



Networker

Rotary District 9800

A publication for
Rotarians and
all community
minded people

DG Weekly Message

District Partners up with Texas...all Clubs matched

Many of you have been eagerly awaiting the start of this new initiative, giving your club the name of its buddy/mate Rotary club in D5840, Texas. This idea came about from talks between DG Stephanie Macchia in D5840 and me when we met in San Diego earlier this year at the 2010 International Assembly.



We had spent the previous 2 years as Governors Nominee and the Elect arranging a GSE between our two Districts. Upon hearing the RI theme for this year "Building Communities Bridging Continents", it occurred to us that an opportunity existed to not only encourage friendship between our clubs in the same year that we would send each other a GSE team, but we could also "Bridge Continents" by partnering up each of our clubs, and then just see where that would lead. Clubs could start relationships and learn from each other about how Rotary operates in each other's part of the world. Many clubs already have



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sister club relationships that are very successful and work well for both clubs. We hope that all clubs will embrace this opportunity to bond and have some fun getting to know our GSE District a little bit better.

D5840 is in South Central Texas, the Lone Star State, and centres on the City of San Antonio, a city rich in history. Remember the Alamo...William Travis, James Bowie and Davy Crockett. The Texas State motto is "Friendship".

Take a look at the D5840 website and you will discover more information about this District and the club with whom you have been partnered. On their website is the District logo & theme "Give of Yourself". This District has 56 clubs and nearly 3,000 Rotarians. Its District Conference will be held on a carnival cruise ship, which departs Galveston from 16-20 June, 2011, headed for Cozumel, Mexico on a trip of a lifetime. What a fun conference that will be and our GSE team will be there to enjoy every minute of it. It's time to

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apply for GSE. Remember that our GSE Committee Chairman Adrian Nelson has put out applications for a GSE team leader from one of our clubs and for clubs to nominate suitable applicants for team members - see www.rotarydistrict9800.org

The Rotary Club of San Antonio has been the largest Rotary Club in the world with over 700 Rotarians, and still has numbers exceeding 500 today. It was chartered on 11th January, 1912. Our Rotary Club of Melbourne was chartered on 21st April, 1921.

And so the challenge is now out there. The list appears here in Networker, it will be on our website (and the D5840 website), and will be emailed to all club presidents. Will you be the champion in your club, the one who gets this rolling, establishes contact, starts an exchange of bulletins, starts to build friendships? Let's see what develops between you and your new found Texas friends in D5840. Have fun with it and let's make some new Rotary friends.

Clarice looks forward to hearing all about it and publishing your stories.

In Building Communities Bridging Continents, Have a great week in Rotary!

DG Iven

Brighton Art Show

Brighton Rotary Club's Annual Art Show in early August was a resounding success, with many paintings were sold and around \$22,000 raised for the Club's projects.

Cameron Ward sent us some lovely photographs.



Spreading the Word About Networker

VP Phil Mortimer of Brighton North RC has e-mailed his club members about how easy it is to receive "Networker".

Phil Wrote:

Last night the District Governor Iven Mackay and Marilyn visited our Club and provided an update on what is happening in our District and the broader Rotary Community

DG Iven reminded us that the District's "Networker" weekly email provides details of the many activities in our District and is a useful resource for up-coming events, Marketing and Membership tips and the like,

For example, in this week's Networker there's a very detailed report on the work that Don Cullen is doing in Tibet and in particular details of the earthquake earlier this year - a great story,

I've been requested to detail the process as to how you can receive a copy of the Networker (via email).

So here we go:

1. Log onto the district Website by clicking the following link: [District 9800 Website](#)
2. Scroll down to the bottom of the District 9800 Website and fill in the Form under "Networker"
3. View the form [here](#).

After you have completed the Form, just click the "subscribe" button

That's it, you are now subscribed to Networker - enjoy!

Thanks Mort, for that initiative.

Some Club Secretaries or Presidents e-mail "Networker" to all their members and Friends of Rotary. How does your club spread the news?

Brighton RC Supports DAA

In 2008, 2191 Australians committed suicide. Over three-quarters of them were male. 103 were Indigenous Australians.

President Paul Nicholson of Brighton Rotary Club Presented DG Iven Mackay with a cheque for \$3,500 for Disaster Aid Australia, on 2nd September
"We sincerely thank our fellow Rotarians at Brighton – this generous donation will further allow us to provide much needed shelter and water through our



Family Survival Packs and also our long term water pack thus allowing a family safety and shelter for up to two years and clean water for ten years" Jenni Heenan, General Manager of Disaster Aid Australia said. "Without the continued support of humanitarian Australians we could deliver the aid so urgently required – we thank you, I encourage everyone to visit our website for daily updates on how we are all assisting to ease some of their pain"

Just ten weeks after launching, Disaster Aid Australia together with international partners Canada and USA which form Disaster Aid International, have pledged Family Survival Packs to assist survivors in the devastating floods of Pakistan. 100 Family Survival Packs are being flown into Pakistan with another two containers leaving next week.

An international Disaster Aid Response Team,

consisting of an Aussie, Canadian, American and Brit who are all highly experienced and have assisted in disasters, many times before, leave next week to deliver the aid.

According to the United Nations, 6 million survivors urgently require aid in the form of shelter, food and clean water. This catastrophic flooding is bigger than Haiti, the China earthquake and the Burma cyclones. The death toll has risen to 1600 and reports reveal that up to 14 million or 8 percent of the population have been disrupted or affected.

Disaster Aid Australia has another 1000 Family Survival Packs ready to deploy but they urgently need your assistance with donations to allow further assistance into Pakistan.

Working with two of the largest international humanitarian charities, they are committed to ensuring that these survivors have our help in the form of Family Survival Packs and clean water systems through their partner the SkyJuice Foundation.

All donations are tax deductible and totally trackable – all donors of Family Survival Packs and water systems will receive a photograph of those who receive their valued contribution through a donation together with recognition on the website and a certificate.

Jenni Heenan, General Manager of Disaster Aid Australia said "A donation of \$800 for a Family Survival Pack ensures a family to be together in the security of a tent and all the relevant items in the box to start over with some dignity. A donation of \$5,000 will allow up to 10,000 litres of clean water a day for ten years."

"We can only deliver the aid with your support and we all know how generous Australians (and especially our fellow Rotarians) are to the plight of those far less fortunate" Jenni said.

More about DAA or donations at <http://www.disasteraidaustralia.org.au/> or phone DAA at 1300 881 913 for credit card donations.

Indian School Children Inspire

More than 120,000 school children in RI District 3020 (part of Andhra Pradesh, India) joined together to raise US\$115,000 for Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge. Mobilised by Rotary clubs, the students obtained donations from parents, neighbours, and others in their communities.

Kishore Cherukumalli, 2009-10 governor of District 3020, came up with the project idea, believing that the public should participate in and contribute to making India polio-free. The effort spread public awareness of both polio eradication and Rotary. "People started telephoning Rotarians [to say] that they were hitherto not aware of the good work done by Rotary," says Rotary Foundation Trustee Ashok Mahajan. "The management of the schools that the Rotarians approached were more than willing to be our partner and thanked Rotary for giving them the opportunity to contribute to the cause. Parents called Rotarians to know more about Rotary, some showing interest to join Rotary." Two festive music night fundraisers organised by Rotarians netted an additional \$30,000 for the challenge.



New Generation Month - September!

Working Bee and Fellowship Weekend Friday 1st – 3rd October 2010 at the Portsea Camp. All meals, accommodation and entertainment provided.

The Portsea Camp seeks Rotary assistance once again! Join other Victorian Rotary clubs to prepare the Portsea Camp site for the summer season, where the programs will again provide excellence for our young children.



The Portsea Camp has been providing charity camps for 9 to 12 year olds for over 60 years having commenced in 1947 as the Lord Mayor's Children's Camp. Whilst the Portsea camp staff undertakes the overall program and camp management, over 300 volunteers each year attend camps and ensure that over 1,200 young children, many of whom are disadvantaged and have special needs receive benefit from the unique opportunity. Nominated and sponsored children travel from all parts of Victoria to experience 'a beach holiday of a lifetime'. The cost of the camp is kept as low as possible, with local communities and service clubs, including Rotary, a major supporter providing funds and volunteer labour during the annual Rotary Working Bee in October.

Chairman: Paul Perrottet (RC of Flemington)

New Generations District 9800 Director: Vanda Mullen

[More details on the Working Bee.](#)

Eat More Fruit & Veggies

Health Tip

All vegetables and fruits are healthy! Fruit and vegetables may be any colour, shape, texture or variety. Variety is most important. An easy way to eat



more Vegetables and fruit is to eat them as a snack. Some ideas for school lunches and after school snacks that include fruit and vegetables:

- vegetable sticks with dips or a small container with mixed vegetables
- sweet potato and cheddar muffins
- carrot and zucchini slice
- banana bread
- dried fruit with cheese and biscuits
- apple pancakes
- banana rice custard
- quick sesame apricot slice
- and of course fresh fruit.

German Beerfest

**Rotary Club of Docklands Presents
- Beerfest!**

RYPEN

The Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment or RYPEN is a Rotary sponsored District New Generations program. Year ten and eleven students, from schools across District 9800 attend a weekend long camp. It is aimed at developing the potential of average students, through a mixture of lecture style sessions and adventure-based learning.

District 9800 Rotaractors act as facilitators for the camp, leading groups of students and running the sessions. A Rotary club acts as the host club for the camp and provides the catering for the weekend while enjoying an excellent fellowship opportunity for its members. Camps are held in October and March each year. This year camps will be held on 22-24 October 2010 and 25-27 March 2011. Members of the RYPEN committee would love to come and talk to your club about sponsoring a student or being the host club. Clubs should have received information packs – brochures, letters for schools and student application forms.

Applications are due no later than the 11th of October.

More Information: Contact Bronwyn Fanning, District RYPEN Chair 2010-11

Email: bronwyn.fanning@gmail.com

Phone: 0431 965 955



Burrito Del Mar

Relish Recipe Tip

INGREDIENTS

3 medium tomatoes, peeled and diced
 1 medium green capsicum, finely diced
 1 small brown onion, finely diced
 1/4 cup roughly chopped coriander
 1 cup tomato puree
 3 1/2 tsp salt
 1 tbsp jalapeno chillies (optional)
 170g butter
 170g chopped brown onion
 170g plain flour
 750 ml warm milk
 1 tbsp jalapeno chillies
 1kg green prawns, peeled and deveined
 750g scallops
 10 flour tortillas
 150g cheese (preferably Egmont)
 grated
 2 spring onions, finely sliced



METHOD

Prepare a salsa cruda the day before or at least a few hours before serving to allow the flavours to mingle. Place the tomatoes, capsicum, onion, coriander, tomato puree, 2 teaspoons of the salt and the chillies (if desired) in a bowl and mix well. Depending on how much juice is in the tomatoes, it may be necessary to add a little water to obtain the desired consistency. Cover and refrigerate until ready to use. Preheat a convection oven to 180C. Melt the butter in a pan over a low heat and sauté the onion until soft. Remove from the heat and blend in the flour to make a roux. Return to the heat and slowly stir in the warm milk, salsa cruda, salt and jalapenos. When the sauce comes to a boil and thickens, remove from the heat and gently fold in the prawns and scallops. Place a tortilla on each serving plate. Keeping aside about 300g of the seafood mixture, ladle even quantities of the remaining mixture along the middle of each tortilla, including about 5 prawns and 3 scallops per serve. Fold in one end of each tortilla and roll up, leaving the other end open. Top each with 30g of the seafood mix, including some prawns and scallops. Sprinkle 1 tablespoon of the cheese along the length of each burrito. Bake in the oven for 4-5 minutes until the cheese has melted. Scatter with the spring onion and service with rice and frijoles or salad.

Serves 8-10 (1 burrito each)

This recipe can be found the in **Relish Cookbook** - The Rotary Club of St Kilda's Annual Fundraiser.

To purchase please refer to www.relishrecipes.com.au or contact President Andrew M: 0416043239

Farm & Road Safety Expo

Thirteen hundred schoolchildren, teachers, support staff and interested public converged on the Rochester Recreation Reserve for the 12th Annual Farm and Road Safety Exposition. Held on a sunny 17th August day, the only fine weather day for the week, it was terrific to have a perfect day for the event.

Hosted by the Rotary Club of Rochester the day evolved around teaching safety to children at a young age, whether it be on the farm, road, around the home or on the water.

A large Display of exhibitors were on hand to educate those attending, on safety in their relevant fields.

A large display by Victoria Police ranging from Cobber cars to the Mobile Police Command Caravan was most popular.

