



Networker

Rotary District 9800

A publication for
Rotarians and
all community
minded people

DG Weekly Message

Etymologically speaking, the month of January comes from the name of the Roman God Janus, historically depicted as a God with two faces, one looking to the past and one looking to the future.

With January marking Rotary Awareness month and the halfway point of our Rotary year, like its namesake, January provides us with a great time to both look back into our recent past and forward to the future ahead.

In the past 6 months we have achieved plenty together – Networker has been kept busy with a myriad of Club projects and events while our District's clubs have combined together on a number of projects of significance. As I have previously noted, we should be proud of our District's efforts in sending a Vocational Training Team to Timor Leste and GSE teams to India and the U.S.A. Looking back, much hard work and preparation has been conducted to enable these efforts, yet looking into the future, I am sure we all look forward to hearing how these voyages have changed lives, both at home and abroad.

We should never underestimate the power of Rotary to change lives and indeed to save lives - the Vocational Training Team project providing midwifery training to nursing teams will doubtlessly be responsible for saving the lives of many mothers and children.

This is what WE do, this is what WE are part of.



District Governor Keith Ryall
and Gabrielle

As you plan and review your own Club's future initiatives this January, I encourage you to look back at what has previously worked in your Club - what has worked in terms of attracting new members, increasing your community profile, bringing in support, helping the community and improving your club? By looking at what's worked (or even what hasn't worked or what has been missing) in our clubs in the past, we can enhance our Clubs and our initiatives as we move into the future.

And we have plenty more to "look forward" to this year as well. The District Conference is fast approaching and promises to be an amazing one. In a gathering in the heart of our District we will be celebrating our achievements, drawing inspiration for the future and developing the relationships that will drive our next achievements.

So join with your fellow Rotarians and come to our 80th District Conference to get together and celebrate the past as we look to the future.

Yours in the spirit of the Family of Rotary,

Keith Ryall
District 9800 Governor
2011-2012

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January is Family of Rotary Month



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

STOP PRESS!

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2012 Melbourne District Conference

Dear Rotary friends,

I would certainly like to welcome you all back after the holiday season to what should prove to be an exciting and prosperous year ahead in 2012. With our 80th District Conference coming up, it's with much pleasure that on behalf of Conference Chair Victor Sullivan and the Conference Committee I can announce several terrific new developments in relation to our 2012 Melbourne Conference.

New Conference Ticket Price

Thanks to the support of our 2012 Melbourne District Conference Sponsors, **we have been able to reduce the standard Conference registration rate from \$495 down to the Earlybird rate of \$450.**

This provides a great incentive for all Rotarians who have not yet registered for the Conference to get on board and register at this special rate.

Target 1000

Given this new rate and the central location of the Conference, **this year I really want us to aim for a target of 1000 delegates for our 80th District Conference.** With just over 40 days remaining, the Conference on our home soil and accessible to more Rotarians than any Conference in recent times, it's our best opportunity yet to get us all together to celebrate the past and commit to the future. A massive gathering of Rotarians is a terrific way to show the public who we are, what we do and why we do it – and in the course of doing so, encouraging them to join us in changing the world for the better. That's why we ask every Rotarian to register today to make it our best Conference yet.

Non-Rotarian Gala Ticket

Another development that we are very pleased to announce is that we

will now be offering a special non-Rotarian Partner ticket to attend the Opening Gala Cocktail Party (Friday Night) and the Gala Dinner Ball (Saturday Night). Details of this ticket for non-Rotarians are contained in the flyer which has a link situated at the bottom right.

Show Them Why, Show Them Rotary - Plenary Session Tickets for Non-Rotarians

Finally, you will also see in the flier attached that **you can now purchase tickets for each of the 4 Plenary Sessions for Non-Rotarian friends, family or colleagues.** There are few better introductions to Rotary than to see our organisation in action and hear the inspirational words of our guest speakers at the Conference – the opportunity to see some of Australia's leaders converse with Tony Jones in our own Q&A session will surely be a highlight to bring friends along to. If you want to show someone why you are a Rotarian, show them Rotary at one of our inspirational Plenary sessions.

Celebrating The Past While Committing to the Future

We plan to have some of our oldest Rotarians, all over the age of 90 and still active in their Clubs, make a special appearance on the Big Stage of the Plenary Hall at the Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre. Supported by some of our youngest members from our youngest Club, the Rotary Club of Melbourne Park and our current Youth Exchange Students, we will pay tribute to those experienced members of Rotary who have given so much over so many years. If you have a Rotarian in your Club who can be part of this tribute, please let us know.

It's OUR Conference - Get On Board Today!

There's a great quote by William Shedd, "A ship is safe in harbour, but that's not what ships are for". It's a bit the same with Rotary – we can choose not to bother, but what sets us apart is our willingness to do something and be part of something great through the vessel of opportunity that is Rotary.

I hope you will join us as we celebrate the past and commit to the future and hit our target for conference attendance in our 80th year - "Target 1000!"

To be part of OUR Rotary celebration, simply visit the Conference Website at www.2012melbourne.com.au to register for what we believe will be a wonderful showcase for the very best of what Rotary and Melbourne can offer.

Warm regards,

Keith Ryall (Gabrielle)

RC of Carlton

Rotary International D9800

District Governor 2011-2012

For more information: http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/2012_Conference_Ticket_News.pdf



Rotary clubs worldwide meet US\$200 million fundraising challenge

Rotary International News - 17 January 2012

Rotary International has succeeded in meeting the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's US\$200 million match in funding for polio eradication, raising more than \$202.6 million as of 17 January.

"We'll celebrate this milestone, but it doesn't mean that we'll stop raising money or spreading the word about polio eradication," Rotary Foundation Trustee John F. Germ told Rotary leaders at the International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA. "We can't stop until our entire world is certified as polio-free."

The fundraising milestone was reached in response to \$355 million in challenge grants awarded to The Rotary Foundation by the Gates Foundation. All funds have been earmarked to support polio immunization activities in affected countries where the vaccine-preventable disease continues to paralyze children.

"In recognition of Rotary's great work, and to inspire Rotarians in the future, the [Gates] foundation is committing an additional \$50 million to extend our partnership," said Jeff Raikes, chief executive officer of the Gates Foundation. "Rotary started the global fight against polio, and continues to set the tone for private fundraising, grassroots engagement, and maintaining polio at the top of the agenda with key policymakers." Raikes also addressed Rotary leaders at the International Assembly.

The new \$50 million grant from the Gates Foundation is not a challenge grant.

Since 1988, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99 percent, from about 350,000 cases annually to fewer than 650 cases reported so far for 2011. The wild poliovirus is now endemic in only four countries: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan. However, India on 13 January marked a full calendar year without a case, paving the way for its removal from the endemic list.

But other countries also remain at risk for polio cases imported from the endemic countries. In Africa in 2011, Chad and the Democratic Republic of the Congo had significant outbreaks. Also in 2011, a small cluster of polio cases in China, which had been polio-free for a decade, was traced to Pakistan.

Rotary club members not only reached into their own pockets to support the Gates challenge, but also engaged their communities in a variety of creative fundraising projects, such as a fashion show in California that raised \$52,000, benefit film screenings in New Zealand and Australia that netted \$54,000, and a pledge-supported hike



*Jeff Raikes, chief executive officer of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.
Photo courtesy of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation*

through Kilimanjaro, Tanzania, that brought in \$38,000. Many events were planned around 24 October, widely observed as World Polio Day.

To date, Rotarians worldwide have contributed more than \$1 billion toward the eradication of polio, a cause Rotary took on in 1985. In 1988, the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention joined Rotary as spearheading partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. More recently, the Gates Foundation has become a major supporter. In 2007, the Gates Foundation gave Rotary a \$100 million challenge grant for polio eradication, increasing it to \$355 million in 2009. Rotary agreed to raise \$200 million in matching funds by 30 June 2012.

Reaching children with the oral polio vaccine in the disease's remaining strongholds is labor- and resource-intensive due to a host of challenges, including poor infrastructure, geographical isolation, armed conflict, and cultural misunderstanding about the eradication campaign.

For more information:

- Learn about [Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio](#)
- Read "[Rotary celebrates India's first polio-free year](#)"
- Check out the new [Rotary Voices](#) blog and get insider details from India National PolioPlus Committee Chair Deepak Kapur and Bill Gates of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- Help [End Polio Now](#)

>> Read more at:

http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/Gates_Grant_Fact_Sheet_EN12_FINAL.pdf





A WORKING HOLIDAY - St Vincents Hospital Medical Equipment

By David Dippie, RC Keilor

While most people were focussed on holidays, at the end of December 30 of our Members and Partners from nine Rotary Clubs were hard at work on this project. St Vincents Hospital is replacing its existing electric beds and we were offered 72, but there were some conditions. The beds had to be removed progressively on the 29-30/12/11. This was a significant logistical exercise as the hospital had to continue to function while the new beds were delivered and assembled, the patients had to swap beds and the old beds had to be removed from a loading dock with limited space.

As we progress some additional material became available and there were delays with delivery of the new beds and our container, which presented some challenges. Special thanks goes to PE Mark Caldwell from the (RC Balwyn) who provided a truck with one days notice. We also need to acknowledge the effort of PP Bob Glindemann (RC Melbourne) who organized the event and supervised from WA, President Austin Burleigh the on site General and PP Laurie Fisher (RC West Footscray) who controlled the Donations In Kind activity.

Day one 48 beds and 37 over-bed tables were packed in a container that was collected the following morning and is destined for Bairo Pite Clinic in East Timor. The balance of the items were trucked to the Rotary Donations In Kind Store. In total we had moved 90 hospital beds, 37 over-bed tables, 54 bedside storage units and 5 electric patient examination tables. The effort by our Members was excellent and everyone involved had a buzz knowing how beneficial the equipment will be. The balance of the goods will be shipped in January to the Philippines to assist the flood ravaged area and another Clinic in East Timor. As we have received more equipment than planned we would like to encourage the Clubs who have not contributed to think about donating some DIK freight funds, its only \$150/bed an amount most Clubs can handle.

***What a great way to finish 2011
and start the New Year.***



10:30am we had beds available



But no container guaranteed to be there at 10.00am



Container delivered at 12.30, loading at 1.00pm



Progressing well at 1.30pm



The Rotary Leadership Institute 2012

The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a multi-district leadership development program which seeks to have Rotary Clubs identify those Rotarians who seem to have the potential for future club leadership (not necessarily as club presidents) and provide those so identified with a quality education in Rotary knowledge and leadership skills for voluntary organisations.

RLI strongly believes that having leadership skills does not alone assure good Rotary leadership. An effective Rotary leader must also have Rotary knowledge, perspective about where Rotary has been, where it is going and a vision of what Rotary can be.

RLI 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.

Courses are run by experienced, formally trained Rotarians in this district. Participants are expected to contribute their experience and ideas in facilitated discussion groups – usually 15 participants and the aim is to acquire Rotary knowledge and understanding of how Rotary operates differently in clubs and learn from these differences. The style of the courses is conversational and learning comes by sharing knowledge, ideas and opinions.

