



# Networker

Rotary District 9800

A publication for Rotarians and all community minded people



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Issue 23 and DG Ross and his team are resting up after a great weekend was enjoyed by all who attended the District Conference in the Gold Coast last weekend.

Congratulations to the committees involved, these things can take years to evolve so take a break, check out the pics, there's more where they came from and we'll do it all again in June for the International Conference.

Phew, what a year it is being.

PS: Got any good jokes, or an opinion you're just dying to share. Send them to Clarice.

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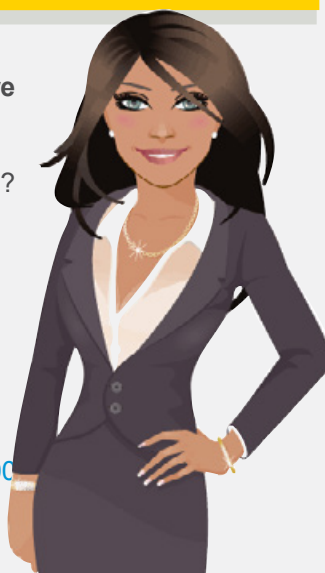
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Get involved and let your local newspaper know what we are doing and that the public can help.

If you can assist in any way please contact Laurie Palmer 0423 550 534 [lik@rotary.org.au](mailto:lik@rotary.org.au)

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By Sam Nason, Rotary News 14-JAN-2014



### NOTICES AND EVENTS

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### NIGHT GOLF

BENDIGO GOLF CLUB 6.30 pm assembly and BBQ  
A person's best golf shot around 1.30 to play 4 holes in the pitch black with LED glow balls.

### FRIDAY MARCH 21

A charity in support of Operation Child Operation with over 500 staff operations over the last 5 events come along and change the life of a family.

Cost to play for each team is 1 operation - \$250.

Contact: [glenn@bendigo Rotary Club](mailto:glenn@bendigo Rotary Club)

#### March 30

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Violence Free Families, District 9800 endorsed project

*Mad Hatters Party*

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One of the big duties for every District Governor is the annual delivery of our District Conference and yes, we have now concluded the honour of Hosting the 2014 District Conference on the Gold Coast. Now I might be a little biased but the event went without a hitch and many delegates have made a point of passing on their compliments and positive thoughts.

I was pleased with the Rotary content and especially pleased with the Cluster Presentations of Club projects offered within our District, the range and focus of projects and programs were outstanding and I received many comments over the weekend to this effect.

Our Speaker Program was varied to cater for a variety of tastes and all had a very real connection to what Rotary does and identified with the efforts of our Rotarians. While numbers may have been a little soft the enthusiasm of all those there

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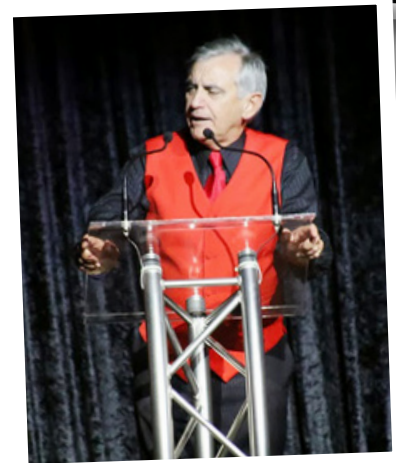
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If you missed this year's conference can I remind you it is one of the most significant learning and fellowship opportunities within Rotary, where many of us have had a special light-bulb moment and I am sure DGE Murray and his team are keen to have you on board for next year and show you a wonderful time down in Hobart.

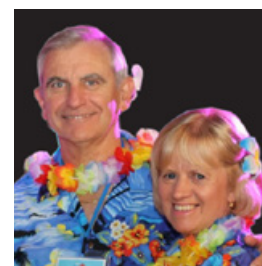
Before then however we have another unique opportunity to attend the Rotary International Convention in Sydney and this only occurs once every 10 to 15 years in Australia so I hope you can take advantage of this and attend with Annette and I and discover the true internationality of Rotary. These events are special and we hope to see you in Sydney in June. We still have bookings available including seats on our District Dinner Cruise to kick off the Convention in style and details are available on the District website.