Powercor provided a most educational hands on display detailing the risks operating machinery around high voltage structures and associated equipment.

Safety around animals eg - horses also proved to be a popular stand to visit.

Machinery safety being paramount, the dangers of exposed power take-off shafts was demonstrated by local machinery dealer , Golf Links Motors.

A visit to an expo of any sort is bound to include a Barbecue, with sought after sausages the product of the day.

Successful community projects work even better with total involvement either by assistance or attendance at the event.

All emergency services provided a very comprehensive display, with a number of local volunteers and local service organisations being involved; we thank them very much for giving up their time on a work day to attend.

Any organisation, company relevant to safety in any area covered in the scope of this Expo is welcome to attend in coming years.

Interested Exhibitors and Sponsors are invited to contact the Rotary Club of Rochester to express interest and confirm attendance at next years Expo, to be held Tuesday 16th August 2011 at Rochester Recreation Reserve.



Texan Connection

Find out more about our Texan Connection and club partnerships and start your clubs communication now.

Visit http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/community_partners_texan_connection



Notices & Events

NEW Pete Smith - Guest Speaker

A Lifetime in the Media: Pete Smith OAM is the Guest Speaker at the Rotary Club of Richmond.

Pete has had an extensive career performing voice-overs, comedy routines, radio spots, quiz shows, telethons and anything else that comes his way, showing his versatility as well as his amazing talent!

Monday 13th September at 6.30pm for 7.00pm at the Amora Hotel Riverwalk, 649 Bridge Road, Richmond (Free parking underneath for Rotary Members/visitors)

COST: \$30 per person RSVP: Secretary Sue Bolton: secretary@rotaryrichmond.org.au

[For More Details](#)

NEW Street Change

“Street Change: The Search for Melbourne’s Best Busker” will be presented by The Rotary Club of Melbourne Park on the 7th October as part of the City of Melbourne’s Melbourne Music festival. All proceeds will go towards two worthy charities dealing with Melbourne’s homeless: HomeGround Services and The Lighthouse Foundation.

The Rotary Club of Melbourne Park is currently assembling a panel of judges who will help determine who takes out the title of Melbourne’s Best Busker. Judges could be anyone of high profile and reputation in the music industry.

The club is asking Rotarians of District 9800 to assist, should they have a contact that would be suitable. The event will be held on the 7th of October 2010, with a day of auditions to be held on the 11th September. Potential judges would need to be available on both dates.

Responses or enquiries can be directed to Saxon Mitchell at the Rotary Club of Melbourne Park.

Saxon Mitchell 0425 775 885 saxonm@venuemanagement.com.au

Rotary Leadership Institute

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.

Sunday October 17

Sunday November 14

RLI strongly believes that having leadership skills does not alone assure good Rotary leadership. An effective

Notices & Events (continued)

Rotary leader must also have Rotary knowledge, perspective about where Rotary has been, where it is going and a vision of what Rotary can be.

RLI is a series of fast paced, interactive, one-day courses offered to refine a Rotarian's leadership skills and increase their base of knowledge in Rotary. Courses are fun, topical, interactive, and geared toward busy business and professional persons who want to be more effective leaders in their vocation and club and more knowledgeable Rotarians.

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

The Institute offers courses in three full day sessions - 9.00am to 3.15pm and participants must complete Part 1 before proceeding to Part 2 then graduating after completion of Part 3 however the completion of all three parts may be completed at your own timing.

Eyes Wide Open Bon Voyage Party

To celebrate the departure of the next Eyes Wide Open tour to Nepal the Rotary Club of Melbourne South are having a special Bon Voyage meeting on Friday 10th September 2010 at the German Club, 291 Dandenong Road, Windsor. Some special entertainment is proposed for the day.

12.30 for 1pm start and lunch costs \$30 - drinks available from the bar.

Please call Sue Foley on 0418557751 to RSVP and also let me know of any dietary requirements you may have.

Sue Foley - [President of Rotary Club Melbourne South](#)

[‘Eyes Wide Open’ Website](#)

Oktober German Beerfest

Oktober German Beerfest at the James Squire Brewhouse Docklands (439 Docklands Drive, Docklands)
16 October 7.00-11.30pm.

\$65: includes oompah band, beer, wine and 2 course German cuisine meal. Prizes to be won on the evening!

[For More Details](#)

Notices & Events (continued)

Recreational Vehicle Fellowship - Planned trip to the Little Desert

8th-10th October, 2010

A specifically designed trip to re-evaluate this vastly underestimated location in Western Victoria. "A desert that isn't really a desert", with over 600kms of tracks to choose from and a Nature Lodge in the middle of nowhere.

Details available from Annie McGennissen, Rotary Club of Keilor East.

ROMAC Fundraiser

On Monday the 15th of November 2010 ROMAC is holding a Fundraiser at the Cardinal Club, Scotch College, Morrison Street, Hawthorn at 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

This evening will be in concert format with complimentary champagne on arrival and a free raffle ticket. The show is called "Rosa the Russian Beautician" starring Marney McQueen, a truly professional performer of stage and cabaret.

Seats are \$50 per person

Enquiries: Richard Groom – 03 9888 4099 or Gerry Phillips 0418 349 024.

More details and Credit card payments at : www.romac.org.au/merchandise/live-show.

Rotary Friendship Exchange

Vacancies exist for Rotarians and partners and Single Rotarians. Max of 12 in the team.

- South Africa approx dates
15 – 29 April 2011
- Zambia approx dates
1 – 14 May 2011
- Alberta Canada
Sept 2011

Please apply to PP Jeanette Lynch D9800 RFE Chair

jeanette.michael@bigpond.com ph: 03 9390 5400 or 0419 568 639



Notices & Events (continued)

Cafe International - Advance Notice - Hold the Date

6.30pm Sat 7th May 2011
International House, 241 Royal Parade, Parkville.

For further information please contact Tamra Keating, Development Manager, International House on 9345 7558 or tkeating@unimelb.edu.au

Rotary Club of Point Gellibrand 25 Year Anniversary

24 June, 2011

Celebrates 25 years of the Gellibabies!

Lock in the date!

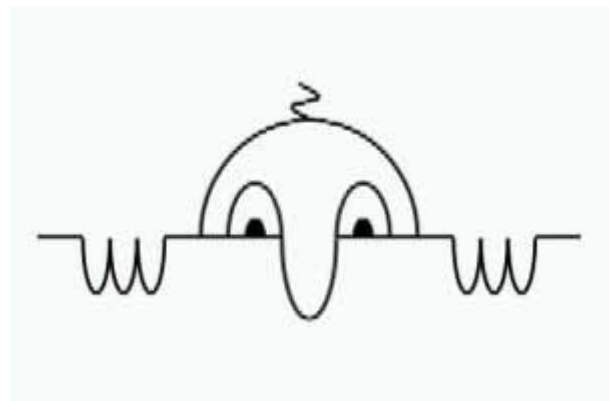
Does your club have an upcoming event?

If your club has an notice or event for Networker, let us know by sending Clarice an email and will make sure it goes in the next issue and up on our website.

[Email Clarice](#)

Welcome New Members

Lawrence [Lawry] Miller
Classification: Life Assurance - Advisor
Inducted to Rotary Club of Camberwell on 25th August.





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**RLI.....Rotary Leadership
Institute.**

Have you attended RLI? If the answer is yes, then you will know just how worthwhile and rewarding this can be. If the answer was no, then let me tell you a little about it.

They are fun, fast paced, interactive one day courses run by experienced and formally trained Rotarians in our District. The participants contribute their experience and ideas in facilitated conversational small discussion groups, sharing knowledge, ideas and opinions. They learn how Rotary operates differently in clubs and learn from these differences. It builds confidence in a Rotarian.

This multi-District leadership development program seeks to have Rotary clubs identify potential future club leaders (not necessarily as club presidents) who want to be more effective leaders in their vocation and club and increase their Rotary knowledge. RLI gives you a perspective about where Rotary has been, where it is going, and a vision of what Rotary can be.

The program consists of 3 full day sessions, which run from 9.00am to 3.15pm, held on Sundays, with venues in South



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Melbourne and Bendigo, thus enabling all Rotarians in the District the opportunity to attend. You must complete part 1 before proceeding to part 2 then graduating on completion of part 3. All 3 parts can be completed at your own timing. The cost is \$55 and it is usual for the club to pay this for their members. We are encouraging all clubs in the District to send at least 2 Rotarians to RLI each year. Those clubs will be rewarded with Rotarians that have refined their leadership skills, increased their Rotary knowledge, and will bring back to the club many new and fresh ideas. They will be motivated and in a much better position to understand their own potential as a future leader in your club.

RLI Part 1
Sunday 19 September 2010

RLI Part 2
Sunday 17 October 2010

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RLI Part 3

Sunday 14 November 2010

To register for any of these please contact RLI Registrar Vicki Teschke, RC of Albert Park at vicki.t@tacobill.com.au

RLI Chairman is PDG John Wigley, RC of Kyneton

Clubs, please identify members within your club who would benefit from RLI.

Rotarians, please ask your club to support you attending RLI.

Congratulations to all those who have Graduated from RLI and I'm sure you would agree, that it has made you a better Rotarian.

Have a great week in Rotary,

DG Iven

You Gave and We Delivered!

Pakistan Relief through Disaster Aid Australia

On 14 August, the need was to assist 6 million survivors who had been displaced by the catastrophic floods in Pakistan – today, the UN reported the need to assist 21 million survivors with shelter and clean water. Imagine every Australian needing a home and clean water just to survive!

Based in Islamabad, Disaster Aid Response Team (DART) team leader Larry Agee (USA) reports that the region of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa is flattened and the devastation is the worst he has seen in five years as a humanitarian aid specialist.

“Our first tents were assembled in Chocki Town where everything was flattened except the school but the 275 students now have no school equipment” said Australian DART Peter Clouting who is on his third deployment. “The headmaster sought refuge from the floods on top of a mosque where he stayed for four days until a helicopter rescued him” he said.

“We have four DARTs on the ground in Islamabad and a further four more Australian DARTs assisting over the coming weeks with their objective to supply as much shelter and clean water to survivors as we can” Jenni Heenan, General Manager of Disaster Aid Australia said.

“Our fellow Australian Rotarians and their friends have worked together by fundraising and personal generous donations so that we could deliver what is needed – it is gratifying and humbling to know that together we are making a difference for these survivors” she said.



Today our DARTs split into two teams – one to Chadderra district and to Nowsera district where they erected Family Survival tents and then moved to Essogay . Forty homes were washed away and the village is now divided by a river.

The next 192 Family Survival Packs will assist survivors placed in government camps who at the end of the month will need to find alternative shelter.

“With two more containers leaving Shanghai next week, we will move south to the Punjab region to work with NGO’s to set up more camps for survivors” Jenni said.

“Working with engineers on the ground, our DARTs are planning the placement of our SkyHydrant water solutions to provide 10,000 litres of clean drinking water a day – these should be in place in the next weeks, as the most needy areas are confirmed” she said.

For more information, call 02 8837 1900, or visit our website at www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au

Membership Report

Membership Numbers

As at the end of July '10 there has been a net LOSS of 36 Members since June 30th 2010 or -1.3%. This number is based on the individual figures for each Club's reported figures for June and July. The total District Membership number as at 31st July '10 is 2702 with:

- 13 Clubs showing an Increase in Membership since June 30th '10,
- 32 Clubs with no change and,
- 25 Clubs showing a Decrease in Membership since June 30th '10.

[View the Membership Report Online](#)

(Membership Report is attached on the last page of this weeks Networker.)

Rotarian Action Groups

Rotarian Action Groups conduct hands-on, international service projects that advance the Object of Rotary. They're organized by committed Rotarians, Rotarian spouses, and Rotaractors who have expertise and a passion for a particular type of service. Rotarian Action Groups are recognized by Rotary International and operate in accordance with Rotary policy, but they are not controlled by Rotary International. To learn more about Rotarian Action Groups, visit www.rotary.org/actiongroups.

New Generations

Marketing Tip

This September's New Generations Month takes on a different meaning than in the past.

The commitment to getting youth and young adults actively involved in Rotary was strengthened in April when representatives at the Council on Legislation approved New Generations as the fifth Avenue of Service.

RI President Ray Klinginsmith says the new Avenue of Service improves the value of youth programs and their impact on Rotary's future.

"The Council wanted to be sure New Generations programs were given adequate attention by clubs," says Klinginsmith. "Rotarians just want to be up front and recognize the importance of these programs. New Generations isn't just important to the future of Rotary but also our communities and the world."



