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June is Rotary Fellowship Month

An Update On Our Bushfire Recovery Projects

It's been a couple of weeks since we have updated you on the work that District 9800 has been doing to assist Victorian bushfire affected communities... Here's the news from the trenches...

Breathing Life into Upper Plenty – They tell me it's not often that Richmond Rotarian Krissy O'Reilly and her partner, Dave Jackson, get up at 6am on a Saturday. But on Saturday, 16 May, they were up and away by 7am - on the road towards the bushfire affected areas of Upper Plenty to meet up with the Richmond Rotary OXYGENS'. ('X Y GENERations')

20 young OXYGENS volunteered to assist Blaze-Aid over that weekend as part of the Bushfire Relief Program. Blaze-Aid (<http://www.blazeaid.com/>) was born following the horrific fires of Black Saturday. Kevin Butler, a local East Kilmore farmer, had his fence lines reduced to ashes by the fires and he sought urgent assistance to rebuild them. With the help of a fellow local, Cheryl Gray, Blaze-Aid was born. Now within just a few months several hundred kilometres of fencing has been resurrected for farmers in need.

This is Krissy 's report of the OXYGENS' hands-on experience...

Dave and I arrived in Upper Plenty and met up with other young volunteers who had driven from Melbourne for the day. There were members from the RC North Balwyn and the RC Port Lincoln, along with 20 young Richmond Rotary OXYGENS, rounded up by Nick Cowling.

First we stumbled into a women's weekend sewing retreat, before being politely directed to the lunch co-ordinator of the Blaze-Aid lunch who told us 'that everyone had already headed out for the day'!

Making our way to the property we were to assist on, we tracked down some of the volunteers to get directions on the work to be done. A team of six of us drove to the top of the hill on the boundary of the property, and then gradually made our way down on foot. Along the way, under direction, we used a hammer, bolt-cutters and teamwork to roll up old and burnt fencing wire into bundles to be recycled. We had to remove any pieces of fence post attached to the wire and throw the bundles of wire onto the side of the nearby track. These were later collected by another group of volunteers. Several kilometres of burnt fencing were cleared this way.

That walk down the hill coiling wire, gave all of us plenty of time to take in an expansive and sobering view of the surrounding hills and valleys. At one point the wind picked up and we reflected on just how ferocious the weather conditions must have been on Black Saturday. The entire area had been burnt out, but now there were splashes of green with shoots of new life everywhere. The bird life doesn't seem to have returned yet, but we saw quite a few kangaroos, so things are starting to improve.

Before we knew it lunch was brought down to us by the wonderful Blaze-Aid team. The co-ordinators set up a table crowded with freshly made sandwiches. This was accompanied by lots of crisp and tasty fruit, followed by snowballs. What a lunch!

In the afternoon, we used a ute to deliver rolls of fencing wire. We worked in teams to build stays, put in star pickets, attach the rolls of wire and in some cases, tie off completed fencing. We made good progress! It was great to see the improvement. When we arrived many of the burnt fences had not been cleared and neither had the fallen trees, by the end of that Saturday, several kilometres of fencing was near-completion and awaiting tensioning and tying-off. Plus,

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DG Jim Studebaker & Carol



Stopped for lunch - shows Nick Cowling and Krissy O'Reilly standing 3rd and 4th from the left with fellow volunteers.



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the property now had a definitive boundary. It was so satisfying to know that something significant had been achieved for our voluntary efforts.

After leaving the property at the end of day we all went to 'Kev's woolshed' where Peter Cleary of the North Balwyn RC said he'd meet us (after a couple of quick beers at the pub). The property would have had approximately 50 caravans and a wool shed full of people on site. This was where Blaze-Aid had been formed. 'Kev', (Kevin Butler) who owned the woolshed, had opened his property and provided meals for survivors and volunteers since day two following the fires! The theory was 'that if they can feed the volunteers, then they'll come back!' Everything was self-funded from donations, with no government support. It was quite inspiring. The Blaze-Aid volunteers put on a great meal for us, and we enjoyed a few beers at a dollar a pop (they were the only items that hadn't been donated). It's such a massive sacrifice to open their homes and lives as they have done.

We met Cheryl Gray who'd been co-ordinating the Blaze-Aid effort. She seemed to appreciate us more than we did her. Cheryl has worked 7 days a week from 8am until the end of day since day two! She even quit her job to properly serve her community. We had only been there for one day. We simply couldn't imagine living it everyday. She encouraged us to 'spread the word' because, as she said, 'If everyone from Melbourne came up for just one day, there wouldn't be much to do at all'.

Many of the volunteers we spoke to that Saturday felt encouraged and keen to continue the following day - some planned to return to volunteer the next weekend and beyond. New friends were made and existing friendships cemented through teamwork and a sense of true accomplishment. An uplifting venture!

Sewing machines to help people in need - One hundred new sewing machines and overlockers were donated to the Bushfire Recovery Program by Janome through the Rotary Club of Carlton. Seventy-three of these machines have now been distributed via Rotary Clubs in Districts 9790 and 9820 to groups supporting and servicing bushfire survivors. Three machines were also made available through the Rotary Club of Hawthorn for use at Hamer Hall where temporary accommodation is being provided to bushfire survivors, some of whom are undergoing medical treatment.

Bendigo Rotary Clubs help to re-plot the map - The Eaglehawk area, on the fringe of the City of Bendigo, suffered serious damage from fire which not only destroyed houses and other property but also obliterated survey markers delineating property boundaries. The Bendigo Clubs, led by the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk, martialled resources to enable a coordinated re-survey of the area. The D9800 Bushfire Recovery Fund donated \$10,000 to this Project to support the considerable donations already gathered by the local Clubs.