Best wishes to you all and a very



**LARGE THANK YOU** for what you each do in the name of Rotary as you go forward and Engage Rotary Change Lives.

*DG Ross*



District 9800 Governor  
Ross Butterworth and Annette





## Rotary's International Assembly



*RI President Ron D. Burton and his wife Jetta are challenging Rotarians to Engage Rotary, Change Lives in 2014.*

I have always felt that Rotary's International Assembly (IA) was the "best meeting" of the year. It provides great interaction and inspiration among DG-Elects from over 200 countries. It was recently held in San Diego, California USA on 12 to 18 January 2014 at the Manchester Grand Hyatt.

The International Assembly is more than just a training meeting for the incoming class of district governors. It's an opportunity to gain inspiration, exchange ideas, and discover new perspectives as the Governors prepare for their term.

In addition to being the first to learn the RI president's plans for the upcoming year, the attendees also have the chance to share their own district's goals and activities with fellow classmates. It's an exciting, fun, and informative week that will motivate the DG-Elects for the work ahead.

***"I had the knowledge. The difference is that now I know how to use it and I have the motivation to use it."***

*Syed Shahab Balkhi  
(District 3271),  
describing his  
International Assembly*

# The 2014 Rotary International Assembly

Aloha, Bienvenue, Willkommen, Ni Hao, Hi Y'All and G'Day. There are many different ways to say hello and we heard them all at the recent International Assembly. Irene and I have just returned home after an exciting two weeks away – one week spent enjoying the internationality of the Assembly in San Diego and one week resting and reflecting in Honolulu.

As those who had gone before had pointed out to us, the Assembly is a truly remarkable experience. 530 District Governors Elect from around the world, their partners, our trainers and RI directors, around 1200 in total, met in an incredible atmosphere of friendliness and goodwill that is hard to imagine in such a large group. Despite our varied backgrounds, conversations flowed easily at meal times, in workshops and even in the elevator. Business cards and small symbols of national pride were exchanged readily. Many new friendships were made.

The speakers at each of the plenary sessions were outstanding. Past RI Presidents such as Richard King, Cliff



*Our official photograph with RI President Elect Gary Huang and Corrina.*

Dochterman and Kalyan Banerjee in particular gave presentations that were truly inspirational. The carefully constructed workshops worked well despite regional differences in knowledge and approaches to Rotary.

The special dinners in the evening were a lot of fun and you'll be pleased to know that during the Festival of Nations night, the Aussie DGE's and partners presented a very stirring and well received version of the popular song "I Am, You Are, We Are Australian".

RI President Elect Gary Huang from Taiwan began each session by urging the audience in unison to do what he called the "happy clap". He also had a



*The Australian contingent.*

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A highlight of that week was a visit, along with two other Victorian DGE's and partners, to the Rotary Club of Honolulu where we were warmly welcomed.

Irene and I would like to thank DG Ross and Annette and the past governors for their advice and warm support as we prepared for this important visit. Your guidance was invaluable and the genuine interest in our activities from you and many other District 9800 Rotarians was touching. We have many plans for the forthcoming year and we look forward to sharing them with you at the forthcoming DLT Training Day, the Multi District PETS and the District Assembly. Thank you for your support and friendship.

*Kind regards Murray Verso (Irene)  
D9800 Governor 2014-2015.*



# Clowning for Peace in Nepal

The recent passing of Royce Abbey, President of Rotary International, 1988-89, has drawn attention to the presidential theme during his term in office – "Put life into Rotary – Your Life".

One person who has put her life into Rotary's endeavours is Susan Carew. Back in 1998, Susan dreamed of teaching peace. The dream changed her life, leading her to become a World Peace Clown. Ten years later, Susan was chosen as a Rotary Peace Fellow to attend a 3-month program in peace and conflict resolution at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand.

Susan's initiatives for Peace have ranged from in-school programs throughout Australia to travelling the world. Her 8-week schools program promotes Peace, Conflict Resolution, Nonviolence and Anti-Bullying, guided in true Rotary style be an acronym - REAL HOPES, embracing Responsibility, Empathy, Awareness, Love, Honesty, Oneness, Peace, Enjoyment and Service.

On the international front, Susan has travelled solo to 19 countries across Asia, India, Egypt, Europe, UK, Ireland, USA, Central and South America, presenting herself as a World Peace Clown. She was invited by Patch Adams, the famous clown doctor, to spend two weeks with him and 40 others clowning in Russia.