The Institute offers courses in three full day sessions - 9.00am to 3.15pm

and participants must complete Part 1 before proceeding to Part 2 then graduating after completion of Part 3 however the completion of all three parts may be completed at your own timing.

The course dates for the first six months of the 2012 are as follows:

- Part 1** Sunday February 26 and Sunday March 25
Part 2 Sunday April 15 and Sunday April 29
Part 3 Sunday May 13 and Sunday May 27

Please contact the RLI Registrar Vicki Teschke at vicki.t@tacobill.com.au to register for any of these sessions.

Rotary Clubs are encouraged to select at least two candidates for RLI annually. Students return to their club with enthusiasm, new contacts, fresh ideas, an increased understanding of their potential as Rotarians, and valuable skills impacting their potential leadership in the club. For 2009/2010 the cost per Rotarian is \$55.00 and it is usual for clubs to pay this charge for their members.

Venues:

Courses are held at two venues for both Melbourne based and regional Rotarians as follows:

Montague Continuing Education Centre, 100 Montague Street, South Melbourne and Mechanics Institute, School Street, California Gully via Bendigo

PDG John Wigley Chairman

PDG Ann White Faculty Coordinator



Participants Comments on RLI:

"this is a must"

"great exchange of ideas"

"well worth attending"

"brilliant, fun and involving"

"well organised and presented"

"very educational and informative"

"valuable information I learned a lot"

"what better way than learning from your peers"

"great facilitators and very informative"

Welcome New Members

Pictured is Rotary Club of North Balwyn new member David Curby being "pinned" by Past President and David's sponsor/mentor Bill Oakley.

David was recently a member of the Rotary Club of Alice Springs and formally a member of the Rotary Club of North Balwyn.

District Secretary Peteer Lamping sends notice of the following New Members:

Gisborne: Lorelly Harman

Point Gellibrand: Ellie Horsey

Melbourne: Simon Benson,
Alex De Freitas, Ellen Kittson

Glenferrie: Jeremy Romanes

Eaglehawk: Mick Costello

Southbank: Darren Caudell





Siti's Story

by Jill Dickinson

Siti Aisyah is an Interplast success story. A representation of our hopes and aspirations for all our patients, Siti's journey serves as an inspirational and proud reminder of the impact Interplast has in our neighbouring countries.

Due to an infection which leads to destruction of the flesh, Siti lost a substantial portion of her upper lip and cheek. As a result she experienced extreme difficulties with drinking and eating. Her nutritional intake was restricted to soft food and she was forced to use a small spoon to feed herself.

Siti's impoverished childhood, coupled with her early illness, meant she didn't attend school until she was seven years of age. However, she worked exceptionally hard and excelled. Constantly teased for her deformity, Siti first met Interplast in 2005 as a 16-year-old girl hidden behind a face cloth to disguise her defect. Funded by Batu Hijau Doctors Children's Fund, her first Interplast operation allowed Siti to eat normally for the first time in 14 years.

With an additional procedure in 2009, Siti is now a far cry from the shy, reclusive young girl we first met. She's a confident, lipstick-wearing woman in pursuit of a successful nursing career. She's completed her higher education and is currently sourcing the funds, alongside the Doctors Children's Fund, to allow her to pursue her dream of being a nurse.

Founded in 1983 as a joint project of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons and Rotary District 9800, Interplast Australia & New Zealand is a charity that sends teams of fully qualified surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses and allied therapists to developing countries in the Asia Pacific Region to provide free surgical treatment and medical training.



Siti with Interplast volunteer, Jill Dickinson

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

>> Read more at:

Read the full story in
http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/2011_Spring_Newsletter.pdf



That Party Kiss!

You may remember the ethical dilemma we recently posed:

You find yourself in the midst of a classic office party ethical dilemma, having had too much to drink and ending up in a passionate kiss with a colleague.

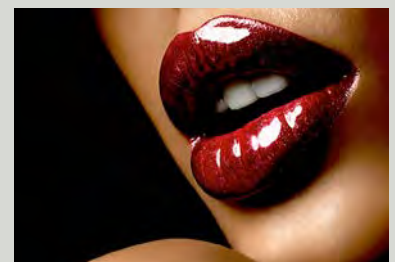
However we didn't receive a single reply to the questions:

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

We can only conclude that none of our readers have been kissed at an office party, or you are all too coy to admit it. To finalise the matter, we append a reply submitted to The St James Ethics Centre:

"I'm not sure I can personally imagine myself in this situation, but when my partner kissed someone else we didn't overreact, we spoke about it and we knew that we would still have a wonderful happy life together. It might have arisen when we spoke about it that one of us was unsatisfied and that's why they kissed someone else and things might have turned out differently. So I think they should talk about it and see what it really means, and if it means something they should make some serious decisions, and if it means not much at all they will continue on being happy."

Posted: 9 December 2010 - 9:59am - mcfate





Rochester Commemorative Plaque Unveiled

On Sunday, district residents gathered for the unveiling of a commemorative plaque stating the height the Campaspe River rose this time last year.

The plaque shows the January flood was 125mm higher than the 1916 flood and 230mm higher than the 1958 flood.

About 100 local residents including the Mayor and local MP and many visiting Rotarians helped the RC of Rochester to commemorate the past, while making a serious commitment to keep rebuilding their close knit community. Residents reflected on the past 12 months and how the town of Rochester has recovered.

Rochester Rotary Club President Graeme Nelson Rochester has recently been announced as Rochester Citizen of the Year for 2011.

We congratulate Graeme on this fitting recognition for the work carried out for flood recovery.



Graeme Nelson and Keith Ryall unveil the plaque commemorative stone on Campaspe St.



DG Keith Ryall, Rotarians Noel Lucas, Ray Lewis, Russell Anderson, AG Mark Weragoda, Noel Schier, Graeme Nelson, Bryan Griffiths, Heather Watson, PDG John Wigley



Rochester during the January 2011 floods.



Rotary Peace Centers

By PDG John Davis

The Rotary Peace Centers would like to thank District 9800 and all Peacebuilder Districts who have donated \$25,000 or more this year to the Rotary Peace Centers! Your generous contributions show the world that Rotary is committed to becoming a leader in peace-building.

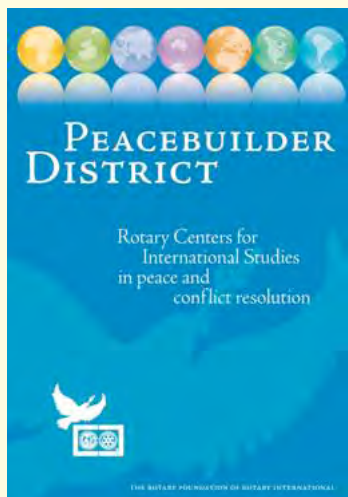


For those unfamiliar with the distinction, Peacebuilder Districts are districts across the world, that understand the importance of creating peace and resolving conflict in our global community. They allocate a minimum of US\$50,000 over two years from their District Designated Funds to support Rotary Peace Fellows. Districts committed to building peace continue to donate US\$25,000 a year in DDF to maintain their Peacebuilder Status.

For their generous commitment, Peacebuilder districts are recognized by the Rotary Peace Centers Department and the Rotary Foundation with a Peacebuilder Banner, pins and a certificate.

D9800 became a Peacebuilder district in the 2009-10 Rotary year, so this is our third year as a member of what would seem to be a fairly exclusive group: there are only 44 Peace Builder Districts in the Rotary world.

A complete list of Peacebuilder Districts is available on the Rotary website here:
<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au>



Rotary Sponsors Future Leaders

Bendigo Senior Secondary College student Natalie Jones recently received the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) from the Bendigo-Strathdale Rotary Club, who sponsored her attendance at the RYLA Camp for Rotary District 9800.

The Rotary Youth Leadership Award Camp is a week-long residential program aimed at encouraging and developing leadership, personal development and social skills, so that awardees can more effectively contribute to their communities in practical ways. RYLA provides opportunities for young people from a diverse range of backgrounds to come together to gain a better understanding of their own strengths and the unique qualities and abilities of others. Rotarians are invited as visitors, so awardees can relate the experiences to sponsoring club members.



Natalie at RYLA with Rotary District Governor, Keith Ryall

"This camp, for 18-25 year olds, was a real treat. I was able to learn so much, and meet so many great, enthusiastic young people" said Natalie. "During the week, we were fortunate enough to hear from many inspiring speakers about leadership."

The week began with the journey of creating an individual vision statement for the lives of participants. "You cannot reach your full potential when leading others if you cannot lead yourself, and know exactly what you want for your life" Natalie explained.

"The camp was a place to make lifelong friends and to share passions. RYLA not only showed us what can be done in this world, but how people like me can achieve these things. Every meal time, people shared a passion speech. This was perhaps one of the most moving things I have ever experienced. There are so many young people with such amazing passions. Every time I think about it, it gives me hope for our future. A passion is what drives change, what drives a leader to make a change, to actually do something" she said.

"Overall, RYLA was an amazing experience, one I will not forget! Nor will I forget the valuable lessons I learnt, the many speakers who inspired me, and the true friends I made", added Natalie.

>> For More Information:

Lynne Cooper, Strathdale Rotary Club: Mobile: 0438 591 063; email: coopero@inet.net.au



Top Five Rotary Stories of 2011



From the tsunami in Japan to the launch of strategic partnerships that will help Rotary expand its reach, 2011 was an eventful year for Rotary International and Rotarians. As the year winds down, we share our list of the top five Rotary news events of 2011.

1. Tsunami strikes Japan

Rotary clubs and districts worldwide mobilized to bring aid to victims of the devastating earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan on 11 March. The 9.0-magnitude quake, the strongest in Japan's history, and the resulting tsunami caused widespread destruction, paralyzing much of the northern coast.

2. RI theme

RI President-elect Sakuji Tanaka unveiled the RI theme Peace Through Service during the opening plenary session of the 2012 International Assembly. "Peace, in all of the ways that we can understand it, is a real goal and a realistic goal for Rotary," he said.

http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/120116_IA12_theme.aspx

3. The fight against polio

India has been making great strides toward polio eradication in 2011, with only one case of the virus reported from January through early December. Rotarians helped administer bivalent oral polio vaccine to more than 35 million children in the country during a Subnational Immunization Day on 13 November.

4. 2011 RI Convention

More than 16,000 Rotarians from around the world converged on New Orleans, Louisiana, USA, in May for the 2011 RI Convention. Rotaractors, Rotarians, and Rotary Foundation alumni participated in service projects to help families still recovering from damage caused by Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

5. Strategic partnerships

The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees approved four strategic partnerships in 2011 under the Future Vision Plan. These partnerships will help Rotary broaden its impact in the areas of focus by offering service opportunities for Rotarians through packaged global grants.

http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/111220_news_topstories.aspx



Damage from the March tsunami that devastated parts of Japan. Photo courtesy of Naoko Kurauchi

GSE Farewell Dinner

From "The Beacon"

The new year has taken off in a Rotary sense with the farewell dinner for the Group Study Exchange Team who visit India from the 15th January to the 14th February.

