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District Governor

David Anderson



**NEW
GENERATIONS
MONTH**



Rotary Clubs
of
Yea
&
Strathmore

Day of Fellowship

&

Foundation Fundraiser

Hume and Hovell Cricket Ground Strath Creek

Saturday October 29th

11am

Cost: \$35 Includes lunch and a donation to
Foundation

The Rotary Clubs of Yea and Strathmore are meeting at the Hume and Hovell Cricket Ground in Hanna's Rd Strath Creek on Saturday October 29th at 11am for a day of **FELLOWSHIP, FUN and FUND-RAISING.**

The day also includes the annual Moira Kelly Children First cricket match with members of the International Fellowship of Cricketing Rotarians providing entertainment through-

out the day.

For the energetic there are several walks planned, of varying degrees of difficulty.

The 4km Roof Top walk with spectacular views across the 'valley of a thousand hills'. This is a real challenge for the more energetic!

The Strath Creek meander. Also

4km but an easier terrain

The 3km leisurely stroll

All walks are through beautiful countryside and scenery. For those who prefer to sit on the verandah, watch

the cricket and walk to the bar this can be catered for!

All guests will lunch together in the pavilion – please join us for a wonderful day of Rotary fellowship across the District. The cost of the event (\$35) includes lunch and a donation to Rotary Foundation. Drinks available at bar prices.

RSVP Friday 21st October to Secretary Glenda Woods Rotary Club of Yea MOB 0428321545 or email to yea@rotary9790.org.au Payments accepted on the day.

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<http://www.rotary9790.org.au/4a/bulletin/dgnewsletter.asp>

Got a Rotary Idea or Issue that you would like aired?

The District Drum is for all Rotarians in District 9790 and we seek your input, views and comments as we seek to grow, improve and upgrade the publication.

Send your ideas, articles or views to the Editor and you will be heard. The Editor will, of course, need to make sure of the integrity and suitability of articles. Articles should not be more than one page in size and include photos where available. Make sure your name, Club and contact details are sent with the article.

"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.....

Since V Australia ceased its direct flights from Melbourne to Johannesburg, Melbourne passengers must travel via Sydney or Perth (or any number of hubs in South East Asia). My choice was via Sydney and three hours into the flight, QF63 is at 9750 metres, lunch has been served and we are about 1000 kilometres south of Adelaide. The flight has tracked down the coast of New South Wales and over Hobart. Our route takes us in a loop over the Southern Ocean before the approach into Johannesburg. The interactive inflight entertainment has crashed and we are dependent on what the Flight Service Director decides we will watch. At least the Map is working. The only problem is, it's telling our destination is Hong Kong!

As we approach September, New Generations Month, it is fitting that at time of writing, I am on my way to the 59th EEMA Youth Exchange Conference at Sun City, three hours west of Johannesburg, South Africa. EEMA is one of those many Rotary acronyms we all love to hate. In this case EEMA stands for Europe, Eastern Mediterranean and Africa. That's why we will meet in South Africa. Two hundred and fifty dedicated Rotarians involved in the Youth Exchange Program from 28 countries have registered for the meeting.

Rotary International only has twelve official programs yet four of those are New Generations programs: Interact, Rotaract, RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) and Rotary Youth Exchange. Whilst these are our official Rotary New Generations programs, we also have many other programs serving our youth in District 9790: the Ian Murphy Memorial Debating competition, RYPEN at both a District and Club level, MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly) and support for the Young Rural Ambassador Award program are among other youth programs endorsed by our District.

Through these programs, we have a unique opportunity to impact upon the lives of young people in so many ways – students in schools and communities who belong to Interact Clubs, Rotaractors in one of 7,500 Clubs around the world, as a participant in a RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) program or as one of 8000 young people who are youth exchange students in any given year. Lifelong connections and enduring relationships are formed, many of them cross-cultural, through participation in these programs which, in turn, have a lasting impact on peace and harmony between the nations of the world and their people.

Each one of our New Generations programs should not be viewed in isolation. Rotary's official four youth programs cover an age range of 14 to 30, the years of adolescence and young adulthood, and each is linked with the other in so many ways. Interactors can become Rotaractors as well as being youth exchange students or be a member of a youth exchange host family. Some RYLA programs around the world automatically include youth exchange students in their program whilst we hope that *all* our youth alumni will become Rotarians. They are our Rotarians of the future.