A New Association - Global Care and Rotary have formed a partnership. Global Care established a base in Kinglake to provide assistance in the services of Occupational Health and Safety Supervisors and Arborists in assisting the Kinglake community. Rotary was asked to assist in providing equipment and material to assist their work. Together we have quickly purchased and loaned chainsaws, log splitters; and "bobcats" with a fence post drivers. The equipment will principally be used for clearing and processing of dangerous burnt trees on and for reconstruction of internal fences destroyed by fire. Once Global Care have finished their great work the equipment will be returned to Rotary and put to use in other areas. The partnership of Global Care and Rotary continues is also examining ways to help the effected communities in other ways. Standby for further developments.

The Rotary Club of Brimbank Central - reports that its Sister Club - The Rotary Club of Shiroy, Japan D2790, sent an international transfer of AUS \$7718.00 after hearing of the recent bushfires in Victoria.

Along with other local fundraising efforts, these two Rotary Clubs (Brimbank and Shiroy) have currently supported the Flowerdale Kindergarten, Strath Creek - Reedy Creek CFA, Flowerdale CFA, Kinglake West CFA, the Ambulance First Response Team Kinglake, Flowerdale Maternal and Child Health Centre and our own local Brimbank SES.

What else is Happening? - If you have an update of a bushfire recovery project, please let us know by emailing us.

This is only some of the work that has been undertaken by the Rotarians and the Rotary Clubs in Victoria. The people in the affected areas have shown their appreciation, not just for the good work of Rotarians in Victoria but for the generosity of Rotarians from around Australia and the world.

If your club is involved with a bushfire recovery project please let us know the details by emailing Mev Connell at bushfirehelp@rotarydistrict9800.org.au. Mev is the Chairman of the Unified Rotary Districts of Victoria Bushfire Recovery Committee and the Chair of the D9800 Bushfire Recovery Committee.

Keep up the good work!

On a final note please don't forget to confirm your bookings for the District Changeover on Saturday, 27 June. District Governor Elect Colin Muir and the Rotary Club of Hawthorn have organised a fantastic event. Please come along and celebrate this year's achievements and support our incoming District Governor Colin Muir and his team by and wish them well for the new year.

~Jim Studebaker, District Governor



The Rotary Club of Docklands Charter Night



**7pm for 7.30pm
Tuesday, 23rd June**

at **Sumac**, on the water at Central Pier, 161 Harbour Esplanade, Docklands
(opposite Channel 7 and Etihad Stadium)

Parking: on site – drive between the two buildings (\$10)

Dress: Lounge suit

Cost: \$70/person – cash or cheque (no credit card facilities yet – we're a new club)
Includes 2 course meal and live entertainment. Drinks at bar prices

RSVP: Friday 19th June to Donna Nutter

P: 0418 334 492 E: donna_n@bigpond.net.au M: 1904/80 Lorimer Street, Docklands 3008

N.B. Numbers are limited so bookings must be made and confirmed to ensure your place

Relish This

If your Club is located in the inner South Eastern suburbs of Melbourne and is interested in being part of a successful community project and raising money for the charity of your choice please contact Julia Topliss at pr@stkiladrotary.org.au

[Click here](#) for the proposal that introduces the Rotary Club of St Kilda's Relish Project and how your club can be involved in the 09/10 year.





DISTRICT CHANGEOVER - YOUR CLUB TABLE AWAITS YOU - BOOK NOW!

**Saturday, 27 June from 7pm
Melbourne Park Function Centre
beside Rod Laver Stadium.**

**Hosted by the Rotary Club of
Hawthorn**

**A fond farewell to Jim Studebaker and
a big welcome to Colin Muir.**

**Please contact David Pisterman on
0418 345 607 for further information.**

**Bookings by Club only
\$75.00 per head.
[Click here](#) to book.**



District Assembly 2009





ARHRF Bike Ride Update

From Karen Brown...

The Great Australian Bike Riders have just left Townsville on Stage 6 of our Journey now heading for Darwin; this is a long stretch of 31 days and includes a lot of camping and cooking of our own meals. Up until now we have mainly been in motels, cabins and home hosted. The hosting has been one of the highlights meeting wonderful people and finding out more about their towns than you could ever hope to find out just by driving through or stopping in motels. We have been incredibly lucky with the weather, only having 3 days of rain. Looking at the news, over the last 2 days, I can't believe that we rode our bikes through the places that are now under water. Or I see a bridge on the TV knowing I have ridden my bike over that not more than a couple of weeks ago.



All in all it has so far been a wonderful experience and adventure. I think what I have enjoyed the most, is constantly going somewhere, instead of doing the housework, or getting home after work and going for a ride and having to turn around and ride back, each day we get on our bikes and just go, not turning around, not heading for home; it's a different location and destination each day. It's all new, different exciting, not knowing what's around the next corner or over the next hill, and the silence is just amazing, 20 riders, no one talking, all just taking in the nature, listening to the birds, the frogs and just the quiet whoosh of the tyres on the road. Wow is just wonderful. But we can't forget what we are doing this for... the ARHRF and particularly mental health.



From Dennis Lovely...

(Dennis was asked to fill in at short notice to take the DIK van to Brisbane.)

I had a great time on the trip, so many beautiful places that I have not before discovered. Every day it got better and better! Time to sell up in Sydney and go north ... The age of the riders makes me feel humble.

