



# NETWORKER



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## February is World Understanding Month

### Time for a Group Study Exchange

Rotarians I want to let you know that this month, World Understanding Month, that I am really EXCITED. There is so much going on in Rotary this month that everyone should be excited.

Why is this month any different to all the other months in the Rotary Calendar? Firstly, we have the arrival of six highly qualified and talented ladies, members of the Group Study Exchange Team from Southern Spain, District 2203.

This year's incoming GSE Team will spend the next four weeks visiting our District and being hosted by nine of our clubs from City Central, Suburban Melbourne, through Country Victoria at Bendigo and Rochester and all the way to the Boarder at Echuca-Moama. Our GSE Chair Dennis Shore, together with his GSE committee and enthusiastic club GSE co-ordinators, has put together an outstanding Vocational program mixed with a cultural experience that our visitors from Spain will never forget.



DG Colin Muir and Pauline

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The GSE program of the Rotary Foundation is a unique cultural and Vocational exchange opportunity for young business and professional men and women between the ages of 25 to 40. So, what better way to introduce World Understanding Month than with a cultural and vocational exchange such as this.

I am extremely proud of the way the clubs in this District have responded to my request for support of this year's GSE program. This is shown by the outstanding response to the welcome dinner, being hosted by RC of Brighton Beach. The dinner is a total sell out: there is not a seat left in the house. With this news of a full house, is it any wonder that I am excited?

However, I would like to take this opportunity to extend a very warm welcome to our visitors and I hope all our members have the opportunity to enjoy their company at some stage during their visit with us.

The second reason for my exuberance is that there is only 30 days to go to our District Conference in Perth. The countdown to Conference begins with a cocktail function, hosted by our major sponsor Lexus of Blackburn, at their showroom in Blackburn next Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 10, commencing at 6:00PM. Everybody is welcome to attend. The Early Bird raffle prize will be drawn by Lexus Dealer Principal Mr Andrew Moore during the evening so come and enjoy a little bit of pre-conference fellowship.

The conference website has been refreshed, with a special offer or two, something that may interest those Rotarians who are still undecided.

So take a look and register now for the Best Conference Ever - **PERTH 2010**.

Colin Muir

District Governor





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## Australia Day in Rochester

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The Rotary Club of Rochester was part of an independent committee which presented a flag-raising ceremony, awards, entertainment and a dinner to mark Australia Day.

DG Colin Muir was guest speaker at the morning flag-raising, and he presented several awards. In our photo, Tahlia Pain, Prep, Rochester Primary School, is receiving an award for the Australia Day Poster Colouring Competition.

The highlight for Rotary members of Club of Rochester was to see their Secretary Graeme Nelson receive a Certificate of Recognition for services to Youth and Road Safety.

At the well attended Australia Day Dinner, Shire of Campaspe Mayor Cr Peter Williams announced that Rotary Club of Rochester had won the Local Arts Award and were the winners of the Campaspe Shire Arts Person/Group of the Year. PP Heather Watson accepted the awards.

In all, it was a very pleasing result for the Rotary Club of Rochester.



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## Rotarians Focus on Haiti Relief

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*By Ryan Hyland  
Rotary International News -- 22 January 2010*

Rotary clubs and districts worldwide are mobilizing resources to deliver urgently needed relief to the millions affected by Haiti's devastating earthquake.

District 7020, which includes Haiti, has flown in 55 planes filled with more than 50,000 pounds of medical equipment and supplies into the cities of Pignon and Port-de-Paix to bypass logistical problems in the hard-hit capital of Port-au-Prince.

The United Nations estimates that more than half of the buildings in the capital have collapsed. About 200,000 people are dead and millions more homeless.



"Rotary had an incredible infrastructure established before the quake, which has made our relief efforts very effective," says Dick McCombe, past district governor and Haiti liaison chair. "We're flying in supplies through backdoor channels and doing things a lot of agencies can't do."

The district's Haiti Task Force, set up two years ago to administer all financial aid to the nation, is working with local clubs to deliver aid to Port-au-Prince and those who have taken refuge in the countryside.

McCombe says Rotary was in a good position to help in Haiti, with 33 projects already underway to provide water, sanitation, medical care, and education.

Within the next two weeks, McCombe says, a barge will be hired to transport 20 to 30 tons of clothes, blankets, folding beds, and other items to Haiti from Nassau, Bahamas.

- The Rotary Foundation has established the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund, a donor advised fund primarily for U.S. Rotarians who want to donate toward recovery efforts. The fund has raised more than \$100,000 so far.





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## ShelterBox Responds

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[ShelterBox](#) has already delivered more than 3,300 containers to Haiti, with another 1,000 or more scheduled to be deployed.

"This is the largest, quickest, and most complex deployment in our history," says John Leach, head of operations for ShelterBox. "We organized across four countries to get ShelterBoxes to the people of Haiti quickly."

Each box contains a tent that houses 10 people as well as a stove, blankets, and other essential items.

Doctors have been using supplies from the containers to treat the injured. Hospitals in the capital city are using the tents to provide emergency shelter for postoperative patients.

"There's hundreds of thousands of people that are injured. The walking wounded are everywhere," says Mark Pearson, one of three ShelterBox response team members in Haiti. "People are getting taken to hospital now, eight, nine days later."



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## "Rotary Leader" Makes its Debut

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Canterbury Rotary Club featured in the first issue of Rotary International's electronic magazine, *The Leader*.

***Australian club makes use of the airwaves.***

*A weekly radio show based on Rotary? That's what most club presidents would call an ideal opportunity. Brian Bloomer, president of the Rotary Club of Canterbury, Victoria, Australia, produces the Rotary and Community Service radio show on a local station.*

Below, Brian Bloomer and DG Colin Muir relax after last September's show.



Read more about it at *The Leader*:

<http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/b53b88fd#/b53b88fd/3>

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## Welcome New Members

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RC Central Melbourne-Sunrise welcomes:  
Cathryn ELLIS. Classification - Consulting Engineering-Management







## Brazilian Exchange Students Arrive



Rotary Club of Melton Valley were part of the welcoming committee for two Brazilian Exchange students on 28th January. They are hosting Maria Clara de Almeida Bravo along with the RC of Melton.

This photo shows President Barbara Richards with Maria, between host parents Graham and Pauline Dempsey.



## Camp Getaway Update

Camp Getaway was fortunate to source a good variety of commercial catering equipment at a local auction just before Christmas. One of the old Nissan huts has been earmarked to accommodate the equipment and enable assessment and minor refurbishment prior to further planning for the new camp kitchen.



Last Saturday members from the Rotary Clubs of Eaglehawk, Bendigo South, Bendigo Sandhurst, Bendigo Strathdale, Keilor, North Balwyn (and friends), prepared the old hut for its new role.

Other minor maintenance jobs were also completed at the site – which this year has increased bookings from Yooralla and other disability organisations.

*Paul Kirkpatrick Chair – Camp Getaway (Rotary D9800)*



## Congratulations!

**Dr John Fuller** from the Rotary Club of Melbourne was recognised with an OAM in the Australia Day Awards, for services to Medicine, particularly for treatment of coronary artery disease.







## DGE Returns from International Assembly

*From DGE Iven Mackay*

I have just returned from the USA. Marilyn and I left for San Diego on 15 January. PDG John Davis and I attended 2 days of intensive training for Future Vision Pilot Districts before the commencement of the International Assembly. PDG John, who will be the Foundation District Director in 2010-2011, will be instrumental in implementing this into our District and working with all Clubs in the introduction of the Pilot stage which begins in 2010.

The International Assembly was certainly something very special and we gained much from it. RIPE Ray Klinginsmith announced the Theme for 2010-2011 which is **"Building Communities Bridging Continents"**. The Theme will become a much used phrase for us in 2010-2011. In this day and age of quick communication, the theme was up on the Rotary website in seconds! I encourage you all to look at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).



Highlights of the International Assembly included representing D9800 in the Rotary World to the International gathering of DGE's, meeting and spending time with the DGE for our matched GSE in 2011, which is D5840, San Antonio, Texas, and the strong fellowship throughout the Assembly.

The long days of Plenary sessions and Group Discussions covered many Rotary subjects and we can rest assured that our District is without any doubt one of well trained and informed Rotarians. Further highlights were the networking opportunities with incoming Governors around the World and the strong bond that started to develop friendships within this year group. This bonding of the team is exactly what the 2010-2011 training team, comprising of PDG John Davis, PAG Vanda Mullen and Barry, along with DGE Iven, want to develop for D9800 Presidents. I was also able to talk and firm up our Youth Exchange relationship with the 2 USA Districts that we are re-introducing in 2010-2011.

We made many new friends and it was fascinating listening to some of the activities, concerns and problems that others face.

Marilyn and I thank the District for giving us this wonderful opportunity.

There is still much to be done and achieved by Rotary Clubs and Rotarians in this Rotary year. Keep up the good work under the leadership of DG Colin Muir, for the Future of Rotary is in Your Hands.







## DIK Report | Oct 09 - 31 Jan 10.

From Bill Dagg - DIK co-ordinator.