Fourteen members from the Rotary Club of Williamstown were there to support PP Murray Verso and his team of Melissa Mom, Del King, Lizz Bailey and James Mephram.

The Group Study Exchange program commenced in 1965 with District 9800 being one of 13 worldwide to participate. One of the team members was our own Jeff Bird who with 5 others and a team leader spent 10 weeks in Canada. This entire group continues to meet for lunch once a year!

Since 1965 over 70,000 people have participated in the program, and District 9800 has been involved in 41 exchanges.

The 2012 team will be in India, D3030 (Maharashtra) for 4 weeks. This District has 84 Clubs with over 4,000 members.

During the course of their visit they will speak to 12 Clubs and attend a District Conference attended by 1500 Rotarians.



The Team with GSE Chair Ann Peace and DG Keith Ryall and a Farewell Cake

Notices & Upcoming Events

NOTICE: THE ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE 2012

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THE ROTARY CLUB OF ESSENDON NORTH PRESENTS JONATHAN WELCH:

Renowned and much awarded Performer, Conductor, Choirmaster, Teacher and Speaker. Founder of the CHOIR OF HARD KNOCKS and the CHOIR OF HOPE AND INSPIRATION Wednesday 25th January 2012, at 6.00 for 6.30 PM, at Fredricks Restaurant, 980 Mt Alexander Rd, Essendon.

Cost: \$45.00 per person, including 2 course meal. Drinks at bar prices.

Bookings: Fredricks Restaurant, Phone 9379 3247, by COB Monday 23rd January

Download details from: http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/Jonathan_Welch.pdf

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AUSTRALIAN UNITY GREAT AUSTRALIA DAY SWIM:

– presented by the **Rotary Club of Brighton**

Thursday 26 January 2012 – FEATURING:

- 1400 M OPEN WATER SWIM • 5 KM BAY SWIM • KLIM SWIM RELAY
- SWIM AUSTRALIA JUNIOR DASH

Check website for more details: <http://www.greataustraliadayswim.com.au>

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RYFR HIGH COUNTRY WEEKEND, SHEEPYARD FLAT:

– Rotarians and friends welcome. The Australia Day weekend – Thursday 26th January 2012 (Australia Day) onwards. Contact: Tony Milln [home (03)5422-1778, mobile 0411-268-664, email millny@bigpond.net.au] by 13 January 2012.

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THE SPORTSMAN'S NIGHT: presented by the **Rotary Club of Brighton**

Thursday 23 February 2012 – 6.30 for 7pm, at The International of Brighton: 81 Bay Street, Brighton. Regular tickets \$160. Corporate premium tables of 12 are \$2600 Includes beer, wine and an excellent 3 course meal. Jacket and Tie preferred.

Contact Details: Tony Rouse – 0401 080 634 or Daryl Forge – 0411 080 634

or email: sportsmans@rotarybrighton.com.au or download pdf: http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/Sportsmans_Night_A4_2012_pr_copy.pdf

Website or link for more information: <http://www.rotarybrighton.com.au/>

Event Promo: Youtube link – <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JSPH0EgsCLU>

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5TH ANNUAL WYNDHAM ROTARY FUN RUN/WALK: Sunday 26 February at 9.00am Chirnside Park, Werribee (Mel Map 205 Ref H9)

Funds raised go toward the Royal Childrens Hospital Good Friday Appeal. Free t-shirt for first 500 registrations. For more information on the event or this submission contact

Max Coster Media Liaison 0409 435 166 or Gary Willson, Event Co-ordinator 0418 788 838

On-line registration at <http://www.wyndhamfunrun.org>

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HONEY BEE INTEREST MEETING: Tuesday 28th February, 2012, 7pm for 7.30pm Koornang Uniting Church, 117 Murrumbena Road, Murrumbena. (Melways 69 A5). 2min from 822 Bus, 5 min from Murrumbena Station. The Honey Bee in Australia is under threat. **The Rotary Club of Caulfield** is promoting simple steps which urban householders can undertake to assist in maintaining local, healthy honey bee populations. There is also renewed interest in individual bee keeping. To enable those interested to learn more, the Club is hosting the Glen Eira Honey Bee Interest Group. Entry Fee – Gold Coin – Bookings Essential – rotarycaulfield@gmail.com

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2012 JALNA BIG BAY SWIM: presented by the **Rotary Club of Point Gellibrand**

ROTARY DISTRICT 9800 Events Calendar

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

To submit Notices & Events, please send Clarice all the details at:
clarice@rotarydistrict9800.org.au



Reader's Letters

Dear Clarice,

Thanks to all Rotary Supporters of Swags for Homeless, for your support in 2011.

Tony and I were humbled to accept a Human Rights Award on behalf of Swags for Homeless on December 9th. It was fantastic to have the Australian Human Rights Commission recognise that street sleeping homeless are denied the rights to: shelter, health, privacy, non-discrimination, personal safety and freedom from inhuman treatment. The Backpack Bed is study-proven to improve homeless lives in all of these areas.

http://www.humanrights.gov.au/hr_awards/finalists_org.html

Continually growing, Swags for Homeless now partners with over 140 homeless organisations across Australia. Sadly, based on our audit 2 weeks ago - we have turned an additional 39 away ... missing out due to a lack of funds. This means we have in writing almost 200 charities - via word of mouth. We distributed 3,000 Backpack Beds in the last 12 months, well short of the 21,000 needed.

Swags for Homeless have been chosen as one of three partner charities for Channel Ten - they will produce and air Community Service Announcements during prime time throughout the year. We hope you have a fantastic Christmas and safe New Year.

Kind Regards

Lisa & Tony Clark

Swags for Homeless Ltd.

www.swags.org.au A non-profit charity organisation



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
KALYAN BANERJEE President, 2011-12



Dear Friends,

As many of you enjoy the holiday season and approach the beginning of a new year, Binota and I want to take this opportunity to send each of you, our warmest good wishes.

During this past year, we have worked together to make a positive difference through Rotary, in the many corners of the world. We have walked a long journey in our quest to eradicate the scourge of polio. We have learned we can do so much more together.

We thank you for your good work and support during 2011 and send you and your families the Best of Wishes for the New Year as we continue to Reach Within to Embrace Humanity.

Warmest regards,

Kalyan and Binota Banerjee



Notices

SITUATIONS VACANT

Dedicated and experienced Rotarians are needed to assist in the management of the District affairs for 2013-2014.

Do you have a letter for Clarice?

Contact the Editor

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

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



Reader's Letters continued

Dear Clarice & Rotary Leaders,

You may all by now have been aware of the tragic news coming out of the Philippines with regard to recent storm activity. Rotarians along with countless others have been tragically affected by loss of life and property and suffered injury with many citizens still unaccounted for.

While Rotary as an organization is more attuned to long-term recovery we do have several opportunities for immediate assistance. Of course the Rotary programs of ShelterBox and Disaster Aid are both gearing up to add their weight behind the response effort and your assistance to both programs will be of immense help.

Disaster Aid Australia: Jenni Heenan,
e: jenni@disasteraidaustralia.org.au
t: 1300 881 913 m: 0419 135 635
w: www.disasteraidaustralia.org.au

Shelterbox Australia: Craig Tobler
craig.tobler@shelterbox.org.au
PO Box 217, WAHROONGA NSW 2076 Ph. 1300 996 038
General Manager: Craig Tobler: craig.tobler@shelterbox.org.au

District 9800 has received an appeal by the Philippines District Governor 3870 badly affected by the deadly consequences resulting from the recent storms. Please refer to the below email and attached press article. If you wish to make donations directly to the Mindanao District, details are in the email below.

RC Brighton Beach is seeking additional support to send containers of goods requested by D3870 via Donations in Kind. Clubs wishing and able to assist please contact Ruth Carlos-Martinez at edgedale888@yahoo.com.au Ruth has a long history of projects in the region and much experience and contacts to generate urgent assistance. Ruth is currently also arranging Philippine Army military assistance with the Dept of Social Welfare and the Philippine National Red Cross.

As Rotary gears up its long term efforts in support of this tragedy Clubs and Rotarians may wish to contribute to the rebuilding efforts in the coming months and indeed years. Many Clubs and Rotarians have long established support networks in the areas affected and would welcome your offers of support. D9800 RAWCS is also available to provide valuable guidance on what will be required and achievable for Clubs to target. You are also invited to contact District 9800 Chair for RAWCS Colin Burns. Colin's mobile is: 0407 357 104 and email: cjburns1@bigpond.com

As always, the efforts of Rotary and Rotarians are in extreme need and any assistance you can offer will be gratefully received. Rotary will do what we do best and we will be there for the long haul helping individuals and families one by one, community by community. Your support is badly needed and will make a significant difference.

Should you need further advice please contact me on the details below.

Yours in Rotary service,

Ross Butterworth
Director - International Service & District Governor Nominee
District 9800 2011-2012 Ph: 8742 5610 Mob: 0411 228311
Email: butterworth.8@bigpond.com





BREAKING NEWS... BREAKING NEWS... BREAKING NEWS... BREAKING NEWS...

Ticket Price Special Announcements!

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Was ~~\$495~~, Now \$450

Thanks to the generous support of our Conference sponsors, we've been able to reduce the standard 2012 Conference ticket price down to the Early Bird rate of \$450 to enable more Rotarians to get along and make Melbourne our biggest Conference ever! We extend a big thanks to all Earlybird registrants who will be in the running to win a suite of prizes drawn at a special meeting of the District DLT and Club Presidents on the 5th of February, with winners announced on the 6th of February. To take advantage of this special price, join your friends and help make this our biggest Conference and celebration ever, get on board and [book today!](#)



We've Listened to You! Gala Ball Tickets for Partners Now Available!



After receiving feedback from District Rotarians, we've decided to break from tradition and offer a special non-Rotarian Partner ticket to attend the **Opening Gala Cocktail Party** (Friday Night) and the **Gala Dinner Ball** (Saturday Night). This non-Rotarian partners special has been provided at the **lowest possible cost of \$290** and includes drinks, food, entertainment and the fellowship that only a Conference can provide. To book a non-Rotarian Partner ticket, simply contact us

Show a Non-Rotarian Why You're Part of Rotary – Plenary Session Tickets

Another new initiative for the 2012 Melbourne Conference will be the introduction of single Plenary Session tickets at a cost of **just \$75** so that you can invite a friend, family member, business colleague or other non-Rotarian along to see why Rotary is making a difference in the world. There are four different Plenary Session tickets: **Blue** – "Welcome / How Ethics Should Govern Australia's Future"; **Red** – "Health and Wellbeing: Where We Can Make a Difference"; **Yellow** – "Celebrating Our New Generations"; and **Green** – "Building Communities". You can book by simply visiting the Conference Website at www.2012melbourne.com.au. Show them why – show them Rotary!





2012 International Women's Day Breakfast
Inspired by Rotarians





MARTIANS & VENUSIANS



IN THE WORKPLACE

Colliding Planets or Equal Players?

