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## April Is Rotary Magazine Month

### Group Study Exchange

#### A program of the Rotary Foundation – Our Charity

We have just farewelled the Group Exchange Team from District 5650, Nebraska, USA.

What an outstanding team they were ... affable, conscientious, enquiring and fun-loving. Team Leader Judy, and team members Aaron, Jen, Christine and Matt really left their imprimatur on our District and they will be fondly remembered for their infectious self-effacing humour.

**Question to Jen:** *What will be your instant memories of Australia?*

Jen: Two kilos on my hips and an alcohol problem!

I am sure that there will be many host families that will start a regular dialogue with their special team member as they journey through the rest of their lives.

On Saturday, 29 March our team with Team Leader Anne Peace and members Heidi, Bronwyn, Michael, Lena and Matthew left for District 5650. You can follow their journey and exploits by logging on to the website - <http://www.d9800gse.blogspot.com/>. I am sure you will be impressed (and envious!) of the activities and experiences that the team encounters as they move around Nebraska and part of Iowa.

#### But what is Group Study all about?

Depending on your point of view, predisposition, life experiences, philosophy and prejudices, the answer to this question could be obvious or vague.

Without doubt, it has many angles, permeations, events and outcomes and its various effects on participants and associates is very wide. What we do know is that it is a person-to-person, vocation to vocation, group to group primary contact program that Rotary seems to do very well.

Just ask any club that has been involved in sponsoring or hosting. There is a real enthusiasm ... a feeling of being part of an international program, a feeling of contributing and a sense of real and immediate feedback.

#### What about the participants?

For most of those that take part, it is a life altering experience. Travel and international contact stretches the boundaries of possibility and potential.

The GSE program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business and professional men and women in their initial years of professional life. The program is designed to develop professional and leadership skills among young people to better prepare them to address the needs of their communities and an increasingly global workplace.

Since the inception of the GSE program 53 years ago, our knowledge of other cultures has grown vastly. Knowledge encourages understanding and it's probably reasonable to suggest that we are more open-minded than previous generations.

No nation or culture is immune to misconceptions and prejudices, nor the debilitating and sometimes tragic consequences that often result.

As communication and transport increasingly shrink our world, it is important that we enhance our knowledge about people and other countries. And, it is important that we share our own knowledge and our own culture.

But a Group Study Exchange is much more than simply comparing notes on religion, politics, vocations, recreation and philosophy. It is a forum to help us raise ourselves and the world community to a higher level of international understanding, goodwill and friendly relations.

The team from D9800 arrives home in May and I can't wait to hear their experiences in District 5650 first hand.

I invite you to join me at the beautiful Kooyong Tennis Club, 489 Glenferrie Road, Kooyong on **Wednesday, 21 May**, 7.00pm for 7.30pm to give a great District 9800 welcome home to our team. My thanks to the members of the Rotary Club of Chadstone/East Malvern for hosting this night.

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## New Members

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Welcome to the following new members:

- Eddie Muto, RC Prahran, Classification: Hospitality
- Margaret Paulsen, RC Bendigo, Classification: Business Administration
- Wayne Smith, RC Bendigo, Classification: Water Engineering

### Quip Corner:

What was the best thing before sliced bread?

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## Reminder: New Membership Award For 07/08

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This year there will be a new Membership Award, in addition to the traditional award calculated over the whole year. The new award will be for the club with the **greatest percentage growth based on the difference between the numbers you reported to RI for 1 January 2008 and the numbers reported to RI for 1 July 2008.**

This not only means recruiting new members, but also ensuring that you don't lose existing members at the stroke of midnight between June 30 and July 1!

Even if you haven't had a great start to the year membership-wise, you now have a chance to do something really significant in the remaining months of the year and set up the new Rotary Year of 2008/2009.

For any questions or issues to discuss about membership growth and retention, call the D9800 Membership Advisor, Mel Gray on 0407 787 117.

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## Camp Getaway Progress

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Great progress is being made on the completion of the second 28 bed dormitory at Rotary Camp Getaway, at Axedale.

These photos show work being coordinated by Peter Kennedy from the Rotary Club of Bendigo Strathdale club, supervising workers arranged by Harold Simpson from the Rotary Club of Keilor. Assistance with electrical work is also being provided by PDG Des Hosking in partnership with President Daryl Rowe of the Rotary Club of Kangaroo Flat, assisted by club members.

Well done to all concerned for getting the project back on track.

Many working bees have been held to upgrade the camp including, kitchen, dining room and hall. D9800 Rotary clubs have also contributed to the significant landscaping plantings around the new buildings.

A major component of the redevelopment is the upgrade of essential services to ensure the highest level of quality accreditation for a camp of this type. This involves upgrade of fresh water, sewerage and electricity services, these items represent the major capital works costs of the project, most of which are buried underground.



Work continues today on a second modern dormitory, a project which should be completed late in 2008.

The unique feature of this project is the Rotary sponsorship and management of the project which will ensure that the camp and its operations are self sufficient, but more importantly, that children and individuals suffering disadvantage may have their costs supported by Rotary to enable them to participate in the unique bush experiences of Rotary Camp Getaway. Rotarian's commitment to community building experiences for youth will ensure that the particular experiences available in the unique riverside environment of Rotary Camp Getaway will have a positive impact on all participants.

- Paul Kirkpatrick, Rotary Camp Getaway, ph: 0419 368 430

*The things old people tend to regret are the things they didn't do!*

- Wes Truscott



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## New Generations On The Radio

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On Tuesday at 4.00pm every week the Rotary Hour is a featured program on 96.5FM.

On the first Tuesday every month the Rotary Club of North Balwyn is responsible for the program, and last Tuesday, 1 April the guest speaker was Marc Fookes the District Adviser of New Generations.

He was interviewed by Past President of the North Balwyn Club, John Mollison, while Don Bowden sat behind the console presenting music interludes in between the three interview sessions.

Don shares presentation duties with Tony Wells also from the North Balwyn Club every month.

You can hear what Marc had to say by accessing the North Balwyn website on <http://www.rotaryd9800.org/northbalwyn>. The full hours program is up and running on the website. Just follow the links.

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## Notices & Events

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### RC Eaglehawk Meeting Change

RC Eaglehawk will be transferring their normal meeting of **Wednesday, 9 April** to Saturday, 12 April 2008.

### Fun-Filled Trivial Pursuits Night

Our resident quiz presenter Dianne Livett will test your knowledge with frantic fun and hilarious howlers on **Thursday, 10 April**! So form a table of 8 - 10 with your friends, be heroes for the night and win some great prizes. Proceeds benefit Carlton Community Projects so bring gold coins for gags & games.

The bar opens at 6:30 pm, 1st quiz round at 7.00pm sharp, home to bed at 9.30pm. Graduate House, Melbourne Uni, 220 Leicester Street, Carlton. Cost is \$20.00 per person for supper, finger food on arrival at 6.30pm and antipasto plates on each table. Drinks can be purchased at the club's very reasonable bar prices and parking is available at University Square Underground (closes at 10.00pm).

To avoid disappointment book now with Peter Tuohy on 9686 9535 or via [pjtuohy@ozemail.com.au](mailto:pjtuohy@ozemail.com.au).

### Jeffrey Archer Book Launch

RC Toorak invites you to attend dinner with renowned UK story teller, Jeffrey Archer, 7.00pm for 7.30pm **Thursday, 10 April**, Lincoln of Toorak, Level 2, Trak Centre, 445 Toorak Road Toorak.

Jeffrey Archer will launch and personally sign his latest book '*A Prisoner Of Birth*'.

This event proudly supports Odyssey House Victoria, and the cost (\$95 per person, \$950 table of 10, \$1140 table of 12) includes a two course meal and all beverages.

Please contact Alan Freedman on 0419 357 864 or <mailto:barhampton@bigpond.com>.

### Ladies Luncheon

The Rotary Club of Woodend is hosting a Ladies Luncheon to be held on **Friday, 11 April**.