New Generations Service acknowledges the positive change implemented by youth and young adults involved in leadership development activities, community and international service, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding. Programs include RYLA, Rotaract, Interact, and Rotary Youth Exchange.

"We truly have the finest youth programs in the world," says Klinginsmith. "Their intrinsic value continues to escalate. We do a great job with these

programs, we just need to give them more visibility."

This month is a chance to celebrate the new Avenue of Service, says Vicki Puliz, chair of New Generations Service for District 5190 (parts of California and Nevada, USA).

"News of the Council's decision was welcomed with excitement and enthusiasm by Rotarians in

(NEW GENERATIONS - CONTINUED)

our district,” says Puliz. *“We are using this as a way to emphasize how Rotary International views New Generations and its importance. It’s a springboard to communicate even more with our clubs about these programs.”*

Virtually every club in her district is involved with one or more of the four youth programs. A wide range of district programs fall under the New Generations umbrella, says Puliz.

“Focusing more on youth is crucial for Rotary to thrive and survive,” she says. “It’s one of the reasons why we have programs on literacy, leadership training, and ethics for young people.”

She recommends that every club appoint a New Generations Service chair. *“We’ve learned that our youth programs benefit from communication and coordination,”* says Puliz.

New Generations joins Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, and International Service as an Avenue of Service. Before starting a project, Rotarians are asked to think broadly about how their club and its members could contribute within each avenue.

Klinginsmith says the best clubs are the ones that are well balanced.

“Strong clubs are involved in all five of the Avenues of Service,” he says. “The ones that don’t have New Generations programs are missing a part of the great adventure of Rotary.”

Walk Every Day

Health Tip

Walking is a great way to improve your health — both mental and physical. If you can carve out some time from your busy schedule, you can design a walking program that will work for you. In planning your walking program, keep the following points in mind:

- Choose a safe place to walk. Find a partner or group of people to walk with you. Your walking partner(s) should be able to walk with you on the same schedule and at the same speed.
- Wear shoes with thick, flexible soles that will cushion your feet and absorb shock.
- Wear clothes that will keep you dry and comfortable. Look for synthetic fabrics that absorb sweat and remove it from your skin.
- For extra warmth in winter, wear a knit cap. To stay cool in summer, wear a baseball cap or visor.
- Do light stretching before and after you walk.
- Divide your walk into three parts. Begin by walking slowly for five minutes. Increase your speed for the next five minutes. Finally, to cool down, walk slowly again for five minutes.
- Try to walk at least three times per week. Add two to three minutes per week to the fast walk. If you walk fewer than three times per week, lengthen the fast walk more slowly.
- To avoid stiff or sore muscles or joints, start gradually. Over several weeks, begin walking faster, going farther, and walking for longer periods of time.
- The more you walk, the better you will feel. You will also burn more calories.



The Science Experience



The Science Experience is three days of fun science activities for Years 9 & 10 students. The program is designed to provide students who have an interest in science with an opportunity to engage in a wide range of fascinating science activities under the guidance of scientists.

The program takes place in universities and tertiary institutions where students perform experiments, meet and hear senior lecturers in lecture theatres, attend site visits and experience what it is like to be on campus of a university or tertiary institution. The program also provides information about further studies in science, technology and engineering, and it highlights the wide range of careers available, as well as giving participants the opportunity to meet and share ideas with students from different schools.

Australian Rotary Conference

Over 500 members of the Rotary family from all over Zone 8 gathered at the Hellenic Club, Canberra, on August 21-22, to discuss ways to make Rotary in Australia stronger. This included Rotarians, partners, Rotaractors, Interactors, Alumni, and Youth Exchange students, Zone, District, and Club leaders, and perhaps most important, the future leaders of Rotary.

[Rotary On the Move Newsletter - Issue 3](#)

Road to Happiness

Pedal power is about to see Ivo reach our fair city! Who is Ivo you ask? Having started from his home in Brisbane Ivo Kornel is cycling around Australia promoting depression awareness through talks at schools etc. Ivo lost 5 friends to suicide by the time he was 25 years of age (he is now 29).

The Road to Happiness is doing great work, the importance of which cannot be over emphasised when we think about the 7 Australians who take their own lives every day and the scores who try but do not succeed. Ivo will be in Melbourne from 25 September to 16 October. Do not miss the opportunity to hear his story.

Note that Ivo's visit to Melbourne coincides with 'Mental Health Week,' from Sunday 10 October through to Saturday 16 October.

Contact in Melbourne is Ray Lindner of The Rotary Club of Point Gellibrand on 0438 353 450.

[Ivo's Overview](#)

[Road to Happiness Reaches Melbourne](#)

www.roadtohappiness.com.au



Youth Suicide

In Australia, young people are the only group whose health has not improved over the past three decades. Suicide is the largest single cause of death of teenagers, and represents 19% of all deaths between the ages of 10 and 24. Sadly for each reported suicide, there are more than twenty suicide attempts in this age group. Its causes remain perplexingly complex, but common risk factors can be identified. Many victims have experienced bullying at school. Most have never received any form of counseling. More than one third has experimented with illicit and prescribed drugs. Many have come into contact with the police. Significantly, more than half have experienced a recent break-up in a relationship with a boyfriend or girlfriend. More than 75% of all mental health problems manifest themselves before the age of twenty five, so it is critical that an approach based on early intervention is taken.

Many Rotary Clubs in District 9800 and beyond have acknowledged this need, providing financial support to the Centre for Adolescent Health where no fewer than 8 major research projects with immediate relevance to youth suicide are underway or have recently been completed.

This ground-breaking research informs staff providing a Graduate Diploma in Adolescent Health and Welfare for professionals who work directly with young people and who, at the completion of the two year program are better prepared to recognize, and deal with, the early warning signs of mental ill-health within the communities of young people with whom they work.



Since 1996, your Youth Suicide Awareness Committee has sought funding from Rotary Clubs for teachers, police officers, youth and social workers, school nurses and corrections officers to complete this course of study. The course is administered by the University of Melbourne and the Centre has close ties with the Royal Children's Hospital. While the treatment of mental health illness is a key component of the work at the Centre, the emphasis is primarily on young people in the settings in which they live and work – not in psychiatric clinics. The Centre's primary focus is upon early interventions, providing a holistic and practical approach that professionals can use in their work-places.

Since its inception in 1996, more than 120 graduates have received scholarships or financial support from Rotary. It is pleasing to report that more than 30 graduates are Victoria Police officers, many of whom have been supported by the Rotary Club of Central Melbourne Sunrise through the Silk-Miller Scholarship. The Rotary Clubs of Camberwell, Canterbury, Brighton North, Brighton Beach, Altona Central are among those who consistently make this a part of their New Generations' spend. The Rotary Club of Brighton North is committing more than \$30,000.00 to funding scholarships over the next three years and is seeking suitable candidates. It would like very much to support professionals who are working within indigenous communities in Victoria.

For a speaker or further information about how you can support this project, please contact Phil Wheatley on 0408 334 889 or Gerry Lambourne on 0429 949 916.

Trivia

1. What is the floral emblem of Australia?
2. What is Australia's largest inland city?
3. What Aboriginal term for a waterhole is also the name of an Australian clothing company?

Lamb Piccantino

Relish Recipe Tip

INGREDIENTS

4 tbsp olive oil
4 lamb cutlets
salt and pepper to taste
1 cup chopped tomato
1/2 clove garlic, chopped
1/2 tsp fresh oregano
1/4 tsp chilli
1 cup dry white wine

METHOD

Heat the oil on a frying pan on medium heat and sear the lamb. Season with salt and pepper. Add the tomato, garlic, oregano, chilli and wine and cook for 20 minutes. Garnish with parsley.

Serves 1



This recipe can be found the in **Relish Cookbook** - The Rotary Club of St Kilda's Annual Fundraiser.

To purchase please refer to www.relishrecipes.com.au
or contact President Andrew M: 0416043239

Trivia Answers

1. Wattle 2. Canberra 3. Billabong

Notices & Events

NEW Rotary Club of Altona 33rd Annual Art Exhibition

15th - 17th October, 2010

82 Nelson Place, Williamstown

[For More Details](#)

NEW Altona Theatre - High School Musical Production

Sunday, 19th September, 2010 at 2:00PM

Rotary Club of Altona and The Altona City Theatre Civic Parade, Altona

Contacts - Clara Westhorpe (BH) 0408372504 or (AH) 9398 2674

Costs: \$20.00 each. Add \$1.00 per ticket for credit card payment

*Rotary Clubs take this opportunity to attend this performance! All performers are 24 yrs and younger, perfect time to choose a candidate to support Storm the Stage 2011 you will be on a winner!

[View the Flyer](#)

Link to further information if needed – www.altonarotary.com.au for payment details

NEW Brighton Lunch

Friday, 22nd October, 2010

The Rotary club of Brighton is presenting the second annual BRIGHTON LUNCH sponsored by Porsche centre Brighton.

All are welcome to come to Brighton International Bay St. Brighton at 12MD on Friday 22nd of October for a great lunch compered by Deborah Hutton and entertainment by James Reyne Proceeds go to the Olivia Newton-John cancer and wellness centre.

While this terrific event is mainly for the gals the guys are also very welcome.

Bookings for this \$100 a head spectacular are with Geoff Bentley on 0408991641

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Notices & Events (continued)

NEW Charity Golf Day

20th September, 2010

The Rotary Club of Brighton annual Charity Golf Day will be at Huntingdale Golf course [Melways ref. 69H12] on Monday 20th September 12MD till 9pm for lunch, golf and dinner. All are welcome for a great day. Bookings at golfday@rotarybrighton.com.au or more information Roger Fairlam 0418363077 or fairrog@hotmail.com.

This is one of Melbourne's great sand belt courses and is not to be missed for a memorable golf experience. The 15th will blow you away.

Our major sponsors are Barloworld Motor and AMP Society [who will match every dollar we can raise] Proceeds to Bailey House.

[View the Flyer](#)

NEW The Great Respect Debate

Friday, 8th October, 2010

The Great Respect Debate is a free event to take place on Friday 8th October 2010 at Melbourne Town Hall during the Victorian Senior's Festival.

[View the Flyer](#)

NEW GSE Team Members Sought

Applications close Friday, 8th October

For this year's Group Study Exchange with District 5840 in Texas, we are looking for outstanding young and rising leaders to be ambassadors for our District as Team Members. With applications closing Friday 8th October, now is the time to work with organisations in your area to identify and nominate these GSE Team Members.

This Rotary year's exchange will be in May-June 2011 in Texas. The team will also be required to attend our own District Conference in Adelaide in March. Further information (including application forms) can be found on our GSE page on the District website: http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/group_study_exchange_2011.



Notices & Events (continued)

NEW Lord and Lady Somers Camps

Applications close 15th October, 2010

The details of each camp are as follows:

Lord Somers Camp: Friday, 7 January to Saturday, 15 January 2011

Lady Somers Camp: Saturday, 15 January to Saturday, 22 January 2011

Age Group: 16 ½ to 18 years as at 1 January 2011 (preference given to those in Yr 11 2010)

Cost: \$450.00 all inclusive. However \$100 deposit must be paid by the participant. The balance may be sponsored by your Rotary Club.

NEW Working Bee and Fellowship Weekend

Friday, 1st – 3rd October 2010

Working Bee and Fellowship Weekend Friday 1st – 3rd October 2010 at the Portsea Camp. All meals, accommodation and entertainment provided.

The Portsea Camp seeks Rotary assistance once again! Join other Victorian Rotary clubs to prepare the Portsea Camp site for the summer season, where the programs will again provide excellence for our young children.

[View the Flyer](#)

NEW Trivia Night

Friday, 1st October, 2010

Trivia Night The Rotary Club of Carlton is organising a Trivia Night on Friday October 1st.

University College, College Crescent Parkville from 7.00 pm. The cost is \$20 per head including supper.

Tickets are available from John Elligate: Email john.elligate@acu.edu.au

Phone (H) 9827 0397 (B) 9953 3286.

Proceeds from the evening will support Rotary projects including a scholarship at University College.

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Notices & Events (continued)

NEW Union Road Shopping Precinct

Saturday, 16th October, 2010

Union Road Shopping Precinct is an integral part of racing in Melbourne and has been at the heartland for over 100 years. To celebrate the 150th running of the Melbourne Cup, the Union Road Traders Association would like to invite you to attend a gala dinner.

