

District Governor

David Anderson

REFLECTIONS ON RYLA



WORLD

UNDERSTANDING

In the 1970s and early '80s the Rotary Club of Cobram supported the Rotary Youth Leadership program (RYLA) by sponsoring participants and becoming actively involved in conducting the camps. A recent search of club records revealed that our club had not been involved in RYLA since the mid 1980s.

In 2008 the club was urged to sponsor a participant by a former RYLarian Sueanne McCumstie who had moved to Cobram in her employment. As a former RYLarian, Sueanne had become a RYLA Supporter and Program Director and encouraged our Rotary Club to sponsor a candidate for the 2008 conference. Our candidate Natalie McDonald who is employed by Moira Shire in Community Services was extremely impressed and grateful for the opportunity to attend RYLA.

As a result the club sponsored another candidate from Moira Shire in 2009 who also found the conference 'a life changing experience'.

This year the New Generations Director Chris King, a relatively new Rotarian, recommended the club again support RYLA and suggested the candidate's employer pay half the cost of their candidate so our club could support two candidates.

I drove our two candidates, Justin Boschetti and Daniel Clarke (Clarkie), to Benalla to catch the RYLA bus accompanied by ADG Gary Cleveland and in conversation we discovered that both young men had reservations about the week ahead:

- The RYLA web site was not inviting in any way.
- It was only through the 'hard sell' of Natalie Mc Donald - RYLarian in 2008, and the urging of their respective employees that they agreed to attend.
- They were both very unsure of what was in store for them.

When I arrived at Kinglake on the Sunday afternoon a week later, the conference was just winding up with the final 'all in activity' taking place with 6'4" Clarkie in the

middle of the action while Justin was well and truly 'into it' as well.

The conversation from the back seat on the way home was a complete reversal of the journey over - Clarkie and Justin had both had 'a life changing experience'.

They also informed me that there were 32 candidates in attendance. Twenty-one Rotary Clubs from district 9790 had sponsored RYLarians by providing the full fee for the conference, while other RYLarians paid a percentage of the fee or an employer paid the full fee. **PAGE 11**

The Rotary Club of Cobram's Director of New Generations Chris King (left) congratulates Daniel Clarke of Bourke Hire, and Justin Boschetti of Moira Shire who completed a 7-day Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) conference at the Kinglake Adventure Camp recently.



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"RI President Kalyan Banerjee will ask Rotarians to *Reach Within to Embrace Humanity* during the 2011-12 Rotary year.

He urges Rotarians to harness their inner resolve and strength to achieve success in Rotary.

"In order to achieve anything in this world, a person has to use all the resources he can draw on. And the only place to start is with ourselves and within ourselves," Banerjee said.

Once Rotarians find their inner strength, he continued, they can accomplish great things in their communities and around the world.

"Discover yourself, develop the strengths within you, and then unhesitatingly, unflinchingly, go forth and encircle the world, to embrace humanity," he said.

Banerjee emphasized the family as a starting point in serving others. "The communities we live in are not built of individual people but of families -- families living in homes together, sharing their lives and their resources and their common destinies. Good families lead to good neighborhoods, and good neighborhoods build good communities."

Sincerely,

Kaylan Banerjee — RI *President, 2011–12*



From our DG.....

Our Rotary Clubs are often characterised by the work they do within the local community. Much of the exposure our Clubs receive is for the local work they do serving the community and the people in it. But our Clubs hold their charter from Rotary International and the reach of our organisation is into over 200 countries and geographic areas around the world.

February is World Understanding Month, a great time to focus on our fourth avenue of service, international service and its goal of promoting peace, goodwill and understanding amongst the people of the world.

Much of the work we do as Rotarians in fulfilling our fourth avenue of service will be to benefit people we will never meet in countries most of us will never visit. Some of these projects reach right into a local community such as adopting a village and provide bedding netting to reduce the chances of malaria, provide educational materials and support to village schools to empower young people with a basic education and literacy, support health initiatives in both hospitals and rural clinics and provide access to safe and clean drinking water.

Rotary is also providing the opportunity for outstanding young men and women to have a significant impact and role in the promotion of peace throughout the world, especially in areas where there has been conflict. Through the highly respected Rotary Peace Centres at selected universities around the world, Rotary is supporting the next generation of peacemakers and leaders who will serve in places of conflict around the world including, amongst others, the Middle East and in various locations in Africa.

As Rotarians we can also be directly involved with our international programmes. Many of our exchange programmes allow a sharing of cultures and an opportunity to bring the people of the world more closely together. There isn't a better way to "bridge continents" than to exchange our young people through the Rotary youth exchange programme. The Group Study Exchange programme of The Rotary Foundation also enables the exchange of young people and a sharing of cultures. Clubs within District 9790 have a great record of undertaking RAWCS (Rotary Australia World Community Service) projects enabling Rotarians and others to implement programmes in host countries.

This month, Thursday 23rd February is Rotary Day,

the day on which we celebrate the birth of our great organisation. It is our birthday, a commemoration of that day in 1905 when the 'founding four' met and agreed to form a fellowship club, share business amongst the four vocations represented and agreed to again meet a week later and rotate the meeting to another members workplace.

