

ALBURY WODONGA ROTARY CONFERENCE

18TH MARCH – 21ST MARCH 2010

District 9790 presents “**A Conference of Excellence**”. This program is jam-packed with entertainment, music, sport and activities. Listen to presentations from great Australians active in the world of politics, business, environment, community and sport. This conference has something for everyone! Ride a bike, swing a club, laugh, relax, stimulate the mind and meet fellow Rotarians in a spectacular environment.

This Conference is all about **fellowship and fun** guaranteeing you a memorable and importantly affordable experience. The organising committee has set a fee structure designed to be all inclusive! They have ensured this year’s fee is comparable with past conferences ensuring you get value for your money.

With the exception of a small additional fee for the Sportsman’s night your registration covers;

- *Friday Night International including dinner*
- *Saturday Gala Cabaret including dinner,*
- *Saturday Lunch with entertainment*
- *All morning and afternoon teas*
- *Sunday farewell Bar-B-Que*

Once registered delegates can enjoy their weekend confident they will not incur additional costs associated with the conference.

Register now and put your club in the running to **win** a BenQ Projector ideal for Rotary meeting presentations. Simply ensure that at least 30% of your members register for the 2010 Rotary conference and your club goes into the draw to win this excellent prize! No club should let this opportunity go! Register now don’t wait!

Fellow Rotarians, your organising committee has worked tirelessly to bring you a weekend to remember, you will meet old friends and make new ones, be entertained and most importantly be involved in promoting our Rotary ideals. Show your support for Rotary register now for this important Rotary event.

Overleaf is a detailed description of the Conference Program we believe it lacks for nothing, with speakers of the calibre of the Right Hon Tony Abbott, renowned sporting funny man Kerry O’Keeffe and others of high quality.

Look forward to seeing you there!

Conference Committee



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OUR CONFERENCE

Thursday 18th March

The Conference kicks off on Thursday 18th March with the **Sports Day** - cricket, golf, bowls and cycling and Motor Cycles at some of the best facilities in Australia.

The day concludes with the Sportsman's Dinner, featuring **Kerry O'Keeffe** as the guest speaker. Kerry James 'Skull' O'Keeffe (born 25 Nov 1949, Hurstville, New South Wales) is a former Australian cricketer and now a commentator for ABC Radio. O'Keeffe played 24 Tests and 2 ODIs between 1971 and 1977.

Kerry, is known for his witty, observational humour-

"Did you hear the one about the frog....."

Bookings for the Sportsman's Dinner are filling fast, so early booking is advised.

Friday 19th March

Registration will be on Friday morning, 19th March, in the Conference Auditorium.

The Conference opens with an aboriginal smoking ceremony. If you haven't witnessed one of these you are in for a moving experience.

We suggest that while you are there, visit the **House of Friendship**. There are over 24 displays from various clubs. A great way of getting ideas on worthwhile projects to be involved in and an active display of the projects clubs are undertaking.

Tony Abbott, Federal Opposition Leader, is the guest speaker. Love him or hate him, this should prove to be a very interesting session. Tony has held many Portfolios during his career in Parliament and his previous career was in journalism, where he wrote as a feature writer for 'The Bulletin' and 'The Australian'.

He will be followed by **Rob Freeman**. Every Rotarian in District 9790 will be impacted by what Rob has to tell us about the Murray Basin Water Authority. Rob was appointed Chief Executive of the Murray Darling Basin Authority in Sep 2008, and is an experienced public administrator and speaker.

Later on Friday we welcome the **Ride to Conference** Bicycle team sponsored by Rotary Club of Corowa. For more information and for Registration details to take part in the Ride to Conference contact Email: grmibrown@bigpond.com or comleah@gvcentre.com.au. The Team is looking for more riders to take part so if you think you would enjoy this venture please register as soon as possible.

The **PHF Cocktail Party** will be held in the House of Friendship at 6.00pm until 7.15 pm, and then onto our International Night.

Experience the cuisine and music from six different cultures and the fellowship at the **International Night** in the marquee in the QEII Square to conclude Friday's program.

Saturday 20th March

The day starts with the **President's Breakfast** in the historic surrounds of the Albury Club situated opposite St Matthews Church, Kiewa Street commencing at 7.30am

The morning's keynote speaker is **Andrew Penfold**. Andrew is the CEO, Australian Indigenous Education Foundation. Andrew was a banker in Hong Kong, thinking about returning home and wondering what to do when he got there. After 20 years in law and finance Andrew was ready for something new. After reading Andrew's profile this will be a very informative session - one not to miss!!!

After morning tea there are some interesting and informative sessions on **Group Study Exchange, Rotary Foundation** and **Vocational Service**.

Then join us for a picnic box lunch and entertainment in the QEII Square.

The afternoon keynote speaker is **Gabi Hollows**. She graduated as an Orthoptist in 1972 from the NSW School of Orthoptics and it was during her training that she met Fred Hollows.

Orthoptics is a profession which specialises in the diagnosis and management of disorders of eye movements and associated vision problems.

Gabi will present an update on the important work undertaken by the Fred Hollows Foundation.

Later in the day we have the final of the **Ian Murphy Memorial debate**.

On Saturday evening, we have the **Gala Cabaret Variety Dinner** in the QEII Square. This will be an event not to be missed.

Sunday 21st March

Early start with the **President Elect's Breakfast** at the Albury Club commencing at 7.30am.

The morning's keynote speaker is **Major General Jim Molan AO (Retired)**. In 2004 Australian Major General Jim Molan was deployed as the Chief of Operations to US Commander of a multinational force in Iraq. He planned the 2nd battle for the city of 'Fallujah' and served under the US General George Casey. Major General Molan oversaw a force of 300,000 troops, including 155,000 Americans. This man has a story to tell.

After morning tea there are sessions on **Youth Exchange, Community Service** and **New Generations**.

Once the formal activities of the Conference conclude, we have a **Farewell Bar-B-Que** in the QEII Square where we can enjoy each other's company before we farewell our Fellow Rotarians down the Highway for a safe journey home.

What your Conference Fees Cover

This year conference fees were designed to be all inclusive. Once you register for Conference and the Sportsman's Night, International Night, the Gala Cabaret and the farewell BBQ, you will hardly need to put your hand in your pocket. The Conference fees include all morning and afternoon teas, Saturday lunch and a significant discount on the International and Gala evenings. Past Conferences included additional Club activities adding to the cost of the weekend.

Remember that the conference is designed to run as a break even event.

Other Festivities

Local wineries will be providing **free wine tasting** and this will be complemented with cheese tasting from our local area.

Club Incentive

Conference 2010 is offering a Club Incentive for attendance - see Flyer

*On the way home you might like to take the scenic tour and visit the **Wine Country in the Rutherglen Area** or maybe visit **Beechworth** and the **King Valley** on the way home. The region offers many attractions for visitors.*

*This 2010 Conference has been designed to ensure you have fun and fellowship with Rotarians and Guests. Children are catered for so all the family can participate in an **exciting event**.*