The support people were a great group and the longer the trip went, we got to know each other, they all have stories. The Rotary clubs we visited were just like each others, mostly. They made you feel welcome, great fellowship and problems - some could and would help, ladies and gentlemen alike. The country clubs seem so laid back, which you don't see in the city, are we missing out on something?

The accommodation was good and well thought out as were the meals and the home hosting was fabulous. Breakfast at McDonalds was a good start to the day. I had to cut back a bit, "Too much of a good thing eh". The reason for the ride is a great thing and you are pulling it off! I will remember it all my life.

PS. I have got the bike out of the shed and oil up and on the road again with my grandson (GREAT).

Interplast and Operation 700 Thanks D9800

78 Operations in 10 Days

A big thank you from Interplast to all D9800 clubs who supported Operation 700 and a trip to Baguio City in the Philippines.

With 78 operations in 10 days a big difference was made to the lives of those suffering from cleft palate or lip and burns patients. Thank you.





Marketing Tip: Is what you say captivating to others?

Some tips to invigorate and make your club communications more interesting

In this day and age, we have all probably received an email back home from a friend off travelling overseas in some exotic location. Venice, Paris, Bangkok, Mumbai, Prague, Rio – some of the most beautiful places on earth.

But how often have you begun to tune out as the writing lapses into a repetition of the same old "...and then we went here and it was really beautiful. And after that we went here and it was really interesting..."? After a short while it becomes monotonous and predictable, much like a politician's personality. Greetings to all our Rotarians in politics!

A good story however will hold the reader's attention. Add a picture and it might captivate. Sprinkle some humour and you will entertain. Throw in some personal relevance to the reader and you have the reader intrigued.

When writing Rotary newsletters or communications for your Club, the same principles stand. If you write in a generic way that fails to captivate, entertain or intrigue, you won't hold the reader's attention. It loses relevance – and relevance is something every Rotary Club should strive to provide for its members. The last thing you want is a "generic reaction" and no club should want to be just a "generic" club – be extraordinary!

Some tips to invigorate your Club Newsletters and Communications:

- Keep it interesting to all. If only an accountant would be interested in it, then you're likely boring all the non-accountants – so provide some relevance to everyone.
- Similarly – if only existing Rotarians would be interested in what you write, then potential Rotarians aren't going to enhance their interest in your Club from reading about what you do – a lost opportunity.
- Make it readable for outsiders – if the acronyms and Rotary-speak is so excessive that a translator might be necessary for those who only speak English, then you can bet it's beginning to lose its interest for them!
- Name the people involved, readers love reading about real people, especially those who know them.
- Remember that we are all volunteers and we are attracting volunteers so the article should have something about giving back as that's what volunteering is all about.
- Tell a captivating story where there's one to tell. Keep it short, sharp and make sure there's a punchline worth waiting for. People will keep reading if they have good reason to expect a punchline or something funny up ahead.
- If you can tell someone something they DON'T know, even better – they're learning and that's usually interesting.
- Add a picture. Not just for the sake of it, but one that brings the story to life or evokes an emotion in the reader. Remember that candid moments and captured emotions will often interest people more than just posed pictures.
- Add some humour. Keep it clean, but look for the lighter side and something that keeps the reader entertained.
- You can stop reading now. Well done on reading all the dot points. No really, well done.



Notices & Events

Philip Nitschke, Chairman of Exit International - presented by RC of Essendon North - *Euthanasia and its future in modern society*

Venue: Fredricks Restaurant, 980 Mt Alexander Road, Essendon 3040

Date: **Wednesday, 17 June 2009**

Time: 6.30pm for 7.00pm

3 course dinner and drinks at bar prices

Price: \$60 per person, phone bookings 9379 3247 - Credit card payments accepted - Limited places available.





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Turkey – GSE Team Return Dinner

In April this year our outbound GSE Teams left for Turkey and Sweden and you have a great opportunity to hear the Turkish GSE Team's stories and welcome them home. The Rotary Club of Keilor is hosting the Welcome Back Dinner for our District's GSE Team on **Tuesday 16 June**, 6:00pm for 6:30pm start at the RSL Hall, Hoffmans Rd, Essendon featuring a 3 course dinner for \$30 pp plus drinks at bar prices. Ample parking is provided in the RSL carpark.

Please confirm your attendance before Monday 8 June by return e-mail to joe@engert.com.au

Welcome Home Dinner for the D9800 GSE Team - Sweden

Wednesday 17 June 2009 at the Rotary Club of Albert Park Dinner. Lifesaving Victoria HeadQuarters, 200 The Blvd, Port Melbourne
6.00pm for a 6.30 start - \$35.00 two course meal

All welcome, bookings preferred. Contact Kerry at kerry@travelinn.net.au or 0411 597 690.

RC Docklands Charter Night

Tuesday, 23 June – email Donna at donna_n@bigpond.net.au to register your interest.

