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Rotary District 9800

A publication for
Rotarians and
all community
minded people

DG Weekly Message

Dear Rotarian Friends,

It's been a busy week for all of us working together on the upcoming 2012 Conference and many of you may have already seen our District's lift-out in today's (Thursday 2nd of February) Age newspaper - for those that haven't, race out and get yourself a copy if it's not too late or ask your neighbours or colleagues to have a look - in fact it might be a great opportunity to talk with them about Rotary. The lift-out features some of the great work Rotary is doing in the community and introduces our Conference (and Rotary) to the wider public.

We're reaching out to the public to join us this year at the Plenary sessions of the Conference and have provided **non-Rotarians** with the opportunity to attend individual Plenary sessions for \$75 (including refreshments). This is a great opportunity for all of us to invite the family of Rotary - a child, grandchild, friend, partner, ex-youth exchange student, Rotary alumnus or colleague to come and see first-hand what Rotary is all about and why we do what we do. We hope that the lift-out will attract the public's interest and I encourage you all to draw their attention to it.

As for ticketing to the Conference for **Rotarians** and those who wish to bring **non-Rotarian partners**, you will find all the details on the Conference website - tickets for **Rotarians** are \$450 while **non-Rotarian partners** can by a Social Function ticket for \$290 which admits them to the Opening Cocktail Party and the Gala Dinner. We have kept the price of

this ticket as low as possible and I am sure that when you experience the quality of the meals, drinks, entertainment and production that will be provided at the MCEC, you will be impressed.



District Governor Keith Ryall and Gabrielle

Also asked about has been the dress code for the Conference. These details will be placed on the Conference website as a reminder (remember you can check in on your smartphones these days), but the dress code and themes are as follows:

Opening Cocktail Party:

After Five/Evening Wear

Foundation Breakfast:

Smart Casual

Plenary Sessions:

Smart Casual

Gala Dinner:

Formalwear/Dress to Impress with a theme of "Black and Gold"

Of course Club dinners are up to each Club, so if you would like to be creative in this regard, please feel free!

I'm looking forward to seeing you all there and will be providing more updates in the coming weeks leading up to the Conference.

Have a great week!

Yours in Rotary

Keith Ryall
District 9800 Governor 2011-2012

STOP PRESS!

The History of Rotary is on YouTube!
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Do you have a letter for Clarice? Is something on your mind?



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

February is World Understanding Month.



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity



Are you a **Highly Experienced** Rotarian?



We want your ideas on how to make Rotary even better!

We're looking for highly experienced Rotarians coming to the 2012 Melbourne Conference who are willing to share their thoughts on what makes Rotary great, where we can improve, what works, what doesn't and how we can grow by attracting and retaining a new generation of Rotarians with a similar lasting passion for Rotary.

The 2012 Melbourne Conference will see District 9800 hosting a Forum for Highly Experienced Rotarians who have had significant experience at Club level. Held on Friday 9th of March from 3pm-5pm, this is your opportunity to shape our future and pass on the years of knowledge of Rotary you have so the next generation can benefit.

The forum will be hosted by **PDG Bob Aitken (D9690)**.

To join us and share your views in this important forum, please simply visit www.2012melbourne.com.au/highlyexperienced

About the Facilitator:



An experienced journalist with almost 50 years in newspapers, magazines and public relations, **PDG Bob Aitken (D9690)** is a member of the Rotary Club of Lower Blue Mountains, NSW, and Past District Governor of Rotary District 9690. He has guided the fortunes of our Rotary regional magazine, Rotary Down Under, for the past 28 years. Before that, he had 21 years with Australian Consolidated Press' newspapers in western NSW.

A dedicated Rotarian with a great passion for (and belief in) the future of Rotary, Bob was Chairman of the RI Communications Committee (2004/06), Chairman of the RI Public Image Resource Group (2006/09) and, last year, was part of a RI Committee appointed by then President Ray Klinginsmith to appraise the role of the District Governor in Rotary.

Bob handed the editorial baton of Rotary Down Under to his associate editor of four years, PP Mark Wallace, on July 1, 2011, to take up the position of Executive Director with Rotary Down Under. He is enjoying the challenge of developing corporate relations and revenue streams for our magazine organisation – whilst growing Rotary's public image and stimulating public relations.



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



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

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

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

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

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

About the facilitator:



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

EYES WIDE OPEN...

a project of The Rotary Club of Melbourne South



By Bronwyn Stephens

Two tours to Cambodia in the past 3 months have opened peoples eyes to the needs of this third world country and some insight into what Rotary is doing to help. The first was a Schoolies alternative tour for Echuca College. The second was a 16 day tour that completed on 21 January 2012.

The schoolies tour comprised 16 participants including 2 Rotarians from Echuca Moama RC, 2 teachers and 11 students. The January tour comprised 16 participants including 7 Rotarians. All participants were referred from Rotarians. Both trips combined working at existing Rotary projects with visiting and working at projects that need Rotary. The contrast is stark and compelling and highlights effectively the results that Rotary is achieving in third world countries. 3 to 4 star accommodation, delicious Khmer banquet meals, travel in air conditioned bus with cold bottled water at the ready, and tourist experiences balances the tours.

In both tours achievements were made in terms of donating, with both raising and contributing around \$10,000 across the projects. There were no administration costs



Rotary Club of Phnom Penh projects officer Peter Gray helps fill the Aquabox

associated with the two tours and some profits from the tours were donated to projects. The rest are to be used by Melbourne South Rotary Club projects.

During the tours 2 major opportunities for Rotary involvement have been identified – one a local village school (Ahn Chan Primary School) and a village where the people were starving. Further tours and a project with the Rotary Club of Phnom Penh are focusing on these areas of need. Before our help, 6 villagers under 24 years of age had died in the past 3 months of cholera and malaria. Nets, an Aquabox, crop seed, medical attention and emergency food is being provided



Village Elder Tim thanks us for caring

and long term water solutions being assessed by Rotary International water experts.

In summary - the final two questions of the evaluation questionnaire of both tours: Would you or anyone you know be interested in attending another tour? 100% yes Did the tour meet or exceed your expectations? 100% yes.

We are constantly building on volunteering and donations from previous tours. Further 10 day tours to Cambodia are planned for May and September this year. A tour to Nepal is planned for October this year.

Please contact
ewo@melbournesouthrotary.com.au
 for further information.
<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/EWO%20May%20Flier.pdf>



Green Gecko kids teach us Khmer numerals

Why giving up the Webmaster Role was the best thing I ever did for my Club.

**Stuart McArthur, Rotary Club of Southbank,
Rotary District 9800 Webmaster**

After 8 years of fulfilling the role of webmaster of the Rotary Club of Southbank and with the prospect of becoming District Webmaster towards the end of the last Rotary Year, I took the bold step of letting our President Elect know that he needed to find someone else.

Of course, with such a long involvement, the concern was how do we web find a web expert to fill my shoes. What has transpired however is quite the opposite - a lesson that has taught me what building a website is really all about and ended up with a Club Website, that is not only simpler to manage but engages the whole club to keep it updated.

Function vs. Style

With a break from tradition, our Club Bulletin is now directly on the home page (absolutely no clicking anywhere in order to find the current information.) Now we can immediately engage our visitors in what is important to them NOW. And we can promote the most important of that information in an email newsletter to remind people of what they need to know and invite them to come back to the website to update themselves with what else is happening.

Gone are the days of Elevator Speeches, loads of menus, long winded descriptions of past projects, history and other static content. Instead, the focus is emphasising the brand (Southbank, Rotary, Community Service) and featuring TODAY's content. We can add or change new content, remove or hide old content and rearrange the order of the events.



"And this is Callum, our webmaster."



Getting it all looking right is the job of a professional designer. Keeping the content updated however is yours.

Make sure that in choosing a provider, that the provider creating the design is not creating the content (Your Club and Your Community). Making sure that you create the content is absolutely essential so as to ensure that you can keep your content updated when you want.

Community vs. Rotary - Using your Club Members for full advantage

With the launch of the new look Southbank website 18 months ago, we clearly saw the benefit of engaging with the community with a focus on events in our community. What we have strengthened in the current website though is that we can now focus not just on Rotary or the Community, but what is important to visitors now. Club Members can see what is going on in the Community. The Community can see what is going on in the Club. Partnerships can be highlighted and promoted. This week we may choose to promote Rotary. Next week it might be a Community Event or even one of our avenues of service.

Now with a whole new web interface that anyone can intuitively use and without locking ourselves in to a defined structure of multiple pages, categories and technologies, we can now get all board members to post their own Information, relieve the dependency of a single webmaster and keep everyone informed.

Requirements to add: Create a Title, Date, Summary, link to an external website and upload a picture. Job done.

Further Development

Of course, there is much more that can be used now and will be added to our website in the future. For now, however, finally, I'm out of a job. Now all I have to worry about is the District Website.

For more information about the Web platform used by the Rotary Clubs of Southbank, Carlton and Collingwood and soon to come Glenferrie and Brighton Beach, please visit the respective websites or contact the District Webmaster.

**What is it that I have learnt:
Forget the Technology - Just tell it how it is!**



The History of Rotary - on YouTube

The world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago, was formed on 23 February 1905 by **Paul P. Harris**, an attorney who wished to capture in a professional club the same friendly spirit he had felt in the small towns of his youth. The Rotary name derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices.

Rotary's popularity spread, and within a decade, clubs were chartered from San Francisco to New York to Winnipeg, Canada. By 1921, Rotary clubs had been formed on six continents. The organization adopted the Rotary International name a year later.

As Rotary grew, its mission expanded beyond serving club members' professional and social interests. Rotarians began pooling their resources and contributing their talents to help serve communities in need. The organization's dedication to this ideal is best expressed in its motto: Service Above Self.

By 1925, Rotary had grown to 200 clubs with more than 20,000 members. The organization's distinguished reputation attracted presidents, prime ministers, and a host of other luminaries to its ranks - among them author Thomas Mann, diplomat Carlos P. Romulo, humanitarian Albert Schweitzer, and composer Jean Sibelius.

<http://www.rotary.org/en/aboutus/rotaryinternational/history/pages/ridefault.aspx>

In 1917, **RI President Arch C. Klumph** proposed that an endowment be set up *"for the purpose of doing good in the world."* In 1928, when the endowment fund had grown to more than US\$5,000, it was renamed The Rotary Foundation, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International.

<http://www.rotary.org/en/aboutus/history/trfhistory/pages/ridefault.aspx>

History can be a pretty dry subject, and Rotarians are notoriously busy people, but most Rotarians can spare seven and a half minutes to watch a really great video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rJiyI3FR5mw&feature=related>



Above: Paul P. Harris

Below: RI President Arch C. Klumph



"The thought persisted that I was experiencing only what had happened to hundreds, perhaps thousands, of others in the great city ... I was sure that there must be many other young men who had come from farms and small villages to establish themselves in Chicago ... Why not bring them together? If others were longing for fellowship as I was, something would come of it."

- Paul P. Harris, *My Road to Rotary*



THE GREEN THING

Checking out at the store, the young cashier suggested to the older woman that she should bring her own grocery bags because plastic bags weren't good for the environment.

The woman apologized and explained, "We didn't have this green thing back in my earlier days."

The clerk responded, "That's our problem today. Your generation did not care enough to save our environment for future generations."

She was right - our generation didn't have the green thing in its day.

Back then, we returned milk bottles, soft drink bottles and beer bottles to the shop. The shop sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilized and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. So they really were recycled. But we didn't have the green thing back in our day.

We walked up stairs, because we didn't have an escalator in every store and office building. We walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time we had to go two blocks. But she was right. We didn't have the green thing in our day.

Back then, we washed the baby's nappies because we didn't have the throw-away kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy gobbling machine burning up 220 volts - wind and solar power really did dry our clothes back in our early days. Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing. But that young lady is right. We didn't have the green thing back in our day.

Back then, we had one TV, or radio, in the house -- not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a handkerchief (remember them?), not a screen the size of Auckland Super City. In the kitchen, we blended and stirred by hand because we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us. When we packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, we used wadded up old newspapers to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap. Back then, we didn't fire up an engine and burn gasoline just to cut the lawn. We used a push mower that ran on human power. We exercised by working so we didn't need to go to

a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity. But she's right. We didn't have the green thing back then.

We drank from a fountain when we were thirsty instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time we had a drink of water. We refilled writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and we replaced the razor blades in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull. But we didn't have the green thing back then.

Back then, people took the train or a bus, and kids rode their bikes to school or walked instead of turning their mums into a 24-hour taxi service. We had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And we didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 2,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest pizza joint.

But isn't it sad the current generation laments how wasteful we old folks were just because we didn't have the green thing back then?



Welcome New Member

The Rotary Club of Camberwell has inducted
Christine Howell

Classification:
Health Services - Administration





Are you social?



Tweet

There is no denying that social media is now one of the fastest and easiest means of communication. Whether you're 'tweeting' about current events or posting a picture on facebook, social media has now well and truly made its way into our social and business culture.

Moving from strength to strength, social media has confirmed its place in global communications with facebook alone having over 800 million active users worldwide.

Australian Rotary Health, like many Rotary Clubs, now enjoys access to the social media world through accounts with networks including facebook and twitter.

With the promise of "it's free and always will be", the social media bandwagon is undeniably a simple yet effective way of spreading the Rotary message. Australian Rotary Health's facebook and twitter page updates daily with the latest in

news from the medical world, photos and posts of the goings on at Australian Rotary Health and helpful tips on staying mentally healthy.

If you're interested in receiving these exciting updates, simply 'like' our page on Facebook - you'll find it by searching Australian Rotary Health, or follow our Tweets <https://twitter.com/#!/hatday> and <https://twitter.com/#!/ausrotaryhealth> We'd love to have you as part of our online family!



Violence Free Families Endorsed by Rotary District 9800

Violence Free Families has received the support of the largest Rotary District in Australia, including 69 clubs from Echuca in the north of Victoria to Brighton in the south.

Making the announcement at a Rotary Club of Brighton meeting on Thursday 19 January 2012, District Governor Keith Ryall said that Rotary was concerned by the high social, psychological and medical costs of family violence. As a social service organisation, it applauded the efforts of Violence Free Families to reduce the extent and impact of the problem.

The District gave VFF, through the Brighton Club, its highest award for community service for 2010/11 and it wants to support the further development of its work.

VFF Chairman, Dr David Smyth, warmly welcomed the decision. He said that it showed the extent of community concern about the problem of violence in families.

It will give VFF the opportunity of widening its support base and spreading its message about improving the quality of family life through the reduction of violence.