In the period | Oct 09- 31 Jan 10 we operated every Tuesday and Thursday: for this period. 23 days 138 hours.  
( X by 15 Vols=2,070 hrs.)

### Some highlights of the work done:

5 Containers SAMOA-Tsunami, RC Sunshine, Frank Dri and SAMOAN expats.

1 Container Manila Flood .RC Brighton Beach, Ruth Carlos-Martinez and Virginia Turner.

2 Containers - Fiji schools, RC Canterbury, Keith Thompson

2 Containers -Timor Leste, paying shippers and DIK Chadstone East MALVERN -25 working and BBQ RC Footscray lunch meeting @ DIK 35 attended.

RC Malvern ,WORK DAY and BBQ

RC Camberwell, storing and re-packing their "picture Dictionaries" for Victorian Schools.

RC Keilor East-3 truck loads of excellent Medical equipment and expendables.

Chadstone - East Malvern RC, delivered 60 Computers complete.

YARRA Cluster, AG and cluster-dinner meeting and briefing @DIK. Catered by Laurie and Sanda Fisher

RC Essendon, dinner meeting @ DIK- 40 attended



We have a sponsored 40 ft Container to load by mid Feb.

West FOOTSCRAY RC-2 Containers for TANZANIA, ready to load.

Sat 30 Jan- RC Keilor East, RC West Footscray, Dr Hamish EWING, Royal College of Surgeons, collected \$12,000 of new, unused medical equipment from RMIT.



### Store Manager.

Effective 1 Jan 2010, Laurie Fisher, West Footscray RC has kindly accepted the appointment as DIK Store Manager. Laurie will report to Bill Dagg (DIK Co-ordinator) and will manage the incoming and outgoings. Bill Dagg will do the rest: Shipping, Customs, Club Projects, Funding, Speaking.

### Urgent – Volunteers Needed

We have to vacate the free shed 43 ASAP, and we need to consolidate all the new clothing (mainly Yakka) into standard cartons, so we can store multi-stacked.

Please get this word out for ALL non working Rotarians, family & friends.

This is **VERY URGENT**. Any Tues or Thurs 9.30-2.30 or any Sat 9-12

Bill Dagg Co-ordinator DIK Jan 2001-?. 0425741045 [bdagg@tpg.com.au](mailto:bdagg@tpg.com.au)

## Eyes Wide Open

Want to see what Rotary is doing in the developing world? The Cambodia Vietnam Eyes Wide Open team left on Friday 29 January to undertake a variety of voluntary work in Siem Reap, Phnom Penh and Ho Chi Minh.

The team love receiving comments and knowing that District are following their journey.

Check out their blog: <http://eyeswideopencambodia-vietnam.blogspot.com/>



**EYESWIDEOPEN**  
see the world • make a difference







## Notices and Events

### Position Vacant

The Youth Exchange Committee is looking for a Rotarian who has been a Rotary Youth Exchange Student in the last decade, to become a member of the Youth Exchange Committee, co-ordinating returned students activities. If interested please contact the YEC Chairman, John Basarin on 0438055056 or email:

[johnnyturk@optusnet.com.au](mailto:johnnyturk@optusnet.com.au)

### The Rotary Leadership Institute

The Rotary Leadership Institute is a series of fast paced, interactive, one-day courses offered to refine a Rotarian's leadership skills and increase their base of knowledge in Rotary. Courses are fun, topical, interactive, and geared toward busy business and professional persons who want to be more effective leaders in their vocation and club and more knowledgeable Rotarians.

The course dates for the first six months of 2010 are as follows:

Part 1 Sunday February 7 and Sunday April 11

Part 2 Sunday March 28 and Sunday May 2

Part 3 Sunday February 21 and May 23

To register for these sessions, please contact the RLI Registrar Vicki Teschke at [vicki.t@tacobill.com.au](mailto:vicki.t@tacobill.com.au)



### The Rotary Wine Appreciation Fellowship

We invite you to a bus tour of three wineries in the Macedon Ranges on **14th February**. Cost of the bus and lunch is \$ 30. Wines at your own cost. There are only 40 places, so book now!

The aims are to enjoy the local wine, without worrying about driving there and back, to enjoy each other's company, and to raise some money for D.I.K stores.

Summary of Itinerary: The bus will leave from Taylors Lakes Shopping Centre at 9.45 am. Then to Hanging Rock Winery, Lancefield Antiques Building, BBQ Lunch at Morgan Fields Vineyard, Paramoor Farm Winery and back to Taylors Lakes at around 4.00 pm.

For more information and bookings by 9th Feb: contact Leon Lewi – 0419 354 313 or email

[llewi@connexus.net.au](mailto:llewi@connexus.net.au)



### AFL in the 21st Century

The Rotary Club of Toorak invites you to attend dinner with **ANDREW DEMETRIOU CEO, Australian Football League** who will speak on "The AFL in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century"

Monday **22 February** 2010 at 6.30pm for 7.00pm

Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club Williams Road North, Toorak

RSVP: 17/02/2010 \$65.00 per person Drinks at bar prices

All profits donated to: PolioPlus and the US200 Million Gates Foundation Challenge Grant

Enquiries: Alan Freedman 0419 357 864 Fax : 03 9509 7935

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### Lunar New Year Banquet –Year of the Tiger!

This popular, annual major fundraiser, organised by the Rotary Club of Richmond, is being held once again at the Dragon Boat Restaurant on the Yarra, Crowne Plaza, 1-5 Spencer Street, Melbourne, on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February**, 2010, 6.30pm for 7.00pm.

Cost: \$65 per head for a 10 course Chinese Banquet, red and white wines. Tables of 10 or individual seating available. Entertainment: Traditional Chinese Lion Dance – Chinese Youth Society of Melbourne.

The Lion Dance proceeds will go to the Rotary Club of Williamstown's project, ROCAN Ovarian Cancer Research and all other proceeds to RI Foundation's 'PolioPlus Project' and the Rotary Club of Richmond's Community Projects.

Bookings/information: President Michael O'Sullivan on 0417 396 432 or

[mos008@bigpond.com](mailto:mos008@bigpond.com)







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We care. We share. We all gain.



## Wyndham Rotary River Fun Run/Walk

3KM AND 8KM and 14KM

**Sunday 28<sup>TH</sup> February**, 9:00AM

Chirnside Park, Werribee (MEL REF 205 H9)

This is a run, jog, stroll or walk along the magnificent Werribee River to help raise funds for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday appeal.

The theme is "Take the first Steps" and is aimed at encouraging a healthier lifestyle in the city of Wyndham. There is a 3 Km, 8Km and a 14 Km event so everyone, of any age, can be involved.

Call Scott Hollow, 0419 519 114 email [scott@xosize.com.au](mailto:scott@xosize.com.au)

Or enter online at [www.wyndhamfunrun.org](http://www.wyndhamfunrun.org)



## Public Speaking Course

Presented by the Rotary Club of Brimbank Central

**Sunday 11<sup>TH</sup> April**, - 8.45am to 5.00pm

At Brimbank Park Conference Centre, Keilor East.

\$45.00 per person includes Participant Manual, Certificate and full catering.

Come and learn how to:

- Prepare to make a speech on any subject
- Speak in public, give reports at meetings, make announcements at meetings

You will have the opportunity to make a number of short speeches, and participate in an interactive program that has **only 10 participants** to ensure that everyone gains the most from the program

To receive a registration form for the program, contact: David Moss-Bennett Phone: 0412 388 823

Email: [dmossbennett@optusnet.com.au](mailto:dmossbennett@optusnet.com.au)



## John Flynn Memorial Charity Golf Day

The Werribee Rotary Club are holding their annual John Flynn Memorial Charity Golf Day on **Tuesday 13th April 2010**.

The event is named after a former President of the Werribee Rotary and Werribee Park Golf Clubs. The event will again be held at the Werribee Park Golf Course, K Road Werribee.

The event is a 4 person Ambrose Format and hit off is at 12.30pm. We have Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze Sponsorships available and we also welcome single entries. Entry \$70 per player, or \$35 for Werribee Park Golf Club members

There is a BBQ Lunch before tee off and a dinner and presentation of trophies after the completion of play. All monies raised are put back into the local communities.

All enquiries to Graham Roper Ph: 040 343 7349



## Classified Advertisements

### Rotary Paraphernalia

The Catalogue of Rotary Merchandise can be seen at <http://www.rotarydownunder.com.au/shop/>

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### The Spanish GSE Team Has Arrived



DG Colin Muir and Pauline

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The Group Study Exchange Team from District 2203, East and South Spain, Balearic Islands, Ceuta and Melilla in North Africa have certainly arrived in our District with great fanfare.

At the GSE welcome Dinner, hosted by the Rotary Club of Brighton Beach last Tuesday evening, over 150 Rotarians and guests enjoyed an outstanding evening of fellowship and a great presentations.

The six Spanish team members' presentations, together with several speeches of welcome from our District, made it a memorable evening.