Charter Night for the ROTARACT Club of Tullamarine

An invitation to join the RC of Tullamarine as District 9800 charts the Rotaract Club of Tullamarine

Wednesday, 24 June 2009 6.30 for 7.00 pm (conclusion 9.00 pm)
Hilton Hotel, Melbourne Airport (Level 4)
\$35 per person
(includes food, beverages and parking)
Park on level 2, short-term car parking; take lift to level 4



Validate parking ticket at Hotel Reception when leaving

The event is proudly sponsored by Australia Pacific Airports

RSVP: Monday 15th June 2009

Contact: Paul Tanti: Mobile: 0409 230 934 email: pault@honda.com.au

Chris Saflekas: Mobile: 0438 314 398 email: csaflekas@eplas.com.au

Vanda Mullen: Mobile: 0408 109 368 email: vmullen@netspace.net.au



Payment on night - cash or cheque only

[Click here](#) for pre-payment form

Show your support for the Chartering of the Rotary Club of Caroline Springs

Attend a Business Breakfast on **Wednesday, 24 June** at Pipes Cafe, Leisure Centre, Caroline Springs

7:30 am to 8:45 am

Tickets are \$30 (a full buffet breakfast will be provided)

Neville Smith, CEO of Melton Shire Council will speak on the future direction of the area, including the emerging role for the Shire in relation to business and residents.

For further information and attendance, please contact Andrew Antipas at Stockdale and Leggo, Caroline Springs on 9449 5444 or call Jocelyn Williams on 0438 900 182.

DG's ChangeOver – Book Now!

This year's ChangeOver dinner will be held on **Saturday, 27 June** from 7pm at the Melbourne Park Function Centre beside the Rod Laver Stadium.

Hosted by the Rotary Club of Hawthorn it is the "must attend function of 2009. A fond farewell to Jim Studebaker and a big welcome to Colin Muir.

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Making Dreams Real In 08/09

The days are getting shorter and signalling the end of this Rotary Year. As this Networker is transmitted some of our clubs will have already held their changeover functions while others are busy preparing for changeover. Club changeovers are very special and give us the opportunity to reflect on the achievements and successes of the year just passed and look forward with anticipation to the projects and initiatives planned for next year.

It sets my head spinning when I try to recall all the wonderful works completed by our 69 clubs over the past 51 weeks. I am delighted that all of the clubs in our District have really worked hard, to the best of their ability and within their own individual capabilities, to Make Dreams Real for our fellow man in need. In our own way we have all made a difference. We continue to work in developing countries, to provide safe water, hygienic sanitation systems, improved nutrition, better health and literacy programs. Closer to home, all of our clubs have engaged with their local communities to assist individuals and families who endure more than their share of hardship. We have also continued to fulfil our commitment to the development of our younger generation through the many District and club New Generations programs.

We have also generously supported our own global charity - The Rotary Foundation. The programs of our Foundation are wide, diverse and far reaching, all designed to foster peace and goodwill throughout the world. I am positive that support will continue next year as the benefits of our Foundation programs are immeasurable.

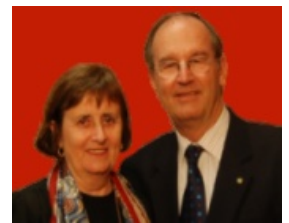
We have had a great year with each of our clubs contributing in their own way. It is the diversity in the style, projects and personality of each Rotary club that is the strength of Rotary. As we all celebrate over the next few weeks, give some thought to how each of us can best contribute to our own club, the programs of our District and our Rotary Foundation.

If you possibly can, please join me our District Leaders at the chartering of our newest Rotary club, the Rotary Club of Docklands, on Tuesday 23rd June and welcome the 30 Charter members into our wonderful Family of Rotary.

~Jim Studebaker, District Governor

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Teamwork at Camp Getaway

RC Keilor East teamed up with RC Bendigo South over the weekend to plant out the northern surroundings of dormitory one at Camp Getaway.

Research was undertaken by the clubs to determine which indigenous plants would fare best in the ongoing drought conditions, without being a fire risk for the site.

Work also continued on dormitory 2 to connect the air-conditioning systems and finish the plant room enclosure.



Further OAM Congratulations

Congratulations to D9800 Rotarian Doug Walsh who received an OAM in the Queen's Birthday honours. Doug is a member of the Rotary Club of Brunswick.

He received an OAM for service to the community through the St Vincent de Paul Society.



MUNA 2009

This year's Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) was held last Sunday. MUNA simulates the workings of the U.N. Assembly by having teams of two or three senior students represent a particular U.N. country in debates on matters of world political and social concern.

The main aims are to develop in students an awareness of the United Nations and the international situation of other countries in the world;

Neville Page (RC North Melbourne) and Brett Lefebvre (President RC Kyneton) officiated and all four District 9800 participants are now heading to Canberra.

Congratulations to...

- Monique Langley-Freeman and Alice Kennedy who represented China at our MUNA – Best Debating team;
- Adam Morris - Best Male Debater;
- Runner up Female Debater: Annabel Healy



RAMS – Final Report for 2009

The following is the final report from the outgoing District Rotarians Against Malaria AM Coordinator Michael Morrison.

I was invited to join the District 9800 RAM committee in 2001 and became Chairman in 2002. The Adopt A Village program was underway in PNG. In the Solomon Is the early emphasis was on obtaining bed netting, chemicals, spraying equipment, protective clothing, boats etc to implement the anti-malarial program with funds provided by R.I. The original program commenced in the late '90's in Guadalcanal but due to civil unrest had to be transferred to the Western Solomon Is, where it was officially launched in October 2001.

The rate of malaria in the Western Solomons was then around 30% p.a. and there has been a steady decline in the incidence of malaria since then to around 8% p.a. and in some areas as low as 2% p.a. The success of the program in the Sol Is is in large measures due to the invaluable work of PDG John Reddish in obtaining the initial funding from R.I. of US\$725,000 and the continued and un-tiring efforts of PDG Peter Thomas (past RAM National Chairman and now RAM Coordinator for the Sol Is)

The original nets distributed in the Western Sol Is required to be chemically impregnated each year but the long life nets (LLN's), which have now been distributed throughout Guadalcanal, retain their chemical impregnation for 5 years. LLN's are distributed in PNG and over half of the 89 Districts are now afforded the protection of these nets. Whilst the Global Health Fund provides most of the external funding in PNG the contribution of Rotary has been significant and Ron Seddon (R.C. Port Moresby) has made a huge contribution to the success of the anti-malarial program.