Susan now has the opportunity to take her message to Nepal. She responded to the recent (Jan 26) Networker article to "Play with the Kids – in Nepal" – an opportunity to travel to remote villages to bring joy and happiness to the children there. Recently torn by ten years of Maoist guerrilla warfare, the country is on a painful path of learning conflict resolution (five years of political haggling have yet to yield a Constitution).



Susan's problem is that promoting Peace is not a remunerative occupation – in fact she works mostly as a volunteer, though Australian Rotary clubs have from time to time assisted her by covering her travel expenses.

This opportunity has arisen again, with the Nepali Village Initiatives Project (RAWCS project 43/2009-10) keen to utilise her skills in teacher training and children's holiday programs to be delivered in April.

A small group of volunteers will leave for Nepal on 14 April, returning 13 May. For less than \$2,500 travel expenses you could join the group. No special skills required – simply an interest in working with children, giving them valuable contact with native English speakers.

If you can't participate yourself, then maybe you or your club could contribute to Susan's expenses so that she can make the trip? Rotary has helped to change Susan's life, concentrating her focus on World Peace. By supporting Susan you can change the lives of children in Nepal.

For more information visit [www.nepalaid.org.au](http://www.nepalaid.org.au) and [www.worldpeacefull.com](http://www.worldpeacefull.com); read Rotary Downunder July 2012; or call Peter Hall, RC Kyneton, on 03 5424 1453.



# The Calder Cluster Report

**Clubs:- Castlemaine, Daylesford, Gisborne, Kyneton and Woodend.**

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I felt I needed to get to know all the Club members as soon as possible. After attending all the Club changeovers and attending many weekly dinner meetings, I became aware of the great connection that existed with their local communities. The Calder Cluster clubs are quite unique compared to metropolitan clubs as they regularly join with Lions, SES, CFA and other service groups to service their communities. This characteristic appears in numerous projects that I wish to highlight in a summary of activities in each Calder Cluster Club.

The Rotary Club of Castlemaine will celebrate its 80th Anniversary in June 2015 and has very strong links with all sectors of the community. In November last year it celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the well known Truck Show attracting some 300 professionally presented trucks of all sizes and makes from all parts of Australia, raising \$45,000 for various community projects. Involvement of other service groups in the operation of the two day event was encouraging. The Annual Art Show is another project that has operated successfully for some years with the same great benefit to the community. Recently Castlemaine Rotary became more involved with DIK to assist sourcing equipment for hospitals in Papua New Guinea and Timor Leste. Annually Castlemaine Rotary distribute many thousands of dollars to a variety of groups such as guides, scouts, cricket clubs and fire brigades to mention just a few. Castlemaine is very active in promoting the Rotary

brand to the locals, while also hosting Group Exchange Students from Germany and other overseas countries.

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A recent project was to add interpretive signage to the Avenue of Honour, which was one of the first planted to commemorate WW1 Servicemen and Women.

The Rotary Club of Gisborne are actively involved in a variety of educational, overseas health projects and building projects in East Timor. The Club is aiming to establish an Interact Club at the Gisborne Secondary College this year and has received encouraging feedback from the College Principal. Rotarian Samantha Turner, a qualified nurse, has travelled to Mongolia to train locals in Maternal Health with great success. Two Rotarians were part of a larger group that worked in East Timor constructing brick buildings at a local orphanage in Hera some 20kms east of Dili. The Club are involved in the management of many sporting events in the Macedon Ranges to raise funds.

The Rotary Club of Kyneton is a very busy club with many activities happening and a close working relationship with its community. The Annual Daffodil and Arts Festival Parade is the main event of the year





## Calder Cluster Continued

and the club entering a float in the parade to publicise Rotary. The Rotary Club of Kyneton famous Men's Choir continues to perform at functions during the year, providing enjoyment to many. The Live4 Life Youth Mental Health programs are supported by the club as well as working with other service groups to care for the elderly. A variety of support programs are provided to assist schools in the town, with great results. The club organised a local community dinner for service groups in the area at which Supreme Court Justice Jack Forrest was the guest speaker, and Lions, PROBUS, RSL and Zonta representatives joined with their Rotary colleagues to celebrate their achievements. The club has also been active in East Timor with Rotarians regularly participating in building projects in East Timor or gathering shoes and other items in Kyneton to be sent to the struggling country. A Women in Rotary function was another successful project this year.