This event is being organised to raise funds for a Boardmaker program that will be donated to the Woodend Library and become available for families, day care, staff, kindergartens and schools. Boardmaker is an incredibly flexible and powerful communication display maker and learning tool containing over 4,500 picture symbols to assist children with learning difficulties.

For further details phone Melissa Hocking 5427 1578. Donations also gratefully accepted.

### Pooches On The Promenade @ Docklands

Docklands is preparing to show off its furry friends at a fashion parade with a difference. Bring your well-dressed pet down to Docklands and celebrate World Neighbours Day with a fun, family friend event. You're invited to dress up your pooch and enter this fashion competition.

Competition categories: best behaved dog, smallest dog, largest dog, best smile, dog with the waggiest tail, dog that looks most like its owner, best dressed dog, best trick, oldest dog, best groomed dog, best stuffed toy dog and NewQuay top dog.

Activities include: dog pamper tent, face painting, raffles, food and drinks available.



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To be held on **Sunday, 13 April 2008** from 11.00am to 1.30pm at Newquay Promenade, corner Harbour Esplanade and Docklands Drive (parking is free until 1.30pm on Docklands Drive, Mel Ref: 2E E4).

All monies raised go to Cancer In Kids at The Royal Children's Hospital.

Phone Don Jones, Metro Real Estate on 9600 4433 for more details or visit <http://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/>. The first 70 entrants will receive a free show bag worth over \$60.

## Presidents' Shield 2008

Hepburn Springs Golf Club & the Rotary Club of Daylesford are pleased to invite you to the Eighth Annual Presidents' Shield - an event for all social and club golfers. All proceeds go to the local Rotary club, *Working for the Local Community*.

To be held at Hepburn Springs Golf Club on **Saturday, 12 April 2008** (assemble in clubrooms by 11.30 for 12.30 Shotgun hit-off).

This is a 2 Person Ambrose, plus there will be awards for the Longest Drive, Nearest the Pin and other challenges.

**PRIZES:** The President's Shield for best Men's Pair, best Women's Pair and/or best Mixed Pair. (Registered Handicap Players) The prizes include: 4 X \$50.00 - Ray Drummond Golf Vouchers, Umbrellas, Golf Balls and lots of other golfing paraphernalia. Presentations at 5.30 pm.

An on course BBQ lunch will be available from 11.30 am, and drinks will be available from Licensed Club Bar.

The cost is \$20.00 for Golf Handicap & Social Players or \$5.00 for HSGC Members.

To play, phone Heather Andrew on 5348 1249 or just turn up on the day at around 11.30am. Members of HSGC please place names on Time Sheet at the Newsagent prior to the event or phone the Club House before 11.30am, on the day. **Good Luck and Good Hitting!**

## Sing With The Stallions

The best ever Harrison Motoring Group's 2008 'Sing With The Stallions' concert is to be held on **13 April 2008** at Melton Community Hall and Lawns.

Following on from our 2007 concert where we had over 680 visitors, we have relocated the concert and introduced several new attractions including the launch of the new Harrison Motoring Group's Grand Prix Hydroplane. There will be ponies and photos, temporary tattoos, the new 'Rotary Search for Talent' talent quest, Harley rides along with our ever popular favourites, the Victorian Concert Orchestra. There will also be a display of the latest 2008 Toyotas, Hyundais and Suzuki Motor vehicles. Come and enjoy the great entertainment, gourmet food and wine and a great display of Melton's developing talent in dance, music and song.

The event currently has limited vacancies for Food and General Stallholders and further details are available from Ross Butterworth on 0411 228311 or email: [butterworth@smartchat.net.au](mailto:butterworth@smartchat.net.au).

## John Flynn Memorial Charity Golf Day

RC Werribee are holding their annual John Flynn Memorial Charity Golf Day on **Tuesday, 15 April 2008**. The event - named after a former President of the Werribee Rotary and Werribee Park Golf Clubs - will again be held at the Werribee Park Golf Course, K Road Werribee. The event is a 4 person Ambrose Format and hit off is at 12.30pm. We have Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze Sponsorships available and we also welcome single entries.

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

All enquiries can be directed to Graham Roper on 0403 437 349 or Russell Brooks on 0404 814 005

## Herald-Sun Rotary Art Show

Rotary Club of Camberwell Herald-Sun Art Show will be held at Boroondara Civic Centre, Camberwell Road, Camberwell from 10.00am Friday, **18-26 April 2008**.

This will be our 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Show, with prizes totalling \$60,000. Each day there will be demonstrating artists. Light refreshments are available throughout the show. Show closes each evening at 6.00pm.

The Preview and Award opening will be held on the evening of **Thursday, 17 April**. Preview tickets at \$50.00 per head are available from John Steven, 2 Stanhope Grove, Camberwell Vic. 3124 Contact details are - [johnsteven@bigpond.com](mailto:johnsteven@bigpond.com) or 9882 6184.





## Breakfast With Andrew Bolt

RC Keilor East is proud to present 'Breakfast With Andrew Bolt' on **Friday, 18 April** from 7.00am until 8.30am at The Committee Room, Mooney Valley Racecourse (cost: \$42 per person, tables of 10 available if required).

This is a great opportunity to hear the controversial journalist and support the completion of our Western Autistic School Playground Replacement Project.

Please contact Lloyd Lancaster on 9336 2015, Bruce Cameron on 9337 8194 or Cherrie Osborn on 9390 9526.

## 'Crackerjack' Bare Foot Lawn Bowling, Dinner, Dancing & Entertainment!

The Rotary Club of Richmond invites you to join them on **Sunday, 20 April** at the Richmond Union Bowling Club, 2 Gleadell Street, Richmond, 2.45pm for a 3.00pm start, for two hours of competition with your own coach! 'Crackerjack' the movie will be screened during the afternoon, and then enjoy a BBQ dinner, dessert, tea/coffee. Soft drinks, beer and wine sold at the bar. Entertainment, band and dancing to follow. Tickets are \$45 each. Make up your own team of four or eight, or let us include you in one of ours. You may prefer to join us as a supporter at \$40 per ticket.

Fund raised will go toward supporting the club's East Timor Kindergarten project – building an outdoor meeting space, water tanks, permaculture garden, storage shed & playground, upgrading equipment & providing funds to assist with the cost of training kindergarten teachers.

Further details and bookings call Richmond Rotarian Barbara Woodberry on 0413 057 879 or email: [skills@mgdsventures.com](mailto:skills@mgdsventures.com)

## Gallipoli – The Trip Of A Lifetime

The Rotary Club of Brighton, through Rotary Foundation Matching Grant and Australian Consulate in Turkey, organised \$24,000 of assistance to the School for Blind at Gallipoli. A launch ceremony for the high tech computer based vision enhancing equipment will be conducted at the school on **24 April 2008**, together with local Rotarians. Join Rotarians at the launch as well as the Dawn Ceremony at Anzac Cove for the experience of a lifetime.

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

## Profit Through Success

The Rotary Club of Essendon is proud to announce that the guest speaker for the 2008 'Profit Through Success' Business Luncheon is the man with the golden voice of sports radio, Mr. Tim Lane. With over 35 years in the industry, Tim will provide a fascinating insight into the world of sports, and the ethics and success of its professional participants.

Venue: Moonee Valley Racing Club

Date: **Tuesday, 29 April 2008**, 12.00 for 12.30 – 2.00 pm

Ticket price: \$50 including entry, lunch and limited beverages

No matter what your favourite sport, you can't afford to miss this special luncheon!

Bookings can be made via Tartaglia and Associates, 231 Union Road Ascot Vale 3032, phone: 9326 1455, fax: 9326 1499 or email: [mailto:startaglia@ozemail.com.au](mailto:mailto:startaglia@ozemail.com.au) (credit card, cheque or cash). Limited numbers so book early.