Let's integrate our youth programs into our Clubs and our lives as Rotarians. Talk to your District New Generations Chair about Rotary's four youth programs and sign up with Rotary International to receive the New Generations and Youth Exchange e-newsletters. Not only will we help shape the lives of these young people, we will enrich our own lives and the life of our Rotary Clubs.

Postscript

It's evident from discussions with various delegates at the EEMA Conference that Australia is a popular choice for many exchange students. There are many new countries which would like to enter into exchange agreements with Australia. It would be great to be able to offer them places in Australia and, in particular, District 9790.

Throughout this Rotary year, let's share our passion for Rotary.

Yours in Rotary

David Anderson

District Governor 2011-2012

Rotary District 9790



Caption: DG David met with Rodney Motjamela, President of the Interact Club of Selly Park Secondary School, Rustenberg, South Africa late last month. The Interact Club has 28 Members and is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Rustenberg Kloof in D 9400



Member News

New Members

Narelle Mann	Corowa
Deborah (Deb) de Jager	Kinglake Rangers
John de Jager	Kinglake Rangers
Graham Felstead	Alexander
Cynthia Maher	Holbrook
John Sciacca	Nathalia
Craig Seton	Albury North
Ian Moffat	Bellbridge Lake Hume
Kevin Snaidero	Bellbridge Lake Hume
Mary Ahmet	Shepparton
Jenny Sim	Shepparton
Neville Hanson (Now Honorary)	Shepparton
Robert Hearn	Mooroopna

New Members

John Anderson	Shepparton
Nadia Godfrey	Kyabram
Tony Larmer	Whittlesea
Andrew Christy	Bellbridge Lake Hume

Gone to Bigger Things

Ray Jowlett (Hon)	Albury	1/8/2011
Jeff Nankervis	Corryong	11/8/2011
Thomas Young	Shepparton	30/6/2011

Reservoir Folds

I have received a letter from the Rotary International office in Parramatta, advising me that the Board of Directors of Rotary International has accepted the resignation of the Rotary Club of Reservoir effective 30 June 2011. The Club decided to hand back its Charter after it lost the membership of two members and despite past efforts to recruit new members, the Club was reduced to five.

As District Governor I wish to place on the public record the thanks of all Rotarians in District 9790 to the last active members of the Rotary Club of Reservoir, as representatives of all past members of the Rotary Club of Reservoir, for the service they have provided over the past 42 years: John and Nancy Russell, Ron Warwick, Dorothy Leonard, Roy Mangos, Danny Civitico and Aichiro Hashimoto.

DAVID ANDERSON
District Governor 2011-2012

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In the Spotlight : DG David Anderson



What's one thing most people would be surprised to know about you?

That it's possible for a university student to do a thesis on the "Bodyline" test cricket series of 1932/33

What's the smartest thing you've been told? *"The job you're in when you're 25 is not the job you're in when you're 40". I changed direction at 39.*

How would someone you love describe you? *Woof, woof.*

What's the oldest item in your wardrobe that you still wear? *My school cadet uniform (as a staff member, not student) - it's serviceable as work clothes*

What do you look or feel really good in? *My school cadet uniform - that and a Dinner Suit.*

What's one simple thing you're really good at? *Being able to say no.*

What do you least like to do? *Mum would have said gardening. She was probably right.*

What's the one talent you wish you had? *Being able to play the piano or the bagpipes or the didgeridoo. I've never tried any of them.*

One thing you refuse to eat? *There's very little I wouldn't eat - but then again I'm shocked at some things which appear on "World's Most Bizarre Foods".*

Who would you like to invite to a dinner party? *Anybody prepared to bring a bottle of Grange and Bob Dewar who'll do the cooking.*

I'm glad I *Followed the advice and changed directions at the age of 39.*

What was your best break in life? *Joining the Rotary Club of Yea - and being asked by PDG Bill Holman to Chair the District Youth Exchange Committee. The rest, as they say, is history.*

Best holiday destination (or place you wish to visit).....*Growing up at annual family holidays at "Moola", Hawker St, Mt Martha. But I'd love to visit Brazil.*

Who's your most memorable character? *The question is better directed to a distant relative of mine, Campbell McComas. Alas he has passed away.*

Currently, you are reading what? *Planning Guides for Effective Rotary Clubs*

If you were an animal what would you be? *Cat - nine lives seems a good choice.*

Are you a dog or a cat person? *I've got one of each. Does that make me ambidextrous?*



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When you give to The Rotary Foundation you are spending on people.