For many Rotary Day has become Rotary week and it is embraced by many Clubs to showcase Rotary throughout the local community, focusing not only upon the many local projects Rotary Clubs do within their communities but to also publicise the many international projects undertake to improve the lives of others.

February is a certainly a big month as we focus on our international role through all our international service projects and we celebrate Rotary day. It is also the month before our District Conference and the Conference Committee has been hard at work to put together a programme for everyone. It is something we should all look forward to especially hearing our Conference featured speaker, Li Cunxin known to many as Mao's Last Dancer.

Yours in Rotary

David Anderson

District Governor 2011-2012

Rotary District 9790



Member News

New Members

Debra Moore	Heidelberg
Jane Hayward	Kinglake Rangers
Leo Corrigan	Holbrook
Andrew Todd	Holbrook

Gone to Bigger Things

Joan Brettschneider	Albury North	19/12/2011
Gordon Gyles	Corowa	17/12/2011
Leith Cook (Hon)	Benalla	10/1/2012

Paul Harris Fellows

Roberto Paino	Appin Park Wangaratta
Paul Bruce	Appin Park Wangaratta
Lorna Howard (Non Rotarian)	Riddells Creek
Steven Mason (Sapphire)	Beechworth



MEMO TO: All Rotary Clubs, District 9790
SUBJECT: District Governor Nominations for the 2014-15 Rotary Year
DATE: Monday 23 January 2012

In accordance with By Law 6.9 and after consultation with the Nominating Committee, I am of the opinion that the nominations thus far received for District Governor 2014-15 are not sufficient in quantity. Accordingly, the date for the receipt of nominations has been extended for another two weeks. Nominations from Clubs shall now be received up until and including Monday 6 February 2012. In accordance with By Law 6.11, the date for the District Nominating Committee to meet to interview candidates shall now be Sunday 26 February.

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Governor, Rotary International District 9790

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its features are not accessible to those on mobile phones and other devices, you're pretty much wasting your time these days. So *Rotary Down Under* has joined forces with Gumiyo International to offer Clubs, Districts and individual Rotarians the opportunity to upgrade their online profiles in the same way that we have.

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The 2012 D9790 "HOT-TO-TROT"

Ride to Conference for Polio Plus

Rotarians like to have fun!! Cycling Rotarians are no exception!!

This year's Ride to Conference isn't all hard riding, but has opportunities to relax, mess about and sample local produce.

The Ride commences on Saturday 17th March at the site of last year's Conference at Wangaratta. Riders will progress at a leisurely pace, taking in the delights of NE Victoria and the Goulburn River Valley, including being pleasantly surprised by a full Eildon Weir. Having checked out iconic segments of the new High Country Rail Trail, the peleton will push through the boulder-strewn landscape south of Seymour to Macedon. Our final day will see us descend upon Melbourne along some

cycle trails which will connect up with Mooney Valley

Overnight sleepovers where cyclists can carbo-load, check out local offerings and generally chill out are at Wangaratta, Mansfield, Eildon, Seymour and Macedon.

Some wickedly decadent refuelling stops are at the Gapsted winery, the Milawa Cheese Factory, the ubiquitous local rub-a-dub-dub each evening, the Woodlands Historic Home for scones, jam and cream and various coffee shops and bakeries along the way.

Cyclists should be reasonably fit and experienced but not too serious. 580 km distance is to be covered in the six days. Cyclists can commit to any from 1 to 6 days – we are flexible.

Costs are \$400 for the week plus \$50 for a Rotary cycling top. Cyclists are expected to raise a minimum of \$250 for Polio Plus.

If this catches your eye and you are interested, please check out the attached links to the Entry Form, Ride Description and Sponsor Sheet.

Registrations close by early February and we are limited to a peleton of 30 cyclists.

