunswick. –C*)

C: *As someone who enjoys sports photography, what are some of the memorable shots that you have taken?*

CE: I took many shots of footballers but, sadly, most of the photos have gone.

C: *What are your memories of the 1956 Olympic Games?*

CE: I went to the Games on four occasions and took many photos and movies. Cameras were forbidden as they were supposed to be a nuisance. Sunday was a rest day and, on that day I had an operator friend flash my name up on 'state of the art' electronic scoreboard. I have also kept a sample of the cinders running track.

C: *Do you ... or did you ... go to many photographic exhibitions and is there a particular photographer whose work you enjoy?*

CE: I do go to photographic trade exhibitions. I enjoy looking at photographs but don't have a particular favourite photographer.

C: *What is the best tip that you could give to a person who was interested in photography and who wanted to photograph early morning nature scenes?*

CE: The best time to take pictures is early morning or late evening as there is a golden touch to everything. But you have to be quick as it only lasts a short time. (*Sometimes 'late evening' and 'early morning' roll into one for me ... maybe I should always take a camera. ...what am I saying? –C*)

C: *I'm rather taken by your present car. Would you tell me about it please?*

CE: It's a BMW 330i coupe. I gave it to myself when I turned 80. I love this car and it's a pleasure to sit behind the wheel and drive.

C: *Complete the following: Life is ...*

CE: ... not always a dream. It's a bit like 'Days of Our Lives' – it has good times and bad times.

C: *My secret talent is ...*

CE: ...unfound ... at least by me. I think it's a bit too late to find it now.

C: *The way to my heart is ...*

CE: ... through a bypass, I guess. It hasn't missed a beat, so I'll leave it alone.

C: *I am ...*

CE: ... growing 'smaller' by the day.

C: *Rotary is ...*

CE: ... the best thing for anyone who cares for others.

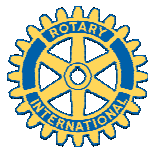
C: *Rotarians are ...*

CE: ... special people around the world who are given the opportunity, through Rotary, to help others less fortunate than themselves.



Clive in the backseat of an Oakland car opposite the Malvern Gardens c1924

Well, it didn't quite end there ... With my Beemer and Clive's Beemer, I admit I did think 'Photo Opportunity'!



Anyway, I just happened to put 12 outfits in the car before I arrived at Clive's house. He was most obliging ... Clarice draped over Clive's car, Clarice between the two cars ... Clarice in black ... Clarice in a long evening number ... an early peek at the Clarice Spring Carnival outfit ... Clarice the vamp ... and so on.

As I said to Clive, "Hobbies are important. Your talents need to be encouraged. I'm aware of the Rotary ideals ... Treasure the moment ... I really believe that 'Rotary Shares' and I happily give these moments to you". I'm sure that he was delighted. Hmm ... well done, girl.

Water Safety In The Philippines

A significant water rehabilitation project of the Rotary Club of Brighton Beach in Pampanga, Central Luzon, Philippines is now fully completed and operational. (Refer Networker article August 2007).

It was a major challenge for this small club in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Metro Clark, as the water rehab project covered 14 kilometres of mountain trail dirt road which were cleared to install 5,093 metres of water pipes. The target achieved a coverage of water supply for three villages. From the main water reservoir, three water tank heads and three separate water substations were also constructed.

The completion of this project made it possible for thousands of village residents to avail themselves of clean and safe water for their homes, the medical community centre, elementary school and for rice fields/crop irrigation. According to Ruth Carlos Martinez of the club's International Services Committee, this will greatly reduce, if not eliminate, incidences of malaria, gastrointestinal and other illnesses prevalent in the community due to the lack of clean water.



RC Brighton Beach will be showing a presentation of the work progress to completion in its club meeting at Milanos, Brighton Beach Esplanade on 16 October at 7pm. Anyone wishing to attend is most welcome.

This is a reflection of President Bill Boyd's article last May which noted that "as Rotarians, we do not walk away from these tremendous challenges. Not only do we have that faith to believe we can make a difference, we have the courage to do. That courage is the difference between dreaming great dreams and putting them into action."

Potential Rotary Leaders Seminar

Both Rotary Districts 9800 and 9810 have combined their resources to bring PRLS (Potential Rotary Leaders Seminar) to Melbourne for the first time. Both Districts identified in their 2007-8 strategy plan for their Districts that there was a need for additional leader training for Rotarians wishing to take on a leadership role in either their club or District. PRLS offers the opportunity to provide additional skills and training to take on a leadership role in Rotary but participants have found the information and experience provided during the seminar can also be used in their vocation.

The PRLS training concept was successfully adopted by a number of North American Districts. The program was introduced to Southern Africa and then in 2006 to Queensland. In November 2006 some of the DGE attended an orientation day for PRLS which was run by Rotarians from District 5240. DGE John Davis 9800 and Dick Garner 9810 felt that the PRLS training would be advantageous for Rotarians in their Districts and planned to introduce the training in 2007-08 Rotary year.

We are now ready to get things moving in October 2007!

We are very fortunate that we have been able to get two top PRLS presenters to run our first PRLS training courses. Laurie and Maureen Bond are both experienced Rotarians and established the PRLS programs in six Southern African Districts. Recently they have moved to New Zealand and they will visit Melbourne to assist 9800 and 9810 to establish our training programs. Laurie and Maureen will run the first courses and also help us in "Training our Trainers". We will then be able to run our own future PRLS leadership programs.

The aims of PRLS are:

- Develop leaders for Business, Home and Social life.
- Develop Rotary leaders beyond club level, Rotary at club level, and Rotary at District level.
- Grow and benefit Rotarians.
- Sell Rotary to non-Rotarians.
- Grow Rotary commitment.
- Rotary membership development and retention.



The Presidents Rotary Leadership Program (PRLS) will be held over 2 days – Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 October – at the Quality Inn, Tullamarine.

DG 9800 John Davis and DG 9810 Dick Garner invite you to participate in this excellent program by completing and forwarding the application form available on the D9800 website by 12th October 2007.

Places are restricted to 25 per District on Day 1 and 12 per District on Day 2 so you are encouraged to reply early as these places will fill quickly and will be processed on a first in first served basis.

Warm Hearts and Laughter

The following article appears in the ITHF October newsletter. Barbara Speedie's item highlights just one of the benefits of membership of the International Travel and Hosting Fellowship (ITHF), which has 2,000+ members in 60 countries.

The Vision of ITHF is to be a broadly based, viable and respected recreational fellowship in the Rotary world and our Mission is to stimulate and facilitate connections and cultural sharing throughout the the Rotary world by contact, hosting, visiting and travel.

Each year we arrange tours to and/or from the World Convention, and our AGM (this year attended by 150 members) is held over breakfast at the World Convention.

We have 24 members in D9800 and would dearly like to have more. Why not look at our website www.ithf.org and join us.

- John Steven, RC of Camberwell, President ITHF

One of the first things I did after recently becoming a Rotarian, was join ITHF. Having lived in many different parts of the world, I have long enjoyed travelling and meeting with peoples of different cultures.

My first foray into ITHF was on a recent holiday to Japan where I was delighted to accept the hosting of Masa and Chieko Uesugi who live on the northern island of Hokkaido. What a wonderful reception from Masa and his extended family! My son and I were welcomed like old friends, and each evening there was an abundance of food, drink and laughter! We enjoyed long conversations; through these we gained a better understanding of each other's culture and developed a mutual respect.

During our stay Masa and his wonderful family took us on excursions into the local areas. We had a range of fascinating experiences, including a makeup at his Rotary club. Although the weather was sometimes a little cold, the Uesugi family made up for that with their extremely warm hearts!

I also ventured to Yokohama to meet with Rotarian Yasuhiro Kojima and his wife Hiroko . I was very privileged to meet with and address an interesting group of women which Yasuhiro had formed some 25 years ago, who offer hospitality and friendship to foreigners living in the area, whilst enjoying their own fellowship. We then went on to enjoy some lively conversation over dinner.

I am so grateful to Rotary that I had this opportunity to meet the Uesugi family and Yasuhiro and his fellowship group. The 'connections' that resulted were truly wonderful, and I now have new friends in distant lands. Hopefully I will be able to return their hospitality in the very near future, and may even make a return visit.

- Barbara Speedie, Melbourne, Australia

Pin & Win AT the Melbourne Cup Carnival!



The Alfred Hospital has been selected as the official charity of the Victoria Racing Club for 2007 and 2008, and the recipient of proceeds from the VRC Melbourne Cup Carnival – Pin and Win Promotion.

Every Melbourne Cup Carnival lapel pins purchased will make a difference to the lives of more than 350,000 patients who are treated at The Alfred each year.

Funds raised through Pin & Win will be directed towards critical care services at The Alfred Hospital, which has developed its role as a leader in the treatment of seriously ill patients through its expertise in trauma management and other specialist services.

To maximise the potential sale of the pins, The Alfred is seeking around 400 volunteers to assist with selling of the Pins on each of the Melbourne Cup Carnival Race Days at Flemington.



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- Victoria Derby Day Saturday, 3 November
- Melbourne Cup Day Tuesday, 6 November
- Oaks Day Thursday, 8 November
- Stakes Day Saturday, 10 November

Volunteers will be fully supported including:

- Briefing and training
- Uniform
- Food and drinks including lunch provided
- Free entry into the course for the whole day

To register please contact Carolyn Williams, Development Manager, The Alfred, phone 9076 3222 or email carolyn.williams@alfred.org.au



Computers For Kids

The Computers for Kids project now has 2000 computers with even more coming!

Computers are needed for projects both locally and overseas. We have already delivered some to Zambia, Sri Lanka and East Timor where they are being used in schools, retirement homes and by disadvantaged families.



Rotary Shares: Rotaractors & Rotarian volunteers work on some of the 2,000 PC's donated by NAB at D.I.K. store. 4 August 2007

Although free at the moment, we would appreciate contributions to cover small costs.

The only work required of you is collection and of course any particulars to do with your specific project.

This is a grand opportunity to set up some amazing computer work rooms!

Please contact Dawn Watson (ph: 0408 471 037) or Jeffrey Bird (h: 9394 1369 or w: 9388 1121).



Computers 4 Kids & Community donation of computers helps establish a special Computer Centre at Kealba for students with disabilities, launched 7 May 2007

Revised Rules, Constitution & Bylaws

The following is an excerpt from a letter sent to all Club Presidents and Assistant Governors.

Further to my letter of 10th June, written to all Club Presidents giving my report on the Council on Legislation, held in Chicago, 21-27 April, 2007. In this letter I mentioned that there would be a new Manual of Procedure incorporating the changes that have been enacted at the Council on Legislation, to be published later this year.

We have now received the Report of Action and Revised Constitutional Documents of Rotary International pursuant to action of the 2007 Council on Legislation of Rotary International.

The Board of District 9800 Inc. has approved a document as presented by the District Club Incorporation, Resolutions and Manual of Procedure Committee, a pro forma set of Club Rules and Constitution that adopt the consequential changes that flow from the 2007 Council on Legislation, and in a form acceptable to the Registrar Consumer Affairs Victoria.

I am pleased to advise these documents are now available from Ross Blair, McKean and Park, Tel. 9670 8822 Fax. 9602 5037 E-mail ross.blair@mckeanpark.com.au at a cost of \$300 plus GST and \$64.50 lodgement fee for the Registrar Consumer Affairs Victoria. This is the fee for Clubs that choose to use the Standard Rules and Constitution and Bylaws. Any variations will incur additional costs, and will require individual approval from Rotary International.

Our Committee recommends that your Club hold the necessary General Meeting, and adopts the revised Rules and Constitution and Bylaws.

- PDG Ian Knight, 2007 Council on Legislation Representative & Chairman D9800 Club Incorporation, District Resolutions & Manual of Procedure Committee.



Rotary Down Under And Vocational Service Month

"As we enter Vocational Service Month, it's time to remind ourselves that our business, professional and community callings are the foundation of our clubs' organisations. Through serving well in our vocations, we serve well as Rotarians."

With these words, RI President Wilf Wilkinson leads us into Vocational Service Month with his inspirational message on page 4 of the October issue of Rotary Down Under. Please take time to read this message from our President. It really does set the scene for one of Rotary's most meaningful theme months.

However, the October issue of your official Rotary regional magazine includes several other reading highlights.

Don't miss the quality feature article by RDU Managing Editor Bob Aitken on the impact of women in Rotary in the 29 Rotary Districts 'down under' – so appropriate in vocational service month and twenty years on from the famous Rotary Club of Duarte victory in the USA Supreme Court. This article contains searching comments from senior Rotary female leaders as they reflect on their years of service since joining their respective Rotary clubs.

Rotary Down Under also carries stimulating articles on other major Rotary vocational service projects – recognising the value of teachers, and Police officer of the year award nights in NSW and Queensland – along with our first special feature spread on the Los Angeles Convention, including registration and housing forms.

All the regular popular features – From Where I Sit, News Bulletin, Mailbox and The Rotary World – are included in the October issue but there is also a special bonus ... a new look column from the Rotary International South Pacific and Philippines Office in George Street, Parramatta, NSW. Written by new office manager Frank Pezzimenti, the column provides details of the writer's vast administrative background, along with a run down on office goals and the full staff list.

Rotary Down Under's very popular 'Rotarian Life' section again contains several innovative articles – including a controversial insight into the advertising world, 'Boomers of Bust' by industry expert Bob Miller.

The vast array of travel features and information from our friends at NRMA provide more stimulating reading in Rotarian Life. Look for details on the 'Treasures of Egypt', the South America Discovery Tour, a Southern Africa Safari, and the ultimate cruise to the Marquesas Islands – on a working freighter fitted out with quality accommodation – from Papeete in French Polynesia!

Lucky readers can also win free tickets to the new acclaimed British comedy, 'Death at a Funeral'; and acquire expert tips on growing pumpkins, squash and melons.

Please note - If you were one of the lucky RDU subscribers to receive a random RDU McNair Ingenuity survey form, please take time to complete and return the addressed self envelope. There is absolutely no intrusion into the privacy of members who do not wish to be identified – and the information to be collected from the survey is vital for the future editorial planning and administration of your officially approved and prescribed Rotary regional magazine.

For further details regarding Rotary Down Under, please contact Bob Aitken, Managing Editor on (02) 9633 4888, email enquiries@rotarydownunder.com.au or visit www.rotarnet.com.au.

Notices & Events

Youth Exchange Needs Urgent Help!

Youth Exchange is desperately seeking a driver for a 12-seater bus and a chaperone to take our inbound students to a conference in Canberra on Saturday, 13 October to Wednesday, 17 October. You don't need a special licence to drive the bus, and all arrangements regarding the hire of the bus and accommodation in Canberra have been made.

This is your opportunity to have an expense-free holiday as well as a great association with our students from various parts of the world.

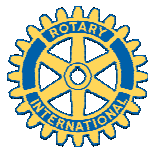
Please ring Marc Fookes as soon as possible on 95713550 or email mfookes@bigpond.net.au. This matter is rather urgent!

RC Brighton Change Of Venue

The Rotary Club of Brighton are leaving Milanos Hotel to return to the Royal Brighton Yacht Club (The Esplanade, Brighton) after a two year refurbishment project.

Wyndham Rotary Fashion Parade and Auction

Once again the Rotary Club of Wyndham is holding a Fashion Parade and Auction to support organisations and individuals assisting people with mental health concerns. Clothing from Parisi Male Fashions and Tonia T Boutique will



be on parade and a bargain can be obtained from the silent auction. Come along on Saturday, 6 October to the Italian Sports Club Heaths Road Werribee at 6:30 pm for a great time! Tickets available by calling Julie 0402 324 093 or Peter 0411 652 421.

24 Hour Megaswim

The Rotary Club of Tullamarine is proud to present the 24 Hour Megaswim to be held at the East Keilor Leisure Centre, Quinn Grove, East Keilor, commencing 3.00pm on Saturday, 6 October through to 3.00pm on Sunday, 7 October.

Money raised will be donated to the 'Go For Gold Scholarships' in support of people living with Multiple Sclerosis enabling them to follow their dreams in education, sport, music, travel or the arts.



You can help this very worthy cause by joining the relay, donating cash or prizes, or even volunteering at the event.

Please call Rob Lawrence on 0412 330 948 for more details or more information about Megaswim can be found at <http://www.msswim.com/>



PDG Bernie Walshe at the 2006 winner's presentation

New Member Information Workshops

9.30am-12.00pm Sunday, 7 October, International House, Parkville

9.30am-12.00pm Sunday, 14 October, Eaglehawk

Have you joined Rotary in the last couple of years – or perhaps you'd just like to know more about the Rotary organisation, regardless of when you joined? Then you're invited to come along to one of the sessions we are holding and be informed, educated and inspired by Rotary's capacity to help others throughout the world.

These workshops will be a combination of presentation of Rotary information combined with time spent in discussion groups with very experienced Rotarians who can share their knowledge with you. Come along and ask all the questions you may have about what Rotary does in other clubs, in our District and in the rest of the world. Find out all about the opportunities that exist within Rotary to make your contribution to a better world.

Contact PDG Ann White to register or if you have any queries – 9699 5538 (ah), 9682-7777 (bh), 9686-4141 (fax), 0402 306 790 (m) or email ann@landmarksoftware.com.au

Giant Book Fair

The Rotary Club of Albert Park will be running its Giant Book Fair on Saturday, 13 and Sunday, 14 October at the Albert Park Primary School (corner of Victoria and Bridport Streets), from 8am to 6pm Sunday 8am to 6pm.

The book fair has been RC Albert Park's single biggest fundraiser for the last 3 years and they suggest to any other Rotary Club who needs a way to raise funds that they call in to the fair and see what they do!

Last year they raised \$15,000 and since the last fair a further \$12,500. They anticipate raising a further \$10,000 at this years book fair.

Money raised is then distributed throughout the community and also to overseas projects. RC Albert Park have recently paid costs for a number of needy people connected with Inner South Community Health Services by way of paying for wheelchair repairs, clothing, bedding and cleaning costs which has greatly improved the quality of life for the recipients. They also provide scholarships for a number of under-privileged students in the area.

The Book Fair has something for everyone and is not to be missed as prices are a fraction of what one would normally pay for books in excellent condition. There are a number of collectible books plus a huge range of biographical, self help, history, sporting, religious and children's books.

For further details, please contact Ken Hall, President RC Albert Park, on 0403 802 127 or email info@freedomcamping.com.au.

Australian Rotary Health Symposium

All Rotarians, partners and friends are invited to the Australian Rotary Health Symposium conducted by Directors and Regional Coordinators from all Districts in Victoria. This is a unique opportunity to put forward your ideas and have your questions answered.

Speakers will include:

- Associate Professor Greg Snell on organ transplantation
- India Bohanna, PhD Scholar
- Veronica Kyle, Indigenous Scholar



Unfortunately the Symposium scheduled for Camp Getaway on Sunday, 9 September had to be cancelled because of a lack of registrations. This is an important event and we encourage you to join us at Deakin University Burwood Campus on Sunday, 14 October 2007 from 9.15am to 12.30pm to be followed by a sandwich luncheon.

For further details, please contact:

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Australian Tour – St Peters Quartet

The Rotary Club of West Footscray is pleased to announce the return to Australia of the internationally renowned St Peters Quartet with their fascinating mixture of classical music, romance and jazz, as well as Russian folk-songs and spirituals.

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Tickets and further information is available from Rotarian Cecil Schmalkuche on 9314 7144 or 9689 0946

D9800 Welcomes It's Newest Club!

The Rotary Club of Port Melbourne invites you to join them at their Charter Night on Friday, 26 October 2007 (7.00pm for 7.30pm) at Albert by the Lake, first floor of the Bob Jane Soccer Stadium, Aughtie Drive, Albert Park. The \$65.00 cost includes a two-course meal, wine, beer, soft drink and entertainment by the Ferguson Brothers.

Enquiries can be made to Russell Stott on 0411 758 819 or russell.southmelbourne@signarama.com.au, or you can visit the Events Calendar on the D9800 website for the booking form and further information - <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/Members/EventsCalendar>.

As RC Port Melbourne are having a Charter night function on Friday, 26 October the meeting scheduled for 29 October has been cancelled, as has the 5 November meeting because it is Melbourne Cup Eve.

RC Brimbank Central's Youth Forum – Change of Date & Venue

RC Brimbank Central is now holding its Youth Forum on Wednesday, 31 October 2007 with the theme "It's okay to say No!". The forum will be held at 128 – 152 Furlong Rd, North Sunshine from 6.30pm for a 7.00 pm start. Cost is \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for students with ID.

Key-Note Speakers

Jennifer Brooker ~ Stride
Sue Renkin ~ Open Family
Jan Tully ~ Tobin Brothers
Dr Stefan Gruener ~ Odyssey House
Senior Constable Jon Reader

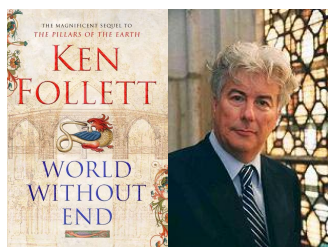
Subject

Youth Wellbeing
Stress
Bullying
Suicide
Victoria Police Drugs & Alcohol

Students, parents, teachers, Police, youth workers, welfare workers, counsellors and lots of Rotarians are encouraged to attend.

Please contact David Johnson on 0418 580 045 to book or Lou Gionfriddo, Program Chairman on 0411 871 978.

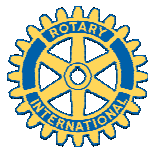
Dinner With Ken Follett



RC Toorak invites you to a dinner with renowned UK author, Ken Follett, 7pm for 7.30 Monday, 12 November at Lincoln of Toorak (Level 2, Trak Centre, 445 Toorak Road, Toorak). There is ample parking in Trak Center car park (enter Jackson Street).

Ken Follett will launch and personally sign his sequel to *The Pillars of the Earth*. *World Without End* is one of the most anticipated books in memory and is one of the biggest releases on Pan Macmillan's list this year.

Special guest at the launch will be the Hon Jeff Kennett AC proudly supporting beyondblue.



\$95.00 per person includes two course meal and all beverages

\$950.00 table of 10

\$1140.00 table of 12

Contact Alan Freedman on 0419 357 864 or at barhampton@bigpond.com (RSVP: 5 November), or check the D9800 website to download your booking form (<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/Members/EventsCalendar>).



Tee-Off With RC Altona City!

Altona City Rotary Club is holding its Sixth Annual Charity Golf Day for Very Special Kids and other local and international Rotary projects.

Commencing at 12.30pm on Friday, 29 February 2008 (we're giving you lots of time to get your entries in before the 14 February deadline!), there will also be a presentation dinner and plenty of great prizes.

All the details, including the entry form, are available on the District website (<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/Members/EventsCalendar>) or you can call Ivan Board (9749 3808 or 0422 389 102) or Charlie Montebello (9398 4047 or 0412 257 723).

Featured Club

North Balwyn ... it seems to be near everything and around forever. Wonderfully established, it was a cradle for lots of Rotarian baby boomers ... many have moved back and many never left. My Aunt Maude, a long time, long deceased resident said it was 'the best place in the world'. From the cream bricks of the 1950's, North Balwyn has always been a great spot to live – lots of little parks and plenty of schools. House prices have rocketed and the cream bricks have given way to extensive renovations and upward mobility. Dare I say it ... the Beemer seems to have lots of cousins around these local environs. North Balwyn abuts the Eastern Freeway and epitomises the suburban dream. The Rotary Club of North Balwyn (chartered 8 May 1980), feisty from birth and already boasting two District Governors, always seems to be in the centre of District 9800 action. To find out why, I caught up with affable Club president Ian Adams over a suitably sedate coffee near the corner of Belmore and Balwyn Roads.

C: What differentiates the Rotary Club of North Balwyn from all others?

IA: We are peopled by noisy, irreverent, relaxed members who enjoy each other's company. Many activities are happening concurrently and involve most members of the club.

C: What past projects would rank in your club's 'Hall of Fame'?

IA: Provision of a tractor for a farmer in Russia; catering at the Sydney Olympics; building Jack Nankervis House to provide accommodation for homeless youth; providing fire relief in Port Lincoln and Halls Gap; and providing flood relief in Gippsland.

C: What has your Club in the pipeline for the 2007/08 Rotary year?

IA: Continuation and extension of our 'Adopt a Village' project in Tulagi in the Solomon Islands; continuing support for our Rotaract and Interact clubs; development of the Fun in Retirement Expo; VST Project on Asthma in collaboration with Rotary e-Club; support for Camp Getaway and Student Exchange.

C: Tell us about the area around Rotary Club of North Balwyn - the way that area is changing and developing and any local features of note.

IA: The area is regenerating with the influx of new families, including families from Asia, attracted by excellent local schooling opportunities.

C: What is the Rotary Club of North Balwyn's passion?

IA: Great fellowship arising from taking on significant hands on projects and doing them well.

C: If you had to liken your club to a film title what would it be and why?

