



## March Is World Literacy Month

### Rotary: Bringing Literacy to the World

In today's world, one in five adults is still not literate (two thirds of them women) while 72 million children do not attend school.

#### Why is Literacy important?

Literacy is a right, a tool of personal empowerment and a key element in social development. Educational opportunities are absolutely dependent on literacy. Literacy heightens communication and, as such, is essential in the struggle to eradicate poverty, reduce child mortality, curb population growth, achieve gender equality and to work towards ensuring sustainable development, peace and democracy.

Literacy is at the core of everyone's education. A quality basic education equips pupils with *literacy skills for life* and encourages further learning. Literate parents are more likely to send their children to school. Literate people have better access to continuing educational opportunities, and literate societies are better placed to address change and development.

Rotary clubs in our District have made major contributions to improving the levels of literacy in our own local communities. **Remember, illiteracy is not restricted to underdeveloped countries.** In our own District there are specific areas where literacy levels are well below the State and National average. Programs such as **BookStart** and **Read to Me** are two programs in our District initiated and implemented by Rotary Clubs that are addressing these concerns.

In 1978, Rotary International President Clem Renouf, an Australian, launched Rotary's Health, Hunger and Humanity program (more commonly known as the 3H program). A decade later another Rotary International President, Glen Kinross also an Australian (and attending our Shepparton Conference) declared that Rotarians could and ought to do something significant about the widespread hunger, need and misery that existed in developing countries.

As one of his two major initiatives, he set up a **Literacy and Numeracy Task Force**, charged with enabling Rotary to play a significant part in alleviating mass illiteracy in developing countries. This Task Force put its considerable weight behind an effective pilot literacy project - **Concentrated Language Encounter (CLE)** - which targeted areas of greatest need. The basic methodology of CLE teaching was developed in Australia during the 1970's by Dr Brian Gray for use in settings where conventional literacy programs were utterly failing. It was intended that the CLE projects that would be sustained and magnified in the years ahead were to be known as the **Lighthouse Strategy**.

Six major Rotary (3H) literacy projects have been generated through the Lighthouse Literacy strategies. The first one, in Thailand, was in schools. The next were in Bangladesh and the Solomon Islands. These were followed by initiatives in South Africa, Turkey and Brazil.

The Bangladesh project has particular relevance to our District. The late PDG Jack Nankervis sparked interest when he was a guest speaker at the Rotary Club of Footscray when he spoke of the success of the CLE teaching program in Thailand and told the club of the need for such a program in Bangladesh, where the exiting levels of literacy rated at no better than 15%. The club responded to this plea by allocating an amount of \$6,000 to develop a pilot program in Bangladesh. It began in 3 schools and initially involved 240 children. By 2002 it had reached 500 schools and 368,000 children.

At the Rotary Conference in Canberra in 1996, Jack Nankervis approached the Rotary Club of Footscray with the suggestion that the club make application to the Rotary Foundation for a US\$500,000 Foundation Grant which would enable a literacy program to be developed to cover all of Bangladesh.

In October 1997, the Foundation met to approve 8 projects from 31 world wide. Our submission was successful and it is still one of the largest major grants ever obtained by our District. The Rotary Clubs of Balwyn, Bendigo and Bendigo Sandhurst were also a vital part of the part of project, for without their financial support the project may have not reached fruition.

This is an example of how **ONE IDEA**, properly nurtured by dedicated Rotarians and supported financially by our Rotary Foundation, has reached out and changed the lives of a people for generations to come.

**It is my fervent hope that in future years we will see Rotary and other international organizations cooperatively accelerating progress towards the elimination of mass illiteracy in the developing world.**

- District Governor, John Davis

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## Victorian Research Tops Funding

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Ten Victorian researchers have been successful in gaining funding for mental health and rural health projects beginning in 2008 from the ARHRF. This is the most of any State.

The following is a list of the new ARHRF Ian Scott Scholars from Victoria.

Ian Scott scholarships are three-year PhD scholarships awarded for research in the area of mental health. They are named after the founder of the ARHRF.

**Magenta Simmons, University of Melbourne**

*Shared decision making for young people with depressive disorders: Development and feasibility testing of a decision aid.*

**Esther Chan, Monash University**

*Improving the management of acute agitation in the Emergency Department - a multicentre randomised controlled trial.*

**Sylvia Kauer, Royal Children's Hospital/Murdoch Children's Research Institute**

*The importance of insight into negative mood, stressful experiences and coping strategies in the prevention and early intervention of adolescent mood disorders.*

For more information on the above projects contact Heidi via email, [heidihodder@arhrf.org.au](mailto:heidihodder@arhrf.org.au), or phone - (02) 8837 1900.

Donations to ARHRF are tax deductible and can be sent to ARHRF, PO Box 3455, Parramatta, NSW, 2124. Telephone 02 8837 1900 Email [arhrf@arhrf.org.au](mailto:arhrf@arhrf.org.au).

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## Rotary World Peace Fellowships

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### Rotary Peace & Conflict Studies Professional Development

Rotary offers TWO outstanding programs in peace and conflict resolution but we are not attracting enough strong applicants. We are asking for your, and your Club's, assistance in support of these Foundation programs.

The Rotary World Peace Fellowship (RWPF) is for study for a Masters degree at a Rotary Center for International Studies at one of 6 prestigious universities around the world. It is generously funded- up to \$US62,000- for up to 18 months.

The Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program (RPCSP) is a 3 month Certificate course at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok for mid career professionals with a regional focus which is highly relevant to Australia and its aid programs in the Asia-Pacific

You may be unaware of the RPCSP –Bangkok –which has received less publicity. The Rotary Club of Canterbury successfully nominated our District's first participant -Susan Carew - who is there now. Susan is the first Australian to be nominated.

D9800 is a world leader in successfully nominating candidates for RWPF. Initially identifying candidates requires creative persistency. Being new programs, they are not widely known. Being specialized programs and with candidates possibly working in conflict prone countries, advertising is pointless. Rotarians are not in touch with potential candidates. But we do have contacts with their employers: NGOs, Aid agencies, government, police and military peace keepers. We need your Clubs' help in getting the message to these organizations. Writing is a soft option. Getting the name of a well placed executive, speaking with him/her, following up with concise material and by phone is far more effective. Sure, it is hard work, but it is so rewarding and at the core of Rotary's mission. This is how we have placed D9800 as one of the top 3 Districts in the world! Some Districts find it just too hard and give up.

We ask you to nominate a member of your Club to take responsibility for searching for candidates. It is a Foundation Program so that is where you may wish to start. Please tell us who that person is so we can support their efforts and provide follow up information.

Our successful experience arises from mentoring of candidates as they prepare their application. It is very rewarding and the District has several enthusiastic and committed Committee members who can be contacted for further information. They would be delighted to hear from your Club.



Both programs lack sufficient high calibre candidates. You and your Club can play a pivotal role in these great programs which are already making a difference to our world.

- Bob Fels, Chair, District Peace Fellows Committee &  
Chris Don, Chair, District Foundation

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## Our Ambassadorial Scholar Reports In

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The following letter from our Districts 2006 Ambassadorial Scholar Holly Bannon-Murphy is testament to this magnificent program which is financially supported by our Districts Rotarians through their Clubs Annual Giving and Centurion Sustaining Members Fund to The Foundation of Rotary International. As Rotarians we can all be justifiably proud in our active participation of this Foundation Educational Program.

*To Rotarians Chris Don, Michael Elligate, David Gorman and Ted Levecke,*

*Thank you very much for your emails and I am sorry that I haven't replied until now. As you heard, I was quite ill for a number of weeks but I am better now. I had malaria in early February when I was travelling around Ghana. I was treated immediately in Kumasi (the second largest city in Ghana) but unfortunately some remnants of the parasite were still in my bloodstream so I had a relapse a week later which then gave me pneumonia. I was admitted to a hospital in Accra for almost a week, and I have now fully recovered. The doctors and nurses were very attentive and the care that I received was wonderful.*

*It was quite an adventure!*

*Aside from that, I have been keeping quite busy. My Rotary Host Counselor Mr. Felix Nyarko-Pong was offered a fantastic job opportunity in Amsterdam so he has now left Ghana. I spent Christmas with him and his family, which was a lovely cultural experience, with a blend of traditional Christmas dishes and Ghanaian foods. I have now been assigned a new host counselor and look forward to a new experience with a different family.*

*I have also been heavily involved in Rotary in Ghana, attending the meetings of a number of clubs including the Roteract Club at the University of Ghana, my host club Accra North and Accra Airport. Last semester a number of the Ambassadorial scholars and I attended a movie fundraiser run by the Accra Airport Rotary club, the proceeds of which have gone to drilling boreholes and digging wells to provide water for rural communities in Ghana.*

*I am also volunteering - last semester I was involved with the Legon Hospital, using my skills from my Psychology major to help out with recovering patients. In December I met the head of the Pantang Psychiatric Hospital at a Rotary meeting and she requested my help with the reopening and general functioning of the Occupational Therapy Department at her hospital so I was referred on. I am now working two days each week with individuals with mental illnesses and disabilities at Pantang Hospital, mostly in the Art therapy department and boosting literacy. It has been a very rewarding experience so far, and I look forward to continuing work with the hospital this coming semester.*

*University has also been an interesting experience. I have been studying African politics, which was one of the aims when applying for the Ambassadorial scholarship. Learning about conflicts in an African context (such as the subject 'Conflicts in African states') has been incredibly eye-opening for me and has increased my understanding of the importance of cultural influences on peace and conflict resolution in sub-Saharan Africa. I have also been taking Arabic, which has been a challenge as the majority of the people in my 6-person class are native speakers. It has been so helpful for my language skills. My favourite Arabic subject last semester was Modern Arabic short stories, where we read stories in Arabic then analyzed them from an African, and specifically Ghanaian, viewpoint. I feel like I have more of an understanding of Middle eastern and sub-Saharan African culture.*

*Thank you all for your support prior to and during my Scholarship period. This is has been such a rich experience that I will never forget. I look forward to the adventures and experiences of the next 5 months.*

- Holly Bannon-Murphy  
Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar District 9800

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## Notices & Events

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### RC Flemington: Change of Venue

The Rotary Club of Flemington weekly meeting on **Wednesday, 19 March** will be held at the Riverside Golf and Tennis Club, Newsom Street, Ascot Vale in lieu of the normal venue. This meeting will be the Past Professional Runners' Breakfast, held to celebrate the annual running of the Stawell Easter Gift athletics meeting.