More information about Violence Free Families may be found on its website

www.violencefreefamilies.org.au



violence free families

Upcoming Events

February

- 14**  **STORMING AGAINST VIOLENCE BREAKFAST: Tuesday 14 February 2012–7.30–9.00am.** Palladium Room Crown Casino \$75.00. RSVP Date 3rd February e: women@vwt.org.au or 9642 0422 <http://www.vwt.org.au/events-31.html> – Opening community dialogue & engagement around violence. Featuring Dr Jackson Katz (leading US violence prevention advocate). Domestic violence is one of the most complex, least visible and fastest growing areas of crime. We're not going to solve it by locking people up.. it needs urgent attention and a fresh approach.
- 16**  **BE THE HERO PREMIER EVENT: Thursday 16 February 2012 6.30pm – 8.30pm** Free Event Melbourne Town Hall, Swanston Street. RSVP Date and Contact Details: 3rd February: Email: women@vwt.org.au or 9642 0422 Website or link for more information: <http://www.vwt.org.au/events-31.html> – Victorian Women's Trust – Be The Hero Program presentation Andrew O'Keefe (White Ribbon Ambassador) Dr Jackson Katz, Dr Michael Flood (violence prevention expert) addressing young men and their families. Spread the word amongst your families, children and grandchildren.
- 22** **GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE WELCOME DINNER: WEDNESDAY 22 February 2012, 6.30 FOR 7PM** Grand Star Receptions, Grieve Parade, Altona North. Cost: \$45pp We welcome home our team returning from D3030 Maharashtra India along with the Team arriving from D5230 California USA. RSVP Date and Contact Details: Wednesday 15th February 2012, Peter Shephard 9369 8358 Email: peter.shephard@bigpond.com <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/GSE%20Dinner%20February%202012.pdf> <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/GSE%20Booking%20Form.pdf>
- 23**  **THE SPORTSMAN'S NIGHT:** presented by the **Rotary Club of Brighton** Thursday 23 February 2012 – 6.30 for 7pm, at The International of Brighton: 81 Bay Street, Brighton. Regular tickets \$160. Corporate premium tables of 12 are \$2600 Contact Details: Tony Rouse – 0401 080 634 or Daryl Forge – 0411 080 634 or email: sportsmans@rotarybrighton.com.au or download pdf: http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/Sportsmans_Night_A4_2012_pr_copy.pdf Website: <http://www.rotarybrighton.com.au/> Event Promo: Youtube link – <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JSPH0EgsCLU>
- 23**  **50TH ANNIVERSARY– ROTARY CLUB OF CAULFIELD: Thursday 23 February 2012 6.30 for 7.00pm.** The Glasshouse Restaurant function room, Station Street, Caulfield (at Caulfield Racecourse) 3 course meal. Drinks at bar prices **Entertainment** – Combo Azure. **Cost** – \$50 – <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/Caulfield%20Rotary%2050th%20Anniversary%20Dinner%202012.pdf>
- 23**  **GLEN EIRA WHISKY TASTING NIGHT 7pm Thursday 23 February 2012, Caulfield RSL, 3 St. Georges Rd, Elsternwick. \$50.00** per person includes finger food. Net proceeds supports the youth programs of the club. BOOK ON LINE AT www.trybooking.com For further information call Alan Samuel On 0408 024 224. Glenfarclas is renowned for producing Single Highland Malt Scotch Whisky in the traditional Speyside style.
- 26**  **5TH ANNUAL WYNDHAM ROTARY FUN RUN/WALK: 23 February at 6.30 for 7.00pm** Chirnside Park, Werribee (Mel Map 205 Ref H9) Funds raised go toward the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. Free t-shirt for first 500 registrations. For more information on the event or this submission contact Max Coster Media Liaison 0409 435 166 or Gary Willson, Event Co-ordinator 0418 788 838 On-line registration at <http://www.wyndhamfunrun.org/>
- 26**  **HONEY BEE INTEREST MEETING: Tuesday 28th February, 2012, 7pm for 7.30pm** Koornang Uniting Church, 117 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena. (Melways 69 A5). **The Rotary Club of Caulfield** is promoting simple steps which urban householders can undertake to assist in maintaining local, healthy honey bee populations. The Club is hosting the Glen Eira Honey Bee Interest Group. Entry Fee – Gold Coin – Bookings Essential – Email: rotarycaulfield@gmail.com
- 26** **2012 JALNA BIG BAY SWIM:** presented by the **Rotary Club of Point Gellibrand**
- 29** **GSE WELCOME COCKTAIL PARTY:** GSE Incoming team from D 3030 Maharashtra in central India. Wednesday February 29th at the MALVERN VALLEY GOLF CLUB, Golfers Drive, Malvern East Melway 69D1 6.30pm until 9.45. Cost \$20.00 per head covers substantial finger food with drinks at bar prices. Hosted by the Rotary Club of Chadstone East Malvern, for details contact Eric Farmer on 9500 0140 Email: ericfarmer@bigpond.com

March

- 27** **WERRIBEE GOLF DAY: Tuesday 28th February, 2012, 7pm for 7.30pm.** Koornang Uniting Church, Tuesday 27th March 2012 Werribee Park Golf Club, Werribee (Melway 201 B6) 12.30pm Shotgun Start, Registration from 11.45am. Format: Ambrose (Four Person) with B before hit off. Presentation Dinner and Trophies Cost: Sponsorship packages; \$1,500 Platinum, \$1000 Gold, \$550 Silver and \$300 Bronze. \$75 per player or \$40 for Werribee Park Golf Club members. For Enquires and Entries Contact: Paul Revell Phone: 0414 889 034 Email: revcompr@bigpond.com http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/John_Flynn_Golf_2012.pdf



Notices

THE ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE 2012

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

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

Part 1 Sunday February 26 & Sunday March 25

Part 2 Sunday April 15 & Sunday April 29

Part 3 Sunday May 13 & Sunday May 27

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

MARCH 3RD RIDE TO CONFERENCE

35 committed dedicated cyclists will undertake a challenging 1000 ks ride through the Victorian High Country with almost 7000m of climbing.

Adding to the physical challenge is the team goal to raise \$100,000.

There Aim is to purchase 10 chemotherapy chairs for the Olivia Newton John Cancer Wellness centre and funds to continue research in Ovarian cancer through the District 9800 RoCan programme.

Support the Team by attending the 2012 Rotary Conference as they are presented on Stage and thanked for there efforts.

For more information login to www.MyCause.com.au

or contact Yvonne Moon OAM

RoCan, District 9800 Community Service Director Health programs

Email yvonne.moon@bigpond.com



PLAYERS WANTED FOR THE GRAND CHALLENGE CRICKET MATCH BETWEEN DISTRICT 9800 AND DISTRICT 9810

March 8, 2012. at Stradbroke Park #2, corner Belmore and Burke Roads, Kew, Melways K4.
Game time 11am for 35 overs each. Assemble from 10am.

Cost: \$30 per player covers ground hire, pavilion access and lunch. Payment to be made on the day.

Attire: Whites (or near whites). No spikes. Sandshoes only.

Contact: All enquiries to Warren Fricke 9836 1202 or wfricke@bigpond.net.au

For pdf: <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/Grand%20Challenge%20Cricket%20match.pdf>

ROTARY DISTRICT 9800 Events Calendar

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

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



Reader's Letters

When Daryl Mills received his OAM last week, he replied to Bill Dagg's letter of congratulations:

Hi Bill & Sooty,

It was actually August 2003... over 8 years now. Norm Bruce is 10 years today at East Timor Roofing.

Thank you for your kind words. Incredible day yesterday with 'phone calls & messages of support from all around the world followed by a good Australia Day function provided by the Embassy. I have been able to do great work in Timor only with the support of wonderful people in Australia, especially you Bill. I know you fought with people & went in to bat to keep the role going. If it wasn't for you & later Bob Glindemann & others, nothing would have happened for the Liaison Officer role.

Thanks,

Daryl.

Hello 'Clarice',

Another sensational edition of Networker!! The amount of work put into putting these weekly newsletters together is beyond comprehension!! And it is such a worthwhile and inspirational read!! Well done and 'Thank you' to all who contribute to its compilation!!

Cheers,

Sandi Fulcher

Past President|Membership|Rotary Club of Chadstone/East Malvern

Clarice Replies: *Thank-you Sandi, our behind-the-scenes workers really appreciate your kind thoughts. Last week they burnt the midnight oil to get your Networker out, with nary a whinge to be heard. They are a real treasure!*

Notices

SITUATIONS VACANT

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

Do you have a letter for Clarice?

Contact the Editor

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

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





*“Reflecting on the Past
Celebrating the Present
Creating the Future”*

Thursday 23rd February, 2012

6.30pm for 7pm

The Elms Function Room

C·A·U·L·F·I·E·L·D
GLASS HOUSE

1 Station Street, Caulfield

Melways Reference 68 E1



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

Drinks available at Bar Prices

*Dress: Gentlemen - Lounge Suit Ladies - After Five
Entertainment - Combo Azure R.S.V.P. 30 Jan, 2012*

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





Are you a **Woman in Rotary?**



If Rotary is to attract more women just like you, how are we going to do it? We want to hear your ideas and your experience!

We're inviting you to be part of a Women in Rotary Forum as a participant in the 2012 Melbourne Conference to look at how we can make Rotary more welcoming to women, increase our female membership and make Rotary the top of mind choice for women who want to give back to their community.

The 2012 Melbourne Conference will see District 9800 hosting a Forum for Women in Rotary on Friday 9th of March from 3pm-5pm. This is your opportunity to contribute to shaping our future and to help us redress the gender imbalance by growing our female membership, and at the same time, growing Rotary for tomorrow.

The forum will be hosted by **Cathy Roth**.

To join us and share your views in this important forum, please simply visit www.2012melbourne.com.au/women



About the Facilitator: Cathy Roth



PDG (D9780) Cathy Roth is currently International Vice-Chairman for the ANZO region with the Rotary Leadership Institute, and a regional committee member for the Travel and Hosting Fellowship. She has facilitated or served as a Panel member for break-out sessions at a number of International Conventions and has been appointed as a Rotary International President's Representative in 2006, 2007, and twice in 2011.

Serving on several Zone Institute sub-committees and the 2011 combined Zones Institute committee, Cathy was also appointed Convenor for the inaugural Future Leaders' Seminar held in Brisbane



2012 International Women's Day Breakfast
Inspired by Rotarians





MARTIANS & VENUSIANS




IN THE WORKPLACE

Colliding Planets or Equal Players?

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



Andrew Demetriou
AFL CEO



Mary Crooks
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Victorian Women's
Trust



Harold Mitchell
Chairman
Aegis Media Pacific



Fabian Dattner
Entrepreneur
& Social
Commentator



Neil Cole
Associate Professor
University of
Melbourne



Tracy Bartram
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Radio Personality
& Author

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

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



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

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

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

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

*Includes company name on table and program.

Closing date 23/02/12.

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

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





Booking Online

Go to <http://rotarywomen.org.au/events> and fill in the online registration and payment form.

Offline Bookings

Please contact Rotarian Richard Goss on rtgoss@msn.com.au or phone Richard on 0418 356 527.

You can make your payment of \$60 p.p. (Early Bird \$55.00 until 09/02/12) / \$590 per table or \$690 per corporate table* for the breakfast via bank transfer to:

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Account Name: Rotary Club of Albert Park

Or visit <http://rotarywomen.org.au/contact> and send us an enquiry.

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About Us

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

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



violence free families

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

<http://www.internationalwomensday.com>



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

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



MARTIANS & VENUSIANS



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The Rotary Foundation Breakfast



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



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

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

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

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



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

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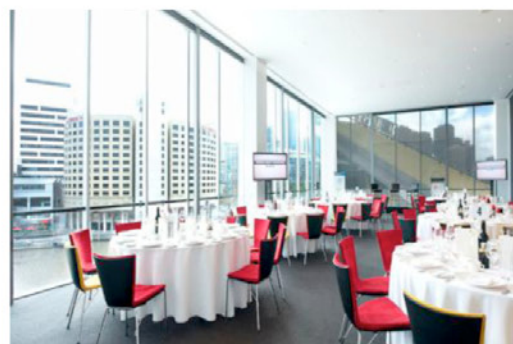


Why Supporting The Rotary Foundation Counts...

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

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

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



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

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



PDG John Davis

Chairman

Rotary District 9800

Rotary Foundation Committee



To Book Your Place:

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



Networker

Rotary District 9800

A publication for
Rotarians and
all community
minded people

DG Weekly Message

Rotary Lends a Hand

It has been tragic in recent times to see flooding return to Queensland and then more recently into NSW, especially given that the nation has only just recovered from the destruction and tragedy reaped by the 2011 floods.

But in times of difficulty, the community, and particularly Rotary, have shown a strong track record of stepping up to lend a hand.

Following the commendation of Rotarian Graeme Nelson being named Rochester and Shire of Campaspe Citizen of the Year in the Australia Day honours, another particular Rotarian I would like to commend for his significant contributions to our own state's disaster recovery is our Chairman of Rotary's Unified Victorian and Tasmanian Bushfire Recovery Committee, **Mev Connell**.

On the third anniversary of Victoria's Black Saturday Bushfires on February 7th, **this week's Networker contains a report by Mev** about the terrific work that he and his team have done on behalf of Rotary to help restore the towns and support the people of Marysville and Kinglake. The projects supported have helped these communities to help themselves in achieving recovery for individual survivors and the collective populace and for this we should all feel proud to have played a part. Mev and his team have worked very hard, as have so many Rotarians, to bring support,

assistance, and a renewed sense of hope and community to these towns.

Truly Rotary in action.



District Governor Keith Ryall
and Gabrielle

World Understanding

With February also marking World Understanding Month in the Rotary calendar, it's a good time to reflect on one of Rotary's most positive efforts to promote international understanding within our own community - **International House at the University of Melbourne**. International House is all about international understanding and fellowship, respect and belief in cultural differences and giving all students the opportunity to live and learn in the greatest environment. It accommodates 265 students from Australia and approximately 35 other countries. International House was founded in 1957 with the express aim of bringing local and overseas students together in order to foster personal and academic development within the context of a multi-cultural residential environment.

Since its inception, Rotary has supported International House and its mutually shared ideals. Every year Rotary District 9800 supports International House's Cafe International (this year on Saturday 5th May) which raises funds for chosen charities, while our District has in the past provided support for

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Clarice Caricare

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

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



**February is
World Understanding Month**



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

DG Weekly Message continued

students and student programs through International House. We are proud to continue this tradition of fostering world understanding and enjoy an excellent relationship with Head of College, Associate Professor Jane Munro (herself a former Rotarian). For more information on International House and how we can further world understanding, Rotarians can contact Development Manager Tamra Keating at tkeating@unimelb.edu.au

Conference Updates

With the Conference drawing nearer each week, we have more and more to get excited about, with new speakers and entertainment recently confirmed. You can read more about the **new speakers and entertainment** on the Conference Website, www.2012melbourne.com.au, where you can also download a pdf of the **lift-out supplement** that appeared in The Age last week. It features our line-up of speakers as well as some words of endorsement from some of the biggest names in Melbourne. Be sure to check it out. What's more, time is running out for you to register, so if you haven't registered already, visit the website and sign up today. It's easy and quick.

Remember also that you or your non-Rotarian friends can purchase tickets to enable non-Rotarians to join us at individual plenary sessions to see just why Rotary is so special.

We're looking forward to joining you there to dance the night away with Reverend Funk and the Horns of Salvation - it promises to be a fun-filled night!

Yours in Rotary,

Keith Ryall

District Governor (2011-2012)
Rotary District 9800

An Introduction to Rotary: Conference Plenary Session Tickets for Non-Rotarians

The 2012 Rotary District 9800 Conference Plenary Session Tickets are now available to purchase for non-Rotarians for just \$75 per plenary session including musical performances and refreshments during intervals.