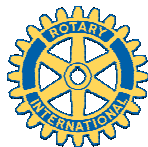
IA: 'The Great Race' because we are always striving to achieve and enjoy doing it. (I was about to say "I think I know who could play the dastardly Professor Fate" but thought better of it –C)

C: Does anyone in the North Balwyn club have an unusual or exotic job or hobby?

IA: Funeral director, actor/entertainer and retired condom manufacturer. (Three different people ... or one very widely skilled social engineer? –C)

C: Who is/are the longest serving member(s) in your club?

IA: We still have a large number of active charter members with a minimum of 27 years experience as well as many members who have transferred from other clubs after retirement. A number of this latter group have more than 30 years experience in Rotary. (That's a powerful, long-term group. I can visualise a lot of "harrumphing" in 15 years time as the lads continue their 'graceful ageing' –C).



C: *Over the years there must have been some interesting events and characters along the way. What are some weird, funny events and/or characters that you could mention?*

IA: A resident producer of fine jams and relishes who is renowned for his stentorian snoring. A retired house painter who sleeps throughout meetings. We had a potential new member who turned out to be a hit-man for a notorious criminal (he was later found guilty of the murder of a Melbourne couple). He was potentially the first Rotarian with the classification of Hit Man! (*Hmm, what a trio - loud sleep, consistent sleep and, well, permanent sleep. -C*)

C: *A hit man – that’s an excellent lead in to my next question which is ... in the 1970’s the Melbourne rock group Skyhooks released a hit single called ‘Balwyn Calling’. Of all the suburbs, why did they pick Balwyn (or North Balwyn)?*

IA: Balwyn means home of the grape. No doubt Skyhooks must have been very obsessed with grapes and alcohol. (*Ian ... that’s an interesting theory. - C*)

C: *If there was a cheque for \$1 million made out to the Rotary Club of North Balwyn with a note saying, “Spend it all on worthwhile community projects or lose it”, how do you think would you spend it?*

IA: The Tulagi Project; assisting the 14% of children in our municipality who are growing up in poverty; the Rotary Foundation; and supporting the participation of indigenous youth in RYLA.

C: *If I was keen to get involved with the Rotary of North Balwyn, how would I go about making contact with the club?*

IA: Consult our website and ring one of the office-bearers listed (www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/northbalwyn) or attend a dinner meeting and talk to the Chairman of the Membership Committee.

Ian and I chatted on and marvelled at how North Balwyn had incorporated the old and new architecture so harmoniously. We laughed about my ‘trips to the city’ to visit Aunt Maude back in 19...(forget it!!). Trendy young mums with Rolls Royce prams, tweedy matrons, and elderly gentlemen in sensible Rivers shirts abounded as we sat at our sidewalk table. So did Beemers.

But my best moment was when a beautifully restored Wolseley 4/44 parked in front of us ... the same car type as my long departed Aunt Maude’s! ‘God Save King George VI’. I immediately switched to Twinings English Breakfast Tea and savoured a beautiful scene in great company – Ian and Wolseley.

With little finger properly extended, I raised my cup in a silent toast to North Balwyn and my Aunt Maude ... two great old girls.

Vocational Service With John McMorro

Vocational Service is the basis of Rotary and provides the impetus for its formation. It is therefore important that we build a solid foundation to focus the vocational expertise each Rotarian can bring to the fulfilment of all Rotary programs. As Paul Harris said, “of all the hundred and one ways in which men can make themselves useful to society, undoubtedly the most available and often the most effective are within the spheres of their own occupations”.

Vocational Service incorporates the following:

- Computers 4 Kids and Community
- ‘Shine On’ Awards
- Business Interface
- The Royce Abbey Awards Program
- Plus 40 Program
- Science Schools
- Rotary Overseas Vocational Exchange (ROVE)
- Rotary Individual Awards
- ARHRF Indigenous Scholarships
- The First Steps Program

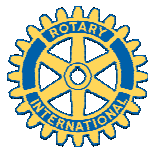
During Vocational Service month we’ll bring you information about all of the above projects and more.

In the meantime, if you would like more information about Vocational Service, contact the District Advisor, John McMorro on 0418 387 973 or email vocational@rotarydistrict9800.org.

The Four-Way Test

"Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?"



How's Your Club Shaping Up?

Congratulations! Once again 100% reporting has been achieved for August 2007.

Special mention to RC Fitzroy who achieved 100% attendance – what an excellent effort!

Club	Cluster	Meetings Held	Attendance %	Club	Cluster	Meetings Held	Attendance %
Albert Park	Batman	5	42	Brunswick	Heritage	5	40
Central Melb. Sunrise	Batman	4	66	Carlton	Heritage	5	78
Melbourne	Batman	4	49	Collingwood	Heritage	5	69
Melbourne Latrobe	Batman	4	52	Fitzroy	Heritage	4	100
Melbourne South	Batman	4	58	Richmond	Heritage	4	45
Southbank	Batman	4	70	Flemington	Hobsons Bay	5	77
Brighton	Beachside	4	62	Footscray	Hobsons Bay	5	47
Brighton Beach	Beachside	4	73	Maribyrnong Highpoint	Hobsons Bay	4	63
Brighton North	Beachside	4	53	Point Gellibrand	Hobsons Bay	4	89
Caulfield	Beachside	4	82	West Footscray	Hobsons Bay	4	73
Elsternwick	Beachside	4	64	Williamstown	Hobsons Bay	4	54
Glen Eira	Beachside	4	61	Yarraville	Hobsons Bay	4	68
Castlemaine	Calder	4	71	Chadstone/East Malvern	Monash	5	70
Daylesford	Calder	5	83	Malvern	Monash	5	77
Gisborne	Calder	4	68	Prahran	Monash	4	65
Kyneton	Calder	4	63	South Yarra	Monash	4	70
Woodend	Calder	5	63	St Kilda	Monash	5	60
Balwyn	Eastside	4	64	Toorak	Monash	4	70
Boroondara	Eastside	4	79	Altona	Port Phillip	4	85
Camberwell	Eastside	5	70	Altona City	Port Phillip	4	75
Canterbury	Eastside	4	66	Hoppers Crossing	Port Phillip	5	74
North Balwyn	Eastside	5	82	Laverton Point Cook	Port Phillip	5	71
Essendon	Gateway	4	63	Werribee	Port Phillip	4	76
Essendon North	Gateway	5	65	Wyndham	Port Phillip	5	88
Keilor	Gateway	4	78	Bacchus Marsh	Westside	5	72
Keilor East	Gateway	4	83	Brimbank Central	Westside	5	84
Melbourne North	Gateway	4	70	Melton	Westside	4	89
Moonee Valley	Gateway	5	57	Melton Valley	Westside	5	76
Tullamarine	Gateway	5	65	Sunshine	Westside	4	67
Bendigo	Goldfields	4	72	Glenferrie	Yarra	4	62
Bendigo Sandhurst	Goldfields	5	74	Hawthorn	Yarra	4	61
Bendigo South	Goldfields	5	72	Kew	Yarra	4	69
Bendigo Strathdale	Goldfields	4	75	Kew-on-Yarra	Yarra	4	78
Eaglehawk	Goldfields	5	87	No. of Clubs Reporting % Average of Those Reported % of Clubs Reporting			70 69.1 100
Echuca-Moama	Goldfields	4	68				
Kangaroo Flat	Goldfields	4	65				
Rochester	Goldfields	5	64				

We all want the same thing.

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Together we can create a more peaceful world.



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A publication for Rotarians and all community-minded people

September is Vocational Service Month

Rotary Encourages Excellence

This year we have included the Siemens Science Experience and the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) under the Vocational Service portfolio.

Clubs who have nominated students to the NYSF will attest to the enormous inspirational benefits gained by the participants. If you have never nominated a student for one of these programs, do think about it. There are so many aspiring young scientists and engineers and a Rotary-sponsored visit to the NYSF could be - and has been - the catalyst for brilliant careers in the science disciplines.

The Siemens Science Experience is a three day, hands on science program for students entering Year 10. The Science Experience follows the now familiar format of short presentations by academic and business leaders on various science and engineering topics - practical laboratory sessions, information sessions on careers and future science studies options and social activities.

The role of Rotary in the Siemens Science Experience is to sponsor students. The fee for the 2005-2006 year was \$90. Individual clubs should make contact with local schools to ensure that students who would benefit from such an experience are made aware of the program. In a wider context, it can be a component in helping to arrest and reverse the trend of declining enrolments in science, engineering and technology. The website <http://www.scienceexperience.com.au/> provides an additional source of information.

The NYSF is designed for students currently studying Year 11. In January 2008 there are two separate sessions, each of two weeks duration. Nominated students from all over Australia will travel to Canberra to live on campus as university students. All students who are selected have to complete two rigorous selection processes - one arranged by their local Rotary club and another coordinated by the District selection panel.

One of the most important elements of NYSF is personal contact – the fact that participants have a forum to meet other students from around Australia who have similar aims, abilities and interests. This informal structure can have exciting future outcomes as it provides an important network of friends, colleagues and support groups throughout the nation. This can be a forum of immense value to participants, not only during their time at university, but for the rest of their lives.

Rotary's contribution to this program does not stop at selection. Rotary clubs are involved with the initial preparation of students for the NYSF by inviting them to club meetings, assisting in District orientations and finally, assisting with the students travel to Canberra. Clubs, in many cases, assist students financially by paying part of the student donation, but this will vary from student to student, depending on the needs of the student's family and the resources and commitments of the Rotary club. The cost for each student to attend the NYSF is just under \$2,000. The cost also covers transport to and from Canberra. It is expected that the student's family will contribute at least 25% of the total cost.

Science, engineering and technology shape the world we live in. Today, more than ever before, these are the disciplines that drive our global economies and interact on the smallest details of our lives. If Australia is to maintain and expand its role on the world's technological stage, it needs highly skilled men and women representing every scientific discipline.

Rotary can help to make this happen by supporting these two programs. The orientation program for students selected for the January Forum will be held at International House on 13 October 2007.

The District Chair for both programs is Newton Langford whose contact details are in the District Directory.

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No matter what the statistics say,
the determined mind will find a way!

- Wes Truscott

- John Davis, District Governor



DG John Davis & Joan



New Members

Welcome to the following new members:

- Greg Cuthbert, RC Camberwell, Classification: Entrepreneur - Internet
- Grant Maggs, RC Essendon North, Classification: Architectural Services
- Dawn Paynter, RC Chadstone/East Malvern, Classification: Property Developer

Quip Corner:

Television has raised writing to a new low.

GSE Team Leader Announced

On behalf of District Governor John Davis it gives me pleasure in announcing that Anne Peace from the Rotary Club of Echuca-Moama has been selected as Team Leader for the outbound team to District 5650. Anne has been a Teacher in the past and presently the proprietor of a Bed & Breakfast establishment in Echuca.

As usual, the calibre of applicants was excellent and we are confident that Anne has the skills necessary to do a great job. I would like to thank DG John Davis, PDG Bernie Walshe, DGE Jim Studebaker, Chris Don, Anne Jacques, Gary Wilson and Adrian Nelson, for their participation in this process and we now look forward to the team member interview process. Adrian is now officially part of the GSE Committee.

- Dennis Shore, Chairman – District 9800 GSE Committee

Miracle Campbell Inspires Grandad & RI

Campbell Gowers is lucky to be alive. Four years ago, when he was only seven years old a CT scan at The Royal Children's Hospital revealed he had a giant basilar apex aneurysm which is very rare in children.

Surgeons at the RCH told his parents, Belinda and Norman, that without surgery there was a 50% chance Campbell would die, with surgery he had a 50% chance of survival.

Due to the risk involved in the surgery, it was performed at the Royal Melbourne Hospital where there was angiographic expertise; the team included Mr Kevin So, a skilled vascular neurosurgeon from the RMH, RCH neurosurgeon Ms Wirginia Maixner and the RCH anaesthetic team.

Campbell suffered a stroke on the operating table and was stabilised, but surgeons told his parents they did not expect him to pull through. They were amazed when he woke up. However 24 hours later he was rushed back to surgery at RCH where Ms Maixner removed bone from his head to relieve pressure due to complications from the stroke. He remained in a drug induced coma for several weeks. When he woke he was unable to walk or feed himself and it was still unknown what the long term affects of the stroke would be.



Wirginia Maixner - Head of Neuro Surgery, Campbell Gowers and his Grandfather, Rotarian John Gowers RC Hawthorn, and DG John Davis

Surgeons left off part of the bone flap to allow the swelling of his brain to subside. He wore a specially made helmet to protect his head and was confined to a wheelchair. Then in another setback he began having breathing difficulties and spent five days on a ventilator in intensive care. He was discharged back to the ward in time to celebrate his eighth birthday.

Still without the bone flap on his skull for several weeks, he was allowed to go home and even permitted to return to school for 30 minutes a day, with his mother close by.

Campbell's recovery has amazed his doctors – he had his final rehabilitation visit to the eye clinic last week. He's a sports nut and is now playing football, cricket and basketball again.

Campbell's grandfather, John Gowers and his colleagues at the *Rotary Club of Hawthorn* were so proud of

Campbell's determination and so impressed with his care that they decided to help the hospital in a tangible way.

Campbell visited the RCH on 2 October when, on behalf of *Rotary International*, his grandfather pledged a donation of \$200,000 to the RCH Children's Neuroscience Centre where Campbell's life was saved. Campbell and John also attach a plaque in the ward in recognition of Rotary's support.



Premier's Award for Victorian Senior of the Year



The Premier's Award for Victorian Senior of the Year celebrates and recognises the talents, achievements and contributions senior Victorians make to their communities. Each person nominated for the Premier's Award for Victorian Senior of the Year was also considered for [Council on the Ageing Victoria Senior Achiever Awards](#) and the ['Go for your life' Senior Achiever Award](#).

A Footscray resident who has dedicated his life to community service and volunteering was named the 2007 Victorian Senior of the Year by Premier John Brumby.

Ronald John Palmer, aged 82, is known to many as 'Mr Footscray' because of his involvement in almost every aspect of community life in the inner western suburb.

The Premier presented the 2007 Senior of the Year Award to Mr Palmer at a ceremony at Government House on the 4th October.

"Ronald is a role model to Victorians of all ages, showing how one person can make such a positive impact on their community, regardless of age," Mr Brumby said.

"He deserves our respect and gratitude for the vital roles he has played throughout his life in the Footscray community."

For the past 20 years Ronald has been a member of the West Footscray Rotary Club and has helped to develop a healthy school breakfast program at Gilmore Girls College. As President of the Footscray Yarraville City Band, Ronald's involvement over the past 40 years has ensured the band received support from the local council to ensure its ongoing success.

Ronald established the Footscray Festival, is Treasurer of Friends of Footscray Park, life member of the Footscray Community Arts Centre, President of the Footscray Historical Society and is a life member of the Footscray Football Club, now the Western Bulldogs AFL Club.

"Strong communities have high levels of volunteering and people like Ronald Palmer set a good example for us all. The awards show the important role seniors play in making Victoria a great place to live, work and raise a family," Mr Brumby said.

As part of the Premier's Victorian Senior of the Year Award, Ronald Palmer receives two return airfares and an 11-day deluxe coach tour of the North and South Islands of New Zealand courtesy of Grand Pacific Tours and sponsored by Australian Senior Publications.

Notices & Events

Youth Exchange Needs Urgent Help!

Youth Exchange is desperately seeking a driver for a 12-seater bus and a chaperone to take our inbound students to a conference in Canberra on Saturday, 13 October to Wednesday, 17 October. You don't need a special licence to drive the bus, and all arrangements regarding the hire of the bus and accommodation in Canberra have been made.

This is your opportunity to have an expense-free holiday as well as a great association with our students from various parts of the world.

Please ring Marc Fookes as soon as possible on 95713550 or email mfookes@bigpond.net.au. This matter is rather urgent!

New Member Information Workshops

9.30am-12.00pm Sunday, 14 October, Eaglehawk

Have you joined Rotary in the last couple of years – or perhaps you'd just like to know more about the Rotary organisation, regardless of when you joined? Then you're invited to come along to one of the sessions we are holding and be informed, educated and inspired by Rotary's capacity to help others throughout the world.

These workshops will be a combination of presentation of Rotary information combined with time spent in discussion groups with very experienced Rotarians who can share their knowledge with you. Come along and ask all the questions you may have about what Rotary does in other clubs, in our District and in the rest of the world. Find out all about the opportunities that exist within Rotary to make your contribution to a better world.

Contact PDG Ann White to register or if you have any queries – 9699 5538 (ah), 9682-7777 (bh), 9686-4141 (fax), 0402 306 790 (m) or email mailto:ann@landmarksoftware.com.au.



Giant Book Fair

The Rotary Club of Albert Park will be running its Giant Book Fair on Saturday, 13 and Sunday, 14 October at the Albert Park Primary School (corner of Victoria and Bridport Streets), from 8am to 6pm Sunday 8am to 6pm.

The book fair has been RC Albert Park's single biggest fundraiser for the last 3 years and they suggest to any other Rotary Club who needs a way to raise funds that they call in to the fair and see what they do!

Last year they raised \$15,000 and since the last fair a further \$12,500. They anticipate raising a further \$10,000 at this year's book fair.

Money raised is then distributed throughout the community and also to overseas projects. RC Albert Park have recently paid costs for a number of needy people connected with Inner South Community Health Services by way of paying for wheelchair repairs, clothing, bedding and cleaning costs which has greatly improved the quality of life for the recipients. They also provide scholarships for a number of under-privileged students in the area.

The Book Fair has something for everyone and is not to be missed as prices are a fraction of what one would normally pay for books in excellent condition. There are a number of collectible books plus a huge range of biographical, self help, history, sporting, religious and children's books.

For further details, please contact Ken Hall, President RC Albert Park, on 0403 802 127 or email info@freedomcamping.com.au.

Australian Rotary Health Symposium

All Rotarians, partners and friends are invited to the Australian Rotary Health Symposium conducted by Directors and Regional Coordinators from all Districts in Victoria. This is a unique opportunity to put forward your ideas and have your questions answered.

Speakers will include:

- Associate Professor Greg Snell on organ transplantation
- India Bohanna, PhD Scholar
- Veronica Kyle, Indigenous Scholar

Unfortunately the Symposium scheduled for Camp Getaway on Sunday, 9 September had to be cancelled because of a lack of registrations. This is an important event and we encourage you to join us at Deakin University Burwood Campus on Sunday, 14 October 2007 from 9.15am to 12.30pm to be followed by a sandwich luncheon.

For further details, please contact:

Des Jones	desjones@vicnet.net.au	9836 9626
Ron Pickford	mailto:pic@netconnect.com.au	5339 9756
Judy Nettleton	aceheat@ace-heat.com.au	9427 7233
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Hold Ya Horses!

The Rotary Club of Point Gellibrand is proud to bring you a Spring Racing Carnival luncheon supporting the Challenge Cancer Network on Friday, 19 October, 12.00pm – 3.00pm.

Get your 'early mail' on the favourites and long shots for the feature Spring meetings from:

- The SEN 'Hold Ya Horses' team: Brad Spicer, Ross Flegaltaub and Josh Rodder
- Mark Kavanagh, Group 1 Winning Trainer



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- Paul Johnson, WinBet Bookmaker
- Stephen Baster, Group 1 Jockey

This great event will be held at Pelican's Landing, 1 Syme Street (Gem Pier), Williamstown, and the \$70.00 per head cost (tables of 10 for \$650.00) will include a 3 course meal and drinks.

All funds raised by the event go towards the Rotary Club of Point Gellibrand's support for the Challenge Cancer Network.

For enquiries and bookings, please call Faye Lanyon on 0409 677 127, Henry Fitzell on 9399 8523 or Graeme Kennedy on 9397 7182



Trivia Night FUNdraiser

The Rotary Club of Richmond invites you to a FUNdraiser Trivia Night, Saturday, 20 October at the Richmond Town Hall, 333 Bridge Rd, Richmond [Mel ref 44 F9]. 7:00pm for a 7:20pm star. Includes dinner.

You will be greeted with a glass of champagne, finger food served throughout the evening, dessert, tea/coffee. Soft drinks, beer and wine sold at the bar.

Tickets are only \$35.00. Make up your own table of ten, or let us include you on one of ours!

Raffle / Auction / Games / Great prizes! / Great fun!



Funds raised will sponsor children at the Boroondara Kindergarten, situated amongst the public housing in North Richmond, and to provide essential equipment. The kindergarten is perceived as a model multilingual preschool, and is nationally and internationally recognized. The staff are inspirational in their work with the children who come from diverse backgrounds with English as a second language. Many of the children and their families have been traumatized by past experiences.

Don't dream up a TRIVIAL EXCUSE to stay home. Be a winner! Richmond Rotary has all the (trivial) answers for a FUN filled, great night out at the old Richmond Town Hall!

Bookings: Jo Cowling 0438 305 611 or Barbara Woodberry 0413 057 879. Cheques made payable to: c/- Rotary Club of Richmond Inc, PO Box 138, Richmond 3121

D9800 Welcomes It's Newest Club!

The Rotary Club of Port Melbourne invites you to join them at their Charter Night on Friday, 26 October 2007 (7.00pm for 7.30pm) at Albert by the Lake, first floor of the Bob Jane Soccer Stadium, Aughtie Drive, Albert Park. The \$65.00 cost includes a two-course meal, wine, beer, soft drink and entertainment by the Ferguson Brothers.

Enquiries can be made to Russell Stott on 0411 758 819 or russell.southmelbourne@signarama.com.au, or you can visit the Events Calendar on the D9800 website for the booking form and further information - <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/Members/EventsCalendar>.

As RC Port Melbourne are having a Charter night function on Friday, 26 October the meeting scheduled for 29 October has been cancelled, as has the 5 November meeting because it is Melbourne Cup Eve.

Bizness Babes

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In conjunction with Rotary D9800 we are developing a program to provide mentoring to young mothers who want to participate in economic activity. The overall aim of the program is to build the innovation and enterprise skills of young mothers to assist in developing alternate income streams and re-engagement in local communities.

We are looking for interested Rotarians from all clubs to attend a facilitated mentoring briefing session to ensure all detail is delivered and potential mentors know what is required before final commitment.

This briefing session is to be held at International House, 6.00-9.00pm, Monday, 29 October.

Please RSVP with name, Rotary Club, contact telephone number and email address to johnpmcm@msn.com.au by Monday, 22 October 2007, or contact John McMorro with any enquiries on 0418 387 973.

RC Carlton Meeting Advice

RC Carlton will not be holding meetings at its usual venue at Graduate House, Leicester Street, Carlton, on Tuesday, 30 October and Tuesday, 6 November, the latter being Cup Day.



RC Brimbank Central's Youth Forum – Change of Date & Venue

RC Brimbank Central is now holding its Youth Forum on Wednesday, 31 October 2007 with the theme "It's okay to say No!". The forum will be held at 128 – 152 Furlong Rd, North Sunshine from 6.30pm for a 7.00 pm start. Cost is \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for students with ID.

Key-Note Speakers

Jennifer Brooker ~ Stride
Sue Renkin ~ Open Family
Jan Tully ~ Tobin Brothers
Dr Stefan Gruener ~ Odyssey House
Senior Constable Jon Reader

Subject

Youth Wellbeing
Stress
Bullying
Suicide
Victoria Police Drugs & Alcohol

Students, parents, teachers, Police, youth workers, welfare workers, counsellors and lots of Rotarians are encouraged to attend.

Please contact David Johnson on 0418 580 045 to book or Lou Gionfriddo, Program Chairman on 0411 871 978.

A Touch of Tuscany

Next month the Rotary Club of Bacchus Marsh is holding a special twilight event, '*A Touch of Tuscany*', at Bacchus Hill Winery on Sunday, 4 November to raise funds for the new E.W. Tipping Foundation Respite Facility in Bacchus Marsh.

A very talented group of musicians, organised by MSO Lead Cellist, Miranda Brockman, have generously donated their time and talent to our 2007 '*A Touch of Tuscany*' event.

The concert features MSO musicians Miranda Brockman, Alison Rayner, and Rosia Pasteur, together with renowned classical guitarist Jochen Schubert and flautist Stephen Brockman in a unique program which includes chamber music by Schubert, Kodaly and Ysaye.

Where: Bacchus Hill Winery, 100 O'Connell Rd, Bacchus Marsh

When: 5.30 pm - 7.30pm, Sunday 4th November 2007

Tickets: \$35 each includes concert, limited wine and finger food

For more information about this event, the E.W. Tipping Foundation, or to RSVP, please visit the Events Calendar at www.rotarydistrict.org.au/.

Antique & Collectibles Day

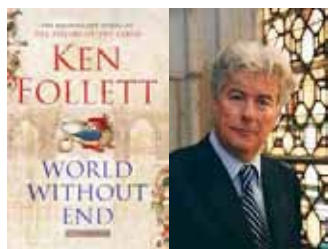
The Rotary Club of Brighton Beach in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Brighton invite you to an Antique & Collectibles Day on Sunday, 11 November 2007, to be held at the Brighton Town Hall from 10.30am – 4.30pm.