### RC Prahran: Change of Venue

Rotary Club of Prahran will be changing the following meeting times as our venue, Lago Restaurant, is closed to the public during the Grand Prix:



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- 3rd March Night Meeting - EQ Cafe Bar, The Art Centre, St Kilda Road - 7.30pm  
7th March Joint Meeting - RC Melbourne South - Club Tivoli 12.45 for 1.00pm  
10th March No Meeting - Labour Day  
17th March Mt Erica Hotel, corner High Street and Williams Road, Prahran 12.45 for 1.00pm

## Rotary Southern Districts Shine On Awards

Nominations for the Rotary Southern Districts 'Shine On Awards' close on **25 February 2008**. If you have any queries or you just need another copy of the Rotary Shine On Guidelines and Nomination Form, email [DawnWatson@yahoo.com](mailto:DawnWatson@yahoo.com) or call Dawn on 9337 4710.

## A "Hypothetical" With A Difference - We're Doing It On Drugs!

RC Central Melbourne-Sunrise is holding another of its successful "Hypotheticals" at BMW Edge, Federation Square - 6.30 pm for 7.30 pm **Friday, 7 March**. It will be short and sweet, finishing around 9.00pm. Cost \$55 pp including drinks and canapés. The subject matter of this hypothetical will be both compelling and entertaining - *our kids and drugs, the pushers who supply them, the gangsters who create wealth out of drugs, the police and the criminal justice system. How should doctors, police, courts and legislators deal with addicts, pushers and gangsters?*

This 4th annual "Hypothetical" will be moderated by **Julian Burnside QC** and the panel this year is as diverse as you can get:

- *Deputy Commissioner Simon Overland - headed the Purana Task Force, took on the Melbourne gangsters*
- *Keith Moor - Insight Editor at the Herald Sun, Walkley Award winning investigative journalist (has replaced Andrew Rule on panel)*
- *Greg Levine - Senior Melbourne Magistrate - formerly Chief Magistrate of the Children's Court*
- *Father Joe Caddy - Chief Executive of Catholic welfare group, Centacare, Chaplain of Port Phillip Prison*
- *Joe Lamberti - Drug Counsellor, Sanctuary Clinic*
- *Rod Quantock - Melbourne comedian, writer and social commentator*
- *Alexandra Richards - leading Melbourne QC and human rights lawyer*
- *Dr Sally Cockburn - practising Melbourne GP and national media personality as Dr. Feelgood*
- *Trevor Doherty - reformed heroin addict, served 12 years for armed robbery, but as Tim Costello said: "The guy has made a bigger comeback than Lazarus".*

A Flyer and Booking Form are available from the Club or can be downloaded from the Club website: [www.rotarydistrict9800.org/centralmelbournesunrise](http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org/centralmelbournesunrise) RSVP Monday 3rd March 2008. Feel free to invite your friends and colleagues.

## Sports Star Night

RC Essendon North are supporting Ovarian Cancer Australia with a Sports Star Night on **Thursday, 13 March 2008**, 7.00pm for 7.30pm at The Roseville Ballroom, 10 Leake Street, Essendon.

Hosted by Des Dowling of Channel 7's 'Coxy's Big Break', special guests include Merv Hughes (Australian Cricket Legend, current Test Selector and Ambassador for Andrology Australia), Nicole Livingstone (Triple Olympic swimming medallist and Channel 9 sports commentator), Michael Klim (multiple Olympic swimming gold medallist and World Champion), and Russell Mark OAM (6 time World Cup Champion Clay Target Shooting, Olympic gold medallist, and competing for Australia at the Beijing Olympics). Sporting memorabilia and other items will be auctioned throughout the evening.

Tickets are \$60.000 and include a 3 course meal, beer, wine, champagne and soft drink. Corporate packages are available and tables of 10 welcome.

Please contact Ben DeBolfo on 9338 0833 (bh) or 0418 150 160, or Barry Coleman on 0427 852 062.

## Boroondara Farmers' Market

On **Saturday, 15 March**, the Boroondara Farmers' Market will celebrate its 5th Birthday with a number of special events to mark the occasion. The Market is held at Patterson Reserve, Auburn Road, Hawthorn from 8.00am to 1.00pm.

- 60+ stalls from producers throughout Victoria will again support the monthly market.



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- Stallholders from drought stricken Moira Shire (covering Yarrowonga, Cobram, Numurkah and Nathalia) will bring their products/produce down to sell on this day and they will be supported by the local Tourist Office who will promote their District as a tourist attraction for all to visit. A touring guide 'Farmgate Trail' has been printed and will be available at the Market. This whole project comes under the umbrella of 'Boroondara Cares And Moira Cares', an initiative taken up by the 8 Rotary clubs in Boroondara and the 4 Rotary clubs in Moira. A marquee containing all of the people from Moira Shire will stand alongside the regular monthly stallholders.
- Children will again be able to visit the farmyard animals free between 9.30am and 11.30am. This has become a very popular feature.
- Flora Dora - face painter - will also be attendance and will paint children's faces free of charge.
- Balloons will be given away to young children

Please contact Terry Rolleston on 0411 752 829 or Elisa Grassa on 9278 4814 (City of Boroondara) for further information.

## Take The First Steps To The Inaugural Wyndham Rotary River Fun Run

To be held on **Saturday 15 March, 2008** at 9.00am, you will can walk or run 8km or 3km around the scenic Werribee River in Werribee. The course is ideal for first time runners, avid walkers or experienced runners seeking a new challenge! Have a great time participating in a fun community event, while raising vital funds for the **Royal Children's Good Friday Appeal**. You can enter as an individual, with friends and family or perhaps enter a corporate team. It promises to be a fun filled day with something for everyone including giveaways, special guests and lots more! The event is part of the Weerama Festival, 13 – 16 March, 2008. Check out the website (<http://wyndhamfunrun.org/>) for more details and to follow the weekly fitness programs to assist with your training regime. Rotary volunteers are also asked to help on the day. Please contact Gary Willson, Communications Director Fun Run, on 0418 788 838 or [garywillson@hotmail.com](mailto:garywillson@hotmail.com).



## RC Bendigo South – Change Of Meeting Time

Please be advised that the Rotary Club of Bendigo South will be transferring their usual Thursday Evening meeting for **Easter Thursday, 20 March** to a Breakfast meeting at 7:30am start for that day only.

## GSE Farewell Dinner

What an excellent event for D9800 to Farewell our GSE Team and Visiting team! To be held on **Tuesday, 25 March 2008** at Grand Star Receptions, Grieve Parade, Altona from 7.00 for 7,30pm start. Cost is \$55.00 and the dress code is smart evening attire. Please RSVP PP Clara Westhorpe 9398 2674 or John Bussey on 0412 068 848.

## Tom Henderson And ShelterBox

RC Kew invite you and your friends to their special weekly meeting on **Wednesday, 2 April 2008** at 7.00pm for 7.30pm at the Kew Golf Club, 120 Belford Road, Kew East to hear ex-Royal Navy search-and-rescue diver Tom Henderson - the ShelterBox charity's founder and general manager - provide us with his insight and an update on Rotary's ShelterBox Project. Cost is \$35 per person and drinks at bar prices. There will be a raffle to raise funds for the ShelterBox project. RSVP by 5 March 2008.

Please call Roger Fasken for more information on 9820 4308.