## Macedon Ranges MS Cycle Challenge

The Macedon Ranges MS Cycle Challenge will be on Labor Day Weekend, **Sunday, 4 May 2008** and take riders on a 135km tour on sealed roads (will suit riders with a good level of fitness). Our major focus is to raise funds to help find a cure for Multiple Sclerosis, through the Rotarian Action Group for MS Awareness, which is linking MS research groups worldwide. Profits will go to MS and other meaningful community and international service projects. Call (03) 5428 3474 or visit the new RC Gisborne website for more info and online registration - [www.gisbornerotary.org.au](http://www.gisbornerotary.org.au)

## Dinner With Li Cunxin, 'Mao's Last Dancer'

Rotary Club of Bacchus Marsh presents a very special dinner with Li Cunxin, 'Mao's Last Dancer' on **Friday, 16 May 2008** at 7.30pm, Witchmount Winery, Rockbank

From humble Chinese peasant to artisan on the World Stage, this is a powerful story of the triumph of the human spirit. Li Cunxin (pronounced "Lee Schwin Sing") is a remarkable man borne of a remarkable journey. The inspirational author of the top selling book 'Mao's Last Dancer', Li has a fascinating life story. Born into bitter poverty in rural China and suffering the hardship of peasant life, Li Cunxin was offered one chance. The sixth of seven sons, Li began his life-changing journey at an early age. Dedication and determination are the hallmarks of Li Cunxin's life.



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Taken from his parents to be trained in the art of ballet, through hard work, competition, and sacrifice, he discovered opportunities undreamt of in rural China. Li perfected his art and became Principal Dancer in the Beijing Ballet. In a twist of fate, he defected to the United States. Li's amazing true story is being transformed into a movie, to be directed by Australian cinema legend Bruce Beresford which starts production this year.

Tickets: \$80 each or table of 10 \$725. Includes 3 course meal, limited wine and beverages.

RSVP to Michelle or Cheryl at Smith & Gilbert on 5367 3088 or Reception at Bacchus Marsh Vet Centre on 5367 4000.

## Books 4 Books

The Rotary Club of Woodend will be holding a book sale on **Sunday, 18 May** in Woodend. Books will be on sale for \$1-2 each and the money raised will be used to purchase a selection of books on Sustainability and the Environment to be placed at the local library. It is hoped that the community will support the project and donate books towards the fundraising project. The date coincides with the outdoor market so why not make the trip to Woodend and visit a lovely part of the Macedon Ranges only 45 minutes from the CBD.

Stay for lunch, visit many of the local attractions and wineries but most of all drop in and buy a book or two to support the Rotary Club of Woodend.

Call President Grant Hocking for more details.

## Welcome Back Dinner for GSE Team

The Rotary Club of Chadstone / East Malvern is hosting the Welcome Back Dinner for our District's GSE Team. This important event welcomes all Rotarians and their guests to hear and see the experiences of our GSE Team. This event will be at the beautiful Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club, 489 Glenferrie Road, Kooyong featuring a sumptuous full three course buffet dinner with drinks at bar prices on **Wednesday, 21st May** 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Ample free parking is available opposite Kooyong, in the Kooyong Park Public Car Park, next to Vision Australia. Dress: Lounge Suit, \$50 per head (full 3 course dinner). Please contact Michael Bennett on 0412 636 264 or [michaelbennett@live.com.au](mailto:michaelbennett@live.com.au)

## Fun In Retirement Expo

The Rotary Club of North Balwyn, in conjunction with the City of Boroondara will be staging the inaugural Fun In Retirement Expo (FIRE) at the Boroondara Sports Complex from **5-7 July 2008**. FIRE will showcase the huge variety of businesses and community groups catering for the rapidly growing number of Boroondara citizens in 'The Third Age'. Our aim is to show the 50+ members of our community what is available to them, and to encourage them to become more involved in the life of the community, putting more richness and variety into their lives. You are invited to take a booth at FIRE to show your wares to this age group who have both the money and the time to take up new hobbies; to develop themselves mentally and physically; to become more involved in their community; or to just indulge themselves! Visit [www.funinretirement.com.au](http://www.funinretirement.com.au) for more details.



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## April Is Rotary Magazine Month

### Seeing Rotary's Future With 20/20 Vision

20/20. Once something tested by ophthalmologists, these days the term is synonymous with our strive for success as a nation – whether that be in reference to our triumphs in abbreviated cricket matches or the upcoming summit on our nation's future we'll leave up to you.

But when it comes to the future and success of Rotary what are our collective visions? Where do we want to see Rotary in 20 years time? What are the best and brightest 'big' ideas that we need to start planning around for the future?

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd made a noteworthy statement recently in regard to the nation's future - "I don't want to be Prime Minister of a country where we simply drift".

In Rotary terms, while certainly not denigrating or disparaging our previous and present efforts and successes, we too should not be content to just 'drift'. Rotary is a fantastic vehicle for doing good in the community, but faces pressure from a myriad of organisations in demanding the public's attention, charity, participation and goodwill. We can't expect this pressure to subside either – it will likely intensify, and we must begin adapting now to meet the challenges of tomorrow.

#### Rotary's Challenges

As Rotarians we strive to make a difference. Without wanting to sound like Tom Cruise saving the world and uniting cultures, by virtue of being a Rotarian, we have chosen to act upon our desire to serve rather than just watch society in helplessness. Both Rotary and society face challenges now that require us to act, that require the minds of motivated Rotarians to make a difference and not just 'drift' along. With this weekend's President Elect Training providing a forum for our next leaders to set the course and start making dreams real, it's time to start looking to the future and take on the challenges that will confront us.

#### Membership

Rotary is a member based organisation. Simply put, the more members we have, the more good we are able to do. Rotary has an ageing membership base at the moment and without engaging the next generation and ensuring that Rotary is attractive to them to join, we will face a declining membership. Consequently this would mean a somewhat diminished potential for Rotary to make positive change in the world. Each District, each Club, each individual, needs to think about how they will attract the next generation – what will you do differently? When will you do it?

#### Social Issues

What are the social issues that will affect us all in the next 20 years? What planning and infrastructure is needed today to deal with them? Quite frequently in today's society we see social-cause bandwagons that many people are willing to jump on to. Some lead to change, some produce hot air. Regardless, in our favour is that people are willing to get on board good causes in their droves. By identifying tomorrow's needs and putting in place structures to actually deal with them (rather than just providing token empathy), Rotarians are in a prime position to lead change. What are the big social issues we'll face tomorrow? The environment? Shortages in aged care? Opportunities in indigenous communities? Drought relief? Rebuilding a sense of community spirit?

#### Engaging Outside Support

Trying to change the world on our own is not an easy task or something to which we should aspire. To do so would almost border on narcissism. Rather, engaging the support of the public, media, corporates, government and other organisations makes sense and enables us to effect change on a greater scale. Additionally, bigger projects attract more media attention, they raise our profile positively, put our ideals and actions in front of a broader audience and make us more attractive to potential members who would like to be part of it. Rotary has a valuable commodity in the volunteer human resources, inspiration and leadership we provide – together with the commercial and financial resources which governments, corporates, media and the public provide we really can make dreams real. And let's not forget the resources available *within* Rotary – share your ideas and engage other Clubs, Districts, and interest groups within Rotary – you can bet there's someone out there who has a similar passion who can help share the load and grow the dream!



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Just as tomorrow's projects need envisioning today, the supporters of tomorrow's projects need approaching today as well. If you have a dream worth believing in, share it. Get support on board. Dream big and act accordingly!

## Projects

Projects like the Rural Assistance Fund and Fix Up Australia Weekend are already aiming big at social issues that require redress. We have engaged a number of corporate partners such as Mitre 10, Holden, the Commonwealth Bank, IGA and the City of Melbourne who are willing to put in their support to our projects. By engaging them we now have more resources, providing us with further exposure, which in turn will hopefully enable us to attract more support and membership – from which we can do greater good, gain more exposure, attract more support and membership...you get the picture.