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First Plenary Session:

**Q&A with
Tony Jones:
How Ethics
Should Govern
Australia's Future**

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a Blue Ticket](#)



2012 CONFERENCE
RED TICKET

Second Plenary Session:

**Health &
Wellbeing:
Where We
Can Make
A Difference**

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a Red Ticket](#)



2012 CONFERENCE
YELLOW TICKET

Third Plenary Session:

**The Family of
Rotary:
Celebrating
Our New
Generations**

[Click here to book
a Yellow Ticket](#)



2012 CONFERENCE
GREEN TICKET

Fourth Plenary Session:

**Building
Communities**

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a Green Ticket](#)



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above to see
Reverend Funk & The
Horns of
Salvation in action on
YouTube!](#)

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Are you a **Highly Experienced** Rotarian?



We want your ideas on how to make Rotary even better!

We're looking for highly experienced Rotarians coming to the 2012 Melbourne Conference who are willing to share their thoughts on what makes Rotary great, where we can improve, what works, what doesn't and how we can grow by attracting and retaining a new generation of Rotarians with a similar lasting passion for Rotary.

The 2012 Melbourne Conference will see District 9800 hosting a Forum for Highly Experienced Rotarians who have had significant experience at Club level. Held on Friday 9th of March from 3pm-5pm, this is your opportunity to shape our future and pass on the years of knowledge of Rotary you have so the next generation can benefit.

The forum will be hosted by **PDG Bob Aitken (D9690)**.

To join us and share your views in this important forum, please simply visit www.2012melbourne.com.au/highlyexperienced

About the Facilitator:



An experienced journalist with almost 50 years in newspapers, magazines and public relations, **PDG Bob Aitken (D9690)** is a member of the Rotary Club of Lower Blue Mountains, NSW, and Past District Governor of Rotary District 9690. He has guided the fortunes of our Rotary regional magazine, Rotary Down Under, for the past 28 years. Before that, he had 21 years with Australian Consolidated Press' newspapers in western NSW.

A dedicated Rotarian with a great passion for (and belief in) the future of Rotary, Bob was Chairman of the RI Communications Committee (2004/06), Chairman of the RI Public Image Resource Group (2006/09) and, last year, was part of a RI Committee appointed by then President Ray Klinginsmith to appraise the role of the District Governor in Rotary.

Bob handed the editorial baton of Rotary Down Under to his associate editor of four years, PP Mark Wallace, on July 1, 2011, to take up the position of Executive Director with Rotary Down Under. He is enjoying the challenge of developing corporate relations and revenue streams for our magazine organisation – whilst growing Rotary's public image and stimulating public relations.



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



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

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

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

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

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

About the facilitator:



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



THREE YEARS ON! Recovery from BLACK SATURDAY



By Mev Connell, Chairman of Rotary International District 9800 Bushfire Recovery Committee.

Immediately after the disastrous fires on *Black Saturday*, D9800 set to and raised funds for a Recovery Program. It was determined as policy that:

- our efforts would be directed at filling gaps that other charitable bodies and government agencies would not or could not address;
- D9800 would attempt to continue its efforts for as long as possible; and
- D9800 would endeavour to maximise the benefits obtainable from donation of funds raised by co-operating with other parties who could contribute in particular ways or with special skills.

The primary impact of the fire was quickly identified as being post traumatic stress in the survivor communities and in workers who had been closely involved in rescue and recovery services. Experience now confirms that view: that problem will persist for some time to come and for some survivors the stress may never go away. The first impact of direct exposure to the fire was certainly serious but secondary impacts, such as family “break up” and disruption of young residents, are just as significant.

The D9800 Fund has made contributions to many projects, some quite large and others relatively small; however, all projects supported have been selected because they enable communities to help themselves to achieve recovery for individual survivors and the collective populace. Experience has confirmed that the form of assistance should not be dictated by outsiders: parties wishing to help with recovery must listen to the needs of any community and engage with its representatives to design meaningful projects.

Notable projects that have been supported by the Fund are *Marysville Central* and the *Kinglake Youth Space* (known as *Ellimatta*). These Projects have been very influential in helping communities to recover and will continue to serve the recovery for a long time to come. Such projects are “lynch pins” in the recovery as they not only provide direct and much needed demonstrable support but they also facilitate other important services. For example, *Ellimatta* is now the hub for numerous youth related activities being run by agencies such as Berry Street and the Salvation Army as well as local groups and it is one of the centres in the Shire of Murrindindi for the L2P Young Driver Mentoring Program.

related activities being run by agencies such as Berry Street and the Salvation Army as well as local groups and it is one of the centres in the Shire of Murrindindi for the L2P Young Driver Mentoring Program.

Cooperation with local community representatives and other parties has been very important and we can fairly claim that the reputation of Rotary has been enhanced by the way that the task has been executed. Rotary could not have achieved on its own what has been accomplished, by “teaming” with parties such as Global Care, the Salvation Army, the YMCA, CatholicCare and many others the beneficial results have been magnified

By no means least, the efforts of numerous Rotarians who at times have visited bushfire affected areas and “put their shoulders to the recovery wheel” deserve recognition. In a trauma impacted environment the demonstration of concern and willingness to help from outside is very valuable.

Our work continues and seems unlikely to be concluded before the end of Rotary Year 2012/13. Even by that time, when the funds have run out, there will still be recovery tasks that D9800 could not address.



Top: Burnt trees at Steavenson Falls, Marysville
Bottom: Main Street, Marysville



As February is World Understanding Month we include an excerpt from RIPE Sakuji Tanaka on his theme for the 2012-13 year

Peace Through Service

By Sakuji Tanaka, RI President-elect

We hear the word peace every day. We hear it in the news, we use it in conversation, and we talk about it a great deal in Rotary. But most of us spend very little time thinking about what peace is, and what that word means.

On its simplest level, peace can be defined by what it is not. It is a state of no war, no violence, and no fear. It means that you are not in danger of hunger or persecution or the suffering of poverty.

But we can also define peace by what it is, and by what it can be. Peace can mean freedom of thought and of speech, freedom of opinion and of choice, and the ability for self-determination. It can mean security, confidence in the future: a life and home in a stable society.

On a more abstract level, peace can mean a sense of happiness, of inner serenity, of calm.

The truth is that peace means different things to different people. No definition is right, and no definition is wrong. However we use the word, this is what peace means for us.

And however we use the word, however we understand peace, Rotary can help us to achieve it. Rotary helps us to meet the basic needs of others: to provide health care, sanitation, food, and education when and where it is most needed. It helps to meet the inner needs as well, for friendship, connection and caring.

And Rotary helps us to build peace in its most traditional sense, by reducing

the causes of conflict. It builds bridges of friendship and tolerance among people and nations. It helps us to understand each other.

Through our service, we learn that the problems that may seem large to us are really very small. We learn empathy for others. We come closer to people who seem very different from us. And we begin to understand how alike we really are.

Through our Rotary service, we learn that cooperation is more productive than conflict. We learn to value each other, as human beings with human strengths and weaknesses. We learn that every one of us has something to give, and every one has something to teach.

To me, Service Above Self is more than just a motto. It is a way of life - one that will make any life richer and more meaningful.

Putting Service Above Self allows us to focus our energies on what is truly important. We put the common good above our own. We prioritize others' needs over our own desires. We think less about ourselves and more about what is best for everyone. And in this way, we help to build the foundation for a more peaceful world.

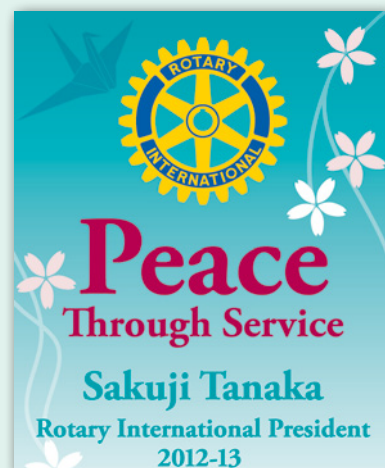
This is why, in 2012-13, our Rotary theme will be Peace Through Service.

Read Sakuji Tanaka RI President-elect's full speech:

http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/ia12_speech_tanaka_en.pdf
<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/Public Speaking Flyer June 2012.pdf>



RI President-elect Sakuji Tanaka leads the flag procession during the opening plenary session of the 2012 International Assembly on 16 January in San Diego, California, USA. Rotary Images/Alyce Henson



A ROUND TUIT!

The Conference? Yes, I'll be going. But no, I haven't registered yet. I just haven't got around to it.

Well, here's Clarice's
Personal Round Tuit,
which you are welcome
to borrow and use.

Get a Round Tuit
TODAY!



Celebrating the past & committing to the future!

Rotary Down Under is Mobile!

It's all very well reading Rotary Down Under online, but it gets pretty difficult reading it on a mobile phone. But not any more!

Rotary Down Under is now available on your mobile phone - any mobile phone or device, including all the new tablets - in a format that allows you to read and navigate your way without having to scroll endlessly while constantly expanding the on-screen text with your fingers!

All the magazine favourites are there:
All the feature stories (including this month's cover story on the Emergency Services Awards presented by the combined Rotary Clubs of the Illawarra region of NSW), Global Outlook, which this month focuses on environmental sustainability, the messages from RI President Kalyan Banerjee and Rotary Foundation Chair Bill Boyd, the mailbox section, the News Bulletin,



This Rotary World, even the Notices and Smiles sections. And you won't need a microscope!

Check it out here.

<http://site.eskymo.com//s.p?m=b&p=07w0sDA24z5b>



February: *World Understanding Month*

By Maureen Vaught, *Rotary International News*

Booking a trip to global peace and understanding

When Rotarians participate in a **Rotary Friendship Exchange**, they return with more than souvenirs and laundry. They bring back lasting friendships, a global perspective, and a new found appreciation for Rotary's work.

In July, **Carol Metzker** of the **Rotary Club of West Chester, Pennsylvania, USA**, traveled to Ghana on her first Friendship Exchange. Taking advantage of the exchange's visitor program, Metzker and her daughter spent a week touring the capital city of Accra with their hosts Kathleen Boohene, a member of the Rotary Club of Accra-South, and her husband.

Among the many sites they visited was a fishing village. "The poorest of the poor were there repairing wooden fishing boats and mending fishing nets," says Metzker. "There was a crude facility and an open sewer that served as toilets for the villagers. It was clear why Rotary's work is so vital."

Participating in a Friendship Exchange also is an ideal way to celebrate World Understanding and Peace Day on 23 February, Rotary's anniversary.



Rotarians Carol Metzker of the United States and Kathleen Boohene of Ghana, examine the vines growing on a tree at the Aburi Botanical Gardens during Metzker's Rotary Friendship Exchange to Ghana. Photo courtesy of Carol Metzker

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



The Rotary Club of Brimbank Central inducted two new members this week:

Below left:

Nilda Escalante
(Ex Portland Bay)
Classification
Hospitality

At right:

Michael Nguyen,
Classification
Dentistry





Cricket and Polio Prevention in Pakistan

By Richard Groom, RC Hawthorn

The Rotary Club of Ruryila, D3272, in the bustling city of Gujranwala, Pakistan (population 2.6 million) organized a National Immunisation Day (NID) on January 31. Seven large billboards around the city advertised the upcoming event.

Pakistan is one of only three countries currently reporting new polio cases since India recently celebrated its one year free of any new cases.

Many youngsters and their mothers presented for the NID which was attended by DG Pervez Ahsan Khan along with Health Department, hospital and other Rotary dignitaries.

One of the moving spirits behind the NID was AG Sajid Pervaiz Bhatti who is also the chairman of the Rotary Cricket Fellowship in Pakistan.

This fellowship is holding its world festival at Vapi in India starting in two weeks time, Vapi being the home club of RI president, Kalyan Banerjee.

Rotary cricketers from Australia, New Zealand, England, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Nepal and USA are also expected to attend the festival, some 200 or more in total.



Sajid Pervaiz Bhatti is second from the left with his hands on the infant. He is also second from the right among the happy cricketers below.





Happy Feet ~ Rotary Style

By David Dippie, RC Keilor

Next month there will be 1000 pairs of "Happy Feet" in East Timor wearing new shoes, the first recipients of a donation of 4000 pairs given to **Donations In Kind**. They are part of a mixed load on a 40' container shipped this week.

The balance of the shoes are available for your overseas projects.

Albert Park RC shipped 48 bedside lockers, part of the St Vincents Hospital donation that are going to a Ryder-Cheshire Australia project Kilbar Domin. The drawers are filled with a range of goods including thousands of new garments, mainly children's clothes. This health care facility incorporates a community based rehabilitation centre for children with disabilities and you can imagine their joy as each drawer is opened.

Members of **Melbourne RC** did most of the grunt work including loading 20 hospital beds and 70 boxes of medical supplies donated by the Alfred Hospital, which will go to the Bairo Pite Clinic in Dili. As you can see adequate supervision was essential to keep things moving.

This container has been replaced with two which will be leaving for the Philippines next week.





Rotary Club of Brighton's Australian Unity Great Australia Day Swim raises funds for disadvantaged kids.

By Peter Sherman, RC Brighton

The Swim was a wonderful achievement. It was our 3rd staging of the Event and we had great feedback from the swimmers. More than 90 Brighton Rotarians and their wives helped out so magnificently. A large crowd gathered to witness the number of races which included a 1400m open water swim, 5km Bay Swim and the Australian Unity Junior Dash for 9, 10 and 11 year olds. Michael Klim also staged a relay race.

This was the first time that we ran the Event ourselves having separated from the event organiser of previous swims. Great work from both Stuart McIntyre and the stressed out Peter Grey - frazzled but fantastic whose philosophy was 'why delegate when I can do it better myself'. Rob Nicholes - great job handing out flyers around swimming pools of Melbourne. Ken Gallaher and Dale Hoy had great input.

The Olympians including Michael Klim loved it. We got great publicity with the press and the sponsors loved it too! Also many thanks to Damien Hellard who did a great job as the MC. Received compliments all day about the presentation of the event. There were less swimmers but still a successful day.

Also big thanks to Julie Avery from Brighton Travelworld for supporting us again with the raffle. We made around \$50,000 profit this year.

Many thanks to all our wonderful sponsors particularly Australian Unity!

BayCISS (Bayside Community Information and Support Service) and Les Twentyman's 20th Man both benefit from the funds raised.



*Top: Large crowd at Swim
Second: Les Twentyman and
Peter Sherman
Third: Michael Klim with helpers*



Pleasant Sunday Afternoon

Several Club Presidents and their spouses met with **DG Keith Ryall** and **Gabrielle** and the District Leadership Team for a "Pleasant Sunday Afternoon" at Graduate House.

Philip Archer and **Kerry Kornhauser** gave us an update on the social and informative programmes that have been prepared for the District Conference in March, and the Princes Hill Secondary College Jazz Singers gave us a delightful sneak preview of the entertainment in store. If you missed this, catch a sample of an other group who will be performing at the Conference, Rev. Funk and The Horns of Salvation Band at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=okqUlqXozQ>

The Early-Bird Draw was a source of amusement, as Gabrielle drew tickets which belonged to the organisers and had to be discarded.