## Jeffrey Archer Book Launch

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

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

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

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

*Success is largely a matter of persisting beyond that of what others will bear.*

- Wes Truscott

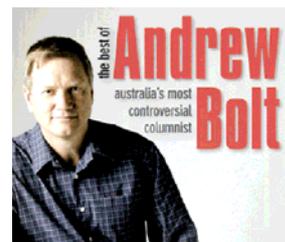


## Breakfast With Andrew Bolt

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

## Gallipoli – The Trip Of A Lifetime

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

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

## Macedon Ranges MS Cycle Challenge

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

## Welcome Back Dinner for GSE Team

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

## Fun In Retirement Expo

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



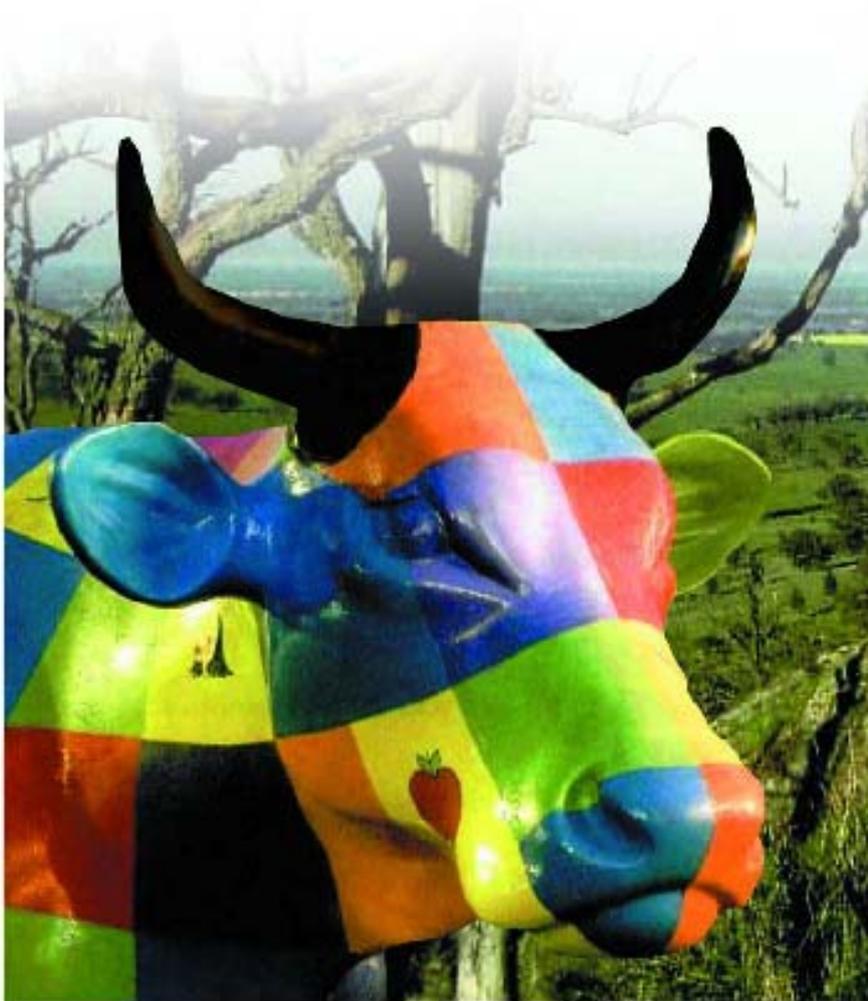
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## Words

The power and beauty of spoken and written words is undeniable. Words have the potential to inform, inspire, encourage, explain, excite, change lives and circumstances and even have the ability to transport us to other worlds. Without words we have nothing...

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) reports that there are currently 900 million people in the world who are illiterate through no fault of their own. **This number represents approximately 25% of the world's population.** Further statistics reveal that 72 million children are not able to attend a school and that a quarter of the world's population between the ages of sixteen and twenty-five, are functionally illiterate. These statistics are both shocking and damning.

### What Does It Mean To Be Literate?

Literacy enables people to interpret the spoken and written words of others and an ability to express and communicate their own thoughts, ideas, needs and opinions. It is about being able to record language and decode the written word. It is about understanding, interpreting, analyzing, and responding to different forms of written, pictorial and spoken texts.

### What Does It Mean To Be Illiterate?

Being illiterate, means being are forced to rely heavily on the spoken word as the main means of communication. **It means being unable to read or write.**

Life's opportunities become limited and the ability to work and live independently is constrained. Sadly, social activity and many normal interactions with other people are impaired and this, in turn, affects self-esteem and places restrictions on people ever being able to reach their full potential.

### Illiterate Australians

Despite a world class education system illiteracy affects Australians, as well. A survey conducted in the Year 2000 found that about 45% of Australians have none or poor literacy skills.

These levels of illiteracy are even higher in Australia's indigenous and migrant populations. Although, on this point, it should be noted that their literacy levels are often based on English literacy testing and English is actually a second language for some or most of them.

In this environment, defeatist attitudes, unhappy and unsuccessful school experiences and feelings of inadequacy are rife. These feelings, combined with not understanding that learning can be a life-long journey, affects many illiterate adults. As they get older they 'turn away' and become less willing and more fearful of learning to read and write.

There are also survival instincts which come into play as the need to work and earn a living becomes a priority over learning. For illiterate people this presents further problems because they are forced into vocations that can put them risk in and are, characteristically, lower paying jobs.

### How Can We Help Combat Illiteracy In Australia?

The key to improving literacy standards lies in the education of parents and of children at an early age. We have seen in recent years many Rotary clubs in our District promoting a wide range of activities for infants and young people. Ongoing programs such as **Read to Me** from the Rotary Club of Essendon North and **BookStart**, a joint program of the Rotary Club of Footscray, the Maribyrnong City Council via its Maternal Health Service and the Maribyrnong City Library have all made valuable contributions to raising literacy levels by encouraging parents to read to their children from an early age.

Another successful program that has been implemented in recent years by the Rotary Club of Daylesford is the **Growing and Learning Together Program**. The Literacy component, which was developed by **PP Bronwen Scarffe** who has spent 34 years in Australian educational institutions as a Primary Teacher, School leader, University Lecturer and Educational writer and consultant.

The Growing and Learning Together Program which has been implemented in the Daylesford area for four years and is presented as a package, including an explanatory letter, a pamphlet and a book, which is distributed to the families of all newborn children in the Shire.



The pamphlet encourages and explains how parents can play and spend quality time with their babies and toddlers – talking and listening to them, answering their questions, encouraging them to be curious and to explore their world. There are also sections on chanting, looking at the alphabet and print in different forms. Reading to them is central and enjoying books together, explaining and naming things, involving them in writing and drawing experiences, singing and dancing together all form part of the early social literacy experience.

Dare I say ... **“In other words...”** it first and foremost promotes the development of good oral language, an enjoyment and familiarity with written words, high self-esteem and an interest in learning. In so doing it introduces children to the early childhood skills and knowledge they all need to take with them to school so they are ready for expanded experiences and literacy.

It my belief that the **Growing and Learning Together Program** is a project that the seventy-one clubs in our District should consider implementing in their local area. If we could get behind a literacy program such as this, we could have a significant impact on literacy development and standards of the future.

If you would like to hear more about the Growing and Learning Together Program literacy component, please contact Bronwen Scarffe at [bronwenscarffe@bigpond.com](mailto:bronwenscarffe@bigpond.com) or via the club's postal address, PO Box 23 Daylesford 3460.

**Every little bit we do will make a difference.**

P.S. The Rotary Club of Daylesford has also developed a Numeracy Component for their Growing and Learning Together Project.

- District Governor, John Davis

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## New Members

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Apparently RC Balwyn have been keeping their new members a secret from us! Welcome to the following new members:

- Pauline Wilson, RC Balwyn, Classification: Education Primary
- Philip Lambers, RC Balwyn, Classification: Sporting Clubs
- Lewis Stephens, RC Balwyn, Classification: Conciliation
- Geoff Bond, RC Balwyn, Classification: Aviation
- David Hobson, RC Balwyn, Classification: Accounting
- Robert Eggers, RC Balwyn, Classification: Real Estate
- Bill Abbott, RC Balwyn, Classification: Religion-Christianity
- Henry Brockman, RC Balwyn, Classification: Gas & Electricity Distribution
- Geoff Edwards, RC Balwyn, Classification: Obstetrics & Gynaecology
- John Spiteri, RC Balwyn, Classification: Banking
- Alana Logan, RC Balwyn, Classification: Accounting
- Clarke Ballard, RC Balwyn, Classification: Water Engineering
- Chris de Fraga, RC Balwyn, Classification: Journalism
- SG Lai, RC Balwyn, Classification: Bookkeeping
- Michael Dobson, RC Balwyn, Classification: Equipment Hire
- Hugh Rutter, RC Balwyn, Classification: Geophysics Consulting
- Grantham Beeston, RC Balwyn, Classification: Accounting
- Robert Donato, RC Balwyn, Classification: Traffic Enforcement
- Thomas Seddon, RC Bendigo, Classification: Heritage Conservation
- Valerie Broad, RC Bendigo, Classification: Music Education
- Dr Andrew Simm; RC Canterbury, Classification: Plastic Surgeon
- Miranda Bain, RC Woodend, Classification: State Government

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





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### Footy Tipping Competition

As some of you already know, the really big footy tipping comp in town is in Melton! The club underwrites a very minimum of almost \$2,000 in prizes each year with the prize money getting bigger each year. The eventual prize money is based on 50% of sales with 25% going back to the clubs and groups achieving the sales (conditions apply, refer competition rules) with RC Melton Valley covering the licence and running costs. Any funds raised are returned to the very valuable programs of Rotary.