Each of these projects needs the support of Clubs to continue to be successful and snowball into something that will truly make a difference. We have a number of projects and events planned to keep this cycle building - our Family of Rotary Day on December 7<sup>th</sup> and next year's Day on the Library Green at the State Library (February 22<sup>nd</sup>) will be aimed at showcasing Rotary in front of the public's eyes. But room still remains for big projects on the agenda – what are the dreams you want to make real? Is there something that might take 20 years to do, but that can be done? Get the ball rolling.

Already our efforts are paying off – District 9800 is a true success story in terms of membership. While the national average growth of membership is 1.52%, District 9800 has grown at 5.18% in the last year. But we can do more. It's up to you to decide how though - now is a great time to start envisaging just what will attract the next generation, what social issues need tackling, who can help us and what we can do to make it happen.

As the the muscian Paul Kelly once sang, "From little things, big things grow".

### Thinking big has paid off for membership growth in District 9800.

District	As at 1 July 2007		As at 31 March 2008		Change	Change %
	Clubs	Members	Clubs	Members		
9680	67	1943	67	1960	17	0.87%
9690	36	992	36	1007	15	1.51%
9700	43	1191	43	1199	8	0.67%
9710	48	1462	48	1498	36	2.46%
9750	53	1533	52	1544	11	0.72%
9780	60	2119	60	2132	13	0.61%
9790	60	1802	60	1818	16	0.89%
<b>9800</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>2720</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>2861</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>5.18%</b>
9810	51	1359	51	1376	17	1.25%
9820	51	1533	50	1512	-21	-1.37%
9830	49	1404	49	1425	21	1.50%
<b>Total</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>18,058</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>18,332</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>1.52%</b>

## District 9800 Awards

Share your great ideas and projects with other Rotary Clubs of the District. Gain recognition and at the same time record your club's history by submitting an entry to District Awards.

### Need information?

All your club projects are relevant. A description of the project, who was involved and some photos are the basic requirements. Your entry does not have to be a 'Best Selling' book!



Check that the presentation of your project matches the criteria. Criteria may be downloaded from District website.

Contact me if you are unsure of the criteria and I will email it to you.

### Critical dates

1 June 2008 All submissions due (**hard copy only**)

29 June 2008 Awards Presentation at District Governor's Changeover Dinner

Contact District Awards Chairman Lyndon Joss for more information - phone/fax: (03) 9885 0473 AH, email: [lyndonjoss@optusnet.com.au](mailto:lyndonjoss@optusnet.com.au) or post 1 Harold Avenue, Glen Iris Vic 3146.





## New ROMAC Website

ROMAC is now in its 20th year of operations. Rotarians volunteer their time and expertise to run this Rotary program that encompasses all the Districts of Australia and New Zealand. Assisted by many eminent Australian surgeons who generously donate their time free for the treatment of our patients, this humanitarian program has provided over 300 children from 20 developing countries with urgent medical treatment that has given them new hope.



Their newly relaunched website – <http://www.romac.org.au/> - tells you everything you need to know about this important work and how you can become involved.

## Rotary Down Under

April is Magazine Month and our magazine is the 'Rotary Down Under', or RDU.

Newer members may not be aware that subscription to an RI approved magazine is a requirement of membership. Why is it compulsory you might ask? One important reason is that it expands our Rotary awareness beyond our own club and District. Through the RDU we can learn what Rotarians are doing elsewhere in Australasia and around the world. It's a great source of project ideas.



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In the March issue I read about what our southern neighbours in District 9630 are doing to help illiterate adult aborigines to read and write. Is there a similar need in D9570? There has to be. RDU is also a good way for us to share our success stories with others. RDU exists to provide Rotarians of Australia, New Zealand, the Pacific Islands and Timor Leste with a magazine that is directly relevant to our part of the world.

Did you know that RDU commenced in 1965, and Managing Editor Bob Aitken has held that position since 1984?

RDU is our magazine, not just because it's produced in Australia. Rotarian subscribers of the Australian and New Zealand districts are the owners of the business, Rotary Down Under Pty Ltd. The RDU Board is made up of Past District Governors and Bob Aitken is also a PDG. Like any business, RDU operates on a budget and over time it has to at least break even on its operations. Any profit stays in the RDU reserves. The Rotarian Life segment was introduced to broaden the magazine's appeal to both advertisers and Rotarians. Advertising revenue is an important part of RDU's revenue stream and helps to keep our subscriptions as low as possible.

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One very important note for incoming office bearers, particularly treasurers and cheque signatories - RDU and RI are **NOT** one and the same organisation, they are totally separate entities. The fact that they both have offices at Parramatta is admittedly confusing.

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Finally, I ask you to share your RDU's around when you have finished with them. Our local library is happy to accept copies. They can be offered to anyone with a waiting room. Don't forget your Interact or Rotaract clubs.

Read your RDU every month and learn more about the great work Rotarians are doing. Then, with your improved Rotary knowledge, discuss Rotary's amazing array of service projects with all those people involved in your daily lives – family members, neighbours, work mates, social and sporting friends. Take pride in being a part of this extraordinary organization!

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### Quip Corner:

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The Rotary Club of Essendon North is looking for a construct architect who is willing to take a work experience student 5 days a week from July until December. The student is a former Danish Youth Exchange student and we would like to support her now that she has returned to Australia to study. She is currently studying at Box Hill TAFE. Please contact Barbara Wyatt on 9379 8085 (H) or 9333 1866 (W).

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## New Paul Harris Fellow

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The Rotary Club of West Footscray's newest Paul Harris Fellow is Sanda Fisher (pictured with DG John Davis and Club President, Gabrielle Morgan).

Sanda, not a member of Rotary, was presented with the honour at the club's recent 30th anniversary dinner.



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RC Glen Eira presents the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Person's Breakfast on **Tuesday, 15 April 2008** from 7.15am to 8.45am at Glen Eira Town Hall (cnr Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield).

Guest speaker Paul McNamee is the Executive Chairman Australian Opens - Golf Australia, former Chief Executive of the Australian Open Tennis, and a Wimbledon Doubles Champion.

Tickets are \$45 per person from Ticket Manager Max Sherlock (9528 6718) or John Leske (9528 4355). Proceeds to Prostate Cancer Foundation, Kids Tennis Foundation and other Rotary charities.

### John Flynn Memorial Charity Golf Day

RC Werribee are holding their annual John Flynn Memorial Charity Golf Day on **Tuesday, 15 April 2008**. The event - named after a former President of the Werribee Rotary and Werribee Park Golf Clubs - will again be held at the Werribee Park Golf Course, K Road Werribee. The event is a 4 person Ambrose Format and hit off is at 12.30pm. We have Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze Sponsorships available and we also welcome single entries.

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

All enquiries can be directed to Graham Roper on 0403 437 349 or Russell Brooks on 0404 814 005

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### 'Crackerjack' Bare Foot Lawn Bowling, Dinner, Dancing & Entertainment!

The Rotary Club of Richmond invites you to join them on **Sunday, 20 April** at the Richmond Union Bowling Club, 2 Gleadell Street, Richmond, 2.45pm for a 3.00pm start, for two hours of competition with your own coach! 'Crackerjack'





the movie will be screened during the afternoon, and then enjoy a BBQ dinner, dessert, tea/coffee. Soft drinks, beer and wine sold at the bar. Entertainment, band and dancing to follow. Tickets are \$45 each. Make up your own team of four or eight, or let us include you in one of ours. You may prefer to join us as a supporter at \$40 per ticket.

Fund raised will go toward supporting the club's East Timor Kindergarten project – building an outdoor meeting space, water tanks, permaculture garden, storage shed & playground, upgrading equipment & providing funds to assist with the cost of training kindergarten teachers.