Celebrate **International Women's Day** on Thursday 8 March 2012, with a dynamic breakfast Q&A that will tackle challenging issues facing men & women working together. The panel will include:



Andrew Demetriou
AFL CEO



Mary Crooks
Executive Director,
Victorian Women's
Trust



Harold Mitchell
AC Executive
Chairman
Aegis Pacific



Fabian Dattner
Entrepreneur
& Social
Commentator



Neil Cole
Associate Professor
University of
Melbourne



Tracy Bartram
Comedian,
Radio Personality
& Author

MODERATOR

MC

A greater balance of men and women in top management teams reveals a 35% improvement in net return on investment¹ yet, there remains a gender gap at the upper echelons of industry. Does gender balance matter? If so, how do we build a more harmonious workplace?

Proceeds will be directed to 'Violence Free Families', a Rotary initiative that educates Australian families challenged by aggressive and violent behaviour.

For bookings, see overleaf.

Thursday 8 March 2012, The Palladium, Crown Melbourne, Southbank.
7:00am for 7:15am-9:00am.

Early Bird Special \$50.00 until 09/02/12

\$55 p.p / \$520 per table of 10.

Corporate Tables* available for \$620 per table of 10.

*Includes company name and logo on program and table.

Closing date 23/02/12.

Car parking in the multi deck car park - No Charge.

**For further enquiries, or offers of support/sponsorship please contact:
Rotarian Kerry Kornhauser M: 0411 597 690 E: kerry@travelinn.net.au.**





To Book

Please contact Rotarian Richard Goss on rtgoss@msn.com.au or phone Richard on 0418 356 527. You can make your payment of \$55 p.p. / \$520 per table or \$620 per corporate table* for the breakfast via bank transfer to:

BSB: 033305

Account No.: 335929

Account Name: Rotary Club of Albert Park

Credit Card facilities available

Or contact Rotarian Kerry Kornhauser at kerry@travelinn.net.au for further enquiries.

*Corporate Tables include company name and logo on program and table.

About Us



Violence Free Families, created in 2009 as part of the community service outreach of the Rotary Club of Brighton, is now supported by a number of committed Rotary Clubs. It works to reduce domestic violence, particularly focusing on the effect on children.



The 101st birthday of International Women's Day is 8th March, 2012 a global day celebrating the economic, political and social achievements of women past, present and future.



Women In Rotary is an initiative to promote and encourage community-minded women to become part of Rotary International. There are currently 5,700 women in Rotary in Australia who volunteer their time to help communities at home and abroad, as well as enjoying the benefits of networking, mentoring, developing their leadership skills and meeting a diverse array of others with similar community-oriented values. As leaders in business and community in their own right, Women in Rotary is taking a leading hand in redressing the balance of gender in Rotary Club membership, community leadership and the boardroom – we welcome women who aspire to make a difference to come and make that difference together with us! Contact Kerry Kornhauser at kerry@travelinn.net.au.



MARTIANS & VENUSIANS



IN THE WORKPLACE

Colliding Planets or Equal Players?





The Rotary Foundation Breakfast



7am for 7:15am Start, Saturday, 10 March
@ The Melbourne Convention Centre



The Foundation Breakfast at the Conference over the last few years has grown in stature to now be one of the many highlights of the District 9800 Conference.

The Foundation Breakfast provides an opportunity at our District Conference to reflect on the great work of the Rotary Foundation and see the tangible outcomes of our work. Previously we

have heard from Seattle TV Anchor Penny LeGate on the terrific work Rotary is doing to end Polio and this year we will hear all the latest on our fight of fights from our very own Australian Rotarian and nurse on the front line of Polio prevention, **Jenny Horton**.

Jenny will be joined by others representing the Rotary Foundation's terrific work, including our **Peace and Ambassadorial Scholars** and our **Group Study Exchange teams** from India and America. Our own D9800 GSE teams will be there as well, with the team returning from District 3030 in India under the leadership of Murray Verso having plenty of stories to tell and PDG Greg Ross' team to District 5230 about to embark on their journey in April 2012. If you haven't met our scholars or GSE teams, the breakfast is an ideal place to get to know them.



Part of the 80th Annual District 9800 Conference, Melbourne.

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Why Supporting The Rotary Foundation Counts...

As "Our Charity", The Rotary Foundation is the vehicle of our Rotary Clubs to invest in lasting change in the world. The funds raised by Rotarians are invested for 3 years, and at the end of those 3 years, half of the funds raised 3 years prior are available to our District for use in our District, while the remaining half is kept in the World Fund to be used to fund Global Grants, Peace scholars and other approved projects of the Rotary Foundation undertaken by our District and our member clubs.

This year District Grants have been provided to clubs for projects including:

- providing water and sanitation systems to developing countries;
- investigatory visits to finalize proposed international projects;
- ambulances in rural India to collect blood and improve public health;
- bringing teachers from PNG to learn new literacy programs to be taught in PNG schools; and
- providing literacy programs via books to local kindergartens.



With these projects carried out under the management and stewardship of Rotary volunteers, The Rotary Foundation represents one of the most effective ways to bring peace, understanding, education, good health and community betterment to our world.

I invite you to join us for a sumptuous breakfast and an inspirational way to start the first morning of our District Conference at the Foundation Breakfast!



PDG John Davis

Chairman

Rotary District 9800

Rotary Foundation Committee



To Book Your Place:

Simply indicate your attendance when completing the [Conference Booking Form](#) or contact Victor Sullivan on 0409 437 009 to reserve your place!



District 9800 Attendance & Membership

District 9800		Attendance		Membership				
2011/2012		November-11		At July 1	November-11			
Club	Cluster							
		No. of	Month		Start	End	Net gain /loss 11/12	% Change
		Mtgs	%					
Caulfield	Beachside	4	64%	9	13	13	4	44.4%
Collingwood	Heritage			15		20	5	33.3%
Flemington	Hobsons Bay	4	85%	19	24	24	5	26.3%
Laverton Point Cook	Port Phillip	5	71%	19	24	24	5	26.3%
North Melbourne	Heritage			27		33	6	22.2%
Point Gellibrand	Hobsons Bay	4	62%	31	35	36	5	16.1%
Melbourne Park	Heritage			20		23	3	15.0%
West Footscray	Hobsons Bay	5	70%	22	25	25	3	13.6%
Bendigo South	Goldfields			29		32	3	10.3%
Southbank	Batman	4	49%	23	25	25	2	8.7%
Kangaroo Flat	Goldfields	4	78%	24	26	26	2	8.3%
Werribee	Port Phillip	4	77%	38	40	41	3	7.9%
Melton	Westside	4	75%	27	29	29	2	7.4%
Canterbury	Eastside			42		45	3	7.1%
Toorak	Stonnington	4	70%	29	31	31	2	6.9%
Chadstone / East Malvern	Stonnington	5	75%	44	47	47	3	6.8%
Yarraville	Hobsons Bay	4	72%	18	19	19	1	5.6%
Carlton	Heritage	4	82%	39	41	41	2	5.1%
Eaglehawk	Goldfields	4	80%	41	42	43	2	4.9%
Woodend	Calder	4	69%	22	23	23	1	4.5%
Bendigo Sandhurst	Goldfields	5	79%	50	52	52	2	4.0%
Brimbank Central	Gateway	5	79%	26	28	27	1	3.8%
Daylesford	Calder	5	69%	31	32	32	1	3.2%
Richmond	Heritage	4	76%	36	37	37	1	2.8%
Camberwell	Eastside	5	81%	71	71	72	1	1.4%
Melbourne	Batman	5	47%	237	238	240	3	1.3%
Albert Park	Batman	4	63%	60	59	60	0	0.0%
Bendigo Strathdale	Goldfields	4	74%	30	30	30	0	0.0%
Brighton North	Beachside	5	74%	51	51	51	0	0.0%
Brunswick	Heritage	4	39%	30	30	30	0	0.0%
Essendon	Gateway	4	60%	73	73	73	0	0.0%



Essendon North	Gateway	5	66%	25	25	25	0	0.0%
Gisborne	Calder	5	81%	22	21	22	0	0.0%
Keilor	Gateway	4	82%	38	38	38	0	0.0%
Kew	Yarra	4	72%	36	36	36	0	0.0%
Kew-on-Yarra	Yarra	5	76%	16	16	16	0	0.0%
Melbourne South	Batman	4	78%	27	27	27	0	0.0%
Melton Valley	Westside	4	100%	15	15	15	0	0.0%
Moonee Valley	Gateway	4	46%	17	17	17	0	0.0%
North Balwyn	Eastside	4	86%	77	77	77	0	0.0%
Port Melbourne	Batman	4	55%	11	11	11	0	0.0%
St Kilda	Stonnington	4	58%	9	9	9	0	0.0%
Tullamarine	Gateway			19		19	0	0.0%
Wyndham	Port Phillip	5	86%	25	25	25	0	0.0%
Balwyn	Eastside	4	75%	72	70	71	-1	-1.4%
Hawthorn	Yarra	4	82%	63	62	62	-1	-1.6%
Keilor East	Gateway	4	87%	43	42	42	-1	-2.3%
Glenferrie	Yarra	4	76%	42	40	41	-1	-2.4%
Bacchus Marsh	Westside	5	73%	37	37	36	-1	-2.7%
Brighton	Beachside			128		124	-4	-3.1%
Altona City	Port Phillip	4	63%	27	26	26	-1	-3.7%
Footscray	Hobsons Bay	4	56%	53	53	51	-2	-3.8%
Kyneton	Calder	4	65%	43	43	41	-2	-4.7%
Sunshine	Westside			21		20	-1	-4.8%
Williamstown	Hobsons Bay	4	59%	42	40	40	-2	-4.8%
Castlemaine	Calder	5	81%	41	39	39	-2	-4.9%
Echuca-Moama	Goldfields	5	72%	20	19	19	-1	-5.0%
Central Melb. Sunrise	Batman	4	68%	59	58	56	-3	-5.1%
Boroondara	Eastside	4	51%	19	18	18	-1	-5.3%
Bendigo	Goldfields	5	64%	86	80	80	-6	-7.0%
Docklands	Batman	3	65%	14	14	13	-1	-7.1%
Fitzroy	Heritage	4	71%	27	25	25	-2	-7.4%
Malvern	Stonnington	4	74%	40	38	37	-3	-7.5%
Glen Eira	Beachside	4	85%	22	22	20	-2	-9.1%
Rochester	Goldfields	4	83%	10	9	9	-1	-10.0%
Altona	Port Phillip	3	63%	27	24	24	-3	-11.1%
Prahran	Stonnington	4	65%	26	23	23	-3	-11.5%
Hoppers Crossing	Port Phillip	4	76%	34	30	30	-4	-11.8%
Brighton Beach	Beachside	5	60%	25	24	22	-3	-12.0%
No. of Clubs Reporting			61		61			
No. of Members				2591		2610	19	0.7%
% Average of Those Reported			70.8%					
% of Clubs Reporting Attendance			88%					
% of Clubs Reporting Membership						88%		



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Rotary District 9800

A publication for
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DG Weekly Message

Straight off the bat this week I would like to congratulate three exceptional Rotarians who were recognised in Australia Day honours.