Appraisals will be done by several Members of Antique Guild, Antique Experts and Dealers. So bring along your clocks, jewellery, art, ceramics, small furniture, silverware, china, lamps, knick knacks and bric-a-brac!

The entry is \$5 and appraisals \$5 per item. Afternoon tea, coffee, cakes etc are provided.

Enquiries: 0438 758 651 or <mailto:ken@enmin.com.au>

Dinner With Ken Follett



RC Toorak invites you to a dinner with renowned UK author, Ken Follett, 7pm for 7.30 Monday, 12 November at Lincoln of Toorak (Level 2, Trak Centre, 445 Toorak Road, Toorak). There is ample parking in Trak Centre car park (enter Jackson Street).

Ken Follett will launch and personally sign his sequel to *The Pillars of the Earth*. *World Without End* is one of the most anticipated books in memory and is one of the biggest releases on Pan Macmillan's list this year.

Special guest at the launch will be the Hon Jeff Kennett
AC proudly supporting beyondblue.



\$95.00 per person includes two course meal and all beverages

\$950.00 table of 10

\$1140.00 table of 12

Contact Alan Freedman on 0419 357 864 or at barhampton@bigpond.com (RSVP: 5 November), or check the D9800 website to download your booking form (<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/Members/EventsCalendar>).



*a painting by Phil Kreveld,
entitled "Louisa, at Mario's"*

Art Auction

The Rotary Club of Carlton's Art Auction promotes the works of young and upcoming artists who are serious about establishing careers in the Arts, as well as established figures in the Art World. Participating artists include painters, printmakers and sculptors.

Proceeds of the Art Auction will go towards community projects.

A theme has been suggested for those Artists wishing to utilise a unifying concept: celebration of food, wine, the pleasures of the table, people at leisure--away from the daily grind, the cornucopia of our rich and fertile land, the markets, bacchanalia, street scenes. However much of the work will be of a more general nature.

Viewing days are 16 November (9.00am – 5.00pm), 17 November (1.00pm – 5.00pm) and 18 November (10.00am – 3.00pm). Most works will be sold by silent auction and only between 15 and 20 major works will be auctioned in the theatrette of the Royal Society, commencing at 3:00 pm on 18 November.

For more information, please email carlton@rotaryd9800.org or visit <http://www.carltonrotary.org.au/>

RI President-Elect D.K. Lee Visits Australia

President David Gibb and the **Rotary Club of Ballarat South** would like to invite all Rotarians throughout the District and beyond to join them for a dinner meeting at the Doherty Hotel-Ballararat Lodge, Main Road, Ballarat on Thursday, 22 November, 6.30 for 7.00pm.

Attending will be the very distinguished guest speaker Rotary International President-Elect, Dong Kurn Lee and his wife Young Ja. Also attending from right across Australia will be District Governors, District Governors Elect and District Governor Nominees, along with many Past Officers of Rotary International as this is part of their annual Zone Institute to be held in Ballarat during the week commencing November 18 2007.

There is seating for 500 available and partners are welcome. Cost is \$45.00 per person.

For more details or to register, please contact Secretary Desley Beechey on 5343 2318 or <mailto:deskley@bhs.org.au>.

ARHRF Dinner

The Australian Rotary Health Research Fund is putting on a dinner at the Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club on 29 November to host eminent visiting Psychologist and Pediatric Surgeon Professor, Annette La Greca, and Christine Nixon, Chief Commissioner Victoria Police.

Matching two great speakers - a Chief Commissioner of Police, and a world acclaimed expert on children's and adolescents reactions to traumatic events (e.g. Natural disasters, terrorists attacks) – will make for a very stimulating evening.

Professor La Greca will speak on her involvement in.

- Hurricane Andrew
- September 11th terrorist attack
- Kobe Earthquake
- Helping children cope with disasters and terrorism
- 'Keeping Children Safe' project

The Chief Commissioner will speak on related matters from the police and emergency services point of view.

The primary purpose of the dinner is to stimulate debate on the subject, and to promote awareness of the work of the ARHRF by targeting Rotarians, professional groups, and the public in general.

The cost for dinner is \$65 per head, with drinks at bar prices. Because the Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club is a private club regulations governing such organisations stipulate guests will need to provide their full name and address when purchasing tickets. Please contact the ticket secretary Judy Nettleton on 9427 7233 (bh), or <mailto:aceheat@ace-heat.com.au>.

Blues Festival to Mark the 150th Anniversary of Point Cook Homestead

The Rotary Club of Laverton Point Cook will be holding a Blues Music Festival at the Point Cook Homestead on Sunday, 10 February 2008 to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Point Cook Homestead.



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Proceeds from the Festival will go towards a \$50,000 upgrade of the Point Cook Coastal Park Playground which is due for completion in March 2008.

The club is seeking support from other Rotarians in the District to help as volunteers on 10 February 2008, as the Laverton Point Cook club is only small. A crowd of around 3,000 is expected and volunteer roles include marshalling, car park, information officers, ticket sellers/checkers, set up and pack up, and general assistance. If you would like to register as a volunteer for the event, please contact Chris Egger on <mailto:cegger@ntc.gov.au> or phone 9236 5033 (bh) or 0407 846 382.

Sponsors are also being sought for the event so if you are have a business and would like to be a sponsor, please contact Emma Sutcliffe on 9395 7501 or mobile 0409 040 499 or <mailto:emmamike@bigpond.com>.



John Ray, then Wyndham City Councillor
Leigh Barrat and John Argote from Parks Victoria

Tee-Off With RC Altona City!

Altona City Rotary Club is holding its Sixth Annual Charity Golf Day for Very Special Kids and other local and international Rotary projects.

Commencing at 12.30pm on Friday, 29 February 2008 (we're giving you lots of time to get your entries in before the 14 February deadline!), there will also be a presentation dinner and plenty of great prizes.

All the details, including the entry form, are available on the District website (<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/Members/EventsCalendar>) or you can call Ivan Board (9749 3808 or 0422 389 102) or Charlie Montebello (9398 4047 or 0412 257 723).

Featured Club

Club: Fitzroy

Chartered: 8 August 1968

Fitzroy occupies a wonderful spot in Melbourne – close to the CBD and full of rich history. 'Brunswick Street' says it all ... wonderful eating spots, a superb mish mash of cultures, a bit of a 1960's hangover, tram travel and great pubs. There are exquisite single and double terrace houses in Fitzroy and you get a real sense of what it might have been like in the first three decades of the 20th century. My mission was to interview Rotary Club of Fitzroy President, David Hyde. I had visions of a pleasant evening at 'Matteo's', but David suggested getting together at the club's meeting venue – the Fitzroy Victoria Bowls and Sports Club. "I'll bring a few mates from the Club", said David. I said that was fine and, on arrival, was greeted by six smiling gals and guys, eager to please and very determined to make the evening memorable. Too early for a red, so I settled on a 'desert dry' martini and lobbed a few salvos at the crew.

C: What differentiates the Rotary Club of Fitzroy from all others?

DH: A degree of eccentricity (*Hah - getting off to a great start -C*); a high ratio of women members - almost 30%; diverse ethnic origin of members – we can be considered the 'Club of All Nations'; and, our regular meeting venue, Fitzroy Victoria Bowls & Sports Club – where else can you go to enjoy some Rotary fellowship and a friendly "roll" on the green? (*That certainly is 'friendly' -C*)

C: What past projects would rank in your Club's 'Hall of Fame'?

DH: Some of the dates may be a little wonky, but we reckon that there's a pretty impressive list of achievements in our local community. Some of the things we've done include: restoration of original 1880 Gas Lights @ historic Fitzroy Town Hall; public BBQ built in Edinburgh Gardens; organised a Time Capsule that was buried beneath the Fitzroy Town Hall during the 1980's; Annual MS Swimathon at Fitzroy Pool since inception – this event raised almost \$130,000 in 2007; Fitzroy Primary School Tree Carvings in the school grounds – Fitzroy Primary celebrated its 150th anniversary in the year Rotary celebrated its 100th; the club has organised 3 District Conferences; creation of a Sunday Swimming Club at the Fitzroy Pool which involved more than 100 children; restoration of the Community Room at the Fitzroy Pool complex; and, hosting of a number of exchange students and graduate fellows. Although these can't be classified as projects, our club's record of 4 'Lady Presidents' since 2000/01 is something we're very proud of. (*Go, girls!! -C*) And, again not a project, we have our very own 'National Treasure' - PDG and Charter President Edwin Peatt. (*There was much nodding at this point. Edwin was spoken about in glowing terms and another round of drinks was ordered -C*)

C: What has your club in the pipeline for the 2007/08 Rotary year?

DH: So much has already been achieved this year as we prepare for our club's 40th birthday on 08/08/08. Growing our membership is the primary focus as we endeavour to sell the message that 'Rotary Shares' in our local community. Achieved or in the pipeline include: hosting a forum with local school principals – this has created a



much stronger connection and helped us identify needs of the schools and how the club can help; working bees, school camp funding and strategies to purchase equipment have already are some of what has come out; forging a closer connection with local business people by inviting them as guest speakers and encouraging them to be involved in club projects/activities; establishment of the "LUNARTARIANS" - we encourage interested local people to meet on the night of the Full Moon each month (to bay and hooooowwwwl) at a different local venue as we share what Rotary is doing and how they might be able to support us (several new prospective members have already been identified); facilitated a Strategic Planning Session to assist in developing the club plans over the next 3 years; supporting Operation Cleft - we have already committed to fund 7 cleft operations this year and aim for 25 over a 3 year period; MS Swimathon in February 2008; Crackerjack Breakfast Bowls to support RoCAN in late February 2008; assembling a team to compete in the Murray To Moyne Cycle Relay in April 2008; preparing for our 40th Birthday Bash on 08/08/08; development of our club website www.fitzroyrotary.org.au – a work in Progress! And of course, our Annual Melbourne Cup Eve extravaganza and fundraiser on 5 November at the Bowls club (\$45 per head for a complimentary drink on arrival and 2 course buffet meal) – Can we get a plug for this please Clarice?! Phantom Race Calls, Video Racing Sweeps, Cup Sweep, Entertainment and much, much more... All funds raised this year will be used in local community projects. There's also plenty more we can't fit in. *(That didn't apply to drinks though, as a couple of very acceptable bottles of Heathcote Shiraz arrived at the table! –C)*

C: *Tell us about the area around the Rotary Club of Fitzroy – how is it changing and developing, and what are the local features of note?*

DH: Fitzroy used to be a commercial/industrial hub with workmen's cottages. It has now moved to a younger, residential area with factories and warehouses being converted to apartments (once the asbestos gets removed!). Other changes/developments include: gentrification from working class to middle/upper class; Fitzroy hosts such diverse nationalities and occupations – a growing migrant/refugee population, while still attracting the 'professional' crowd like Supreme court judges; changing age demographic to a much younger population; Fitzroy hosts the 2nd largest junior football club in Australia – Fitzroy Junior FC at the Brunswick St Oval; very strong in arts, cultural pursuits and fashion with numerous gallery design businesses; a very strong Café Society & Restaurant Culture has developed as numerous businesses operate in Fitzroy, Clifton Hill and Fitzroy North; green issues seem to be of especially high priority and a genuine desire to preserve the history of the area; and, rapid expansion of small businesses, particularly retail.



Goldie Hawn's career started at the same time as the Rotary Club of Fitzroy.

C: *What is the Rotary Club of Fitzroy's passion?*

DH: In very simple terms our members are passionate about life, sport and supporting our local community by sharing Rotary, while having plenty of fun and fellowship ... and the odd glass of good red. *(Er, I noticed ... am noticing. –C)*

C: *If you had to liken your club to a film title, what would it be and why?*

DH: Certainly not Titanic - unless we can't grow our membership. Perhaps a 1970's movies like "Monday Too Far Away" or "Monday Bloody Monday" or perhaps the 1999 sporting classic "Any Given Monday". Have we got the right day? – must be a Monday when our club meets. No, our final decision is "Gorilla's in the Mist" as the Fitzroy footy club used to be known as the Gorillas. *(At this point the group was in stitches after their animated contributions ... -C)*

C: *In the Fitzroy club, does anyone have an unusual or exotic job or hobby?*

DH: We do have a few: a belly dancing, antique dealer extraordinaire; a former electrical contractor and 'Collins Street' farmer; an Accountant by the name of 'Cash'; one of our 'Pommy' migrants is a former National Speed Skating Champion, Jumps Jockey and Coal Miner; a member who qualified as a piano teacher, but never taught anyone and has not 'tickled the ivories' in 30 years!

C: *Who is/are the longest serving member(s) in your club?*

DH: Charter President and PDG Edwin Peatt and fellow Charter Members Brian O'Shannassy and Brian Miller. Although in his 90's, Edwin remains passionate about the club and has one of highest attendance rates among the members.

C: *Over the years there must have been some interesting events and characters along the way. What are some weird/funny events and/or characters that you can mention?*

DH: I'm not sure whether it's appropriate to mention, but former infamous solicitor (and now deceased) Mario Condello was a member of the club for a short period during the 1980's. Our Annual Community Christmas Party brings together a diverse range of characters, none more so than a former "Man of the cloth" dubbed The Monk – no meal (or drink) on this day can escape being blessed by the bald little man. One of our older members can often be noticed (especially by the Sergeant @ Arms) taking a little kip after the meal – hence he's usually the first one 'fined' and always responds to his name being called with, "Yes Sir!". *(Memories were starting to get a little vague by this point, but they quickly recovered to produce this trio of gems –C)*



C: *The demise of the Fitzroy Football Club was a great blow to many people. Do you have any Fitzroy FC diehards in the club and how do they now feel about the events which led to the Fitzroy identity disappearing from the AFL?*

DH: Few members of Fitzroy Rotary ever followed Fitzroy Football Club and given that FFC left Brunswick Street in 1966 (two years before the Rotary Club was formed) there had not been a connection between the two organisations. More of our members are 'Pies supporters and there were plenty of 'if-only's' after narrowly losing the prelim final to Geelong this year. *(Sorry ... it's not me, of course ... but for some reason the editorial staff are falling about on the floor laughing ... strange -C)* One of our members is a staunch Fitzroy man who followed them right through and beyond the merger with Brisbane in 1996. He says it is not the same as the Old Fitzroy, it is better!! This member has also introduced our club to the amateur club Fitzroy Reds FC which plays on the Brunswick Street ground and proudly wears the FFC jumper. Our Rotary club supports the Reds by sponsoring financially disadvantaged players. Several of our Rotary members are Reds members and attend Reds matches and functions. Our meeting room overlooks the old ground. So after all these years the connection which was never there is actually getting stronger. *(Excellent story and great to see 'grass roots' footy supported. -C)*

C: *If there was a cheque for \$1 million made out to the Rotary Club of Fitzroy with a note saying, "Spend it all on worthwhile community projects or lose it", how do you think would you spend it?*

(The group, in their own words, were becoming a little "tired & emotional" at this stage, but still came up with some good and not-so-good ideas. -C)

DH: We might we set up a foundation known as S.P.I.V.S. (Speculative Portfolio Investment Ventures Society) – gotta love those acronyms! *(No, no, David ... it's Rotary – the acronyms are essential -C)* Rather than spend all the capital at once, it was felt that a proper local foundation administered by the club be established to invest the \$1M and use the earnings to provide an annual legacy and support to local groups such as: many of schools in our area; organisations such as St Mary's House of Welcome & The Cottage; set up scholarships for children/students of financially disadvantaged youth; and, funding for mentoring and support programs to assist refugee/migrant groups better integrate into the community.

C: *If I was keen to get involved with the Rotary Club of Fitzroy, how would I go about making contact with the club?*

DH: Our new club website at www.fitzroyrotary.org.au would be a great start and clicking on the "Contact Us" icon. Through the district website www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au and membership hot-line 9654 5872.

Don't ask me why, but we ventured out onto the bowling green for a 'roll'. I marvelled at how different lawn bowls is to tenpin. The party insisted that I go first, but offered no instruction. "You're a natural, Clarice," said one smiler, "Just let 'er rip." I adopted my usual ten pin stance and the ball flew down the green. But no-one told me about 'bias'. Incredibly, my missile bent 45 degrees away from the line, smashed through another game and collected the ankle of a gentleman about 40 metres away. Horrified, I turned around. My 'partners', now smiling at the window had scuttled back into the bar area. Nothing left for me but to join them.

I knew that the end of the evening was near when one wit said he'd either like to 'replace me' or 'be me'. I begged off, explaining that the cost of shoes alone would dampen his enthusiasm. Smiling broadly after a funny night, I headed for a tram on Brunswick Street, warm in the knowledge that I was replicating a journey that Fitzroy people had made for over a hundred years. What a great evening and with such fine, feisty company. As the tram wobbled past the old Brunswick Street football ground, I had a real urge to yell, "Go, Fitzroy!!!"

Vocational Service With John McMorrow



Bridging the Gap between Business and Rotary

If we are told often enough we tend to believe it. Have you heard these comments before? I am often reminded of this when I hear remarks regarding Rotary and Business, that the two communities are somehow separate from each other. Rotarians have their business life and they also have their Rotary life and perhaps the two are not connected. Funny this, given that Rotary was established in 1905 on the basis of bringing business and professional acquaintances together through the action of community service. This was certainly the intent of the young lawyer Paul Harris and since those early days Rotary and Vocational Service in particular has evolved into an organisation and service that encourages Rotarians to "apply high ethical standards in their businesses and professions, to recognise the worthiness of all useful occupations, and to consider their own occupations as

opportunities to serve society."

In District 9800 we are working to bring the business community to Rotary and also take Rotary to the business community. One example of this is the **Computers for Kids and Community (C4KC)** program where we have developed relationships with





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the NAB, Telstra and Microsoft Corporations to assist with providing computers to disadvantaged communities, impoverished schools and Multiple Sclerosis sufferers. This approach has seen quite a significant increase in the number of computers we receive for refurbishment and placement into various communities in Australia and overseas. The NAB Helping Hand project is a pilot model for our District and certainly has a few teething problems, but with a positive attitude and determination these can and should be overcome. This is a classic example of working with business for the enhancement and improvement of society. Dawn Watson and Jeffrey Bird and their team handle this very key project.



Another project designed to engage the business community is the **First Steps Youth Job Search Program**. First Steps is a program to assist young Australians in preparing for and finding a job. The program helps not only to point young jobseekers in the right direction, but also assists them to develop the self-awareness, goals, realism, confidence and savvy that is required both in getting a job and succeeding in it. Progress is being made in securing some corporate sponsorship and a pilot group of 10 -12, 16 -25 year old candidates is being organised through Link Employment and Training for an interview and job planning workshop in late October. This project is being structured and organised with Philip Archer and his team.

The Body Shop in conjunction with the Australian Government Department of Education, Science and Training has set up a project called **Business Babes** based on a desire to influence social change. In conjunction with Rotary D9800 we are developing a program to provide mentoring to young mothers who want to participate in economic activity.



The overall aim of the program is to build the innovation and enterprise skills of young mothers to assist in developing alternate income streams and re-engagement in local communities.

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Many Rotarians are familiar with our Science Programs, the **National Youth Science Forum (NYSF)** and the **Siemens Science Experience**, sponsored by Siemens Ltd. Think of these programs as an investment into the intellectual know how of our youth with a passion and interest in science as a possible vocation or career. They are brilliant programs and signify a need to engage a need in our young people to consider their contribution to a viable and sustainable science community in

Australia. The NYSF is an extremely competitive program for Year 12 students and places are limited for the 2 week program in Canberra each January. We are thankful to the Siemens organisation for the interest they demonstrate in assisting year 9 students participate in an interesting learning environment all geared towards science, a great partnership between Rotary and the business community. Thanks to Newton Langford and his Committee for their diligence in ensuring the continuing success of these programs.



We are constantly looking for fresh ideas to fully engage Rotary in a more meaningful manner with the business community and as result we are attempting to create more of an interface with senior business leaders. Under consideration are several proposals including hosting of 'boardroom lunches' where we can demonstrate who we are as Rotarians and what we stand for.

Rotary Overseas Vocational Exchange (ROVE) enables Rotarians from overseas to pursue their vocation in Australia through the sponsorship and hosting of local Rotary Clubs and their members. The visitor has the opportunity to expand their vocational knowledge and also absorb a different culture. We are currently pursuing some options with European Chambers of Commerce.

To recognise Rotarians in their early years who demonstrate commitment and enthusiasm for the ideals of Rotary, we have the **Royce Abbey Awards Program**. Each Rotary Club President can select a candidate for early recognition of their efforts in their activities in both local and international communities. We also have Rotary Individual Awards and are considering an Indigenous Scholarship. For further information on these programs please contact Roger Leask.

There are many other programs under review and consideration and should you require more information please feel free to contact District Advisor, John McMorow, on 0418 387 973, or email johnpmcm@msn.com.au or vocational@rotarydistrict9800.org. I particularly want to hear from Rotarians who have some ideas about building connectivity with the business community; this could be sponsorship of key projects, working as alliance partners on particular projects or providing tangible and practical support.



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October is Vocational Service Month

Challenge The Way You See Your Rotary Life – Make A Difference, Share The Passion

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76th Annual District Conference Shepparton 13-16 March 2008

The first Rotary District Conference to be held in Australia was that of District 65, or as it was known then the 65th District. It was formed on 15 September 1927. There were 17 clubs and the first District Governor was Fred Birks from the Rotary Club of Sydney.

The Rotary Club of Melbourne, the first Rotary Club in Australia, was formed in 1921 ... 6 years before those first 17 Rotary clubs were grouped to form the 65th District.

It is my belief, therefore, that as the Rotary Club of Melbourne was the first Rotary Club in Australia - and it was part of that original 65th Rotary District - that the heritage of District 9800 goes right back to the that first 65th District.

Rotary in Australia is now made up of 23 Districts comprising almost 1200 clubs – significant growth in the last 86 years.

The 76th Conference in Shepparton will, therefore, be a celebration of Rotary and its service to the others in our District over 80years. Interestingly, in all those years, this is the first Rotary Conference that our District has held in Shepparton.

Why Shepparton? At the District Assembly at Latrobe University in 2006, over 75% the Presidents 2007-8 voted to have the Conference in rural Victoria. After a comprehensive study, Shepparton was selected. *It has proven to be an excellent choice.* The facilities are great and the support from the business sector and the community at large has been outstanding. Our engagement with the Shepparton community has prompted a desire to leave a tangible benefit to the people of Greater Shepparton. To this end, we are working with the Greater Shepparton Council and the local Rotary clubs.

The Conference starts on the Thursday night with an international smorgasbord in Queens Park opposite the main Eastbank Conference Auditorium. Friday will be an all day session with individual club dinners in the evening. On Saturday morning there will be special breakfasts and plenary sessions until lunch time. A special lunch is to be held in Queens Park for all delegates, local Rotarians from the Shepparton area, plus past Group Study Team members have been invited to join us. Saturday afternoon has been designated as 'free time' so that delegates have a chance to explore the Greater Shepparton area.

Saturday night will be a fun gala night under the direction of RC of Melbourne member, Peter Jones. His company, Peter Jones Major Events, will bring a special and unique flavour to the overall Conference, but in particular the Gala Night which will have a 60's theme. There's no doubt that Peter will make the Conference a lot of fun.

Responding to many requests, we have made arrangements for a children's program to be available so that all delegates to the Conference can devote their time to the day sessions on the Friday and Saturday.

The Speaker Program, under the direction of Don Hyde, will be topical, informative and relevant, and will also include featured speakers across the 4 Avenues of Services.

The Conference is designed to make you feel proud of your club, your District and your membership of Rotary.

To have an opportunity to win the Early Bird Registrations prize sponsored by Lexus of Blackburn you need to register at the discounted Early Bird rate prior to 15 November. Registrations after 15 November and through to February 2008 will be at the non-discounted registration fee.

Further details on the Conference including the keynote speakers, the overall program, the children's program and the Lexus of Blackburn early bird prize can be viewed by going to our District website www.rotarydistrict9800.org. Alternatively, just type in 'Rotary District 9800 Members' on your internet provider and follow the information provided.

The harsh reality of life is that the biggest problem YOU will ever have is YOU!
Don't blame others for the things that go wrong in your life - the answer is in the mirror!
- Wes Truscott



All registrations will be done online. The details can be accessed on the Conference web page and a help line is provided if you have difficulty in registering.

After you have absorbed the information on the conference and have registered, do take time to browse through our new District website. I am sure you will be impressed with our new look and the easy navigation.

No effort has been spared in trying to ensure that this will be a very special Conference. We are sure that the Conference will provide, happy, positive and lifelong memories.

Please accept our invitation to attend.