Further details and bookings call Richmond Rotarian Barbara Woodberry on 0413 057 879 or email: [skills@mgdsventures.com](mailto:skills@mgdsventures.com)

## Gallipoli – The Trip Of A Lifetime

The Rotary Club of Brighton, through Rotary Foundation Matching Grant and Australian Consulate in Turkey, organised \$24,000 of assistance to the School for Blind at Gallipoli. A launch ceremony for the high tech computer based vision enhancing equipment will be conducted at the school on **24 April 2008**, together with local Rotarians. Join Rotarians at the launch as well as the Dawn Ceremony at Anzac Cove for the experience of a lifetime.

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

## Profit Through Success

The Rotary Club of Essendon is proud to announce that the guest speaker for the 2008 'Profit Through Success' Business Luncheon is the man with the golden voice of sports radio, Mr. Tim Lane. With over 35 years in the industry, Tim will provide a fascinating insight into the world of sports, and the ethics and success of its professional participants.

Venue: Moonee Valley Racing Club

Date: **Tuesday, 29 April 2008**, 12.00 for 12.30 – 2.00 pm

Ticket price: \$50 including entry, lunch and limited beverages

No matter what your favourite sport, you can't afford to miss this special luncheon!

Bookings can be made via Tartaglia and Associates, 231 Union Road Ascot Vale 3032, phone: 9326 1455, fax: 9326 1499 or email: <mailto:startaglia@ozemail.com.au> (credit card, cheque or cash). Limited numbers so book early.

## Up, Up & Away With Café International!

You are invited to attend the annual cabaret-style event hosted by the students of International House on **Saturday, 3 May**. Pre-dinner drinks at 6.30pm for the event start at 7.00pm at International House, 241 Royal Parade, Parkville.

This years theme, 'Up, Up and Away', heralds the bygone era of luxury air travel in the decade of the 'swinging sixties' and the dress code is black tie or themed 60's.

Ticket price: \$75 (Tables of 10pax.)

Please RSVP by 27 April 2008, to Daniel Higgins, Acting Guest and Conference Manager, International House, 241 Royal Parade, Parkville, Victoria 3052. Ph: 9345 7576, fax: 9349 1761 or email: <mailto:ludmilla@unimelb.edu.au>



## Macedon Ranges MS Cycle Challenge

The Macedon Ranges MS Cycle Challenge will be on Labor Day Weekend, **Sunday, 4 May 2008** and take riders on a 135km tour on sealed roads (will suit riders with a good level of fitness). Our major focus is to raise funds to help find a cure for Multiple Sclerosis, through the Rotarian Action Group for MS Awareness, which is linking MS research groups worldwide. Profits will go to MS and other meaningful community and international service projects. Call (03) 5428 3474 or visit the new RC Gisborne website for more info and online registration - [www.gisbornerotary.org.au](http://www.gisbornerotary.org.au)

## Dinner With Li Cunxin, 'Mao's Last Dancer'

Rotary Club of Bacchus Marsh presents a very special dinner with Li Cunxin, 'Mao's Last Dancer' on **Friday, 16 May 2008** at 7.30pm, Witchmount Winery, Rockbank

From humble Chinese peasant to artisan on the World Stage, this is a powerful story of the triumph of the human spirit. Li Cunxin (pronounced "Lee Schwin Sing") is a remarkable man borne of a remarkable journey. The inspirational author of the top selling book 'Mao's Last Dancer', Li has a fascinating life story. Born into bitter poverty in rural China and suffering the hardship of peasant life, Li Cunxin was offered one chance. The sixth of seven sons, Li began his life-changing journey at an early age. Dedication and determination are the hallmarks of Li Cunxin's life.





Taken from his parents to be trained in the art of ballet, through hard work, competition, and sacrifice, he discovered opportunities undreamt of in rural China. Li perfected his art and became Principal Dancer in the Beijing Ballet. In a twist of fate, he defected to the United States. Li's amazing true story is being transformed into a movie, to be directed by Australian cinema legend Bruce Beresford which starts production this year.

Tickets: \$80 each or table of 10 \$725. Includes 3 course meal, limited wine and beverages.

RSVP to Michelle or Cheryl at Smith & Gilbert on 5367 3088 or Reception at Bacchus Marsh Vet Centre on 5367 4000.

## Books 4 Books

The Rotary Club of Woodend will be holding a book sale on **Sunday, 18 May** in Woodend. Books will be on sale for \$1-2 each and the money raised will be used to purchase a selection of books on Sustainability and the Environment to be placed at the local library. It is hoped that the community will support the project and donate books towards the fundraising project. The date coincides with the outdoor market so why not make the trip to Woodend and visit a lovely part of the Macedon Ranges only 45 minutes from the CBD.

Stay for lunch, visit many of the local attractions and wineries but most of all drop in and buy a book or two to support the Rotary Club of Woodend.

Call President Grant Hocking for more details.

## Welcome Back Dinner for GSE Team

The Rotary Club of Chadstone / East Malvern is hosting the Welcome Back Dinner for our District's GSE Team. This important event welcomes all Rotarians and their guests to hear and see the experiences of our GSE Team. This event will be at the beautiful Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club, 489 Glenferrie Road, Kooyong featuring a sumptuous full three course buffet dinner with drinks at bar prices on **Wednesday, 21st May** 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Ample free parking is available opposite Kooyong, in the Kooyong Park Public Car Park, next to Vision Australia. Dress: Lounge Suit, \$50 per head (full 3 course dinner). Please contact Michael Bennett on 0412 636 264 or [michaelbennett@live.com.au](mailto:michaelbennett@live.com.au)

## Yarra Cluster Business Breakfast – The Boroondara Paper

### “Science and the Challenge for the Future”

Nobel Prize winner, Professor Peter Doherty has been invited to speak at the second Yarra Cluster's Boroondara Paper to held **Friday, 23 May 2008** from 6:45am for 7:15am and winding up in good time to get to the office at 8:30am, at Leonda, 6 Wallen Road, Hawthorn.

Professor Peter Doherty shared the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 1996 with Swiss colleague Rolf Zinkernagel, for their discovery of how the immune system recognises virus infected cells. He was Australian of the Year in 1997, and has since been commuting between St Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis and the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at the University of Melbourne. His research is mainly in the area of defence against viruses. He regularly devotes time to delivering public lectures, writing articles for newspapers and magazines and participating in radio discussions.

Peter Doherty graduated from the University of Queensland in Veterinary Science and became a veterinary officer. Moving to Scotland, he received his PhD from the University of Edinburgh Medical School. He is the first person with a veterinary qualification to win a Nobel Prize.

Peter is also the author of several books, including "A Light History of Hot Air" and "The Beginner's Guide to Winning the Nobel Prize".

The Boroondara Paper is a joint project of the Rotary Clubs of Glenferrie, Hawthorn, Kew and Kew on Yarra, and proceeds will go towards "Boroondara Cares" a unique Rotary project of the combined clubs in the City of Boroondara.

Please contact Cheryl Pisterman on 0419 757 866.



## RC Yarraville, Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull!

RC Yarraville invite you to a night at the movies on Tuesday, 27 May, 6.15pm for nibbles and 7.00pm start of movie at the Sun Theatre, 8 Ballarat St, Yarraville.



Tickets: Adults:\$15, Children: \$10 (children 14 years or less.) Ticket price includes nibbles before movie, and drinks at bar prices. )

Please contact Gerard White via email: <mailto:King67@optusnet.com.au> or phone 0438 072 153.



## Fun In Retirement Expo

The Rotary Club of North Balwyn, in conjunction with the City of Boroondara will be staging the inaugural Fun In Retirement Expo (FIRE) at the Boroondara Sports Complex from **5-7 July 2008**. FIRE will showcase the huge variety of businesses and community groups catering for the rapidly growing number of Boroondara citizens in 'The Third Age'. Our aim is to show the 50+ members of our community what is available to them, and to encourage them to become more involved in the life of the community, putting more richness and variety into their lives. You are invited to take a booth at FIRE to show your wares to this age group who have both the money and the time to take up new hobbies; to develop themselves mentally and physically; to become more involved in their community; or to just indulge themselves! Visit [www.funinretirement.com.au](http://www.funinretirement.com.au) for more details.