Congratulations

Rotary Club of Melbourne Rotarian **David Wittner** was recognised with the awarding of an AM (**Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia**) for his service to business, particularly footwear retailing, to professional organisations, to a range of charitable and medical research groups, and to Rotary. David's contributions to Rotary have been exemplary and I extend congratulations and thanks for such valuable service for over 47 years to the remarkable and evergreen **David Wittner AM!**

I congratulate also **Darryl Mills OAM**, awarded the **Order of Australia Medal in the General Division** for his service to the international community through humanitarian roles. As many of you will know, Darryl has been said to be the busiest Rotarian in the world and has carried out much tremendous work as our Rotary International Liaison Officer for Timor Leste since 2002. Congratulations on a well-deserved honour and keep up the great work Darryl!

The Rotary Club of Rochester is now proud to have as its President the **Rochester Citizen of the Year** as well as the **Campaspe Shire's Citizen of the Year, Graeme Nelson**. Amongst many other contributions to the local community over many years,



District Governor Keith Ryall
and Gabrielle

Graeme co-ordinated clean-up work teams who visited the town and helped in the administration of disaster relief funds made available by Rotary following the flooding in early 2011. I am sure I speak for us all when I say that it is terrific to see Graeme receive such recognition!

We Want Your New Members' Opinions

New members are the lifeblood of Rotary. Without new membership, our Clubs grow older, grow smaller through natural attrition and eventually become disconnected from and irrelevant to the next generation of community minded individuals who might otherwise join Rotary. Thus retaining our most recent new members and attracting further new members is of critical importance to every Club.

The upcoming 2012 Melbourne Conference is introducing a new initiative to help us do just that – As part of our Future of Rotary Forums, we will be holding a forum inviting new members (those who have joined from 2010 on) to tell us their thoughts on Rotary and how we can improve what we do so we can attract and retain more people just like them.

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Clarice Caricare

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Send Clarice an email at clarice@rotarydistrict9800.org.au



January is Family of Rotary Month



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

STOP PRESS!

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DG Weekly Message *continued*

The **New Members Future of Rotary Forum** will be held on **Friday, 9th March at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre between 3pm and 5pm** and will be facilitated by PDG Jim Studebaker. It promises to be a highly interactive session aimed at eliciting information that will guide our approach to growing new membership.

If you have new members within your Club from the past couple of years, I urge you to refer them to this forum and encourage them to sign up to come along and share their views. They can sign up by visiting <http://www.2012melbourne.com.au/newmembers>

There are few better ways to show you value another's opinion and ideas than to come out and ask them what they think and let them know that it counts. We hope that the New Members Future of Rotary Forum will do just that.

I'll have more to say in coming weeks in regard to the other Future of Rotary Forums for Highly Experienced Rotarians, Women in Rotary and Rotary Alumni, but in the meantime, show your New Members that they really mean something to you and encourage them to be a part of guiding the Future of Rotary as we celebrate the past and commit to the future.

Invite a New Member to Inspiration

I'd also like you to encourage your New Members to join in the festivities of the 2012 Melbourne District Conference. There are few more fun, rewarding and inspirational things in Rotary than experiencing a District Conference and seeing the collective work of what we have achieved together. The Conference provides a reward and celebration of our work and consolidates friendships, fellowship and our sense of belonging within Rotary. It is the ultimate new member retention tool and is a great way to induct a new member into the heart and soul of your Club.

Make sure you encourage these Rotarians, who don't yet know

whether a Conference is worth attending, to go and experience for themselves why it is a more than worthwhile experience that will leave them inspired, happy and more invested in Rotary.

Conference Earlybird Prizes

The District Leadership Team and Club Presidents will convene on Sunday the 5th of February to draw the winners of the 2012 Melbourne

District Conference Earlybird Registration prizes. The prize winners will be announced on the morning of Monday 6th of February and contacted accordingly.

Best of luck to all of you in the draw!

Yours in Rotary,

Keith Ryall
District 9800 Governor
2011-2012

8 reasons why the 2012 Melbourne Conference will excite new members

There is nothing quite like a Conference to open up the world of Rotary and all that Rotarians are capable of achieving.

Here's 8 reasons why (you can book at www.2012melbourne.com.au) -

1. Conference is fun!

Being part of the fun, part of the experience and part of what makes Rotary special is the ultimate in making new members feel part of something bigger!

2. Let them see Rotary in action!

The Conference provides some of the most inspiring highlights of the work that Rotary does - Club by Club, project by project and from the District to the world.

3. Conference is for everyone!

The Conference is a time to celebrate your year and build on the foundations of the Rotary family. With the 2012 Conference in Melbourne, it provides the best opportunity to bring your whole Club and experience the inspiration!

4. Engagement = Retention!

Nothing retains Rotarians like giving them something great to be part of, and there are few bigger events than the Rotary District 9800 Conference! Great experiences, great friendships - they're guaranteed!

5. Inspire them - show them anything is possible in Rotary!

Do new members within your club know the breadth of what your Club has achieved? What about District? Or Rotary International Worldwide? Let the Conference show them!

6. We want to hear from New Members!

The New Members Future of Rotary Forum on Friday 9th of March will help us be even better. The more we can expose New Members to the breadth of Rotary and integrate their ideas and passion, the more Rotary can improve!

7. New faces = new energy!

New Rotarians invigorate existing Rotarians and provide a tangible reminder that every Rotary Club can grow, renew and achieve more than ever!

8. Our best promotion, our best ambassadors!

The 2012 Conference will be the highlight of our Rotary year - it's spectacular, inspiring, and a Rotary celebration. So when your new members are asked about what it's like to be part of Rotary, you can be sure if they've been to Conference they will be one of your Club's most powerful promotional tools!





Are you, or is someone you know a **NEW ROTARIAN?**



We want to hear from Rotarians who have joined from 2010 about their initial impressions – what is Rotary doing right and what could we do better?

We're inviting all New Rotarians to be participants in a New Rotarians Forum as part of the 2012 Melbourne Conference to look at how we can make Rotary more attractive, more welcoming, more relevant and something that more people of the same ilk would want to be a part of. We want to the impressions, opinions and ideas of New Rotarians in building Rotary into an organisation for the future that we will all be proud to be a part of.

The 2012 Melbourne Conference will see District 9800 hosting this New Members Forum on Friday 9th of March from 3pm-5pm. This is an opportunity for New Rotarians to shape our future and tell us honestly and openly what's working, what's holding us back, how we can improve and how we can attract more new members who care about our community.

The forum will be hosted by **Past District Governor (PDG) Jim Studebaker**.

To join us and share a New Member's perspective of Rotary in this important forum, please simply visit www.2012melbourne.com.au/newmembers

About the facilitator:



PDG Jim Studebaker was invited to join the Rotary Club of North Balwyn in 1991 and was privileged to serve as its President in 2004-2005. He was a member of the District Public Relations Committee before joining the District RYLA committee on which he served for eight years. In 2006-2007 was appointed Assistant Governor of the Batman Cluster and served as District Governor of our District in 2008-2009. Jim is presently our District Trainer for the 2012-2013 club Presidents and office bearers, and is the D9800 Rotary Foundation Grants Subcommittee Chair. Jim is also a Trustee of the Australian Rotary Foundation Trust and has just been appointed Assistant Regional Foundation Coordinator in Rotary Zone 8 and 7A.

We Salute Award Winners!

MEDAL (OAM) OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA IN THE GENERAL DIVISION

Our congratulations go to **Darryl MILLS, Dili, Timor Leste.**

Darryl received the Order of Australia for service to the international community through humanitarian roles.

Darryl is Liaison Officer for Timor-Leste with Rotary International, Rotary Australia World Community Service, Coordinator for Timor-Leste, Rotary Overseas Medical Aid for Children and Liaison Officer, East Timor Roofing and Training Co-operative.

Darryl Mills from the Dili Rotary Club in Timor has been said to be the busiest Rotarian in the world. His role as Rotary Liaison Officer for Timor commenced in 2002.

1. He manages the containers and humanitarian aids that are sent to Timor: a container about once per week. A network of Catholic sisters distributes the goods. A wish list is created and needed goods are delivered.



2. ROMAC – Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children. About 30 children with life threatening conditions receive the much needed surgery each year. It is a struggle to obtain the surgery for the children these days, however, a great deal of success has been achieved.

3. Darryl also runs between 30 and 50 projects concurrently. For example, the Kalamunda Rotary Club runs an alternative 'Schoolies' Program, where students do community work in Timor instead of the usual things leavers do.

Bill Dagg of Pt Gellibrand RC adds: **From little things-BIG THINGS GROW.**

"After my talk @ a D9800 RAWCS seminar Bendigo, Aug 2002(?) searching for a "temporary" ROTARY L.O in Timor Leste, you said you may be interested. The rest is history. Darryl, your work in T.L for all these years, has been deservedly well recognized by ROTARY. Your award of the Order of Australia Medal -2012, recognizes what you have achieved in Humanitarian work for the people of both Timor Leste & Australia. Well done Sir."



MR DAVID WITTNER, AM - MEMBER IN THE GENERAL DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

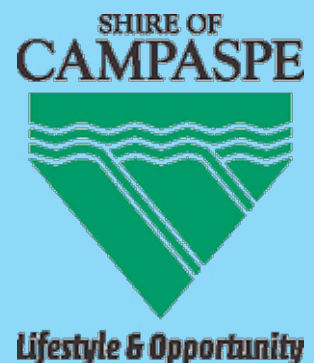
For service to business, particularly footwear retailing, to professional organisations, to a range of charitable and medical research groups, and to Rotary.

David Wittner is on a cruise ship and could not be reached. A member of his family told J-Wire: "We are very proud".

Shire of Campaspe Citizen of the Year

After receiving his award as Rochester's Citizen of the Year at last night's celebration dinner, **Rochester Rotary Club President Graeme Nelson** was named as **the Shire of Campaspe's Citizen of the Year.**

Well done, Graeme!





ROTARIANS LEND A HAND

From "About Boort, December 2011"

Members of the Rotary Club of Balwyn North hardly stopped recently during a busy week of volunteer work in Loddon Shire, helping out with flood recovery efforts across the northern parts of the shire.

The visitors stayed at the Boort Recreational Reserve, but travelled as far as Kerang, Jarklin, Durham Ox, Yarrawalla and Borung, working on clean-up, fence clearing, gardening and general tidying of properties.

Boort District Health co-ordinated the works program for the week. Flood support worker Marg Van Veen said the team, which varied from six to 16 members during the week, had helped about 20 families.

"They did such tasks as removing damaged fencing, building new fences, sanding and painting houses and repairing damaged machinery," Mrs Van Veen said.

"They cleared yards of flood debris, repaired sprinkler systems, did gardening and cut down an awful lot of grass and weeds, just to get to the fences. "Having worked with them a couple of times, I know they worked incredibly hard – there was no idle chit-chat.

"It was hard slog until break time, then all the jokes would start. It's amazing how much the group has accomplished in just one week. "There are properties out there where the men could have spent the whole week, but we wanted to share their time around as much as possible.



Melbourne Rotarians (from left) Ron Phillips, Duncan Ansell and John Mollison take a breather during their busy week in Loddon Shire.