The Early Bird Draw winners are:

Bronwyn Stephens, Rotary Club of Melbourne South

- Weekend getaway for 2 at the Hilton Hotel, Melbourne

Pat Draper, wife of Norm Draper, Rotary Club of Keilor

- Nintendo Sports Wii

Robyn Lucas, partner of Noel Lucas from Rotary Club of Rochester

- Apple iPad2

Melissa McIntosh, Rotary Club of Carlton

- Dozen bottles of Heathcote Estate Shiraz

Ted Cunningham, Rotary Club of Keilor

- Dozen bottles of Domain Chandon Brut Cuvee

DG Keith presented certificates of appreciation to **President Graeme Nelson** and **Jeanette** of **Rochester Rotary Club** for their work in flood relief and to **Philip Archer** for his production of the eight-page Rotary Supplement in "The Age".

In describing how he had met with the chef at the Conference Center to sample the food available for the conference, DG Keith had our mouths watering: we were then ready for afternoon tea.

Club Presidents enjoyed this leisurely opportunity to mingle and share ideas.



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1 DG Keith presents to Graeme and Jeanette Nelson

2 DG Keith presents to Philip Archer

3 Kerry Kornhauser in full flight

4 Gabrielle drawing the prizes

5 Everybody tucks in

6 The Princes Hill Jazz Singers



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Upcoming Events

February

- 14**  **STORMING AGAINST VIOLENCE BREAKFAST: Tuesday 14 February 2012–7.30–9.00am.** Palladium Room Crown Casino \$75.00. RSVP Date 3rd February e: women@vwt.org.au or 9642 0422 <http://www.vwt.org.au/events-31.html> – Opening community dialogue & engagement around violence. Featuring Dr Jackson Katz (leading US violence prevention advocate). Domestic violence is one of the most complex, least visible and fastest growing areas of crime. We're not going to solve it by locking people up.. it needs urgent attention and a fresh approach.
- 16**  **BE THE HERO PREMIER EVENT: Thursday 16 February 2012 6.30pm – 8.30pm** Free Event Melbourne Town Hall, Swanston Street. RSVP Date and Contact Details: 3rd February: Email: women@vwt.org.au or 9642 0422 Website or link for more information: <http://www.vwt.org.au/events-31.html> – Victorian Women's Trust – Be The Hero Program presentation Andrew O'Keefe (White Ribbon Ambassador) Dr Jackson Katz, Dr Michael Flood (violence prevention expert) addressing young men and their families. Spread the word amongst your families, children and grandchildren.
- 22** **GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE WELCOME DINNER: WEDNESDAY 22 February 2012, 6.30 FOR 7PM** Grand Star Receptions, Grieve Parade, Altona North. Cost: \$45pp We welcome home our team returning from D3030 Maharashtra India along with the Team arriving from D5230 California USA. RSVP Date and Contact Details: Wednesday 15th February 2012, Peter Shephard 9369 8358 Email: peter.shephard@bigpond.com <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/GSE%20Dinner%20February%202012.pdf> <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/GSE%20Booking%20Form.pdf>
- 23**  **THE SPORTSMAN'S NIGHT:** presented by the **Rotary Club of Brighton** Thursday 23 February 2012 – 6.30 for 7pm, at The International of Brighton: 81 Bay Street, Brighton. Regular tickets \$160. Corporate premium tables of 12 are \$2600 Contact Details: Tony Rouse – 0401 080 634 or Daryl Forge – 0411 080 634 or email: sportsmans@rotarybrighton.com.au or download pdf: http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/Sportsmans_Night_A4_2012_pr_copy.pdf Website: <http://www.rotarybrighton.com.au/> Event Promo: Youtube link – <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JSP0EgSCLU>
- 23**  **50TH ANNIVERSARY– ROTARY CLUB OF CAULFIELD: Thursday 23 February 2012 6.30 for 7.00pm.** The Glasshouse Restaurant function room, Station Street, Caulfield (at Caulfield Racecourse) 3 course meal. Drinks at bar prices **Entertainment** – Combo Azure. **Cost** – \$50 – <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/Caulfield%20Rotary%2050th%20Anniversary%20Dinner%202012.pdf>
- 23**  **GLEN EIRA WHISKY TASTING NIGHT 7pm Thursday 23 February 2012, Caulfield RSL, 3 St. Georges Rd, Elsternwick. \$50.00** per person includes finger food. Net proceeds supports the youth programs of the club. BOOK ON LINE AT www.trybooking.com For further information call Alan Samuel On 0408 024 224. Glenfarclas is renowned for producing Single Highland Malt Scotch Whisky in the traditional Speyside style.
- 26**  **5TH ANNUAL WYNDHAM ROTARY FUN RUN/WALK: 23 February at 6.30 for 7.00pm** Chirnside Park, Werribee (Mel Map 205 Ref H9) Funds raised go toward the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. Free t-shirt for first 500 registrations. For more information on the event or this submission contact Max Coster Media Liaison 0409 435 166 or Gary Willson, Event Co-ordinator 0418 788 838 On-line registration at <http://www.wyndhamfunrun.org/>
- 26**  **HONEY BEE INTEREST MEETING: Tuesday 28th February, 2012, 7pm for 7.30pm** Koornang Uniting Church, 117 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena. (Melways 69 A5). **The Rotary Club of Caulfield** is promoting simple steps which urban householders can undertake to assist in maintaining local, healthy honey bee populations. The Club is hosting the Glen Eira Honey Bee Interest Group. Entry Fee – Gold Coin – Bookings Essential – Email: rotarycaulfield@gmail.com
- 26** **2012 JALNA BIG BAY SWIM:** presented by the **Rotary Club of Point Gellibrand**
- 29** **GSE WELCOME COCKTAIL PARTY:** GSE Incoming team from D 3030 Maharashtra in central India. Wednesday February 29th at the MALVERN VALLEY GOLF CLUB, Golfers Drive, Malvern East Melway 69D1 6.30pm until 9.45. Cost \$20.00 per head covers substantial finger food with drinks at bar prices. Hosted by the Rotary Club of Chadstone East Malvern, for details contact Eric Farmer on 9500 0140 Email: ericfarmer@bigpond.com [GSE 2012.2013 promotional information.pdf](http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/John_Flynn_Golf_2012.pdf)

March

- 27** **WERRIBEE GOLF DAY: Tuesday 28th February, 2012, 7pm for 7.30pm.** Koornang Uniting Church, Tuesday 27th March 2012 Werribee Park Golf Club, Werribee (Melway 201 B6) 12.30pm Shotgun Start, Registration from 11.45am. Format: Ambrose (Four Person) with B before hit off. Presentation Dinner and Trophies Cost: Sponsorship packages; \$1,500 Platinum, \$1000 Gold, \$550 Silver and \$300 Bronze. \$75 per player or \$40 for Werribee Park Golf Club members. For Enquires and Entries Contact: Paul Revell Phone: 0414 889 034 Email: revcompr@bigpond.com http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/John_Flynn_Golf_2012.pdf



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THE ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE 2012

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

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

Part 1 Sunday February 26 & Sunday March 25

Part 2 Sunday April 15 & Sunday April 29

Part 3 Sunday May 13 & Sunday May 27

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

NEPALESE CULTURAL DINNER

Friday 2 March 6:30pm at Gurkhas Restaurant, 258 Lygon Street Carlton raising funds for the RAWCS-registered **Nepali Village Initiatives Project** sponsored by the **Rotary Club of Woodend**. In 2011 we trained more than 40 teachers in Myagdi District (see photo) and supported the construction of a Dairy Farm by Paudwar Village.

Visit www.nepalaid.org.au to learn of our progress and plans for 2012 – then join us at the Cultural Dinner to support them.

Email info@nepalaid.org.au to book early and avoid disappointment (or call 03 5424 8274)



MARCH 3RD RIDE TO CONFERENCE

35 committed dedicated cyclists will undertake a challenging 1000 ks ride through the Victorian High Country with almost 7000m of climbing.

Adding to the physical challenge is the team goal to raise \$100,000.

There Aim is to purchase 10 chemotherapy chairs for the Olivia Newton-John Cancer Wellness centre and funds to continue research in Ovarian cancer through the District 9800 RoCan programme.

Support the Team by attending the 2012 Rotary Conference as they are presented on Stage and thanked for their efforts.

For more information login to www.MyCause.com.au

or contact Yvonne Moon OAM, RoCan, District 9800 Community Service Director Health programs

Email yvonne.moon@bigpond.com



PLAYERS WANTED FOR THE GRAND CHALLENGE CRICKET MATCH BETWEEN DISTRICT 9800 AND DISTRICT 9810

March 8, 2012 at Stradbroke Park #2, corner Belmore and Burke Roads, Kew, Melways K4.

Game time 11am for 35 overs each. Assemble from 10am.

Cost: \$30 per player covers ground hire, pavilion access and lunch. Payment to be made on the day.

Attire: Whites (or near whites). No spikes. Sandshoes only.

Contact: All enquiries to Warren Fricke 9836 1202 or wfricke@bigpond.net.au

For pdf: <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/Grand%20Challenge%20Cricket%20match.pdf>

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WOMEN IN ROTARY – Palladium Room Crown 7.00 for 7.30 Thursday 8 March 2012

Women In Rotary Women's International Day Breakfast "Martians & Venusians in the Work Place". Q&A event with Andrew Demetriou Mary Crooks, Harold Mitchell, Fabian Dattner Moderator: Neil Cole & MC Tracy Bartram.
www.rotarywomen.org.au <http://rotarywomen.org.au/images/Women%20In%20Rotary%20Breakfast.pdf>

YoorallaBOWL Sunday 18 March 2012. 9.30am onwards. Fitzroy Victoria Bowls Club 578 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy North. Entry Fee: \$50 per player \$200 per team of four (includes a donation to Yooralla) or \$15 for people on a Disability Support Pension (DSP). Register at <http://www.yooralla.com.au/yoorallaBOWL.php>
<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/Yooralla%20Bowl%20Flyer%202012.pdf>

CAMBERWELL ROTARY ART SHOW

Saturday 24 March – Sunday 1 April at Hawthorn Town Hall, Burwood Road, Hawthorn. (Open 10am – 7pm daily. Closes 5pm Sunday 1 April).

Entry \$18/\$15 Concession. It's Australia's best known competition, sale and exhibition of quality art with \$20,000 to the 'Best of Show' winning artist. And we are returning to our 'Boroondara' neighbourhood at the heritage, Hawthorn Town Hall. Over 1500 paintings will be for sale by emerging and established artists plus, there'll be workshops and demonstrations by leading artists. Preview/Opening Night Friday 23 March (ticketed event). Visit www.camberwellrotaryartshow.org.au for more information.



**CAMBERWELL ROTARY
ART SHOW**

PRE-CONVENTION COCKTAIL PARTY

For all District delegates attending the May 2012 RI Convention in Thailand.
 Graduate House, 220 Leicester Street, Carlton. **FRIDAY 13TH APRIL 2012. 5 – 7pm**
 \$30.00 ph which covers substantial finger food with drinks at very reasonable bar prices.
 Free underground parking available. DG Keith Ryall is attending and we have invited the Royal Thai Consulate General Melbourne. RSVP to PP Peter Milburn District Chairperson– 2012 RI convention Bangkok 9 801 6180 or milburnp@yahoo.com.au



PUBLIC SPEAKING COURSE PRESENTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF BRIMBANK CENTRAL

Sunday 3rd June 2012 8.30am for 9.00amconcludes at 4.45pm. Keilor East RSL Club, 12/22 Hoffmanns Road Essendon 3040. Cost: \$60.00pp includes all catering, personal manual, handouts and certificate
 Bookings Close 28th May. Contact President David Bennett 0412 388 823 or davidbennett47@gmail.com for further details or a registration form. We only take 10 people per program to ensure full participation of everyone – if more people are interested another program will be scheduled to accommodate them. The program is interactive and will ensure that people are able to confidently prepare and make a short speech or announcement at any type of meeting or function. <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/Public%20Speaking%20Flyer%20June%202012.pdf>

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE 2012 – 2013

In 2012–13 we will be exchanging Teams with D1080 in the UK which is in the vicinity of the Cambridge–Norwich area. The Outbound Team will leave on or about the 6th October 2012 and return on or about the 3rd November 2012.

Applications for both the Team Leader and Team Members are now listed on the District web site www.rotarydistrict9800.org **GSE 2012.2013 promotional information copy.pdf**

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Reader's Letters

Hello 'Clarice',

*How do I copy the DG's weekly message to reissue in our local bulletin.
It was easy until you changed the format?*

Grumpy Bern

Clarice Replies: *We're sorry you have had trouble Bern. Some issues in the last couple of weeks production line should now be fixed. Our IT team are all volunteers who spend a lot of time to produce what we hope is a quality product for you to enjoy.*

*We hope you can copy DG Keith's next message with ease. Alternatively you could encourage your members to subscribe to "The Networker" so they can all read it first-hand.
And please don't be grumpy, Bern, we love youse all!*

Hi Clarice

Had to smile when reading the dress code for conference. My father was a charter member of Rochester and my mother was highly amused when, before attending their first conference in 1965, she was contacted by the DG's wife, reminding the ladies (Rotaryanns) that they must wear hats.

*Cheers
Robyn Lucas*

Clarice Replies: *No gloves, Robyn?*

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SITUATIONS VACANT

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

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Are you a **Woman in Rotary?**



If Rotary is to attract more women just like you, how are we going to do it? We want to hear your ideas and your experience!

We're inviting you to be part of a Women in Rotary Forum as a participant in the 2012 Melbourne Conference to look at how we can make Rotary more welcoming to women, increase our female membership and make Rotary the top of mind choice for women who want to give back to their community.

The 2012 Melbourne Conference will see District 9800 hosting a Forum for Women in Rotary on Friday 9th of March from 3pm-5pm. This is your opportunity to contribute to shaping our future and to help us redress the gender imbalance by growing our female membership, and at the same time, growing Rotary for tomorrow.

The forum will be hosted by **Cathy Roth**.

To join us and share your views in this important forum, please simply visit www.2012melbourne.com.au/women



About the Facilitator: Cathy Roth



PDG (D9780) Cathy Roth is currently International Vice-Chairman for the ANZO region with the Rotary Leadership Institute, and a regional committee member for the Travel and Hosting Fellowship. She has facilitated or served as a Panel member for break-out sessions at a number of International Conventions and has been appointed as a Rotary International President's Representative in 2006, 2007, and twice in 2011.

Serving on several Zone Institute sub-committees and the 2011 combined Zones Institute committee, Cathy was also appointed Convenor for the inaugural Future Leaders' Seminar held in Brisbane



The Rotary Foundation Breakfast



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



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

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

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

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



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

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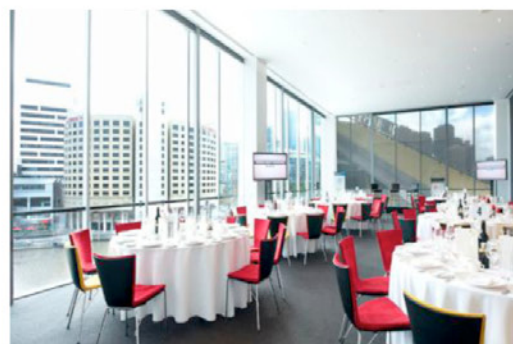


Why Supporting The Rotary Foundation Counts...