The Rotary Club of Woodend is a rural club comprising local business persons, city commuters and retirees. Projects undertaken included, developing an exercise track, distributing copies of a local newspaper to 3500 readers, supporting the Scouts, promoting the Australian Day celebrations and funding a 'Peace Park' for disadvantaged children. Local non-Rotarians assisted in a project to improve the town entrance, by refurbishing a fence and planting trees. The club conducted a popular Halloween event in a safe environment. Rotarians prepared and distributed free sausages and drinks to more than 800 members of the public and all children provided a bag of sweets.

Finally, it has been an enjoyable experience to be able to work with some wonderful Rotarians in these clubs and I look forward to building a closer working relationship to assist in expanding these great Clubs into the future.

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At the end of their presentation the

team sang a German song followed by Waltzing Matilda in German, then again in English with the entire gathering joining in.

DG Ross Butterworth was called to address guests reiterating his passion for the GSE program and expressing his appreciation on the German Team presentation.

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Once all formalities were concluded Pres. RC Brighton Beach Grant Wisnowsky closed the meeting and Paparazzi Guru Gordon Cheyne took over see photo link below.

Photos of the GSE team Welcome Dinner Germany are at <https://plus.google.com/photos/106224275621582639712/albums/5984331605154896865?authkey=CIPJxdeAkri3Ww>

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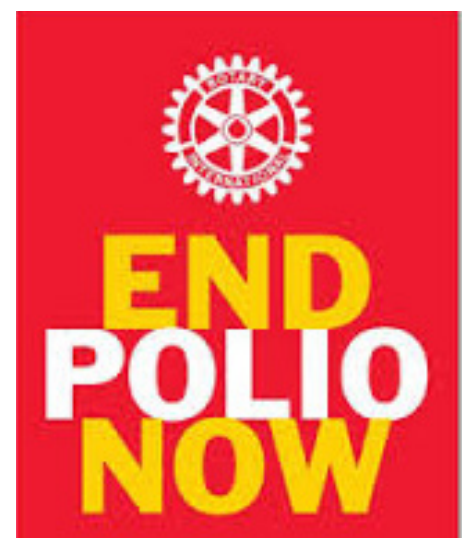
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March  
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### Mad Hatters Tea Party

**Sunday, 30 March - 2-5 pm**  
**AND WE NEED YOUR HELP**

*Spread the word at your club and encourage  
members to come along and support the event.*

Don't hesitate to contact Kerry Kornhauser 0411 597 690 or  
kerry@rotarywomen.org.au or Kate Strain 0400 600 169.



April  
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Rotary Club of Brimbank Central

### Community Fun Day

**Saturday, 5 April - 11 am to 9 pm.**

**STATION ROAD, DEER PARK**

**(Next to Brimbank Shopping Centre)**

- Show rides for all ages • Animal Farm
- Food and market stalls • Car Display
- Non-stop Entertainment on two stages



City West Water

Rotary





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ROTARY CLUB OF TOORAK

**BOOK SALES**

Toorak/South Yarra Library

340 Toorak Road, South Yarra

(Access via Cromwell Road) Melway Ref: Map 58, F3

**Next book sale Saturday, April 12**  
**10 am to 2 pm**

Children's Books .50 cents, Soft covers \$1 and Hard covers \$2.

*Between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. on the Saturday of our Book Sales, we pack the books into boxes (up to 60 boxes at a time) and the Library requires us to distribute them to charities or within the Rotary Network.*


 April  
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GMHBA Wyndham Rotary

**FUN RUN/WALK**

Sunday, 2nd March

Chirnside Park, Werribee

**Raise funds for GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL and**  
**other local charities.**

**10km/5km RUNs**  
**8km/4km WALKs**

 April  
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ROTARY EASTSIDE CLUSTER SPECIAL PARTNERS' EVENT

**Dr Ross Bastiann**

Wednesday, 16 April - 6.30 for 7 pm

Greenacres Golf Club, Kew East

Cost \$35 p/p for a two course meal.

Main &amp; Cheese Platter - Drinks at bar prices

Dr Ross Bastiaan AM will talk about Commemorative

Information Bronze Military History Plaques around the world.