Date: Venue: Includes: Entertainment: Time: Dress: Price: RSVP: Saturday 16 October 2010

The Atrium Level 1, The Grandstand Flemington Racecourse

A three-course dinner and beverages Complimentary car parking, major auction and door prizes
Darryl Cotton and band 7pm - 11.30pm Black Tie

\$110pp \$1200 for a corporate table of 10 guests (Tax Deductable)

For bookings contact Yvonne Moon 0407 303 255 email yvonne.moon@bigpond.com Nicole Manning email manning@stgeorge.com.au

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NEW Vocational Service Day

Sunday, 3rd October

The Vocational Service Committee and District Governor, Iven Mackay invite members, partners and friends to a vocational service forum to be hosted by the Rotary Club of Brighton Beach.

Sunday 3rd October, 10am, at the Glen Erin Winery, Rochford Road, Lancefield, Victoria, in the picturesque Macedon Ranges. (Melway Ref: 609 H9)

An excellent array of presenters and facilitators assure an uplifting experience in a creative thinking approach to current vocational service issues. The day will conclude at approx 3:30pm

COST \$60 Per Person (includes lunch and wines)

RSVP 17 September, 2010

CONTACT Richard Noble, Rotary Club of Brighton Beach 0400 609 313 or Nick Constance Rotary Club of Carlton 9803 0064

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Notices & Events (continued)

Recreational Vehicle Fellowship - Planned trip to the Little Desert

8th-10th October, 2010

A specifically designed trip to re-evaluate this vastly underestimated location in Western Victoria. "A desert that isn't really a desert", with over 600kms of tracks to choose from and a Nature Lodge in the middle of nowhere.

Details available from Annie McGennissen, Rotary Club of Keilor East.

Oktober German Beerfest

Oktober German Beerfest at the James Squire Brewhouse Docklands (439 Docklands Drive, Docklands)

16 October 7.00-11.30pm.

\$65: includes oompah band, beer, wine and 2 course German cuisine meal. Prizes to be won on the evening!

[For More Details](#)

Rotary Leadership Institute

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.

Sunday October 17

Sunday November 14

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

RLI is a series of fast paced, interactive, one-day courses offered to refine a Rotarian's leadership skills and increase their base of knowledge in Rotary. Courses are fun, topical, interactive, and geared toward busy business and professional persons who want to be more effective leaders in their vocation and club and more knowledgeable Rotarians.

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

Notices & Events (continued)

The Institute offers courses in three full day sessions - 9.00am to 3.15pm and participants must complete Part 1 before proceeding to Part 2 then graduating after completion of Part 3 however the completion of all three parts may be completed at your own timing.

Rotary Fun Ride - Kew to Croydon?

24 October, 2010

Organised by the Rotary Club of North Balwyn as a community event in support of Rotary's local and international projects and to promote good health, fitness and family fun. For families and young children as well as experienced riders. Choice of distances (15km, 35km and 45 km) along the Koonung Trail through Ringwood, up the Mullum Creek Trail and return.

[View the Flyer](#)

ROMAC Fundraiser

On Monday the 15th of November 2010 ROMAC is holding a Fundraiser at the Cardinal Club , Scotch College , Morrison Street , Hawthorn at 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

This evening will be in concert format with complimentary champagne on arrival and a free raffle ticket. The show is called " Rosa the Russian Beautician " starring Marney McQueen, a truly professional performer of stage and cabaret.

Seats are \$50 per person

Enquiries: Richard Groom – 03 9888 4099 or Gerry Phillips 0418 349 024.

More details and Credit card payments at : www.romac.org.au/merchandise/live-show.

Rotary Friendship Exchange

Vacancies exist for Rotarians and partners and Single Rotarians. Max of 12 in the team.

- South Africa approx dates
15 – 29 April 2011
- Zambia approx dates
1 – 14 May 2011
- Alberta Canada



Notices & Events (continued)

Sept 2011

Please apply to PP Jeanette Lynch D9800 RFE Chair
jeanette.michael@bigpond.com ph: 03 9390 5400 or 0419 568 639

Cafe International - Advance Notice - Hold the Date

6.30pm Sat 7th May 2011
International House, 241 Royal Parade, Parkville.
For further information please contact Tamra Keating, Development Manager, International House on 9345 7558 or tkeating@unimelb.edu.au

Rotary Club of Point Gellibrand 25 Year Anniversary

24 June, 2011

Celebrates 25 years of the Gellibabies!

Lock in the date!

Readers Letters

Ask Clarice...

Hi Clarice,

Thank you for the recognition in this week's Networker. Would love to know who passed on all that info. By the way the report published with the award is a few years old after one of my earlier trips to Tanna Island, and Bob Glindeman is the current District RAWCS Chairman and has been for the past two years. My role is and has been since then the District RAWCS Project Advisor. Attached is my poem of thanks to all those who made it possible.

Happy reading,

PP Virginia Turner, RC of Brighton North

DEDICATED TO THOSE WHO ARE EXTRA SPECIAL TO ME

*I have always seen my life as a journey on a road to tomorrow.
There have been hills and valleys and turns here and there that have filled my life with all kinds of challenges and changes.
But I made it through those times, because there were always special people I met along the way.
The special people are the ones who have walked beside me, comforting my spirit or holding my hand when I needed it most.
They were people who loved my smiles and were not afraid of my tears.
They were true friends who really cared about me.
Those friends are forever; they are cherished and loved more than they will ever know.*

Dear Clarice,

The Rotary Club of Brighton is holding their Annual Charity Golf Day at Huntingdale Golf Club on Monday 20th September 2010. We were considering auctioning the fully signed (authenticated) Collingwood Football jumper (unframed) at the dinner. However we thought it best to offer it for general and silent sale if any of your readers would be interested in purchasing it would you please email or call either of us at:

ivojlay@optusnet.com.au 041 621 0002

fairrog@hotmail.com 0418 363 077

Once an equitable offer is received, it will be sold, so please do not hesitate. We also have a couple of Golf places left if you wish to participate

Ivan Vojlay

Do you have a letter for Clarice?

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

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

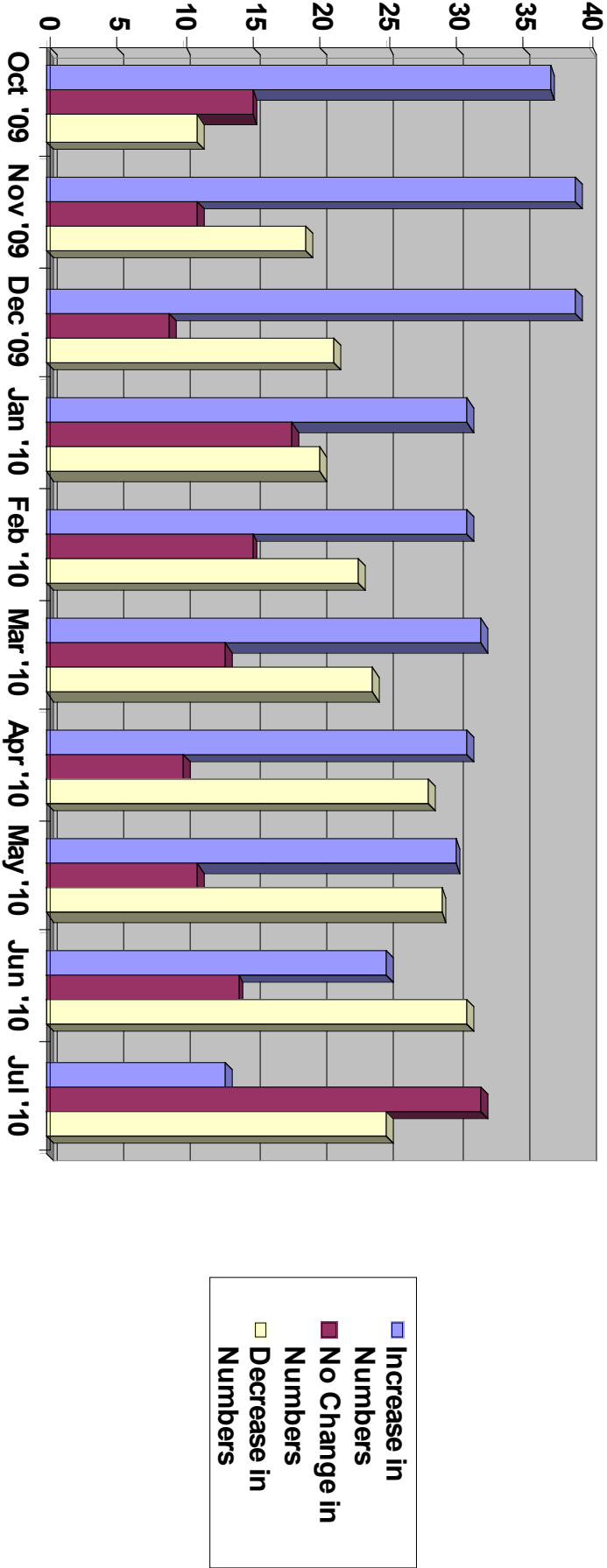


Membership Report to DLT - September 9th 2010

Membership Numbers

As at the end of July '10 there has been a net **LOSS of 36** Members since June 30th 2010 or -1.3%. This number is based on the individual figures for each Club's reported figures for June and July. The total District Membership number as at 31st July '10 is 2702 with:

- 13 Clubs showing an Increase in Membership since June 30th '10,
- 32 Clubs with no change and,
- 25 Clubs showing a Decrease in Membership since June 30th '10.





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DG Weekly Message

Victorian Agricultural Shows "Rural Ambassador" - Outstanding young country Victorians

This weekend I was involved in a new initiative run by the Royal Melbourne Show in conjunction with the 5 Victorian Rotary Districts. Rotary is an event partner to the Show for the very first time this year, and I was fortunate to be the DG involved in this event and was one of the 3 judging panel.

For over 150 years the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria (RASV) has been involved in all facets of rural life in Victoria. It is strictly a not-for-profit organisation with enthusiastic members that have helped to establish the RASV as one of Victoria's most cherished organisations. From its early origins in colonial Victoria, which saw its commitment to agricultural excellence by organising the first competitive ploughing match in 1848, through to current day activities, the RASV is also home to Victoria's biggest public event, the Royal Melbourne Show.

The Victorian Rotary Districts (9780, 9790, 9800, 9810, 9820) have agreed to support the co-ordinators of the Awards at Local and Group level; and a seat on the Rural Ambassador Committee.



Iven Mackay and Marilyn
District Governor 2010-2011

The objectives of the Rural Ambassador Award are:-

1. To highlight the talent, creativity, and ingenuity of young rural Victorians and in doing so, to encourage entrants to be role models across local communities.
2. To encourage and reward enthusiastic, skilful, and illustrious young people living or having an involvement in rural and local environments.
3. To assist entrants to develop strong communication and leadership qualities.
4. Enable applicants to gain greater proficiency in their chosen field and to also develop applicant's stature and reputation in that chosen field.

At the State final, competitors are assessed on their communication skills, community involvement, rural & general knowledge,

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

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



September is New Generations Month





ambitions & goals, plus grooming and confidence.

The 2010 Victorian Agricultural Shows Rural Ambassador Award Finalists were:-

Maida Anderson, Central & South Gippsland RegionRUNNER UP

Claire Bibby, Midlands Region

Scott Langley, Gippsland Region

Sophie Hester, South Western Region

Ricky Ferris, Port Phillip Region

Kerry Cossignani, North East & Murray Valley Region

Samantha Adams, Central & Upper Goulburn Region

Jessica Davis, Goulburn Valley Riverina Region

Benjamin Holmes, Wimmera Region..... WINNER



Congratulations to all these outstanding and inspirational young country Victorians, who are all an absolute credit to their communities. I hope some of them will go on to do RYLA, GSE or become Ambassadorial Scholars. I hope they will keep in touch with Rotary Clubs in their area and also find some time for Rotary someday.

As our connections strengthen with the Ag Shows, I hope Clubs will endeavour to connect and assist these fine Australians.

Have a great week,

DG Iven

Vocational Training Team in Timor Leste

Vocational Training Team visit to Timor Leste to ascertain the need for a project to provide a post graduate maternity refresher and up-skilling programme August 23rd to 30th 2010.

A Vocational Training Team visited Timor Leste in August 2010, to ascertain the need for a project to provide a post graduate maternity refresher and up-skilling programme.



Timor Leste has currently a maternal mortality rate that is approximately 80 times greater than that of developed countries such as Australia. Under the Foundation, Aô's Vocational Training Team Programme a proposal was made to offer and develop a refresher and up-skilling training programme aimed at midwives and medical practitioners providing maternity care in Timor Leste. A team consisting of District 9800 Rotarians visited Dili and Baucau in Timor Leste to investigate the best format for a refresher programme for maternity service providers that would meet the needs of the country.

The team met with a wide spread of the key personnel and organisations involved in the provision of maternity and child health services with the government, training institutions, health care providers and NGOs.