For example, since 1998, Rotarian Roy Sheldrick and other members of the Rotary Club of Ancaster, Ontario, Canada, have used Rotary Foundation humanitarian grants to build 219 wells for 300,000 people in the Artibonite Valley in Haiti.

Last year, malaria claimed the lives of almost 750,000 people in sub-Saharan Africa, 85 percent of them young children. Some of the region's poorest residents live in Yirimadjo, Mali, and are receiving protection from the disease through a Rotary Foundation

Global Grant project supported by Rotarians in four countries. Called "Bite Malaria Back", the project is providing insecticide-treated bed nets, physician services, and medications to help prevent and treat malaria.

The Rotary Foundation merely provides the structure for the flow of funds to help people such as these. It is Rotarians who identify the projects, who do the work and who provide the funding by donating to the foundation.

While we can identify needy causes and design programs there is one thing that is certain:

**If we give nothing,
we can do nothing
These people rely on our
giving for their living**

The Rotary Foundation recognises various levels of giving by the issue of pins and certificates. For example, a Paul Harris Fellow Recognition is presented when a donation of \$US1,000 is received. A donor can become a member of The Paul Harris Society by committing to donate \$US1,000 each year.

But do not feel that your donation is insignificant. If you give what you can, you give much more than someone who can afford to give but doesn't.

It doesn't matter how much you give. What is important (to those in need) is that you give what you can - regularly.

The Rotary Foundation is our charity. It is a part of us, of who we are as Rotarians.

The Rotary Foundation enables clubs all over the world to develop and accomplish self-sustaining projects that change lives and change the world for the better. When you support

The Rotary Foundation's **Every Rotarian, Every Year** initiative, you personally help fund one of those life-changing projects. Support your Rotary Foundation! Advance world understanding and peace.

**PDG Peter Gilbert
Deputy Chair
The Rotary Foundation
Committee**

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ROTARY'S OPPORTUNITY TO 'REBIRTH'

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

by Bob Aitken

Since the demise of the Shell Live-wire mentor program, many Rotarians have been frustrated by the lack of vocational mentoring programs that heighten awareness of Rotary's vocational service base.

Rotary clubs and Districts still do vocational awards and careers nights with considerable success but the satisfaction that comes from mentoring young tradesmen and women, young professionals, or young people in business is very special.

Earlier this year, a National Skills Survey by the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry revealed an ongoing national skills shortage.

The survey highlights the need for increased interaction between employers and industry, increased funding for mentoring and supervision of trainees and apprentices and most important of all – the need to highlight the importance and relevance of vocational training in Australia targeted towards the immediate skills needs of the workplace.

National Skills Week – taking place between 1st – 8th October, 2011 – is a new initiative; a collaborative approach dedicated to raising the status of practical and vocational learning. National Skills Week aims to provide a focus to Vocational Education & Training (VET), its achievements, opportunities and success stories.

Rotary's Vocational Service Month – October – coincides with National Skills Week and Rotary Down Under has agreed to become a collaborating partner in promotion of vocational

skills, activities and events nationwide.

One of the main aims of National Skills Week will be to dispel the myth that a university education is the only path to success – and to raise the status of vocational education among parents, teachers, students and careers counsellors.

Rotary clubs and/or Districts are being encouraged to organise a special event, dinner or activity that acknowledges the importance of vocational service – with a focus on ethical consciousness and community awareness.

This is a splendid opportunity for Rotary's **Club and District Vocational Service Directors** to plan a unique event during Vocational Month 2011.

National Skills Week is supported by the Australian Government and more information is available on www.nationalskillsweek.com.au

Rotary clubs can get involved in many ways –

- Organise formal lunches/dinners for local business and community members – hosted and catered for by hospitality students and apprentices.
- Organise horticulture/landscaping students from TAFE colleges to do 'make-overs' on local parks and gardens to make communities aware of the talents of such students.
- Liaise with local high schools to organise special assemblies/barbecues with representatives from Australia's past WorldSkills teams, or past training award winners to attend and address students on training and career opportunities within modern trades.

Rotary leaders keen to organise special events to highlight Rotary's involvement in and support for National Skills Week may contact Rachel Small or Kerrie Gale at SkillsOne for

further information and assistance.