DG John Davis & Joan

- John Davis, District Governor

New Members

Welcome to the following new members:

- Pauline Clayton, RC Malvern, Classification: Accountancy
- Linda Dabate, RC Essendon, Classification: Imports Wholesale Home Furniture
- Ivo Georgiev, RC Albert Park, Classification: independant container surveyor (shipping)
- Jenny Greble, RC Albert Park, Classification: Writer
- Graeme Hill, RC Brighton, Classification: Plantscaping
- Kerry Kornhauser, RC Albert Park, Classification: Hospitality
- David Langdon, RC Richmond, Classification: Aged Care
- Kate Staniforth, RC Albert Park, Classification: Retired
- Jon White, RC Brighton, Classification: Financial Planning

Quip Corner:
"If I look confused
it's because I'm
thinking."

ShelterBox Update

After massive flooding across Nepal, India, Pakistan and Bangladesh – described as the worst in memory and believed to have displaced up to 20 million people – ShelterBox has begun deployments of hundreds of ShelterBoxes into the region.

The scale of this latest disaster is unimaginable to us. As the work continues, a family receiving one of the boxes in Nepal will bring the total helped by ShelterBox since its first delivery of boxes in 2001 following an earthquake in India, to 500,000 in 33 countries. And assisting there is Paul Robinson, a member of the Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light (D9650) who is a trained member of the ShelterBox Response Team (SRT).

The AUS box numbers from Australian donations into that region recently are:

Pakistan 1834 - 2041

Nepal 2047 – 2242

Pakistan 2243 - 2301

That is 463 ShelterBoxes providing shelter, comfort and dignity now to some 5,000 people in desperate circumstances. In Nepal around a third of the country has been hit by flooding. In one district, at least 24,000 families are known to have had their home swept away – they have no homes, no food, no clothes and are suffering from disease.

Donations from Australian Rotarians and friends have provided \$550,000 to purchase boxes for these latest deployments. And that is on top of the donations for the recent tsunami in Solomon Islands and the stock of boxes here in Australia. More is needed.

Delivering humanitarian aid worldwide by the largest Rotary Club project in the world.

One ShelterBox ... Each Rotary Club ... Each year

Contact PDG Ray Stewart, Administrator, ShelterBox Australia 1300 881 913 and shelterboxaust@westnet.com.au
www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au and www.shelterbox.org





Rotary Cricket Fellowship

Rotary's Vocational and Recreational Fellowships cover many different areas of activity. The Rotary Cricket Fellowship is one which is well established in a majority of cricket-playing countries and is starting to make inroads in many of the remaining ones.

Formally established at the 1993 Melbourne RI Convention, its first members were Australia, England and India.

World Festivals held at intervals at Fordingbridge, (England 1994), Chennai, (India 1999), Christchurch, (New Zealand 2001), the Hunter Valley of New South Wales in November 2004 and most recently Colombo (Sri Lanka 2007) have been occasions on which the steadily growing number of Rotary cricketers have come together for fun and fellowship. The Colombo Festival featured players from Australia, England, India, New Zealand, Sri Lanka, South Africa and Pakistan.

National and local area meetings also occur at regular times providing an opportunity for players and cricket devotees to meet one another for fellowship and to join in combat.

Touring is one of the joys of participation in this Fellowship. Australian IFCR members have undertaken many tours over the past years, mainly to England, New Zealand, South Africa and India.

Until 2004 South Africa, West Indies and Pakistan were cricket countries where our Fellowship had no presence. All that has changed now. Early that year Australian Rotarians toured India (with a mixed Australia/Pakistan combination), South Africa and New Zealand. Early 2007 saw the Fellowship spread to Fiji.



Cricket at Strath Creek

Our Victorian IFCR members have a game arranged for 11 November at the picturesque Strath Creek Ground owned by Rotarian Don McQueen only an hour and a half from the Melbourne CBD. Non-members are welcome to take part in this.

D9800 is not as well represented in the ranks of Australian IFCR members as many other districts. As the most numerous Australian Rotary district it would be most desirable to see an improvement in this situation. Any Rotarian who is interested in cricket as a player or simply an enthusiast is welcome to contact the D9800 IFCR organiser, Richard Groom, at rgroom@iinet.net.au or 9888 4099. Our website at www.rotarycricket.org also provides information about the Fellowship.

Notices & Events

Australian Tour – St Peters Quartet

The Rotary Club of West Footscray is pleased to announce the return to Australia of the internationally renowned St Peters Quartet with their fascinating mixture of classical music, romance and jazz, as well as Russian folk-songs and spirituals.

Formed in 1994 in St.Petersburg, Russia, Igor Krushelnitskiy (bass), Pavel Napalkov (baritone), Anatoliy Lonunov (first tenor) and Arseni Garibyan (second tenor) have remained together, performing the beautiful art of song both in Russia and all over the world. When performing classics such as *Pan's Angelicus*, *Ave Maria* and *Pie Jesu*, it sometimes seems that four human voices are not capable of such purity, power and depth.

The St Peters Quartet will be performing at the Medway Golf Club, 57 Omar Street, Maidstone on

Tuesday, 16 October 2007 at 6.30 pm for 7pm. Tickets: \$30.00 per person, including cocktail menu.

Tickets and further information are available from Rotarian Cecil Schmalkuche on 9314 7144 or 9689 0946.

Hold Ya Horses!

The Rotary Club of Point Gellibrand is proud to bring you a Spring Racing Carnival luncheon supporting the Challenge Cancer Network on **Friday, 19 October**, 12.00pm – 3.00pm.

Get your 'early mail' on the favourites and long shots for the feature Spring meetings from:

- The SEN 'Hold Ya Horses' team: Brad Spicer, Ross Flegaltaub and Josh Rodder
- Mark Kavanagh, Group 1 Winning Trainer
- Paul Johnson, WinBet Bookmaker
- Stephen Baster, Group 1 Jockey





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This great event will be held at Pelican's Landing, 1 Syme Street (Gem Pier), Williamstown, and the \$70.00 per head cost (tables of 10 for \$650.00) will include a 3 course meal and drinks.

All funds raised by the event go towards the Rotary Club of Point Gellibrand's support for the Challenge Cancer Network.

For enquiries and bookings, please call Faye Lanyon on 0409 677 127, Henry Fitzell on 9399 8523 or Graeme Kennedy on 9397 7182

Trivia Night FUNdraiser

The Rotary Club of Richmond invites you to a FUNdraiser Trivia Night, **Saturday, 20 October** at the Richmond Town Hall, 333 Bridge Rd, Richmond [Mel ref 44 F9]. 7:00pm for a 7:20pm star. Includes dinner.

You will be greeted with a glass of champagne, finger food served throughout the evening, dessert, tea/coffee. Soft drinks, beer and wine sold at the bar.

Tickets are only \$35.00. Make up your own table of ten, or let us include you on one of ours!

Raffle / Auction / Games / Great prizes! / Great fun!



Funds raised will sponsor children at the Boroondara Kindergarten, situated amongst the public housing in North Richmond, and to provide essential equipment. The kindergarten is perceived as a model multilingual preschool, and is nationally and internationally recognized. The staff are inspirational in their work with the children who come from diverse backgrounds with English as a second language. Many of the children and their families have been traumatized by past experiences.

Don't dream up a TRIVIAL EXCUSE to stay home. Be a winner! Richmond Rotary has all the (trivial) answers for a FUN filled, great night out at the old Richmond Town Hall!

Bookings: Jo Cowling 0438 305 611 or Barbara Woodberry 0413 057 879. Cheques made payable to: c/- Rotary Club of Richmond Inc, PO Box 138, Richmond 3121

D9800 Welcomes It's Newest Club!

The Rotary Club of Port Melbourne invites you to join them at their Charter Night on **Friday, 26 October 2007** (7.00pm for 7.30pm) at Albert by the Lake, first floor of the Bob Jane Soccer Stadium, Aughtie Drive, Albert Park. The \$65.00 cost includes a two-course meal, wine, beer, soft drink and entertainment by the Ferguson Brothers.

Enquiries can be made to Russell Stott on 0411 758 819 or russell.southmelbourne@signarama.com.au, or you can visit the Events Calendar on the D9800 website for the booking form and further information - <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/Members/EventsCalendar>.

As RC Port Melbourne are having a Charter night function on Friday, 26 October the meeting scheduled for 29 October has been cancelled, as has the 5 November meeting because it is Melbourne Cup Eve.

Bizness Babes

The Body Shop in conjunction with the Australian Government Department of Education, Science and Training has set up a project called *Bizness Babes* based on a desire to influence social change.



In conjunction with Rotary D9800 we are developing a program to provide mentoring to young mothers who want to participate in economic activity. The overall aim of the program is to build the innovation and enterprise skills of young mothers to assist in developing alternate income streams and re-engagement in local communities.

We are looking for interested Rotarians from all clubs to attend a facilitated mentoring briefing session to ensure all detail is delivered and potential mentors know what is required before final commitment.

This briefing session is to be held at International House, 6.00-9.00pm, **Monday, 29 October**.

Please RSVP with name, Rotary Club, contact telephone number and email address to johnpmcm@msn.com.au by Monday, 22 October 2007, or contact John McMorro with any enquiries on 0418 387 973.

RC Carlton Meeting Advice

RC Carlton will not be holding meetings at its usual venue at Graduate House, Leicester Street, Carlton, on **Tuesday, 30 October and Tuesday, 6 November**, the latter being Cup Day.

Breakfast With Des Gleeson, Racing Victoria Chief Steward

The Rotary Club of Elsternwick are hosting a Melbourne Cup Breakfast on Wednesday, 31 October (7.00am for 7.15am) at the London Tavern, 414 Hawthorn Road, South Caulfield. Racing Victoria Chief Steward, Des Gleeson is the guest speaker. Bookings are essential (\$25 per head) and can be made by contacting Bill Matthews on 9557 4300.



RC Brimbank Central's Youth Forum – Change of Date & Venue

RC Brimbank Central is now holding its Youth Forum on **Wednesday, 31 October 2007** with the theme "It's okay to say No!". The forum will be held at 128 – 152 Furlong Rd, North Sunshine from 6.30pm for a 7.00 pm start. Cost is \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for students with ID.

Key-Note Speakers

Jennifer Brooker ~ Stride
Sue Renkin ~ Open Family
Jan Tully ~ Tobin Brothers
Dr Stefan Gruener ~ Odyssey House
Senior Constable Jon Reader

Subject

Youth Wellbeing
Stress
Bullying
Suicide
Victoria Police Drugs & Alcohol

Students, parents, teachers, Police, youth workers, welfare workers, counsellors and lots of Rotarians are encouraged to attend.

Please contact David Johnson on 0418 580 045 to book or Lou Gionfriddo, Program Chairman on 0411 871 978.

RC Essendon North's Business Persons' Dinner

You are invited to a special Business Persons' Dinner on **Wednesday, 31 October** at Fredricks Restaurant, 980 Mt Alexander Road, Essendon (6.00pm for 6.30pm).

Come along and network with other local business people and hear guest speaker Andrew Muir, Chairman of The Good Guys. His topic is 'Developing Points Of Difference that Leverage Competitive Advantage'.

Enquiries to Barbara on 9379 8085 (ah) or Jim on 9354 6694.

Pin & Win At the Melbourne Cup Carnival!



The Alfred Hospital has been selected as the official charity of the Victoria Racing Club for 2007 and 2008, and the recipient of proceeds from the VRC Melbourne Cup Carnival – Pin and Win Promotion.

Every Melbourne Cup Carnival lapel pins purchased will make a difference to the lives of more than 350,000 patients who are treated at The Alfred each year.

Funds raised through Pin & Win will be directed towards critical care services at The Alfred Hospital, which has developed its role as a leader in the treatment of seriously ill patients through its expertise in trauma management and other specialist services.

To maximise the potential sale of the pins, The Alfred is seeking around 400 volunteers to assist with selling of the Pins on each of the Melbourne Cup Carnival Race Days at Flemington.

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| • Victoria Derby Day | Saturday, 3 November |
| • Melbourne Cup Day | Tuesday, 6 November |
| • Oaks Day | Thursday, 8 November |
| • Stakes Day | Saturday, 10 November |

Volunteers will be fully supported including:

- Briefing and training
- Uniform
- Food and drinks including lunch provided
- Free entry into the course for the whole day

To register please contact Carolyn Williams, Development Manager, The Alfred, phone 9076 3222 or email carolyn.williams@alfred.org.au



A Touch of Tuscany

Next month the Rotary Club of Bacchus Marsh is holding a special twilight event, 'A Touch of Tuscany', at Bacchus Hill Winery on **Sunday, 4 November** to raise funds for the new E.W. Tipping Foundation Respite Facility in Bacchus Marsh.

A very talented group of musicians, organised by MSO Lead Cellist, Miranda Brockman, have generously donated their time and talent to our 2007 'A Touch of Tuscany' event.



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The concert features MSO musicians Miranda Brockman, Alison Rayner, and Rosia Pasteur, together with renowned classical guitarist Jochen Schubert and flautist Stephen Brockman in a unique program which includes chamber music by Schubert, Kodaly and Ysaye.

Where: Bacchus Hill Winery, 100 O'Connell Rd, Bacchus Marsh

When: 5.30 pm - 7.30pm, Sunday 4th November 2007

Tickets: \$35 each includes concert, limited wine and finger food

For more information about this event, the E.W. Tipping Foundation, or to RSVP, please visit the Events Calendar at www.rotarydistrict.org.au/.

Antique & Collectibles Day

The Rotary Club of Brighton Beach in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Brighton invite you to an Antique & Collectibles Day on **Sunday, 11 November 2007**, to be held at the Brighton Town Hall from 10.30am – 4.30pm.

Appraisals will be done by several Members of Antique Guild, Antique Experts and Dealers. So bring along your clocks, jewellery, art, ceramics, small furniture, silverware, china, lamps, knick knacks and bric-a-brac!

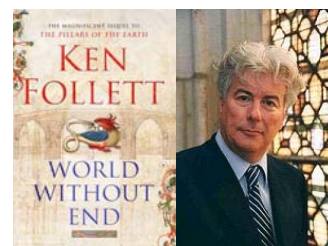
The entry is \$5 and appraisals \$5 per item. Afternoon tea, coffee, cakes etc are provided.

Enquiries: 0438 758 651 or <mailto:ken@enmin.com.au>

Dinner With Ken Follett

RC Toorak invites you to a dinner with renowned UK author, Ken Follett, 7pm for 7.30 **Monday, 12 November** at Lincoln of Toorak (Level 2, Trak Centre, 445 Toorak Road, Toorak). There is ample parking in Trak Centre car park (enter Jackson Street).

Ken Follett will launch and personally sign his sequel to *The Pillars of the Earth*. *World Without End* is one of the most anticipated books in memory and is one of the biggest releases on Pan Macmillan's list this year.



Special guest at the launch will be the Hon Jeff Kennett AC proudly supporting beyondblue.

\$95.00 per person includes two course meal and all beverages

\$950.00 table of 10

\$1140.00 table of 12

Contact Alan Freedman on 0419 357 864 or at barhampton@bigpond.com (RSVP: 5 November), or check the D9800 website to download your booking form (<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/Members/EventsCalendar>).

Potential Rotary Leaders Seminar Update

In Networker 14 we advised you of the upcoming PRLS Seminar in October. Unfortunately the two facilitators from New Zealand who are to run both the Basic PRLS and Master PRLS have not been able to get suitable flights inbound and outbound to Australia for the weekend of 20-21 October. Therefore the seminar has been moved to the PRLS training program to the weekend of **17-18 November**. The venue and times remain unchanged.

The new dates may also allow people who were not able to attend the seminar in October to now attend in November.

The original registration form can still be used to register for the November seminar – see your Club President email the District Governor).

The Master PRLS program for 9800 Rotarians is now full, however, if Rotarians from our District wish to be placed on a waiting list they may still be able to attend depending on the numbers from District 9810.

Basic PRLS will be Saturday, 17 November and the Master program will be on the Sunday, 18 November.

There are still places available for the Basic program, and Presidents-Elect are particularly encouraged to register as the timing is now ideal - it will follow on from Pre-Pets on 28 October and will give you the additional skills as you progress your year as President.

The revised closing date for registrations will be **12 November**.

PRLS is a great program and all who attend will certainly benefit from the experience.

Both Rotary Districts 9800 and 9810 have combined their resources to bring PRLS (Potential Rotary Leaders Seminar) to Melbourne for the first time. Both Districts identified in their 2007-8 strategy plan for their Districts that there was a need for additional leader training for Rotarians wishing to take on a leadership role in either their club or District. PRLS offers the opportunity to provide additional skills and training to take on a leadership role in Rotary but



participants have found the information and experience provided during the seminar can also be used in their vocation.

The PRLS training concept was successfully adopted by a number of North American Districts. The program was introduced to Southern Africa and then in 2006 to Queensland. In November 2006 some of the DGE attended an orientation day for PRLS which was run by Rotarians from District 5240. DGE John Davis 9800 and Dick Garner 9810 felt that the PRLS training would be advantageous for Rotarians in their Districts and planned to introduce the training in the 2007–08 Rotary year.

We are very fortunate that we have been able to get two top PRLS presenters to run our first PRLS training courses. Laurie and Maureen Bond are both experienced Rotarians and established the PRLS programs in six Southern African Districts. Recently they have moved to New Zealand and they will visit Melbourne to assist 9800 and 9810 to establish our training programs. Laurie and Maureen will run the first courses and also help us in "Training our Trainers". We will then be able to run our own future PRLS leadership programs.

The aims of PRLS are:

- Develop leaders for Business, Home and Social life.
- Develop Rotary leaders beyond club level, Rotary at club level, and Rotary at District level.
- Grow and benefit Rotarians.
- Sell Rotary to non-Rotarians.
- Grow Rotary commitment.
- Rotary membership development and retention.

The Presidents Rotary Leadership Program (PRLS) will be held over 2 days – Basic PRLS on Saturday, 17 November and Master PRLS on Sunday, 18 November – at the Quality Inn, Tullamarine.

DG 9800 John Davis and DG 9810 Dick Garner invite you to participate in this excellent program by completing and forwarding the application form available on the D9800 website by 12 November 2007.

Places are restricted to 25 per District on Day 1 and 12 per District on Day 2 so you are encouraged to reply early as these places will fill quickly and will be processed on a first in first served basis.



*a painting by Phil Kreveld,
entitled "Louisa, at Mario's"*

Art Auction

The Rotary Club of Carlton's Art Auction promotes the works of young and upcoming artists who are serious about establishing careers in the Arts, as well as established figures in the Art World. Participating artists include painters, printmakers and sculptors.

Proceeds of the Art Auction will go towards community projects.

A theme has been suggested for those Artists wishing to utilise a unifying concept: celebration of food, wine, the pleasures of the table, people at leisure--away from the daily grind, the cornucopia of our rich and fertile land, the markets, bacchanalia, street scenes. However much of the work will be of a more general nature.

Viewing days are **16 November** (9.00am – 5.00pm), **17 November** (1.00pm – 5.00pm) and **18 November** (10.00am – 3.00pm). Most works will be sold by silent auction and only between 15 and 20 major works will be auctioned in the theatre of the Royal Society, commencing at 3:00 pm on 18 November.

For more information, please email carlton@rotaryd9800.org or visit <http://www.carltonrotary.org.au/>

RC Richmond Meeting Change

The Rotary Club of Richmond will meet on **Monday, 19 November 19th** at Hawthorn Receptions, 555 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn (6.30 for 7pm) for the Richmond Rotary Club's Celebratory Dinner for the Rotary Youth Arts Project.

RI President-Elect D.K. Lee Visits Australia

President David Gibb and the Rotary Club of Ballarat South would like to invite all Rotarians throughout the District and beyond to join them for a dinner meeting at the Doherty Hotel-Ballararat Lodge, Main Road, Ballarat on **Thursday, 22 November**, 6.30 for 7.00pm.

Attending will be the very distinguished guest speaker Rotary International President-Elect, Dong Kurn Lee and his wife Young Ja. Also attending from right across Australia will be District Governors, District Governors Elect and District Governor Nominees, along with many Past Officers of Rotary International as this is part of their annual Zone Institute to be held in Ballarat during the week commencing November 18 2007.

There is seating for 500 available and partners are welcome. Cost is \$45.00 per person.

For more details or to register, please contact Secretary Desley Beechey on 5343 2318 or mailto:deskley@bhs.org.au.



ARHRF Dinner

The Australian Rotary Health Research Fund is putting on a dinner at the Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club on **29 November** to host eminent visiting Psychologist and Pediatric Surgeon Professor, Annette La Greca, and Christine Nixon, Chief Commissioner Victoria Police.

Matching two great speakers - a Chief Commissioner of Police, and a world acclaimed expert on children's and adolescents reactions to traumatic events (e.g. Natural disasters, terrorists attacks) – will make for a very stimulating evening.

Professor La Greca will speak on her involvement in:

- Hurricane Andrew
- September 11th terrorist attack
- Kobe Earthquake
- Helping children cope with disasters and terrorism
- 'Keeping Children Safe' project

The Chief Commissioner will speak on related matters from the police and emergency services point of view.

The primary purpose of the dinner is to stimulate debate on the subject, and to promote awareness of the work of the ARHRF by targeting Rotarians, professional groups, and the public in general.

The cost for dinner is \$65 per head, with drinks at bar prices. Because the Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club is a private club regulations governing such organisations stipulate guests will need to provide their full name and address when purchasing tickets. Please contact the ticket secretary Judy Nettleton on 9427 7233 (bh), or <mailto:aceheat@ace-heat.com.au>.

Blues Festival to Mark the 150th Anniversary of Point Cook Homestead

The Rotary Club of Laverton Point Cook will be holding a Blues Music Festival at the Point Cook Homestead on **Sunday, 10 February 2008** to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Point Cook Homestead.

Proceeds from the Festival will go towards a \$50,000 upgrade of the Point Cook Coastal Park Playground which is due for completion in March 2008.

The club is seeking support from other Rotarians in the District to help as volunteers on 10 February 2008, as the Laverton Point Cook club is only small. A crowd of around 3,000 is expected and volunteer roles include marshalling, car park, information officers, ticket sellers/checkers, set up and pack up, and general assistance. If you would like to register as a volunteer for the event, please contact Chris Egger on <mailto:cegger@ntc.gov.au> or phone 9236 5033 (bh) or 0407 846 382.

Sponsors are also being sought for the event so if you are have a business and would like to be a sponsor, please contact Emma Sutcliffe on 9395 7501 or mobile 0409 040 499 or <mailto:emmamike@bigpond.com>.



*John Ray, then Wyndham City Councillor
Leigh Barrat and John Argote from Parks Victoria*

Tee-Off With RC Altona City!

Altona City Rotary Club is holding its Sixth Annual Charity Golf Day for Very Special Kids and other local and international Rotary projects.

Commencing at 12.30pm on **Friday, 29 February 2008** (we're giving you lots of time to get your entries in before the 14 February deadline!), there will also be a presentation dinner and plenty of great prizes.

All the details, including the entry form, are available on the District website (<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/Members/EventsCalendar>) or you can call Ivan Board (9749 3808 or 0422 389 102) or Charlie Montebello (9398 4047 or 0412 257 723).

Gallipoli – The Trip Of A Lifetime

The Rotary Club of Brighton, through Rotary Foundation Matching Grant and Australian Consulate in Turkey, organised \$24,000 of assistance to the School for Blind at Gallipoli.

A launch ceremony for the high tech computer based vision enhancing equipment will be conducted at the school on 24 April 2008, together with local Rotarians.

Join Rotarians at the launch as well as the Dawn Ceremeony at Anzac Cove for the experience of a lifetime.

Option 1: Seven day tour (21-28 April 2008) includes visit to the capital of three empires, Istanbul and ancient Troy.



Option 2: Three week walking tour (8-25 April 2008) tour which, apart from Istanbul, includes visits to World Heritage listed Cappadocia in central Turkey, following Roman roads in southern Turkey, Ephesus, Troy and joining with others for the launch and ceremony at Gallipoli.

If you wish, your itinerary can be rearranged according to your requirements.

To reserve a place or for further information, please contact Dr Peter Grey on 9592 9729, 0419 507 950 or <mailto:petergrey@snapsite.com.au>.

Featured Club

CLUB NAME: Prahran
CHARTERED: 27 December 1955

Being a resident of Far East Prahran - well, a tad east of Williams Road - it was no great effort to 'tram it' to Chapel Street and link up with the 'spectacularly named' Pike Peters, President of the Rotary Club of Prahran.

On meeting, we walked past many clothes shops and countless food outlets. I think that Pike must be a 'foodie' because all the wonderful aromas saw him become very animated. We found a place that he swore had great coffee. I needed it. Ironical ... in this *Vocational Service month*, there are some people in my vocation who 'almost' follow the Rotary motto (with one small difference). The motto 'Service to Self' adequately describes a so called 'production meeting with drinks' I'd had the previous evening. Very astutely, Pike had 'nailed' the anecdote ... that coffee was great. I felt life returning. But then it was a case of, "Move now, Clarice ... get the interview going while you're still on an upbeat".