The members of the visiting D2203 GSE team are:

<b>Team Leader: Conchita Maeztu Sardiña,</b>	Past President of RC Murcia Norte
<b>Josefa del Valle Cabrera</b>	Sponsor Club: RC Benissa-Teulada, Alicante
<b>Carolina (Carola) Gómez Guerrero</b>	Sponsor Club: RC Ceuta
<b>Mercedes Ruiz González</b>	Sponsor Club: RC Benahavis, Malaga
<b>Elena A. Castro Hinojosa</b>	Sponsor Club: RC Murcia Norte
<b>Ángela Ruso Díez</b>	Sponsor Club: RC Torreveja, Alicante

Our visiting Spanish GSE team surprised everyone with their English language skills, their warm friendly manner and their keenness to experience the Australian culture. It was indeed a great pleasure to welcome them officially to District 9800.

We also enjoyed a short presentation from our outgoing team and we now look forward to their 'outgoing' presentation at the Farewell Dinner to be held in April; more details on that function to follow. Luckily, Clarice was on hand to record the events of the evening and a photographic record of the evening follows this weekly message.

I could not be more pleased with the Rotary International's focus on World Understanding Month and the arrival of this outstanding team of professional young ladies from the Spain. I hope you can also get to enjoy their company during their visit to D9800 and gain a better understanding of a country and culture so different from our own.

Our Future is in Good Hands

Colin Muir - District Governor





## Group Study Exchange

The Group Study Exchange program of The Rotary Foundation is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business and professional men and women between the ages of 25 and 40, and in the early years of their professional lives.

The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits between paired areas in different countries. For four to six weeks, team members experience the host country's institutions and ways of life, observe their own vocations as practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

The Group Study Exchange team from District 2203 in Spain arrived safely last week.

Right - Angela Ruso Diez, Elena A. Castro Hinojosa, Carolina Gómez Guerrero, Mercedes Ruiz González and Josefa del Valle Cabrera with Team Leader Conchita Maeztu Sardiña, on their arrival at Tullamarine Airport.

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February, we enjoyed the GSE Welcome Dinner, ably run by the Rotary Club of Brighton Beach at Milano's Hotel. President Ruth Carlos-Martinez welcomed the visiting team in Spanish, but fortunately for most of us, Foundation Director Chris Don and GSE Chairman Dennis Shore reverted to English for the formal part of the evening.



DG Colin and Conchita exchanged banners and badges, and Conchita introduced her team, who were given the opportunity to tell us about themselves and District 2203.

During their stay in Australia, the team will be hosted by the Rotary Clubs of Canterbury, Brighton North, Footscray, Central Melbourne Sunrise, North Balwyn, Bendigo, Echuca-Moama, Rochester and Melton.



GSE Chairman Dennis Shore with DG Colin and Team Leader Conchita Maeztu Sardiña. (don't you love DG Colin's propensity for alternative dress?) Right: The incoming team with Ken Vasquez and our outgoing team.

**The GSE Team will be attending the District Conference in Perth and will be speaking there.**

In addition they will be making formal presentations as follows:

Thursday 11 February 12.30pm Lunch at RC Footscray (Croatia House, Whitehall St., Footscray)

Tuesday 16 February: 7.15am Breakfast at RC Central Melbourne Sunrise meeting RACV Club, City)

Thursday 18 February: RC North Balwyn, 6.00pm Dinner (Partners' night) (Kew Golf Club, East Kew)

Tuesday 23 February: 12.45pm Lunch at RC Bendigo (Bendigo Club)

Wednesday 24 February: 6.00pm Dinner at RC Echuca-Moama (Border Inn, Moama)

Tuesday 2 March: 6.30pm Dinner at RC Melton at Tabcorp Park (RC Melton Valley & Bacchus Marsh invited)





## Camp Getaway Mini-Golf Course

By David Dippie, Keilor RC

### What are they up to at Camp Getaway?

With the second dormitory nearing completion it is time to think about providing fun activities for the visitors. What game could people of all ages play with limited skills and varying disabilities? A wheelchair friendly Mini-Golf course was the answer, and Keilor Rotary Club has accepted the challenge.

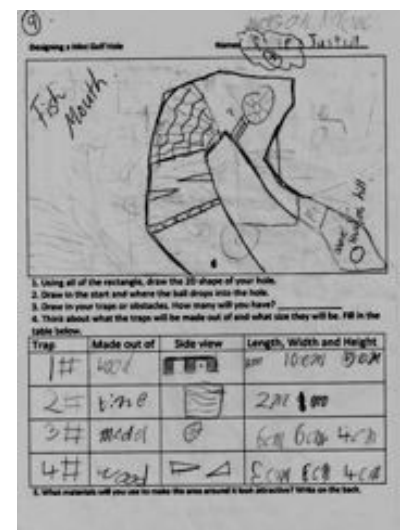


They started by asking the students at the Keilor Primary School to design the holes and they proved to have enormous imagination (some of it practical). The design chosen has three levels to suit the contour and drainage of the land, separated by retaining walls. Access is via decks and ramps designed for wheelchair access. Each hole will be able to be played from a wheelchair.

Keilor RC has put a lot of time, sweat and money into this project, but there are opportunities for people to help. We do many worthy projects that unfortunately receive little publicity. We believe that this is the **first Golf Course designed, built and operated by Rotary**.

A world first combined with an opening featuring celebrities and children in wheelchairs will get excellent media coverage. It is only \$2500 to sponsor a hole and the right organization will receive a good media return and the positive corporate image associated with helping the disadvantaged. They will also bring a lot of joy to people who need our help.

For more information contact PP Russell Atkins 0438 563159 [russell1807@bigpond.com](mailto:russell1807@bigpond.com)



"It's nice to be great, but it's greater to be nice"  
- Roger Federer





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## The Challenge in Timor-Leste

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Building the world's newest nation has been an enormous challenge in Timor-Leste.

At the forefront of this is enormous population growth, coupled with extreme poverty - 40% of the nearly one million population lives below the poverty line of less than US\$0.55 per day.

Extreme economic hardship coupled with the fact that the average Timorese women will give birth to an average of 8.3 children, the highest rate in the world, was a combination of factors so compelling, that a group of nine Marie Stopes International partners voluntarily provided funding to ensure that a Timor-Leste program would get off the ground.

At 880 deaths per 100,000 live births, the maternal mortality rate is unacceptably high as is the infant mortality rate of between 78 -149 per 1000 live births. These high figures are largely due to young reproductive age, poor birth spacing and poverty.

Marie Stopes International Timor-Leste has established a centre that will be a hub of sexual and reproductive health information, education, clinical services and capacity building for local providers to work in partnership with the Ministry of Health to assist in meeting the nations reproductive health needs.

Despite daily challenges posed by ongoing security issues and fragile infrastructure in our newest country program, 400 women are already receiving services from the centre every month and many more have access through outreach teams in Dili district.

To ensure our services are reaching women and families in rural regions, a '*Midwives on Bikes*' community-based distribution service was also established in 2007. This innovative project has midwives traveling by motorbike to vulnerable communities and internally displaced persons camps, providing much-needed education and contraception services. More than 5,000 people have already benefited from this vital activity.

Rotary International encourages Rotary clubs and districts, working as appropriate with government agencies, non-governmental organizations and local leadership, to increase awareness and undertake even more projects that directly impact population growth and sustainable development.

Projects would include those that promote education on the issue of population, access to family health care, adequate nutrition, and enable individuals to make informed and responsible decisions about issues such as child spacing, in a way that is in keeping with their personal values and cultural and religious considerations.

See the Rotary Action Group for Population Growth and Sustainable Development - [www.rifpd.org](http://www.rifpd.org)







## Early Bird Cocktail Party

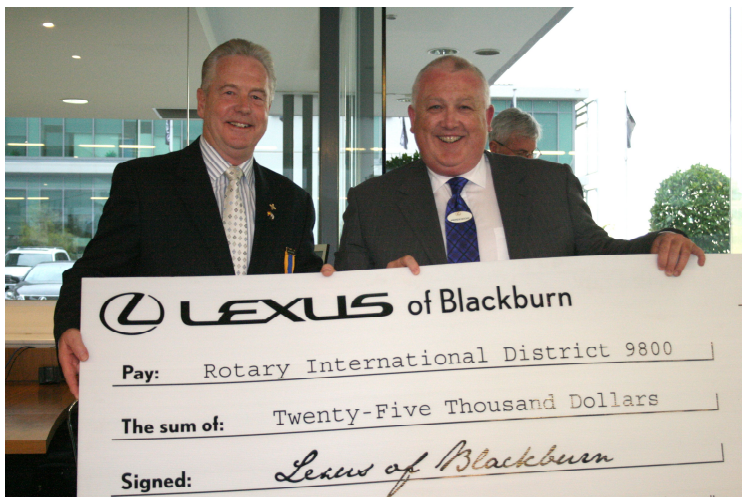
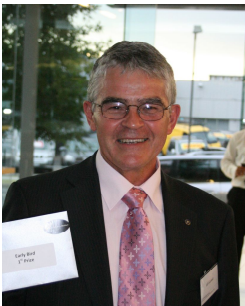


Once again Lexus of Blackburn wowed us with a magnificent evening at their showrooms. Dealer Principal Andrew Moore welcomed us with quality canapes and drinks.