I believe that the success of the anti-malarial program in the Western Sol Is has been a major influence in AusAid committing \$25.0 million over four years to enable all peoples in the Solomons Is and Vanuatu to have the protection of bed nets.

Much remains to be done both in the Solomon Is and in PNG. Whilst funds will not now be required for bed nets in the Sol Is funds will still be required for all those items which make villages cleaner and healthier e.g. water tanks, pvc piping, solar panels for use in medical centres, sundry tools and equipment etc.

Clubs can therefore still "Adopt A Village" but the emphasis will be on the supply of such items as mentioned above in conjunction with the bed nets. Rotary volunteer teams are already assembling necessary infrastructure items, such as storage sheds for nets etc with moneys provided by AusAid.

I wish to thank the District 9800 Clubs for their support for the RAM projects in PNG and the Solomon Is. There is no doubt that these programs have saved lives and improved the general health and well being of the local peoples. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to be involved and wish Bill Stoney every success on assuming the role as District 9800 Chairman and also Jacqui Gleeson District 9810 in her role as Southern Region Coordinator.

In particular I wish to extend my sincere thanks to Virginia Turner and Roger Fasken for their continuing and invaluable support.

Michael Morrison - (Outgoing) District and Regional RAM Coordinator.

Michael has done an outstanding job in this role since 2002 and the marvellous advances and outcomes from Michael's stewardship over the past seven years have been exemplary.

Thank you Michael for a job well done.

New Members

This week the Rotary Club of Footscray is pleased to advise that previous member Vincent Verduci (1977-1982) has rejoined their club.

Vincent is a prominent barrister and solicitor in Footscray and left the Club in 1982, as he was needed in court most Thursdays and was unable to attend club meetings.

The Rotary Club of Footscray is very pleased to welcome Vincent back to their club as a valuable member.



Christmas in July



The Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation and The Rotary Club of Southbank would like you to join them to celebrate a little yuletide spirit in the middle of Melbourne's blustery winter.



The lunchtime event on Thursday, 9th July (12pm for 12:30pm) will cater for around 1500 guests from aged care and homeless charities across Melbourne. at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (2 Clarendon St., South Melbourne).

[Click here](#) for more information.



Know Your Numbers And Something To Be Proud Of...

With a new year ahead, here's Rotary at a glance...

Rotarians: 1,219,472 in 33,243 clubs in 534 Districts in 208 countries.

Rotaractors: 167,187 in 7269 clubs in 157 countries

Interactors: 251,965 in 10,955 clubs in 120 countries

In **Australia** there are 33,733 Rotarians in 1154 clubs.



Rotary and the United Nations... Something you might want to tell a prospective Rotarian or Friend of Rotary

Rotary currently holds the highest consultative status offered to a nongovernmental organisation by the UN's Economic and Social Council, which oversees many specialised UN agencies.

Each year Rotary International appoints representatives to UN bodies and nongovernmental organisations worldwide. These representatives increase awareness and recognition of Rotary's programs, policies and activities within the global community. Rotary is involved with the African Union, Council of Europe, UNESCO, UN Headquarters, World Bank and World Food Programme amongst many other organisations.

Notices & Events

RC Flemington

The Rotary Club of Flemington will be replacing its regular breakfast meeting on Wednesday 24 June 2009 with a vocational visit at the Youth Australia Ballet School, Kensington Town Hall, Bellair Street, Flemington at 7.45pm.

Rotary Club of Melton Valley

From July 2009 the RC of Melton Valley will meet on **Thursdays at 6.30pm for 7 pm start at the Melton Valley Golf Club, Melton Valley Drive, Melton** - enquiries phone **03 9747 0054 or 0407 556 178.**

SUNday, The community Supporting Seniors

You are invited to SUNday -- an afternoon of toe tapping music by 'BRAEMAR' 'BRAEMAR' are a top class group from Melbourne, who through their beautifully blended music bring much joy and pleasure to audiences.

A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AND CHAT WITH OTHERS

Come along and bring a neighbour/friend AFTERNOON TEA

Sunday, 21 June at 2.00PM

South Melbourne Community Centre

Corner Park St and Ferrars Place, South Melbourne

TRANSPORT PROVIDED if needed

For further information please call Sandy on 9696 4270

COMMUNITY SUPPORT BY: BENDIGO BANK Local Police
Rotary club of Melbourne South GUIDES VICTORIA and LOCAL
BUSINESS - 'OVER THE BACK FENCE' LINKING

NEIGHBOURS PROGRAM SOUTH PORT UNITINGCARE in partnership with THE CITY OF PORT PHILLIP.



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Everything Old is New Again – An insight into the new Federal Workplace Relations legislation

Over a sumptuous breakfast at Crown Casino's Garden Room on **Thursday, 16 July**, Julian Riekert from Landers and Rogers Lawyers will share valuable insights into Australia's new workplace relations legislation presently being introduced in Federal Parliament.