For more information, [read the full article.](#)

Kyneton Daffodil Festival

President Sue Ogden of Kyneton RC reports:

I am astounded at the degree of commitment and generosity given by those who were able to be involved during our Daffodil Fest.....from hours of picking, bunching and selling daffodils to the Youth art exhibition, BBQ, Disaster box demonstration, marshalling the parade and lastly the Rotary float in the parade which produced a winner and an extra \$200.00 Well done.



Where Are They Now?

We are looking for the names, addresses and contact details of the young people (many of whom are not so young now) who were the beneficiaries of our many Rotary District 9800 "Youth" Programs e.g. Youth Exchange, RYLA, RYPEN, NYSF etc over the years.

[For More Information](#)

Joseph's Corner

The Sisters of St Joseph were founded by Sr Mary McKillop. Following in their founder's footsteps the Order operates three counselling centres and their work is non-government funded.

The Joseph's Corner service focus is on providing free individual, relationship, family and group psychological counselling to family and friends of people with drug and alcohol addictions.



Through the work of co-ordinator Sr. Jeanne Dwyer, these counselling centres provide support and counselling to families traumatised by drug and alcohol addicted members. The Joseph's Corner program encourages participants to re-establish interests and connections with their community.

To support the Counselling Centres, Sr. Jeanne runs an Op Shop in the suburb of Yarraville, but is struggling to keep the Centres afloat with the rising costs of all services and rent.

RC North Melb has arranged for Sr. Jeanne as a speaker, and intend supporting Joseph's Corner.

Any persons or clubs wishing to seek further information can contact Sr. Jeanne Dwyer direct or through North Melbourne Community Chair John Hanley 0408 298 685 or email yelnah@optusnet.com.au.

[Joseph's Corner Website](#)

Wattle Day Celebrations

The Rotary Club of Canterbury members joined the “Friends of Wattle Park” Parks Victoria and many other local community groups to celebrate National Wattle Day in our local Wattle Park on Sunday 12 September. The Rotary members sold their “Aussie Pride” badges on the day to raise funds for the local “On The Right Track” Kokoda Challenge program.



The Rotary Club of Canterbury members joined the “Friends of Wattle Park,” Parks Victoria and many other local community groups to celebrate National Wattle Day in our local Wattle Park on Sunday 12 September. Wattle was designated the Australian National Floral emblem in 1988 and Wattle Day is a celebration of Spring and Wattle.

The Rotary members sold their “Aussie Pride” badges on the day to raise funds for the local “On The Right Track” Kokoda Challenge program. The Aussie Pride Badge is a unique combination of a sprig of wattle and the Australian Flag on a lapel pin - a symbol of Australian Pride, Unity and Peace. The badge is a fundraising initiative of the Rotary Club of Canterbury and is the brain-child of Past Rotarian and Past Victoria Police Assistant Commissioner and past WA Police Commissioner Bob Falconer.

“On The Right Track” Kokoda Challenge program is a partnership between Victoria Police and YMCA at Boroondara which is proudly supported by the Rotary Club of Canterbury. The program co-ordinated by

Victoria Police Leading Senior Constable Brett Phillips, Youth Resource Officer with Boroondara Police and Rosemary Brett, Community Development Director, YMCA at Boroondara, takes at risk youth on the challenge of their life, walking the Kokoda Track.

Wattle Day in Wattle Park, opened by State Member for Burwood, Bob Stensholt, was a huge success with hundreds of locals visiting the park and enjoying the festivities. The Tramways Big Band and Wattle Park Primary School choir performances added to the spectacle on the day.

Contact Brett Phillips for more information about the “On The Right Track” Kokoda Challenge Program at brett.phillips@police.vic.gov.au

[Visit the Rotary Club of Canterbury Website](#)
[Friends of Wattle Park](#)
[Parks Victoria](#)

Rotaract of North Balwyn

The Rotaract Club of North Balwyn is going strong, with a lot of events planned for the year. Our members are gearing up for the upcoming Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment RYPEN camp, which will be held later on next month.

We recently donated money to World Youth International, funding building materials for a project Peru. We are in close contact with one of the members heading over there, and can't wait for her to report back on the great work she is doing.

The club is currently planning our annual Trivia Night, which will be held on Saturday the 13th of November. A night full of quirky trivia, games and hours of endless fun!

Any enquiries can be directed to President Greg Dimopoulos at greg.dimopoulos@gmail.com

San Antonio Interact

The Interact Club of Winston School San Antonio, Texas, USA, has been setting lofty goals for itself for 15 years. Though Interact clubs are asked to complete at least two service projects each year, the Winston School Interactors carried out 55 projects and logged close to 2,000 volunteer hours in 2009. All that hard work hasn't gone unnoticed. The City of San Antonio recognised the club with the Mayor's Award for outstanding community service by a youth group.

Read more about the Texan Connection - District 9800 and District 5840 at: http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/community_partners_texan_connection

"I'm extremely proud of the many successful projects our students have completed over the years," says Charles Karulak, headmaster of the Winston School and a member of the Rotary Club of Boerne Sunrise. "Our Interactors have forged a positive reputation in the community. Often, local organisations will contact the club to ask for support on projects."

The private school serves students with learning disabilities from kindergarten through 12th grade. The high school grades have about 75 students total, most of whom are Interactors. Michael Canales, a member of the Rotary Club of San Antonio North Central, says it's remarkable that a school so small can have such a positive impact.

"It's not unusual for an Interactor to participate in an athletic game on Friday night and then report to an Interact project the next day," says Canales, a Spanish teacher at the Winston School and Interact chair for District 5840. "These young men and women give so much of their personal time to the community."

The Winston School Interactors have volunteered at a local soup kitchen and conducted fundraising drives for the battered women's shelter, the Animal Defense League, and an orphanage in Peru.

In 2008, the club collected \$2,700 in 10 days to help the city's food bank feed victims of Hurricane Ike, which devastated coastal towns in Texas.

The Interactors have also made three trips to the Casa de Misericordia orphanage in Piedras Negras, Mexico, delivering supplies requested by the children.

"The Interactors spent the entire day with these children, giving the more important gift: their compassion," Canales says. Club members also spend a day every year assisting terminally ill children from Ciudad Acuña, Mexico, who come to visit SeaWorld adventure park. The Interact club works with the Boerne Sunrise club, which brings the children to San Antonio.

Canales says that international service gives Interactors a new perspective.

"Students in the U.S. want immediate gratification. Interact exposes them to those who don't have the luxury of getting what they want," he explains. "Interactors start thinking less about themselves and more about those in need. They reap tremendous benefits from international projects."

Canales says the entire school has embraced the principles and standards of Rotary. The Four-Way Test is posted in all the classrooms.

"The impact of Interact on our students has been tremendous," Karulak says. Through teamwork, public speaking opportunities, and service to others, "the program has provided opportunities for students to develop and grow."



RC Keilor Hosts Harold Mitchell



Harold Mitchell may be well known as a media guru but he is also a generous benefactor and fundraiser. He was recently guest speaker at the RC Keilor, thanks to their energetic and enterprising President, David Bourke. As part of the Club's 'new members drive' they are introducing speakers of note on their program this year. These evenings are seen to provide an opportunity for members to invite special guests along where they learn about and experience Rotary as well. Over 90 people gathered at the Keilor RSL to hear Harold Mitchell speak on a range of topics from the state of the nation and global economics, to refugees, population growth, Boomers, Gen Y's, youth initiatives, climate change ...and the Rotary organisation.

Awarded the Officer of Australia for support of cultural and artistic endeavours, he launched the philanthropic Harold Mitchell Foundation in 2000 which funds the Arts and Health initiatives. The founder of one of Australia's largest advertising groups, Mitchell Communications Group Ltd, which recently sold for \$363 million, he is also a director of several media companies and the owner of Stadia Media. Add to this his many and varied community roles.

Son of a sawmiller and himself a labourer in a sawmill, Mitchell didn't finish high school. 'You make your own luck', he stated. 'If you're not moving forward then you're moving backwards – well that's how I live my life', he added. The Boomers were the happiest healthiest generation in our history and just wanted their kids to do well, Mitchell claimed; 'we'll be the last generation to see our kids having more

than their parents did'. It's a fact, he said, that our kids and grandkids have been encouraged to borrow and now have a 'borrow' attitude. He also stated that soon there'll be one person to keep three and claimed that universities are not turning out smart graduates as in the past. Mitchell told us not to be afraid of population growth but to build on it, while making sure that there are facilities in the Regional areas (neglected by successive State governments he stated) because our cities can't accommodate a bigger population. Broadband, global warming, the rising cost of living, job creation for young people and encouraging them to want to work, building more hospitals, multiculturalism, skilled integration, the environment, elections and an openness to new ideas - all were touched on with Mitchell's candour. Even without Kevin Rudd : 'he stopped leading as he loved the idea of managing'!

Harold Mitchell is dedicated to improving life for the people of Timor in particular and PNG. He congratulated Rotary on its involvement in East Timor and impressed upon us the need for Rotary to continue its work in this struggling region. He also noted the age group of the Rotarians present while congratulating them, and the Rotary organisation itself, on their combined dedication and effectiveness in improving the lives of others in the world. He urged us to continue to constantly review Rotary practises and formats with a positive and professional eye. To always keep Rotary focussed on the future with changes that make it attractive to the 25-40 age groups. 'It's imperative to build on the membership and support base and to not lose focus on this.' And: 'Being a Rotarian and a volunteer is not enough. Rotarians all have a duty to be mindful of the future of Rotary.'

In conclusion Mitchell impressed upon his attentive and appreciative audience that 'Australia is an extremely attractive place to live and we need good people to facilitate great opportunities'.

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Marketing Tip

Writing for Networker

Imagine This Task...

- Imagine you had to review 70 A4 pages of text.
- Imagine you then that you had to condense these 70 pages down to 10 pages, summarising, correcting for spelling mistakes and verifying information from the original author.
- Then imagine formatting each of these pages, pairing pictures to the different pieces of text.

Now imagine you had to do this regularly.

...On top of your everyday work.

Sound like a lot? It is.

As you probably know, Networker, like virtually every Rotary project, is a volunteer endeavour.

That's why Networker needs your help to make a big job just a little easier. [And that's why Networker is introducing a NEW submission form to standardise submissions.](#)

What We Need In Every Submission:

The Article, written in 9 point Arial font, in MS Word format.

This article can be as long as you like – it will be hyperlinked – however keep in mind the interest of your reader. The longer it is, the less likely others are to read it. Use sub-titles throughout the article to give it context and to ensure it remains compelling. An article in PDF format is not easy to edit for the web with our software – please use MS Word!

A 200-250 word Synopsis of the Article:

This should be like a shortened version of the article which gives the critical information from which others will choose whether to read the extended article. Use the same format as for the article itself.

A 30-40 word Abstract of the Article:

From your Synopsis, write condense this further and explain it in layman's terms – what is your project, effort, news or event all about in the shortest length possible. Essentially, this should be what you would tell someone if you were describing your project in

one breath to another person!

Pictures in jpg or gif format, cropped to 164px x 151px (width x height) and original resolution.

Attach these as separate files in jpg or gif format. Files embedded in a word document need to be taken out, copied into a graphics program and resaved. This takes time – please help us out! If you can attach the file in both original (high resolution) format, and 164 x 151 sizes, we then have both our thumbnail and picture for the article. Photoshopping to make your pictures more interesting or eye catching is encouraged!

You can attach several pictures – remember to include any logos and aim for action shots – will a posed picture really tell the story or differentiate your project as exciting?

Events – Extra information

We need all the information as per a regular article (cited above) for events, plus the following details:

- Event Date and Time
- Event Title
- Event Location
- Event Cost
- RSVP Date and Contact Details
- Website or link for more information
- Other Critical Event Information

An Example

An example is provided in the actual submission form for you to use from now on. The original article on which the article is based can be found [HERE](#).

Health Tip

Stop and Smell the Tulips.

Even if you don't know how to meditate, one of the most valuable principles is to live in the present. You have a lot to do - everyone does - but stop every once in a while and just enjoy all the beauty in your life. Do only what you are doing, be only where you are. Stop multi-tasking so much and just be. In addition, research is showing that being outdoors can have benefits for both your physical and mental health. So breathe it all in and stop fussing about everything, at least for a bit.