We had a chance of a sneak peek at some of the motors: Clarice was very taken with a red SC430 Sports Coupe.

And then the raffle:

The first prize of an extra week's accommodation in Perth at Mantra would have been won by John McMorrow, had he been there. But rules is rules, John, so we had a re-draw, and the winner was Geoff Garfield. Second prize of free Conference registration and cruise or dinner went to Annette Butterworth. The use of a Brand New Lexus for a weekend went to Mev Connell, and a dozen bottles of wine to Linda Shore.



The highlight of the evening was when Andrew Moore presented DG Colin Muir with a HUGE cheque as sponsorship for our Conference – twenty-five thousand dollars!

Thanks, Lexus of Blackburn – we look forward to seeing you in Perth.





## Brazilian Exchange Student Arrives

The Rotary Club of Footscray are thrilled to report the arrival of another Exchange Student from Brazil. Our previous Brazilian student Natalia Sabat returned home three weeks ago

On 3<sup>rd</sup> February Isadora Martins was greeted at Melbourne Airport by Club President Carol Castano, and a group of Rotarians. Also present were Footscray's exchange students Ellie Everist, and Louise Dreuillet .

Photograph shows Louise, Isadora and Ellie.



## Membership Award to Brighton Beach

Assistant Governor Beachside Mike McFarlane presented Brighton Beach Rotary Club President Ruth Carlos' Martinez with a membership award at the GSE Dinner this week.

The award is from DK Lee, Rotary International President in 2008-9, in recognition for increasing membership by 10% in that year.

In addition, Brighton Beach had the highest increase in membership in our district in that year, and for this they won the Shield Award , presented by PDG Jim Studebaker.



## Celebrate Rotary's Birthday

*By Arnold R. Grahl - Rotary International News -- 1 February 2010*

The Rotary Club of Chicago has big plans for celebrating Rotary's anniversary, 23 February, this year.

As the first club established by Rotary founder Paul Harris, the Chicago club will be marking its 105th anniversary at the same time Rotary marks 25 years of work to eradicate polio. The club, Rotary International, and districts 6440 and 6450 have joined forces to light up the Wrigley Building in downtown Chicago with the *End Polio Now* logo on 23 February to celebrate Rotary's polio eradication efforts.

Immediately after the lighting, the Chicago club will hold an International Buffet Dinner, with all proceeds going to The Rotary Foundation in support of polio eradication. The club will be honouring Ciro de Quadros, executive vice president of the Sabin Vaccine Institute, for his contribution to the eradication of polio in the Americas.

Every club and district is encouraged to use the anniversary of the first Rotary club meeting, designated as World Understanding and Peace Day, to share the story of Rotary's local and global contributions.

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The Lion Dance proceeds will go to the Rotary Club of Williamstown's project, ROCAN Ovarian Cancer Research and all other proceeds to RI Foundation's 'PolioPlus Project' and the Rotary Club of Richmond's Community Projects.

Bookings/information: President Michael O'Sullivan on 0417 396 432 or [mos008@bigpond.com](mailto:mos008@bigpond.com)



## Wyndham Rotary River Fun Run/Walk

3KM AND 8KM and 14KM **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February**, 9:00AM

Chirnside Park, Werribee (MEL REF 205 H9)

This is a run, jog, stroll or walk along the magnificent Werribee River to help raise funds for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday appeal.

The theme is "Take the first Steps" and is aimed at encouraging a healthier lifestyle in the city of Wyndham. There is a 3 Km, 8Km and a 14 Km event so everyone, of any age, can be involved.

Call Scott Hollow, 0419 519 114 email [scott@xosize.com.au](mailto:scott@xosize.com.au)

Or enter online at [www.wyndhamfunrun.org](http://www.wyndhamfunrun.org)



## Bendigo Olive and Food Fiesta

The Mediterranean again comes to the historic Bendigo Pottery on **Sunday 14 March** with the third Bendigo Olive & Food Fiesta organised by the Rotary Club of Bendigo South.

This year the event encompasses the inaugural National Table Olives Competition which has attracted entries from throughout Australia. The event will have a greater focus on food with local produce being featured, and for the first time a Celebrity Cook-off is to be held.

Great entertainment, local wines and food and, of course, olive and oils will make for a great day out in Bendigo.

Saturday, 13 March, 2010 6.30for 7.00pm - Gala Presentation Dinner at the All Seasons Quality Resort, Bendigo.

Sunday, 14 March, 10.00am to 4.00pm - Public Fiesta. - Bendigo Pottery, 146 Midland Highway, Epsom

For more information contact Greg Noonan 0419546739 or go to [www.bendigoolivefiesta.com.au](http://www.bendigoolivefiesta.com.au)



## Public Speaking Course

Presented by the Rotary Club of Brimbank Central

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April**, - 8.45am to 5.00pm

At Brimbank Park Conference Centre, Keilor East.

\$45.00 per person includes Participant Manual, Certificate and full catering.

Come and learn how to:

- Prepare to make a speech on any subject
- Speak in public, give reports at meetings, make announcements at meetings

You will have the opportunity to make a number of short speeches, and participate in an interactive program that has **only 10 participants** to ensure that everyone gains the most from the program

To receive a registration form for the program, contact: David Moss-Bennett Phone: 0412 388 823

Email: [dmossbennett@optusnet.com.au](mailto:dmossbennett@optusnet.com.au)











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A publication for Rotarians and all community-minded people

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### Global Networking Groups



DG Colin Muir and Pauline

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When I was researching this week's DG Message I spent quite some time trying to find a practical way for Rotarians to become actively involved in groups, programs, projects and activities that would improve World Understanding in some way.

The program or activity did not need to be a major project that required a huge personal financial commitment or physical effort but one that would make a difference to someone, somewhere in the world - put simply a program to increase **WORLD UNDERSTANDING**.

There is such a program and it's called: **Global Networking Groups**.

Global Networking Groups allow individual Rotarians from many countries to join together to focus on common interests. Through these groups, you can

- Share fellowship and friendship with thousands of Rotarians
- Meet other Rotarians with a similar hobby or vocational background
- Collaborate with Rotarians from around the world dedicated to a particular area of service.



There are two types of Global Networking Groups and they are Rotary Fellowships and Rotarian Action Groups.

Well you won't believe it but the further I delved into this mini project of mine the more amazed I became of what opportunities there are for Rotarians to get involved. In fact there are over 63 recognized Rotary Fellowships and 16 Rotary Action Groups that you can join.

I will talk more on Rotary Fellowships in the Month of June however I believe there is more to these groups that just fellowship there is an element of this 'concept' of World Understanding in there as well.







To test my theory I selected two programs at random, one from each group, Rotary Fellowships and Rotary Action Groups.

Firstly I called up the internet site of “**The World of fellowship of Rotarian Gourmets**” as I thought this may be of interest to many of our members. I was delighted to read the groups objectives and they are:

- To foster among Rotarians and their spouses mutual appreciation and awareness of cooking, and enjoying, the fine foods of all countries.
- To encourage and foster among Rotarians and their spouses a better understanding and appreciation of good wines of all countries as they apply to the enjoyment of fine foods.
- To assist in the relief of hunger in times of distress among all people of the world through the donation of food to such needy countries.
- To promote among Rotarians and their friends, through the exchange of recipes, the awareness of fine foods of different countries.

To promote during international by our members, fellowship between Rotarians and their spouses when they avail themselves of the opportunity to meet each other over fine foods and wines



It is very interesting to read that one of their objectives was based on a better understanding and appreciation of good food and wine of all countries. Turning to the other interest group.

## **The Rotary Action Group for Population Growth and Sustainable Development**

Their aim is to address the challenge of population growth and human suffering.

Humanity has reached a crisis point with respect to the interlocking issues of overpopulation, unsustainable development and human suffering and this Action Group provides information for interested Rotarians and friends who share the common belief that these challenges to humanity can no longer be ignored, and that Rotarians can do something about it.



### ***Addressing the challenge of population growth, human suffering***

As you can appreciate two very different groups in their focus however one thing is common between both and that is they are all Rotarians making an effort to improve world understanding.

Please have a look through the list below and see if there is something of interest to you.

[Global Networking Groups discussion forum](#)

[Global Networking Groups Directory](#)

***The future of Global Networking is in Your Hands.***

Colin Muir District Governor





## Welcome to D9800's Community Corner

Community Corner is designed to assist in the promotion of Community Service activities across District 9800 and to keep Rotarians and Clubs up to date with what is happening within their District.

The District Community Services Committee is available to assist D9800 Clubs with any support or advice they may need. As Chair I am excited and humbled by the work our Clubs continue to support and the new initiatives rolled-out.

The Conference Committee has announced an exciting Program for Perth and I thank the organising committee for their efforts and the opportunity to showcase some of the exciting programs being offered by the Clubs in District 9800.