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# Networker

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## April is Rotary Magazine Month

### Are You Evergreen Or Deciduous?



DG John Davis & Joan

Autumn is a time of change and readjustment and I believe there are parallels in nature that we can relate to human traits and personalities.

Over the last few weeks, as I drive around, I am impressed by the beauty of the deciduous trees in their autumn glory. They really stand out against the green of most of our evergreen trees. However, after a few weeks of glory these trees look stark and ready for their 'hibernation' through the winter months.

During their 'post-autumnal glory' the trees appear lifeless - the body of the tree is still visible but the spirit is elsewhere.

Evergreen trees, in contrast, appear unchanged from month to month. They do not hit the glorious heights of the deciduous trees, but neither do they plunge to the visual depths of the dormancy period. They certainly don't appear to be lifeless.

Mostly, evergreen trees continue to grow all year, spreading upwards and outwards. They are the quiet achievers of this world. With steadfast consistency, they adapt to the world around them ...hot or dry, wet and windy. The evergreens continue to make their mark on the landscape.

People can also mirror these two groups of trees.

Some people work in short bursts of extreme activity, seeming at times to be almost manic. These short bursts of energy can sometimes create ripples in a club or community as these people strive to reach the objective in the shortest possible time. Often this flurry of activity is accompanied by impatience. The 'short, sharp bursters' generally hate delays or any other impediment that prevents them from reaching finality in their stated task. Often too, they are bored with repetition and unless new challenges can be found for them they may lapse into periods of inactivity.

Dormant? Hibernating? Having ... 'a deciduous moment'? Whatever it is, the condition seems to yearn for a warmer, more inviting environment to stimulate another rush of unbridled enthusiasm.

Conversely, 'the evergreens' seem to work consistently on tasks given to them and when the task is completed they seek out new projects without fuss or fanfare. They are the stalwarts of an organisation.

It could be said that the stalwarts don't often come up with the brilliant 'outside the square', 'out of left field' ideas of the 'deciduous group'. However, inbuilt is the support base to take the inspiration to further development and a successful conclusion.

So (as I stand here amongst the scattered leaves) don't be too concerned as to whether you are evergreen or deciduous ...

We need both groups in large numbers in our Clubs if we are to continue grow, to be successful and deliver the very important "Service above Self".

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### Looking For A Speaker With An Inspirational Story?

UNHCR now has a speakers' bureau of former refugees living in Melbourne and Bendigo who are happy to share their stories with community groups, clubs, schools, universities or any group that meets regularly and would like to book a speaker. The aim of the bureau is to help raise awareness and understanding about refugee issues through the telling of personal stories. To find out more and download a booking form, email: [aulcapi@unhcr.org](mailto:aulcapi@unhcr.org) or phone 02 6281 9108.



## RYPEN April 2008



RYPEN – an acronym for Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment, is a very successful program of Rotary aimed at 14 to 17 year olds. Last weekend 43 students experienced, first hand, the benefits this program brings to its participants. Its principal aim is the communication of a series of ideas, problems and social experiences, which will assist the young participants, in forming their own values and moral standards. RYPEN targets everyday young adults who have not yet experienced leadership positions. RYPEN aims to deliver the following outcomes:

- Increased motivation and improved life skills;
- better self image and more pride in themselves;
- an understanding of setting and achieving goals; and
- the confidence to overcome failure and take control of their future.



The April 2008 Camp was held at Camp Weekaway, Lancefield. 15 Rotaract and RYLA leaders looked after the training of these young people and around 10 Rotarians and partners from the RC Chadstone/East Malvern, spent their weekend feeding all of them. On Saturday evening, a sit-in formal dinner was organised where the President of RC Chadstone/East Malvern, Nurnur, addressed the young participants and shared information about Rotary with them. The Guest Speaker on that night was Reverend Cam Butler, the Chaplin of the Melbourne Footy Club.

## Rotary Camp Getaway

The photo below shows President Jan Douglas and the team from RC Altona City who assisted with a great working bee at Rotary Camp Getaway on Saturday, 12 April. Altona City undertook preparatory work in front of the caretaker's cottage that facilitated the team from RC Essendon North building a verandah on the cottage at a working bee on the weekend of 19 April. On the upcoming ANZAC Day weekend, RC Keilor will undertake many and varied tasks to assist completion works on the second dormitory, now under construction. So, as you can see, over a series of three weekends, three different clubs undertake a terrific range of tasks that will support completion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage of redevelopment of the camp as a facility that can provide recreational opportunities for people of all abilities.







## PACE Press Release



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## ORO Province PNG... A Logistical SRT Nightmare

As news of the loss of many lives and the extensive damage caused by Cyclone Guba reached Australia in late November, ShelterBox moved to ship 224 boxes from its store with DHL in Melbourne. They were unable, frustratingly, to obtain air transport so the consignment was sent by sea to Port Moresby for on forwarding to the remote Popondetta region of Oro Province (in the vicinity of the Kokoda track). Working with Rotarians in Port Moresby and the Anglican Church (the major NGO in that remote area), SRT members Gary Bidner (Ipswich), Peter Clouting a Rotaractor from NSW and Olly Payne from the UK began making arrangements for the long tortuous by sea journey from Moresby to the province.

Early reports told of the extensive damage to infrastructure, agriculture and livelihoods by a one-in-a-hundred-year flood that



surpassed known record flood levels.

Landslides and major rivers changing course were common. Anglicare people told of the scale of devastation being "unprecedented and beyond imagination". They estimated over 350 people dead or lost from more than 205 villages and some 12,000 households seriously affected. Coastal villages were swept away and road networks devastated, 60 bridges were damaged or demolished.



The SRT members were in Popondetta in mid-January ahead of the arrival of the ShelterBoxes to make logistical assessment. Even though weeks had passed since the cyclonic event, the community eagerly awaited the arrival of the green boxes and when they were landed and deployed, they were overjoyed.

## New Members

Welcome to the following new members:

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## 'Crackerjack' Bare Foot Lawn Bowling, Dinner, Dancing & Entertainment!

The Rotary Club of Richmond invites you to join them on **Sunday, 20 April** at the Richmond Union Bowling Club, 2 Gleadell Street, Richmond, 2.45pm for a 3.00pm start, for two hours of competition with your own coach! 'Crackerjack' the movie will be screened during the afternoon, and then enjoy a BBQ dinner, dessert, tea/coffee. Soft drinks, beer and wine sold at the bar. Entertainment, band and dancing to follow. Tickets are \$45 each. Make up your own team of four or eight, or let us include you in one of ours. You may prefer to join us as a supporter at \$40 per ticket.

Fund raised will go toward supporting the club's East Timor Kindergarten project – building an outdoor meeting space, water tanks, permaculture garden, storage shed & playground, upgrading equipment & providing funds to assist with the cost of training kindergarten teachers.

Further details and bookings call Richmond Rotarian Barbara Woodberry on 0413 057 879 or email: [skills@mgdsventures.com](mailto:skills@mgdsventures.com)

## Gallipoli – The Trip Of A Lifetime

The Rotary Club of Brighton, through Rotary Foundation Matching Grant and Australian Consulate in Turkey, organised \$24,000 of assistance to the School for Blind at Gallipoli. A launch ceremony for the high tech computer based vision enhancing equipment will be conducted at the school on **24 April 2008**, together with local Rotarians. Join Rotarians at the launch as well as the Dawn Ceremony at Anzac Cove for the experience of a lifetime.

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

## Profit Through Success

The Rotary Club of Essendon is proud to announce that the guest speaker for the 2008 'Profit Through Success' Business Luncheon is the man with the golden voice of sports radio, Mr. Tim Lane. With over 35 years in the industry, Tim will provide a fascinating insight into the world of sports, and the ethics and success of its professional participants.