C: *So Pike, (his happiness and enthusiasm was exhausting me) ... what differentiates the Rotary Club of Prahran from all others?*

PP: A fascination with food, wine and hospitality! *(There you go, it was just like I said - a 'foodie' - C)* Our member hosted fellowship dinners are the stuff of legend, as are the Foundation dinners, previously held at Adrienne Basser's house. Our wine auctions (currently dormant - whilst the wine glut continues) were a longstanding tradition. Ably led by Doug Crittenden for many years, it was hard to buy a bad bottle of wine! *(I know ... I've been a happy customer of Doug's for years -C)* We also love all aspects of enjoying the fruit of the vine - from picking grapes for production to visiting Rotarian Reiner Klapp's winery - Long Gully in the Yarra Valley. Also, the Sydney Conference for PDG Des Jones' year reflected this fascination, for great food and wine - all enjoyed on the evening harbour cruise. *(And still fondly ... albeit partly ... remembered. -C)*

C: *What past projects would rank in your Club's 'Hall of Fame'?*

PP: Izett Street day nursery (1970-72) \$5000 raised; Claremont Homes (1973-76) - Giant Jumble Sale as part of the District raising \$166,361.56 - presented June '76; open heart surgery for Goh Kim Seng (1973-77) - organized travel from Malaysia to Melbourne and sponsored living expenses for two years; Chapel Street Festival - 1981; Prahran Mission - Winter Breakfast Program (1991 - 2007); ARHRF - (1982-present); Rotary Bone Marrow Research Centre (BMDI) (1990-94) raised \$30,000 towards establishment of the Centre; Royal Melbourne Hospital Cancer Research Appeal (1996 - present) - have raised well over \$30,000 for the fund; Daru Hospital Project (1998-2000) - PNG - rebuilding and re-equipping a hospital on the Fly River in conjunction with BHP; and, School of St Jude (ongoing) - including donation of a tractor for growing crops.

C: *What does your club have in the pipeline for the 2007/08 Rotary year?*

PP: Our plans include supporting most district programs - we have already sent 8 students to MUNA. We have re-established a Scholarship program at Swinburne University Prahran Campus and will continue to support the Vietnam Dental Project and School of St Jude to name just a few projects! We are in the midst of a membership and fundraising push that will see us having a Giant Garage Sale on 2nd December at Bib Stillwell MINI Garage - all donations welcome!

C: *Tell us about the area around the Rotary Club of Prahran - the way that it is changing and developing and any local features of note.*

PP: We've followed our fascination with food and left Club Tivoli for Lago Restaurant at Albert Park Golf Club - so much is new. We now have a view, salad that is fresh and food that is edible. On the downside we need to find a Sergeant session's worth of change to pay for parking. *(So the Sergeant does not impose fines, right? Uh, huh ... I thought so -C)* As a lunch club, we are trying to convince people of the 'mental workout' they'll benefit from every Monday - easily as important as going to the gym! *(Good luck with that logic. I'm 'sort of' convinced. -C)*

C: *What is the Rotary Club of Prahran's passion?*

PP: People and enthusiastic participation! We all love to get together - our families are all included in the club's activities. And when we do get going on a project our members put in a HUGE effort.



Prahran Town Hall



C: *If you had to liken your club to a film title what would it be and why?*

PP: 'The Discreet Charm of the Bourgeoisie' perhaps? Actually we are more like The Never Ending Story. (*Maybe, 'The Never Ending Bourgeoisie'... sorry. -C*)

C: *In the Prahran club, does anyone have an unusual or exotic job or hobby?*

PP: Vice-President Peter Schneider is the Melbourne equivalent of Willy Wonka – he is the owner of Paterson's Cakes!

C: *Who are the longest serving members in your club?*

PP: Doug Crittenden (14/12/1959), John Morey (06/05/1963) and Dick Hardham (03/02/1969)

C: *Over the years there must have been some interesting events and characters along the way. What are some weird, funny events and/or characters that you can mention?*

PP: In 2003 Doug Crittenden made a very personal donation through the club to the Cancer Council of Victoria. A Balthazar bottle – 12 litres – was filled with 1997 Grange Hermitage and auction in memory of Doug's brother Jack. The result was a staggering \$53,364.14 to the Cancer Council. On a lighter note, Prahran's Rotaract Club had an evening celebration on 29 October 1971 at the MCC to celebrate the awarding of the Charter. After an exuberant celebration, the members conducted a lap of honour. As Dick Hardham recalls: "...after the function Rotarians, Rotaractors and partners ventured on to the hallowed field for a lap of honour, inspected the pitch and inadvertently left a calling card – Polaroid strips and stiletto prints in the Merri Creek soil. MCC secretary, Ian Johnson was not amused". (*But I am!! A lap of the 'G' is not to be scoffed at. -C*)

C: *Chapel Street, the Prahran Market and the surrounding area has always been a hub of retail and commercial activity. What 'makes' the Prahran shopping precinct and are there any future threats that could compromise its position?*

PP: The mixture of top international brands and local colour make the place so interesting. (*I absolutely agree. -C*) We think that, as a club, we reflect this glamorous amalgam! (*Well, what can I say? - C*).

C: *If there was a cheque for \$1 million made out to the Rotary Club of Prahran with a note saying, "Spend it all on worthwhile community projects or lose it", how do you think would you spend it?*

PP: I think the club would be keen to make sure that we didn't build an empty monument but rather a place where people interact to gain greater understanding.

C: *If I was keen to get involved with the Rotary Club of Prahran, how would I go about getting in touch?*

PP: Until our website is updated, it's best to call me on 0414 426 090 or send me an email. Visitors have tracked me down as I have travelled all over the world this year – so we are definitely easy to find. Or you can always combine a Rotary meeting on Monday with a round of golf to follow at Albert Park!

I do love Chapel Street. Sometimes, I think I could almost move westward across Williams Road and ... what am I saying? Pike ordered another coffee to complete a lovely meal and I was ready to 'hit the shoe shops'. The Caulfield Cup is this week, then the Cox Plate, Derby Day, then the 'big one', and of course, the ladies' favourite – Oaks Day. As you know, a ... um, 'young' filly needs to be well shod.

I had just bravely endured 'lunch without wine'. Now I'm sure that another wine-free 72 hours will round off my rigorous Spring Carnival preparation beautifully.

At these times, I think of myself as a 'sort of' athlete in training ... a little like the Rotary Club of Prahran gladiators on the MCG in 1971!!

Vocational Service Month With Clarice

With John McMorrow being away in East Timor, I thought I would take the opportunity to include this article for Vocational Service Month.

Vocational Service Month - it is, as DG John says, 'at the very core of Rotary'. Most people joined Rotary in their 30's and 40's. A few became Rotarians in their 20's, but it is quite rare for members to begin their Rotary life in their 60's and maintain a very active involvement for the next 25 years.



Miles & Doreen Schofield at the 2005 District Conference

Such a person is Miles Schofield from the Rotary Club of Richmond. Miles' Rotary service has largely followed his life of employment and it is these two aspects – *Vocation* and *Rotary* that inspired me to sit down with this legendary 'late starter' from Richmond. Forsaking the opportunity to wallow in a Sale Week en route, I took the opportunity to head to Chadsone to visit Miles and his lovely wife Doreen. After a quick chat I was led out to a most beautifully designed garden with a glass enclosed spa as its centerpiece. A cup of coffee and a position overlooking this veritable Garden of Eden, made for perfect beginning ...

C: *How did you become involved with Rotary?*

MS: I was nearing retirement and I wished to give something back to society. Doug Wysham is a close friend and a member of the Rotary Club of Richmond. He was consistently asking me to join, and this I did in 1981.



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C: *Pardon my turn of phrase, Miles ... but you were a recruit who was already into his '7th decade' ... wow. After such a long working life, you've seen working relations evolve. Tell me how different it was for a job in the Depression years ... the 1930's.*

MS: It was very difficult indeed for an unskilled boy straight from State School to find a job of any sort. Jobs were mainly obtained on personal recommendation by somebody with influence. A friend of the family gave my name to a relative who was a factory manager and he promised to help. At 14 years of age I applied for the position and was amazed to find a crowd of about 250 boys waiting at the gates to be interviewed. However, as I hoped, I was accepted and I worked for a wage of 15 shillings per week. Weekly train tickets cost 8 shillings and the balance was paid to my mother to help keep us fed. This job was the unhappiest time of my life as I was working under an insecure, incompetent bully foreman. After a very long year, I acquired another job, where I was recommended as an office boy. It was still at 15 shillings per week but, for another year at least, I was much happier and I knew what I wanted to strive for in the future.

C: *You've had a very involved business life. Take me through the stages from, say, post-World War II?*

MS: I was studying Accountancy before the War and working full time as a ledger keeper. I had reached Intermediate standard when I joined the A.I.F. and after four years was commissioned as a Lieutenant. After the War, I returned to civil street and accepted a position in J & J Cash Ltd in Cubitt Street, Richmond, as Assistant Secretary. Under the CRTS Scheme (for returned soldiers) I continued my Accountancy studies at RMIT in Swanston Street three nights a week. I finally qualified in Financial Accountancy F.C.P.A., Industrial Accountancy and ... Secretarial Practise. This study enabled me to finally be appointed Manager Director of Cash's, and subsequently Chairman of the holding Company, Jones Stroud (Aust) Pty Ltd, retiring at the age of 75!

C: *Your vocation ultimately required you to take many overseas trips. Tell me about your 'good old days' of international travel.*

MS: I was employed by a firm which was owned by an English holding company. They required my presence in England annually to present my budget to their board for the coming year. The first trip was in 1960. It was for three months and it was largely designed for me to gain some experience of the business as a whole. At that time the Qantas aircraft 'Commet' flew out of Essendon Aerodrome. This was the first 'kangaroo route ... more literal in those days as the aircraft were unable to fly long distances without refueling so we had many 'hops'. A journey usually took 30 -40 hours of flying. To travel at all was expensive so we were given VIP treatment. No seats - not even in first class - folded back. But there were often three seat vacancies in the tourist section, so I would sleep there. 'Around the World' tickets were cheaper than direct flights. So, I often stopped off for a day during a weekend so that I could be fit for work on Monday. On one occasion the 'Commet' broke down and was replaced by a 'Britannia' aircraft for the leg across the Atlantic. It took several hours longer and was not nearly as comfortable as the 'Commet'.

C: *What is the Mile Schofield version of "a good work ethic"?*

MS: Have good communication with all concerned, be honest and, at all times, dependable.

C: *Let's switch to your Rotary life ... What is the biggest project you've been involved with as a Rotarian?*

MS: Six years on District Committee as Treasurer of Youth Exchange - a most rewarding experience. My wife and I hosted and counseled a number of Exchange Students over the years and found the quality of Exchange Students was very high.

C: *What is the biggest change in Rotary that you have seen?*

MS: In latter years, the introduction of female members!

C: *What do you particularly enjoy about the Richmond Rotary Club?*

MS: A great club of friendship and fellowship, and involvement in District 9800 Conferences over many years.

C: *Over the years there must have been some interesting and inspirational characters in the Rotary Club of Richmond. Tell me about some of them.*

MS: Doug Wysham was a great member of the Club, - a great storyteller, very enthusiastic and a great worker in the Rotary Club of Richmond. He worked in Swan Street, Richmond for many years as a Newsagent, then studied the Real Estate business and became a Real Estate Agent. His knowledge of the residents and employees in Richmond was extraordinary. He always had a good tale to tell!

C: *If you could have been present at a famous event in history, what would you have chosen and why?*

MS: The Battle of Waterloo. To be in command of a battle ship!!!

C: *Do you see a relaxation of Rotary's rules and formalities as a natural progression or do you believe that standards have dropped?*

MS: Life is full of changes and this is another example of clubs needing to change to attract new members.

C: *I understand that, even at the tender age of 88 years, you're still out there challenging the wiles of Riversdale Golf Club. Tell me about the Miles Schofield golfing career.*

MS: My so-called golfing career commenced three years prior to retirement in 1983. I consider that this has been an important part of keeping active in old age.



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C: *What are the best two tips you could give if you were teaching someone (like me) to putt?*

MS: Keep you head still, and keep your eyes on the ball.

C: *I believe that you're a follower of Hawthorn. Do you go right back to the days when they were called the Mayblooms?*

MS: My interest in Hawthorn was influenced by a neighbour (who was a member of Hawthorn Club) when I was a little boy. My father died when I was eight, so our neighbour occasionally gave me a Ladies Ticket which could be used by children.

C: *Let's cut to the chase Miles. Tell me about the spa!*

MS: We built a gazebo in a landscaped backyard with the central focus on a spa. It is known mainly as our 'Beach House' and is still in good use today.

C: *I have it on very good authority that, being a gentleman of culture and refinement, you are prone to opening the odd bottle of red wine. Do tell me about your favourites ...*

MS: I enjoy most wines as long as they are "red"! (And he said it like Superman –C)

C: *What about Richmond? It's a great place to live, but what was it like when the three biggest features were Dimmey's Department Store, 6 o'clock closing and Jack Dyer?*

MS: I have never lived in Richmond, but spent eight hours each day of the week working there. Richmond originally was largely residential, small workman's cottages. A large number of employees lived near their place of work.

C: *What are three qualities a Rotary President needs to successfully lead the club?*

MS: Enthusiasm, good communication, and a strong desire to fulfill the objects of Rotary.

C: *Complete the following: Life is...*

MS: ... helping to make the world a better place with good friends and family.

C: *My secret talent is: ...*

MS: ... I don't know of any secret talent, but try to be myself without pretence at all times.

C: *The way to my heart is ...*

MS: ...to be warmly loved by my family and friends.

C: *I am ...*

MS: ... old but still enjoying life.

C: *Rotary is ...*

MS: ... a world-wide association of clubs helping to promote honesty, peace, goodwill, concern and help for others throughout the world.

C: *Rotarians are ...*

MS: ... talented people who share their time and abilities with good friends, to give something back to society at large.

It seemed a good time to end it. We sat for a while by the 'Beach House' and Miles invited me to try it. As it's October and my body has only been sculpted to 'Spring Carnival' shape, I declined. "It looks like the Garden of Eden," I said to Miles. I don't know if he was embarrassed, because at that precise point in time he was offering me an apple slice. Naturally, I took it ...

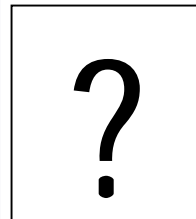
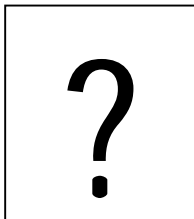
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Know someone who
would make a
great Rotarian?



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October is Vocational Service Month

When There Is A Need Rotary Is There

Has the world gone mad?

Reducing the total or shortening an individual Rotary acronym is probably akin to heresy. But, it's happened.

Just when we've got our collective tongues around the acronym ARHRF, this great Rotary program (formerly known as Australian Rotary Health Research Fund) has been shortened to Australia Rotary Health.

Last Sunday, I was privileged to attend the Australian Rotary Research Fund Multi District Symposium at Deakin University to hear how Rotary, through Australian Rotary Health, is working at so many levels in our community to improve the mental and physical health of our fellow citizens.

What is Australian Rotary Health?

It is:

- A National Community Service Program of the Rotary Districts of Australia
- One of the largest independent health research funds in Australia
- A registered Charity

How did it all begin?

It began in 1981 when Ian Scott of the Rotary Club of Mornington proposed that a fund be established. The aim was to raise a minimum of \$2 million through Rotary clubs across Australia, to invest this money and then use the income derived in a particular field of research.

The intention of ARH is to act as a catalyst for projects that will improve the quality of life for those people least able to assist themselves. At the same time, it seeks to fund areas of community health which are not funded from government sources. By having research projects that contain a strong element of applied research, it is possible to bring about practical strategies for the enhancement of community health. Proceeding in this way means that individual Rotarians and Rotary clubs can see the benefits applied in their own communities.

So there is circular completeness, in that a donation from Rotarians, clubs and communities creates research projects, scholarships, and health education, which brings benefits to the whole community.

Programs of Australian Rotary Health

The Australian Rotary Health began with a declared initial objective - to provide funds for research into cot death. After these funds were provided, it was decided provide further funds for research health issues, namely:

- Environmental health problems of the aged
- Adolescent health
- Family health
- Mental illness

ARF has now moved on to co-ordinating many different health programs while still maintaining its major interest in funding research.

These new programs include:

- Kids Matter
- Transport Industry Survey
- Rural Health Research Grants
- Mental Health Program Evaluation

It is my wish that *over the next two Rotary years* we can find sufficient funds in our District and clubs to support another program of ARH. That program is the provision of Indigenous Health Scholarships. These scholarships are jointly funded between Rotary, State and the Commonwealth Government.

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In our darkest hours we really discover
who we are ...
and how strong we can be!
What do you need to face up to?
- Wes Truscott



The aim of the scholarships is to establish a fund that can be used for assisting indigenous students studying nursing, medicine and allied health. The amount of a scholarship is \$5,000 per year. The cost to a sponsoring club is \$2,500 per year. The study of medicine is lengthy and arduous. The scholarship can make a great difference to students, especially indigenous students who are often of mature age and who have a family to support. Clubs will be encouraged to regard scholarship winners as similar to ambassadorial scholars with occasional invitations to meetings. The implementation of this scholarship is currently being discussed with the District Vocational Advisor.

To further understand the work of ARH, I would like to bring this important event to your notice.

The ARH is putting on a dinner at the Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis club on Thursday, 29 November at 7.00 pm for a 7.30 pm start. The speakers are Psychologist and Paediatric Surgeon Professor, Annette La Greca, and Christine Nixon, Chief Commissioner of the Victorian Police Force.

Professor La Greca will speak of her involvement in:

- Hurricane Andrew
- September 11 terrorist attack
- Kobe Earthquake
- Helping children cope with disasters and terrorism
- Keeping children safe project

Chief Commissioner Nixon will speak on related matters from the perspective of the police and emergency services, and will also focus on youth issues.

The dinner is to promote an awareness of the work of ARH and I would ask you to make every effort to attend this important night and support their exciting initiative. The cost is \$65 per head which includes a 3 course meal and pre dinner drinks; further drinks are at Bar prices. Tickets can be booked by contacting the ticket secretary for this event: PDG Judy Nettleton on 9427 7233 or at aceheat@ace-heat.com.au



DG John Davis & Joan

- John Davis, District Governor

New Members

Welcome to the following new members:

- Noelene Horne, RC Brighton North, Classification: TBA
- Justine Murphy, RC Central Melbourne-Sunrise, Classification: Consultancy-Diversity & Human Rights
- Brian Smith, RC Central Melbourne-Sunrise, Classification: Business Development-Workcover

Quip Corner:

"Never make forecasts,
especially about the future."

40+ Rotarian

If you're in real estate in the Melbourne environs and you don't know the name 'Bill Hogg' ... look again ... you're probably not in real estate!!

Bill is 90 next birthday and still gets involved in the cut and thrust of the market. He's an absolute lion of the industry. If there's a property to be appraised or a deal to be done, he's there. As a commercially astute little item myself, I was keen to make an impression. On arrival at Bill's office, I had the Beemer sparkling and the 'power' in my dressing could've 'jump started' a car.

Old world charm exuded as he took my arm and escorted me to a comfortable chair to commence the interview. We talked a little about property and while I was extolling the virtues of Far East Prahara (as I tend to do), he maintained a non-committal smile. "Composure, Clarice", I thought, "You're running this interview".

C: How did you come to join the Rotary Club of Footscray?

BH: Maurie Hansen, Footscray's largest home builder, also a client and a friend of long standing, invited me to a Rotary lunch and subsequently proposed me for membership.

C: What is the biggest project you've been involved with as a Rotarian?

BH: Selling the James Flood books of 'Early Motoring' and 'Victoria Illustrated' with wonderful Rotary Club of Footscray stalwarts such as Harold Paynting, Wally Beevers and others. The commissions set up the Rotary Club of Footscray Trust Fund and the derived income is distributed annually to local deserving charities.

C: What is the biggest change in Rotary that you've seen?

BH: The admission of ladies to Rotary membership was significant. But, also, the more realistic requirements for membership; this has incorporated a wider range of people which reflected the changing conditions of



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employment in a world where managers and staff are responsible for achieving more demanding performance hurdles.

C: *The Rotary Club of Footscray was chartered in May 1937. Although all the charter members have passed on, you knew a some of them and also some of the club legends who followed. Tell me about some of the inspirational members whose company you enjoyed.*

BH: Bill Jamieson, a Court and Council reporter for the 'Footscray Advertiser' – the official media organ of the City of Footscray. Bill was a great raconteur, fond of information and a delightful friend. Bill was always invited to events of all kinds, particularly where ladies were present – the valued Bill's 'repertoire' and, especially, the latest information on all subjects. Other members of note were Club Poet Laureate, Tom Osborn, Keith Forge (Forges of Footscray), John McIntyre (ICI) and Russell Bomfrey (Olympic Tyres). All displayed great professionalism in their chairmanship of Board meetings and other matters.

C: *What do you particularly enjoy about the Footscray Rotary Club?*

BH: The warm, friendly fellowship, the opportunity to serve together and grow friendships with members from a stimulating and diverse range of occupations and pursuits.

C: *If you could have been present at a famous event in history what would you have chosen and why?*

BH: The surrender ceremony of Japan to General Douglas MacArthur and the emotions of gratitude to our forces, and those of the U.S. who held the line in New Guinea, against great odds, and prevented the invasion of the Australian mainland - particularly the CMF and AIF who bore the brunt of heavy ground fighting.

C: *You've participated in real estate for over 60 years. What was the most exciting real estate project that you were involved in?*

BH: It was in the 1960's – the excitement of trying valiantly to put the shopping complex 'Westland' into Footscray. Unfortunately, we failed gloriously and the project eventually went to Highpoint (which we predicted) - the only logical geographical location that could handle it. The significant retail development that we introduced produced the most golden decade of retail trading that the City of Footscray had ever seen.

C: *Do you see a relaxation of Rotary's rules and formalities as a natural progression or do you believe that 'standards have dropped'?*

BH: I see it as a natural progression, one which befits the changing community and occupational standards of the times.

C: *I understand that way back in the 1930's, that western suburbs were fields and that you hunted rabbits. Tell me about those times.*

BH: With the rabbits we had a fox terrier and worked the stone walls of fields in the Brooklyn area. A whippet called 'Turch' to run down the hares and we had ferrets working the burrows. The Depression years were officially 1929 to 1933, but tough times continued until the outbreak of war in 1939. Families lived on fish and rabbits and mushrooms when in season. Many families were 'on the bread line' and some near the point of starving. Church organisations were very helpful to these people, also the Salvos (bless them all).

C: *What are important elements that a young couple should address when purchasing their first family home?*

BH: Firstly, apply for the First Buyers Home Grant. Buy within your means and keep debt to a minimum. Learn to go without until you have broken the back of the interest. Buy in a good location – one that will sell readily if the need arises. Avoid buying in new estates on the fringes where resale is generally difficult, particularly in tight times.

C: *I know that you're a devoted Footscray (now Western Bulldogs) fan. Tell me what the 1954 premiership meant to the town.*

BH: The greatest tonic Footscray ever had. Nothing unites the people of a city more than a premiership. People have a commonality, strangers slapping each other on the back, everybody smiling and reliving the magic moments. Our captain-coach, Charlie Sutton 'ironing out' Melbourne's Beckwith and then Collins (Geoff) five minutes later. The great Teddy Whitten charging down the ground looking for our full forward, Jack Collins. And Jack, with 7 glorious goals while everyone lifted their game and played like a team of champions. Retail sales went through the roof. Everybody smiling and happy, eating and drinking ... an absolutely wonderful time in the history of Footscray. Regretfully, the most was not made of the occasion for the football club. Next time maybe. I think that Geelong are more prepared and will maximise the potential.

C: *How do you relax?*

BH: Generally, at my Dromana holiday home where we also have a boathouse on the foreshore. It's a place with interesting friends and a chance to breathe fresh air from Bass Strait and beyond. For me, it's a place where the sun never sets.

C: *You have been the Rotary Club Footscray's most prolific recruiting officer. What do you look for in a potential Rotarian?*





BH: When speaking to people, I ask myself, "Am I looking at Rotary material?" I look for friendliness, reasonable intelligence, community interests and general common sense

C: *And on recruiting ... what sort of players do the Bulldogs need to recruit to snatch their second premiership?*

BH: A few champions are not enough. A team of champions are needed, playing at their very best to win a premiership.

C: *You were recently honoured by your peers in real estate. Tell me about the award.*

BH: No big deal. Just a certificate commemorating 40 years membership in the REIV and contributing to the real estate industry.

C: *Complete the following: Life is ...*

BH: ... full of opportunities and becomes an interesting and stimulating journey. With the grace of advancing medical science, 90 years is attainable. I guess 100 will become more commonplace. Then, who knows ... eternal youth.

C: *My secret talent is ...*

BH: ... if, as I'm told, I have persistence, humility, compromise and generosity, then these 'talents' have been inspired by my family and some great contact with friendly people.

C: *The way to my heart is ...*

BH: ... my wife, Betty would be more capable of answering this one. But I think that it is mainly through my family and pleasant occasions with friendly people.