This weekend past has seen RC North Brighton working hard in support of Friedreich Ataxia and "Go the Tan" event at the Botanical Gardens with support from a number of Rotarians from D9800.

This weekend coming has our RoCan event in conjunction with RC Strathmore and our District RoCan Committee holding a Cocktail Party at Moonee Valley Racing Club – Contact Yvonne Moon RC Williamstown for tickets. Along with an Autism fundraiser at Wyndham Events and Leisure Centre by the Rotary Clubs of Altona, Laverton-Point Cook and Hoppers Crossing – contact Norm on 0410 673446; I hope to see you there.

Yours in Rotary Service  
Ross Butterworth  
Chair, District Community Service

### Victorian Bushfire Recovery



- A person's home is their castle and when they lose it completely and suddenly the shock to them is near terminal. Recovery from such an experience is extremely difficult for every affected individual; however, determination to do so is essential to their welfare and that of their community.

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- Like many of the trees that make up the burnt forest, the individual survivors who have lost their homes are incredibly resilient: the recovery of their communities can be measured by the progression of the standard of their accommodation towards the collective reconstruction of permanent homes.

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- Rotary can only support the recovering community, it basically cannot do anything other than encourage the resilience of the individual members in it: that is what we have been doing and will continue to do until the affected people have managed to get themselves "back on their feet".

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- Each step is difficult but in the end there is really no viable alternative to engaging in progress towards the ultimate physical goal for those who desire to continue to stay where they lived before the fire.







## **Yellow Ribbon “We Care” Campaign**

- A successful Fund-raising programme introduced nationally to all Australian Rotary Clubs to raise funds for the multi-District Rotary Bushfire Recovery Fund.

- Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Melton Valley for their solid contribution towards the fund-raising efforts of D9800 for the Bushfire Recovery. A total of \$20,000.00 has been raised for the Lord Mayors Rotary Bushfire Recovery Fund.

The Yellow Ribbon Packets sell for \$2.50 each and can be handed out by Clubs to members and visitors in support or on-sold to assist the campaign.

Contact details: [meltonvalley@rotarydistrict9800.org](mailto:meltonvalley@rotarydistrict9800.org)  
[www.rotaryclubofmeltonvalley.org](http://www.rotaryclubofmeltonvalley.org).



## **WHAT IS PROBUS?**

Probus is a Community Service project of Rotary International that had its beginnings in the United Kingdom in 1965-66. The name PROBUS (from the words PROfessional and BUSiness) was adopted as the new clubs were directed at recruiting retired people from the professional and business world.

Probus first came to the southern hemisphere in New Zealand in 1974 and reached Sydney with the formation of the Hunters Hill Probus Club in 1976 there are now 1795 PROBUS Clubs in Australia with a membership of 141,035 members.

In Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific a decision was taken by Rotary, very early in the life of Probus in these countries, to form a body under the guidance of the Council of Governors to provide ongoing administration and service to the rapidly expanding PROBUS movement ensuring Rotary's ongoing commitment to the expansion and preservation of this Community Service Activity. All Probus Clubs are sponsored by a Rotary Club and on formation become affiliated to the Probus Centre – South Pacific.

Clubs are however autonomous and are responsible for their own operations, through a committee elected annually. Most Clubs are in fact incorporated under their State's Associations Incorporations Act. Probus Clubs normally meet monthly to conduct any business and to hear a guest speaker. This is however only a small part of the activity of a club. Healthy Clubs have a wide range of interest groups and social activities involving their members between meetings as well as a wide range of extended tours and day visits to places of interest

### **ROTARY'S ROLE WITH PROBUS:**

It is the hope that each Rotary Club will accept the challenge to investigate the possibility of sponsoring at least one Probus Club.

While a Probus Club chartered by a Rotary Club will usually very quickly establish its independence and require little support, sponsoring Rotary Clubs are encouraged to maintain an informal contact with the Club so that should the need arise for some support this can be quickly brought to the notice of the Rotary Probus District Chairman (RDPC) and PCSP.

For further information contact John Mitchell 9850 9724 or EMAIL [jmassoc@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jmassoc@optusnet.com.au)







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## Interplast Observer Required

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Interplast was founded 26 years ago by District 980 and the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, and each year sends in excess of 26 Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery teams to South East Asia and the Pacific. See the website at: [www.interplast.com.au](http://www.interplast.com.au)

Each member of an Interplast program is fully qualified in their field of expertise and volunteer their time to participate in an Interplast program.

Interplast volunteers provide free treatment to people living with a disability from a congenital condition such as cleft lip and palate, or an acquired condition such as burn scar contractures. Treatment is targeted to the indigent population who would otherwise not be able to afford to access services.

**Interplast Australia & New Zealand is seeking a Volunteer Rotary Observer from District 9800** to accompany the plastic & reconstructive surgical team on the 100th Fiji Interplast Program. The team will be based in Suva operating at the Colonial War Memorial Hospital for the week of 2 October 2010.

Observers are asked to observe, photograph (within guidelines) and gather information so they can equip themselves to come back to their Club and District as an Interplast Ambassador, to promote the work of Interplast throughout other Rotary Clubs, District Assemblies and District Conferences.



For further information on the concept, process and selection criteria, contact: Mike McFarlane - mobile 0418 317 418 or [mikemcf@bigpond.net.au](mailto:mikemcf@bigpond.net.au)

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## Just Imagine . . . . .

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### Try to Imagine.....

Being a young girl whose only wish is to be a boy, because boys get to stay in school and are not subjected to pre-arranged marriages at age 14.

Being an illiterate woman who wonders what she would do if her husband dies. She wouldn't be able to provide for her six children.

Finding out that your best friend has AIDS, but has no idea how they got it or how it's spread. You're terrified that you might be next.

### Now Imagine...

That your dream of staying in school and not having to get married at 14 will come true because of the help of concerned Rotarians who believe that your life matters.

That a vocational center for the women in your village sponsored by The Rotary Foundation will teach you how to read and write, as well as teach you a job skill.

That an AIDS Awareness class sponsored by the local Rotary club will tell you how to stop the spread of AIDS and how to protect our reproductive health.

These are just a few of the hundreds of Population projects co-ordinated by The United Nations Population Fund, The Rotary Foundation, and The Rotarian Action Group for Population Growth & Sustainable Development, that have been sponsored by people like you.

By people who understand how the humanitarian efforts of Rotary International can transform the lives of children and families around the world.







## A Note from DGE Iven Mackay

I would like to announce DLT appointments for Rotary year 2010-2011, **Building Communities Bridging Continents**. As you can see, we have many changes in the District Leadership Team next year. This is a good thing: we have new faces, experienced Rotarians who have not been on District before, and we have involved new Clubs.

Rotary International President-Elect Ray Klinginsmith gave his class of 2010-2011 a clear message some time ago, that we need to bring about many **changes** in Rotary, starting with Districts and Clubs, about how we do things and how we have always done things. We are doing this in D9800.

Appointments to District Leadership Team in 2010-2011 (also includes DG, DGE, DGN & IPDG)

**District Secretary** – John McMorrow

**District Treasurer** – Stephen Smith

**District Directors** –

**Assistant Governors** – Chris Don

**Club Service** – James Long

**Community Service** – Ross Butterworth

**Foundation** – PDG John Davis

**Governance** – Gary Goldsmith

**International Service** – Alan Seale

**Membership/Marketing** – Philip Archer

**New Generations** – Vanda Mullen

**Vocational** – Bob Slater

The **Assistant Governors**:

**BATMAN** – Alan Freedman

**BEACHSIDE** – Gordon Cheyne

**CALDER** – John Chadderton

**EASTSIDE** – Marc Fookes

**GATEWAY** – Mark Schirmer

**GOLDFIELDS** – Linda Barrow

**HERITAGE** – Henry Drury

**HOBSONS BAY** – Julie Mason

**PORT PHILLIP** – Murray Verso

**STONNINGTON** – Virginia Turner

**WESTSIDE** – Bronwen Scarffe

**YARRA** – Neville John

The District is indeed fortunate to have such an experienced group of AGs and District Directors in 2010-2011 and we thank them for accepting these important positions. I would like to encourage all Rotarians to consider taking on a District role in the future. It's most rewarding and we simply could not function without the extra help given by Rotarians who serve on all our District Committees. You will enjoy it immensely.