A True Blue Minestrone

Relish Recipe Tip

INGREDIENTS

40g fresh basil leaves
50g+ freshly grated parmesan
50g pine nuts
4 garlic cloves, roughly chopped
olive oil
sea salt and freshly ground pepper
1 large onion, chopped
1 leek, diced
1 celery stalk, diced
1 medium carrot, diced
3 rindless bacon rashers, diced
1 medium-large zucchini, diced
1/2 small green cabbage, ribs removed and shredded
1 medium-large potato, peeled and diced
2 X 400g cans diced tomatoes
1 can cannellini beans, rinsed and drained
2 litres chicken stock



METHOD

To make the basil pesto, whiz up the basil, 50 g Parmesan, pine nuts, 2 crushed garlic cloves, 70 ml oil and a little ground pepper in a food processor until well combined. Taste for seasoning and set aside.

Heat a little oil in a heavy-bottomed pan and gently saute the onion, leek, celery, carrot, bacon, and the remaining garlic until fairly tender and lightly coloured, and the bacon is cooked through.

Then add the zucchini, cabbage, potato and tomatoes. Stir and gently cook for another 5 minutes.

Add the Cannellini beans, pasta, stock and seasonings. Mix well and simmer until the pasta is tender, adding more stock if needed. Taste for seasoning.

Serve with a large dollop of the pesto and extra Parmesan sprinkled on top, and good crusty bread on the side.

Serves 8

This recipe can be found in **Relish Cookbook** - The Rotary Club of St Kilda's Annual Fundraiser.

To purchase please refer to www.relishrecipes.com.au
or contact President Andrew M: 0416043239



Notices & Events

NEW [Insomnia Research at the Austin Hospital](#)

Recent studies have suggested that some forms of gentle exercise appear to be effective in promoting sleep. The Institute for Breathing and Sleep in conjunction with RMIT University is currently conducting a trial to compare two forms of a 12 week gentle exercise program in those 55 years and over who have insomnia.

[READ MORE](#)

NEW [Road to Happiness Hits Melbourne](#)

26 September - October 10, 2010

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. [READ MORE](#)

NEW [Hear Matter Macahr at RC Richmond](#)

27 September, 2010

Matter Machar came from a small town called Ganyiel in Southern Sudan, a nation wracked by civil war for over 21 years. He was one of a family of six and his father died when he was only five. He left home when only seven years old, after his home town was destroyed by unknown gun men from the Islamic regime in Khartoum.

[READ MORE](#)

NEW [Victorian Golfing Fellowship of Rotary](#)

11 October, 2010

Golfing fellowship day open to Rotarians who are members of Rotary Clubs in Victoria and hold a current A.G.U. handicap. Sponsor Club Rotary Club of Melbourne. [READ MORE](#)

NEW [Boroondara Farmers' Market](#)

16 October, 2010

The Boroondara Farmers' Market is held at Patterson Reserve, Auburn Road, East Hawthorn on the third Saturday of each month. The next Market will be on Saturday, 16th October, from 8am to 1pm. It is run by the Rotary Club of Glenferrie in conjunction with the City of Boroondara. [READ MORE](#)

Notices & Events (continued)

NEW John Reddish Service Excellence Awards

20 October, 2010

On Wednesday 20 October, the Rotary Club of Kew on Yarra will be holding the 4th annual John Reddish Service Excellence Awards dinner. [READ MORE](#)

NEW Soiree at Lunchtime

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NEW Rotary Club of Toorak Book Launch

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NEW The Science Experience

27 September, 2010

The Science Experience is three days of fun science activities for Years 9 & 10 students. The program is designed to provide students who have an interest in science with an opportunity to engage in a wide range of fascinating science activities under the guidance of scientists. [READ MORE](#)

NEW RYLA 2010

5-11 December, 2010

Applications are now open for the Rotary Youth Leadership Award. RYLA in District 9800 is a week long residential personal development program for young people aged 18 to 25. over 21 years. [READ MORE](#)



Notices & Events

Working Bee and Fellowship Weekend

Friday, 1st – 3rd October 2010

Working Bee and Fellowship Weekend Friday 1st – 3rd October 2010 at the Portsea Camp. All meals, accommodation and entertainment provided.

The Portsea Camp seeks Rotary assistance once again! Join other Victorian Rotary clubs to prepare the Portsea Camp site for the summer season, where the programs will again provide excellence for our young children.

[View the Flyer](#)

Trivia Night

Friday, 1st October, 2010

Trivia Night The Rotary Club of Carlton is organising a Trivia Night on Friday October 1st.

University College, College Crescent Parkville from 7.00 pm. The cost is \$20 per head including supper.

Tickets are available from John Elligate: Email john.elligate@acu.edu.au

Phone (H) 9827 0397 (B) 9953 3286.

Proceeds from the evening will support Rotary projects including a scholarship at University College.

[View the Flyer](#)

Vocational Service Day

Sunday, 3rd October

The Vocational Service Committee and District Governor, Iven Mackay invite members, partners and friends to a vocational service forum to be hosted by the Rotary Club of Brighton Beach.

Sunday 3rd October, 10am, at the Glen Erin Winery, Rochford Road, Lancefield, Victoria, in the picturesque Macedon Ranges. (Melway Ref: 609 H9)

An excellent array of presenters and facilitators assure an uplifting experience in a creative thinking approach to current vocational service issues. The day will conclude at approx 3:30pm

Notices & Events (continued)

COST \$60 Per Person (includes lunch and wines)

RSVP 17 September, 2010

CONTACT Richard Noble, Rotary Club of Brighton Beach 0400 609 313 or Nick Constance Rotary Club of Carlton 9803 0064

[View the Flyer](#)

The Great Respect Debate

Friday, 8th October, 2010

The Great Respect Debate is a free event to take place on Friday 8th October 2010 at Melbourne Town Hall during the Victorian Senior's Festival.

[View the Flyer](#)

Recreational Vehicle Fellowship - Planned trip to the Little Desert

8th-10th October, 2010

A specifically designed trip to re-evaluate this vastly underestimated location in Western Victoria. "A desert that isn't really a desert", with over 600kms of tracks to choose from and a Nature Lodge in the middle of nowhere.

Details available from Annie McGennissen, Rotary Club of Keilor East.

GSE Team Members Sought

Applications close Friday, 8th October

For this year's Group Study Exchange with District 5840 in Texas, we are looking for outstanding young and rising leaders to be ambassadors for our District as Team Members. With applications closing Friday 8th October, now is the time to work with organisations in your area to identify and nominate these GSE Team Members.

This Rotary year's exchange will be in May-June 2011 in Texas. The team will also be required to attend our own District Conference in Adelaide in March. Further information (including application forms) can be found on our GSE page on the District website: http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/group_study_exchange_2011.



Notices & Events (continued)

Lord and Lady Somers Camps

Applications close 15th October, 2010

The details of each camp are as follows:

Lord Somers Camp: Friday, 7 January to Saturday, 15 January 2011

Lady Somers Camp: Saturday, 15 January to Saturday, 22 January 2011

Age Group: 16 ½ to 18 years as at 1 January 2011 (preference given to those in Yr 11 2010)

Cost: \$450.00 all inclusive. However \$100 deposit must be paid by the participant. The balance may be sponsored by your Rotary Club.

Rotary Club of Altona 33rd Annual Art Exhibition

15th - 17th October, 2010

82 Nelson Place, Williamstown

[For More Details](#)

Union Road Shopping Precinct

Saturday, 16th October, 2010

Union Road Shopping Precinct is an integral part of racing in Melbourne and has been at the heartland for over 100 years. To celebrate the 150th running of the Melbourne Cup, the Union Road Traders Association would like to invite you to attend a gala dinner.

Date: 16 October 2010 Venue: The Atrium Level 1, The Grandstand Flemington Racecourse

A three-course dinner and beverages Complimentary car parking, major auction and door prizes
Darryl Cotton and band 7pm -11.30pm Black Tie

\$110pp \$1200 for a corporate table of 10 guests (Tax Deductable)

For bookings contact Yvonne Moon 0407 303 255 email yvonne.moon@bigpond.com Nicole Manning email manning@stgeorge.com.au

[View the Flyer](#)

Notices & Events (continued)

Brighton Lunch

Friday, 22nd October, 2010

The Rotary club of Brighton is presenting the second annual BRIGHTON LUNCH sponsored by Porsche centre Brighton.

All are welcome to come to Brighton International Bay St. Brighton at 12MD on Friday 22nd of October for a great lunch compered by Deborah Hutton and entertainment by James Reyne Proceeds go to the Olivia Newton-John cancer and wellness centre.

While this terrific event is mainly for the gals the guys are also very welcome.

Bookings for this \$100 a head spectacular are with Geoff Bentley on 0408991641

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Sunday October 17

Sunday November 14

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

RLI is a series of fast paced, interactive, one-day courses offered to refine a Rotarian's leadership skills and increase their base of knowledge in Rotary. Courses are fun, topical, interactive, and geared toward busy business and professional persons who want to be more effective leaders in their vocation and club and more knowledgeable Rotarians.

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



Notices & Events (continued)

The Institute offers courses in three full day sessions - 9.00am to 3.15pm and participants must complete Part 1 before proceeding to Part 2 then graduating after completion of Part 3 however the completion of all three parts may be completed at your own timing.

Rotary Fun Ride - Kew to Croydon?

24 October, 2010

Organised by the Rotary Club of North Balwyn as a community event in support of Rotary's local and international projects and to promote good health, fitness and family fun. For families and young children as well as experienced riders. Choice of distances (15km, 35km and 45 km) along the Koonung Trail through Ringwood, up the Mullum Creek Trail and return.

[View the Flyer](#)

ROMAC Fundraiser

On Monday the 15th of November 2010 ROMAC is holding a Fundraiser at the Cardinal Club , Scotch College , Morrison Street , Hawthorn at 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

This evening will be in concert format with complimentary champagne on arrival and a free raffle ticket. The show is called " Rosa the Russian Beautician " starring Marney McQueen, a truly professional performer of stage and cabaret.

Seats are \$50 per person

Enquiries: Richard Groom – 03 9888 4099 or Gerry Phillips 0418 349 024.

More details and Credit card payments at : www.romac.org.au/merchandise/live-show.

Rotary Friendship Exchange

Vacancies exist for Rotarians and partners and Single Rotarians. Max of 12 in the team.

- South Africa approx dates
15 – 29 April 2011
- Zambia approx dates
1 – 14 May 2011
- Alberta Canada
Sept 2011



Notices & Events (continued)

Please apply to PP Jeanette Lynch D9800 RFE Chair
jeanette.michael@bigpond.com ph: 03 9390 5400 or 0419 568 639

Cafe International - Advance Notice - Hold the Date

6.30pm Sat 7th May 2011
International House, 241 Royal Parade, Parkville.
For further information please contact Tamra Keating, Development Manager, International House on 9345 7558 or tkeating@unimelb.edu.au

Rotary Club of Point Gellibrand 25 Year Anniversary

24 June, 2011

Celebrates 25 years of the Gellibabies!

Lock in the date!

Readers Letters

Ask Clarice...

Dear Clarice,

I am asking all Club Presidents and Assistant Governors to support this year's Vocational Services Forum on Sunday 3 October. The flyer is attached, together with the outline program and break-out topics. Location, general arrangements for the day, and fellowship follow last year's pattern, and once again we thank RC Brighton Beach and Richard Noble for acting as host club.

The format of the this year's Forum has been influenced by:

1. recent RI Presidents' and D9800 DGs' emphasis on Vocational 'back to basics' and
2. feedback from the Vocational Services group at the 2010 District Assembly requesting more information and ideas on mentoring and literacy.

The aim of the day is to:

1. Reflect on the place of Rotary's professional basis in our community today.
2. Consider the principles that have led to successful Rotary mentoring and literacy programs.
3. Identify community needs where similar programs may be introduced.
4. Discuss Rotary program options that clubs attending may wish to adopt.

We have an excellent array of presenters and facilitators, and all who attend are assured of being uplifted in their understanding of issues and involvement in creative thinking. Partners and guests are most welcome – especially those with firsthand knowledge and understanding of community needs. The success of the day will be determined by who attends, so I ask you for your support in achieving maximum club participation.

Regards

Bob Slater
D9800 Director, Vocational Services

[For More Information](#)

Do you have a letter for Clarice?

Contact the Editor

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

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





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all community
minded people

DG Weekly Message

District 9800..... we can all be very proud of our District. Our Clubs do amazing things and achieve amazing results. Here is just one example.

The Rotary Clubs of Laverton Point Cook and Wyndham have been hosting 16 teachers from the Mt Hagen area of Papua New Guinea. They arrived on 12 September and returned 26 September, after a wonderful stay. The Clubs held a joint meeting



recently that was attended by District Foundation Director PDG John Davis and AG Murray Verso.