**BOOK NOW with your Club President. RSVP: 7TH APRIL**

*In 1995, Dr Ross designed the Weary Dunlop Memorial in St Kilda Rd. Melbourne. Dr Ross will leave for Gallipoli on 19th April to be present when one of his bronze sculptures will be unveiled at the Turkish Naval Museum by the Chief of Defence Force.*

Eastside Cluster Dinner Meeting, Wed. 16th April, Greenacres Golf Club

You're invited to meet  
a dentist who's into  
heavy metal.



Dr Ross Bastiaan AM, RFD is not your average periodontist.

Besides being a former President of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons, a Forensic Dentist to the Melbourne Coroner and Homicide Squad-Victoria Police, a former honorary dentist to the Governor General of Australia and, Deputy Chairman of the Council of the Australian War Memorial Canberra, Dr Ross has personally placed around the world over 230 multi-lingual, large bronze commemorative information plaques mainly telling of Australia's past military and social history. In 1995, Dr Ross designed the Weary Dunlop Memorial in St Kilda Rd, Melbourne. Dr Ross will leave for Gallipoli on 19th April to be present when one of his bronze sculptures will be unveiled at the Turkish Naval Museum by the Chief of Defence Force.

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## Abbott and Costello - Updated

You have to be old enough to remember Abbott and Costello and too old to REALLY understand computers, to fully appreciate this. For those of us who sometimes get flustered by our computers, please read on...

*If Bud Abbott and Lou Costello were alive today, their infamous sketch, 'Who's on First?' might have turned out something like this:*

### **COSTELLO CALLS TO BUY A COMPUTER FROM ABBOTT**

ABBOTT: Super Duper computer store. Can I help you?

COSTELLO: Thanks I'm setting up an office in my den and I'm thinking about buying a computer.

ABBOTT: Mac?

COSTELLO: No, the name's Lou.

ABBOTT: Your computer?

COSTELLO: I don't own a computer. I want to buy one.

ABBOTT: Mac?

COSTELLO: I told you, my name's Lou.

ABBOTT: What about Windows?

COSTELLO: Why? Will it get stuffy in here?

ABBOTT: Do you want a computer with Windows?

COSTELLO: I don't know. What will I see when I look at the windows?

ABBOTT: Wallpaper.

COSTELLO: Never mind the windows. I need a computer and software.

ABBOTT: Software for Windows?

COSTELLO: No. On the computer! I need something I can use to write proposals, track expenses and run my business. What do you have?

ABBOTT: Office.

COSTELLO: Yeah, for my office. Can you recommend anything?

ABBOTT: I just did.

COSTELLO: You just did what?

ABBOTT: Recommend something.

COSTELLO: You recommended something?

ABBOTT: Yes.

COSTELLO: For my office?

ABBOTT: Yes.

COSTELLO: OK, what did you recommend for my office?

ABBOTT: Office.

COSTELLO: Yes, for my office!

ABBOTT: I recommend Office with Windows.

COSTELLO: I already have an office with windows! OK, let's just say I'm sitting at my computer and I want to type a proposal. What do I need?

ABBOTT: Word.

COSTELLO: What word?

ABBOTT: Word in Office.

COSTELLO: The only word in office is office.

ABBOTT: The Word in Office for Windows.

COSTELLO: Which word in office for windows?

ABBOTT: The Word you get when you click the blue 'W'.

COSTELLO: I'm going to click your blue 'W' if you don't start with some straight answers. What about financial bookkeeping? Do you have anything I can track my money with?

ABBOTT: Money.

COSTELLO: That's right. What do you have?

ABBOTT: Money.

COSTELLO: I need money to track my money?

ABBOTT: It comes bundled with your computer.

COSTELLO: What's bundled with my computer?

ABBOTT: Money.

COSTELLO: Money comes with my computer?

ABBOTT: Yes. At no extra charge.

COSTELLO: I get a bundle of money with my computer? How much?

ABBOTT: One copy.

COSTELLO: Isn't it illegal to copy money?

ABBOTT: Microsoft gave us a license to copy Money.

COSTELLO: They can give you a license to copy money?

ABBOTT: Why not? THEY OWN IT!

(A few days later)

ABBOTT: Super Duper computer store. Can I help you?

COSTELLO: How do I turn my computer off?

ABBOTT: Click on 'START'

**STILL SPOTS AVAILABLE. - CLICK THROUGH TO THE WEBSITE**