**Two important dates to remember and could Club Bulletin editors please place in Club Bulletins: -**

**Sunday 16 May** is **District Assembly**, to be held in Metropolitan Melbourne (details TBA)

**Sunday 27 June** is **District Changeover**, hosted by RC of Toorak, a lunch at Palladium Crown.

Best regards,  
Iven







## Some Thoughts on Donations-in-Kind

*Some years ago, when I first became aware of DIK, I was glad of the opportunity it presented to become more involved with Rotary and also to do something for someone else. It did not take long to realize just how much the input of each and every single individual contributes to the overall success of various Rotary projects.*

*I do not think my fellow club members would describe me as the sentimental type, and I know my wife certainly wouldn't, but I can assure you that after a day's work at DIK, I enjoy a sense of well being, a degree of satisfaction, for being able to do something for someone less fortunate than myself. It's a nice feeling.*

*At DIK, we can use assistance for the sorting and packing of donated goods. It is easy, lightweight physical work and I can assure you no previous experience is necessary. All that is required is for you to enjoy the day. I encourage you - Rotarian, partner, friend, neighbour - drop into DIK and have a look at what we do. See what is involved. You are most welcome.*



Laurie Fisher  
DIK Store Manager  
Rear of Shed 40 @ 400 Sommerville Rd, West  
Footscray, Melway 41 E7.  
Tuesdays & Thursdays 9.30am - 3.00 PM



## Get Ready for World Literacy Month

March is a time for us all to celebrate the fact that we are able to read and write and to reflect on the plight and sadness of those who have not learnt these necessary life skills or have been denied the opportunity to do so because of their culture, poverty, health and disability, politics, isolation etc. We can make a difference to these people by planning and implementing a Literacy Project, now.

Please contact me if you would like me to come to your Club as a guest speaker, or need some assistance in getting a project up and running or for access to a parent pamphlet about reading with children. I would also be very interested in hearing about any literacy or educational projects that are currently being implemented by your clubs.

Bronwen Scarffe – Rotary Club of Daylesford / District 9800  
Literacy Chairperson. 53 48 1112 or email [bronwenscarffe@harboursat.com.au](mailto:bronwenscarffe@harboursat.com.au)







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## Reader's Letters

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The item on Timor-Leste last week seems to have stirred up some interest. Is it time we started a regular letters section? - Clarice

Dear Clarice,

*I was very interested to read your article "The Challenge in Timor-Leste" in your last issue. I have been very keen to progress the thoughts of Rotary Clubs around Australia towards becoming more aware and active in the fields of POPULATION GROWTH, BIRTH SPACING and other related topics in third world and developing countries.*

*Rotary has almost eradicated Polio which is just fantastic and I believe that we should begin to shift our efforts towards harnessing the world population before it outstrips our ability to provide food, water, sanitation, medical support and accommodation.*

*Clarice, I would like to see more articles in the "Networker" drawing attention to this huge worldwide "time bomb". I would like to see Rotary Clubs begin to research this problem and commence programs aimed at having the world wide Rotary Organisation making this subject a major R.I. Project.*

*Yours in Rotary,  
David Sutherland  
Foundation Chair  
R.C. Glenferrie*

Dear Clarice,

*I am in total in accord with this week's article on Timor-Leste. You have another convert and I still remember your talk at our Club. Timor Leste is easy to understand because of its size and proximity. How do I get more information on the TL project?*

*As you are aware, all of the good work people are doing will never be enough to keep up with the population growth.*

*When you find a suitable project please let me know, you have an ally and an advocate. From my perspective the next building we should be involved in is a vasectomy clinic.*

*I also find it very strange in all the discussions about global warming no one mentions population as a factor.*

*Regards  
David Dippie - Rotary Club of Keilor*

Clarice replies – There is an excellent Infancy, Midwifery, Obstetrics and Gynaecology project in Timor-Leste, receiving support from RAWCS Central Region in S.A. encompassing Rotary Districts 9520 and 9500. See <http://www.imog.org/index.html>

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## Welcome New Members

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Jasper KWOK inducted 9th February 2010  
RC Central Melbourne-Sunrise - Classification: Law- Civil Litigation

Rotary Club of Albert Park on 27<sup>th</sup> January inducted  
Jeffrey Sadler - Classification: Bedding Manufacturing







## Notices and Events

### Change of Venue: Glenferrie Rotary Club

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### FREE BOOKS - BOOKS, and more BOOKS.

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Previous excess books have been passed to other Rotary Clubs for their jumble sales etc and we now have 24 boxes to clear. The books are in good condition, bearing the library stamp.

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3KM AND 8KM and 14KM **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February**, 9:00AM

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Or enter online at [www.wyndhamfunrun.org](http://www.wyndhamfunrun.org)



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This year the event encompasses the inaugural National Table Olives Competition which has attracted entries from throughout Australia. The event will have a greater focus on food with local produce being featured, and for the first time a Celebrity Cook-off is to be held.

Great entertainment, local wines and food and, of course, olive and oils will make for a great day out in Bendigo. Saturday, 13 March, 2010 6.30for 7.00pm - Gala Presentation Dinner at the All Seasons Quality Resort, Bendigo. Sunday, 14 March, 10.00am to 4.00pm – Public Fiesta.- Bendigo Pottery, 146 Midland Highway, Epsom For more information contact Greg Noonan 0419546739 or go to [www.bendigoolivefiesta.com.au](http://www.bendigoolivefiesta.com.au)







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Keynote Speaker: Father Bob Maguire

Moonee Valley Racing Club Tuesday **16th March** 2010 12.00pm for 12.30pm

\$60.00 entry, lunch and limited beverages

Payment by credit card, cash or cheque. Limited numbers so book early

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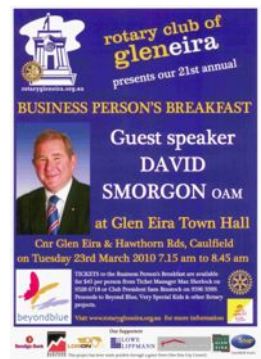


## Glen Eira Business Persons' Breakfast

The Rotary Club of Glen Eira is holding its 21st annual Business Persons' Breakfast on Tuesday **23rd March** at Glen Eira Town Hall, Cnr. Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield.

We are excited to present David Smorgon OAM as our guest speaker this year, in keeping with our tradition of hosting a range of outstanding speakers. The event will commence at 7:15 am and finish at 8:45 am sharp. The proceeds will go towards Beyond Blue, Very Special Kids and other Rotary projects.

The cost is \$45 per person and tickets may be purchased from Ticket Manager Max Sherlock on 9528 6718 or President Sam Binstock on 9596 3309



## Public Speaking Course

Presented by the Rotary Club of Brimbank Central

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April**, - 8.45am to 5.00pm

At Brimbank Park Conference Centre, Keilor East.

\$45.00 per person includes Participant Manual, Certificate and full catering.

Come and learn how to:

- Prepare to make a speech on any subject
- Speak in public, give reports at meetings, make announcements at meetings

You will have the opportunity to make a number of short speeches, and participate in an interactive program that has **only 10 participants** to ensure that everyone gains the most from the program. There are only 4 places left.

To receive a registration form for the program, contact: David Moss-Bennett

Phone: 0412 388 823 Email: [dmossbennett@optusnet.com.au](mailto:dmossbennett@optusnet.com.au)



## The Rotary Wine Appreciation Fellowship

We invite you to a bus tour of three wineries in the Macedon Ranges on **11<sup>th</sup> April**

Cost of the bus and lunch is \$ 30. Wines at your own cost. There are only 40 places, so book now!

The aims are to enjoy the local wine, without worrying about driving there and back, to enjoy each other's company, and to raise some money for D.I.K stores.

Summary of Itinerary: The bus will leave from Taylors Lakes Shopping Centre at 9.45 am

Then to Hanging Rock Winery, Lancefield Antiques Building, BBQ Lunch at Morgan

Fields Vineyard, Paramoor Farm Winery and back to Taylors Lakes at around 4.00 pm

For more information and bookings by 9th Feb: contact Leon Lewi – 0419 354 313 or

email [llewi@connexus.net.au](mailto:llewi@connexus.net.au)







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A publication for Rotarians and all community-minded people

## February is World Understanding Month

### Rotary is 105 Years Old

Many Rotarians attended Camberwell Rotary Club's Presentation Evening on 24th February.

Past District Governor Don Jago was presented with a Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service

In the preamble to the presentation, Foundation Chairman Chris Don listed the achievements and positions which Don has held over the years, and the contributions which Don and Margery have made.



DG Colin Muir and Pauline

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On this day in 1905, Paul Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Hiram Shorey, and Silvester Schiele met to talk about their personal and professional experiences. Harris then unfolded his general plan for a club.

Out of this simple beginning sprang the world's first international service organization, which has now grown to include more than 1.2 million members in over 33,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas

Camberwell President Dennis Coleman and Sergeant-at-Arms Peter Allen ensured that this was a fitting Rotary 105th Birthday.



*The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands.*

Colin Muir - District Governor 9800





## Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service

The Trustees of The Rotary Foundation recognize Rotarians who have rendered significant service to the Foundation.

Foundation District Director Chris Don said:  
*"Don Jago was District Governor 2003/2004 and Regional Rotary Foundation Co-Coordinator for Zone 8 2006/2009. He was District Foundation Chairman in 2004/2006 and has been on every District Foundation Committee since 2004. Don is a Paul Harris Fellow with 3 Rubies. Don and Marjorie are charter members of the Paul Harris Society of District 9800 and are Benefactors and Major Donors to the Foundation."*

*Don: you have inspired us with your vision and hard work over a long period of time, all with the wonderful & dedicated support of your wife Marjorie."*



DG Colin Muir then presented PDG Don Jago with a Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service.