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

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

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



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

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



PDG John Davis

Chairman

Rotary District 9800

Rotary Foundation Committee



To Book Your Place:

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



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DG Weekly Message

On Saturday February 25th February to Monday 27th February, Federation Square in Melbourne will be lit up with a simple message from Rotary: End Polio Now. Following the successful illumination of the Sydney Opera House with these simple words along with a message of gratitude to Rotary for our efforts, it's now our turn to switch on the lights and show the world that Melbourne, and particularly Rotarians from our District, care about eliminating polio once and for all.

As one of the leading Districts in the world contributing to such efforts, it's our chance to celebrate along with other Districts from Victoria as we promote one of the biggest and most effective efforts ever seen in global health and immunisation.

I urge every Club's members to put aside next Saturday night (25th of February) if you can and make the trip into Federation Square to celebrate and publicise our contribution and commitment to this cause. We will be led by Rotarian and polio-fighting nurse Jenny Horton (one of our inspiring Conference Speakers) <http://www.2012melbourne.com.au/speakers>, who will switch on the lights and it promises to be a great night.

We're making amazing progress in our fight too. Worldwide, fewer than 650 polio cases have been confirmed for 2011, less than half the 1,352 infections reported in 2010. Overall, the annual number of polio cases has plummeted by more than 99 percent since the initiative was launched

in 1988, when polio infected about 350,000 children a year.

More than two billion children have been immunized in 122 countries, preventing five million cases of paralysis and 250,000 deaths.

And in India, once the epicentre of infections, not a single new case has been recorded in the last year. That's the amazing difference Rotary makes.

We'll have full details sent out in the next week on meeting and ceremony times, but begin organising your Club to get along - we'll be in front of Melbourne's eyes and it would be great to have a big turn-out to show them how much we care and how proud we are as Rotarians to make a difference.

Yours in Rotary

Keith Ryall
District Governor (2011-2012)
Rotary District 9800



District Governor Keith Ryall and Gabrielle



**February is
World Understanding Month**

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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

World Understanding Starts At Home



By Frank Deaver, Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa, Alabama USA

Our world is full of minorities. There are racial and ethnic minorities, there are religious minorities, there are political minorities, and many more.

Rotarians also constitute a minority. Of the more than six billion people in the world, our number is only a little more than 1.2 million.

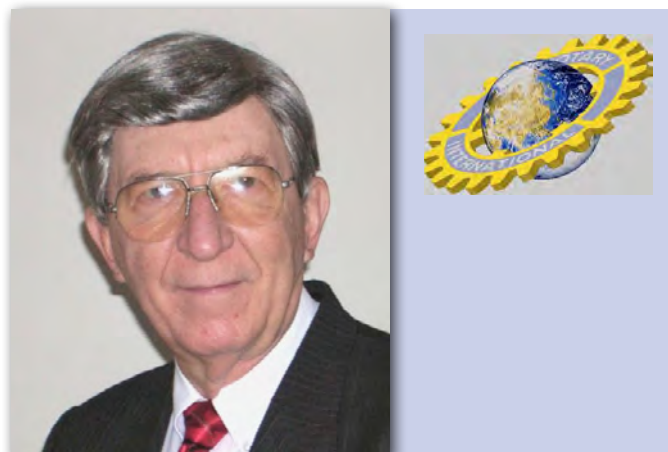
What makes Rotarians different is that we are a distinctly privileged minority. Most Rotarians are among the one percent of people in the world who have a college education or who own a computer. In our comfortable homes, we are far richer than the 80 percent who live in substandard housing. With food enough to eat, we are healthier than the 50 percent who suffer from malnutrition. With the ability to read and write, we are more employable than the 70 percent who are illiterate.

We are all too often the victims of a lack of understanding, or perhaps more accurately, of misunderstanding. We give to the Rotary Foundation, but we are only minimally aware of how our contributions are spent. We speak of Rotary's humanitarian programs, but we know too little about the plight of the recipients.

The life of a Rotarian is in many ways too comfortable. Too few of us have had opportunity to personally witness the poverty and misery of the world's majority. Perhaps we have not even been exposed to the homeless, the illiterate, the oppressed, within our own communities. Perhaps our daily commute from comfortable home to comfortable office fails to take us through "that part of town."

In truth, we need not look to distant lands to find the minority among us, the unfortunate ones who lack even the basic necessities of life. They are virtually on our doorsteps, and the fact that they so often remain invisible is as much our fault as theirs.

This month, dedicated to World Understanding, offers to Rotarians a challenge to introduce one minority (ours) to other minorities (those who are in need). What we may come to understand is that there is more opportunity for service in our own communities than we realized.



Frank Deaver has been a member of the Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa, Alabama (USA) since 1969, and was president in 1980-81. Frank is a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow, RI Foundation Benefactor, and Major Donor; and his wife Dusti is also a Paul Harris Fellow.

Rotarians in every community throughout the Rotary world, could embrace the philosophy of Stephen Grellet, French-American advocate for reforms in hospital and prison conditions: *"I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good things, therefore, that I can do, or any kindness that I can show a fellow being, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."*

World understanding is a noble and worthy Rotary goal, but it does not begin on the other side of the world. It begins where we are. It begins at our very doorstep.





STREET CHANGE: The Search for Melbourne's Best Busker

By Saxon Mitchell,
RC Melbourne Park

The Street Change competition will see an array of the city's buskers battle it out in QV, Melbourne in support of homeless aid. Each of the ten talented musicians will perform onstage, with the winner to be decided by crowd donations to their favourite act. The performer that generates the most money will earn the proud title of 'Melbourne's Best Busker'.

It is an initiative of the Rotary Club of Melbourne Park, co-presented by QV, Melbourne in 2012, aiming to celebrate and leverage

one of the most vibrant aspects of Melbourne's culture - busking. The fundamental goal of the event is to raise awareness and funds for the confronting issue of homelessness in Melbourne. All proceeds go to HomeGround Services, helping get people into houses and integrating long-term support services to keep the homeless off the streets.



Top: Jenny Biddle receiving the \$1000 First Prize
Bottom: Members of Melbourne Park Rotary Club

2012 will once again showcase extraordinary talent straight off the very streets of Melbourne, attracting a crowd ready to vote with their wallets and contribute to a good cause as part of the 2012 QV Summer Concert Series.

This year's event on Thursday, 23rd February 2012 will once again showcase extraordinary talent straight off the very streets of Melbourne, attracting a crowd ready to vote with their wallets and contribute to a good cause as part of the 2012 QV Summer Concert Series.

The Rotary Club of Melbourne Park is one of Australia's youngest member Rotary Clubs.

The inaugural Street Change event in October 2010 showcased outstanding talent, including pianist and singer Daniel Shaw who had three EPs under his belt by the tender age of ten years old, and winner Jenny Biddle who has gone on to perform at the Tamworth Country Music Festival this month. This year's event on Thursday, 23rd February

They are a dynamic and determined group of young professionals passionate about Melbourne and making a difference in our local community and beyond, driven by the achievements and dependability of Rotary International.

[http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/Street Change at QV Media Alert January 2012-2.pdf](http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/Street%20Change%20at%20QV%20Media%20Alert%20January%202012-2.pdf)



Mamanwas receive potable water from mining firm, Rotary Clubs

By Eugenio Lira, Jr

An indigenous community of 40 Mamanwa families from the impoverished barangay of Mabuhay, Sison, has received on Saturday a P450-thousand potable water system from the joint undertaking of Wallaby Corporation, Rotary Club of Metro Surigao and Rotary Club of Brimbank Central (Australia) during a turn-over ceremony attended by local officials and NGO representatives.

"This is a God-given project for us. Our fellow Mamanwas won't have any more difficulty in securing potable water for our households. It used to be our problems for decades already," Bae Soledad Cañete, Mamanwa tribal chieftain said.

Wallaby Corporation was thanked for being helpful to the Mamanwa tribe despite the existing moratorium on their application for mining exploration in the area.

"Aside from this water system, Wallaby had completely rehabilitated the one kilometer Mabuhay Barangay road, which connected to the national highway, which was cut off by flashfloods in January 2011. It has also shouldered the salary of a Mamanwa teacher through its "Adopt a School Program," Mayor Leicester Fetalvero said.



Mamanwa chieftain Bae Soledad Cañete receives the water pipeline from Metro Surigao Rotary President Edgar Guerra during the turnover of the P450-thousand potable water system in Byrgy. Mabuhay, Sison, on January 28, 2012. With them is Wallaby Corp. Manager Jon Felipe Agcol (right).

He also expressed gratitude to the two Rotary groups for humanitarian endeavour in helping the plight of the indigenous people in his town.

The water system has a 14 cubic meter capacity tank made of concrete materials with 350-meter pipeline, measuring two inches in diameter, distributing potable water to Mamanwa households.

Past RI President Glenn Estess dies

Glenn E. Estess Sr., who served as 2004-05 RI president during Rotary's centennial year, died on 7 February. He was 84.

In 1993, Estess retired as chief executive officer of Glenn Estess Associates Inc., a sales and marketing personnel consulting firm, to devote himself full-time to Rotary. "I am sure the word most often used to describe Past President Glenn is 'gentle,'" said Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair William B. Boyd. "He was strong in his beliefs but always gentle in expressing them and treated all people with respect and courtesy. He served the world through Rotary in many ways and always with a smile. The Rotary family will miss him. Our hearts go out to his wife, Mary."

Estess, who joined Rotary in 1960, was a member of the Rotary Club of Shades Valley, Alabama, USA. In addition to his term as RI president, he served in numerous capacities including Rotary Foundation trustee chair, RI vice president and director, president's aide, PolioPlus

national coordinator, RI Audit and Operations Review Committee chair, International Assembly group discussion leader, and district governor.



He was a recipient of the RI Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award. He was a Foundation Major Donor, a Paul Harris Fellow, and benefactor.

Full story at http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/120208_news_estess.aspx



ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS CONTRIBUTION TO WORLD UNDERSTANDING

By Leon Lewi and John Stevens

Rotary Fellowships are considered by many to be the glue that holds Rotary together.

A Fellowship is a group of Rotarians, spouses and Rotaractors sharing a common interest in a worthwhile recreational or vocational activity.

There are currently over fifty Fellowships and many of them have large numbers of members in many countries. Here are some interesting examples

The International Travel & Hosting Fellowship - contact John Steven johnstevens@bigpond.com has members in

60 countries. It has a tour of up to 80 members each year leading to or from the World Convention, and holds its AGM during the Convention,

with some 150 members in attendance. Members are encouraged to make contact with other members when travelling, and are often hosted in the homes of other members they have not previously met. Local "get-togethers" of members are also encouraged.



RVFR 4WD Division -

Contact: sue@eagle-tech.com.au They have recently driven to the Sheeppond Flat on the Howqua River near Merrijig from 24-30 January and now are contemplating a muster in mid-April.



International Tennis Fellowship of Rotarians - ITFR-

Held their last event the RCMIC Prez Cup on: December 23rd Friday, 24th Saturday and 25th Sunday. At the historic Montfort School, Yercaud, Tamil Nadu, India.



The Skiing Fellowship - contact www.vialattea.it

Hold their championship for 2012, in Sestriere from 25th February to 3rd March.



The Cricket Fellowship -

contact: Richard Groom - rgroom@inet.net.au will hold their 7th World Festival in Vapi, Gujarat, India from

February 20 to February 26 in They held the annual game at Strath Creek on Feb 10 between the Tasmanian IFCR members and local



Victorians; next is the Vapi (India) world festival from Feb 19 to Feb 24. there is also a game between D9800 and D9810 on March 8 as both districts have their conferences in Melbourne this year.

Other Fellowships have similar activities, and these result in worldwide friendships and cultural understanding, as well as increasing understanding and appreciation of the internationality of Rotary.

For more information:

[http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/Street Change at QV Media Alert January 2012-2.pdf](http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/Street%20Change%20at%20QV%20Media%20Alert%20January%202012-2.pdf)





Federation Square Lights Up to “End Polio Now”

25, 26 & 27 February 2012

**END
POLIO
NOW**

Melbourne's Federation Square with its wide piazza and striking architecture is one of Australia's most iconic buildings. This February 25 it will join other iconic buildings around the world to be illuminated to celebrate Rotary's signature “End Polio Now” campaign. The illumination will run from 25 to 27 February.



One wall of the square has a giant video screen and onto this backdrop will be projected an “End Polio Now” image together with other Rotary messages.

Simultaneously, video images and graphics will be shown on the video screen - providing additional visual impact. The video information stream will last about 20 minutes and will be on a loop so it will then start screening again. The video screen information will continue to be shown during the daytime further promoting what Rotary has achieved with its “End Polio Now” Campaign. At night in addition to the image wall and the video presentation, the other buildings in the square will be floodlit with the red of the “End Polio Now” logo.

At 8.30pm on 25 February there will be a “switching-on ceremony”. Lord Mayor Robert Doyle has been invited to “flick the switch” and everyone is invited to be there. This major Australian city will be featuring on Rotary's world stage. Please tell all your friends and show your pride in what Rotary has achieved on its journey to eradicate Polio.



**For more information about this event
contact RI Public Image Coordinator:
Dick Garner - tel: (03) 9530 8805
email: richard.f.garner@gmail.com**



A great 'double' for **Camp Getaway** from Rotary Club of Wyndham

By Paul Fitzpatrick

Last weekend a dedicated team from RC Wyndham held a working bee at Camp Getaway (Rotary D9800). Not only did the crew complete the much needed task of re-lining the tennis courts and re-hanging the nets with stainless steel wire, they completed the 'double' with a cheque presentation of \$1000 towards the kitchen redevelopment project at the camp.

In accepting the cheque, Chair of the District 9800 Committee for Camp Getaway, Paul Kirkpatrick, told club members that the funds were a most appreciated addition to the fundraising total for this important project. He said the kitchen replacement works at the camp were rapidly progressing from the concept planning stage and that the plans were now in the final stages of approval with the local council for the planning permit.

Recent donations to the Camp Getaway kitchen replacement project have included; \$10,000 from the RC Bendigo Sandhurst, \$6000 as proceeds from the Combined Rotary Clubs of Bendigo Swap Meet catering, and \$5000 from the RC Laverton Point Cook

Paul Kirkpatrick said that approximately \$90,000 had now been pledged or donated to this most important project which was estimated to cost in the vicinity of \$135,000.

For more information on donating, contact Paul on 0419 368 430.



*Top pic: Back: Lyn Marshall, Len Marshall, John Campbell, Joan Coster
Front: Sue Campbell, Max Coster*

Bottom: Len Marshall presents cheque to Paul Kirkpatrick





Aussie cops in state to exchange tricks of the trade

Soumitra S Bose, Feb 11, 2012, The Times of India



NAGPUR: It was not by dialling 000, a national emergency number in Australia to fetch cop, fire brigade or ambulance, that constable of police, Melissa Mom from Flemington Police station in Melbourne came to a call of duty. Rather she is here as part of the five-member team of Rotary's group study exchange from Australia. Mom is a constable whose duty comprises traffic regulations and crime prevention, Delvene King is entrusted with role of a Youth Resource and Community Liaison Officer for Victoria police.