Rachel and Kerrie have access to a growing list of young trades/business volunteers prepared to support Rotary, either in a conceptual capacity, helping to instigate or coordinate activities, or as guest speakers at events. Vocational Service Directors are encouraged to contact Rachel or Kerrie immediately:

Kerrie Gale:

kerrie.gale@skillsone.com.au

Rachel Small:

rachel.small@skillsone.com.au

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From sheet metal workers and cooks to bakers, hairdressers and gardeners, the range of trade skills for showcasing to communities is enormous.

These young people include many who have won medals at the WorldSkills "Olympics" and are high achievers in their own right. For more information on WorldSkills, this year's event of which will also coincide with National Skills Week, visit www.worldskills.org.au.

The outstanding SkillsOne organisation is a government/industry sponsored organisation, launched in 2007 to deliver trade objectives of the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Bob Aitken is a member of the Rotary Club of Lower Blue Mountains and the Executive Director of Rotary Down Under Incorporated. He is a Past Governor of District 9690, Rotary International.

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If you would like to get involved, contact

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australian rotary health—30 years of success

report by DGN Merv Ericson

What better way to spend a cold and bleak Saturday night in Melbourne than attend a warm and uplifting 30 year celebration for Australian Rotary Health.

DG Juliet Risely and Ian, DGE Brian Martin and Sue and DGN Merv Ericson and Kay attended a



truly multi-district celebration of Australian Rotary Health with approximately 300 other Rotarians too numerous to list individually.

Rotarian Greg Ross was an excellent Master of Ceremonies who, after introducing key dignitaries, launched into his self composed ode to Australian Rotary Health.

The Chairman of ARH, Noel Trevaskis, then made a stirring presentation covering the history and major achievements of ARH and acknowledged major contributors, of which there have been many.

Noel then announced the recipient of the Australian Rotary Health Medal and jointly with CEO Joy Gillett presented this year's medal to Peter Lean—a popular and long time supporter of ARH.

During the entertaining evening, a series of photographs were displayed on the bank of television monitors surrounding the room. They highlighted major events, fundraising events, board meetings, board members and club supporters of ARH.

Noel Trevaskis then announced that PP Don Gordon had purchased an ARH Ruby Companion award for his wife Dot who joined him on stage for the presentation.

Greg Ross acknowledged the efforts of numerous supporters of ARH and also read out letters of apology from past Rotary International World Presidents, Royce Abbey, Glen Kinross and Clem Renouf.

Australian Prime Minister, Juliet Gillard, sent a congratulatory letter, acknowledging the record of ARH and it's founder Ian Scott.

After Noel Trevaskis, Joy Gillett and Don Gordon completed cutting the 30th Anniversary Birthday cake, all in attendance were encouraged to return and repeat the celebrations in another 30 years!

Workplace giving makes donating even easier

ARH has recently launched a new workplace giving program that enables employees and employers to connect more easily with charities that have deductible gift recipient (DGR) status. Simple, cost effective and tax efficient, workplace giving runs through the payroll system and allows an employee to nominate the amount they would like to donate each pay. This amount is deducted from the employee's wage each pay day and sent straight to the nominated charity. It's transparent and trustworthy through your employer, you receive your tax deduction immediately and there's no need to save receipts.

For employers, offering a workplace giving program helps foster employee morale and strengthen community ties. And don't forget that by supporting Australian Rotary Health you are helping to solve important issues that affect your community. From mental health to cancer research, Australian Rotary Health's broad vision helps improve the quality of life for people who are least able to assist themselves.

If you would like to find out more about workplace giving or the research programs Australian Rotary Health currently funds, please contact Terry Davies, Corporate Manager, on 02 8837 1900 or email terrydavies@australianrotaryhealth.org.au.



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 9790



CONFERENCE 2012



Firstly I would like to thank all of you who have responded to the request for a nominated 'On to Conference' rep. Bob Matejic has created a data base for the district which should prove most useful for future contacts. We have more than 50% registered but will gain most value from this if all are registered. Bob is database@rotary9790.org.au

I can assure clubs that a most exciting conference is well on the way. Highlights include the booking of Lee Cunxin - Mao's last Dancer - as Saturday keynote speaker. He promises to be inspirational. Sports day is well in hand and in addition to the usual activities, there is an option to visit 'Legends Stud' in keeping with our venue. The race meeting on Friday will, we hope, feature a Rotary sponsored race, enabling us to reach a wide audience who will be invited into the 'Rotary Expo' aka House of Friendship. We could gain great PR from this and your club may like to book a booth to promote a special project EG Disaster Aid Australia has already booked to feature in a public area and in return Max Walker has agreed to be one of our speakers.