- How will unfair dismissal laws now be applied?
- What will happen to previous agreements and AWA's?
- How much power will unions have to enter workplaces?
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The Rotary Club of Docklands Charter Night



**7pm for 7.30pm
 Tuesday, 23rd June**

at **Sumac**, on the water at Central Pier, 161 Harbour Esplanade, Docklands (opposite Channel 7 and Etihad Stadium)
 Parking: on site – drive between the two buildings (\$10)

Dress: Lounge suit

Cost: \$70/person

Includes 2 course meal and live entertainment.

Drinks at bar prices

TO BOOK OR FOR MORE INFORMATION

[CLICK HERE](#)

Numbers are limited so book now.



June is Rotary Fellowship Month

What A Year!

What a year... we started the year on a high when we were fortunate to be visited by RI President DK Lee and his wife Young Ja. DK Lee inspired us to Make Dreams Real both in our local communities and across the globe.

I am proud to say that District 9800 has taken on this challenge with great success. Our clubs have posted some significant achievements this year. We should all be so proud of the good we have done for our local and international communities across hundreds of projects.

This year has not been one without challenges; the Black Saturday bushfires devastated Victoria and the global financial crisis has hit many hard. However, the way in which Rotarians have assisted and supported those affected by these crises is heartening.

This year we set out to Make Dreams Real across our District and the world and with your help and support, dreams have been made real in D9800. Thank you.

Carol and I wish District Governor 09/10 Colin Muir, Pauline and the Leadership Team all the very best in the coming year and I know that with your support they will lead District 9800 to continue its great work.

Our District is in good shape for the year ahead ... The Future of Rotary is in your hands!

~Jim Studebaker, District Governor

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DG Jim Studebaker & Carol

Brighton's Massive Contribution to Bushfire Recovery

This photograph shows President Ian Mence (right) of the Rotary Club of Brighton presenting two cheques to Mev Connell, Chairman of D9800's Bushfire Recovery Committee. One of these cheques, to the value of \$61,935, took total donations to the Fund to date to nearly \$700,000 and that threshold will now certainly be exceeded as other promised donations are yet to arrive.

The second cheque for over \$26,000 dollars went to the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation's Victorian Bushfire Appeal.

The total of \$88,315 raised by one Club to support the survivors of the "Black Saturday" Bushfires represents a massive effort on the part of the Brighton Rotarians, a great contribution deserving of appropriate applause.



"Every project we do in water, health and hunger, and literacy helps create a better world. Every project helps change the world, a little bit at a time."

Rotary International President, DK Lee



Friends-R-4

After several of Dr Ronnie Goldberg's friends and acquaintances had been diagnosed with various blood, bone marrow and skin cancers - Ronnie decided to establish Friends-R-4 to help fight these cancers.

Friends-R-4's projects are aiming to:

- a) Provide funding for urgent medical research;
- b) Purchase desperately required medical equipment at local institutions and centres;
- c) Provide assistance to cancer sufferers and their families; and
- d) Help promote the prevention and awareness of skin cancer.

Keep your eye out for FriendsR4's soon to be released new awareness and fundraising postage stamps...

For more information on Friends-R-4 or to donate please [click here](http://www.friendsr4.org.au).



Four Candidates For World Peace Fellowships

Our District continues its active involvement in the Rotary World Peace Fellowship program having nominated four candidates. Their applications are on their way for consideration in the world competitive selection which will be finalised at the October meeting of the Rotary Peace Studies Committee in Evanston..

Previously, Districts could only nominate one candidate but now Districts can nominate any candidates who they consider to be strong. Special congratulations to the four Clubs : Albert Park, Balwyn, Chadstone/East Malvern and Melbourne who identified and encouraged this year's four candidates.

Based on our previous success in nominating candidates for the Peace Fellows Program, we are optimistic about the success of our candidates

New Members

The Rotary Club of Bendigo South has welcomed two new members.

- Club President Frank Cinquegrana expressed delight in bringing aboard Heather Dobie, who is an experienced and dedicated nurse.

A busy yet community-minded professional, Heather decided to join Rotary after being invited to a Club meeting.

"I'm really looking forward to extending my circle of friends." said Heather, who is aiming to make a difference by being involved in the community.

- Local Marketing & PR Manager Craig Wright.

Craig, is a past president of the Rotary Club of Woodville South.

"We're very happy to welcome Craig to the club, especially with his immense Rotary experience" Cinquegrana said in regard to the club's new recruit, who is expected to further invigorate the club with his organisational skills.

Craig has wasted no time by already joining the Bendigo Olive and Food Fiesta Committee and the Membership committee.





A Note From Your DIK Store's New PR Manager

My dear friends,

It is with some reluctance that I have accepted the position of PR Manager to Bill Dagg. If ever anyone needed PR help, it's this guy. In case you do not move in my elated circles, here is where I have been taken in the last month or so

Reception State Government House - 12 May

I was the one they all wanted a photo with, in my new bright yellow D.I.K Vest. No one can spell the Governor's name, but they all remember me in my bright yellow DIK vest.

Camp Getaway – 15 to 17 May

I visited Camp Getaway a few weeks ago to supervise – I really enjoyed my first long weekend at Camp Getaway although I did have to work, I had to be nice to all the young ones from the Open Family, that RC Point Gellibrand were hosting for the weekend. Photos, pats, rubbing here & there - such is life in the PR game. I waived my normal \$5 a pop fee for photos that day also.

D9800 District Assembly, Melbourne University - 31 May.

I got trotted out again, although I must admit some of the scents on the Uni lawns, made me quite light headed. If you heard my Woof Woof, when DGE Colin was speaking, I just thought he made a very good point.

Now on to a more serious matter.