The competition is officially licenced, conducted and supervised by the AFL Football Tipping Software company. This year we are aiming for over 300 entries and again we are seeking your help through your involvement by registering you, your family, work and club colleagues as well as forwarding this email to your entire email address list. Your assistance with this project is very much appreciated and contributes to the very success of the project. Please feel free to inspect the website at <http://www.footytipping.net.au/cgi-bin/natcorp/join.cgi> and enter as few or as many entries as you wish.

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Contact AG Ross Butterworth for more details.

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Rotary Club of Prahran will be changing the following meeting times as our venue, Lago Restaurant, is closed to the public during the Grand Prix:

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### Boroondara Farmers' Market

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- Stallholders from drought stricken Moira Shire (covering Yarrowonga, Cobram, Numurkah and Nathalia) will bring their products/produce down to sell on this day and they will be supported by the local Tourist Office who will promote their District as a tourist attraction for all to visit. A touring guide 'Farmgate Trail' has been printed and will be available at the Market. This whole project comes under the umbrella of 'Boroondara Cares And Moira Cares', an initiative taken up by the 8 Rotary clubs in Boroondara and the 4 Rotary clubs in Moira. A marquee containing all of the people from Moira Shire will stand alongside the regular monthly stallholders.
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- Flora Dora - face painter - will also be attendance and will paint children's faces free of charge.
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Please contact Terry Rolleston on 0411 752 829 or Elisa Grassa on 9278 4814 (City of Boroondara) for further information.

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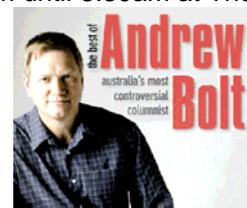
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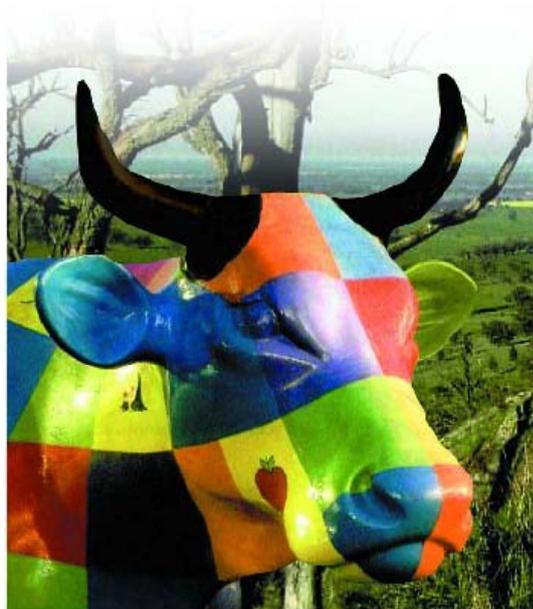
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## Are We Still MOO-ving?

... a relevant question for all delegates who attended our Conference at Shepparton from the 13<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> March. Ladies and gentlemen ... the pace was fast and furious, the weather was hot, but the enthusiasm was electric!

We identified two prime objectives for our 76<sup>th</sup> Conference - to put together a 'Fun Conference' and to give focus to the rural perspective. I believe, and from your magnificent feedback, you also believe we achieved both these aims.

The planning and running of a Conference in District 9800 is a major undertaking as, based on successful precedents, the expectations of our members and partners are very high. The aim is always to provide value for money ... motivational addresses coupled with top entertainment and great fellowship. It's quite a balancing act, but the dedication and hard work by many people over a two year plus period enabled us to achieve our goal.

And how about the power failure? To everyone ... words cannot adequately express my admiration and gratitude when the full auditorium of delegates left their seats without any fuss, and moved across the road to the Big Top Tent. Within 15 minutes we were back in business. Superb theatrics by our next speaker Paul Kelly who threw his PowerPoint presentation notes and set the 'inspired recovery mode' by giving us a great address.

One of my pleasant experiences was to see how the music on the Saturday night translated to all ages. We had a 6 year old to a young 80 year both old kicking up their heels to the music of Elvis and Grease, with our John Travolta and Olivia Newton John look-alikes.

Of course any conference just does not happen. The surface polish hides the feverish activity going on behind the scenes. Yep... the little duck (or was it cow) was paddling furiously to maintain a very grimacing serenity!

A conference is like a jigsaw puzzle ... if one piece is left out, the whole effect is compromised.

I would like to take the opportunity in this Networker to give thanks on your behalf to the people and groups behind the key elements that helped make the Conference work?

- To the Conference Committee - without your input there would not have been a Conference.
- To the members and partners of the Rotary Club of Footscray - thank you for your dedication and the hours you put into the many meetings building up to the Conference; and the long hours put in over the 4 days of the Conference activity to ensure that all delegates were given the best of service.
- To Don Hyde PHF (our newest Paul Harris Fellow) our MC - Don, you set the tone of the Conference with your well prepared notes and the voice that gave the Conference a real touch of class.
- To Rotary International's personal representative PRIP Glen Kinross - we were indeed privileged to hear your words and enjoy your fellowship. I know many delegates enjoyed chatting to you over the Conference period.
- To our speakers both non- Rotary and Rotary and our GSE teams - thank you for the preparation and time you put into your presentations. For us - you could tell by the constantly full auditorium that they provided - interest and enjoyment to the delegates.
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- To the Greater City of Shepparton, especially Major Events Manager Mark Francis and his team plus the staff at Eastbank, thank you for your assistance over the last 24 months.
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- To our Conference Chair PDG Lawrence Atley assisted by wife Margaret - you have led the Conference Committee with Passion, Drive, Experience and Ability over the last 3 years. Joan and I thank you for the effort you both have put in to make us all proud of the Rotary Club of Footscray, District 9800 and Rotary International.

How do I feel? Just great ... I guess, like a proud old bull in a paddock of multicolored cows!!

THANK YOU EVERYONE.

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Clarice and the Networker team

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### The Year Of The Scout

There has been a another significant milestone birthday of a modern, dynamic worldwide movement

But it's not Rotary - our 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday was on 23 February. In D9800 we celebrated in front of the State Library.

The organization I am talking about is **Scouts Australia** which is celebrating **100 years of scouting** in this country.

Many Rotarians first experienced the principle of Service above Self as young boys in what was known for many years as **Bob-a-Job**. In those days a Bob (for the chronologically challenged - a shilling .... OK, 10 cents) was reasonable payment for a job well done. Years involved in the Scout movement was where many of today's Rotarians became involved in the lives of people outside of their immediate family. For many of us, our first community deeds were done under the banner of what was the **Boy Scouts Association**.

I first join joined the Scout movement as a Cub Scout and progressed through the different sections before taking on a leadership role in a Rover crew. Eventually I became a District Scout Leader.

This pattern of community service at a young age is also reflected in the career path of DGE Jim Studebaker. He and I are but two examples from many, of how the "7 Up" series motto, "Give me the boy to 7 and I will give you the Man".

It illustrates how important the Scout movement and our own youth programs of MUNA, RYPEN, RYLA INTERACT and ROTARACT have been in our community. They have provided foundations for women and men willing to give SERVICE ABOVE SELF by joining Rotary as adults.

The founder of scouting, Lord Baden Powell, conducted an experimental camp in 1907 on Brownsea Island off the Dorset Coast of the U.K with 20 boys from all walks of life.

Lord Baden Powell was born in 1857, Paul Harris was born in 1868.

Rotary started in 1905 with 4 members, Scouting started in 1907 with 20 recruits.

One wonders whether these pioneers of two great and enduring organizations compared notes and drew inspiration from each other as each sought to realize their vision.

By 1908 scouting had commenced in Australia. This was only one year after its inception ... obviously, the lines of communication were good and our strong connection with the British Empire at that time may have been the reason.

Interestingly, it took Rotary 16 years to reach Australia and to commence its community involvement with the chartering of the Rotary Club of Melbourne in 1921.

**Scouting is now the largest youth development organization in Australia and the world and it is an acknowledged leader in this country's non-formal education sector.**

The scouting program delivered by Scouts Australia prepares young people aged 6-26 for business and community leadership. There are **currently 60,000 members in Australia, both males and females.**

The aim of Scouts Australia is to help children and young people achieve their full potential in life. This is done by individualized, fun, adventurous, challenging, leadership and team work-orientated programs.

**"Be Prepared"** is the well known slogan for Scouts, and sums up the essence of what Scouting aims to teach young people

**Congratulations to Scouts Australia on 100 years of outstanding service to our youth.**

It is a fitting tribute to this fine organization that the **Australian Government** has declared 2008...

#### *The Year of the Scout*

- District Governor, John Davis



DG John Davis & Joan



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## New Members

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Welcome to the following new members:

- Peter Davidson, RC Chadstone/East Malvern, Classification: Lawyer
- Rodney Hanson, RC Eaglehawk, Classification: Gold Mining
- Ross Longhurst, RC Yarraville, Classification: Labour Relations Specialist
- Stephen Moss, RC Eaglehawk, Classification: Automotive Electrical
- Gary Neil, RC Yarraville, Classification: Service Industry

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## RI President & Literacy Month

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Dear Fellow Rotarians

Too many people in the world today have not experienced the joy of reading or writing. Without basic literacy skills, more than 800 million people remain mired in poverty and hopelessness – unable to participate fully in the life of their communities.