Venue: Moonee Valley Racing Club

Date: **Tuesday, 29 April 2008**, 12.00 for 12.30 – 2.00 pm

Ticket price: \$50 including entry, lunch and limited beverages

No matter what your favourite sport, you can't afford to miss this special luncheon!

Bookings can be made via Tartaglia and Associates, 231 Union Road Ascot Vale 3032, phone: 9326 1455, fax: 9326 1499 or email: <mailto:startaglia@ozemail.com.au> (credit card, cheque or cash). Limited numbers so book early.

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The Boroondara Paper is a joint project of the Rotary Clubs of Glenferrie, Hawthorn, Kew and Kew on Yarra, and proceeds will go towards “Boroondara Cares” a unique Rotary project of the combined clubs in the City of Boroondara.

Please contact John Hudson on 9882 2663.

## RC Yarraville, Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull!

RC Yarraville invite you to a night at the movies on Tuesday, 27 May, 6.15pm for nibbles and 7.00pm start of movie at the Sun Theatre, 8 Ballarat St, Yarraville.

Tickets: Adults:\$15, Children: \$10 (children 14 years or less.) Ticket price includes nibbles before movie, and drinks at bar prices. )

Please contact Gerard White via email: <mailto:King67@optusnet.com.au> or phone 0438 072 153.



## Fun In Retirement Expo

The Rotary Club of North Balwyn, in conjunction with the City of Boroondara will be staging the inaugural Fun In Retirement Expo (FIRE) at the Boroondara Sports Complex from **5-7 July 2008**. FIRE will showcase the huge variety of businesses and community groups catering for the rapidly growing number of Boroondara citizens in 'The Third Age'. Our aim is to show the 50+ members of our community what is available to them, and to encourage them to become more involved in the life of the community, putting more richness and variety into their lives. You are invited to take a booth at FIRE to show your wares to this age group who have both the money and the time to take up new hobbies; to develop themselves mentally and physically; to become more involved in their community; or to just indulge themselves! Visit [www.funinretirement.com.au](http://www.funinretirement.com.au) for more details.

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## PETS 2008

DG Elect, Jim and Carol were delighted with last weekend's PETS, particularly with the contribution of all of the PE's and their partners. Jim and Carol value the commitment that all of our PE's showed to our great organisation. **MORE** about last weekend's PETS in next week's Networker along with photos!!

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**“I am a Rotarian and I belong to one big Rotary family”**  
**Maureen Bond, Zimbabwe**



## April is Rotary Magazine Month

### Exchanging The World

**“Australia? Is that in the Middle East?”**

**“Ohhh Australia! That’s where Arnold Schwarzenegger comes from right?!”**

For anyone who has travelled overseas, it’s a fair bet you might have heard such misconceptions about Australia. While we may race to condemn the naivety and ignorance of such assumptions, how many of us could ourselves state the collective name of the native peoples of

Northern Sweden, how the King is honoured in movie cinemas in Thailand or even name Brazil’s official language? Sure we can look it up on Google or Wikipedia, but to have first hand experience of a culture from which to learn is something irreplaceable – we not only learn *facts* about that culture, but we can begin to understand and absorb it with *context*.



DG John Davis & Joan

Such experiences also afford others the opportunity to learn about our culture as well – Yes, we do speak English in Australia and no I don’t ride a kangaroo to the shops. And no, I don’t know Crocodile Dundee, but let me tell you all about drop bears...

Rotary’s Youth Exchange Program has been running since 1929, and since that time has been offering youth from around the world the opportunity to immerse themselves in foreign cultures. Spreading dialogue and understanding (as well as Vegemite) across far flung corners of the world, our Australian youth exchange participants have joined youth from over 30 countries worldwide in showing the world what we have in common (Did you know that most Belgians aren’t Collingwood fans either?).

As an ambassador of both their country and of their sponsoring Rotary Club, each participant has the privilege of seeing, learning and doing much more than they ever could from the window of a pre-packaged bus tour. Typically exchange students stay with three host families while abroad for a year. They partake in the customs and traditions that make up everyday life in their host country. They attend school, join in the social and cultural activities, and learn what it is to be part of another community. They also impart to that community an understanding of their own culture, history and traditions at the same time. The learning is not just for the student – the host families gain immeasurably as well.

Many students and host families learn a new language, try new foods (apparently Finnish ammonia-salt candy is one worth giving a miss) and learn skills that they never expected they would possess. Students learn to adapt and become self-reliant; they grow in confidence; they develop a tolerance and understanding of other ways of thinking and doing things; and not unimportantly, they develop friendships and connections that will last throughout their lives.



The Rotary connection is not tenuous either. Students learn about Rotary and what it does around the world. They see first hand that when people from around the world join together to promote understanding, goodwill and service to the community, profound things can happen and lives can be altered for the better. Spending time with local Rotarians, they learn that the will for a better tomorrow, is one that is shared worldwide. With that realisation often comes inspiration – the thoughts of ‘what if?’ and how this common will can be leveraged to begin making a difference.

With the connection established, the inspiration and the confidence developed, we provide fertile ground in which tomorrow’s leaders of global change grow. Perhaps the greatest outcome of Rotary’s youth exchange is that host families and students alike are able to look back 10 years later and think “that was the best thing I could have ever done”.

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## How You Can Help?

Right now we're looking for outbound exchange students for 2009 as well as host families. Actions you can take to support Rotary Youth Exchange include:

- As a club, electing to sponsor an outbound student for 2009
- Interviewing and nominating a suitable student for an outbound exchange, as a potential exchange student
- Setting up a trust or annual fundraising mechanism within your Club to facilitate an exchange student being sponsored annually
- Being part of an international experience by nominating as a host family or asking other families (Rotarian or non-Rotarian) that might be suitable if they would be interested
- Approaching a local school in regards to running a program in conjunction with the school
- Supplying a local school with marketing literature or speaking at an assembly about the Rotary Youth Exchange program in order to attract students.

## Benefits

### An opportunity for students to develop:

- Their personal self confidence and maturity
- A lifetime of international friendships
- A real understanding of many different cultures
- New language skills
- A base for future education and career goals

### An opportunity for host families to gain:

- An opportunity to share in a young person's hopes and ambitions
- A real understanding of different cultures
- A lifetime of international friendships
- A sense of being a monumental part of a young person's maturation and development
- New language skills

### Rotary's Support:

- Rotary's Youth Exchange program provides a safe and stable environment for young people
- Rotary provides both students and host families alike with a full preparatory program to facilitate the process
- Rotary offers support to students and host families throughout and encourages them to learn about and be part of Rotary's service to the community



Memories and connections that span the world's borders and last a lifetime are waiting for you! Simply email [rotary\\_youth\\_exchange@yahoo.com.au](mailto:rotary_youth_exchange@yahoo.com.au) with your student nomination or offer to be a host family and we'll set the ball in motion. You can read more about the Rotary Youth Exchange program at: [http://rotanet.com.au/users/y/youth\\_exchange/](http://rotanet.com.au/users/y/youth_exchange/)

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## New Members

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Welcome to the following new members:

- Sue Spath, RC Bendigo, Disability Services
- Ron Sack, RC Glen Eira, TBA. Ron was a Rotarian in South Africa and was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship

*When sending advice of new club members, please include their classification.*

**Quip Corner: Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?**



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## International Travel & Hosting Fellowship

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If there is one thing Rotarians universally enjoy, it is the rich fellowship with other Rotarians. The Recreational and Vocational Fellowships of Rotary International are associations of Rotarians and spouses who share common interests in worthwhile activities for the purpose of furthering acquaintance and fellowship.

The International Travel and Hosting Fellowship (ITHF) is one such fellowship with members in 60 countries and is a network of Rotarians throughout the world agreeing to host and share their lives with each other. ITHF provides members with both online and printed directories listing details of all members to facilitate "connections". The online directory includes a host of information about the member, the location and the country.