During the evening, at Camberwell Rotary Club, the Bert Stephens Awards were presented to apprentices Jesse Taglett and Sali Alqueteri. Attendees enjoyed a talk by PDG Ray Martin of D9820 on "The Rotary Foundation, India and Polio". Ray's account and photographs of his recent visit to India, and his description of the success of the Polio Plus Campaign, was a fitting way to celebrate Rotary's 105<sup>th</sup> birthday.



PDG Don Jago and his Citation for Meritorious Service, with previous awardees PDGs John Reddish and Ian Knight.





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## Rotary Leadership Institute

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From PDG John Wigley, Chairman, RLI



The Rotary Leadership Institute has commenced for 2010, with 11 Rotarians graduating by completing the Part 3 course last Sunday. Their photo with facilitator Trevor White shows pleasure and satisfaction with their achievement.

This is a program for all Rotarians who want to improve their knowledge in Rotary and is of real benefit for those who are taking a leadership role in their club.

The course dates are as follows

28 March Part 2 - 11 April Part 1 - 2 May Part 2 - 23 May Part 3

We are able to arrange more training days if there is the demand.

To enrol please contact our Registrar Vicki Teschke on [vicki.t@tacobill.com](mailto:vicki.t@tacobill.com).

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## Paul Harris Award for Ben Gronow

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St John Ambulance Altona Divisional Superintendent Ben Gronow was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow Award at the 47<sup>th</sup> Chapter Dinner for the Rotary Club of Altona. The Paul Harris Award was given for outstanding service to the community and humanitarian qualities.

The night was a great tribute to the Divisional Superintendent and mentor. During John Crennan's speech, Ben's 44 years of service was highlighted; Ben had competed and won Regional and State First Aid Comps, and numerous Major events at the MCG and RLA. Congratulations Ben!







## Youth Exchange from the Past

This contribution from Peter Lamping of Gisborne reminds us of what a great program our student exchange is.

Back in 1987/88 the Rotary Club of Gisborne had an inbound student from the U.S.A. Stacy Melvig, after her year in Gisborne & Australia, Stacy did what most exchange students do, went back home to school/college, grew older, met a young man, fell in love, got engaged and eventually got married and had children. Stacey was looking at the Club's website the other day and decided to send us this message:

*"Just stopping by your website to send my love! Looking over your presidents all the way back to the beginning of Gisborne Rotary-I'm surprised by how many I know. Your home page says "The magic of Rotary is that it allows ordinary people to achieve extraordinary things." and I want to thank you for allowing this ordinary girl from the USA to discover that I could do extraordinary things! All my love and best wishes to all of you, new members, and all my 'old' family members! Keep changing the world!"*

Stacy Levine (Melvig)



Stacy in 1987/88



Stacy & Family Nov '09

## Welcome New Members

Judith Brown was inducted into the Rotary Club of Williamstown on [Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> March](#) by [President Conor Healy](#). Judith's classification is *Legal Services – General*. She was formerly a member of the Rotary Club of Phillip Island and is a Past President of the Rotary Club of Manningham.



Other new members reported in January '10 are  
Cathy Miller R.C. of Bendigo Sandhurst  
Jeffrey Sadler R.C. of Albert Park  
Jan Pengilley R.C. of Daylesford







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## Nowhere to Go.

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Health crises thrive, where toilets don't exist . . .

*By Rose George -The Rotarian -- January 2010*

In the bustling main street at the entrance to Shanti Nagar, off Mumbai's western expressway, men in suits go about their business. Women carry containers, hurrying to fill them in the two hours that water comes through the taps.

The shopkeepers and doctors and quacks and barbers do a brisk trade. It looks and sounds like any Indian street - only narrower and darker - and looking in, perhaps you wonder what makes Shanti Nagar a slum. So you turn around and see, on the dusty roadside, as the cars zoom past, a series of little children's bottoms, perched nakedly and shamelessly in public, defecating with composure. After the children jump up and scamper down the embankment, disappearing back into the slum, you notice that the roadside is dotted with faeces, as far down as you can see.



The 4,000 people who live in Shanti Nagar share one community toilet block, with 26 stalls. You'll have to ask directions if you want to see it, because smell is no guide when the whole place stinks, and when you can easily be lost down the dim passageways, where you stumble clumsily and where kind hands occasionally reach out to guide your head away from an overhanging tin roof, or to move you out of the way of a pile of filth. Shanti Nagar is definitely a slum, because to live in a slum is to live among excrement, and this place has plenty of it. This may be horrifying, but it is not extreme. In fact, Shanti Nagar's appalling sanitation is normal. It must be, when 2.6 billion of the world's people have no sanitation facilities whatsoever, not even a bucket or a box.

If they're lucky, as in slums such as Kibera, Kenya, they might have a plastic bag to defaecate into, which they then tie and throw, hence the nickname "helicopter toilets". That's a luxury. But 4 in 10 of the planet's people have no private or hygienic facilities to do their business in.

World population has increased four-fold in the past 100 years, and there are 300 million women who have no access to family planning. Unless some action is taken to assist them, the sanitation problem will remain with us.

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## Dear Clarice

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*Dear Clarice,*

*What has happened to the Marketing segment? We have an active Membership & Marketing team at RC Brighton North and have used some of the tips. We also have had advisory meetings with Guru Philip Archer. I hope we haven't gone backwards by not having a marketing person at District level.*

*PP Jeff Taylor*

*Membership & Marketing*

*Rotary Club Brighton North*

Clarice Replies:- Thanks Jeff for the reminder. Our last Marketing Tip was "How to Make News" in issue 27. Marketing District Director Pike Peters keeps us supplied with tips, but sometimes they are omitted due to lack of space or sheer incompetence on my part. Still, it's nice to know somebody actually reads them.

*Dear Clarice*

*I think you have given the ants nest a kick with the letters to the editor and it will be interesting to see what happens.*

*The first objective of any newsletter is to get people to read it. I think that letters to the editor will help.*

*Reading about yourself, winning a prize and being selected as the best are other good reasons.*

*I think we should also acknowledge/reward sponsors for their contribution. People who help us deserve recognition and potential exposure to 3,000 people. A letter/certificate from the DG to the organization, with a copy of "The Networker" mentioning them would have to be a positive.*

*David Dippie*

*Keilor RC*

Clarice Replies:- It is soooooo nice to get your letters! Should we have a prize for the best letter of the week?





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## Marketing Tips

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### Things to consider in attracting new members...

We all know that for Rotary to achieve, membership is critical. Every Club's survival is based on retaining its existing members and attracting new members. Both require having the right tools and systems in place to ensure the right level of communication for each target audience.

**From the Outside Looking In - Assessing How We Are Currently Seen By The Public** Taking the perspective of your audience is critical when formulating communications. Even though we might know the message we wish to convey, we need to adjust our delivery to suit the understanding of our audience. Just as we might subtly adjust our communications when conversing with a young child, a busy CEO or someone who has only a limited understanding of English, so too must we understand that the general public may not immediately understand Rotary's language or be captivated by anything we, as Rotarians, may find significant.



### Why Should They Look? The "What's in it for me?" Principle (WIIFM)

Capturing the public's attention in the first place is often the biggest issue – people can derive value when you provide them with information presented as something **attractive**, something previously **unknown** or **something novel they don't expect**. Presenting an image of Rotary that does just these things provides us with a head start t getting people to listen.

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## Notices and Events

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### Change of Venue: Glenferrie Rotary Club

Would you please note that Glenferrie Rotary Club now meets at **Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club**, 489 Glenferrie Road, Kooyong. Day and time remain the same, Tuesdays at 6.00 for 6.30.

### Interplast Rotary Observer Sought

Interplast Australia & New Zealand is seeking a Volunteer Rotary Observer from District 9800 to accompany the plastic & reconstructive surgical team on the 100th Fiji Interplast Program. The team will be based in Suva operating at the Colonial War Memorial Hospital for the week of 2 October 2010.

Observers are asked to observe, photograph (within guidelines) and gather information so they can equip themselves to come back to their Club and District as an Interplast Ambassador, to promote the work of Interplast throughout other Rotary Clubs, District Assemblies and District Conferences.

For further information on the concept, process and selection criteria, contact:  
Mike McFarlane - mobile 0418 317 418 or [mikemcf@bigpond.net.au](mailto:mikemcf@bigpond.net.au)



### World Literacy Month - Become an MS Angel in Disguise

Each year the MS Readathon calls on volunteers around the country to donate their time to spread the MS message and visit schools, explaining to students how they can make a difference by raising funds through reading. This year there is a shortage of volunteers in Victoria so Rotarians please consider this as a club or individual literacy project. For more information on how to become 'an Angel in Disguise' please call the MS Readathon office on: 1300 677 323.







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## Donations In Kind has a Sticky Problem

We have almost run out of packaging tape and we are unlikely to receive any from our usual sources this year.

Does anyone have contacts who may be able to help?

Clear, coloured, patterned tape all gratefully received.