Mom, along with her senior colleague, constable Delvene King from Victoria police, is now slated to be part of the night patrolling team of Nagpur police. Though their sweet smile and gentle demeanours belied roles they play in their profession, there is no reason to take these cops in a lighter vein.

A roadside Romeo had nearly got the taste of some tough Aussie-style policing when one of them tried to act smart with Mom as she was taking a walk in the city with others on Thursday. Chased and pinned down, the youth luckily did not land behind the bars as Mom chose to act generously.

The tough Aussie cop said that the trend back home in her country is that even if it's a big shot, involved in crime, he or she is shown no mercy and is put behind the bars, if required.

City police chief Ankush Dhanvijay was gracious enough to allow women cops to be part of his night patrolling team, visit and interact with cops from police headquarters and he also personally spent time with them to share vision about policing in India.

Mom and King were part of the GSE team from Australia selected and sent by Rotary in Victoria. The team, led by Dr Murray Verso, had been in Maharashtra since January 14 and had already visited Amravati, Akola, Nasik, Melghat, Chandrapur and now in Nagpur.

Dr Verso, a general practitioner from Williamstown, said that the team learnt a lot by living with families during their stay

in India, than in hotels. Dr Vinay Tule, medical practitioner, who is coordinating GSE programmes, said that the team is trying to imbibe the Indian culture.

While a team member Lizz Bailey remained busy elsewhere and her co-teammate James Mephram remained glued to his hobby of photography, Mom and King shared much of their experiences as a cop back home. "Drugs and alcohols are two biggest triggers for crimes in Australia," said Mom.

Learning about the long hours that cops here had to put in, they said that their three-shift duties stretch beyond stipulated time if there is a need for it. They stated how situations were tackled and awareness spread after there was hue and cry about Indian students being victimized in Australia.

Murray Verso and the GSE Team promise to tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth on their return. They will have to explain how they "imbibed the Indian Culture" - Clarice



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

President Norm Draper of The Rotary Club of Keilor proudly welcomes Paul Roache and Vicki Clemens to the world of Rotary



Eyes Wide Open: Goods Required

by Bronwyn Stephens

EWO has been offered a shipping container along with free freight. There are several projects that we visit during tours and have asked for supplies which we would love to provide.

A short time frame means that we need these by the end of February. There are currently over fifty Fellowships and many of them have large numbers of members in many countries. Here are some interesting examples :

EWO visits around 10 projects during tours. Some are Rotary supported, well run centres. Bror Boain Village in the Kampong Speu was discovered by our guide Rithy and is now benefiting from Rotary help.

The 180 people in this village live in the most primitive of conditions - no safe water, & water permeable thatched "lean tos" for their homes. There have been 7 deaths of people under 24 years of age since October 2011 from cholera and malaria.

The January EWO tour group found it wonderful to see the difference in the villagers' general health and nutrition since emergency food aid was provided for the past 6 months. They are looking much better and have more energy to work.

The opportunities presented to the village ie seed and Aquabox have been fully utilized. The village elder ensures that the community work hard. We donated seed during the January tour and returned 3 days later to find 3 plots already planted. 4 villagers have been assisted to Phnom Penh to receive emergency medical attention. "I found this village fascinating and quite confronting at once. The people obviously need our help quite urgently. I enjoyed donating as I felt they were greatly appreciative of our donations." (a January tour participant) The community are exceedingly thankful for our help, and we were overcome by the hugs and thanks from the villagers.

Since the tour Rotary has provided an assessment of the water needs for both drinking and irrigation. So now we need to assist with some infrastructure to allow planting, cultivation and reaping of crops. Also, we need to assist the children attend school. They need to travel around 20kms by foot in over 30 degree heat...and with empty stomachs.



Can you help Bror Boain Village, Future Light Orphanage, Cambodian Children Against Starvation and Violence Association (CCASVA), Ahn Chan Primary School, Krousar-Thmey deaf/blind school and Kampong Pluk School by donating:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generators; battery/solar powered Bicycles suitable for bumpy dirt tracks Computers & laptops Office chairs Desks Garden tools Wheelbarrows Sewing machines Manual (not electric) Clothing Blankets School supplies (exercise books, pens, pencils etc) Blind and deaf school supplies e.g Braille books | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simple books to stock libraries & bookshelves, very basic, large print, short stories, pictures, Kitchen utensils - serving spoons, knives, forks, plastic or metal bowls (not ceramic or anything smashable) 2 X pianos Water filters School posters Magnetic board Filing cabinets Printers Benches |
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Pic 1: Listening to the needs of the villagers

Pic 2: Lessons from the children

Pic 3: Villagers cultivating the crops from donated seed

Pic 4: Anne teaching in the outdoor classroom

If you are able to help with any of the items at left please contact **Bronwyn Stephens** on **0410 324 537** or EWO@melbournesouthrotary.com.au, but please make it a priority as we need to have the goods in by the end of February. Please email the attached article to your email contact list to broaden the search for the donations.



Upcoming Events

February

- 22 GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE WELCOME DINNER: WEDNESDAY 22 February 2012, 6.30 FOR 7PM** Grand Star Receptions, Grieve Parade, Altona North. Cost: \$45pp We welcome home our team returning from D3030 Maharashtra India along with the Team arriving from D5230 California USA. RSVP Date and Contact Details: Wednesday 15th February 2012, Peter Shephard 9369 8358 Email: peter.shephard@bigpond.com <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/GSE%20Dinner%20February%202012.pdf> <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/GSE%20Booking%20Form.pdf>
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- 23 THE SPORTSMAN'S NIGHT:** presented by the **Rotary Club of Brighton** Thursday 23 February 2012 – 6.30 for 7pm, at The International of Brighton: 81 Bay Street, Brighton. Regular tickets \$160. Corporate premium tables of 12 are \$2600 Contact Details: Tony Rouse – 0401 080 634 or Daryl Forge – 0411 080 634 or email: sportsmans@rotarybrighton.com.au or download pdf: http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/Sportsmans_Night_A4_2012_pr_copy.pdf Website: <http://www.rotarybrighton.com.au/> Event Promo: Youtube link – <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JSP0EgsCLU>
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- 23 50TH ANNIVERSARY – ROTARY CLUB OF CAULFIELD:** Thursday 23 February 2012 6.30 for 7.00pm. The Glasshouse Restaurant function room, Station Street, Caulfield (at Caulfield Racecourse) 3 course meal. Drinks at bar prices **Entertainment** – Combo Azure. **Cost** – \$50 – <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/Caulfield%20Rotary%2050th%20Anniversary%20Dinner%202012.pdf>
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- 23 GLEN EIRA WHISKY TASTING NIGHT 7pm Thursday 23 February 2012, Caulfield RSL, 3 St. Georges Rd, Elsternwick.** \$50.00 per person includes finger food. Net proceeds supports the youth programs of the club. BOOK ON LINE AT www.trybooking.com. For further information call Alan Samuel On 0408 024 224. Glenfarclas is renowned for producing Single Highland Malt Scotch Whisky in the traditional Speyside style.
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- 23 2012 STREET CHANGE: SEARCH FOR MELBOURNE'S BEST BUSKER** Thursday February 23, 2012 – 5.30pm to 7.30pm QV Square – corner of Swanston and Lonsdale Streets, Melbourne (CBD) For further details contact – Saxon Mitchell – 0425 775 885 http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/Street_Change_at_QV_Media_Alert_January_2012-2.pdf
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- 26 5TH ANNUAL WYNDHAM ROTARY FUN RUN/WALK: SUNDAY 26TH FEBRUARY, 2012 AT 9AM.** Chirnside Park, Werribee (Mel Map 205 Ref H9) Funds raised go toward the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. Free t-shirt for first 500 registrations. For more information on the event or this submission contact Max Coster Media Liaison 0409 435 166 or Gary Willson, Event Co-ordinator 0418 788 838 On-line registration at <http://www.wyndhamfunrun.org/>
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- 26 2012 JALNA BIG BAY SWIM:** presented by the **Rotary Club of Point Gellibrand**
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- 28 HONEY BEE INTEREST MEETING:** Tuesday 28th February, 2012, 7pm for 7.30pm Koornang Uniting Church, 117 Murrumbidgee Road, Murrumbidgee. (Melways 69 A5). **The Rotary Club of Caulfield** is promoting simple steps which urban householders can undertake to assist in maintaining local, healthy honey bee populations. The Club is hosting the Glen Eira Honey Bee Interest Group. Entry Fee – Gold Coin – Bookings Essential – Email: rotarycaulfield@gmail.com
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- 29 GSE WELCOME COCKTAIL PARTY:** GSE Incoming team from D 3030 Maharashtra in central India. Wednesday February 29th at the MALVERN VALLEY GOLF CLUB, Golfers Drive, Malvern East Melway 69D1 6.30pm until 9.45. Cost \$20.00 per head covers substantial finger food with drinks at bar prices. Hosted by the Rotary Club of Chadstone East Malvern, for details contact Eric Farmer on 9500 0140 Email: ericfarmer@bigpond.com [GSE 2012.2013 promotional information.pdf](http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/GSE_2012.2013_promotional_information.pdf)

March

- 27 WERRIBEE GOLF DAY:** Tuesday 27th March 2012 Werribee Park Golf Club, Werribee (Melway 201 B6) 12.30pm Shotgun Start, Registration from 11.45am. Format: Ambrose (Four Person) with B before hit off. Presentation Dinner and Trophies Cost: Sponsorship packages; \$1,500 Platinum, \$1000 Gold, \$550 Silver and \$300 Bronze. \$75 per player or \$40 for Werribee Park Golf Club members. For Enquires and Entries Contact: Paul Revell Phone: 0414 889 034 Email: revcompr@bigpond.com http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/John_Flynn_Golf_2012.pdf

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THE ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE 2012

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

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

Part 1 Sunday February 26 & Sunday March 25

Part 2 Sunday April 15 & Sunday April 29

Part 3 Sunday May 13 & Sunday May 27

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

NEPALESE CULTURAL DINNER

Friday 2 March 6:30pm at Gurkhas Restaurant, 258 Lygon Street Carlton raising funds for the RAWCS-registered **Nepali Village Initiatives Project** sponsored by the **Rotary Club of Woodend**. In 2011 we trained more than 40 teachers in Myagdi District (see photo) and supported the construction of a Dairy Farm by Paudwar Village.

Visit www.nepalaid.org.au to learn of our progress and plans for 2012 – then join us at the Cultural Dinner to support them.

Email info@nepalaid.org.au to book early and avoid disappointment (or call 03 5424 8274)



MARCH 3RD RIDE TO CONFERENCE

35 committed dedicated cyclists will undertake a challenging 1000 ks ride through the Victorian High Country with almost 7000m of climbing.

Adding to the physical challenge is the team goal to raise \$100,000.

There Aim is to purchase 10 chemotherapy chairs for the Olivia Newton-John Cancer Wellness centre and funds to continue research in Ovarian cancer through the District 9800 RoCan programme.

Support the Team by attending the 2012 Rotary Conference as they are presented on Stage and thanked for their efforts.

For more information login to www.MyCause.com.au

or contact Yvonne Moon OAM, RoCan, District 9800 Community Service Director Health programs

Email yvonne.moon@bigpond.com



CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF THE SCHOOL OF ST JUDE IN TANZANIA

Speaker Deputy Director Kim Saville representing Gemma Sisia **5 March, 6.30PM for 7PM**

Rotary Club of Richmond's Meeting Place – Amora Hotel, 649 Bridge Road, Richmond

\$30 for 2 Course Meal RSVP 27 February 2012 Program Chair Mobile 0418171502

Web page www.schoolofstjude.org

PLAYERS WANTED FOR THE GRAND CHALLENGE CRICKET MATCH BETWEEN DISTRICT 9800 AND DISTRICT 9810

March 8, 2012 at Stradbroke Park #2, corner Belmore and Burke Roads, Kew, Melways K4.

Game time 11am for 35 overs each. Assemble from 10am.

Cost: \$30 per player covers ground hire, pavilion access and lunch. Payment to be made on the day.

Attire: Whites (or near whites). No spikes. Sandshoes only.

Contact: All enquiries to Warren Fricke 9836 1202or wfricke@bigpond.net.au

For pdf: <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/Grand%20Challenge%20Cricket%20match.pdf>



Notices continued

WOMEN IN ROTARY – Palladium Room Crown 7.00 for 7.30 Thursday 8 March 2012

Women In Rotary Women's International Day Breakfast "Martians & Venusians in the Work Place". Q&A event with Andrew Demetriou Mary Crooks, Harold Mitchell, Fabian Dattner Moderator: Neil Cole & MC Tracy Bartram.
www.rotarywomen.org.au <http://rotarywomen.org.au/images/Women%20In%20Rotary%20Breakfast.pdf>

YoorallaBOWL Sunday 18 March 2012. 9.30am onwards. Fitzroy Victoria Bowls Club 578 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy North. Entry Fee: \$50 per player \$200 per team of four (includes a donation to Yooralla) or \$15 for people on a Disability Support Pension (DSP). Register at <http://www.yooralla.com.au/yoorallaBOWL.php>
<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/Yooralla%20Bowl%20Flyer%202012.pdf>

CAMBERWELL ROTARY ART SHOW

Saturday 24 March – Sunday 1 April at Hawthorn Town Hall, Burwood Road, Hawthorn. (Open 10am – 7pm daily. Closes 5pm Sunday 1 April).

Entry \$18/\$15 Concession. It's Australia's best known competition, sale and exhibition of quality art with \$20,000 to the 'Best of Show' winning artist. And we are returning to our 'Boroondara' neighbourhood at the heritage, Hawthorn Town Hall. Over 1500 paintings will be for sale by emerging and established artists plus, there'll be workshops and demonstrations by leading artists. Preview/Opening Night Friday 23 March (ticketed event). Visit www.camberwellrotaryartshow.org.au for more information.



CAMBERWELL ROTARY
ART SHOW

PRE-CONVENTION COCKTAIL PARTY

For all District delegates attending the May 2012 RI Convention in Thailand.
 Graduate House, 220 Leicester Street, Carlton. **FRIDAY 13TH APRIL 2012.** 5 – 7pm
 \$30.00 ph which covers substantial finger food with drinks at very reasonable bar prices.
 Free underground parking available. DG Keith Ryall is attending and we have invited the Royal Thai Consulate General Melbourne. RSVP to PP Peter Milburn District Chairperson– 2012 RI convention Bangkok 9 801 6180 or milburnp@yahoo.com.au



PUBLIC SPEAKING COURSE PRESENTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF BRIMBANK CENTRAL

Sunday 3rd June 2012 8.30am for 9.00amconcludes at 4.45pm. Keilor East RSL Club, 12/22 Hoffmanns Road Essendon 3040. Cost: \$60.00pp includes all catering, personal manual, handouts and certificate
 Bookings Close 28th May. Contact President David Bennett 0412 388 823 or davidbennett47@gmail.com for further details or a registration form. We only take 10 people per program to ensure full participation of everyone – if more people are interested another program will be scheduled to accommodate them. The program is interactive and will ensure that people are able to confidently prepare and make a short speech or announcement at any type of meeting or function. <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/Public%20Speaking%20Flyer%20June%202012.pdf>

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE 2012 – 2013

In 2012–13 we will be exchanging Teams with D1080 in the UK which is in the vicinity of the Cambridge–Norwich area. The Outbound Team will leave on or about the **6 October 2012** and return on or about the **3 November 2012**.