PP Graham Brown
Coordinator
D9790 Ride to Conference
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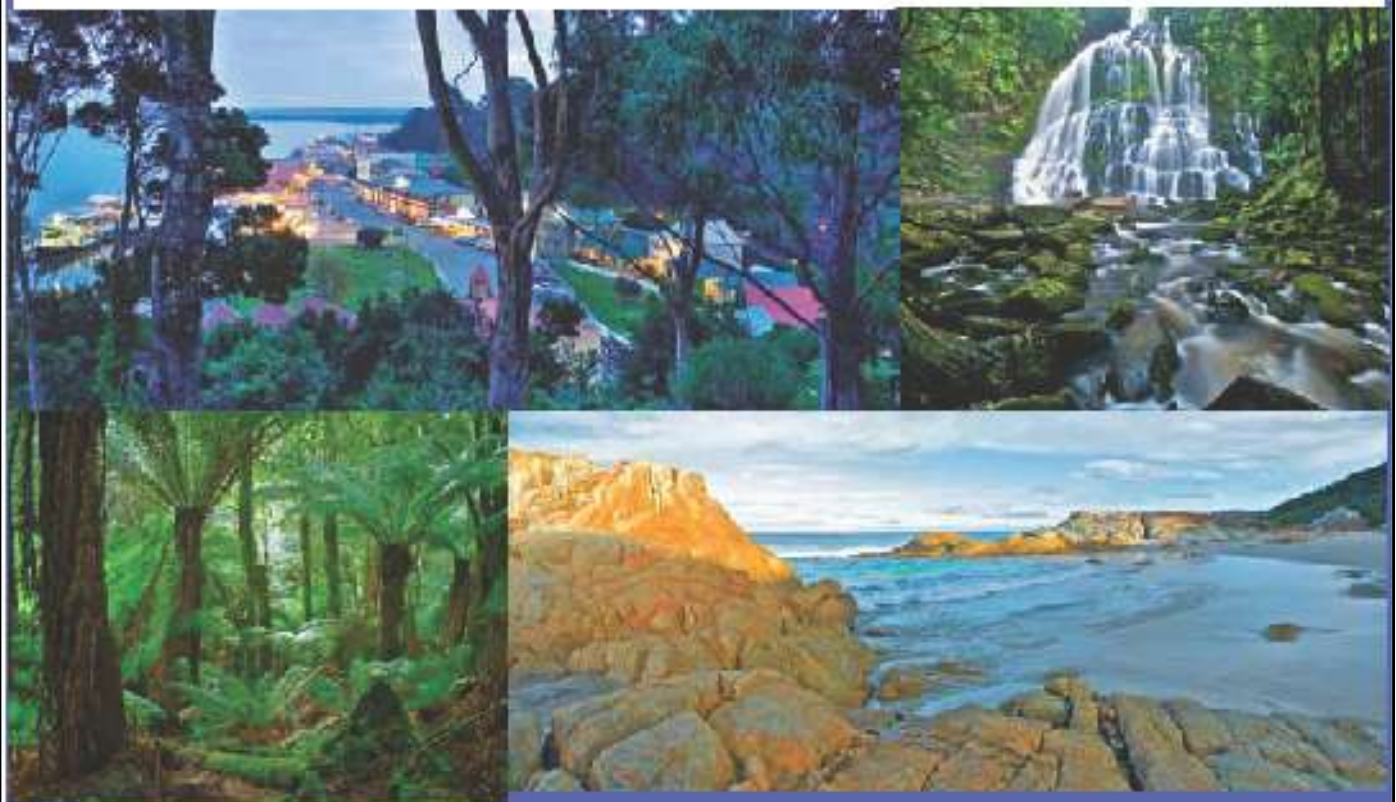
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Mansfield and Australia Day Bush Market

INTERNATIONAL DINNER

With the advent of the new year we have had a busy schedule.

Our first activity was a working bee to complete the second coat of paint of the lychgate & associated buildings at the Mansfield

cemetery. To complete this project we need to hire scaffolding to complete painting at a higher level.



On Australia Day we catered with a sausage sizzle breakfast for the community members attending the Australia Day ceremonies in High Street.



The Australia Day weekend Bush Market on Saturday 28th January was a case of "all hands on deck" selling hamburgers, sausages & lots of drinks.

All Rotarians and friends are warmly invited to our "American" Dinner On Saturday, March 17

Kilmore Memorial Hall
From 6.30pm
Cost: \$35 pp

Entrée: Waldorf Salad

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Australia Day Triumphs for the Rotary Club of Cobram

RYLA Reflections

From page 1

The Rotary Club of Cobram featured very prominently in the Cobram 2012 Australia Day Celebrations which they hosted on behalf of the Moira Shire recently.

Rotary has hosted this annual community event for many years, and this year President James Cornish had the added pleasure of announcing that the Rotary Club of Cobram's Annual Swap Meet – Show and Shine had been awarded the Community Event of the Year for Cobram for 2011.

This win came just a week after the same event was named the winner of the Moira Shire Australia Day Community Event of the Year for 2011

The first Swap Meet sponsored by the Rotary Club of Cobram which was held in August 2011 attracted 47 stall holders, and approx 1100 people attended the event.

Club members were delighted with the response from exhibitors, the general public attendance and the profit made from the event.

Feed back was very positive and the decision to make the event an annual project and to include the Show and Shine was made.

With their limited numbers Rotary enlisted the Cobram Kiwanis Club to run the Show and Shine at the 2008 event.

The fifth Swap Meet-Show and Shine held in August this year attracted 290 stall holders, 190 vehicles entered in the Show and Shine event and a crowd in excess of 3000 people attended.

Assistance was provided by Rotary Club members and members of the Cobram Apex, Lions, and Kiwanis Clubs and Strathmerton Red Cross.

All money raised will be used to fund Rotary Projects locally and internationally, and to compensate the service clubs who gave invaluable assistance on the day.

The Strathmerton Red Cross members have assisted at all previous

events and received a Resuscitation and CPR training doll following this years event. The doll will be used for training volunteers, and will be available for community organisations and businesses to practice on, and become familiar with the techniques used in emergencies.

The biggest challenge for our club in developing this event was for one committed club member to convince 30 sceptical Rotarians that this event would succeed. Thankfully he did succeed.

Planning is already under way for the event for 2012 which has become a 'signature event' for Cobram's major events calendar.