Every March, Rotarians around the world gather together to celebrate Literacy Month. While many of you are already engaged in significant efforts to promote reading and writing, Literacy Month is an opportunity for us to renew our commitment to *Service Above Self* by sharing our talents, skills, energy, and resources to promote literacy.

Today, we have more tools than ever to support literacy. As proven literacy projects like the Concentrated Language Encounter (CLE) continue to have a tremendous impact, Rotary clubs are beginning to employ computers through the Computer Assisted Literacy Solutions (CALs) to empower a new generation of students around the world. Rotary's relationships with the International Reading Association has yielded even more opportunities, including a jointly developed literacy toolkit called *Every School a Star*, which provides resources and ideas for effective school based literacy projects.

Rarely have we been better equipped to help so many in such fundamental ways. As we focus our attention on literacy this month, I encourage Rotarians everywhere to seize this opportunity to act. Whether you adopt a school, tutor a student, or discuss literacy at your club meeting, the literacy projects we plan today have the power to enrich entire communities and bring hope to our friends and neighbors in need.

- Wilfrid J (Wilf) Wilkinson  
President, Rotary International

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## Rotary Support In Arnhem Land

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Attendees at the recent District Conference had an opportunity to hear about a program in the Yolngu Homelands of North-East Arnhem Land being undertaken by the Melbourne Club in support of a La Trobe University Applied Research Project into *Self-Sustainability of Remote Indigenous Homelands*.

This is a co-operative program requiring sensitive understanding of the traditional practices of the Yolngu People associated with the Donydji Homeland, always taking cognisance of the aspirations of the people whom we seek to assist. The banner for the program is "*MITTJIWU DJAKKA – Caring for Our Community*". The program is aimed at providing education and skills training for young persons and is likely to have an input value in excess of \$1 million by the time it is completed: it has many facets. The ultimate aim is to deliver a viable model for action that can be applied in other remote indigenous communities.

"Co-operation" is the byword of the program and this approach can be well exemplified by reference to one subsidiary project. There is no mains power supply within several hundred kilometres of the Donydji site: electricity is required for lighting and light industrial power uses. A decision was taken to trial the viability of photo voltaic (solar) and wind-powered generators to meet the need. The Melbourne Club and its sister club in Osaka, Japan, decided to seek a Matching Grant from The Rotary Foundation to support this project, and the Rotary Club of Nhulunbuy agreed to represent the local District in that Application. It is pleasing to be able to now advise that The Rotary Foundation has awarded a Matching Grant of US\$24,800 to the project. These funds will be of great assistance; furthermore, it is significant that this Grant will be expended on a project in Australia.

### Quip Corner:

I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman, "Where's the self-help section?"  
She said if she told me, it would defeat the purpose.



Should any District 9800 club or any individual Rotarian be interested in directly supporting this project, please contact John Mitchell (phone 03 9850 3724 or email [jmassoc@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jmassoc@optusnet.com.au)). Persons with building and maintenance skills who would be prepared to travel to Donydji, live in that community, and teach the young men there would also be particularly welcome.

- Mev Connell  
Community Service Adviser

## Paul Harris Society Inductees



Three new members were inducted into the Paul Harris Society on Saturday evening at the District 9800 Conference held at Shepparton.

The new inductees were **Gordon Cheyne** from the Rotary Club of Toorak and **Robert and Barbara Read** from the Rotary Club of Melbourne.

Although he was a charter member, **PDG John Reddish** also received his PHS Badge and certificate on the night, John was unable to attend on the charter evening.

Gordon Cheyne was earlier presented with a Bequest Society Crystal and a two diamond (level two) badge for his bequest to the Foundation

The Paul Harris Society of District 9800 (the first in Australia ) was chartered last year by District Governor Bernie Walshe and Foundation Chairman Chris Don. This Society currently totals 25 members of District 9800.

Members of the Centurion Program who feel that they would like to increase their contribution to the Rotary Foundation are invited to become members of the Paul Harris Society. Members of the Paul Harris Society remain on the Centurion database. The Paul Harris Society is an opportunity for a higher level of contributions for members.



Robert & Barbara Read  
with DG John Davis

To become a member of the Paul Harris Society, a member needs to make a commitment to contribute US\$1,000.00 to the Rotary Foundation each Rotary year.

It is intended to hold an inaugural Dinner for all Paul Harris Society Members late in May, and any new applicants to the Paul Harris Society before then, will be invited and inducted at this dinner.

Members wishing to find out more about the Paul Harris Society or would like an application form sent out, please contact the Paul Harris Society Administrator John Rafter at [johnrafter@craftbooks.com.au](mailto:johnrafter@craftbooks.com.au) or phone 9331 5662.



Gordon Cheyne &  
PDG John Reddish  
with DG John Davis

## Presidential Citation

I know there are a lot of clubs out there that have qualified for the "pat on the back" by the President of Rotary International for a job well done in this Rotary year.

It is called the Presidential Citation and it is awarded to clubs that have completed the membership goal of a net increase of one member from the figure as at the 1 July 2007 and one activity from each of the six categories listed below:

1. Membership (over and above the net one gain)
2. Club Service
3. Vocational Service
4. Community Service
5. International Service
6. Youth

In each category there are multiple options and the brochure outlining these categories and options plus the nominating form was in the material given out at PETS. If you have misplaced both these forms they can be downloaded from the web site.

### Steps

1. Type in Rotary International in the search box.
2. Page comes up click on top line Rotary International
3. Rotary International page appears



4. Click on members top of page.
5. Drill down page until you come to General Information.
6. Click on Awards
7. Drill down page to Presidential Citation (for Clubs)
8. Click on download brochure and print out.
9. Click on download nomination form and print.
10. Complete the nomination form and post to me at my home address PO Box 81, Riddells Creek 3431 **by 31 March.**
11. If all else fails contact me by e mail ([cmadavis@inet.net.au](mailto:cmadavis@inet.net.au)) or phone (0408 391 343) and I can either fax or email the brochure to you.

Details of the DG's Benchmark Award (a different Award) will be sent to you in early April with a closing date in May.

- District Governor, John Davis



*A sign language expert is on hand to translate for the hearing impaired in the audience.*

## Shine On Awards

The nominations have now closed for the Rotary Southern Districts (9780, 9790, 9800, 9810 and 9820) Shine On Awards ceremony to be held on 4 May 2008 at Wangaratta (D9790's turn). There has been a total of 37 nominations received, including 7 in the Youth (15 y.o. to < 20 y.o.) category.

It was very gratifying to receive 15 excellent nominations, 11 in the 'Adult' category and 4 in the Youth category from our own D9800 clubs.

All nominees, their nominating Rotary clubs and proposers will shortly receive their official mailed invitations to the ceremony, where Certificates of Commendation, citations and some additional awards are presented, followed by country hospitality at its best.

- Dr Dawn Watson

*District 9800 Vocational Services – Chairman "Shine On" Awards Committee  
Secretary - Rotary Southern Districts Shine On Awards Committee*

## Have A Heart - Give A Part

**Have A Heart - Give A Part** is Rotary Club of Williamstown's Australia-wide project to combat the low rate of organ donation in Australia, established by Rotarian Doctor Ronnie Goldberg.

100 Australians die each year while awaiting organ transplants and at any time there are about 2000 people on Australian transplant waiting lists. So whilst Australia has one of the highest success rates in the world in transplant operation, it also has the lowest organ donation level in the developed world.

Have A Heart, Give A Part seeks to increase awareness of the need for healthy people to register as organ donors and:

- raise awareness of the current Australia shortage of organs
- increase the numbers on the organ donor registry
- fund research

Together with ARHRF, Rotary Club of Williamstown has provided over \$200,000 over the last 3 years to the Alfred Hospital's Heart and Lung Transplant team to investigate the reality of using organs from non-heart beating donors, i.e. a registered organ donor whose heart as well as brain has stopped functioning.

This work is yielding results and a recent update from Professor Greg Snell of the Alfred Hospital describes progress to date.



*Professor Snell (second from right) and Doctor Ronnie Goldberg (third from right) with the non-heating beating lungs looking good after 're-starting' them some 4 hours after an arterial blood supply was removed*



"Thanks to Rotary's kick start we are moving well on a number of fronts:

- We have performed 8 human double lung transplants at The Alfred using the non-heart beating approach to organ donation. A paper has just been accepted for publication in the prestigious American Journal of Transplantation describing the detail and acknowledging the Rotary Club of Williamstown and the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund. The work is being featured at The Transplantation Society World Meeting in Sydney in August and the 4th Non Heart Beating Donation Meeting in London in May. The majority of these organ retrievals have included some other combination of other organ transplant as appropriate and technically possible (kidneys, liver, corneas, heart valves).
- The organ perfusion rig that was developed to prove the feasibility for non-heart beating lung donation is now being applied to xenotransplant lungs, ie. lungs from genetically modified pigs that will one day be able to be transplanted into humans and not be rejected. We aim to perfuse these lungs with human blood and show they can survive for protracted periods."