Applications for both the Team Leader and Team Members are now listed on the District web site: www.rotarydistrict9800.org GSE 2012.2013 promotional information.pdf

ROTARY DISTRICT 9800 Events Calendar

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

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

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SITUATIONS VACANT

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

Do you have a letter for Clarice?

Contact the Editor
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 Is something on on your mind?

Send your thoughts to her email address at:
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DG Weekly Message

The GSE is one of our flagship Foundation programs and having attended the welcome home for our District's GSE team to India and welcome to the District 5230 GSE Team from California on Wednesday, I must say I was proud of our District's contribution to spreading peace, goodwill and international understanding throughout the world. The Team that travelled to India experienced an incredible array of experiences - culinary, cultural, professional and even medical - Team member Mel ended up in Sushrut Hospital following illness but we were glad to see that she has since recovered. The feedback emanating from District 3030 has been nothing short of complimentary of our Team and witnessing comments on both the team's Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/#!/rotaryd9800gse> and Blog http://www.facebook.com/rotaryd9800gse?sk=app_9953271133, it looks like they have made many friends who they will keep for life. This is truly the magic of the GSE.

I also extend a warm and friendly Australian welcome to our Team from District 5230 and wish them a fantastic stay here. It was terrific to meet them and also see over 240 in attendance, including the US Consul-General, Assistant Police Commissioner Andrew Crisp, District Governors past present & future, a Rotarian from next year's GSE District 1080 in England, plus many past team leaders and team members. Well done Port Philip Cluster for a great celebration of Group Study Exchange! On another note, one more exciting Rotary moment is coming up with Tony Jones hosting our District's own Q&A session at the 2012 Conference. For those of you who have watched

Tony on T.V. hosting the Q&A program, you will know that audience interaction plays a large part of the show - and for our own Q&A, we plan to offer nothing less. So we are inviting you right now to submit your questions to our intrepid Networker Editor, Clarice, via her Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/ClariceCaricare> or her email clarice@rotarydistrict9800.org.au.

The panellists will include:

- Chief Commissioner of Victoria Police, Ken Lay APM;
- Chief Executive of the Victorian Employers' Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Mark Stone;
- Executive Director of the St James Ethics Centre, Dr Simon Longstaff;
- Former Federal Minister and Ambassador to Italy, Amanda Vanstone; and
- CEO of the Foundation for Young Australians, Jan Owen AM.

The theme is "How ethics should determine Australia's future" and we encourage you to pitch questions to individual panellists or the panel as whole. The questions will be put into a ballot with a number selected to be asked on the day.

If you'd like to find out more about the panellists or register for the conference, you can do so at <http://www.2012melbourne.com.au>.

I'll be looking forward to hearing your questions for the panel on the day!

Yours in Rotary
Keith Ryall
District Governor (2011-2012)
Rotary District 9800



District Governor Keith Ryall and Gabrielle

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Clarice Caricare

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**February is
World Understanding Month**



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity



Federation Square lights up for 'End Polio Now'

Most of you will remember in your schooldays lining up for either an oral dose or a needle containing the polio vaccine. Some older people present may remember seeing children on crutches or even confined to an iron lung following exposure to the crippling effects of polio. But in the public consciousness, polio is often seen as a relic of years past and far from a threat today. The truth is, today polio still remains a threat for many in the developing world.

But what does the public know about polio? Rotary teamed up with Federation Square over the weekend to light up the landmark with the message **"End Polio Now"**, bringing our fight against polio before the public's eyes. With the **Lord Mayor Robert Doyle** joined by **Greg Champion** and **Polio fighting nurse** (and Rotarian) **Jenny Horton** to switch on the lights and illuminate Federation Square with the message behind Rotary's most significant worldwide campaign, our city's most famous congregation point joined other landmarks around the world bathed in lights carrying these resolute words. But if someone asked you, could you tell them the difference that Rotary is making?

About Polio itself:

Poliomyelitis is an infectious viral disease that can cause paralysis and crippling of the legs and other muscles in the body, its effects especially prominent within young children. Transmitted by human contact with the poliovirus, it commonly attacks the spinal cord and nerves of those afflicted and can lead to disability and lifelong residual health complications. It is most common in geographical areas that have poor hygiene and sanitation, making it a scourge of developing nations without modern infrastructure and preventative health measures. For most of the 20th Century, it was one of the most feared childhood diseases

worldwide and even today there remains **no cure for polio**.

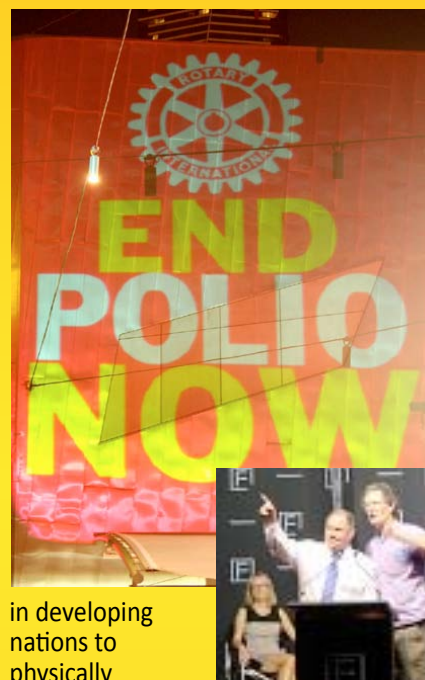
Eradication of Polio

Polio itself was once a worldwide pandemic, its spread reaching not just developing nations but reaching into the heart of Western nations as well. With the 1950's seeing epidemics in the spread of polio worldwide, its infectious reach has been extensive. Indeed there still remains today around 16,000 survivors of polio living in Australia. The broad epidemiological spread of the disease proved to be a catalyst for support for research into a vaccine for polio, and by the beginning of the 1960s, several vaccines became available to help immunise children and protect them from polio. Since that time, childhood vaccination of children in Western nations has become common place.

Rotary's involvement

But it was not until 1985, when a successful pilot study was conducted in the Philippines by Rotary International, that serious progress on the global eradication of polio began. It was then that Rotary international committed to eradicating polio worldwide by vaccinating every child under five at risk of catching it. At the time, Australia was still not free of polio and over 350,000 children worldwide were infected with polio annually.

With 1988 seeing Rotary join together with partners the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to form the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), the last 24 years have seen remarkable progress. In this time, Rotary has contributed more than US\$900 million to the polio eradication effort through its charity, the Rotary Foundation. Rotarians worldwide including many Australian Rotarians have also contributed millions of hours of "sweat-equity" to eradicate polio - efforts on the ground



in developing nations to physically immunise hundreds of millions of children.

But it's not just been Rotary's contributions on our own of which we should be proud. Rotary's partnership with organisations like the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has seen Rotary match the challenges of the Gates Foundation to raise hundreds of millions of dollars together. Since 1995, the advocacy efforts of Rotary and its partners have also helped raise more than \$8 billion from donor governments.

The results:

Today, Rotary club members have volunteered their time and personal resources to reach and immunise more than two billion children in 122 countries with the oral polio vaccine.

Thanks to Rotary and its partners, the world has seen polio cases plummet by more than 99 percent, preventing five million instances of child paralysis and 250,000 deaths. When Rotary began its eradication work, polio infected more than 350,000 children annually across the globe. Today, polio is endemic in just 4 countries in the world and fewer than 2000 cases are reported annually worldwide.

Right now, we stand "this close" to finally eradicating polio from the face of the earth for once and for all. Well done to all Rotarians who have collectively supported this effort - together, **let's End Polio Now**.



Diversity in the Workplace an ongoing to concern to everyone!!

By Kerry Kornhauser, RC Albert Park



Women In Rotary are opening up this conversation with our very own community leaders.

We are going to tackle this issue why has nothing changed over so many years?
Why is Australia lagging behind other countries
Are women bearing the brunt of the impact of the Global Financial Crisis more than men?

While business studies have observed a 35% improvement in net return on investment when top management teams have a gender balance of both men and women, there remains a gender gap at the upper echelons of industry. Why is this so? Does gender balance matter?

Only 17% of all Rotary members are women. Why is this so? Why do women think they cannot join?



The Women's International Day Breakfast, "Martians & Venusians in the Work Place" at Crown on 8th March is promised to be cutting edge, with a twist of humour from our MC Tracy Bartram

Book now

www.rotarywomen.org.au



2012 International Women's Day Breakfast
Inspired by Rotarians



MARTIANS & VENUSIANS



IN THE WORKPLACE



Colliding Planets or Equal Players?

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



WORLD'S TOUGHEST WALK TO SCHOOL

By Ian Macfarlane, RC Hawthorn

Last Tuesday **Tamara Cannon** left for India where she is heading on an expedition along the Chadar, a frozen ice river which threads its way through the Himalayan region of Zaskar in the north of India.

Zaskar is one of the highest and coldest regions in the Ladakh area. The temperature in winter plummets to -30 degrees!! For 6-8 months each year Zaskar is cut off from the rest of the world by snow which blocks the roads and high passes.

Due to Zaskar's extreme geographic isolation, the Chadar (meaning 'ice sheet') is the only means of access for Zaskaris in and out of the region during winter months.

For centuries the Chadar has been used as a trade route transporting salt, timber and other goods along the Indus River by porters who brave the treacherous conditions each year.

Villagers must wait until the depths of winter when the Indus River has frozen over before they can be linked again to the outside world.

On Sunday Tamara will accompany 20 of Lille Fro's sponsor children as they set off on their gruelling walk to school. It is an extremely hazardous 10-12 day journey over melting ice rivers. As the sun thins the ice in places the children's many river crossings are fraught with danger. It is the only way the children can get to school.

These children, some of them as young as 6, often do not have walking shoes or warm clothes. Many trek the route in their traditional yak fur boots which offer little comfort or protection against the sub-zero temperatures or proofing against the icy waters below. In the evenings when the temperatures drop the children and their families take shelter in the caves holed out of the mountain face overlooking the Chadar. At this time of year fuel for campfires is difficult to find.

It is incredible the extremes to which these children and their families are prepared to go to experience the gift of an education ... a basic right which we take for granted.

The purpose of Tamara's trip is to document the children's journey, and raise awareness and funding to set up Lille Fro House - a boarding hostel in Zaskar which will mean the Lille Fro children and others no longer have to embark on this treacherous journey in order to receive a basic quality education.



If you would like to encourage Tamara's walk, go to:

http://www.everydayhero.com.au/hero_pages/view_posts/tamara_cannon_2012

Or check out the Lille Fro website to see for yourself what Tamara has achieved in 3 short years.

<http://www.lillefro.com/home>

Tamara Cannon is one amazing young woman – the Rotary Club of Hawthorn is proud to support her.



MUNA HAS LAUNCHED FOR 2012

By Neville Page, Chairman Rotary District 9800 MUNA Committee



The dates and venue have been set and the registration and information papers have just been emailed out to all club presidents and secretaries. The dates are from the Friday 25th May till Sunday 27th May 2012 and the venue is the districts own Camp Getaway in Axedale.

For those that don't know what MUNA is, it stands for Model United Nations Assembly, which simulates the workings of the UN Assembly by having teams of two students represent a particular UN country in debates on matters of world political and social concern. The students dress to represent their country and they always have a stimulating and fun time.

The program targets year 10 and 11 students (most are year 11). We are grateful to the Rotary Club of Richmond for hosting the event this year.

Rotary Exchange Students Involvement

At our last committee meeting we decided on a minor change to encourage any Rotary Exchange Students who may like to participate by allowing them to be added to form a 3rd member of a team at a special discounted price.

We can find a team for you

There are quite a few clubs that participate each year by sponsoring a team from a school they have developed strong relationships with. There are also clubs that have rarely or never participated in this great program and we suspect that in some cases that it is because they have difficulty in seeking out a team. We would love to get clubs involved that have not participated in recent years so if finding the students is your problem then let us know and we may be able to help out.

>> Read more at:

http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/20120224_muna_launched_2012



For further details contact the district MUNA Chairman Neville page on 0414 673611 or email to <mailto:page@ghp.biz>

ARH Funding



The Global Financial Crisis has left its mark on health and medical research funding agencies around the world. Local disasters such as recent droughts, cyclones, floods and bushfires also have an effect.

However, thanks to the dedication of a number of Rotary Clubs and Districts around the country, Australian Rotary Health is pleased to announce that its Funding Partner program continues to grow from strength to strength, despite its supporters many competing priorities.

Researching topics as diverse as epilepsy, cancer, motor neuron disease and depression, these scholars are providing vital new insights into a number of health and medical fields important to Rotarians.

Now in its tenth year, Australian Rotary Health's Funding Partner PhD program provides a tax-free stipend of \$29,000 a year to a researcher who is conducting a study into a particular area of health. The field of choice is determined by the Rotary Club who sponsors the research project, allowing Rotarians even more influence over how their donation is spent.

If there is a field of health research that your Club or District would like to support, or if you would like to find out more about our Funding Partners program, please contact Australian Rotary Health's Research Officer, Kelly-Anne Martinez, by emailing kellymartinez@australianrotaryhealth.org.au or calling 02 8837 1900.



Street Beat Festival

By Heather Welsh - RC Caulfield

Five Rotary Clubs, **Brighton Beach, Bentleigh Moorabbin Central, Caulfield, Glen Eira and Oakleigh** joined with members of the **Rotaract Club of Monash University (Caulfield)** to assist Victoria Police with the Street Beat Festival at Caulfield Racecourse on 14 February. In a massive team effort, over 3,000 sausages were cooked and served to those attending the event. Some visitors came back for seconds and some super hungry students came back five times!

The Festival, in its fifth year, attracts over 4000 local youth, ages 10 to 15, on school excursions. It is one of the largest public relations events run by Victoria Police locally. The basic aim of the Festival is to establish positive connections between the police, emergency services, local agencies and young people.

Victoria Police hope to encourage young people to participate in positive community activities, such as sport, rather than engage in illegal and destructive activities. The Police are also seeking to address youth victimisation in the process.

>> Read more at:

http://www.police.vic.gov.au/content.asp?Document_ID=8274



Peace in our time

by Kate Nolan : *The Rotarian* --
February 2012



One year after the terrorist attacks of 9/11, the first class of Rotary Peace Fellows began their studies. Since then, more than 590 fellows have gone on to build peace in their communities and nations, as well as across international lines. They include graduates of a two-year master's degree program and a three-month professional certificate program at Rotary's partner universities.

Today, these alumni are settling border conflicts in West Africa, analyzing development aid at the World Bank, briefing U.S. generals on peace-building in Afghanistan, crafting legislation to protect exploited children in Brazil, and mediating neighborhood disputes in New York City, among many other career paths devoted to peace.

On the 10th anniversary of The Rotary Foundation's Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution bring you the stories of 10 fellows who are creating change locally and globally.

Read a collection of dispatches from the front lines and watch video at:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/TheRotarian/Pages/Peace1202.aspx>





Foundation's focus on world understanding

By Jonathan Majiyagbe, Chairman, The Rotary Foundation

The mission of The Rotary Foundation asks Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace.