Over 120 forward bookings by stall holders have been made for the 2012 event to be held on Sunday 12th of August.

To see more photos and comments on the day visit our new Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/rotarycobram

Cobram Rotarians give service with a smile.



Australia Day ambassador Maree Caldwell, President James Cornish and Assistant DG Gary Cleveland with Rotary's award for Cobram's Australia Day Event of the Year.



This information came as a bit of a shock to me as I was aware that there were 55 places available for the conference and that 40 candidates were required to make the conference viable.

To obtain a bit more information on recent conferences I spoke to a RYLA committee person who confirmed that numbers in the past few years had been well below the possible 55 attendees.

He also confirmed that on a couple of occasions the conference became close to being cancelled when numbers were very low just prior to decision time.

Why do so few Rotary clubs participate in this excellent Rotary youth program?

The best answer I believe is that with many Rotary Clubs' declining membership the knowledge of programs such as RYLA and individual clubs' historic connection to these programs has been 'lost'.

The purpose of this article is to highlight what a wonderful program RYLA is for all clubs to support and to encourage as many clubs as possible to REDISCOVER RYLA.

According to Clarkie and Justin RYLA is for:

- Race track assistants or Rhodes Scholars
- Youth workers or Yacht makers
- Lawyers or Lorry drivers
- Architects or Air hostesses

When our two RYLarians addressed our Rotary Club on their experiences our members were so impressed with all they had to tell about their 'Life Changing Week' there is little doubt that RYLA will be a high priority program for New Generations in the future.

Had our club not been encouraged by Sueanne McCumstie to RECONNECT with RYLA I would not have been writing this success story.

Kevin Bourke

Rotary Club of Cobram



Happy New Year Rotary District Leaders! With the start of 2012, comes the start of the 2013 Rotary Peace Fellowship recruitment.

If your district has never submitted a Rotary Peace Fellowship application, let us remind you that the fellowship is completely funded by The Rotary Foundation and requires no DDF! Also districts are allowed to submit as many applications as they deem qualified for either a master's degree in peace related studies or a 3-month professional development certificate.

Many districts wonder where they can find qualified candidates for this world-competitive fellowship. In addition to talking to local nonprofits and schools, the best way is through word of mouth. Talk about the program at your club meetings, at work or at social meetings. See the tip section below or our recruitment flyer for some additional ideas. Potential peace fellows are in all of our communities and with Rotary's help they can help become the peace leaders of tomorrow.

For questions about eligibility, you can see the Rotary website or browse

the Program Guide for Rotarians. The Rotary Peace Center Program Assistant, Niki Fritz, is always happy to help with challenging eligibility questions. You can email her at niki.fritz@rotary.org.

If you or your district have already identified potential applicants, the 2013 fellowship application is now available online. Please feel free to download the application here and send it to potential applicants.

Thank you for all you do in helping Rotary promote a more peaceful world.

Tip: Where to Recruit Rotary Peace Fellows

Rotary districts may be able to find potential Peace Fellows by looking in their past ranks of Ambassadorial Scholars and GSE team members. Scholars and team members are often internationally experienced and dedicated to peace and understanding. Send an email to your alumni explaining the Rotary Peace Fellowship and eligibility.

Email and press release templates are available for interested districts. This simple recruitment tool may help your district find the next 2013 Rotary Peace Fellow.

However, please note that alumni must wait three years after date of completion of their scholarship or trip before applying for the Rotary Peace Fellowship. For example, scholars who completed their coursework after September 2009 are not eligible. If in doubt please contact Niki Fritz at niki.fritz@rotary.org

Highlight: Nonviolent Peaceforce

Last year Michael Cavitt, D5950's Peace Chair, reached out to the Non-violent Peacekeeping Force, a Minnesota-headquartered organization that sends unarmed peacekeepers into conflict areas. Through recruitment among alumni of the force, several accomplished peacekeepers applied for the program and one Nonviolent Peacekeeping Force alumni will be starting at ICU in the fall.

Because of one Peace Chair's initiative and dedication to connecting with like-minded organizations in his area, the Rotary Peace Centers has a new fellow with two years of direct peacekeeping experience.

Rotarian Cavitt's example proves that it is extremely beneficial for districts to reach out to local organizations to recruit fellows. For more ideas on how to recruit, see the Rotary Peace Centers Recruitment flyer.



The 2011 Summer Rotary Peace Fellows graduated from the Professional Development Certificate program in June. The Winter 2012 class will start in February





EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN BEING A ROTARY OBSERVER ON AN INTERPLAST PROGRAM

The program is scheduled for Honiara, Solomon Islands from 28th June to 12th July. However, please note that Rotarian Observers will depart on 28th June along with the rest of the team and will return home probably on Thursday 5th July.

Departure is on a Thursday because of flight schedules. The Triage Clinic will probably be held on the Friday (29th June) and operations commencing on the Monday (2nd July). This means that the

lucky Observers will probably have a free weekend in Honiara.

We have Rotarian contacts in Honiara and I'm going to see if it's feasible and appropriate to arrange home hosting for the two Rotarian Observers - District 9790 and District 9810 = for the Friday and Saturday nights, returning to the hotel on Sunday evening. I think this would be a wonderful opportunity for them, apart from the obvious fact of saving some money for Interplast. The surgical

team will probably take some time away from the city because they will be patient-free.