Registration is being finalized and should appear on the website and in the Drum soon. An early plea for early registration which will make all forms of activity and catering so much easier!!

A feature of this conference is the promotion of Home Hosting. This may build links between rural and city clubs. It is really in keeping with Rotary activity world wide in the tradition of Rotary Friendship Exchange. As a not very wealthy Rotarian I have enjoyed this form of travel and accommodation and would recommend it to you for conference. Your Assistant governors are coordinating this and clubs should contact them.

I ask for your support of the 'Great District Wine Sale'. This is really an extension of our Conference marketing and Sponsorship efforts. The wines are very good and the prices reasonable. Sponsorship is not easy to procure and every order will assist us in further developing this 'Conference with a difference'. Order forms are available on the web or in the Drum. I will deliver the orders each month to Bullers and Bullers will organize delivery of the wine.

Finally, I would be happy to visit clubs to help promote conference attendance. This has been 20% - 30% in the past and I would love to see more members involved.

Yours in Rotary

Ruth Konig

Rotary Club of Benalla partners with Benalla Rural City to provide shade for the kids:

After a conversation with Benalla Rural City some 18 months ago, the need to provide shade for children at the playground in the Rose City Gardens was highlighted: \$6000 was provided through a Grant with Sun Smart Australia and the Rotary Club of Benalla was able to provide \$7000 from our own club and a District Simplified Grant through Rotary International.



After considerable consultation and

negotiation with Benalla Rural City and other user groups, we are now able to offer both visitors and the local community a sun smart area for children to play. This is located alongside the BBQ area which was also built by Rotary back in 2005.

Veronica Schilling and Deb Randich from the Benalla Rural City worked closely with Past President Ian Davies on this project. Benalla Blinds proved that keeping it local is possible when you need a high quality product.



Rotary is proud to be involved in supplying this community service especially as we have been able to provide the funding from sources outside of Benalla which means no rate payers money was spent and no fundraising from locals, who are regularly asked to put their hand in their pocket, was required.

Whilst this project has taken considerable time to complete the Rotary Club of Benalla is confident the outcome has made it all worthwhile.

President Dr Rowena Mann, Past President Ian Davies, Leo Ginnivan, Jack Ashton, Neil Smith, Noel Hutchens and Graeme Beck proudly inspecting the completion of the shade sail project



Rotarians all over Australia and New Zealand are talking about *Rotary Down Under*, and that's just the way we like it.

Whether its controversy over why one member resigned, or the perennial debate over the true meaning of the term "Paul Harris Fellow", or applying pressure on our politicians to get back into the Global Polio Eradication campaign, your regional Rotary Magazine is the forum for ideas and debate.

The September edition of *Rotary Down Under* responds, through the efforts of its readers, to these issues and more.

Our cover story this month is about Professor Ralph Martins, a West Perth Rotarian who is breaking new

ground in the search for the answer to Alzheimer's Disease.

Professor Martins is the foundation chair of Aging and Alzheimer's Disease at Edith Cowan University and the founding director of the McCusker Alzheimer's Research Foundation.

His many achievements in researching Alzheimer's Disease and his willingness to serve Rotary, notwithstanding his hectic schedule, have seen him recognised in two successive years as Western Australia's Australian of the Year in the professions category in 2010. In 2011



he was made Citizen of Western Australia in the professions category.

First-time convention attendee information

Are you thinking about attending the 2012 Bangkok RI Convention as a first time international convention attendee? If so you need to register soon and ensure that you get the early bird discount and a hotel of your choosing, if booking at the same time. Of course airfares to Asia have come down a lot in price this year so there may never be a better time to travel. Below is an extract from the RI website about how first time attendees can make themselves feel at home at a convention easily and quickly.

As a first-time convention attendee, you are embarking on an experience that will inspire you, inform you about Rotary on an international level, and provide you with resources and motivation to move your club forward.

You can learn about strengthening clubs and identifying service and fellowship opportunities by attending an RI Convention and listening to speakers, participating in workshops, visiting the Club and District Projects Exhibition, and talking to fellow Rotarians and other members of the family of Rotary.

During the meeting, you'll experience the international nature of Rotary. Expect to encounter Rotarians and guests from all over the world, united in the spirit of Rotary and the ideal of service.