"Their aim was not to do everything on each property, but to complete just one or two projects, to help lighten the load for the people affected by the floods. "In doing so, they have given much-needed emotional and psychological support. "Not only that – they have also supported local businesses, buying all their supplies in town, frequenting the local pubs and buying a few souvenirs to take back to Melbourne." Thanks a lot, Fellas !

>> Read more at:
[AB December 11.pdf](#)

Rotary Club Locator app

You can now search for a Rotary club with RI's free mobile app. In the Apple app store and Android market, it's called the Rotary Club Locator from Rotary International. The app also will soon be offered for BlackBerry phones.

The Rotary Club Locator app helps you find a Rotary club meeting when you're on the go.

- The "Near Me" search locates clubs within a physical radius of 100 miles. (Note: Actual driving distances may be further.)
- A keyword search for clubs. This search looks for the keyword in either the club name or meeting location address. This is useful for finding clubs that are outside of the 100-mile radius from your current location.
- A map showing a club's location and driving directions
- The ability to save search results to a list of favourite clubs
- The ability to add a club to your phone's contact list
- The club's website and primary phone number, if available
- A search function to find clubs by district

To view club officer contact information, you must login into the app with your RI Member Access login information.



>> More: <http://www.rotary.org/en/aboutus/sitertools/mobileapps/pages/mobile.aspx>



Facing East

The Upper Reaches of the Yangtze is a land of remote mountains, gorges and minority peoples, that stretches over half the Yangtze's 6,300 km (3,900 mile) length, from its source to the first major city. The most famous part of the upper reaches is Tiger Leaping Gorge, near the ancient town of Lijiang in Yunnan Province, Southwest China.

"Facing East" is a film about the problem of pollution facing China. The film won an award from National Geographic in the United States, but unfortunately, due to political reasons, it will never be released for the general public. It features a group of American Kayakers who start from the source of the great river to the Three Gorges Dam.

It is a wonderful film that one must see to understand the ramifications of progress.

The film is presented by Don Cullen of North Brighton Rotary Club, in support of the Tibetan Village Project, Australia. It is the ideal length for a Rotary meeting: if your club has already supported TVP, Don shows it as a further means of fundraising for their projects in Tibet.

<http://www.tibetanvillageproject.org/>

Contact Don Cullen: Email: cullen.don@gmail.com





Rotary celebrates India's first polio-free year

By Dan Nixon and Wayne Hearn
Rotary International News -- 12 January 2012

India's last reported case was a two-year-old girl in West Bengal State on 13 January 2011. The country recorded 42 cases in 2010, and 741 in 2009.

A chief factor in India's success has been the widespread use of the bivalent oral polio vaccine, which is effective against both remaining types of the polio virus. Another has been rigorous monitoring, which has helped reduce the number of children missed by health workers during National Immunization Days to less than 1 percent, according to the World Health Organization (WHO).

Rotary has been a spearheading partner in the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) since 1988, along with WHO, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is also a key supporter of the initiative.

Sporting their signature yellow vests and caps, the nearly 119,000 Rotarians in India have helped administer vaccine to children, organize free health camps and polio awareness rallies, and distribute banners, caps, comic books, and other items.

"With the support of their Rotary brothers and sisters around the world, Indian Rotarians have worked diligently month after month, year after year, to help organize and carry out the National Immunization Days that reach millions of children with the oral polio vaccine," says RI President Kalyan Banerjee, of the Rotary Club of Vapi, Gujarat.

"As an Indian, I am immensely proud of what Rotary has accomplished. However, we know this is not the end of our work. Rotary and our partners must continue to immunize



Rotarians and state government leaders in Jaipur, Rajasthan, India, vaccinate children against polio during a National Immunization Day in 2011.

children in India and in other countries until the goal of a polio-free world is finally achieved."

>> Full story:

http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/120112_news_indiapolio.aspx

PDG John Davis, D9800 Rotary Foundation Chairman adds these figures:

- Number of Children Immunised during the last NID: 174 Million in a day
- Number of Immunisation Booths in India : 709,000
- Polio Doses Mobilised during NID : 225 Million Doses
- No. of Houses visited the following Day : 209 Million Houses
- Volunteers Mobilised to man the Booths : 2.5. Million
- Number of Rotarians in India : 109,000
- Number of Rotary Districts in India : 31
- Number of Immunisation Booths in Salem : 159
- No. of Children Immunised in Salem Corp. : 167,397 at each NID
- Amount Spent by Government of India : US D 2,670,000,000 approx
- Amount spent by Rotary International : US D 142,000,000 approx.

A reduction Polio occurrence in India from 150,000 cases in the year 1985 to NIL status in 27 years.



Rotary Maternal Health Project

By Harald Marschner, Chairman RFPD



The Rotary Maternal Health Project, initiated by The Rotarian Action Group for Population Growth & Sustainable Development, has been included in the list of UN Commitments 2011.

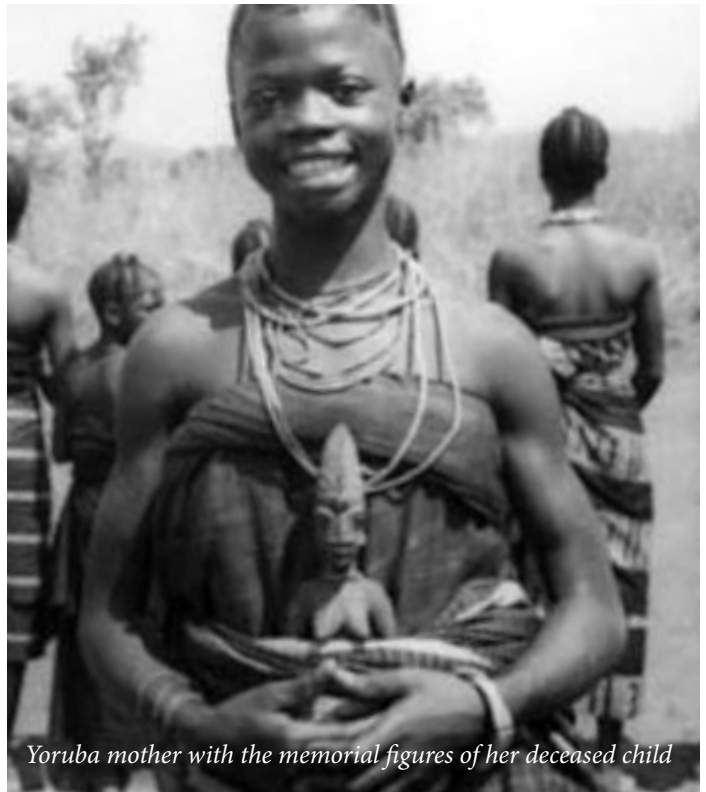
- This makes RFPD one of about 200 organizations, including 50 governments, which committed to promote and implement the UN Global Strategy on Women's and Children's Health. Through this project maternal mortality was reduced by 50% in selected hospitals in Northern Nigeria. One year after the project ended, a reduction in maternal mortality of 60% was documented, proving that this model is sustainable.
- This Rotary signature project was published in Rotary and other media e.g. the International Journal of Gynecology and Obstetrics. It is regarded as a model to reduce maternal and newborn mortality. Our model contributes to Rotary's new area of focus 'Maternal & Child Health', as well as to the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) 5, which is most 'off track' amongst the MDGs.
- RI has heavily promoted the six new areas of focus, one being 'Maternal & Child Health'. The newest brochure 'Rotary's Areas of Focus' stresses that "53 million unintended pregnancies could be prevented through family planning". "What you can do: Provide access to family planning, information and resources. Meeting this need could reduce the number of maternal deaths by nearly 30 percent".

The Rotarian Action Group for Population Growth & Sustainable Development, held a series of successful meetings at the Rotary International Convention in New Orleans in May 2011. At the invitation of Rotary International, RFPD presented its 10th breakout session – "Maternal & Child Health", which over two hundred people attended. Film Producer, Dawn Sinclair Shapiro, was presented with RFPD's Award for Courage, for her documentary, "The Edge of Joy", a film about the trials of maternal care in Nigeria.

We invite you to join us at the Rotary International Convention being held in Bangkok, Thailand, May 6-9, 2012.

>> Visit RFPD Website: <http://www.rifpd.org>

A Fante mother carrying her child in a wrapper on her back.



Yoruba mother with the memorial figures of her deceased child





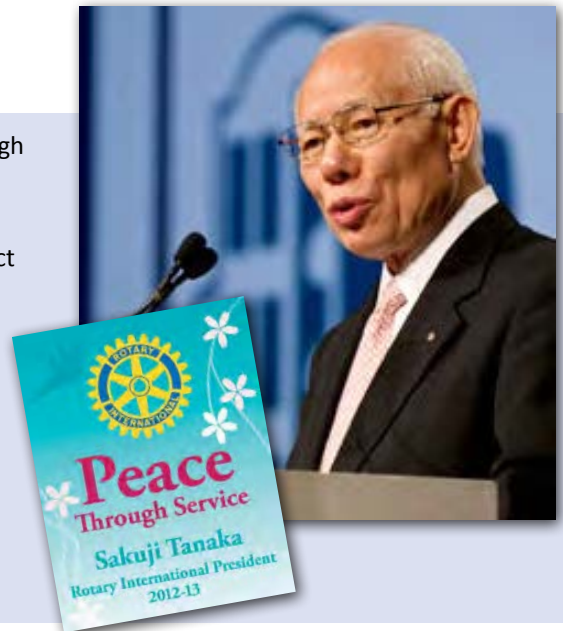
Peace Through Service

RI President-elect Sakuji Tanaka will ask Rotarians to build Peace Through Service in 2012-13.

Tanaka unveiled the RI theme during the opening plenary session of the 2012 International Assembly, a training event for incoming Rotary district governors.

"Peace, in all of the ways that we can understand it, is a real goal and a realistic goal for Rotary," he said. "Peace is not something that can only be achieved through agreements, by governments, or through heroic struggles. It is something that we can find and that we can achieve, every day and in many simple ways."

>> More: http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/120116_IA12_theme.aspx



Rotary Cricket Fellowship

The International Fellowship of Cricketing Rotarians is one of the most active of Rotary's many fellowships. IFCR operates on both an international, a national and a local basis. The world festival week in India next months with seven countries and approximately two hundred players participating together with the October 2012 Adelaide National Festival Week are samples of that activity.

It is proposed to hold a D9800/D9810 Challenge match on Thursday March 8th at Stradbroke Park in Kew. Players from D9800 are needed. Recent experience is not essential: past players who would wish to take part in a social game played at a gentle pace are invited to indicate their interest to

Richard Groom Email: rgroom@iinet.net.au >> More: [Grand Challenge Cricket match.pdf](#)



Welcome New Members

District Secretary Peter Lamping has notified us of **several new members**.

North Balwyn: Barbara Penson and David Curby (relocation from RC of Alice Springs, & formally member of North Balwyn club.)