Prospective hosts are contacted, preferably 30 days prior to the desired visit. They consent to a "connection" with the visiting party subject to their own convenience. Connections take many forms, some will simply involve an evening at a restaurant, some will provide local information, some admission to "the club", some will include everything – accommodation, food, sightseeing, entertainment, etc. Each is strictly the host's choice but without any obligation. Details are decided by the members.

The ITHF is not a bed and breakfast, or home hotel organisation, there is no obligation to house visitors in the home. The "connection" will be richer for it, but some do not have space for visitors, and some might find the time inconvenient. The ITHF "connection," therefore, is for the purpose of having a cultural experience. Those simply wanting a bed, a meal to eat, or who are more interested in their own itinerary than that offered by hosts will soon discover they are in the wrong fellowship. Common courtesy requires that ITHF members make their inquiries well in advance of the planned arrival, respond promptly to all inquiries received, and take maximum care to avoid any unwelcome surprises to the hosts or visitors.

ITHF organises tours for its members and their families to and from the RI World Convention most years, on which they can enjoy touring in the company of like-minded Rotarians. In 2009 the Tour starts in London and travels through England, Ireland and Scotland to the Convention in Birmingham. Of the 80 seats available, 62 are already booked. The tour will be led by current ITHF President John Steven and incoming President Steve Yoshida of Alaska. Details of ITHF and the Tour are at [www.ithf.org](http://www.ithf.org) or for further information please contact: SW Australia Vice President PP Russ Dale; 5245 7024 or [russdale@bigpond.net.au](mailto:russdale@bigpond.net.au)

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## District 9800 Awards!!!

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**Share your great ideas and projects with other Rotary Clubs of the District.**

**Gain recognition and at the same time record your club's history by submitting an entry to District Awards**



### Need information?

All your club projects are relevant. A description of the project, who was involved and some photos are the basic requirements. Your entry does not have to be a 'Best Selling' book!

Criteria may be downloaded from District website at:

<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/Members/RotaryDistrict9800Awards>

### Critical dates

1 June 2008

All submissions due (**hard copy only**)

29 June 2008

Awards Presentation at District Governor's Changeover Dinner

Contact District Awards Chairman Lyndon Joss for more information:

Phone/fax: (03) 9885 0473 AH, email: [lyndonjoss@optusnet.com.au](mailto:lyndonjoss@optusnet.com.au) or post 1 Harold Avenue, Glen Iris, Vic, 3146





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## Around The Bay In A Day – October 2008

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### On Yer Bike!

Around the Bay or part of the way! Be part of Australia's premier bike challenge:

>50km >100km >210km >250km or  
>80km School Challenge

LetsGo Bike Riding is working with Community Welfare Committee to raise scholarship funds for the Smith

Family. Bike riders are needed for Sunday, 19th October 2008. Members, family and friends are all very welcome. Please click on: <http://www.rotaryclubofmelbourne.org.au> for more information.



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## Murray River To The Moyne

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Last weekend the RoCan Team participated in the Annual Murray River to the Moyne cycling event.

Three years ago a Member of RC Williamstown came up with an idea to raise money for RoCan by participating in this relay.

A team of Rotarians, Partners and Friends volunteered their time for this worthy cause. The team, with a support crew, drove to Echuca and rose at 7am to ride the first leg to Hamilton and then on to Port Fairy. This great bunch of guys rode until midnight in the dark and cold of the night, a total of 520 kms in 24 hrs. Over \$13,000 was raised by the team, with donations still coming in. The money will go directly to the Women's Cancer Foundation Ovarian Cancer Institute to help fund a PHD fellow.

Please contact Yvonne Moon by e-mail [yvonne.moon@bigpond.com](mailto:yvonne.moon@bigpond.com) if you would like further information on how you can help RoCan and their research into Ovarian Cancer. Yvonne started this project when she lost a dear friend to ovarian cancer, and has been campaigning ever since. She will continue campaigning until a screening test is available for all women.

This past week, two more brave women whom we knew, have passed away from Ovarian Cancer. Katia who bravely spoke at one of our District Conferences and Kerry who appears on the DVD, presented to Rotary Clubs in this past year. Our heart goes out to their families.



**RoCan**  
Rotary Ovarian Cancer  
Research

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## Happy 21st Birthday To The Rotary Club Of Canterbury!

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The Rotary Club of Canterbury celebrated its 21<sup>st</sup> birthday on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April with a dinner dance. In attendance was District Governor John Davis and Assistant Governor Keith Ryall. Highlights of the evening included a new member induction and presenting two Club Charter members with Paul Harris Fellow awards. As Canterbury now includes members of the previous Boroondara Sunrise Club, who missed their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday, this was a fabulous celebration for all the members of the new combined Rotary Club of Canterbury.

President of the Rotary Club of Canterbury, David Robinson had the honour of inducting new member Helen Hartnett into the Club at the celebration. Helen is the wife of Ralph Hartnett, who 21 years ago joined the Club as the Charter President Elect. Helen has actively supported the Club activities and projects throughout that time and now looks forward to becoming an active member in the Club.

District Governor John Davis and President David Robinson took pleasure in presenting Paul Harris Fellow awards to Rotary Club of Canterbury Charter members Alan Stevens and Peter Evans. The awards were in recognition of their active membership and leadership in the club during their 21 years as members of the Club.

The dinner dance attracted a huge number of current members and partners as well as past Club members, past Rotaract members and guests. The band, food and fun created the right atmosphere for a great night that everyone agrees was indeed enjoyed by all.



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## Rotary Club of Flemington joins the “Modern World” with Facebook

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The Rotary club of Flemington has now entered the world of cyber-friendship by building its own Group Page on Facebook.

Facebook is a social networking website that was launched in 2004. The website is owned and operated by Facebook, Inc., the parent company of the free-access website. It allows users to join one or more networks, such as a club, school, place of employment or geographic region. Facebook currently has over 69 million users worldwide.

The Rotary Club of Flemington is the second Rotary club in Australia to establish a group page on Facebook. The page is linked to the club website and can be used to promote Rotary messages, advertise for and communicate with members. Facebook users can find us by searching for the Rotary Club of Flemington or through searches for service organisations in Australia. Any member or friend of the club can join by linking to the group. The group facilitator is Paul Perrottet, for more information email: [flemington@rotarydistrict9800.org](mailto:flemington@rotarydistrict9800.org)

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Year in 1997, and has since been commuting between St Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis and the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at the University of Melbourne. His research is mainly in the area of defence against viruses. He regularly devotes time to delivering public lectures, writing articles for newspapers and magazines and participating in radio discussions.

Peter Doherty graduated from the University of Queensland in Veterinary Science and became a veterinary officer. Moving to Scotland, he received his PhD from the University of Edinburgh Medical School. He is the first person with a veterinary qualification to win a Nobel Prize.





Peter is also the author of several books, including "A Light History of Hot Air" and "The Beginner's Guide to Winning the Nobel Prize".

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Please contact John Hudson on 9882 2663.

## RC Yarraville, Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull!

RC Yarraville invite you to a night at the movies on Tuesday, 27 May, 6.15pm for nibbles and 7.00pm start of movie at the Sun Theatre, 8 Ballarat St, Yarraville.

Tickets: Adults:\$15, Children: \$10 (children 14 years or less.) Ticket price includes nibbles before movie, and drinks at bar prices. )

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## Fun In Retirement Expo

The Rotary Club of North Balwyn, in conjunction with the City of Boroondara will be staging the inaugural Fun In Retirement Expo (FIRE) at the Boroondara Sports Complex from **5-7 July 2008**. FIRE will showcase the huge variety of businesses and community groups catering for the rapidly growing number of Boroondara citizens in 'The Third Age'. Our aim is to show the 50+ members of our community what is available to them, and to encourage them to become more involved in the life of the community, putting more richness and variety into their lives. You are invited to take a booth at FIRE to show your wares to this age group who have both the money and the time to take up new hobbies; to develop themselves mentally and physically; to become more involved in their community; or to just indulge themselves! Visit [www.funinretirement.com.au](http://www.funinretirement.com.au) for more details.

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