Convention checklist

First step: registration. With your registration, ticket confirmation, and photo ID in hand, you will pick up your convention materials, usually at the convention center. Your registration packet should include name badges, any prepurchased RI event tickets, vouchers, opening plenary session tickets, program books, and transportation guides. The program book and transportation guide are your key convention resources.

After that, be sure to

- Get credentialed at the voting delegate's booth. If you're a delegate or proxy for your club, you

need to bring the validated voting delegate form to become credentialed.

- Pick up ribbons, language stickers, and attendance stickers at the ribbon booth.
- Attend an orientation for first-time convention goers. (The sessions usually take place the Saturday before the convention begins.)
- Pick up your Host Organizing Committee gift bag with the voucher in your registration packet.
- Gather materials at the information booth about local activities.
- Visit next year's convention booth, and register in advance.
- Enjoy the House of Friendship, including the Internet cafe, local entertainment, message board, and fine local cuisine.



- Visit Global Networking Group booths to find out more about the many vocational and recreational fellowships and action groups.
- Visit the Club and District Projects Exhibition to learn about what other clubs and districts are doing to serve others. Your club may be interested in similar projects.

Shop for Rotary items at RI-licensed vendor booths. Purchase local products at the HOC's Business Expo.

As a first timer you may get a shock at the absolute size of an RI Convention; expect 25,000 – 30,000 attendees. The House of Friendship is massive with potentially 300 – 400 stands. Also with the Opening Ceremony particularly (sometimes the Closing also) there is often more than one event so watch your ticketing carefully. And finally remember that in Bangkok the convention centre is 30 minutes outside the CBD but there will be a continuous bus service from all the RI hotels to move you to and from.

Would you know what to do in a mental health crisis?

In 2008, 2,191 Australians committed suicide. Over three-quarters of them were male. 103 were Indigenous Australians.



While suicide accounts for only a relatively small proportion – around 1.5% - of all deaths in Australia, its impact on specific age groups is great. According to ABS statistics, in 2008 24% of all male deaths aged 15-24 were due to suicide and more men aged over 85 years die as a result of suicide than any other age group.

Females did not fare much better, with the median age at death for females who died from suicide just 43.5 years and suicide rates for women aged over 60 remaining consistently high.

Betty Kitchener and Professor Tony Jorm began running Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) courses as a community service activity. MHFA acts as the first line of intervention in much the same way as medical first aid, teaching participants ways of assisting someone in a mental health related crisis before professional assistance becomes available.

Now, Australian Rotary Health, in conjunction with Rotary Clubs around Australia, are running their own preventative mental health first aid workshops that aim to assist in providing support to community members who are at risk of or who are experiencing a mental health crisis.

By supporting Australian Rotary Health, you can make a difference to your community by helping fund essential programs. To find out more please visit our website at

www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au or call 02 8837 1900 for more information. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

D9790 Public Relations

Are we there yet? Nearly!

Yes, arriving soon will be one of the major Public Relations promotional tools for the year.

The new **Humanity in Motion** book has been printed and is about to be despatched.

This magnificent book is a win-win for clubs and works on numerous levels.

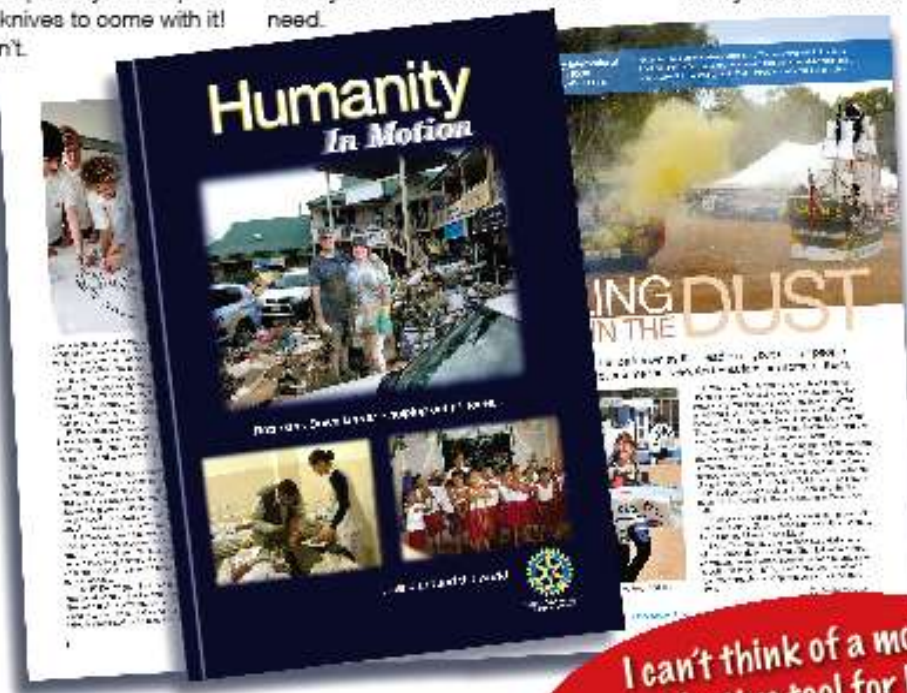
Firstly, it's so cheap that you'd expect a set of steak knives to come with it! Sorry, they don't.