There were some people at the District Assembly, who quite rudely & loudly were asking if I was a retired (do I look that old?) or worse yet a rejected guide dog. Now let me make this clear, even at 15 months I have feelings. Yes I was born at Guide dogs, Victoria in Kew and I finished my six months being fostered out & nine months of training but I do not like three year olds who, without going into too many details, who often push & pull certain private parts. I do not bite or anything like that, just get a bit nervous around them, or when they are around me. So when Bill lost his mate of 18 years, I accepted his offer to become his PR Manager.

Now as PR Manager of DIK, here is some important information....

Fact.... Since January 2001 your D9800 DIK store has assisted with club projects by shipping **254 containers** of goods valued at over **A\$15 million** to Timor Leste, Fiji, Samoa, PNG, Zambia, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Vanuatu, Philippines and Solomon Islands.

Fact... Donors trust DIK - DIK has recently received donations of new clothing and books valued at almost \$2million.

Fact... Since January 2009 **13 Clubs** have shipped containers for their international projects from DIK and DIK are shipping another six containers to Timor Leste, **their busiest 6 months on record.**

Fact... Currently DIK is storing and sending items for D9800's Bushfire Recovery Project.

Fact... By 30 August DIK plans to have a long term Sponsor to pay their rent, in the meantime they are looking for donations to assist them. You or your business can help DIK by making a tax deductible donation by 30 June

I am at D9800's DIK Store most days of the week and always of a Tuesday & Thursday so come along and say hi. I am already booked to go to many local Nursing and Senior Citizens homes & I am available if you need me. No fee for Rotarians – particularly those who make donations to DIK... see above ☺

I hope to see you all at DIK soon.



DIK's Tax deductible receipts for the 08-09 financial year can benefit you or your business

All donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible.

Cheques should be made payable to the 'Rotary Australia Overseas Aid Fund' and posted to: Bill Dagg, 39 Brentwood Dr, Avondale Hts. VIC.3034. Include full name & postal details for ATO TD receipt, including ACN/ABN if applicable.

Cheques **MUST** be received by Sun 28th June to qualify for FY08-09 receipt.

For more information please phone Bill Dagg on 03 9318 5313 or 0425 741 045



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Marketing Tip: The Future of Rotary Is In Your Hands

The start of a new year brings with it new energy, new hope and new challenges. How we respond to these challenges will directly influence and ultimately determine what we achieve both now and in the future. One of the first challenges is around our strategic direction and focus, i.e. where do we want to go and who is committed to the journey? Our second challenge involves the initiatives we choose and our capacity to deliver i.e. what are the key themes and ideas that will help us achieve our goals and who can we involve that has the capacity to bring them to fruition? The third challenge relates to leverage i.e. who else can we involve who is not necessarily a Rotary member, but would be a willing contributor to a worthy cause or initiative?



As we prepare for these exciting and demanding challenges, there are a number of issues that would be good to consider. Once we have decided as a club, what our strategic direction and focus is, we then need to decide which initiatives will deliver these outcomes that resonate with us personally, for it is only when we connect with something that lights our personal fire or energy that we can truly move mountains and make things happen.

Once our passion has been evoked, we can then call on others to join us on our journey which will make a difference to someone's life. How you then demonstrate your energy, passion and commitment to a worthy cause will be infectious and others will respond. Some will join you, some will support you, and others will encourage you. And your reward is the pleasure of giving to something worthwhile.

You could shape these ideas into a template that would help to increase membership, raise funds, and have a great time working with people with whom you share common values.

The future of Rotary IS in your hands, what's your plan for the year ahead?

Notices & Events

RC Flemington

The Rotary Club of Flemington will be replacing its regular breakfast meeting on Wednesday 24 June 2009 with a vocational visit at the Youth Australia Ballet School, Kensington Town Hall, Bellair Street, Flemington at 7.45pm.

Rotary Club of Melton Valley

From July 2009 the RC of Melton Valley will meet on **Thursdays at 6.30pm for 7 pm start at the Melton Valley Golf Club, Melton Valley Drive, Melton** - enquiries phone **03 9747 0054 or 0407 556 178.**

Christmas in July

The Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation and The Rotary Club of Southbank would like you to join them to celebrate a little yuletide spirit in the middle of Melbourne's blustery winter.

The lunchtime event on Thursday, 9th July (12pm for 12:30pm) will cater for around 1500 guests from aged care and homeless charities across Melbourne. at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (2 Clarendon St., South Melbourne).

[Click here](#) for more information.



Invitation to Presidents and Community Service Chairs

District Community Service Forum at Camp Getaway, Axedale - 10.30am to 2.30pm on **12 July.**

As part of District 9800's Club and Programme Support the District Community Service Committee would like to invite you to Camp Getaway to join us in sharing in the Club and District Projects planned for 2009-2010.

Community Service is where Rotary service started and we wish to extend the invitation to all Club Presidents, Community Service Committee Chairs, Members and Partners to discover what Community Service can offer your Club and importantly your Community. Selected New Programmes for the coming year will be rolled out with an opportunity to engage with the District Committee and Programme Representatives.



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You will also have a personally escorted tour of the new facilities at Rotary International's D9800 Camp Getaway (a major Community Service Project all D9800 members can be proud of), Networking with your Cluster Clubs in Community Service and a fabulous Rotary BBQ all provided, just bring your own drinks (tea and coffee provided).

RSVP: 7th July 2009 to Ross Butterworth, Email: butterworth@smartchat.net.au or phone: 0411 228311

Everything Old is New Again – An insight into the new Federal Workplace Relations legislation

Over a sumptuous breakfast at Crown Casino's Garden Room on **Thursday, 16 July**, Julian Riekert from Landers and Rogers Lawyers will share valuable insights into Australia's new workplace relations legislation presently being introduced in Federal Parliament.