Footscray: Marcus Valles

Kew: Luise Westwood and George Verginis (Previous member re-admitted)

Wyndham: Lesley Porter

Laverton Point Cook: Sweeta Goyal, Morisio Cokanauto and Ian Boys



GSE team to California

Before we get into the real thing, here is an informal photo of the GSE team to D5230 in California (April/ May) relaxing over the Xmas break.

Team Leader PDG Greg Ross, Jacinta Lean, Adam Mckie, Briana Trimble and Andrew Wood.



Notices & Upcoming Events

February

- 14**  **STORMING AGAINST VIOLENCE BREAKFAST:** Tuesday 14 February 2012–7.30–9.00am. Palladium Room Crown Casino \$75.00. RSVP Date 3rd February e: women@vwt.org.au or 9642 0422 <http://www.vwt.org.au/events-31.html> – Opening community dialogue & engagement around violence. Featuring Dr Jackson Katz (leading US violence prevention advocate). Domestic violence is one of the most complex, least visible and fastest growing areas of crime. We're not going to solve it by locking people up.. it needs urgent attention and a fresh approach.
- 16**  **BE THE HERO PREMIER EVENT:** Thursday 16 February 2012 6.30pm – 8.30pm Free Event Melbourne Town Hall, Swanston Street. RSVP Date and Contact Details: 3rd February: Email: women@vwt.org.au or 9642 0422 Website or link for more information: <http://www.vwt.org.au/events-31.html> – Victorian Women's Trust – Be The Hero Program presentation Andrew O'Keefe (White Ribbon Ambassador) Dr Jackson Katz, Dr Michael Flood (violence prevention expert) addressing young men and their families. Spread the word amongst your families, children and grandchildren.
- 22** **GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE WELCOME DINNER: WEDNESDAY 22 February 2012,** 6.30 FOR 7PM Grand Star Receptions, Grieve Parade, Altona North. Cost: \$45pp We welcome home our team returning from D3030 Maharashtra India along with the Team arriving from D5230 California USA. RSVP Date and Contact Details: Wednesday 15th February 2012, Peter Shephard 9369 8358 Mail to:peter.shephard@bigpond.com GSE Dinner February 2012.pdf GSE Booking Form.pdf
- 23**  **THE SPORTSMAN'S NIGHT:** presented by the Rotary Club of Brighton Thursday 23 February 2012 – 6.30 for 7pm, at The International of Brighton: 81 Bay Street, Brighton. Regular tickets \$160. Corporate premium tables of 12 are \$2600 Contact Details: Tony Rouse – 0401 080 634 or Daryl Forge – 0411 080 634 or email: sportsmans@rotarybrighton.com.au or download pdf: http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/Sportsmans_Night_A4_2012_pr_copy.pdf Website: <http://www.rotarybrighton.com.au/> Event Promo: Youtube link – <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JSP0EgsCLU>
- 23**  **50TH ANNIVERSARY– ROTARY CLUB OF CAULFIELD:** Thursday 23 February 2012 6.30 for 7.00pm. The Glasshouse Restaurant function room, Station Street, Caulfield (at Caulfield Racecourse) 3 course meal. Drinks at bar prices Entertainment – Combo Azure. Cost – \$50 – 50th Anniversary Dinner 2012
- 26** **WHISKY TASTING:** presented by the Rotary Club of Glen Eira
- 26**  **5TH ANNUAL WYNDHAM ROTARY FUN RUN/WALK:** 23 February at 6.30 for 7.00pm Chirnside Park, Werribee (Mel Map 205 Ref H9) Funds raised go toward the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. Free t-shirt for first 500 registrations. For more information on the event or this submission contact Max Coster Media Liaison 0409 435 166 or Gary Willson, Event Co-ordinator 0418 788 838 On-line registration at <http://www.wyndhamfunrun.org>
- 26**  **HONEY BEE INTEREST MEETING:** Tuesday 28th February, 2012, 7pm for 7.30pm Koornang Uniting Church, 117 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena. (Melways 69 A5). The Rotary Club of Caulfield is promoting simple steps which urban householders can undertake to assist in maintaining local, healthy honey bee populations. The Club is hosting the Glen Eira Honey Bee Interest Group. Entry Fee – Gold Coin – Bookings Essential – Email: rotarycaulfield@gmail.com
- 26** **2012 JALNA BIG BAY SWIM:** presented by the Rotary Club of Point Gellibrand
- 29** **GSE WELCOME COCKTAIL PARTY:** GSE Incoming team from D 3030 Maharashtra in central India. Wednesday February 29th at the MALVERN VALLEY GOLF CLUB, Golfers Drive, Malvern East Melway 69D1 6.30pm until 9.45. Cost \$20.00 per head covers substantial finger food with drinks at bar prices. Hosted by the Rotary Club of Chadstone East Malvern, for details contact Eric Farmer on 9500 0140 Email: ericfarmer@bigpond.com

March

- 27** **WERRIBEE GOLF DAY:** Tuesday 28th February, 2012, 7pm for 7.30pm. Koornang Uniting Church, Tuesday 27th March 2012 Werribee Park Golf Club, Werribee (Melway 201 B6) 12.30pm Shotgun Start, Registration from 11.45am. Format: Ambrose (Four Person) with BBQ before hit off. Presentation Dinner and Trophies Cost: Sponsorship packages; \$1,500 Platinum, \$1000 Gold, \$550 Silver and \$300 Bronze. \$75 per player or \$40 for Werribee Park Golf Club members. For Enquires and Entries Contact: Paul Revell Phone: 0414 889 034 Email: revcompr@bigpond.com John Flynn Golf 2012.pdf

ROTARY DISTRICT 9800 Events Calendar

For a full Notices & Events calendar, visit the following link:
http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/notices_and_events
To submit Notices & Events, please send Clarice all the details at:
clarice@rotarydistrict9800.org.au

**NOTICE: THE ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE 2012**

The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a multi-district leadership development program which seeks to have Rotary Clubs identify those Rotarians who seem to have the potential for future club leadership (not necessarily as club presidents) and provide those so identified with a quality education in Rotary knowledge and leadership skills for voluntary organisations. The course dates for the first six months of the 2012 are as follows:

Part 1 Sunday February 26 & Sunday March 25 **Part 2** Sunday April 15 & Sunday April 29

Part 3 Sunday May 13 & Sunday May 27

Please contact the RLI Registrar Vicki Teschke at vicki.t@tacobill.com.au to register for any of these sessions.

Reader's Letters



Dear Clarice,

The 2011 version of the Foundation Facts brochure is now available and as usual, it's filled with interesting facts and lots of good things to talk about. Just to quickly review the highlights of our achievements:

PolioPlus - We may have reached the \$200 million target but the work goes on. During the year, a total of \$76.7 million went to polio grants.

Matching Grants - During the year there were 1,634 grants approved with program awards reaching \$33.2 million. These were for grants to non-pilot districts only.

Future Vision Pilot - Of the 100 districts participating in the pilot program, 95 districts received district grants totaling over \$6.1 million and 208 global grants totalling almost \$9.3 million.

District Simplified Grants - Supporting short term service activities on non-FV pilot districts, 351 grants were approved with a total program award of \$7.0 million

Rotary Peace Fellows - During the year, 79 peace fellows from 42 countries began master's degrees and professional certificate studies at a cost of \$4.1 million.

Ambassadorial Scholarships - In 2010-11, 414 scholars from 52 countries followed their dreams by continuing their educations and gaining a better understanding of the world and program awards were \$9.7 million.

Group Study Exchange - One of Rotary's most popular Foundation programs saw 324 teams travel abroad with itinerary's covering vocational, educational and cultural topics. Program awards were \$2.8 million.

Why am I telling you all this when you can read it in the leaflet? I just wanted to emphasise the fact that none of this would be possible without strong Club and Rotarian support for the Annual Program Fund and for PolioPlus. We will only ever be able to do as much as our finances allow us to do, so let's spend more time proudly talking about the great things we do to make our world a better place. If Rotarians and Clubs understand the value of The Foundation's work they will surely give their support.

Regards
Bruce Allen,
Manager, The Rotary Foundation - South Pacific & Philippines Office,
Email: bruce.allen@rotary.org

Dear Clarice,

What a brilliant edition. Both from selection of items and layout. Congrats.

Regards, **John Bengier**, RC Richmond.

Clarice Replies: Thanks John, we appreciate your comments: the team came back from the break, all fired up! We have new contributors with new ideas working behind the scenes, who hope to keep you up-to-date in the Rotary World.





Reader's Letters continued

Dear Clarice

I am sorry that I have not been able to update you more often than I have but a hectic schedule and a lack of connectivity makes it tricky. I'm sure you can appreciate the problem.

To give people some idea of our activities, James has worked hard to take as many pictures as possible and to put them on the Facebook site. Unfortunately, we are well behind on updating the blog.

We are now in the city of Akola, population around 800,000. The team are very impressive to see in action. They all make friends easily, ask a lot of intelligent questions and get on well together. We sometimes attract especially in areas not used to seeing westerners. We are often stopped in the street by people wanting to photograph us. The "GSE smile" is used a lot but happily so.

So far we have maintained our good spirits although I find the itinerary, which can change hour by hour, a bit frustrating. We now are learning to operate on Indian time. Breakfast can be between 8 and 11 am and dinner is rarely before 11pm. Our first presentation was to 5 clubs at a dinner held in a large garden. WE gave it at 10.30pm but it was very well received. At each presentation we will try to include photos of our hosts. It worked well in Amaravati on Thursday night.

Vocational visits have been a bit light on but useful. Mel & Del were well taken care of by the police. Jim spent a morning working with a professional photographer, Lizz was asked to visit and give a talk to an MBA class and I spent some time touring a small private hospital owned and operated by a female gynaecologist and a male laparoscopic surgeon (husband & wife). We have enjoyed comparing notes with our Indian colleagues.

We all spent a few hours at a surgical hospital operated by RC of Nagpur South in a town in the mountains using TRF matching grants with US clubs. We were all quite moved by the scope of the project and the dramatic effect it is having on an isolated community with no access to health care. Jim's photographs of this project are an example of superb photo journalism. Touch wood no major hiccups so far.

The GSE experience hard work but the returns are great.

*Many thanks,
Murray Verso
(Team leader)*



Notices

SITUATIONS VACANT

Dedicated and experienced Rotarians are needed to assist in the management of the District affairs for 2013-2014.

Do you have a letter for Clarice?

Contact the Editor

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

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





Rotary Club of Caulfield



*Celebrating
50 Years of Service*

*"Reflecting on the Past
Celebrating the Present
Creating the Future"*

Thursday 23rd February, 2012

6.30pm for 7pm

The Elms Function Room



1 Station Street, Caulfield

Melways Reference 68 E1



3 Course Dinner \$50 p.p. / Rotaract members \$30 p.p.

Drinks available at Bar Prices

Dress: Gentlemen - Lounge Suit Ladies - After Five

Entertainment - Combo Azure R.S.V.P. 30 Jan, 2012

Email: Sophie Potasz (walterp@internode.on.net)





2012 International Women's Day Breakfast
Inspired by Rotarians





MARTIANS & VENUSIANS



IN THE WORKPLACE

Colliding Planets or Equal Players?