That's a tall order in a world where ethnic conflict, terrorist attacks, and civil strife fuel hatred and threaten stability in so many regions. But the second part of the mission tells us how we can reach this ambitious goal: through improving health, supporting education, and alleviating poverty.

Today, 5000 Foundation grant projects are addressing those issues, through efforts as diverse as digging wells in Guatemala, equipping schools in Afghanistan, and funding microcredit programs in Uganda.

The Foundation is setting the stage for peace by making life more stable for people in need.

As Rotarians, we promote international understanding and enjoy international friendships.

Those friendships take root every time an Ambassadorial Scholar meets his or her host family or a District welcomes a Group Study Exchange team. Such life-changing experiences broaden our perspectives and sharpen our interest in the world.

Through Rotary and its Foundation, we foster personal relationships that transcend borders and form a foundation for peace.

February - *World Understanding Month* - focuses our attention on international understanding, goodwill, and peace.

By supporting our Foundation and participating in its programs, we find many ways to achieve those goals.



District Secretary Peter Lamping reports several new members:

Kew on Yarra:	Justin Wibrow
Camberwell:	Christine [Chris] Howell
Woodend:	Allan Cann
Footscray:	William Kelly
Point Gellibrand:	Kay Didenkowski, Sandra Prendergast, Don Ward
Melbourne:	Gene Reardon
Albert Park:	Mary Randle




Upcoming Events

February

- 26**  **5TH ANNUAL WYNDHAM ROTARY FUN RUN/WALK: SUNDAY 26TH FEBRUARY, 2012 AT 9AM.** Chirnside Park, Werribee (Mel Map 205 Ref H9)
Funds raised go toward the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. Free t-shirt for first 500 registrations. For more information on the event or this submission contact
Max Coster Media Liaison 0409 435 166 or Gary Willson, Event Co-ordinator 0418 788 838
On-line registration at <http://www.wyndhamfunrun.org/>

- 26** **2012 JALNA BIG BAY SWIM:** presented by the **Rotary Club of Point Gellibrand**

- 28**  **HONEY BEE INTEREST MEETING:** Tuesday 28th February, 2012, 7pm for 7.30pm
Koornang Uniting Church, 117 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena. (Melways 69 A5). **The Rotary Club of Caulfield** is promoting simple steps which urban householders can undertake to assist in maintaining local, healthy honey bee populations. The Club is hosting the Glen Eira Honey Bee Interest Group. Entry Fee – Gold Coin – Bookings Essential – Email: rotarycaulfield@gmail.com

- 29** **GSE WELCOME COCKTAIL PARTY:** GSE Incoming team from D 3030 Maharashtra in central India. Wednesday February 29th at the MALVERN VALLEY GOLF CLUB, Golfers Drive, Malvern East Melway 69D1 6.30pm until 9.45. Cost \$20.00 per head covers substantial finger food with drinks at bar prices. Hosted by the Rotary Club of Chadstone East Malvern, for details contact Eric Farmer on 9500 0140
Email: ericfarmer@bigpond.com [GSE 2012.2013 promotional information.pdf](#)

March

- 27** **WERRIBEE GOLF DAY:** Tuesday 27th March 2012 Werribee Park Golf Club, Werribee (Melway 201 B6) 12.30pm Shotgun Start, Registration from 11.45am. Format: Ambrose (Four Person) with B before hit off. Presentation Dinner and Trophies Cost: Sponsorship packages; \$1,500 Platinum, \$1000 Gold, \$550 Silver and \$300 Bronze. \$75 per player or \$40 for Werribee Park Golf Club members. For Enquires and Entries Contact: Paul Revell Phone: 0414 889 034
Email: revcompr@bigpond.com
http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/John_Flynn_Golf_2012.pdf

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THE ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE 2012

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

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

Part 1 Sunday February 26 & Sunday March 25

Part 2 Sunday April 15 & Sunday April 29

Part 3 Sunday May 13 & Sunday May 27

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

NEPALESE CULTURAL DINNER

Friday 2 March 6:30pm at Gurkhas Restaurant, 258 Lygon Street Carlton raising funds for the RAWCS-registered **Nepali Village Initiatives Project** sponsored by the **Rotary Club of Woodend**. In 2011 we trained more than 40 teachers in Myagdi District (see photo) and supported the construction of a Dairy Farm by Paudwar Village.

Visit www.nepalaid.org.au to learn of our progress and plans for 2012 – then join us at the Cultural Dinner to support them.

Email info@nepalaid.org.au to book early and avoid disappointment (or call 03 5424 8274)





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MARCH 3RD RIDE TO CONFERENCE

35 committed dedicated cyclists will undertake a challenging 1000 ks ride through the Victorian High Country with almost 7000m of climbing.

Adding to the physical challenge is the team goal to raise \$100,000.

There Aim is to purchase 10 chemotherapy chairs for the Olivia Newton-John Cancer Wellness centre and funds to continue research in Ovarian cancer through the District 9800 RoCan programme.

Support the Team by attending the 2012 Rotary Conference as they are presented on Stage and thanked for their efforts.

For more information login to www.MyCause.com.au

or contact Yvonne Moon OAM, RoCan, District 9800 Community Service Director Health programs

Email yvonne.moon@bigpond.com



CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF THE SCHOOL OF ST JUDE IN TANZANIA

Speaker Deputy Director Kim Saville representing Gemma Sisia 5 March, 6.30PM for 7PM

Rotary Club of Richmond's Meeting Place – Amora Hotel, 649 Bridge Road, Richmond

\$30 for 2 Course Meal RSVP 27 February 2012 Program Chair Mobile 0418171502

Web page www.schoolofstjude.org

PLAYERS WANTED FOR THE GRAND CHALLENGE CRICKET MATCH BETWEEN DISTRICT 9800 AND DISTRICT 9810

March 8, 2012 at Stradbroke Park #2, corner Belmore and Burke Roads, Kew, Melways K4.

Game time 11am for 35 overs each. Assemble from 10am.

Cost: \$30 per player covers ground hire, pavilion access and lunch. Payment to be made on the day.

Attire: Whites (or near whites). No spikes. Sandshoes only.

Contact: All enquiries to Warren Fricke 9836 1202 or wfricke@bigpond.net.au

For pdf: <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/Grand%20Challenge%20Cricket%20match.pdf>

WOMEN IN ROTARY – Palladium Room Crown 7.00 for 7.30 Thursday 8 March 2012

Women In Rotary Women's International Day Breakfast "Martians & Venusians in the Work Place". Q&A event with Andrew Demetriou Mary Crooks, Harold Mitchell, Fabian Dattner Moderator: Neil Cole & MC Tracy Bartram.

www.rotarywomen.org.au <http://rotarywomen.org.au/images/Women%20In%20Rotary%20Breakfast.pdf>

YoorallaBOWL Sunday 18 March 2012. 9.30am onwards. Fitzroy Victoria Bowls Club 578 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy North. Entry Fee: \$50 per player \$200 per team of four (includes a donation to Yooralla) or \$15 for people on a Disability Support Pension (DSP).

Register at <http://www.yooralla.com.au/yoorallaBOWL.php>

<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/Yooralla%20Bowl%20Flyer%202012.pdf>

CAMBERWELL ROTARY ART SHOW

Saturday 24 March – Sunday 1 April at Hawthorn Town Hall, Burwood Road, Hawthorn. (Open 10am – 7pm daily. Closes 5pm Sunday 1 April).

Entry \$18/\$15 Concession. It's Australia's best known competition, sale and exhibition of quality art with \$20,000 to the 'Best of Show' winning artist. And we are returning to our 'Boroondara' neighbourhood at the heritage, Hawthorn Town Hall. Over 1500 paintings will be for sale by emerging and established artists plus, there'll be workshops and demonstrations by leading artists. Preview/Opening Night Friday 23 March (ticketed event). Visit www.camberwellrotaryartshow.org.au for more information.



CAMBERWELL ROTARY
ART SHOW

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PRE-CONVENTION COCKTAIL PARTY

For all District delegates attending the May 2012 R I Convention in Thailand.
Graduate House, 220 Leicester Street, Carlton. **FRIDAY 13TH APRIL 2012.** 5 – 7pm
\$30.00 ph which covers substantial finger food with drinks at very reasonable bar prices.
Free underground parking available. DG Keith Ryall is attending and we have invited the Royal Thai Consulate General Melbourne. RSVP to PP Peter Milburn District Chairperson– 2012 RI convention Bangkok 9 801 6180 or milburnp@yahoo.com.au



PUBLIC SPEAKING COURSE PRESENTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF BRIMBANK CENTRAL

Sunday 3rd June 2012 8.30am for 9.00amconcludes at 4.45pm. Keilor East RSL Club, 12/22 Hoffmanns Road Essendon 3040. Cost: \$60.00pp includes all catering, personal manual, handouts and certificate
Bookings Close 28th May. Contact President David Bennett 0412 388 823 or davidbennett47@gmail.com for further details or a registration form. We only take 10 people per program to ensure full participation of everyone – if more people are interested another program will be scheduled to accommodate them. The program is interactive and will ensure that people are able to confidently prepare and make a short speech or announcement at any type of meeting or function. <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/Public%20Speaking%20Flyer%20June%202012.pdf>

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE 2012 – 2013

In 2012–13 we will be exchanging Teams with D1080 in the UK which is in the vicinity of the Cambridge – Norwich area. The Outbound Team will leave on or about the **6 October 2012** and return on or about the **3 November 2012**.

Applications for both the Team Leader and Team Members are now listed on the District web site: www.rotarydistrict9800.org [GSE 2012.2013 promotional information.pdf](#)

ROTARY DISTRICT 9800 Events Calendar

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

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

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SITUATIONS VACANT

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

Do you have a letter for Clarice?

Contact the Editor

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

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



Members Attendance District 9800 January 2012

District 9800		Attendance		Membership				
2011/2012		January-12		At July 1	January-12			
Club	Cluster							
		No. of	Month		Start	End	Net gain /loss 11/12	% Change
		Mtgs	%					
Caulfield	Beachside	1	92%	9	13	13	4	44.4%
Laverton Pt Cook	Port Phillip	3	73%	19	25	27	8	42.1%
Collingwood	Heritage			15		20	5	33.3%
Flemington	Hobsons Bay	2	75%	19	24	24	5	26.3%
Point Gellibrand	Hobsons Bay	4	52%	31	36	39	8	25.8%
North Melbourne	Heritage			27		33	6	22.2%
Bendigo South	Goldfields	3	57%	29	32	33	4	13.8%
West Footscray	Hobsons Bay	1	72%	22	25	25	3	13.6%
Woodend	Calder	3	70%	22	23	24	2	9.1%
Southbank	Batman	3	41%	23	25	25	2	8.7%
Melton	Westside	3	68%	27	29	29	2	7.4%
Canterbury	Eastside			42		45	3	7.1%
Kew-on-Yarra	Yarra	2	69%	16	16	17	1	6.3%
Yarraville	Hobsons Bay	3	79%	18	19	19	1	5.6%
Keilor	Gateway	2	76%	38	38	40	2	5.3%
Carlton	Heritage	2	93%	39	41	41	2	5.1%
Chadstone / East M	Stonnington			44		46	2	4.5%
Kangaroo Flat	Goldfields	3	59%	24	25	25	1	4.2%
Daylesford	Calder	3	66%	31	32	32	1	3.2%
Camberwell	Eastside	3	70%	71	72	73	2	2.8%
Kew	Yarra	2	40%	36	37	37	1	2.8%
Richmond	Heritage	3	78%	36	37	37	1	2.8%
Werribee	Port Phillip			38		39	1	2.6%
North Balwyn	Eastside	2	76%	77	79	79	2	2.6%
Eaglehawk	Goldfields	3	70%	41	43	42	1	2.4%
Bendigo Sandhurst	Goldfields			50		51	1	2.0%
Albert Park	Batman	2	48%	60	60	60	0	0.0%
Brighton North	Beachside	3	69%	51	51	51	0	0.0%
Brimbank Central	Gateway	3	64%	26	27	26	0	0.0%
Essendon North	Gateway	3	33%	25	25	25	0	0.0%
Footscray	Hobsons Bay	2	40%	53	52	53	0	0.0%
Melbourne South	Batman	3	88%	27	27	27	0	0.0%
Melton Valley	Westside	2	100%	15	15	15	0	0.0%



Moonee Valley	Gateway	2	52%	17	17	17	0	0.0%
Port Melbourne	Batman	1	73%	11	11	11	0	0.0%
St Kilda	Stonnington	4	42%	9	9	9	0	0.0%
Tullamarine	Gateway			19		19	0	0.0%
Wyndham	Port Phillip	3	86%	25	26	25	0	0.0%
Melbourne	Batman	2	53%	237	236	235	-2	-0.8%
Essendon	Gateway			73		72	-1	-1.4%
Keilor East	Gateway	3	45%	43	42	42	-1	-2.3%
Glenferrie	Yarra			42		41	-1	-2.4%
Bacchus Marsh	Westside	2	86%	37	36	36	-1	-2.7%
Bendigo Strathdale	Goldfields	4	59%	30	29	29	-1	-3.3%
Brunswick	Heritage	4	40%	30	29	29	-1	-3.3%
Altona City	Port Phillip	3	69%	27	26	26	-1	-3.7%
Brighton	Beachside			128		123	-5	-3.9%
Balwyn	Eastside	3	54%	72	69	69	-3	-4.2%
Gisborne	Calder	3	72%	22	21	21	-1	-4.5%
Kyneton	Calder	4	60%	43	41	41	-2	-4.7%
Sunshine	Westside	2	55%	21	20	20	-1	-4.8%
Williamstown	Hobsons Bay	2	52%	42	40	40	-2	-4.8%
Echuca-Moama	Goldfields	5	68%	20	19	19	-1	-5.0%
Malvern	Stonnington	3	76%	40	38	38	-2	-5.0%
Hawthorn	Yarra	2	69%	63	61	59	-4	-6.3%
Central Melb. S'rise	Batman	4	59%	59	56	55	-4	-6.8%
Toorak	Stonnington	3	61%	29	30	27	-2	-6.9%
Bendigo	Goldfields	4	64%	86	80	80	-6	-7.0%
Docklands	Batman			14		13	-1	-7.1%
Castlemaine	Calder	3	60%	41	39	38	-3	-7.3%
Glen Eira	Beachside	3	83%	22	20	20	-2	-9.1%
Rochester	Goldfields	?	89%	10	9	9	-1	-10.0%
Boroondara	Eastside	4	50%	19	17	17	-2	-10.5%
Altona	Port Phillip	3	52%	27	24	24	-3	-11.1%
Fitzroy	Heritage	3	55%	27	25	24	-3	-11.1%
Prahran	Stonnington	3	87%	26	23	23	-3	-11.5%
Hoppers Crossing	Port Phillip			34		30	-4	-11.8%
Melbourne Park	Heritage	3	47%	20	17	17	-3	-15.0%
Brighton Beach	Beachside	3	70%	25	21	20	-5	-20.0%
No. of Clubs Reporting			57		57			
No. of Members				2591		2590	-1	0.0%
% Average of Those Reported			65.0%					
% of Clubs Reporting Attendance			83%					
% of Clubs Reporting Membership						83%		