Applicants will need to familiarise themselves with the Guidelines:
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Rotary Youth Program For Enrichment (RYPEN) RYPEN SEMINAR 2012



It's on again School's back shortly and we are looking for students to attend on 16th to 18th March, 2012.

Clubs are requested, through their secondary school involvement, to encourage participation by young people from the Year 10 level. (Ask about others wanting to attend.)
Applications are available from

the Seminar Director and the District website and close on 1st March, 2012.

The cost to sponsor a student is \$200.00 which should be submitted with the application form.

Your club is responsible for transportation, to and from the venue.

Club to Club car sharing is encouraged.

Any further information required, Please call me
Cheers,

Mal Watt

PP Malcolm S. Watt
Seminar Director

Polio Plus Program Update 2012

Where are we at?

All Rotarians in District 9790 should feel proud of the fact that the challenge from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to raise \$200 million by 30 June this year has been met. This is a great achievement and I thank all Rotarians and Clubs from throughout District 9790 who have met the challenge during this Rotary year and in the years since the Challenge was first launched. In recognition of the milestone, the Gates Foundation have contributed a further \$50 million to our 'End Po-

lio Now' campaign.

We should also rejoice in the news that it is now over a year since the last reported case of polio occurred in India. Being one of the four remaining polio endemic countries, we are well on the way now to finally eradicating polio although there is still much to be done. India needs another year of being polio free before that country can be added to the over 100 which have been declared polio free since our commitment to the

children of the world was made almost thirty years ago.



I encourage all Clubs to continue with their efforts in supporting Rotary's leading role in eradicating polio, only the second disease which will have been eradicated from our planet. .

**DG David Anderson
January 2012**

Anatomy of an Aid Package, Rotary Style

The Rotary club of Eltham receives advice that the Rotary Club of Phnom Penh has put out an urgent request to their local members for assistance. During the next 4 weeks the following events took place
Dear Friends,

This is a Rotary inter-club fund raising request. It is being directed to members of the Rotary club of Phnom Penh-Metro and the Rotary Club of Phnom Penh. Areas of Cambodia are inundated and some isolated, due to the flood.



Baray District of Kampong Thom, Cambodia

As the floodwater recedes water contamination and therefore disease, will become a major life threatening issue. We can



Peter Gray & Peter Roden enjoy a moment with Ian Thomas as he presents one of the locals with an Aqua-Box.



Village well at Kampong Spee. Villagers expect that it would be dry by the end of month.



Once the well runs dry this is the only source of water, for use by humans & animals.

help. A wonderful lady, Esther Ding who is located in the Baray district of Kompong Thom has been acting as intermediary for groups such as ours and helping distribute urgent supplies to the villagers.

items.

We can help! As Service Projects chair at the Rotary Club of Phnom Penh, I propose we take up a collection from members of both the Phnom Penh and Metro clubs for the immediate purchase and delivery of these items to Esther.

She need "NOW" water treatment (chlorine) water filters, mozzie nets, fishing nets, food (rice) and other



New model tuk tuk taxi ready to deliver Aqua Boxes to a village.



Rotary Club of Shepparton Central
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Rotary club members worldwide are cautiously celebrating a major milestone in the global effort to eradicate polio. India, until recently an epicenter of the wild poliovirus, has gone one year without recording a new case of the crippling, sometimes fatal, disease.

Rotarians and state government leaders in Jaipur, Rajasthan, India, vaccinate children against polio during a National Immunization Day in 2011. Photo courtesy of the India PolioPlus Committee. India's last reported case was a two-year-old girl in West Bengal State on 13 January 2011. The country recorded 42 cases in 2010, and 741 in 2009.

A chief factor in India's success has been the widespread use of the bivalent oral polio vaccine, which is effective against both remaining types of the poliovirus. Another has been rigorous monitoring, which has helped reduce the number of children missed by health workers during National Immunization Days to less than 1 percent, according to the World Health Organization (WHO).

Rotary has been a spearheading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative since 1988, along with WHO, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is also a key supporter of the initiative.

Sporting their signature yellow vests and caps, the nearly 119,000 Rotarians in India have helped administer vaccine to children, organize free health camps and polio awareness rallies, and

distribute banners, caps, comic books, and other items.

"With the support of their Rotary brothers and sisters around the world, Indian Rotarians have worked diligently month after month, year after year, to help organize and carry out the National Immunization Days that reach millions of children with the oral polio vaccine," says RI President Kalyan Banerjee, of the Rotary Club of Vapi, Gujarat.

"The achievement of a polio-free India for a full year is a significant step towards a polio-free world -- an example as to what can be accomplished no matter what problems need to be overcome," says Robert S. Scott, chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee. "Rotarians of India are and should be proud of the key efforts they have made at all levels, without which the world would not be marking this milestone."