Please contact Bill Dagg 0425 741045 [bdagg@tpg.com.au](mailto:bdagg@tpg.com.au)



## Rotary Club of St Kilda and Relish

Relish is a recipe book produced by the Rotary Club of St Kilda. It includes recipes from some of Melbourne's favorite restaurants and cafes. The publication is of high quality and contains photographs by one of Melbourne's leading food photographers, Greg Elms.

Relish is a great project that provides a fantastic fundraising opportunity for your club. An information night is planned for the end of March.

To register your interest please call Julia Topliss on 0411 364 004 or email

[pr@stkildarotary.org.au](mailto:pr@stkildarotary.org.au)

[www.relishrecipes.com.au](http://www.relishrecipes.com.au)



## The Rotary Leadership Institute

The Rotary Leadership Institute is a series of fast paced, interactive, one-day courses offered to refine a Rotarian's leadership skills and increase their base of knowledge in Rotary. Courses are fun, topical, interactive, and geared toward busy business and professional persons who want to be more effective leaders in their vocation and club and more knowledgeable Rotarians.

The remaining dates for the first six months of 2010 are as follows:

Part 1 Sunday **April 11**

Part 2 Sunday **March 28** and Sunday **May 2**

Part 3 Sunday **May 23**

To register for these sessions, please contact the RLI Registrar Vicki Teschke at [vicki.t@tacobill.com.au](mailto:vicki.t@tacobill.com.au)



## FREE BOOKS - BOOKS, and more BOOKS.

In conjunction with the South Yarra Public Library, the Rotary Club of Toorak manages the sale of surplus books every two months. The proceeds of the sales are shared with the library, and it is the Club's responsibility to dispose of unsold books.

Previous excess books have been passed to other Rotary Clubs for their jumble sales etc and we now have 24 boxes to clear. The books are in good condition, bearing the library stamp.

If your club or any charity is interested in taking these from time to time, please contact Ross Garrett on 03 9646 9593 or email him at [rosco.315@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rosco.315@optusnet.com.au).

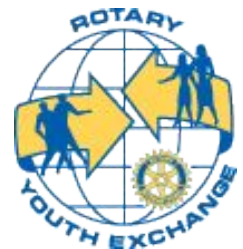


## Position Vacant – Secretary Youth Exchange Committee

The Youth Exchange Committee is looking for a Rotarian who has computer skills to become the Secretary of the Committee.

If interested please contact the YEC Chairman, John Basarin on 0438055056 or email:

[johnnyturk@optusnet.com.au](mailto:johnnyturk@optusnet.com.au)



## A Rotary 'Hypothetical' Not to be Missed

RC Central Melbourne-Sunrise will be presenting another fascinating "Hypothetical" on **Thursday 25th February** at BMW Edge (Federation Square) at 6.30pm. Cost \$55pp includes drinks and canapes.

This year's Hypothetical is based on a fictional scenario relating to a day in the life of the city of Melbourne - *"Billy Batman", returns to his home town after a long absence*

An outstanding and diverse panel includes Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, Roland Rocchiccoli, Andrew McLeod, Jack Hammond QC, Jane Clifton and Bruce Mathieson.. The moderator is Denis Connell, and entertainment is by Judith Durham of *The Seekers*.

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Blue,

**JOHN STEVENS**

Tickets on sale now!

**Tuesday 30th March 2010**

**Milano's Brighton**

SHOW ONLY 50% OFF. Tickets only @ £20.00. Standing seats only. Tuesday, 30th March 2010. 7.30pm. 18+.

Head Office: Brighton & The Hove Regency Theatre







## How Does Your Club Fare?

District 9800		Attendance		Membership				
2009/2010		January-10		At Jul 1	January-10			
		No. o Meet	Month %		Start	End	gain /loss	% Change
Caulfield	Beachside	0	0%	6	11	11	5	83.3%
Melton Valley	Westside	4	75%	17	22	21	4	23.5%
Brunswick	Heritage	4	39%	29	35	35	6	20.7%
Elsternwick	Beachside	1	56%	11	13	13	2	18.2%
Southbank	Batman	2	68%	29	34	34	5	17.2%
Docklands	Batman			30		35	5	16.7%
Williamstown	Hobsons B			30		34	4	13.3%
Rochester	Goldfields	?	90%	9	10	10	1	11.1%
Cent Melb S'rise	Batman	2	55%	55	61	61	6	10.9%
N Melbourne	Gateway	3	55%	28	31	31	3	10.7%
Malvern	Stonnington	4	74%	42	45	46	4	9.5%
Canterbury	Eastside	2	67%	45	50	49	4	8.9%
St Kilda	Stonnington	2	81%	12	13	13	1	8.3%
Camberwell	Eastside	3	71%	61	66	66	5	8.2%
Kangaroo Flat	Goldfields	3	51%	27	29	29	2	7.4%
Kew	Yarra	?	64%	44	46	47	3	6.8%
Melbourne	Batman	3	47%	258	275	275	17	6.6%
Collingwood	Heritage	2	50%	18	20	19	1	5.6%
Woodend	Calder	4	62%	18	19	19	1	5.6%
Kyneton	Calder			37		39	2	5.4%
Moonee Valley	Gateway			20		21	1	5.0%
Brighton Beach	Beachside	1	83%	23	24	24	1	4.3%
Footscray	Hobsons B	2	52%	53	55	55	2	3.8%
Wyndham	Port Phillip	4	70%	27	28	28	1	3.7%
Brighton	Beachside	3	62%	126	131	130	4	3.2%
Bendigo S'dale	Goldfields	3	71%	32	34	33	1	3.1%
Eaglehawk	Goldfields	4	78%	39	41	40	1	2.6%
Castlemaine	Calder	4	57%	41	42	42	1	2.4%
Essendon	Gateway	1	33%	76	77	77	1	1.3%
Bendigo	Goldfields	2	66%	84	85	85	1	1.2%
Balwyn	Eastside	2	57%	87	88	88	1	1.1%
Albert Park	Batman	4	51%	62	61	62	0	0.0%
Altona	Port Phillip	2	38%	25	25	25	0	0.0%
Altona City	Port Phillip	2	66%	33	33	33	0	0.0%
Boroondara	Eastside	2	50%	18	18	18	0	0.0%
Brighton North	Beachside	3	73%	51	52	51	0	0.0%
Brimbank Cent	Westside	3	74%	31	31	31	0	0.0%
Carlton	Heritage	1	87%	39	39	39	0	0.0%





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Chadstone / EM	Stonnington	3	64%	41	41	41	0	0.0%
Daylesford	Calder	4	71%	25	24	25	0	0.0%
Gisborne	Calder	2	78%	24	24	24	0	0.0%
Hawthorn	Yarra	2	35%	65	65	65	0	0.0%
Keilor	Gateway	2	76%	38	38	38	0	0.0%
Keilor East	Gateway	2	69%	41	41	41	0	0.0%
Laverton Pt Ck	Port Phillip	2	65%	19	22	19	0	0.0%
Richmond	Heritage	1	58%	38	38	38	0	0.0%
Toorak	Stonnington	2	62%	35	37	35	0	0.0%
Tullamarine	Gateway	4	50%	20	20	20	0	0.0%
West Footscray	Hobsons B	1	63%	27	28	27	0	0.0%
Werribee	Port Phillip	2	64%	40	39	39	-1	-2.5%
Melton	Westside	2	86%	32	31	31	-1	-3.1%
Hoppers C'sing	Port Phillip	3	63%	31	30	30	-1	-3.2%
Prahran	Stonnington	4	49%	30	29	29	-1	-3.3%
Essendon North	Gateway	4	55%	28	28	27	-1	-3.6%
Fitzroy	Heritage	2	75%	27	26	26	-1	-3.7%
Bendigo S'hurst	Goldfields	4	67%	49	46	47	-2	-4.1%
Yarraville	Hobsons B	1	62%	22	21	21	-1	-4.5%
North Balwyn	Eastside	3	84%	87	83	83	-4	-4.6%
Sunshine	Westside	1	65%	21	20	20	-1	-4.8%
Bacchus Marsh	Westside	2	64%	40	39	38	-2	-5.0%
Point Gellibrand	Hobsons B	2	64%	34	32	32	-2	-5.9%
Melbourne Sth	Batman	4	63%	33	31	31	-2	-6.1%
Glenferrie	Yarra	1	61%	47	46	44	-3	-6.4%
Glen Eira	Beachside	2	76%	23	21	21	-2	-8.7%
Echuca-Moama	Goldfields	4	65%	27	24	24	-3	-11.1%
Kew-on-Yarra	Yarra	4	69%	23	22	20	-3	-13.0%
Bendigo South	Goldfields	4	59%	45	38	38	-7	-15.6%
Flemington	Hobsons B	2	73%	24	23	20	-4	-16.7%
Port Melbourne	Batman	0	0%	21	16	16	-5	-23.8%
Clubs Reporting			65		65			
No. of Members				2730		2779	49	1.8%
% Average of Those Reported			61.9%					
% of Clubs Rpt Attendance			94%					
% of Clubs Rpt M'rship						94%		