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## Nebraskan GSE Team On Rotary Radio Show

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Brian Bloomer interviewed the Group Study Exchange team from Nebraska on the Rotary & Community Service show on 94.1FM 3WBC. They discussed their experiences so far and what they expected to gain from the trip.

The interview with the GSE team can be downloaded or listened to on the Canterbury website - <http://www.canterburyrotary.org/> - then click on the Radio Show tab and select the GSE Interview at the bottom of the page.

Just a reminder that 3WBC 94.1FM (Whitehorse Boroondara Community Radio) radio is a fantastic opportunity for your club projects to receive free promotion during the Rotary 7 Community Service show each Friday 6.00 – 8.00pm.

The objective of the show is to give the audience a better understanding of the projects and activities Rotary and other community service organisations support.

Brian Bloomer is the Producer and Presenter of the show and is a member of the Rotary Club of Canterbury. Brian Interviews Rotary special guests about their experiences such as Rotary Youth Exchange students, Rotary Group Study Exchange teams, Rotary club members, and special project leaders, along with many other projects in the 9800 and 9810 Districts.

3WBC 94.1FM has official transmission coverage in the inner eastern suburbs of Melbourne (Kew to Box Hill and North Balwyn to Ashburton), with spill over into Melbourne City and out to Ringwood and south to parts of the Mornington Peninsular.

The promotion of your projects or events can be in the form of on-air announcements from your project flyer or an in-person interview on air.

The offer of FREE publicity is open to all clubs. Simply contact Brian on 0405 124 958 or via [brian.bloomer@3wbc.org.au](mailto:brian.bloomer@3wbc.org.au). You can also visit the Rotary Club of Canterbury web site - [www.canterburyrotary.org](http://www.canterburyrotary.org/) - and click on the Radio Show tab for this year's program and additional information.

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## Notices & Events

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### RC Eaglehawk Meeting Change

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

### Tom Henderson And ShelterBox

RC Kew invite you and your friends to their special weekly meeting on **Wednesday, 2 April 2008** at 7.00pm for 7.30pm at the Kew Golf Club, 120 Belford Road, Kew East to hear ex-Royal Navy search-and-rescue diver Tom Henderson - the ShelterBox charity's founder and general manager - provide us with his insight and an update on Rotary's ShelterBox Project. Cost is \$35 per person and drinks at bar prices. There will be a raffle to raise funds for the ShelterBox project. RSVP by 5 March 2008.

Please call Roger Fasken for more information on 9820 4308.

*Success is largely a matter of persisting beyond  
that of what others will bear.*

*- Wes Truscott (2007)*



## Fun-Filled Trivial Pursuits Night

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

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

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

## Jeffrey Archer Book Launch

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

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

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

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

## Ladies Luncheon

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

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

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

## Sing With The Stallions

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

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

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

## John Flynn Memorial Charity Golf Day

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

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

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

## Herald-Sun Rotary Art Show

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

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



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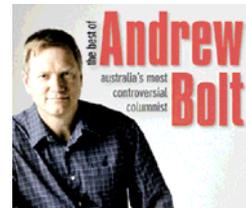
The Preview and Award opening will be held on the evening of **Thursday, 17 April**. Preview tickets at \$50.00 per head are available from John Steven, 2 Stanhope Grove, Camberwell Vic. 3124 Contact details are – [johnsteven@bigpond.com](mailto:johnsteven@bigpond.com) or 9882 6184.

## Breakfast With Andrew Bolt

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

## Gallipoli – The Trip Of A Lifetime

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

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

## Profit Through Success

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

Venue: Moonee Valley Racing Club

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

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

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

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

## Macedon Ranges MS Cycle Challenge

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

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

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



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From humble Chinese peasant to artisan on the World Stage, this is a powerful story of the triumph of the human spirit. Li Cunxin (pronounced "Lee Schwin Sing") is a remarkable man borne of a remarkable journey. The inspirational author of the top selling book 'Mao's Last Dancer', Li has a fascinating life story. Born into bitter poverty in rural China and suffering the hardship of peasant life, Li Cunxin was offered one chance. The sixth of seven sons, Li began his life-changing journey at an early age. Dedication and determination are the hallmarks of Li Cunxin's life. Taken from his parents to be trained in the art of ballet, through hard work, competition, and sacrifice, he discovered opportunities undreamt of in rural China. Li perfected his art and became Principal Dancer in the Beijing Ballet. In a twist of fate, he defected to the United States. Li's amazing true story is being transformed into a movie, to be directed by Australian cinema legend Bruce Beresford which starts production this year.

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

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

## Books 4 Books

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

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

Call President Grant Hocking for more details.

## Welcome Back Dinner for GSE Team

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

## Fun In Retirement Expo

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



Know someone who would make a  
**great Rotarian?**



Bring them along  
to your next meeting.





## How's Your Club Shaping Up?

Club	Cluster	Attendance		Membership				
		Feb 08		Jul 07	Feb 08		Net gain 07/08	% Change
		No. of Mtgs	Month %		Start	End		
Tullamarine	Gateway	4	54%	14	21	21	7	50.0%
Woodend	Calder	4	69%	13	17	17	4	30.8%
Melbourne North	Gateway	5	63%	21	26	26	5	23.8%
Moonee Valley	Gateway	4	64%	18	21	21	3	16.7%
Melton Valley	Westside	4	92%	13	15	15	2	15.4%
Flemington	Hobsons Bay	4	72%	20	23	23	3	15.0%
Malvern	Monash	4	82%	40	46	46	6	15.0%
Essendon North	Gateway	4	75%	27	28	31	4	14.8%
Central Melb. Sunrise	Batman	4	64%	55	62	63	8	14.5%
Balwyn	Eastside	4	75%	77	88	88	11	14.3%
Altona City	Port Phillip	4	77%	28	34	32	4	14.3%
Kew-on-Yarra	Yarra	4	70%	22	25	25	3	13.6%
Southbank	Batman	4	70%	23	25	26	3	13.0%
Echuca-Moama	Goldfields	4	69%	24	24	27	3	12.5%
Maribyrning Highpoint	Hobsons Bay	4	70%	16	18	18	2	12.5%
Brighton	Beachside	4	55%	125	139	140	15	12.0%
Glen Eira	Beachside	4	63%	25	28	28	3	12.0%
Daylesford	Calder	4	63%	26	29	29	3	11.5%
Caulfield	Beachside	4	74%	10	11	11	1	10.0%
Albert Park	Batman	4	57%	43	48	47	4	9.3%
Melton	Westside	4	85%	44	48	48	4	9.1%
Keilor East	Gateway	4	86%	38	41	41	3	7.9%
Brunswick	Heritage	4	55%	29	31	31	2	6.9%
West Footscray	Hobsons Bay	4	72%	31	33	33	2	6.5%
Port Melbourne	Batman	3	42%	54	58	57	3	5.6%
Footscray	Hobsons Bay	4	51%	56	59	59	3	5.4%
Bendigo	Goldfields	4	67%	78	80	82	4	5.1%
Melbourne	Batman	4	53%	257	269	270	13	5.1%
Camberwell	Eastside	4	70%	61	63	64	3	4.9%
Bendigo South	Goldfields	4	75%	41	43	43	2	4.9%
Canterbury	Eastside	4	75%	43	44	45	2	4.7%
Gisborne	Calder	4	62%	25	27	26	1	4.0%
North Balwyn	Eastside	4	76%	89	92	91	2	2.2%
Bendigo Sandhurst	Goldfields	4	71%	51	52	52	1	2.0%
Hawthorn	Yarra	4	69%	70	70	71	1	1.4%
Keilor	Gateway	4	83%	36	36	36	0	0.0%



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Eaglehawk	Goldfields	4	85%	38	39	38	0	0.0%
Kangaroo Flat	Goldfields	4	65%	31	31	31	0	0.0%
Carlton	Heritage	4	80%	41	40	41	0	0.0%
Collingwood	Heritage	4	71%	21	22	21	0	0.0%
Fitzroy	Heritage	4	100%	30	30	30	0	0.0%
Williamstown	Hobsons Bay	4	75%	29	29	29	0	0.0%
Chadstone / East Malvern	Monash	4	74%	44	45	44	0	0.0%
St Kilda	Monash	4	73%	11	11	11	0	0.0%
Toorak	Monash	4	73%	35	35	35	0	0.0%
Laverton Point Cook	Port Phillip	4	67%	20	20	20	0	0.0%
Kew	Yarra	4	54%	53	54	53	0	0.0%
Brighton North	Beachside	4	74%	44	43	43	-1	-2.3%
Bacchus Marsh	Westside	4	70%	39	38	38	-1	-2.6%
Melbourne South	Batman	5	68%	37	36	36	-1	-2.7%
Bendigo Strathdale	Goldfields	4	77%	30	29	29	-1	-3.3%
Hoppers Crossing	Port Phillip	4	81%	30	29	29	-1	-3.3%
Brimbank Central	Westside	4	80%	27	26	26	-1	-3.7%
Castlemaine	Calder	4	72%	52	50	50	-2	-3.8%
Sunshine	Westside	4	73%	24	23	23	-1	-4.2%
Werribee	Port Phillip	4	78%	46	44	44	-2	-4.3%
Kyneton	Calder	4	81%	38	36	36	-2	-5.3%
Point Gellibrand	Hobsons Bay	4	80%	36	34	34	-2	-5.6%
Glenferrie	Yarra	4	70%	48	45	45	-3	-6.3%
Richmond	Heritage	4	54%	47	45	44	-3	-6.4%
Altona	Port Phillip	4	72%	27	25	25	-2	-7.4%
Rochester	Goldfields	4	61%	12	11	11	-1	-8.3%
Essendon	Gateway	4	58%	81	74	74	-7	-8.6%
Prahran	Monash	4	76%	30	27	27	-3	-10.0%
Yarraville	Hobsons Bay	4	75%	19	17	17	-2	-10.5%
Boroondara	Eastside	4	75%	18	16	16	-2	-11.1%
Brighton Beach	Beachside	4	68%	22	19	19	-3	-13.6%
Elsternwick	Beachside	4	54%	19	18	16	-3	-15.8%
Wyndham	Port Phillip	4	85%	30	25	25	-5	-16.7%
South Yarra	Monash	4	80%	9	6	4	-5	-55.6%
Melbourne Latrobe	Batman	NIL		13			-13	-100.0%
<b>No. of Members</b>				<b>2774</b>		<b>2847</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>2.6%</b>