However, what you are going to get is a fantastic production that tells the Rotary story from many viewpoints and it's personalised, because it tells stories from us, about us.

When the District Committee of Management saw the first **Humanity in Motion** book last year, they were so enthused that they voted to subsidise the cost to clubs. This is exactly the sort of material clubs need.

Each Club will receive an initial box of 40 copies and can order more as they need them (carton lots of 40).

Our District has four clubs represented with their stories. Preston — Be a Rebel Project Reservoir — International Students. Shepparton — Kevin, the Bear and Sunbury — Bangers on Brook. But it's not just about our District, it's about Rotary Australia wide.



I can't think of a more cost effective tool for PR and membership than these books.

How is it a win-win for Clubs?

Simply put, it's a fantastic marketing tool for Rotary, it can work as a membership tool and it can also be used as a gift for guest speakers.

Let's say you have 35 guest speakers a year.

You supply them with a gift — a pen, a cup, mug, a hat, whatever.

These cost about \$5.00
so 35 x \$5 = \$175

The **Humanity in Motion** books will cost \$2.00*

so 35 x \$2 = \$70

You're saving \$105 !

*plus GST

So, buy another box and display the books in the waiting rooms of dentists, doctors, lawyers, our service departments, the library, popular cafés, council offices. Supply a copy to local schools, just use your imagination.

Give them to prospective members. What a great way to tell our story.

And you're still in front of your club's normal gift costs.



Rotary Friendship Exchange

Story by:

Rae Walker & Phil Macdonald

Rotary's international exchange program for Rotarians and their families. Participants experience other cultures and build friendships by staying in the homes of Rotary club members in another country. This program advances international understanding and peace through personal contact across borders while developing interclub relationships that lead to fellowship and service projects.

I don't assume that everyone knows about Rotary Friendship Exchange, or the "Rotary acronym RFE" which could also mean Real Fun & Excitement, because that's exactly what it is.

Our District has an RFE Committee and at meetings, Rotarians can put their names on a list of somewhere in the world they would be interested in visiting on a Friendship Exchange. If there is enough interest, the chairman will contact a Rotary District in that area to see if they are interested in exchanging with our District.

And of course, the opposite happens that an overseas District will contact us.

The teams usually comprise of 10 to

12 people. You are required to pay \$200 per person to the District 9790 Friendship Exchange Committee, which is used to pay for transport or entry fees etc. when the return visit is made.

You will need to pay for yourself to get to the starting point and then for 12 days, your expenses will be minimal with free accommodation and mostly free food. It is not necessary that you host the return team but I'm sure you will want to, to try and repay their kindness.

The Exchange started with us all gathering at a hotel in Spokane, a City in Washington State in the NE of USA. Our first hosts were from the Rotary Club of Cheney, a small town on the outskirts of Spokane and we were scattered around the Cheney area.

We started in fine form by visiting 3 wineries. Interesting you mostly have to pay \$5 per person to taste wines over there. We survived! Next day the group went in various directions, some to study the geology of the area, some to a civil war re-enactment of the Battle of Spoke Falls and others just did brunch with their hosts.

Several hundred men women and children took part in the re enactment which went for the whole weekend with them setting up authentic camps

and living the life of that time. A demonstration by a camp doctor was very confronting. Made you realise how horrific it must have been for the injured soldiers. If a wound in a limb got infected, they just cut the limb off to stop the infection spreading and if the wound was in the body, the soldier probably died anyway from the infection. Bandages were reused and instruments just rinsed in bloody water.