Celebrate **International Women's Day** on Thursday 8 March 2012, with a dynamic breakfast Q&A that will tackle challenging issues facing men & women working together. The panel will include:



Andrew Demetriou
AFL CEO



Mary Crooks
Executive Director,
Victorian Women's
Trust



Harold Mitchell
Chairman
Aegis Media Pacific



Fabian Dattner
Entrepreneur
& Social
Commentator



Neil Cole
Associate Professor
University of
Melbourne



Tracy Bartram
Comedian,
Radio Personality
& Author

MODERATOR

MC

A greater balance of men and women in top management teams reveals a 35% improvement in net return on investment¹ yet, there remains a gender gap at the upper echelons of industry. Does gender balance matter? If so, how do we build a more harmonious workplace?

Proceeds will be directed to 'Violence Free Families', a Rotary initiative that educates Australian families challenged by aggressive and violent behaviour.

For bookings, see overleaf.

Thursday 8 March 2012, The Palladium, Crown Melbourne, Southbank.
7:00am for 7:15am-9:00am.

Early Bird Special \$55.00 until 09/02/12

\$60 p.p / \$590 per table of 10.

Corporate Tables* available for \$690 per table of 10.

*Includes company name and logo on program and table.

Closing date 23/02/12.

Prices above include GST. Car parking in the multi deck car park - No Charge.

**For further enquiries, or offers of support/sponsorship please contact:
Rotarian Kerry Kornhauser M: 0411 597 690 E: kerry@travelinn.net.au.**





To Book

Please contact Rotarian Richard Goss on rtgoss@msn.com.au or phone Richard on 0418 356 527. You can make your payment of \$60 p.p. / \$590 per table or \$690 per corporate table* for the breakfast via bank transfer to:

BSB: 033305

Account No.: 335929

Account Name: Rotary Club of Albert Park

Prices above include GST. Credit Card facilities available.

Or contact Rotarian Kerry Kornhauser at kerry@travelinn.net.au for further enquiries.

*Corporate Tables include company name and logo on program and table.

About Us



Violence Free Families, created in 2009 as part of the community service outreach of the Rotary Club of Brighton, is now supported by a number of committed Rotary Clubs. It works to reduce domestic violence, particularly focusing on the effect on children.

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



The **101st birthday of International Women's Day** is 8th March, 2012 a global day celebrating the economic, political and social achievements of women past, present and future.

<http://www.internationalwomensday.com>



Women In Rotary is an initiative to promote and encourage community-minded women to become part of Rotary International. There are currently 5,700 women in Rotary in Australia who volunteer their time to help communities at home and abroad, as well as enjoying the benefits of networking, mentoring, developing their leadership skills and meeting a diverse array of others with similar community-oriented values. As leaders in business and community in their own right, Women in Rotary is taking a leading hand in redressing the balance of gender in Rotary Club membership, community leadership and the boardroom – we welcome women who aspire to make a difference to come and make that difference together with us! Contact Kerry Kornhauser at kerry@travelinn.net.au.

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





The Rotary Foundation Breakfast



7am for 7:15am Start, Saturday, 10 March
@ The Melbourne Convention Centre



The Foundation Breakfast at the Conference over the last few years has grown in stature to now be one of the many highlights of the District 9800 Conference.

The Foundation Breakfast provides an opportunity at our District Conference to reflect on the great work of the Rotary Foundation and see the tangible outcomes of our work. Previously we

have heard from Seattle TV Anchor Penny LeGate on the terrific work Rotary is doing to end Polio and this year we will hear all the latest on our fight of fights from our very own Australian Rotarian and nurse on the front line of Polio prevention, **Jenny Horton**.

Jenny will be joined by others representing the Rotary Foundation's terrific work, including our **Peace and Ambassadorial Scholars** and our **Group Study Exchange teams** from India and America. Our own D9800 GSE teams will be there as well, with the team returning from District 3030 in India under the leadership of Murray Verso having plenty of stories to tell and PDG Greg Ross' team to District 5230 about to embark on their journey in April 2012. If you haven't met our scholars or GSE teams, the breakfast is an ideal place to get to know them.



Part of the 80th Annual District 9800 Conference, Melbourne.





Why Supporting The Rotary Foundation Counts...

As "Our Charity", The Rotary Foundation is the vehicle of our Rotary Clubs to invest in lasting change in the world. The funds raised by Rotarians are invested for 3 years, and at the end of those 3 years, half of the funds raised 3 years prior are available to our District for use in our District, while the remaining half is kept in the World Fund to be used to fund Global Grants, Peace scholars and other approved projects of the Rotary Foundation undertaken by our District and our member clubs.

This year District Grants have been provided to clubs for projects including:

- providing water and sanitation systems to developing countries;
- investigatory visits to finalize proposed international projects;
- ambulances in rural India to collect blood and improve public health;
- bringing teachers from PNG to learn new literacy programs to be taught in PNG schools; and
- providing literacy programs via books to local kindergartens.



With these projects carried out under the management and stewardship of Rotary volunteers, The Rotary Foundation represents one of the most effective ways to bring peace, understanding, education, good health and community betterment to our world.

I invite you to join us for a sumptuous breakfast and an inspirational way to start the first morning of our District Conference at the Foundation Breakfast!



PDG John Davis

Chairman

Rotary District 9800

Rotary Foundation Committee



To Book Your Place:

Simply indicate your attendance when completing the [Conference Booking Form](#) or contact Victor Sullivan on 0409 437 009 to reserve your place!



District 9800 Attendance & Membership - December 2011

District 9800		Attendance		Membership				
2011/2012		December-11		At July 1	December-11			
Club	Cluster							
		No. of meetings	Month %		Start	End	Net gain /loss 11/12	% Change
Caulfield	Beachside	3	51%	9	13	13	4	44.4%
Collingwood	Heritage			15		20	5	33.3%
Laverton Pt Cook	Port Phillip	3	67%	19	24	25	6	31.6%
Flemington	Hobsons B	2	85%	19	24	24	5	26.3%
North Melbourne	Heritage			27		33	6	22.2%
Point Gellibrand	Hobsons B	2	63%	31	36	36	5	16.1%
West Footscray	Hobsons B	2	76%	22	25	25	3	13.6%
Bendigo South	Goldfields	4	73%	29	32	32	3	10.3%
Southbank	Batman			23		25	2	8.7%
Melton	Westside	3	74%	27	29	29	2	7.4%
Canterbury	Eastside			42		45	3	7.1%
Yarraville	Hobsons B	1	89%	18	19	19	1	5.6%
Carlton	Heritage	2	84%	39	41	41	2	5.1%
Eaglehawk	Goldfields	?	71%	41	43	43	2	4.9%
Chadstone / EMalv	Stonnington	3	73%	44	47	46	2	4.5%
Woodend	Calder	4	67%	22	23	23	1	4.5%
Kangaroo Flat	Goldfields	3	73%	24	26	25	1	4.2%
Wyndham	Port Phillip	3	85%	25	25	26	1	4.0%
Brimbank Central	Gateway	3	85%	26	27	27	1	3.8%
Toorak	Stonnington	1	61%	29	31	30	1	3.4%
Daylesford	Calder			31		32	1	3.2%
Kew	Yarra	4	81%	36	36	37	1	2.8%
Richmond	Heritage	2	78%	36	37	37	1	2.8%
Werribee	Port Phillip	3	69%	38	40	39	1	2.6%
North Balwyn	Eastside	4	85%	77	77	79	2	2.6%
Bendigo S'hurst	Goldfields	3	72%	50	52	51	1	2.0%
Camberwell	Eastside	3	79%	71	72	72	1	1.4%
Albert Park	Batman	2	66%	60	60	60	0	0.0%
Brighton North	Beachside	2	73%	51	51	51	0	0.0%
Essendon North	Gateway	3	95%	25	25	25	0	0.0%
Keilor	Gateway			38		38	0	0.0%
Kew-on-Yarra	Yarra	1	94%	16	16	16	0	0.0%
Melbourne S	Batman			27		27	0	0.0%
Melton Valley	Westside	4	100%	15	15	15	0	0.0%



Moonee Valley	Gateway	2	53%	17	17	17	0	0.0%
Port Melbourne	Batman	2	64%	11	11	11	0	0.0%
St Kilda	<u>Stonnington</u>	2	72%	9	9	9	0	0.0%
Tullamarine	Gateway			19		19	0	0.0%
Melbourne	Batman	2	51%	237	240	236	-1	-0.4%
Essendon	Gateway	3	57%	73	73	72	-1	-1.4%
Footscray	<u>Hobsons B</u>	4	59%	53	51	52	-1	-1.9%
Keilor East	Gateway	3	64%	43	42	42	-1	-2.3%
Glenferrie	Yarra	2	63%	42	41	41	-1	-2.4%
Bacchus Marsh	Westside	2	75%	37	36	36	-1	-2.7%
Hawthorn	Yarra	3	79%	63	62	61	-2	-3.2%
<u>Bendigo S'dale</u>	Goldfields	3	68%	30	30	29	-1	-3.3%
Brunswick	Heritage	4	42%	30	30	29	-1	-3.3%
Altona City	Port Phillip	2	74%	27	26	26	-1	-3.7%
Brighton	Beachside	3	44%	128	124	123	-5	-3.9%
Balwyn	Eastside	3	65%	72	71	69	-3	-4.2%
Gisborne	Calder	3	81%	22	22	21	-1	-4.5%
Kyneton	Calder	3	76%	43	41	41	-2	-4.7%
Sunshine	Westside	2	58%	21	20	20	-1	-4.8%
Williamstown	<u>Hobsons B</u>	3	66%	42	40	40	-2	-4.8%
Castlemaine	Calder	3	71%	41	39	39	-2	-4.9%
Echuca-Moama	Goldfields	3	60%	20	19	19	-1	-5.0%
Malvern	<u>Stonnington</u>	3	59%	40	37	38	-2	-5.0%
<u>Central MS'e</u>	Batman	3	67%	59	56	56	-3	-5.1%
Bendigo	Goldfields	3	76%	86	80	80	-6	-7.0%
Docklands	Batman	2	46%	14	14	13	-1	-7.1%
Fitzroy	Heritage	3	58%	27	25	25	-2	-7.4%
<u>Glen Eira</u>	Beachside	3	78%	22	20	20	-2	-9.1%
Rochester	Goldfields	?	82%	10	9	9	-1	-10.0%
<u>Boroondara</u>	Eastside	3	59%	19	18	17	-2	-10.5%
Altona	Port Phillip	1	96%	27	24	24	-3	-11.1%
Prahran	<u>Stonnington</u>	3	83%	26	23	23	-3	-11.5%
Hoppers Xing	Port Phillip			34		30	-4	-11.8%
Melbourne Park	Heritage	2	64%	20	19	17	-3	-15.0%
Brighton Beach	Beachside	3	78%	25	22	21	-4	-16.0%
No. of Clubs Reporting			60		60			
No. of Members				2591		2591	0	0.0%
% Average of Those Reported			70.9%					
% of Clubs Reporting			87%					
Attendance								
% of Clubs Reporting Membership						87%		