- How will unfair dismissal laws now be applied?
- What will happen to previous agreements and AWA's?
- How much power will unions have to enter workplaces?
- What procedures and processes will our business need to change?

For more information [click here](#).



How's Your Club Shaping Up?

No. of clubs reporting	64
% average attendance of those reported	67%
% of clubs reporting membership	93%

Club	Cluster	No. of meetings	% Attendance	Membership			
				As at 30 June 08	Start May 09	End May 09	% Change YTD
Brighton Beach	Beachside	4	76%	18	21	23	27.8%
Albert Park	Batman	4	72%	53	60	62	17.0%
Richmond	Heritage	4	72%	37	44	43	16.2%
Yarraville	Hobsons Bay	3	65%	19	22	22	15.8%
Melbourne South	Batman	5	68%	30	34	34	13.3%
Melton Valley	Westside	4	74%	16	18	18	12.5%
Collingwood	Heritage	4	73%	18	19	20	11.1%
Prahran	Stonnington	3	60%	27	30	30	11.1%
Brimbank Central	Westside	4	82%	28	31	31	10.7%
Hoppers Crossing	Port Phillip	4	74%	28	31	31	10.7%
Flemington	Hobsons Bay	4	86%	22	24	24	9.1%
Brighton North	Beachside	4	69%	47	50	51	8.5%
Canterbury	Eastside	4	68%	44	45	47	6.8%
Woodend	Calder	4	59%	17	18	18	5.9%
Keilor	Gateway	4	78%	35	37	37	5.7%
Toorak	Stonnington	4	67%	35	37	37	5.7%
Boroondara	Eastside	4	41%	19	19	20	5.3%
Carlton	Heritage	4	70%	38	40	40	5.3%
Tullamarine	Gateway	4	54%	20	21	21	5.0%
Glenferrie	Yarra	4	53%	45	47	47	4.4%
Echuca-Moama	Goldfields	4	77%	26	27	27	3.8%
Gisborne	Calder	4	77%	26	27	27	3.8%
North Melbourne	Gateway	5	58%	26	27	27	3.8%



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Southbank	Batman	4	66%	26	26	27	3.8%
Wyndham	Port Phillip	4	87%	26	27	27	3.8%
Melbourne	Batman	4	50%	268	277	277	3.4%
Balwyn	Eastside	4	65%	90	93	93	3.3%
Brunswick	Heritage	4	44%	30	31	31	3.3%
Bendigo Strathdale	Goldfields	4	71%	32	33	33	3.1%
Essendon North	Gateway	5	64%	32	32	33	3.1%
Bacchus Marsh	Westside	3	72%	40	39	41	2.5%
Bendigo South	Goldfields	4	66%	44	46	45	2.3%
Footscray	Hobsons Bay	4	52%	51	51	52	2.0%
Altona City	Port Phillip	4	63%	33	33	33	0.0%
Bendigo Sandhurst	Goldfields	4	74%	52	52	52	0.0%
Central Melb. Sunrise	Batman	4	71%	55	57	55	0.0%
Eaglehawk	Goldfields	4	75%	38	38	38	0.0%
Keilor East	Gateway	4	81%	41	40	41	0.0%
Malvern	Stonnington	4	75%	47	47	47	0.0%
North Balwyn	Eastside	4	82%	89	89	89	0.0%
Point Gellibrand	Hobsons Bay	4	79%	34	36	34	0.0%
St Kilda	Stonnington			12		12	0.0%
Werribee	Port Phillip	4	85%	41	39	41	0.0%
Williamstown	Hobsons Bay	4	52%	29	29	29	0.0%
Hawthorn	Yarra	4	56%	72	71	71	-1.4%
Kyneton	Calder	4	69%	38	37	37	-2.6%
Bendigo	Goldfields	4	58%	96	94	93	-3.1%
West Footscray	Hobsons Bay	4	51%	31	30	30	-3.2%
Fitzroy	Heritage	4	73%	30	29	29	-3.3%
Essendon	Gateway	4	47%	80	77	77	-3.8%
Sunshine	Westside	4	67%	23	22	22	-4.3%
Brighton	Beachside	4	62%	133	127	127	-4.5%
Chadstone / East Malvern	Stonnington	4	70%	43	41	41	-4.7%
Camberwell	Eastside	4	69%	63	61	60	-4.8%
Moonee Valley	Gateway	4	50%	21	20	20	-4.8%
Kangaroo Flat	Goldfields	4	62%	30	29	28	-6.7%
Kew-on-Yarra	Yarra	4	67%	25	23	23	-8.0%
Glen Eira	Beachside	4	71%	23	21	21	-8.7%
Laverton Point Cook	Port Phillip	4	84%	22	20	20	-9.1%
Rochester	Goldfields	4	75%	11	10	10	-9.1%
Kew	Yarra	4	68%	54	48	48	-11.1%
Altona	Port Phillip	4	73%	26	24	22	-15.4%
Elsternwick	Beachside			19		16	-15.8%
Daylesford	Calder	4	74%	30	26	25	-16.7%
Caulfield	Beachside	4	61%	11	9	9	-18.2%
Port Melbourne	Batman			35		28	-20.0%
Castlemaine	Calder	4	67%	47	38	37	-21.3%
Melton	Westside	4	83%	44	37	34	-22.7%

Membership and attendance figures not reported