Deepak Kapur, chair of the India PolioPlus Committee, also credits the Indian Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for its commitment to ending polio. To date, the Indian government has spent more than US\$1.2 billion on domestic polio eradication activities. "Government support is crucial if we are to defeat polio, and we are fortunate that our government is our biggest advocate in this effort," Kapur says.

"Marching ahead, the goal is to sustain this momentum," he adds, describing as potentially "decisive" the upcoming immunization rounds this month and in February and March.

If all ongoing testing for polio cases recorded through 13 January continues to yield negative results, WHO will declare that India has interrupted transmission of indigenous wild poliovirus, laying the groundwork for its removal from the polio-endemic countries list, which also includes Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Nigeria. However, because non-endemic countries remain at risk for cases imported from endemic countries, immunizations in India and other endemic and at-risk countries must continue. Neighboring Pakistan, which has reported 189 cases so far for 2011, is a major threat to India's continued polio-free status. Last year, an outbreak in China, which had been polio-free for a decade, was traced genetically to Pakistan.

"As an Indian, I am immensely proud of what Rotary has accomplished," Banerjee says. "However, we know this is not the end of our work. Rotary and our partners must continue to immunize children in India and in other countries until the goal of a polio-free world is finally achieved."

David Cooke PDG
Polio Plus Coordinator D9790

And did you know?

On 23 February, Rotary celebrates its 107th anniversary. The day also marks the anniversary of the first mass polio vaccinations, which started in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1954 and expanded across the United States.



Dinner on Friday at Moonee Ponds

For those intending to dine at Moonee Valley on Friday of Conference.

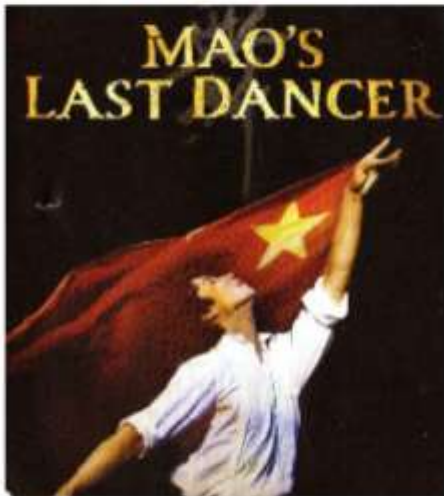
Please be aware that we have not booked this as a Rotary function. Your registration gives you entry to the race meeting. You will need to book dinner if you wish to dine in the restaurants.

There are two main dining areas

1. Valley View - This is in the grandstand and registration will give a concession. - 1300 797 959
2. Legends Bistro - This is opposite the final turn, a very short walk. - 9326 1277 Here a seniors card will give a concession

Remember that this is a public race meeting and the last of the season and you will need to book early.

There is also a variety of more casual eating facilities through the racecourse area



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JUST A PART OF YOUR 2012 CONFERENCE SATURDAY

A Great Rotary Tradition For Conference - The Walk Against Polio Also Known As 'The Rotary Trot'

At the Rotary International Convention, it has often been the practice to include this event. There is a real 'Buzz' in participating and I value my event T shirts as mementos of past events.

In 2005, I walked with thousands of Rotarians from around the world in Chicago and it is one of my best memories from this convention. In 2012 we offer the event as 'The Rotary Trot' using the old trotting track at MV racecourse. You will find the event as an optional activity on the registration form and the cost includes a polo shirt as a souvenir.

The event will take place on Sunday morning and will provide a great fresh start to the final day of Conference 2012. Starting at 8.00am, the walk will allow for all levels of fitness and most participants will be able to enjoy a cup of coffee in the social areas before the start of the first plenary session. Enthusiasts will be able to trot the track twice.

All proceeds will go to Polio Plus. I hope you will consider this activity and include a picture of our District Governor sporting the polo shirt which will also be available in black. When you complete your

registration early, it will give us a chance to order well ahead and get the best price for the garment.

David Anderson
District Governor





CONFERENCE 2012



Registration Form

Please complete and mail with your cheque to Conference Registrar, 36 Ridds Road, Cathkin, Vic 3714

Rotary Details

Rotarian	<input type="checkbox"/>	GSE Team Member *	<input type="checkbox"/>	* Registration and function payment for these attendees is to be made by the respective Committee Chair or club.						
Rotaract *	<input type="checkbox"/>	Youth Exchange Student *	<input type="checkbox"/>							
Club	<input type="text"/>									
Please indicate:	PDG	<input type="checkbox"/>	AG	<input type="checkbox"/>	PP	<input type="checkbox"/>	PE	<input type="checkbox"/>	PHF	<input type="checkbox"/>

Personal Details

	Rotarian	Partner
First Name	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Last Name	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Badge Name	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>	
Phone	<input type="text"/>	
Email	<input type="text"/>	
Special requirements: access, dietary, etc.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Registration

		Rotarian	Partner	Total \$
Before 31/12/2011	\$145.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
After 1/01/2012	\$150.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
First Year Rotarians	\$125.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
Saturday only	\$100.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
* Students (above)	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>

Functions

Thursday 22nd March

		Rotarian	Partner	Total \$
Golf	\$60.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
Bowls	\$20.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
Cricket	\$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
Legends Tour	\$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
Sportsman's Dinner	\$50.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>