C: *I am ...*

BH: ... an ordinary, somewhat motivated, former boy of Footscray who finds life at 89+ still challenging and full of opportunities.

C: *Rotary is ...*

BH: ... a worldwide organisation designed to enhance the lives of its members by participating in community service projects - nationally and internationally - to improve the health and wellbeing of people everywhere.

C: *Rotarians are ...*

BH: ... generally, an intelligent and motivated group of people committed to the principles of Rotary, inspired by helping others and enriched by the friendships created.

We didn't discuss wine as Bill said that advancing years had altered his ability to settle down for a solid session of imbibing. Then he sprung a little surprise! Tucked away in his garage was a very respectable supply of Rutherglen's finest. It seems that some of Morris's wonderful bulk port had found its way there a number of years ago *and had been bottled*. With a nod and a wink he'd extracted a cork. Just then the phone rang ... a price had been agreed and a deal had been closed. "That's great," said Bill. We settled back with some cheese and apple slices and savoured the exquisite taste of a fortified gem from Victoria's north-east.

I'm not sure if it was the 'done deal', the inner warmth of Morris's long-fermented grapes or the afternoon sun filtering through the window ... but the old lion's smiling face had a distinct glow.

It had been another good day at the office!

Rotary International Exchange 2007 / 2008

2007 M.D.B.C. International River Health Conference, Canberra, A.C.T., 13th – 16th October, 2007

Nine exchange students from District 9800 attended the conference to learn about the problems being experienced by Australia and New Zealand in poor water management and pollution. The conference points out that only 20% of Australia's population is school children, however, they represent 100% of the country's future.



The group were part of an assembly of over 400 school children from around Australia and New Zealand. They were invited to make a short presentation reflecting similar conditions in their own countries. These countries included Brazil, France, Germany, Denmark, Sweden and Finland. Their presentation would be on the last day of the conference.

They were given an opportunity to visit the War Memorial Museum and the Old and New Parliament Houses; at that time, our Prime Minister called the 2007 election. On a visit to the University of Canberra, they were given first-hand



experience on how waterways can become polluted and the flora/fauna destroyed. They attended lessons in water filtration, care for the environment, and simple lifestyle changes for reducing CO₂ emissions.

On the morning of the last day of the conference, these young representatives gave an eleven minute insight into their countries problems and how their governments are attempting to reduce and rectify each situation. These youngsters can be proud. Not only did they give a comprehensive overview of each country, they also used a language not of their own to express each point.

Without doubt, they make great ambassadors for their home countries, for Rotary International and, most importantly, for themselves. On leaving the conference, their impact was most visual by the mass of other school children wishing to say personal 'good-byes'.

In the picture, the students are: Line Boldsen Madsen – Demark, Katharina Bekemeier – Germany, Anna-Celina Henn – Germany, Marjaana (Tina) Salminen – Finland, Klas Tordell – Sweden, Jean Credoz – France, Paulo Sunairi – Brazil, Janus Vrangmose – Demark, and Camille Steverlynck – France.

Conference motto

ONE LIFE – ONE WORLD – OUR FUTURE

Notices & Events

D9800 Welcomes It's Newest Club!

The Rotary Club of Port Melbourne invites you to join them at their Charter Night on **Friday, 26 October 2007** (7.00pm for 7.30pm) at Albert by the Lake, first floor of the Bob Jane Soccer Stadium, Aughtie Drive, Albert Park. The \$65.00 cost includes a two-course meal, wine, beer, soft drink and entertainment by the Ferguson Brothers.

Enquiries can be made to Russell Stott on 0411 758 819 or russell.southmelbourne@signarama.com.au, or you can visit the Events Calendar on the D9800 website for the booking form and further information - <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/Members/EventsCalendar>.

As RC Port Melbourne are having a Charter night function on Friday, 26 October the meeting scheduled for 29 October has been cancelled, as has the 5 November meeting because it is Melbourne Cup Eve.



Bizness Babes

The Body Shop in conjunction with the Australian Government Department of Education, Science and Training has set up a project called *Bizness Babes* based on a desire to influence social change.

In conjunction with Rotary D9800 we are developing a program to provide mentoring to young mothers who want to participate in economic activity. The overall aim of the program is to build the innovation and enterprise skills of young mothers to assist in developing alternate income streams and re-engagement in local communities.

We are looking for interested Rotarians from all clubs to attend a facilitated mentoring briefing session to ensure all detail is delivered and potential mentors know what is required before final commitment.

This briefing session is to be held at International House, 6.00-9.00pm **Monday, 29 October**.

Please RSVP with name, Rotary Club, contact telephone number and email address to johnpmcm@msn.com.au by Monday, 22 October 2007, or contact John McMorro with any enquiries on 0418 387 973.

RC Carlton Meeting Advice

RC Carlton will not be holding meetings at its usual venue at Graduate House, Leicester Street, Carlton, on **Tuesday, 30 October and Tuesday, 6 November**, the latter being Cup Day.

Breakfast With Des Gleeson, Racing Victoria Chief Steward

The Rotary Club of Elsternwick are hosting a Melbourne Cup Breakfast on Wednesday, 31 October (7.00am for 7.15am) at the London Tavern, 414 Hawthorn Road, South Caulfield. Racing Victoria Chief Steward, Des Gleeson is the guest speaker. Bookings are essential (\$25 per head) and can be made by contacting Bill Matthews on 9557 4300.

RC Brimbank Central's Youth Forum – Change of Date & Venue

RC Brimbank Central is now holding its Youth Forum on **Wednesday, 31 October 2007** with the theme "It's okay to say No!". The forum will be held at 128 – 152 Furlong Rd, North Sunshine from 6.30pm for a 7.00 pm start. Cost is \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for students with ID.



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Key-Note Speakers

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Sue Renkin ~ Open Family
Jan Tully ~ Tobin Brothers
Dr Stefan Gruener ~ Odyssey House
Senior Constable Jon Reader

Subject

Youth Wellbeing
Stress
Bullying
Suicide
Victoria Police Drugs & Alcohol

Students, parents, teachers, Police, youth workers, welfare workers, counsellors and lots of Rotarians are encouraged to attend.

Please contact David Johnson on 0418 580 045 to book or Lou Gionfriddo, Program Chairman on 0411 871 978.

RC Essendon North's Business Persons' Dinner

You are invited to a special Business Persons' Dinner on **Wednesday, 31 October** at Fredricks Restaurant, 980 Mt Alexander Road, Essendon (6.00pm for 6.30pm).

Come along and network with other local business people and hear guest speaker Andrew Muir, Chairman of The Good Guys. His topic is 'Developing Points Of Difference that Leverage Competitive Advantage'.

Enquiries to Barbara on 9379 8085 (ah) or Jim on 9354 6694.

Pin & Win At the Melbourne Cup Carnival!

The Alfred Hospital has been selected as the official charity of the Victoria Racing Club for 2007 and 2008, and the recipient of proceeds from the VRC Melbourne Cup Carnival – Pin and Win Promotion.

Every Melbourne Cup Carnival lapel pins purchased will make a difference to the lives of more than 350,000 patients who are treated at The Alfred each year.

Funds raised through Pin & Win will be directed towards critical care services at The Alfred Hospital, which has developed its role as a leader in the treatment of seriously ill patients through its expertise in trauma management and other specialist services.

To maximise the potential sale of the pins, The Alfred is seeking around 400 volunteers to assist with selling of the Pins on each of the Melbourne Cup Carnival Race Days at Flemington.

- Victoria Derby Day Saturday, 3 November
- Melbourne Cup Day Tuesday, 6 November
- Oaks Day Thursday, 8 November
- Stakes Day Saturday, 10 November

Volunteers will be fully supported including:

- Briefing and training
- Uniform
- Food and drinks including lunch provided
- Free entry into the course for the whole day

To register please contact Carolyn Williams, Development Manager, The Alfred, phone 9076 3222 or email carolyn.williams@alfred.org.au

A Touch of Tuscany

Next month the Rotary Club of Bacchus Marsh is holding a special twilight event, 'A Touch of Tuscany', at Bacchus Hill Winery on **Sunday, 4 November** to raise funds for the new E.W. Tipping Foundation Respite Facility in Bacchus Marsh.

A very talented group of musicians, organised by MSO Lead Cellist, Miranda Brockman, have generously donated their time and talent to our 2007 'A Touch of Tuscany' event.

The concert features MSO musicians Miranda Brockman, Alison Rayner, and Rosia Pasteur, together with renowned classical guitarist Jochen Schubert and flautist Stephen Brockman in a unique program which includes chamber music by Schubert, Kodaly and Ysaye.

Where: Bacchus Hill Winery, 100 O'Connell Rd, Bacchus Marsh





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When: 5.30 pm - 7.30pm, Sunday 4th November 2007
Tickets: \$35 each includes concert, limited wine and finger food

For more information about this event, the E.W. Tipping Foundation, or to RSVP, please visit the Events Calendar at www.rotarydistrict.org.au/.

Antique & Collectibles Day

The Rotary Club of Brighton Beach in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Brighton invite you to an Antique & Collectibles Day on **Sunday, 11 November 2007**, to be held at the Brighton Town Hall from 10.30am – 4.30pm.

Appraisals will be done by several Members of Antique Guild, Antique Experts and Dealers. So bring along your clocks, jewellery, art, ceramics, small furniture, silverware, china, lamps, knick knacks and bric-a-brac!

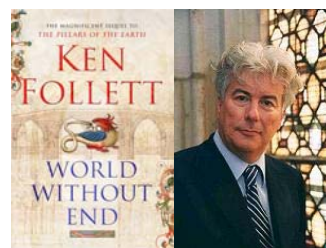
The entry is \$5 and appraisals \$5 per item. Afternoon tea, coffee, cakes etc are provided.

Enquiries: 0438 758 651 or <mailto:ken@enmin.com.au>

Dinner With Ken Follett

RC Toorak invites you to a dinner with renowned UK author, Ken Follett, 7pm for 7.30 **Monday, 12 November** at Lincoln of Toorak (Level 2, Trak Centre, 445 Toorak Road, Toorak). There is ample parking in Trak Centre car park (enter Jackson Street).

Ken Follett will launch and personally sign his sequel to *The Pillars of the Earth*. *World Without End* is one of the most anticipated books in memory and is one of the biggest releases on Pan Macmillan's list this year.



Special guest at the launch will be the Hon Jeff Kennett AC proudly supporting beyondblue.

\$95.00 per person includes two course meal and all beverages

\$950.00 table of 10

\$1140.00 table of 12

Contact Alan Freedman on 0419 357 864 or at barhampton@bigpond.com (RSVP: 5 November), or check the D9800 website to download your booking form (<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/Members/EventsCalendar>).

Potential Rotary Leaders Seminar Update

In Networker 14 we advised you of the upcoming PRLS Seminar in October. Unfortunately the two facilitators from New Zealand who are to run both the Basic PRLS and Master PRLS have not been able to get suitable flights inbound and outbound to Australia for the weekend of 20-21 October. Therefore the seminar has been moved to the PRLS training program to the weekend of **17-18 November**. The venue and times remain unchanged.

The new dates may also allow people who were not able to attend the seminar in October to now attend in November.

The original registration form can still be used to register for the November seminar – see your Club President email the District Governor).

The Master PRLS program for 9800 Rotarians is now full, however, if Rotarians from our District wish to be placed on a waiting list they may still be able to attend depending on the numbers from District 9810.

Basic PRLS will be Saturday, 17 November and the Master program will be on the Sunday, 18 November.

There are still places available for the Basic program, and Presidents-Elect are particularly encouraged to register as the timing is now ideal - it will follow on from Pre-Pets on 28 October and will give you the additional skills as you progress your year as President.

The revised closing date for registrations will be **12 November**.

PRLS is a great program and all who attend will certainly benefit from the experience.

Both Rotary Districts 9800 and 9810 have combined their resources to bring PRLS (Potential Rotary Leaders Seminar) to Melbourne for the first time. Both Districts identified in their 2007-8 strategy plan for their Districts that there was a need for additional leader training for Rotarians wishing to take on a leadership role in either their club or District. PRLS offers the opportunity to provide additional skills and training to take on a leadership role in Rotary but participants have found the information and experience provided during the seminar can also be used in their vocation.

The PRLS training concept was successfully adopted by a number of North American Districts. The program was introduced to Southern Africa and then in 2006 to Queensland. In November 2006 some of the DGE attended an orientation day for PRLS which was run by Rotarians from District 5240. DGE John Davis 9800 and Dick Garner 9810



felt that the PRLS training would be advantageous for Rotarians in their Districts and planned to introduce the training in the 2007–08 Rotary year.

We are very fortunate that we have been able to get two top PRLS presenters to run our first PRLS training courses. Laurie and Maureen Bond are both experienced Rotarians and established the PRLS programs in six Southern African Districts. Recently they have moved to New Zealand and they will visit Melbourne to assist 9800 and 9810 to establish our training programs. Laurie and Maureen will run the first courses and also help us in "Training our Trainers". We will then be able to run our own future PRLS leadership programs.

The aims of PRLS are:

- Develop leaders for Business, Home and Social life.
- Develop Rotary leaders beyond club level, Rotary at club level, and Rotary at District level.
- Grow and benefit Rotarians.
- Sell Rotary to non-Rotarians.
- Grow Rotary commitment.
- Rotary membership development and retention.

The Presidents Rotary Leadership Program (PRLS) will be held over 2 days – Basic PRLS on Saturday, 17 November and Master PRLS on Sunday, 18 November – at the Quality Inn, Tullamarine.

DG 9800 John Davis and DG 9810 Dick Garner invite you to participate in this excellent program by completing and forwarding the application form available on the D9800 website by 12 November 2007.

Places are restricted to 25 per District on Day 1 and 12 per District on Day 2 so you are encouraged to reply early as these places will fill quickly and will be processed on a first in first served basis.

Art Auction

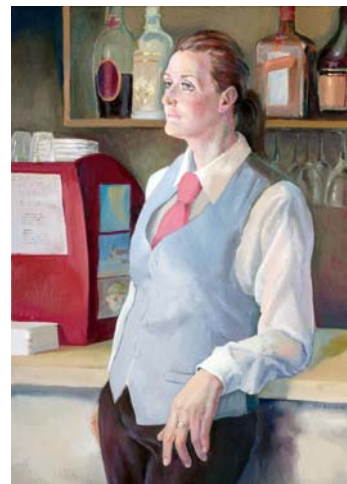
The Rotary Club of Carlton's Art Auction promotes the works of young and upcoming artists who are serious about establishing careers in the Arts, as well as established figures in the Art World. Participating artists include painters, printmakers and sculptors.

Proceeds of the Art Auction will go towards community projects.

A theme has been suggested for those Artists wishing to utilise a unifying concept: celebration of food, wine, the pleasures of the table, people at leisure--away from the daily grind, the cornucopia of our rich and fertile land, the markets, bacchanalia, street scenes. However much of the work will be of a more general nature.

Viewing days are **16 November** (9.00am – 5.00pm), **17 November** (1.00pm – 5.00pm) and **18 November** (10.00am – 3.00pm). Most works will be sold by silent auction and only between 15 and 20 major works will be auctioned in the theatre of the Royal Society, commencing at 3:00 pm on **18 November**.

For more information, please email carlton@rotaryd9800.org or visit <http://www.carltonrotary.org.au/>



*a painting by Phil Kreveld,
entitled "Louisa, at Mario's"*

Relay For Life Launch

The official launch of the 'Relay For Life' in Moorabool will be on **17 November** at the Darley Market 11am-12pm. The Bacchus Marsh, Melton and Melton Valley clubs are all involved and this event - which will be held on 29 March 2008 - should be fun and send a message of hope to cancer survivors and carers in the area. If any other clubs in the area wish to join us and form a team, please come to the launch or contact Bob Levy on 5367 3314 or at eagles_landing@hotmail.net.au. What is a Relay For Life? Check out www.relayforlife.org.au

RC Richmond Meeting Change

The Rotary Club of Richmond will meet on **Monday, 19 November 19th** at Hawthorn Receptions, 555 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn (6.30 for 7pm) for the Richmond Rotary Club's Celebratory Dinner for the Rotary Youth Arts Project.

The Royce Abbey Oration

RC Brighton is pleased to invite you to The Royce Abbey Oration to be held at Milanos, Brighton Beach at 6.15 for 6.30pm on **Thursday, 15 November**. Lady Southey A.C. formerly Lieutenant Governor of Victoria and Past President of Philanthropy Australia will give the Oration. She is a member of the Myer family of Melbourne and is involved in a number of Voluntary Organisations. Bookings are essential (\$30 per head) and can be made to Greg Biggin on 9592 7137 (fax 9593 1740), or PDG John King on 9592 9120 (fax 9592 9278, email jwking@hotmail.net.au).

Tom Hafey At Daylesford Community Fundraising Breakfast

RC Daylesford welcomes AFL legend, Tom Hafey as their guest speaker at their Community Fundraising Breakfast on **21 November 2007** from 7.00am to 8.45am, at Sault Ballan Road, Daylesford. Tom will be talking about his



sporting and media career, and funds raised will be going to the local Museum and Historical Society. RC Daylesford had a hand in establishing this Museum some 40 years ago, and the funds will be used to upgrade the facility and to place some information boards at the Lost Childrens Memorial. To book or for more information, please contact Lee on 5348 2144 or Bronwen on 5348 1112.

RI President-Elect D.K. Lee Visits Australia

President David Gibb and the Rotary Club of Ballarat South would like to invite all Rotarians throughout the District and beyond to join them for a dinner meeting at the Doherty Hotel-Ballarat Lodge, Main Road, Ballarat on **Thursday, 22 November**, 6.30 for 7.00pm.

Attending will be the very distinguished guest speaker Rotary International President-Elect, Dong Kurn Lee and his wife Young Ja. Also attending from right across Australia will be District Governors, District Governors Elect and District Governor Nominees, along with many Past Officers of Rotary International as this is part of their annual Zone Institute to be held in Ballarat during the week commencing November 18 2007.

There is seating for 500 available and partners are welcome. Cost is \$45.00 per person.

For more details or to register, please contact Secretary Desley Beechey on 5343 2318 or <mailto:deskley@bhs.org.au>.

ARHRF Dinner

The Australian Rotary Health Research Fund is putting on a dinner at the Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club on **29 November** to host eminent visiting Psychologist and Paediatric Surgeon Professor, Annette La Greca, and Christine Nixon, Chief Commissioner Victoria Police.

Matching two great speakers - a Chief Commissioner of Police, and a world acclaimed expert on children's and adolescents reactions to traumatic events (e.g. Natural disasters, terrorists attacks) – will make for a very stimulating evening.

Professor La Greca will speak on her involvement in:

- Hurricane Andrew
- September 11th terrorist attack
- Kobe Earthquake
- Helping children cope with disasters and terrorism
- 'Keeping Children Safe' project

The Chief Commissioner will speak on related matters from the police and emergency services point of view.

The primary purpose of the dinner is to stimulate debate on the subject, and to promote awareness of the work of the ARHRF by targeting Rotarians, professional groups, and the public in general.

The cost for dinner is \$65 per head, with drinks at bar prices. Because the Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club is a private club regulations governing such organisations stipulate guests will need to provide their full name and address when purchasing tickets. Please contact the ticket secretary Judy Nettleton on 9427 7233 (bh), or <mailto:aceheat@ace-heat.com.au>.

Blues Festival to Mark the 150th Anniversary of Point Cook Homestead

The Rotary Club of Laverton Point Cook will be holding a Blues Music Festival at the Point Cook Homestead on **Sunday, 10 February 2008** to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Point Cook Homestead.

Proceeds from the Festival will go towards a \$50,000 upgrade of the Point Cook Coastal Park Playground which is due for completion in March 2008.

The club is seeking support from other Rotarians in the District to help as volunteers on 10 February 2008, as the Laverton Point Cook club is only small. A crowd of around 3,000 is expected and volunteer roles include marshalling, car park, information officers, ticket sellers/checkers, set up and pack up, and general assistance. If you would like to register as a volunteer for the event, please contact Chris Egger on <mailto:cegger@ntc.gov.au> or phone 9236 5033 (bh) or 0407 846 382.

Sponsors are also being sought for the event so if you are have a business and would like to be a sponsor, please contact Emma Sutcliffe on 9395 7501 or mobile 0409 040 499 or <mailto:emmamike@bigpond.com>.



*John Ray, then Wyndham City Councillor
Leigh Barrat and John Argote from Parks Victoria*



Tee-Off With RC Altona City!

Altona City Rotary Club is holding its Sixth Annual Charity Golf Day for Very Special Kids and other local and international Rotary projects.

Commencing at 12.30pm on **Friday, 29 February 2008** (we're giving you lots of time to get your entries in before the 14 February deadline!), there will also be a presentation dinner and plenty of great prizes.

All the details, including the entry form, are available on the District website (<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/Members/EventsCalendar>) or you can call Ivan Board (9749 3808 or 0422 389 102) or Charlie Montebello (9398 4047 or 0412 257 723).

Gallipoli – The Trip Of A Lifetime

The Rotary Club of Brighton, through Rotary Foundation Matching Grant and Australian Consulate in Turkey, organised \$24,000 of assistance to the School for Blind at Gallipoli.

A launch ceremony for the high tech computer based vision enhancing equipment will be conducted at the school on 24 April 2008, together with local Rotarians.

Join Rotarians at the launch as well as the Dawn Ceremony at Anzac Cove for the experience of a lifetime.

Option 1: Seven day tour (21-28 April 2008) includes visit to the capital of three empires, Istanbul and ancient Troy.

Option 2: Three week walking tour (8-25 April 2008) tour which, apart from Istanbul, includes visits to World Heritage listed Cappadocia in central Turkey, following Roman roads in southern Turkey, Ephesus, Troy and joining with others for the launch and ceremony at Gallipoli.

If you wish, your itinerary can be rearranged according to your requirements.

To reserve a place or for further information, please contact Dr Peter Grey on 9592 9729, 0419 507 950 or <mailto:petergrey@snapsite.com.au>.

Rotary & Community Service Radio Show

This is a fantastic opportunity for your club projects to receive free promotion on the radio to the listening audience of 3WBC 94.1FM (Whitehorse Boroondara Community Radio) during the Rotary & Community Service show each Friday 6.00 – 8.00pm.

The objective of the show is to give the audience a better understanding of the projects and activities Rotary and other community service organisations support. This is another opportunity to engage the Rotary theme - Rotary Shares - by sharing the "Rotary doing good in the world" message with the listening audience.

Brian Bloomer is the Producer and Presenter of the show and is a member of the Rotary Club of Canterbury. The casual chat/interview format is interspersed with 70's, 80s and current rock/popular music thrown in for good measure, with a mostly Australian content. Brian Interviews Rotary special guests about their experiences such as Rotary Youth Exchange students, Rotary Group Study Exchange teams, Rotary club members, and special project leaders, along with many other projects in the 9800 and 9810 Districts

3WBC 94.1FM has official transmission coverage in the inner eastern suburbs of Melbourne (Kew to Box Hill and North Balwyn to Ashburton), with spill over into Melbourne City and out to Ringwood and south to parts of the Mornington Peninsular.

The promotion of your projects or events can be in the form of on-air announcements from your project flyer or an in-person interview on air.

The offer of FREE publicity is open to all clubs. Simply contact Brian on 0405 124 958 or via brian.bloomer@3wbc.org.au. You can also visit the Rotary Club of Canterbury web site - www.canterburyrotary.org - and click on the Radio Show tab for this year's program and additional information.

Featured Club

CLUB NAME: Flemington

CHARTERED: 29 April 1987

The Spring Racing Carnival ... this is 'Clarice time'. What a day and what a result. It took me back to rolling hills in County Wicklow, Ireland. The year was 19... and the object of my reminiscing was young Eoin O'Reilly. So when 'Master O'Reilly' duly greeted the judge in the Caulfield Cup, a former charming, philandering Irish boyfriend had made a small (only small) down payment on character resurrection. But I digress. Flemington is horse racing. And, as the first Tuesday nears, I felt that I had to continue my immersion in the racing scene. Where better than at Flemington and who better than Philip Templeton, president of the Rotary Club of Flemington? Philip's decision to meet at the local Irish pub 'The Quiet Man' wasn't brilliant as the first taste of Guinness always takes me back ... But



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a second and third taste and some good company put me 'back on track' ... and after all, it was 'track' and 'Flemington' that was setting the agenda. Philip read my mind and was quickly in to canter ...

C: Philip, what do you think differentiates the Rotary Club of Flemington from all the others?

PT: At this time of year a man's thoughts (and, indeed, young ladies' thoughts) turn to Spring. 'Spring' means racing. And racing means Flemington. We, at Flemington Rotary Club, watch and enjoy the world coming to us in November each year. For just over three minutes the whole of Australia focuses on Flemington, just as it has done for well over 100 years. *(I always worry about my 'focus' during the three plus hours that follow the 'three plus minutes' -C)*

C: What past projects would rank in your club's 'Hall of Fame'?