The RC of Laverton Point Cook received the 1st District Grant awarded to a Club in our District under the new pilot Future Vision. This Vocational visit has



Iven Mackay and Marilyn
District Governor 2010-2011

been immensely valuable to the teachers and a close bond has developed between them and our Rotarians here. The teachers also met members of the local PNG Community and were hosted by Rotarians and friends of Rotary. The Teachers leader Anna Eboto Barr reported an outstanding stay here. A farewell BBQ was held by RC of Laverton Point Cook on Grand Final Day, Saturday 25 September, which was a most enjoyable day and something very different for the teachers to watch an Aussie rules Grand Final footy match. There was support for the pies and the saints and what an outcome!! Marilyn and I had a marvellous day and appreciated the invitation from the Club to meet them all. Well done to RC of Laverton Point Cook and RC Wyndham. Our Clubs are doing great things. This is indeed Building Communities Bridging Continents.

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



September is New Generations Month





Marilyn and I continue to enjoy our Official DG Club visits and thank all the Clubs for the very warm welcome that we receive. As I always say, our Clubs are all very different and have their own character and personalities. It's simply outstanding all the work and effort that you are all putting into giving Service above Self.

Keep Building Communities Bridging Continents, and, should you be a Collingwood or St Kilda supporter..... may one of you win next Saturday!

DG Iven

Trip to Cambodia

The RC Elsternwick team arrived late evening at ACE in Phnom Penh to a huge welcome and enthusiastic presentation by the ACE students.

The following day saw us visit the remaining slums that had not been demolished yet. The kindergarten was cancelled that day because one child was taken to hospital by the teacher. We chaperoned the rest of the kids to a playground in town.

That afternoon saw us all visit Rudi Boa school near where the relocated students now live. It is the equivalent of going to school in a garage next to Craigieburn tip. Later that night we endured 3 hours of terror driving from Phnom Penh to Khompong Tom where Saing Sy school is situated.

The first day, we acclimatised with a visit to the school and Mous Village. Mous is a derogatory term referring to the presence of mosquitoes in the vicinity. The residents of Mous Village were relocated here when a road was built through their previous homes. The Saing Sy school was built for these people. They are very poor and live in squalid conditions. Families often number up to 9 or 10. The children are beautiful and pre CKF, they died at the rate of 3 or 4 per month. It is a real privilege to spend time with these people in their homes.

That same day Johnny Mac came up with an engineering solution to a problem which threatened the progress of the building of the new classroom. Work continued.

Now we had to move fill in so that a slab could be laid for the classroom. We helped move truckloads of dirt by hand using woven baskets in 36C heat and 100% humidity.

We could barely move at all the next day, so we started design work on the playground. Two days later we had a brief, scope, specifications and a scaled drawing of a playground 38 metres long by 12 metres wide.

Meetings with the preferred tenderer followed and construction commenced soon after we left for VietNam.



The send off from Saing Sy is something we will never forget.

The Saing Sy school that Bill Stoney was referring to in Phnom Penh was built by the Cambodian Kids Foundation (CKF). THE CKF is the brainchild of Rotarian Donna Cooper who is now a member of the Rotary Club of Elsternwick. When Donna became a member, of our club we adopted the school as our project and our \$3000 contribution greatly assisted the construction of the school. So much so, one of the rooms in the school is named "Elsternwick."

***View Attendance &
Membership Report for
August 2010***

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RC Laverton hosts PNG Teachers

Papua New Guinea (PNG) have introduced an outcomes based schooling curriculum from 2003. Unfortunately this curriculum has had little support or training from those who have introduced it. In the Western Highlands province, a group of teachers formed the PNG Teachers Club and have taken it upon themselves to learn this curriculum in any way they can. After a short trip to Sydney last year and now an extended trip to Melbourne this month, 16 teachers from the PNG teachers club have a much clearer idea of the advantages and merits of such a curriculum. They now go home to "spread the word" to the teachers of the Western Highlands province of PNG.

The Rotary club of Laverton Point Cook with the assistance of Wyndham Rotary sent the teachers to 6 Victorian schools as well as the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA). They were hosted by members of both clubs and managed to include some sightseeing during their time here. The teachers became members of our family and a long and fruitful relationship has sprung out of this truly international project.

For More Information



First Rotary Club of Nauru Chartered



The Rotary Club of Nauru will be chartered on Tuesday 28 Sep 2010 during an 'island style' function at the University of the South Pacific, Nauru

Campus, which also will be the Club's regular meeting place.

For More Information

September is New Generations Month

Vanda Mullen and her crew have been so busy that Clarice can hardly keep up. What with Youth Exchange, Science Schools, Youth Suicide Awareness, MUNA, Lord Somers and Power House, Rotaract, Interact, RYLA, RYDA, RYPEN, Storm the Stage and the Portsea Camp, you would think they would be exhausted.

But wait - there's more! Barry Mullen has thoughtfully put it all together put it all together for you - in two beautiful episodes!

New Generations Report 1

New Generations Report 2



Improving Global Health

Over 2,200 representatives from 70 countries attended the United Nations 63rd Annual United Nations DPI/ NGO Conference aimed at attracting support for achieving the UN Millennium Development Global Health Goals by 2015.



For experienced local Rotarians PRID Ian Risely (D9810) and Loryn Clark (D9800), attending the conference was an inspiring event. For young Rotarians from the newly chartered D9800 Rotary Club of Melbourne Park, Lauren Walton and Jessica Wheeler, it was an impressive introduction into the Rotary World. “There were many young volunteers at the conference, committed to making the world a better place,” said Clark.

The Rotary workshop was entitled “Coordination of a Public-Private Health Campaign: The Global Polio Eradication Initiative” and was coordinated by Jenny Horton. Well received by an interested audience, Horton a registered nurse from the Rotary Club of Kenmore, Queensland and a WHO Consultant, felt the workshop clearly illustrated how effective partnerships are and how each partner brings strengths to the GPEI, and creates synergies.

“Seeing and hearing what is being done about polio eradication by many NGOs was amazing,” said Jenny Horton.

Dr. Bruce Thorley (Head of the Australian National Poliovirus Reference Laboratory WHO) Jenny Horton, and Lieven Desomer (a United Nation’s Children’s Fund Polio Chief) spoke at Rotary’s polio eradication workshop and reinforced the valuable contribution Rotary International has made to eradicate polio.

“I’m in awe at what an organisation of volunteers, partnering with others, can do toward eradicating a disease from the world. Through partnerships, anything is possible.” Horton said.

For More Information

Latest news from Pakistan

Disaster Aid Australia reports:

“The gratitude of the people we helped will stay with me forever – no one had given them any assistance at all – they had been left behind and now they have a safe home for their families and a chance to start again – there was a lot of hugging and smiles”

[View the DAA Newsletter for more details.](#)



RYDA

The Rotary Youth Driver Awareness program operates in all States of Australia except Victoria, and since 2001 has had 150,000 students attend. Plans are now being formulated to introduce the program into Victoria, initially in District 9800, early in 2011.



This program is facilitated in partnership with Rotary and provides year 10 students, with practical road safety information and in particular, targets driver attitude and awareness.

A wide variety of experts in the areas of road safety, education, police and rotary have come together to co-ordinate the implementation of this program.

Planning is currently underway to hold the first two presentations and involves locating suitable Facilities, Facilitators, vehicles and other equipment.

As we approach implementation stage we will be notifying rotary clubs to participate in the project. In addition a significant part of this program roll-out will be the distribution of information kits to participating schools and colleges.

Further updates will be provided on the implementation status of the project in the near future.

Storm the Stage

Your Club can be involved:

- Sponsor participants in a heat/audition process with winners moving through to the District Final held in Bendigo – National Final in Perth.
- Be part of a Cluster initiative and run a heat/audition in your area – 'how to' support provided by the District Committee
- Attend as an audience member in the local heat/audition or District Final
- Donate to fund the development of this exciting program

Your Club can benefit:

- Provides contact with a different segment of your local community – the Arts, theatre groups, teachers, parents and performers.
- Entertainment at club functions – Changeover Nights, Christmas or Family of Rotary events and functions.
- Guest Speakers – Storm the Stage - learn about the program first hand from those involved.

We are passionate about Storm the Stage. The word is spreading with performers from Diamond Creek, Highton, Ballarat and Bendigo area taking part in 2010.

Timeline:

- Preliminary Contact with possible entrants – October-November
- Participants sourced in first half of the school year – Term Dates: Feb 1-April 8/April 27 – July 1
- Heat/audition process in your area – June –
- District Final – July 17– Bendigo – Term Dates July 18-September 2
- National Final – December – Perth WA – maybe Queensland in 2011

Let us speak to your club or Cluster meeting:

Contact:

Metropolitan Clubs – Therese McKenney-Campbell – 0412 315 450 and Country Clubs – Anne Peace – 5480 1342 or 0429 801342

Bound for Fun

Once again supported by our terrific loyal major sponsor of five years, Lexus of Blackburn, the 2011 Conference is set to be our finest yet. If you are looking for a great car, great service and of course the outstanding value of 3 years free scheduled servicing, and a special offer available only to Rotarians and Friends of Rotary at Lexus of Blackburn, be sure to support those who support us!

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Our simple online system enables you to book your place at the Conference and at the same time gain access to exclusive accommodation rates and access to details for flights for the best possible price. It's simple, quick and easy.

Early Bird Prize – The Smart Way to Book!

If you book your place before the cut off date of December 31st, 2010, you will automatically be entered in the Early Bird Draw to win 3 nights at the Intercontinental Hotel Adelaide, thanks to the generosity and kind support of the Intercontinental Hotel. This is truly a great place to stay.

Once again Rotarians and friends booking as Early Bird Registrants will also be invited to The Lexus of Blackburn Cocktail Party and drawing of the Early Bird Prize in February 2011.

Enquiries: President David Bourke: Mobile - 0407 396 055 or Email - david.bourke@amcor.com.au or Annie Wysham, (RC Richmond) Mobile: 0419 100 287 Email: annie.c.w@bigpond.com



Get the message out

Marketing Tip

Ever heard the saying “nothing draws a crowd like a crowd itself”?

Promoting your club's recruitment of new members is a fantastic way to attract further new members. It demonstrates firsthand the link between “I'd like to help the community in some way” and “I'd like to help the community in some way, so I joined Rotary”. It allows prospective members to see that Rotary members don't belong to a secret society, but indeed are people just like them with similar ideals and values.

The messages that new members impart have an added advantage:

- Enabling others to picture themselves in the same shoes as the new recruit
- Being fresh and relevant
- Dispelling myths that might otherwise be a disincentive to join
- Showing why Rotary is a great vehicle for following passions that many people harbour
- Providing potential reasons to join
- Showing that there ARE new people and ideas in Rotary

Get the message out there!

By now we know all about the What's In It For Me? principle. We know the audience we're trying to reach, we know the message we're trying to impart, we've got a good story, and we've even got a great new recruit who can provide legitimate expert testimony on the worth of joining Rotary. The only thing left to do is make sure the message is conveyed in a way that piques the interest of others. Tell the world you have a new member and how mutually beneficial the arrangement will be!

For More Information

A True Blue Minestrone

Relish Recipe Tip

INGREDIENTS

5 medium-size beetroot
 1/4 cup verjus
 4 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
 sea salt flakes and freshly ground black pepper to taste
 3 cloves garlic, smashed
 4 tbsp Banyuls vinegar (or good red wine vinegar)
 5 buffalo mozzarella balls (or cow's milk fior di latte)
 baby basil leaves or regular basil chiffonade

METHOD

Preheat the oven to 220 C. Coat the beetroot in the verjus and half the olive oil. Season with salt and pepper. Wrap the beetroot and garlic together in aluminium foil, place on a baking tray and bake for about 2 hours or until just tender. Peel off the skin then set aside and allow to cool.

Lightly whisk the remaining olive oil with the vinegar, salt and pepper. Cut the mozzarella balls into 1cm slices and set aside. When the beetroot cools, slice to the same thickness as the mozzarella.

On a serving platter or individual plates, layer the beetroot with the mozzarella. Drizzle with the red wine vinaigrette and garnish with baby basil leaves. Season with salt and pepper.

This recipe can be found in the **Relish Cookbook** - The Rotary Club of St Kilda's Annual Fundraiser.

To purchase please refer to www.relishrecipes.com.au or contact President Andrew M: 0416043239



Eating a balanced vegetarian diet

Health Tip

Eating a healthy and balanced vegetarian diet is easier than you may think and it doesn't have to be just lettuce leaves and baked beans! Contrary to the perception that plant-based diets are dull and boring, this style of eating permits the enjoyment of a wide variety of foods, flavours and textures, while enhancing energy levels and overall health. There are a wide variety of nutritious plant foods to choose from – and the right combination of foods helps to ensure you meet your nutrition requirements. Visit the National Vegetarian Week website as a guide to following a healthy well balanced plant based diet.