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your next club meeting!





## April Is Rotary Magazine Month

Around the Rotary world there are 31 Rotary regional magazines in 23 different languages allowing Rotarians to communicate with each other to spread good ideas and to recognize achievements.

In Australia and New Zealand, we are serviced by one of the top Rotary Magazines in the world – Rotary Down Under. It is, of course, abbreviated (how unusual for Rotary to ‘abbreviate’ anything) to the more commonly used description RDU.

This year, we are proud to acknowledge that the Chair of the Management Committee of RDU is our own Vance Hilton - PDG and Past President of the Rotary Club of Flemington.

### A Brief History Of RDU

This April this year RDU will celebrates its 43<sup>rd</sup> Birthday.

Rotary Down Under commenced, and remained, as a complimentary publication to the official magazine of Rotary International – The Rotarian - until 1976. At that time it received approval from the RI Board of Directors to be, for an experimental period, an acceptable alternative to the official magazine.

In 1978, the experiment having been successful, Rotary Down Under became **the world’s first Rotary Regional Magazine to gain full recognition by the RI Board** as an approved and prescribed regional magazine. In 1980 it was designated an “official” regional magazine of Rotary International- the first of many regional magazines to gain official status.

### Ownership

Rotary Down Under is wholly owned by Rotarians who subscribe to it and serve in the clubs where it is the prescribed official publication.

The Governing Body is the **RDU Council of Governors**, comprising all serving Governors in Australia and New Zealand and near island neighbours. It is managed by an Executive committee of officers and past officers of Rotary International appointed by and responsible to the Governing Council

### The Name

The first name proposed for our regional magazine was: **“The Rotary Family”**- to emphasize the close affinity of Rotarians everywhere and to emphasize the involvement of wives and children of Rotarians in Rotary activities. This name was submitted to the RI General Secretary George Means. However, General Secretary Means thought the name was unsuitable as he considered the name of the magazine should reflect its position as a Rotary publication.

The name **Rotary Down Under** was adopted by the Governors of the time after consideration of several other proposed titles.

In fact the name was ‘thrown in’ as a facetious suggestion to the Editor after the after a protracted multiple rejection process – ‘fine, upstanding’ candidates such as “Australian Rotary”, “Rotary Australasia”, “Rotary in the South Pacific”, “Rotary in Australia and New Zealand”, “Rotary Under The Southern Cross”, “Rotary in the Antipodes”, “Rotary ANZ”, “Rotary Anzang” (Australia, N.Z and New Guinea). Perhaps, after reviewing these names, the Governors chose wisely in finally opting for **Rotary Down Under**.

Rotary Down Under is constantly seeking contributions promoting unique projects, programs and achievements of Rotary clubs and individuals. However, please remember many everyday Rotary club events do not really achieve unique status and are therefore better suited to local newspapers and the Networker.

If you believe that you have material suitable for publication in RDU, here’s how you make contact:

Rotary Down Under House  
PO Box 779  
Parramatta NSW 2124  
Email [editorial@rotarydownunder.com.au](mailto:editorial@rotarydownunder.com.au)  
The Editor of RDU is PDG Bob Aitken



DG John Davis & Joan

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## New Members

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Welcome to the following new members:

- Sergia Kabilio, RC Essendon North, Classification: Medical - Occupational Physician
- Mark McLaughlin, RC Essendon North, Classification: Aircraft Charter
- David Pagliaro, RC Essendon North, Classification: Banking - Home Loans
- David Ursic, RC Essendon North, Classification: Hospitality

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## Stop Press!

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Congratulations to Iven Mackay and wife Marilyn on his appointment as **District Governor Nominee 2010/11.**



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## 99<sup>th</sup> Annual RI Convention

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### Why not attend the 99th annual RI Convention in L.A. 15-18 June 2008?

With star speakers and entertainers, plenty of hotel rooms and activities, and an exciting destination where something new is always happening, now is the time to plan a family vacation in sunny California -- especially given the favorable exchange rate!

#### Focus on Host Events

Discover L.A. by attending host events designed to showcase the best the city has to offer. Here's what the local host committee has planned:

**Saturday, 14 June:** The California Experience includes wine tasting, a classic car show, art exhibition, and live dance groups and singers on the outdoor Plaza stage featuring Grammy Award nominated Roger Neumann and his 18 piece big band, with vocalist Madeline Vergari. Neumann has performed with such greats as Woody Herman, The Beach Boys, Ray Anthony and Les Brown, to name a few. Then you'll spend an unforgettable evening with star vocalists Natalie Cole and Steve Tyrell at the new state-of-the art Nokia Theater. Ms. Cole is a multiple-Grammy winner and an enduring star in the jazz, R&B, and pop firmament. Mr. Tyrell is a Grammy-winning producer turned performer and rising star, selling out clubs around the world. With his sultry voice and swinging style, he is reinterpreting American Standards made famous by Frank Sinatra among others in Billboard chart-topping releases. Read more - <http://www.stevetyrell.com/2007/the-life.php> and <http://www.nataliecole.com/>. For more about this brand new venue: <http://www.nokiatheatrelive.com/lalive.php>.

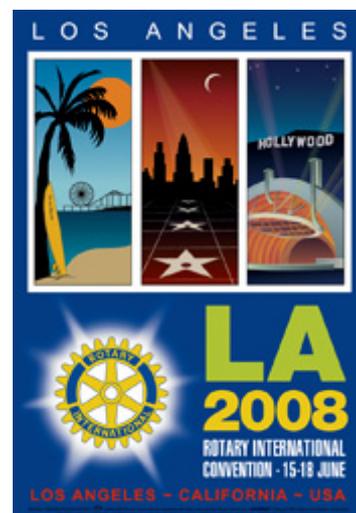
**Monday, 16 June:** Enjoy Home/Host Hospitality, the event many Rotarians consider to be the heart of the convention experience! Sign up to spend an evening with local Rotarians either at home or on the town.

**Tuesday, 17 June:** The Hollywood Bowl Concert under the Stars will feature the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra, performing classic movie scores and ending with a spectacular fireworks display.

Here's your chance to be a star! Make a bid to conduct the Star-Spangled Banner at the Hollywood Bowl Concert. All proceeds will benefit The Rotary Foundation! Bidding, which has already started at \$2,500, will end on 15 May 2008. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to make your conducting debut! Buy your HOC tickets, make your bid, or find out more at: <http://www.rotary2008.com/>

#### House Of Friendship

And there's more! The House of Friendship promises to be one of the best ever with spacious avenues, plenty of cybercafés, rest and relaxation areas, a fabulous World Marketplace, international cuisines, and not one, but two entertainment stages.





## Books, Books, Books

Bring a book in any language suitable for children age nine years and younger to make this the largest book drive in the world! Books for the Commemorative Convention Project The Mountain of Books - will be collected in the LACC lobby.

## Hoc Tours

- Pre- and post-convention, multi-day tours to Las Vegas, Yosemite, Disneyland, California, and more.
- Full and half-day tours of Los Angeles including Catalina Island, The Getty Center, Hollywood-Behind-the-Scenes Tour, L.A. City Highlights, Universal Studios, and so much more Sign up at <http://www.rotary2008.com/>.

Register online for the convention through Member Access <https://riweb.rotaryintl.org/> to take advantage of this fabulous line-up of activities and entertainment.

Note: If you haven't already registered for Member Access and received your password, you'll need your membership, club, and district ID numbers to do so. Click on the register now link. If you don't know these numbers, the FAQ will suggest how to find them.

For late-breaking convention news: <http://www.rotary.org/>

Convention registration or hotel queries? E-mail: <mailto:RI.Registration@rotary.org>

Comments/suggestions? E-mail: <mailto:impromo@rotary.org>



## Boy Eyes New Life

Bradley Bola is looking forward to returning to his Papua New Guinea home with a new outlook on life, thanks to the Rotary Club of Brighton North.