PT: Top of the Pops was our Club hosting the 1999/2000 District 9800 Conference in Canberra. Vance Hilton was the District Governor and our members certainly outdid themselves to do it right for Rotary.

C: What has your club in the pipeline for the 2007/08 Rotary year?

PT: Lots of new projects ranging from RYPEN, MUNA and local school scholarships. Our Electronic Whiteboard project to local schools is gathering pace and already the Melton Rotary Club is looking to take the project to its local schools. Healthy Living for Kids, Big Day Out ... There's lots of planning underway, Clarice. So keep your eyes open for updates in the new year.

C: Tell us about the area around the Rotary Club of Flemington - it's history the way that it is changing and developing, and any local features of note.

PT: Our club has seen a huge change in the area over the last 20 years with the gentrification of both Flemington and Kensington. Both have become 'In' suburbs for aspiring young professionals. There have been many tasteful period renovations and some cutting edge unit developments. We are so handy to the CBD, the airport and also have quick access to Geelong and beyond. With youthful singles and young families, our area has changed completely, and the café scene has hit us 'big time'. *(Well I can vouch for the meals at the pub. Try the 'Guinness and Beef Pie' ... scrumptious -C)*

C: What is the Rotary Club of Flemington's passion?

PT: Our members ... and whatever project we are into at the time!

C: If you had to liken your Club to a song title what would it be and why?

PT: Hmm ... so many spring to mind. Perhaps - 'Bohemian Rhapsody' by Queen -because we are always prepared to try something others haven't thought of *(Hmm... "Beelzebub has a devil put aside for me, for me, for me" ... yeah OK. -C)*

C: Tell me about your club meetings ... the venue, the atmosphere (formal/informal) etc.

PT: We meet at 'Quest on Epsom' - on the hill overlooking the famous racecourse and the Newmarket saleyards development - bright and early at 7.30am on Wednesday mornings. We are ferociously informal and reckon that a breakfast at the club is a 'fun' way to start the day. *(Methinks,... not the Wednesday morning after the Melbourne Cup. -C)*

C: Who are the longest serving member(s) in your club?

PT: We had our 20th anniversary in April this year and I'm proud to say that there are 6 Charter Members still active in our club. *(Sounds like a good symbolic reason to take a 6 horse trifecta in 'the Cup' ... no offence meant to the august gentlemen. -C)*

C: If there was a cheque for \$1 million made out to the Rotary Club of Flemington with a note saying, "Spend it all on worthwhile community projects or lose it", where do you think you would spend it?

PT: We would look to joint projects with International, Youth and Local Community groups to maximise the value of our dollar spent to help all those in need, both in our City and around the world.

C: If I was keen to get involved with the Rotary Club of Flemington, how would I go about making contact with the club?

PT: Check out our website or call our Membership Chairman for a new jazzy brochure on what Rotary means to us all.

After Irish coffees (yes, I know ... more Irish), Philip had to leave. I ordered another and started to muse over all things Irish. There are some Irish horses coming for the Cup ... one's called 'Scorpion' but, having already suffered an Irish 'sting', I think I'll leave him out of my selections. I needed a breathe of fresh air and wandered along Racecourse Road and then by the railway to the Kensington shopping strip. The Flemington area is a great spot and, together with the wonderful Melbourne Cup stories, I'm sure that the history is fascinating.

I suppose that Eoin O'Reilly has a strong, redheaded Irish wife and three kids by now. "So, that's that", I said aloud. But it wasn't really. I hadn't finished with the O'Reillys ... there was one more unanswered 'O'Reilly question' - and on Cup Day, I hope that Master O'Reilly can answer it for me!!!



Winner of the 1987 Melbourne Cup - Kensei



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November is Foundation Month

The Rotary Foundation: Our Charity & The Power House Behind Rotary

As long as there is a Rotary International, the name Arch Klump will be revered.

In 1917 Rotary International's 6th President, Arch C Klump, had the vision to propose the establishment of an Endowment fund in Rotary's name. Its purpose was to address the gamut of community issues worldwide - to attempt to alleviate difficulties, to improve conditions and to inspire further progress – in a tangible expression of 'Service Above Self'.

In 1928, after the endowment fund had reached US\$5,000, it was renamed the Rotary Foundation. The first grant made by the Foundation was in 1930 of an amount of US\$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children.

How proud then would Arch Klump be today? His vision is now a magnificent philanthropic institution, with assets of over US\$650 million, reaching out to assist people in over 200 countries in the world. The Rotary Foundation has become the Powerhouse of Rotary International for 'doing good in the world'.

I'm sure that you join me in feeling so proud that we have, through the Rotary Foundation, such resources at our disposal to continually engage in improving the lives of others.

This District has been a strong supporter of the Rotary Foundation for many years, both financially and by the participation of many Rotarians and non-Rotarians, in the programs of the Foundation.

The Rotary Foundation has two main streams of activity: programs and fundraising. Fundraising directly feeds program activities. The [programs](#) of The Rotary Foundation fall into three main categories: Educational Programs, which fund Ambassadorial Scholarships and cultural exchanges; Humanitarian Programs, which fund a wide variety of grant programs to assist people in developing countries; and PolioPlus, Rotary's worldwide effort to eradicate the poliomyelitis virus.

The fundraising efforts fall into two main categories: The [Annual Programs Fund](#), which supplies funds for the Educational, Cultural and Humanitarian programs; and the [Permanent Fund](#), which is Rotary's endowment — a fund where the principal is never spent and the investment earnings are channelled into designated programs. The PolioPlus program is funded through a separate restricted giving Polio Plus Fund. This was the result of an extraordinary fundraising effort in the mid-1980s when Rotarians and friends of the Foundation contributed more than US\$240 million to eradicate polio.

Polio Plus Partners, also part of the Rotary Foundation, was started in 1995 as a sub-program of Polio Plus. It supports Rotarians in the field with the hands-on projects of Polio Plus, such as immunisation, where Polio Plus funds are used to provide vaccines and medical equipment. The Polio Plus Partners Program (PPP) was developed to allow individuals, Rotary clubs and Districts the opportunity to directly contribute to particular polio eradication projects which have been submitted by fellow Rotarians. These projects are in polio endemic, importation, and high risk countries and accessed through the PPP Open Projects list. For PPP donations, the Foundation will continue to match both cash and District-designated funds(DDF) contributions US\$0.50 for every US\$1.00, up to US\$1million in 2007-8. This matching opportunity is an incentive for individuals, clubs and District to make a contribution to PolioPlus Partners in 2007-8.

What makes the Rotary Foundation unique is its three-year funding cycle and the Foundation's mechanism for program participation, known in Rotary as *SHARE*. Through the three-year cycle, funds contributed in any given year are invested for three years before being spent on programs. This ensures that all contributed dollars go directly to programs. Only investment earnings are used to pay administrative costs.

At the end of the fiscal year, each District's contributions to the Annual Programs Fund are split, with 50 percent going to the contributing District (to its District Designated Fund, or DDF) and 50 percent going to The Rotary Foundation (known as the World Fund, or WF). Districts can choose from a wide variety of options as to how they wish to spend their DDF. The Foundation uses the World Fund to pay for certain program activities available to all Rotary districts, such as Group Study Exchange Teams and World Peace Scholars. The system allows Rotary Districts and the Foundation to *SHARE* in the process of deciding how best to use Rotarians' contributions to the Foundation.



DG John Davis & Joan

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As District Governor, I urge you to take every opportunity to understand more about the various programs of the Foundation and to discuss with your fellow members exactly how your club can make a difference in the lives of others. You can do this by seeking an active engagement with the Rotary Foundation ... your **CHARITY**.

Speakers on the Foundation and its many facets can be arranged by contacting the District Foundation Chair, Chris Don. The individual programs of the Foundation, with their specific Chairperson, are listed in the 2007-8 District Information Directory.

- John Davis, District Governor

New Members

Welcome to the following new members:

- Malcolm Blandthorn, RC Bendigo, Classification: Motel Services
- David Curby, RC North Balwyn, Classification: Indigenous Programmes
- Mark Edwards, RC North Balwyn, Classification: Banking Corporate Retired
- Pam Knoff, RC Malvern, Classification: Business Management
- Glenn Reilly, RC Bendigo, Classification: Electrical Retailing
- Michael Taylor, RC Melbourne, Classification: TBA

40+ Rotarian

Don't talk about the Cox Plate. It was supposed to be different. I had three gorgeous girls in my boxed trifecta. This was to be 'our year' ... Miss Finland, Eskimo Queen and Devil Moon. Not even a place. Fancy being beaten by a horse that is supposed to finish second ... El Segundo. But I'm over that now ... there's still the Derby and the Cup. Master O'Reilly is my Cup choice but I'd also love see Miss Finland do a 'Makybe Diva'. As you can tell, I'm still in 'Spring Carnival mode'. So, it took a very special assignment to drag me away from the wonderful round of pointless luncheons and parties. That assignment was Max Ellis – longstanding member at the Rotary Club of Bendigo South, famous local signwriter and, bless him, a connoisseur of fine red wines. It was this latter quality that spurred me on to Bendigo. Good to clear my head of Spring Carnival red wine and to be going to a red wine district (???) ... Clarice you're 'losing it'.

A signwriter, eh? I've never met a signwriter. I caught up with Max, who still 'dabbles' (good signwriting word, Clarice) in the family business. The post-Calder Highway coffee he had brewing was glorious ...



C: How did you become involved with Rotary?

ME: I was invited by my brother George, who was a Charter Member of the club, to come along and see what Rotary was all about.

C: What is the biggest project you've been involved with as a Rotarian?

ME: Building the Golden Square Senior Citizens Club Rooms and cleaning up the Victoria Hill mining site in conjunction with the Deborah Mine Tourist Tram Depot.

C: What is the biggest change in Rotary that you've seen?

ME: Women in Rotary.

C: The Rotary Club of Bendigo South was chartered in May 1959. Tell me about some of the club legends whose company you've enjoyed.

ME: George Symons was notorious for falling asleep during the guest speaker's address. But he would always respectfully wake up and join in the applause at the conclusion. (As the years roll on, George was/is part of a very special and acknowledged Rotary splinter group - C)

C: What's great about the Bendigo South Rotary Club?

ME: When I was president in 1974 we had a membership of about 75 - now we have about 40 members. But we still have the same happy feel about fellowship and comradeship ... and, if I say so myself, we sing the Australian national anthem better than anyone in

Rotary! (Why am I reminded of the famous national anthem line from the movie 'Kenny' ... "Australians all let us ring Joyce ..." -C)

C: If you could have been present at a famous event in history what would you have chosen and why?

ME: The America's Cup because it was the first time America had ever been beaten in the event. They held the trophy for 132 years and had tried all sorts of tricks to make sure they kept it.



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C: *You've been a signwriter since 'forever'. I'm looking for three answers – 1) what was the most interesting sign, 2) the most challenging sign, and 3) the most unusual sign that you've done in your long career?*

ME: 1) Signwriting a large wall in the Bendigo Art Gallery with John Wolseley the artist (tracing the Wallace line). 2) Hanging from ropes and planks on the sides of the Shamrock Hotel. (*Fine, old Bendigo 'watering hole'.* – C). 3) Signwriting Tanox Paint signs before health and safety legislation was on the scene, and signwriting Epsom market on a slanting roof 300 feet long. (*Blimey !!!* – C)

C: *Do you see a relaxation of Rotary's rules and formalities as a natural progression or do you believe that "standards have dropped"?*

ME: I believe that the standards have dropped, but this was caused by the overall decline in Rotary membership. Relaxing the rules is an attempt to address the decline and counter the trend.

C: *Alan Bond started as a signwriter and 'kicked on'. When can we expect you to challenge for the America's Cup, buy into a television station and purchase a Van Gogh painting?*

ME: No, I'm going to have to give that lot a miss. I don't want to go to jail too as a consequence of achieving any of the above.

C: *You've lived in the Bendigo area for a long time. If you were encouraging a young couple to settle in Bendigo, how would you promote the area to them?*

ME: Bendigo has a great history as a gold mining city and beautiful architecture. It's the only city in Australia that's got its own bank, I think. It has its own University and the climate is great. Bendigo has first rate health services, arts and sporting facilities, fast trains to Melbourne. Importantly, Bendigo has a 'country feel' about it and its people. (*Beautifully 'sold', Maxwell.* – C)



For over 100 years The Shamrock has presided majestically over the heart of Bendigo

C: *As a younger man, how would you describe your preference in music ... Elvis and the rock 'n' roll era, the music of the 60's or something else?*

ME: I must be a bit of a square because I liked Nat King Cole and the ballads, brass band music and the big bands and classical music. (*Max, Max, Max ... well, I did say 'your preference'. Max, even if we were the same age, I don't think our paths would have crossed.* – C)

C: *How do you relax and do you have a favourite drink?*

ME: Caravanning with the caravan club and relaxing with a local red wine. (*Now you're talking ... I love Bendigo reds and must remember to 'stock up' before I head back to Melbourne.* – C)

C: *What qualities do you think a successful Rotary Club President should have?*

ME: The ability to listen and take advice from Rotarians who have been there and done it. And definitely use the Manual of Procedure.

C: *What's your tip for the Melbourne Cup and do you have a favourite football team?*

ME: Miss Finland and Carlton. (*Great, OK, let's see now, that's "brave female champion" and ... er, Carlton.* – C)

C: *Complete the following: Life is ...*

ME: ... what you make it.

C: *My secret talent is ...*

ME: ... I don't have any, I'm just a normal bloke who envies people who can sing and play a musical instrument. (*Me too.* – C)

C: *The way to my heart is ...*

ME: ... putting earphones on and listening to classical music with the sound turned up.

C: *I am ...*

ME: ... a quiet, unpretentious fellow who likes to engage in conversation and fellowship with other people (I like to play the Devil's advocate).

C: *Rotary is ...*

ME: ... a very important part of my life. It's a 'family' working for the good of others and the more you put in to its activities, the more you receive in return.

C: *Rotarians are ...*

ME: ... a diversity of people with interesting stories to tell about their careers. They bring to Rotary their experience and knowledge. It is that experience and knowledge that we can all use to become better Rotarians helping to create a better community.

I had to drive back to Melbourne, so Maxwell and I had only two glasses of a very tasty Connor Park red called 'The



Honour' ... and honourable, it was too. I am constantly impressed by the loyalty of Bendigo residents to their city. And the fact that it has supported so many Rotary clubs speaks volumes for a town that forms the backbone of Rotary District 9800.

I felt that I'd let young Max off a bit easily, so I thought I'd pick his brains before I left. A couple of important business questions, like ... how much for a sign 100 x 30cm saying "Clarice the Fox" in swirly writing? And what would it cost to have a swirly "Foxy Lady" in red along the side the Beemer? Max said he'd get back to me. But I think he would rather have tackled the 300 foot slanting roof !!

PolioPlus Partners



PolioPlus: leading the fight against polio

In an effort to continue to raise awareness of the status of global polio eradication and the ongoing, significant and urgent needs for PolioPlus Partners projects in 2007-08, a main goal of the 2007-08 PolioPlus Partners Challenge is asking all Rotary clubs and districts, Interact and Rotaract clubs to have a club program for PolioPlus Partners by March 2008.

To help achieve this goal, there is a PowerPoint presentation and speaking notes which can be used by all Rotarians. In addition, please contact and recruit fellow **'PolioPlus Supporters'** in your area and ask for help to achieve this goal.

Copies of this PowerPoint presentation and speaking notes are available upon request by e-mailing polioplus@rotary.org. The presentation is available in all nine Rotary languages: English, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, and Swedish; and it includes the following information:

- Data and statistics on the status of global polio eradication.
- What is new and being implemented through 2007-08.
- Overview of the PolioPlus Partners program and the Rotary PolioPlus Committees and Task Force that support the program.
- How Rotarians can continue to participate in PolioPlus through the 2007-08 PolioPlus Partners Challenge and PolioPlus Partners Open Projects List.

The following polio tools and resources are also available to use for PolioPlus programs in clubs, districts and Interact and Rotaract clubs:

- [RVM: Rotarian Video Magazine Vol 2 Issue 2](#) featuring Rotary's polio efforts in India
- [PolioPlus: A Gift to the Children of the World - DVD](#)
- [Weekly Rotary Foundation Thoughts](#)

- Carrie BRUCE, PolioPlus Partners, Senior Coordinator, The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International

Know An Altruist To Help Young People Into Science?

It will be hard to fill the giant-sized shoes of Jim Sonnemann, the retiring National Director of *The Siemens Science Experience*, the award winning three-day, hands-on science program conducted each year on thirty-six university campuses, aimed at all of Australia's Year 9 students.

Mr Sonnemann explained, "There are many positions in education where there is job satisfaction, but few have the positive approach and outcomes clearly evident in *The Siemens Science Experience*. The overwhelming positive evaluations from almost all participants include comments such as "An absolute blast", "Three days aren't enough", "It was awesome and I had fun", "I have never had a better three days". All coming from Year 9 students about a school-like experience!

"This has been the most positive learning environment I have experienced. All associated with the program have a real interest and desire to excite students about future study and careers in science, engineering and technology. The student participants want to be there and want to learn.

"An opportunity awaits a principal or senior administrator with a keen interest in co-ordinating a national program and in maintaining and establishing contacts with Vice Chancellors, academic and administrative staff, Rotarians, sponsors, potential corporate sponsors, parents and others to provide high quality education experiences for fifteen year olds desperate to exercise fully their intellectual skills."

Further information about this part-time position and *The Siemens Science Experience* is available on www.scienceexperience.com.au or by email to the Chairman, Assoc Prof Bob Laslett, via jim.sonnemann.ext@siemens.com (Tel 03 9721 2268).



About the Foundation

The Science Schools Foundation Inc. is an independent, non-profit incorporated association responsible for the introduction, development, management and conduct of The Siemens Science Experience nationally. The goal of the Foundation is to provide all young people with the opportunity to participate meaningfully with science and science-based activities and boost scientific and technological literacy. The Foundation's Board of Management is drawn from industry, education and community groups, with representation from Rotary International, the national sponsor Siemens, the Australian Science Teachers Association and the Young Scientists of Australia. The Foundation employs the National Director and Administration Coordinator housed at the Bayswater HQ of Siemens, the programs national sponsor. The program has won the inaugural National Sponsorship Award, and its Patron is the Chief Scientist of Australia.

Thank You Rotary For Sharing

On behalf of all of the students of the NYSF: past, present and future, their parents and their friends, I would like to thank Rotary for their ongoing support and partnership with the NYSF.

These relationships have forged possibilities for us young students, passionate about science, through which we can follow our aspirations with a clearer direction.

This opportunity creates an experience for us through which we can achieve excellence in our ambitions. It will expose us to an environment which creates and fosters the independence of thought, self-confidence and friendship.

It is with appreciation and anticipation that we all embrace this opportunity.

It is *each individual* Rotarian's time, commitment and enthusiasm that collectively provide us with the opportunity of the NYSF experience. Their support is colossal and without it, we would not have the chance to gain the insight and understanding which the forum offers.

Rotary, in sharing their passion for helping others, will help us to help others.

Rotary, in sharing their passion for selflessness and altruism, will help us to be both selfless and altruistic.

Rotary, in sharing their passion for making the world a better place, will help us to make the world a better place.

Thank you, Rotary. Thank you for sharing.

- *Blake Riley on behalf of successful NYSF applicants
Speech from NYSF Orientation Night, October 2007*

Storm The Stage – And the winner is...

The National Drama and Musical Theatre challenge of the year - 'Storm The Stage 2007' - was presented by the Burswood Entertainment Complex Perth on Friday, 26 October 2007.

It was a fabulous evening which will long be remembered by the audience and all the participants.

The Rotary Executive Committee wish to express their heartfelt thanks to all who have made this production possible, including: the sponsors; the Producer and her Production Team; members of our superb supporting acts; the participating Rotary Clubs around Australia; and the twenty finalists whose highly professional performances on the night presented such a challenge for the Judging Panel.

The Storm the Stage 2007 winners were Daniel Enright in the category of Drama and Nelson Gardner in Musical Theatre.

Bendigo-based Nelson won the Victorian state final in September before enchanting the Perth audience at the Final with his commedia dell'arte performances, including excerpts from 'Cyrano De Bergerac' and as 'Lumiere' from 'Beauty and the Beast'.

The [WA Cord Blood Bank](#) will be the main beneficiary of funds raised through Storm the Stage 2007.

To find out more about Storm the Stage, visit the website - <http://www.stormthestage.com.au/index.php>.



Nelson Gardner as 'Lumiere'



Operation Cleft Reaches The 2,000 Milestone!

The Rotary Club of Box Hill Central is proud to announce that Operation Cleft has completed its 2,000th operation providing low-cost life changing cleft lip and palate surgery to disadvantaged children and adults in the Asia region.

The project's Director, Rtn Colin Macfarlane, said, "Operation Cleft has touched the hearts of many Rotarians around Australia with 147 clubs from 16 Rotary Districts now having shown their support. Through the generosity of Rotarians, and that of many corporate and private donors, we have so far funded 2,000 surgical procedures. Operation Cleft has made a great impact on the lives of all these children and their families from Bangladesh, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, India and Laos".



Before and after: Morsheda, a young girl from Bangladesh had her life changed by Operation Cleft in February 2007

The Rotary Club of Hoppers Crossing responded to Colin's recent visit to their Club with a most generous donation of \$10,000. This money will be used for a program in Barisal, Bangladesh in November and will fund more than 50 operations.



International Director Norm Zarb, Colin Macfarlane and President Ron Holman

Operation Cleft is an international project of the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central and is proudly supported by The Glencoe Foundation that pays for all overheads and fundraising costs resulting in 100% of every dollar donated being used for operations.

"Millions of children have untreated clefts that can lead to deafness, dental problems and malnutrition. Many have difficulty eating, are unable to speak clearly and suffer social isolation due to their facial deformity," Colin said. "The cost per operation that varies between just \$150 and \$200 is incredibly modest in our terms but is far beyond the means of families of in these poor countries".

Colin and other members of the Operation Cleft team are available to speak at Rotary Clubs throughout Australia. For further information please contact Colin on 0419 358 143 or at info@operationcleft.org.au and www.operationcleft.org.au

Save Water Save Lives – Update

In August 2006 Peter McGrath visited East Timor and spent one week with Daryl Mills (the Rotary L.O.) looking at potential projects. Two projects have been registered (refer to Camberwell below, which has taken on one). There is also the potential for three more projects.

The **Rotary Club of Camberwell** provided \$A6,600.00 for a water supply project for the Bidau Lecidere Orphanage in Dili, East Timor. The funds have been transferred to Dili and the project is currently under way. While town water is connected to the orphanage, there are extremely long periods without the town supply. The orphanage houses about 70 children and a number of adults.

The **Rotary Club of Wyndham** sent a team to Goroka in the Central Highlands of PNG and supplied a village with water from a spring. They first made a water retention point at the spring, then laid pipes to the village, thus establishing a regular supply of clean water.

The **Rotary Club of Brighton Beach** with funding from a matching grant of \$US30,000 making a total of (\$US43,000.00) provided a fresh water supply to three villages in the Philippines. The water was sourced from one spring, approx 15 kilometres of pipe was laid and once completed has provided 8,000 families with clean, fresh water. Colin Burns from the **Rotary Club of Bendigo** will shortly be visiting Tonga on a project, but whilst there will be looking at what is required in the way of maintenance to water tanks that were erected by Rotary District 9800 about 10 years ago.

*- Peter McGrath, Co-ordinator District 9800
Safe Water Save Lives*

If you want to be on my team you can take me anywhere - as long as it's forward!

- Wes Truscott



Notices & Events

Melbourne Cup Sweep & Fun Day!

RC Point Gellibrand is hosting a Melbourne Cup Sweep and fun Day on Sunday, 4 November, 1.00pm - 6.30pm at 7 Waters Edge (courtesy of Russell and Mary Soppitt). There will be a Cup Sweep with horses drawn during the day, phantom calls raffles, snails, and a race-day atmosphere so dress up and join in the fun!

The \$100 Sweep includes a BBQ lunch and drinks for two with \$1000 prize money for the winner, \$300 for second and \$150 for third. The \$50 Sweep includes a BBQ lunch and drinks for one and \$500 prize money for the winner, \$150 for second and \$75 for third. Non-betting visitors are also welcome at \$20 per head.

Contact Russell Soppitt (9397 6424, 0419 896 839, 9397 7965), Peter Sadler (0412 515 922) or email soppitt7@bigpond.com.

Sunday Car Market



The Rotary Club of Melton invites you to come and buy, sell or just have a look at their Sunday Car Market, **4 November** from 9.00am to 4.00pm in the Civic Centre Car Park. There will also be a sausage sizzle with help from RC Melton Valley.

Contact Ray on 0488 159 587 or 9743 2403, or Colin on 9743 5507. To book a space to sell your car, visit the website www.vicnet.net.au/~rcmelton (registered and roadworthy vehicles only).