For tips visit the [National Vegetarian Week website](http://NationalVegetarianWeek.com).



Notices & Events

NEW GSE Applications Closing

A reminder to all clubs that applicants for Team Leaders and Team Members for this year's Group Study Exchange to Rotary District 5840 in Texas close very soon. [Read More](#)

NEW Tullamarine Breakfast with Sam Lipski

21 October, 2010

Join the Tullamarine Rotary Club for breakfast, featuring Mr. Sam Lipski CEO of the Pratt Foundation. [Read More](#)

NEW The Lost Men of Fromelles

09 November, 2010

Tuesday 09 November from 7.30am. The Rotary Club of Central Melbourne-Sunrise will remember Armistice Day in November, with two most inspiring guest speakers, at their breakfast meeting at RACV City Club (2nd floor). [Read More](#)

NEW North Balwyn Rotaract Trivia Night

13 November, 2010

A night full of quirky trivia, games and hours of endless fun will be held on Saturday the 13th of November. [Read More](#)



Notices & Events

Working Bee and Fellowship Weekend

Friday, 1st – 3rd October 2010

Working Bee and Fellowship Weekend Friday 1st – 3rd October 2010 at the Portsea Camp. All meals, accommodation and entertainment provided.

The Portsea Camp seeks Rotary assistance once again! Join other Victorian Rotary clubs to prepare the Portsea Camp site for the summer season, where the programs will again provide excellence for our young children.

[View the Flyer](#)

Trivia Night

Friday, 1st October, 2010

Trivia Night The Rotary Club of Carlton is organising a Trivia Night on Friday October 1st.

University College, College Crescent Parkville from 7.00 pm. The cost is \$20 per head including supper.

Tickets are available from John Elligate: Email john.elligate@acu.edu.au

Phone (H) 9827 0397 (B) 9953 3286.

Proceeds from the evening will support Rotary projects including a scholarship at University College.

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Vocational Service Day

Sunday, 3rd October

The Vocational Service Committee and District Governor, Iven Mackay invite members, partners and friends to a vocational service forum to be hosted by the Rotary Club of Brighton Beach.

Sunday 3rd October, 10am, at the Glen Erin Winery, Rochford Road, Lancefield, Victoria, in the picturesque Macedon Ranges. (Melway Ref: 609 H9)

An excellent array of presenters and facilitators assure an uplifting experience in a creative thinking approach to current vocational service issues. The day will conclude at approx 3:30pm.

Notices & Events (continued)

COST \$60 Per Person (includes lunch and wines)

RSVP 17 September, 2010

CONTACT Richard Noble, Rotary Club of Brighton Beach 0400 609 313 or Nick Constance Rotary Club of Carlton 9803 0064

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The Great Respect Debate

Friday, 8th October, 2010

The Great Respect Debate is a free event to take place on Friday 8th October 2010 at Melbourne Town Hall during the Victorian Senior's Festival.

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Recreational Vehicle Fellowship - Planned trip to the Little Desert

8th-10th October, 2010

A specifically designed trip to re-evaluate this vastly underestimated location in Western Victoria. "A desert that isn't really a desert", with over 600kms of tracks to choose from and a Nature Lodge in the middle of nowhere.

Details available from Annie McGennissen, Rotary Club of Keilor East.

GSE Team Members Sought

Applications close Friday, 8th October

For this year's Group Study Exchange with District 5840 in Texas, we are looking for outstanding young and rising leaders to be ambassadors for our District as Team Members. With applications closing Friday 8th October, now is the time to work with organisations in your area to identify and nominate these GSE Team Members.

This Rotary year's exchange will be in May-June 2011 in Texas. The team will also be required to attend our own District Conference in Adelaide in March. Further information (including application forms) can be found on our GSE page on the District website: http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/group_study_exchange_2011.



Notices & Events (continued)

Victorian Golfing Fellowship of Rotary

11 October, 2010

Golfing fellowship day open to Rotarians who are members of Rotary Clubs in Victoria and hold a current A.G.U. handicap. Sponsor Club Rotary Club of Melbourne. [READ MORE](#)

Lord and Lady Somers Camps

Applications close 15th October, 2010

The details of each camp are as follows:

Lord Somers Camp: Friday, 7 January to Saturday, 15 January 2011

Lady Somers Camp: Saturday, 15 January to Saturday, 22 January 2011

Age Group: 16 ½ to 18 years as at 1 January 2011 (preference given to those in Yr 11 2010)

Cost: \$450.00 all inclusive. However \$100 deposit must be paid by the participant. The balance may be sponsored by your Rotary Club.

Rotary Club of Altona 33rd Annual Art Exhibition

15th - 17th October, 2010

82 Nelson Place, Williamstown

[For More Details](#)

Union Road Shopping Precinct

Saturday, 16th October, 2010

Union Road Shopping Precinct is an integral part of racing in Melbourne and has been at the heartland for over 100 years. To celebrate the 150th running of the Melbourne Cup, the Union Road Traders Association would like to invite you to attend a gala dinner.

Date: 16 October 2010 Venue: The Atrium Level 1, The Grandstand Flemington Racecourse

A three-course dinner and beverages Complimentary car parking, major auction and door prizes
Darryl Cotton and band 7pm -11.30pm Black Tie

\$110pp \$1200 for a corporate table of 10 guests (Tax Deductable)

Notices & Events (continued)

For bookings contact Yvonne Moon 0407 303 255 email yvonne.moon@bigpond.com Nicole Manning email manning@stgeorge.com.au

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Boroondara Farmers' Market

16 October, 2010

The Boroondara Farmers' Market is held at Patterson Reserve, Auburn Road, East Hawthorn on the third Saturday of each month. The next Market will be on Saturday, 16th October, from 8am to 1pm. It is run by the Rotary Club of Glenferrie in conjunction with the City of Boroondara. [READ MORE](#)

Lunch with John Faine

20 October, 2010

Recent studies have suggested that some forms of gentle exercise appear to be effective in promoting sleep. The Institute for Breathing and Sleep in conjunction with RMIT University is currently conducting a trial to compare two forms of a 12 week gentle exercise program in those 55 years and over who have insomnia. [READ MORE](#)

John Reddish Service Excellence Awards

20 October, 2010

On Wednesday 20 October, the Rotary Club of Kew on Yarra will be holding the 4th annual John Reddish Service Excellence Awards dinner. [READ MORE](#)

Brighton Lunch

Friday, 22nd October, 2010

The Rotary club of Brighton is presenting the second annual BRIGHTON LUNCH sponsored by Porsche centre Brighton.

All are welcome to come to Brighton International Bay St. Brighton at 12MD on Friday 22nd of October for a great lunch compered by Deborah Hutton and entertainment by James Reyne Proceeds go to the Olivia Newton-John Cancer and Wellness Centre.

Notices & Events (continued)

While this terrific event is mainly for the gals the guys are also very welcome.

Bookings for this \$100 a head spectacular are with Geoff Bentley on 0408991641

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Rotary Leadership Institute

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.

Sunday October 17

Sunday November 14

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

RLI is a series of fast paced, interactive, one-day courses offered to refine a Rotarian's leadership skills and increase their base of knowledge in Rotary. Courses are fun, topical, interactive, and geared toward busy business and professional persons who want to be more effective leaders in their vocation and club and more knowledgeable Rotarians.

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

The Institute offers courses in three full day sessions - 9.00am to 3.15pm and participants must complete Part 1 before proceeding to Part 2 then graduating after completion of Part 3 however the completion of all three parts may be completed at your own timing.

Rotary Fun Ride - Kew to Croydon?

24 October, 2010

Organised by the Rotary Club of North Balwyn as a community event in support of Rotary's local and



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international projects and to promote good health, fitness and family fun. For families and young children as well as experienced riders. Choice of distances (15km, 35km and 45 km) along the Koonung Trail through Ringwood, up the Mullum Creek Trail and return.

[View the Flyer](#)

ROMAC Fundraiser

On Monday the 15th of November 2010 ROMAC is holding a Fundraiser at the Cardinal Club , Scotch College, Morrison Street, Hawthorn at 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

This evening will be in concert format with complimentary champagne on arrival and a free raffle ticket. The show is called “ Rosa the Russian Beautician” starring Marney McQueen, a truly professional performer of stage and cabaret.

Seats are \$50 per person.

Enquiries: Richard Groom – 03 9888 4099 or Gerry Phillips 0418 349 024.

More details and Credit card payments at : www.romac.org.au/merchandise/live-show.

RYLA 2010

5-11 December, 2010

Applications are now open for the Rotary Youth Leadership Award. RYLA in District 9800 is a week long residential personal development program for young people aged 18 to 25. over 21 years. [READ MORE](#)

Rotary Friendship Exchange

Vacancies exist for Rotarians and partners and Single Rotarians. Max of 12 in the team.

- South Africa approx dates
15 – 29 April 2011
- Zambia approx dates
1 – 14 May 2011
- Alberta Canada
Sept 2011

Please apply to PP Jeanette Lynch D9800 RFE Chair

jeanette.michael@bigpond.com ph: 03 9390 5400 or 0419 568 639

Notices & Events (continued)

Cafe International - Advance Notice - Hold the Date

6.30pm Sat 7th May 2011

International House, 241 Royal Parade, Parkville.

For further information please contact Tamra Keating, Development Manager, International House on 9345 7558 or tkeating@unimelb.edu.au

Rotary Club of Point Gellibrand 25 Year Anniversary

24 June, 2011

Celebrates 25 years of the Gellibabies!

Lock in the date!

Readers Letters

Ask Clarice...

Dear Clarice,

I thought you should be aware that DG Iven Mackey has in his latest report to the District Leadership Team noted that he is happy to promote both Disaster Aid Australia and ShelterBox relief programs. There are differences in approach, in the form of assistance offered and in costs, and each program has its strengths. There are supporters of both programs in D9800 and our priority should be to provide flexibility to potential donors. Having said that, there is a groundswell of support for DAA in D9800 I believe because it is locally managed, it offers a wider range of relief equipment and its costs are lower.

Alternatively, Aquabox Australia who provide water purification kits, is requesting donations to replenish reserves here in Australia.

The flood waters may have receded in Pakistan, but according to the United Nations, 6 million survivors urgently require aid in the form of shelter, food and clean water. Reports reveal that up to 14 million or 8 per cent of the population have been disrupted or affected. Both Disaster Aid Australia and ShelterBox are delivering emergency shelter and water in Pakistan now and need your help. Currently all existing Aquaboxes have been committed to Pakistan's relief efforts.

If you would like more information on these programs to assist your club in its considerations about emergency relief aid, please call me, or follow the links below.

Regards

Alan Seale, Director,

International Service D9800

Disaster Aid Australia: <http://disasteraidaustralia.org.au/> or call 1300 881 913.

ShelterBox: <http://www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au>

Aquabox: <http://www.aquabox.com.au>

Readers Letters

Ask Clarice...

Dear Clarice

With fund raising being a priority of The Rotary Club of Carlton this year a series of fund raising events has been planned. The aim is to make this fun and enjoyable as well! Funds are required for our broad "Caring for Carlton" projects which include Carlton Primary School, Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre, Carlton Local Agency Network, Carlton Police community projects (which include work at the Royal Children's Hospital and the Carlton high rise apartments) and Ronald McDonald House as well as commitment to District and wider Rotary projects.

The club held its inaugural footy tipping competition this year. The culmination of this was a "Brownlow Night" to announce winners. The dress code was footy colours or glamorous. The attached photo of three happy members displays this. From left to right: Tony Broughton (Tigers), Janet Ferguson, our Secretary and Anne Ada (Demons).

Our speaker for the evening was Chris Wang (Past District Assistant Governor) who, with his wife Janet, recently ventured to the Arctic Circle. The highlight was many sightings of polar bears. During the evening President Tim Lennie presented District Governor Elect Keith Ryall with his double sapphire Paul Harris Award. (see photo)

Ian and Anne Ada
RC Carlton

Dear Clarice,

It was good to see that Rotary now has a presence at the Royal Melbourne Show, but we should consider taking the next logical step and having our own stand at the Show next year. Rotary does wonderful things that it tells no one about, then wonders why we can't get new Members. We spend a lot of time and effort on the House of Friendship at Conferences preaching to the converted. Why don't we channel some of this into telling the public what we do? As with this year's approach let's combine our Districts efforts and tell people what Victorian Rotary does.

PP David Dippie, RC Keilor

Clarice Replies: Thanks for the suggestion David. DG Iven Mackay assures me that such things are already planned for next year.

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