The club raised \$21,000 to help pay for the 11-year-old to have a life-changing cranial operation at the Royal Children's Hospital.

The young cricket and rugby fan recently had a metal frame, which was pinned to his skull, removed and now awaits a clean bill of health so he can return home.

Bradley has encephalocele – a condition where the brain pressures on the eye sockets and can cause the eyes to pop out. Without treatment, his condition would have deteriorated and dramatically affected his appearance and quality of life.

The club became aware of Bradley's plight through Rotary Overseas Medical Aid for Children and raised money through a dinner dance and auction towards the cost of a cranial operation.

Brighton North president Richard Potter said the club chose Bradley from a Rotary aid list of eligible overseas children.



*Bradley after his "life changing" operation.*



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Bradley and his mother Nellie Bola arrived in Australia in September and have lived with a local Rotary host family.

The four-hour operation was performed by Royal Children's plastic surgeon Andrew Heggie and his team shortly after the Bolas' arrival.

Ms Bola said the operation, which addressed both Bradley's short upper jaw and shallow eye sockets, was a "life changing operation" that gave him a new look and confidence.

"We've had so many of those episodes of (his) eyes popping out....and so that's all behind us now," she said.

Bradley had to wear a frame on his head for three months immediately after the operation, and could only drink through a straw. The frame was removed just before his 11<sup>th</sup> birthday on 17 December.

*Source: Andre Awadalla, Bayside Leader, 22 January 2008*

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## New Membership Award For 07/08

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

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

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

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

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## MUNA 2008

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In November 2007 and March 2008 all relevant information regarding M.U.N.A. was despatched to all clubs by email and letter with a request to respond to the host club, Altona City, to confirm whether they proposed to take part or not. To date, only twenty D9800 clubs have responded; seventeen advising they will be submitting teams and three confirming they are not taking part this year.

Whilst a response was originally sought by 6 March 2008, clubs were subsequently advised this had been extended to 27 March 2008. We are aware many Clubs have encountered difficulties around school holiday time and as a consequence allowance is being made for this to enable clubs to continue to negotiate with their local schools and encourage students to participate.

With only 17 teams nominated to date we are keen for all D9800 clubs to convey to us their intentions regarding participation. Please contact Frank Landells, Rotary Club of Altona City via <mailto:fclandells@bigpond.com>.

In the meantime, those clubs intending to sponsor teams are urged to continue their efforts and submit application forms with payment as soon as possible.

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## Volunteering In the Solomon Islands

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The Rotary Club of North Balwyn is seeking a volunteer to oversee its international service program in the Central Province of the Solomon Islands.

The club is seeking expressions of interest from a young Rotarian, or person associated with Rotary programs, to spend up to two months on the island of Tulagi, which is located an hour and half by small boat from Honiara, the capital of the Solomons.

The Rotary club's "Adopt the Community of Tulagi" program is entering its fifth a year, and has already seen extensive improvements to the McMahon High School at Tulagi, including installation of water tanks, new ceiling fans and lighting and a septic system for the 500 students.

But there is more to be done and one significant current project is a proposal to provide micro credit loans to develop small businesses, such as a bakery and a sewing centre, in Tulagi and the club is looking for a volunteer to manage the early stages of the program. Much of the preliminary work has already been completed.

Another current major project is improvement to the infrastructure at the Tulagi Medical Centre, including installation of six water tanks, a security fence around the site and a standby generator; all of which has been made possible with funding through a Matching Grant from the Rotary Foundation.



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A contractor will install the water tanks and a Rotary volunteer team will visit Tulagi to build the fence.

The Rotary Club of North Balwyn also intends building a trades training block at the local McMahon High School and a second Rotary volunteer team will visit Tulagi to undertake construction.

The volunteer we are seeking to spend time at Tulagi will assist with liaison on all these projects and other associated activities, including contact with the local community.

Tulagi is typical of the developing world. It doesn't offer five star accommodation. But the "Adopt the Community of Tulagi" project is making a difference in the development and progress of the local people.

Those associated with the project have found it very satisfying and the Rotary Club of North Balwyn would be keen to hear from prospective volunteers who may wish to spend time as part of this development program with the community at Tulagi. We see this as a great opportunity in line with Rotary's commitment to "Service Above Self".

This is a volunteering role, but there will be support for travel and accommodation.

For further details please contact Bill Oakley at [billoakley@rotarynthbalwyn.org](mailto:billoakley@rotarynthbalwyn.org) or telephone 0419 504 201, or Tony Wells at [welstar@bigpond.com](mailto:welstar@bigpond.com) or telephone (03) 9859 3725.

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## Rotary Camp Getaway

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The Rotary Club of Brighton Beach recently contributed another successful working bee to assist with general maintenance at Rotary Camp Getaway. About 12 members from the club had a wonderful time of fellowship whilst getting many maintenance jobs achieved.

The Rotary Youth Camp at Axedale was established by the Rotary Club of Bendigo in the late 1940s, immediately after the Second World War. The ethos behind the project was to provide camping and recreational activities for children whose family had been affected by the ravages of the WW2. The tradition of the camp continued for the next 50 years with a huge number of children and young people experiencing the wonderful facilities and riverside activities afforded by the camp when groups were accommodated from schools, youth groups, Cubs and Scouts, Church organisations, sporting and recreation clubs, special interest groups, etc.

Like many great projects in Rotary, the idea for the current redevelopment of Rotary Camp Getaway at Axedale sprang from one person, Ken Maxfield, of the Rotary Club of North Balwyn. Ken's dream of a camp for children with special needs has now become a reality, thanks to serendipity and the power of Rotary and its hundreds of dedicated volunteers. This vision has now progressed to achieve a camp for people of all abilities, with those with special needs having priority for bookings.

The community currently benefits from the recreation options that Rotary has created on the site at Axedale with disability groups such as Interchange and Young Stroke Survivors Group; general community and welfare groups such as the Salvation Army Younger Mums group; music camps, Scouts and Cub groups, Rotary Youth programs; young people's sporting teams, school groups, etc, having recently utilised the camp facilities.

Thousands of voluntary hours have already gone into redeveloping the site from the former basis of army type huts, to the self contained units with full disabled facilities, modern dormitory and the many improvements now available to people of all abilities.



*President Anthony Langley (on ladder), and Community Director, Alan Thomas getting stuck into some cleaning up!*

If you would like to know more about Rotary Camp Getaway, please contact Paul Kirkpatrick via [paulk@accessemployment.com.au](mailto:paulk@accessemployment.com.au).

### Quip Corner:

A bore is someone who persists in holding his own views after we have enlightened him with ours.



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## Notices & Events

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### RC Eaglehawk Meeting Change

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

### Tom Henderson And ShelterBox

RC Kew invite you and your friends to their special weekly meeting on **Wednesday, 2 April 2008** at 7.00pm for 7.30pm at the Kew Golf Club, 120 Belford Road, Kew East to hear ex-Royal Navy search-and-rescue diver Tom Henderson - the ShelterBox charity's founder and general manager - provide us with his insight and an update on Rotary's ShelterBox Project. Cost is \$35 per person and drinks at bar prices. There will be a raffle to raise funds for the ShelterBox project. RSVP by 5 March 2008.

Please call Roger Fasken for more information on 9820 4308.

### Fun-Filled Trivial Pursuits Night

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

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

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

### Jeffrey Archer Book Launch

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

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

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

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

### Ladies Luncheon

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

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

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

### Pooches On The Promenade @ Docklands

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

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

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

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

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



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

## Presidents' Shield 2008

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Sing With The Stallions

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

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

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

## John Flynn Memorial Charity Golf Day

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

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

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

## Herald-Sun Rotary Art Show

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

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

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

## Breakfast With Andrew Bolt

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

## Gallipoli – The Trip Of A Lifetime

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

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

## Profit Through Success

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

Venue: Moonee Valley Racing Club

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

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

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

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

## Macedon Ranges MS Cycle Challenge

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

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

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

From humble Chinese peasant to artisan on the World Stage, this is a powerful story of the triumph of the human spirit. Li Cunxin (pronounced "Lee Schwin Sing") is a remarkable man borne of a remarkable journey. The inspirational author of the top selling book 'Mao's Last Dancer', Li has a fascinating life story. Born into bitter poverty in rural China and suffering the hardship of peasant life, Li Cunxin was offered one chance. The sixth of seven sons, Li began his life-changing journey at an early age. Dedication and determination are the hallmarks of Li Cunxin's life. Taken from his parents to be trained in the art of ballet, through hard work, competition, and sacrifice, he discovered opportunities undreamt of in rural China. Li perfected his art and became Principal Dancer in the Beijing Ballet. In a twist of fate, he defected to the United States. Li's amazing true story is being transformed into a movie, to be directed by Australian cinema legend Bruce Beresford which starts production this year.

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

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



## Books 4 Books

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

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

Call President Grant Hocking for more details.

## Welcome Back Dinner for GSE Team

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

## Fun In Retirement Expo

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

*The real winners are the ones who see every situation with an expectation that they can make it better.*

*- Wes Truscott (2007)*