RC Port Melbourne Meeting Advice

The newly chartered Rotary Club of Port Melbourne is joining with RC Melbourne South on **Monday 5 November** (Melbourne Cup Eve) for dinner at Beachcombers Restaurant, St Kilda Baths Complex, St Kilda, 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Please call Gail Loveridge on 9681 7791 or Warren Parker on 9592 4644 with any queries.

RC Williamstown Meeting Advice

RC Williamstown will not be holding their regular meeting on **6 November** as it is Melbourne Cup Day.

Fun In A Melton Garden

Visit a unique Melton garden on **Sunday, 11 November** at 10 Greenstead Amble, Kurunjang from 10.00am to 4.00pm. There will be a wonderful display of Classic Cars courtesy of the 1959-61 Ford Fairlane and Classic Cruisers Club of Australia, obtain back copies of Gardening Magazines and enjoy the sausage sizzle! Entry is \$5 per person (children under 15 free) and all proceeds will be donated to The Rotary Foundation and Dying With Dignity.



A Touch of Tuscany

Next month the Rotary Club of Bacchus Marsh is holding a special twilight event, '*A Touch of Tuscany*', at Bacchus Hill Winery on **Sunday, 4 November** to raise funds for the new E.W. Tipping Foundation Respite Facility in Bacchus Marsh.

A very talented group of musicians, organised by MSO Lead Cellist, Miranda Brockman, have generously donated their time and talent to our 2007 '*A Touch of Tuscany*' event.

The concert features MSO musicians Miranda Brockman, Alison Rayner, and Rosia Pasteur, together with renowned classical guitarist Jochen Schubert and flautist Stephen Brockman in a unique program which includes chamber music by Schubert, Kodaly and Ysaye.

Where: Bacchus Hill Winery, 100 O'Connell Rd, Bacchus Marsh

When: 5.30 pm - 7.30pm, Sunday 4th November 2007

Tickets: \$35 each includes concert, limited wine and finger food

For more information about this event, the E.W. Tipping Foundation, or to RSVP, please visit the Events Calendar at www.rotarydistrict.org.au/.

Pin & Win At the Melbourne Cup Carnival!

The Alfred Hospital has been selected as the official charity of the Victoria Racing Club for 2007 and 2008, and the recipient of proceeds from the VRC Melbourne Cup Carnival – Pin and Win Promotion.

Every Melbourne Cup Carnival lapel pins purchased will make a difference to the lives of more than 350,000 patients who are treated at The Alfred each year.



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Funds raised through Pin & Win will be directed towards critical care services at The Alfred Hospital, which has developed its role as a leader in the treatment of seriously ill patients through its expertise in trauma management and other specialist services.

To maximise the potential sale of the pins, The Alfred is seeking around 400 volunteers to assist with selling of the Pins on each of the Melbourne Cup Carnival Race Days at Flemington.

- Victoria Derby Day Saturday, 3 November
- Melbourne Cup Day Tuesday, 6 November
- Oaks Day Thursday, 8 November
- Stakes Day Saturday, 10 November

Volunteers will be fully supported including:

- Briefing and training
- Uniform
- Food and drinks including lunch provided
- Free entry into the course for the whole day



To register please contact Carolyn Williams, Development Manager, The Alfred, phone 9076 3222 or email carolyn.williams@alfred.org.au

Antique & Collectibles Day

The Rotary Club of Brighton Beach in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Brighton invite you to an Antique & Collectibles Day on **Sunday, 11 November 2007**, to be held at the Brighton Town Hall from 10.30am – 4.30pm.

Appraisals will be done by several Members of Antique Guild, Antique Experts and Dealers. So bring along your clocks, jewellery, art, ceramics, small furniture, silverware, china, lamps, knick knacks and bric-a-brac!

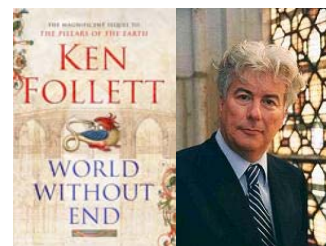
The entry is \$5 and appraisals \$5 per item. Afternoon tea, coffee, cakes etc are provided.

Enquiries: 0438 758 651 or mailto:ken@enmin.com.au

Dinner With Ken Follett

RC Toorak invites you to a dinner with renowned UK author, Ken Follett, 7pm for 7.30 **Monday, 12 November** at Lincoln of Toorak (Level 2, Trak Centre, 445 Toorak Road, Toorak). There is ample parking in Trak Centre car park (enter Jackson Street).

Ken Follett will launch and personally sign his sequel to *The Pillars of the Earth*. *World Without End* is one of the most anticipated books in memory and is one of the biggest releases on Pan Macmillan's list this year.



Special guest at the launch will be the Hon Jeff Kennett AC proudly supporting beyondblue.

\$95.00 per person includes two course meal and all beverages

\$950.00 table of 10

\$1140.00 table of 12

Contact Alan Freedman on 0419 357 864 or at barhampton@bigpond.com (RSVP: 5 November), or check the D9800 website to download your booking form (<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/Members/EventsCalendar>).

Michael Gawenda Speaker At The PHF Breakfast

Triple Walkley Award journalist and former Editor-in-Chief of *The Age*, Michael Gawenda, will address guests at the Annual Rotary Foundation Paul Harris Breakfast at the RACV Club in the city, Level 17, 501 Bourke Street, on **13 November 2007**. This is a District-wide event to which all Paul Harris Fellows are especially invited, together with other Rotarians and guests. Starting time is 7.15 am, conclusion 9.00 am. Cost is \$50.00. To book, please contact Richard Mitchell, tel 9642 8935, fax 9642 4800, email mitchco@bigpond.net.au.

Michael Gawenda will speak on his experiences from 2004 as Washington correspondent for *The Age* and *The Sydney Morning Herald*, and in particular about reporting on Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans and his newly published book, *American Notebook*.

Clubs are urged to encourage all PHFs to attend this function, at which they will be acknowledged, and to support the Rotary Foundation by organising tables. However individual guests will also be appropriately seated. Parking is available the RACV Club at a cost of \$11 until 9.30 am.



Potential Rotary Leaders Seminar Update

In Networker 14 we advised you of the upcoming PRLS Seminar in October. Unfortunately the two facilitators from New Zealand who are to run both the Basic PRLS and Master PRLS have not been able to get suitable flights inbound and outbound to Australia for the weekend of 20-21 October. Therefore the seminar has been moved to the PRLS training program to the weekend of **17-18 November**. The venue and times remain unchanged.

The new dates may also allow people who were not able to attend the seminar in October to now attend in November.

The original registration form can still be used to register for the November seminar – see your Club President email the District Governor).

The Master PRLS program for 9800 Rotarians is now full, however, if Rotarians from our District wish to be placed on a waiting list they may still be able to attend depending on the numbers from District 9810.

Basic PRLS will be Saturday, 17 November and the Master program will be on the Sunday, 18 November.

There are still places available for the Basic program, and Presidents-Elect are particularly encouraged to register as the timing is now ideal - it will follow on from Pre-Pets on 28 October and will give you the additional skills as you progress your year as President.

The revised closing date for registrations will be **12 November**.

PRLS is a great program and all who attend will certainly benefit from the experience.

Both Rotary Districts 9800 and 9810 have combined their resources to bring PRLS (Potential Rotary Leaders Seminar) to Melbourne for the first time. Both Districts identified in their 2007-8 strategy plan for their Districts that there was a need for additional leader training for Rotarians wishing to take on a leadership role in either their club or District. PRLS offers the opportunity to provide additional skills and training to take on a leadership role in Rotary but participants have found the information and experience provided during the seminar can also be used in their vocation.

The PRLS training concept was successfully adopted by a number of North American Districts. The program was introduced to Southern Africa and then in 2006 to Queensland. In November 2006 some of the DGE attended an orientation day for PRLS which was run by Rotarians from District 5240. DGE John Davis 9800 and Dick Garner 9810 felt that the PRLS training would be advantageous for Rotarians in their Districts and planned to introduce the training in the 2007-08 Rotary year.

We are very fortunate that we have been able to get two top PRLS presenters to run our first PRLS training courses. Laurie and Maureen Bond are both experienced Rotarians and established the PRLS programs in six Southern African Districts. Recently they have moved to New Zealand and they will visit Melbourne to assist 9800 and 9810 to establish our training programs. Laurie and Maureen will run the first courses and also help us in "Training our Trainers". We will then be able to run our own future PRLS leadership programs.

The aims of PRLS are:

- Develop leaders for Business, Home and Social life.
- Develop Rotary leaders beyond club level, Rotary at club level, and Rotary at District level.
- Grow and benefit Rotarians.
- Sell Rotary to non-Rotarians.
- Grow Rotary commitment.
- Rotary membership development and retention.

The Presidents Rotary Leadership Program (PRLS) will be held over 2 days – Basic PRLS on Saturday, 17 November and Master PRLS on Sunday, 18 November – at the Quality Inn, Tullamarine.

DG 9800 John Davis and DG 9810 Dick Garner invite you to participate in this excellent program by completing and forwarding the application form available on the D9800 website by 12 November 2007.

Places are restricted to 25 per District on Day 1 and 12 per District on Day 2 so you are encouraged to reply early as these places will fill quickly and will be processed on a first in first served basis.

Art Auction

The Rotary Club of Carlton's Art Auction promotes the works of young and upcoming artists who are serious about establishing careers in the Arts, as well as established figures in the Art World. Participating artists include painters, printmakers and sculptors.

Proceeds of the Art Auction will go towards community projects.

A theme has been suggested for those Artists wishing to utilise a unifying concept: celebration of food, wine, the pleasures of the table, people at leisure--away from the daily grind, the cornucopia of our rich and fertile land, the markets, bacchanalia, street scenes. However much of the work will be of a more general nature.

Viewing days are **16 November** (9.00am – 5.00pm), **17 November** (1.00pm – 5.00pm) and **18 November** (10.00am – 3.00pm). Most works will be sold by silent auction and only between 15 and 20 major works will be auctioned in the theatre of the Royal Society, commencing at 3:00 pm on **18 November**. For more information, please email carlton@rotaryd9800.org or visit <http://www.carltonrotary.org.au/>



Relay For Life Launch

The official launch of the 'Relay For Life' in Moorabool will be on **17 November** at the Darley Market 11am-12pm. The Bacchus Marsh, Melton and Melton Valley clubs are all involved and this event - which will be held on 29 March 2008 - should be fun and send a message of hope to cancer survivors and carers in the area. If any other clubs in the area wish to join us and form a team, please come to the launch or contact Bob Levy on 5367 3314 or at eagles_landing@hotmail.net.au. What is a Relay For Life? Check out www.relayforlife.org.au

RC Richmond Meeting Change

The Rotary Club of Richmond will meet on **Monday, 19 November 19th** at Hawthorn Receptions, 555 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn (6.30 for 7pm) for the Richmond Rotary Club's Celebratory Dinner for the Rotary Youth Arts Project.

The Royce Abbey Oration

RC Brighton is pleased to invite you to The Royce Abbey Oration to be held at Milanos, Brighton Beach at 6.15 for 6.30pm on **Thursday, 15 November**. Lady Southey A.C. formerly Lieutenant Governor of Victoria and Past President of Philanthropy Australia will give the Oration. She is a member of the Myer family of Melbourne and is involved in a number of Voluntary Organisations. Bookings are essential (\$30 per head) and can be made to Greg Biggin on 9592 7137 (fax 9593 1740), or PDG John King on 9592 9120 (fax 9592 9278, email jwking@hotmail.net.au).

Tom Hafey At Daylesford Community Fundraising Breakfast

RC Daylesford welcomes AFL legend, Tom Hafey as their guest speaker at their Community Fundraising Breakfast on **21 November 2007** from 7.00am to 8.45am, at Sault Ballan Road, Daylesford. Tom will be talking about his sporting and media career, and funds raised will be going to the local Museum and Historical Society. RC Daylesford had a hand in establishing this Museum some 40 years ago, and the funds will be used to upgrade the facility and to place some information boards at the Lost Children's Memorial. To book or for more information, please contact Lee on 5348 2144 or Bronwen on 5348 1112.

RI President-Elect D.K. Lee Visits Australia

President David Gibb and the Rotary Club of Ballarat South would like to invite all Rotarians throughout the District and beyond to join them for a dinner meeting at the Doherty Hotel-Ballararat Lodge, Main Road, Ballarat on **Thursday, 22 November**, 6.30 for 7.00pm.

Attending will be the very distinguished guest speaker Rotary International President-Elect, Dong Kurn Lee and his wife Young Ja. Also attending from right across Australia will be District Governors, District Governors Elect and District Governor Nominees, along with many Past Officers of Rotary International as this is part of their annual Zone Institute to be held in Ballarat during the week commencing November 18 2007.

There is seating for 500 available and partners are welcome. Cost is \$45.00 per person.

For more details or to register, please contact Secretary Desley Beechey on 5343 2318 or mailto:deskley@bhs.org.au.

ARHRF Dinner

The Australian Rotary Health Research Fund is putting on a dinner at the Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club on **29 November** to host eminent visiting Psychologist and Paediatric Surgeon Professor, Annette La Greca, and Christine Nixon, Chief Commissioner Victoria Police.

Matching two great speakers - a Chief Commissioner of Police, and a world acclaimed expert on children's and adolescents reactions to traumatic events (e.g. Natural disasters, terrorists attacks) - will make for a very stimulating evening.

Professor La Greca will speak on her involvement in:

- Hurricane Andrew
- September 11th terrorist attack
- Kobe Earthquake
- Helping children cope with disasters and terrorism
- 'Keeping Children Safe' project

The Chief Commissioner will speak on related matters from the police and emergency services point of view.

The primary purpose of the dinner is to stimulate debate on the subject, and to promote awareness of the work of the ARHRF by targeting Rotarians, professional groups, and the public in general.

The cost for dinner is \$65 per head, with drinks at bar prices. Because the Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club is a private club regulations governing such organisations stipulate guests will need to provide their full name and address when purchasing tickets. Please contact the ticket secretary Judy Nettleton on 9427 7233 (bh), or mailto:aceheat@ace-heat.com.au.



The Variety Clubs Christmas Party For Special Children



The Rotary Club of Essendon North invites you to help out with the Variety Clubs Christmas Party for Special Children. The set up day is **Tuesday 11 December 2007** and the party is on **Wednesday, 12 December**.

Rotary club members who wish to participate in this most worthy event this year, please contact Events Australia for the current application forms (Events Australia, 407 City Road, South Melbourne Vic 3205. Ph: 9929 4407, Fax: 9699 4655. Email: lauren@eventsaust.com.au).

Please contact Jim Thompson of RC Essendon North on 9354 6694 with any queries.

Blues Festival to Mark the 150th Anniversary of Point Cook Homestead

The Rotary Club of Laverton Point Cook will be holding a Blues Music Festival at the Point Cook Homestead on **Sunday, 10 February 2008** to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Point Cook Homestead.

Proceeds from the Festival will go towards a \$50,000 upgrade of the Point Cook Coastal Park Playground which is due for completion in March 2008.

The club is seeking support from other Rotarians in the District to help as volunteers on 10 February 2008, as the Laverton Point Cook club is only small. A crowd of around 3,000 is expected and volunteer roles include marshalling, car park, information officers, ticket sellers/checkers, set up and pack up, and general assistance. If you would like to register as a volunteer for the event, please contact Chris Egger on mailto:cegger@ntc.gov.au or phone 9236 5033 (bh) or 0407 846 382.

Sponsors are also being sought for the event so if you are have a business and would like to be a sponsor, please contact Emma Sutcliffe on 9395 7501 or mobile 0409 040 499 or mailto:emmamike@bigpond.com.



*John Ray, then Wyndham City Councillor
Leigh Barrat and John Argote from Parks Victoria*

Tee-Off With RC Altona City!

Altona City Rotary Club is holding its Sixth Annual Charity Golf Day for Very Special Kids and other local and international Rotary projects.

Commencing at 12.30pm on **Friday, 29 February 2008** (we're giving you lots of time to get your entries in before the 14 February deadline!), there will also be a presentation dinner and plenty of great prizes.

All the details, including the entry form, are available on the District website (<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/Members/EventsCalendar>) or you can call Ivan Board (9749 3808 or 0422 389 102) or Charlie Montebello (9398 4047 or 0412 257 723).

Gallipoli – The Trip Of A Lifetime

The Rotary Club of Brighton, through Rotary Foundation Matching Grant and Australian Consulate in Turkey, organised \$24,000 of assistance to the School for Blind at Gallipoli.

A launch ceremony for the high tech computer based vision enhancing equipment will be conducted at the school on 24 April 2008, together with local Rotarians.

Join Rotarians at the launch as well as the Dawn Ceremony at Anzac Cove for the experience of a lifetime.

Option 1: Seven day tour (21-28 April 2008) includes visit to the capital of three empires, Istanbul and ancient Troy.

Option 2: Three week walking tour (8-25 April 2008) tour which, apart from Istanbul, includes visits to World Heritage listed Cappadocia in central Turkey, following Roman roads in southern Turkey, Epheusus, Troy and joining with others for the launch and ceremony at Gallipoli.

If you wish, your itinerary can be rearranged according to your requirements.

To reserve a place or for further information, please contact Dr Peter Grey on 9592 9729, 0419 507 950 or mailto:petergrey@snapsite.com.au.

Quip Corner

"I'm willing to admit that I may not always be right, but I am never wrong."



Featured Club

CLUB NAME: Brighton

CHARTERED: 24 September 1973

"...and recently widowed Brighton ladies wear black tennis dresses". This was the awful 'Brighton joke' that I couldn't get out of my head as I drove down Bay Street, Brighton. I was heading for an interview with Rotary Club President, David Efron and I really had to alter my mind set. The all male Rotary Club of Brighton ... The Titan of Testosterone, The Bastion of Boyhood, The Palace of ... stop it, Clarice! Despite having entered strange territory in my newly scrubbed Beemer, there seemed to be newer and more shiny relatives everywhere. I slunk into a back street, practised my winning smile and confidently strode to our prearranged meeting point. It always happens ... I was ready for a bit of a stoush on behalf of my sisters, but David completely disarmed me as he escorted me to lovely table overlooking the street. "Great body watching", I thought. But, I was here to work and no amount of scenery or charm was going to dissuade me. I was already forming my headline, "*Clarice Storms Blokey Brighton*"...



The Royal Brighton Yacht Club is home to RC Brighton

C: So David, what differentiates the Rotary Club of Brighton from all others?

DE: Fellowship, atmosphere and camaraderie ... and the undoubted ability to attract new members.

C: What past projects would rank in your club's 'Hall of Fame'?

DE: 'Drains To The Bay' – a huge project which received great community and government support and provided a great clean up result; Life Education Caravans (a RC of Brighton initiative); 'Kids under Cover' house at Hampton; and, Family Violence Program (also a Brighton initiative).

C: What does your club have in the pipeline for the 2007/08 Rotary year?

DE: Providing a bus for 'Open Family'; Annual Sportsmen's Night - this year it's entitled "Brownlow Legends Brighton" – with participants including Jim Stynes, Michael Voss, James Hird and Kevin Sheedy with MC Sam Kekovich; a corporate lunch with the John Ilhan Allergy Foundation; In Gallipoli - establishment of a technical school with assistance from RI and the Australian government; and, The Royce Abbey Oration on 15 November (call for details).

C: Tell us about the area around the Rotary Club of Brighton - the way that it is changing and developing and any local features of note.

DE: The Brighton area is contrasted by areas of obvious affluence and also pockets of poverty and social needs.

C: What is the Rotary Club of Brighton's passion?

DE: The three F's – Fun, Fellowship and Funds.

C: I see that you're the third largest Rotary club in Australia. Do you think that not having any female members has contributed to your exceptionally strong membership?

DE: Yes. (*The Clarice response ... intake of breath followed by gasp, splutter and "I think I need a drink". But, in the finest traditions of journalistic impartiality, I moved on. –C*)

C: If you had to liken your Club to a film title what would it be and why?

DE: The 1957 Stanley film (*I just knew it would be a film from the 1950's. –C*), "On The Beach" ... shot in Melbourne. Our emphasis is on Location, Community and Club Stability. And we're here to stay when all others are gone. (... think of the film).

C: In the Brighton club, does anyone have an unusual or exotic job or hobby?

DE: Tom Buxton is a model railways nut. Wayne Styles restores Austin 7's. Phil Mellett is a round-the-world yachtsman (currently 'on leave' sailing).

C: Who is/are the longest serving member(s) in your club?

DE: We have 8 charter members: Jack Joel, John Akhurst, Ted Wall-Smith, Rob Tucker, Ian Stevenson, Merv Deutcher, Peter Johns and Robert Ward.

C: Over the years there must have been some interesting events and characters along the way. What are some weird, funny events and/or characters that you could mention?



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DE: At a certain Rotary Conference, RC Brighton won the 'Attendance Award'. Returning home on the coach, it was discovered that the award was lost. It was eventually found in the Conference city at a 'House of Ill Repute'. Club member Michael Jess, who is of German origin, wore a polo neck jumper to a Club meeting. The sergeant moved like a gazelle and immediately dubbed Michael 'an out of work U-Boat commander'. The joke went on for some time, much to Michael's chagrin. Jack Joel sailed his boat to Hobart. Following an afternoon spin on the Derwent (with much libation), Jack returned to his docking point to find that a ferry had taken his spot. An 'overly deft manoeuvre' by Jack saw his craft hit the ferry, breaking a couple of windows in the process. The captain broke the Hobart 'sea salt expletive' record. But Jack certainly held up his end. There was resolution 'of sorts' when a lawyer passenger of Jack's pointed out that perhaps the ferry's non-reinforced windows breached safety regulations. All ended happily with Jack and the ferry captain becoming mates and putting in a Herculean evening performance over one or thirty drinks. *(I want to go out sailing with Jack, -C)*

C: *The suburb of beaches and bathing boxes and the subject of 'Brighton jokes' that infer that 'Brighton is different'. Is that real or imagined? Fair or unfair?*

DE: Oh, eminently fair. We are magnificently different. There's no doubt that by any fair, reasonable, objective assessment we're a bunch of high achieving, larrikin prima donnas. *(That was a scary moment, David. Thank God for 'prima donnas' the 'w' word hung menacingly in the air for a full 10 seconds. -C)*



C: *If there was a cheque for \$1 million made out to the Rotary Club of Brighton with a note saying, "Spend it all on worthwhile community projects or lose it", where do you think would you spend it?*

DE: Bayley House – a centre for the intellectually disabled; Brighton Recreation Centre; Brighton Benevolent Society; Kids Under Cover; Australian Rotary Health; and, overseas involvement in 3H programs.

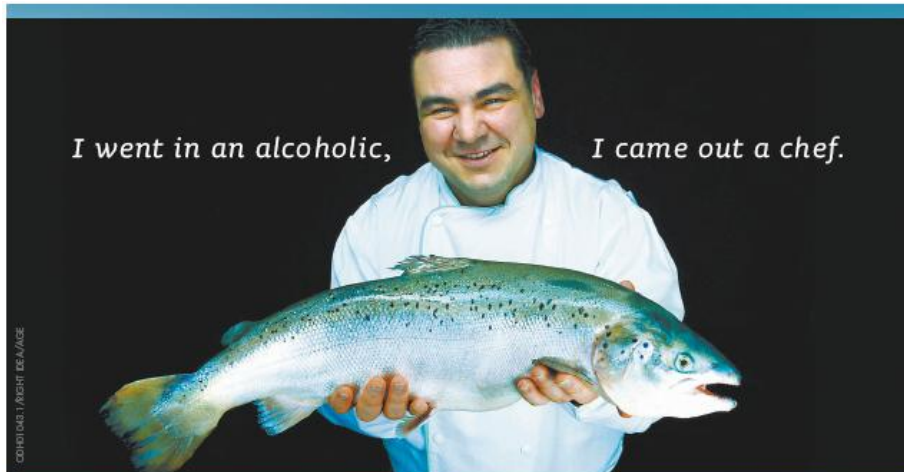
C: *If I was keen to get involved with the Rotary Club of Brighton, how would I go about making contact with the club?*

DE: Contact myself or our secretary and certainly view our dynamic new website.

David had to go and I thought I'd take the opportunity to 'shop in Brighton'. How does Clarence sound? No ... I didn't think so. But it's the only way I can be accepted into the Rotary Club of Brighton. I am absolutely taken by the Rotary Club's obvious togetherness and their great sense of fun. The size of the membership, the impressive projects and the obvious delight they get from their involvement is a great tribute to them.

Brighton itself is great!! I didn't see one 50 year old woman trying to be 30. Also, none of the restaurant patrons looked to be heading for long, languorous lunches. There was plenty of industry and commerce. Young mums were everywhere. I met a lovely tweedy old couple who'd lived in Brighton for 60 years ... they bought in for 'a song' and would never leave.

I was just about to go home when I saw it. "Yes ...a black tennis dress". To be fair, the store also had red, blue and yellow ones. But the black one with the crocheted designer label was definitely 'me'. Yep, the perfect outfit. I was now ready for a windswept fun-filled day on Jack's boat...



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