Friday 23rd March

		Rotarian	Partner	Total \$
Rotary Foundation Reception	\$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
Moonee Valley Races (Conference Registrants only)	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>

Saturday 24th March

		Rotarian	Partner	Total \$
Leader's Breakfast	\$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
Conference Dinner	\$50.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>

Sunday 25th March

		Rotarian	Partner	Total \$
Lunch in the Park	\$20.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
Walkathon	\$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>

Polo Shirt choice (please tick):

Colour:	Black	<input type="checkbox"/>	White	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Size:	S	<input type="checkbox"/>	M	<input type="checkbox"/>	L	<input type="checkbox"/>	XL	<input type="checkbox"/>	XXL	<input type="checkbox"/>
Total										\$ <input type="text"/>



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12 x Classic Cabernet Sauvignon 2009	\$110.00		
12 x Classic Chardonnay 2008	\$110.00		
Total \$			

Complete this form individually or as a group then either

1. Send your cheque made out to:
 District 9790 Conference
 Rotary Club of Yea,
 Box 149,
 Yea
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or

2. Deposit the required payment to the
 Conference account with the
 Bendigo Bank
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Please send any correspondence to
conferencewine@rotary9790.org.au



ROTARY DISTRICT 9790



Dear Member,

As you are aware the district publishes a District directory each year. This directory is given only to Rotarians, mainly in our district. In the past all the members whose name appears in the directory had their full details in the back of the directory, i.e.,

Name	Address	Phone AH	Phone BH	Fax	Mobile
Gatt, John (Eileen)	7 Giralong Court, Greensborough, 3088	03 9434 2003	0407 492 209	03 9432 2284	0407 492 209

I intend doing one or possibly two changes to these details for the 2012-2013 district directory. The first change is to replace the postal address with the members email address. As you know most communications today are via email and not snail-mail, i.e.,

Name	Email	Phone AH	Phone BH	Fax
Gatt, John (Eileen)	jagatt@iinet.net.au	03 9434 2003	0407 492 209	03 9432 2284

The second change which may be done is to include all members details and not only the members that appear in the directory.

If there is anyone with any comments or concerns with these changes please contact your AG.

Yours in Rotary,

John Gatt DGE District 9790

Are you social?

There is no denying that social media is now one of the fastest and easiest means of communication.

Whether you're 'tweeting' about current events or posting a picture on facebook, social media has now well and truly made its way into our social and business culture.

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

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

With the promise of "it's free and always will be", the social media bandwagon is undeniably a simple yet effective way of spreading the Rotary message. Australian Rotary Health's facebook and twitter page updates daily with the latest in news from the medical world, photos and posts of the goings on at Australian Rotary Health and helpful tips on staying mentally healthy.

If you're interested in receiving these exciting updates, simply 'like' our page on Facebook – you'll find it by searching Australian Rotary Health, or follow our Tweets @hatday and @ausrotaryhealth. We'd love to have you as part of our online family!

Let's Giggle !

An old prospector shuffled into town leading a tired old mule. The old man headed straight for the only saloon to clear his parched throat.

He walked up and tied his old mule to the hitching rail. As he stood there, brushing some of the dust from his face and clothes, a young gunslinger stepped out of the saloon with a gun in one hand and a bottle of whisky in the other.

The gunslinger looked at the old man and laughed, saying, "Hey old man, have you ever danced?"

The old man looked up at the gunslinger and said, "No, I never did dance. Never really wanted to."

A crowd gathered as the gunslinger grinned and said, "Well, you old fool, you're gonna dance now," and started shooting at the old man's feet.

The old prospector – not wanting to get a toe blown off – started hopping around like a flea on a hot skillet. Everybody was laughing, fit to be tied.

When his last bullet had been fired, the young gunslinger, still laughing, holstered his gun and turned around to go back into the saloon.

The old man turned to his pack mule, pulled out a double-barrelled shotgun, and cocked both hammers. The loud clicks carried clearly through the desert air and the crowd stopped laughing immediately.

The young gunslinger heard the sounds too, and he turned around very slowly. The silence was almost deafening.

The crowd watched as the young gunman stared at the old timer and the large gaping holes of those twin barrels.

The barrels of the shotgun never wavered in the old man's grasp, as he quietly said, "Son, have you ever licked a mule's backside?"

The gunslinger swallowed hard and said, "No sir... but... I've always wanted to."

There are a few points here for us all to ponder:

- Never be arrogant.
- Don't waste ammunition.
- Whisky makes you think you're smarter than you are.
- Always make sure you know who has the power.
- Don't mess with old men; they didn't get old by being stupid.

A 72-year-old man goes for a physical. All of his tests come back normal so the doctor says,

"Harry, everything looks great. How are you doing mentally and emotionally? Are you at peace with God?"

Harry replies, "God and I are tight. He knows I have poor eyesight, so he's fixed it

when I get up in the middle of the night to go to the bathroom, poof!, the light goes on.

When I'm done, poof!, the light goes off."

"Wow, that's incredible," the doctor says.

A little later in the day, the doctor calls Harry's wife. "Mrs. White," he says,

"Harry is doing fine but I had to call you because I'm in awe of his relationship with God.

Is it true that he gets up during the night and poof! the light goes on in the bathroom, and when he's

done, poof! the light goes off?"

"OH GOOD GRIEF!" Mrs. White exclaims,

"He's peeing in the fridge again!"

An Arab Sheik was admitted to St Vincent's Hospital for heart surgery, but prior to the surgery, the doctors needed to store his blood in case the need arose. As the gentleman had a rare type of blood, it couldn't be found locally, so, the call went out to all the states.

Finally a Scot was located who had a similar blood type. The Scot willingly donated his blood for the Arab. After the surgery, the Arab sent the Scotsman as appreciation for giving his blood, a new BMW, diamonds & US dollars.

A couple of days later, once again, the Arab had to go through a corrective surgery. His doctor telephoned the Scotsman who was more than happy to donate his blood again. After the second surgery, the Arab sent the Scotsman a thank-you card & a jar of candies.

The Scotsman was shocked that the Arab this time did not reciprocate his kind gesture as he had anticipated. He phoned the Arab & asked him: "I thought you would be generous again, that you would give me a BMW, diamonds & money... But you only gave me a thank-you card & a jar of candies".

To this the Arab replied: "Aye, but I now have Scottish blood in my veins".

Sign at a Pub!



Club Name	Start	Members	Change	New	Terminated	Meetings	Month Per Cent
Albury	35						
Albury Hume	38	40	2	2		3	88
Albury North	61	60	-1		1	3	66.65
Albury West	49	47	-2		1	3	65
Alexandra	37	34	-3		2	3	76
Appin Park Wangaratta	33						
Beechworth	22	20	-2	1	2	3	68.5
Bellbridge Lake Hume	10						
Belvoir Wodonga	37	39	2	0	0	3	82.76
Benalla	73	71	-2		1	4	67.24
Bright	32	30	-2		1	5	58.72
Broadmeadows	17	17	0	0	0	2	91.17
Bundoora	16						
Cobram	27						
Coburg	18	20	2			3	81.67
Corowa	24	26	2	0	1	3	83.33
Corryong	18						
Craigieburn	16						
Deniliquin	25						
Diamond Creek	25	27	2	0	1	3	81
East Shepparton	21						
Eltham	51						
Euroa	50						
Finley	18						
Greensborough	35						
Heidelberg	37	39	2	1		2	68.54
Holbrook	27						
Ivanhoe	16						
Kinglake Ranges	25						
Kyabram	32	34	2	0	0	2	85.15
Lavington	12	12	0	0	0	3	94.44
Mansfield	35	28	-7	0	2	3	76.86
Milawa Oxley	25						
Mooroopna	35	27	-8			4	76.85
Moreland	10						
Mount Beauty	27	25	-2	0	0	3	21
Myrtleford	26	25	-1	0	1	3	90.7
Nathalia	18	17	-1	0	0	3	92.16
Numurkah	33	32	-1	0	0	3	63.74
Pascoe Vale	28						
Preston	40						
Riddells Creek	13	13	0	0		4	82
Romsey Lancefield	9						
Rosanna	30	31	1	0	0	3	77.78
Rutherglen	37						
Seymour	39	38	-1	1	1	3	68
Shepparton	51	51	0	0	0	3	84.66
Shepparton Central	37						
Shepparton South	47	48	1	1	0	3	89.19
Southern Mitchell	27	27	0	0	0	2	83.34
Strathmore	26	27	1			3	82.5
Sunbury	40	39	-1			3	56.7
Tallangatta	15	18	3			3	92.6
Tatura	30	28	-2	0	0	4	71
Tocumwal	14	14	0			3	72
Wangaratta	23	25	2	0	0	3	69.33
Whittlesea	16						
Wodonga	25	24	-1	0	1	3	94
Wodonga West	33						
Yarrawonga Mulwala	41						
Yea	36	35	-1		1	2	87.5

Attendance for December 2011



Rotary Expo



Previously known as the Conference Lounge or House of Friendship

Our ambition is that the Rotary Expo will provide awareness of Rotary activities and projects in order to:

- motivate and inspire further action
- provide a greater knowledge of what Rotary does
- provide choice for club cooperation
- help Rotarians to enhance the public image of Rotary in the community

The Rotary Expo is immediately adjacent to the registration desk in the Inner Circle on level 3. The Rotary Expo is created as an ideal venue for meeting and greeting. Collect your tea or coffee and enjoy fellowship in the Rotary Expo. Exhibitors are asked to provide stimulating information and ideas to meet the Rotary Expo ambition.

This year at Moonee Valley the final summer night racing series will be held on Friday March 23rd and the Rotary Expo will be open to the racing public giving us wider exposure. Rotary is sponsoring the first race of the meeting and it is anticipated that in excess of 8,000 racegoers will attend providing great PR from this exposure.

We invite interested groups and clubs to register an expression of interest for the Rotary Expo. Expressions of Interest will close Friday 16th of December 2011.

Opportunities are also available for marketing and sponsorship which includes a booth in the Rotary Expo for the duration of the Conference. Details available on application.



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