Our evening meals were mostly joint affairs at Rotarians' homes. Entertainment included playing croquet, darts and pool, which were great fun with very keen competitions between the Aussies and Americans.

Another night we had a Salmon bake, great slabs of salmon cooked on cedar planks in the BBQ.

Then we sang around a campfire with



Magda performing a couple of her original songs.

We all attended the Memorial Day service at Washington State Veterans Cemetery, a bit like our Anzac Day. This was a brand new cemetery and I felt quite perturbed by how large it was and how many graves were already in it in such a short time. Only service personnel, their spouses and dependent children could be buried there. There was a Fly over by a KC-135 refuelling plane and we were interviewed by local press and got our photo in the local paper.

That was followed with planting a Blue Spruce at entrance of Cheney. They eventually plan to decorate it as a Christmas tree. Could take a while for it to get big enough! Our team have organised for a plaque to be sent over, marking the occasion of friendship.

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The change over to new hosts from the Rotary Club of Sandpoint, Idaho, was at a Gin Distillery at Cour d'Alene, another beautiful place on a lake. At Sandpoint we drove up Schweitzer Mountain to do some Snow Shoe Shuffling and attended their Rotary meeting. And spent and afternoon cruising on beautiful Lake Pend Orielle

Sometimes in life you have a truly "Wow" moment. This happened when we were taken to the Bird Museum. Our imaginations were going wild as to what we would be seeing at a "Bird" museum. But here was the



true "Wow"— we were at the Bird Aviation Museum & Invention Centre.

Dr. Forrest Bird is an American aviator, inventor and biomedical engineer.

He is best known for creating some of the first reliable mass-produced mechanical ventilators for acute and chronic cardiopulmonary care. He became a pilot at an early age due to the encouragement of his father, a World War I pilot, and from meeting Orville Wright at an early age. He performed his first solo flight at age 14; by age 16, he was working to obtain multiple major pilot certifications. He enlisted with the United States Army Air Corps, in 1941 as a technical training officer due to his advanced qualifications. This rank, combined with the onset of World War II, gave him the opportunity to pilot almost every aircraft in service, including early jet aircraft and helicopters.

He saw that pilots were suffering from altitude sickness, which set him on the path of inventing breathing apparatus. At some point he was in a centrifuge that went wrong and while temporarily blinded he decided to study medicine to assist in his inventing.

He has invented breathing systems for aircraft, spacecraft and hospitals. Anyone with any medical training will recognise his name from the "Babybird" respirator, which has saved millions of babies in humid cribs taking the deaths from 70% to 10%.

At 93 he still has a current license to train helicopter pilots and is still working on medical devices.

The museum was immaculate and held planes, cars, motorbikes, examples of his respirators and all sorts of other things. You could spend hours and hours there.

From Sandpoint we were driven across the US, Canadian border to British Columbia to be hosted at Trail and surrounding areas by the Waneta Sunrise Rotary Club.

Trail is famous for two things, the huge Smelter for zinc, lead, silver, gold and seven other metals; as well as Rossland Ski Field. We visited both places with a guided tour through the smelter. Their ore is mined in Red Dog Alaska and comes to Trail by Boat and train.

We hiked up Montrose Mountain with its great views of the Columbia River, went searching for grizzlies which we didn't find and attended an Art of Wine evening.

Perhaps another highlight was a whole day rafting down the Columbia River and passing through a loch. The river was in flood and quite spectacular. At a BBQ at Trail we ate Elk, bison & deer sausages and watched the Hummingbirds coming into feed from the feeders.

Then it was onto Castlegar, British Columbia where we swam in the Ainsworth Hot Springs, visited the ghost-mining town of Sandon and ate borscht & buns for dinner.

Another interesting thing marked on our itinerary was a visit to a Coffin Factory. It turned out to be a Doukhobor Centre where the men were downstairs in a "Men's Shed" and one of the things they made were coffins that they sold for \$800. The women were upstairs making quilts and clothes. I guess they made the silk liners for the coffins, which were stuffed with shredded paper from a solicitor's office.



The Doukhobors are descendants of a religious group of Russians who fled to Canada and other places to escape persecution. Their pacifist beliefs seem to also involve bombing, arson, and nude marches.

Our final event was attending the very early breakfast meeting of Rotary Club of Castlegar Sunrise where more banners were swapped and we gave our presentation about Oz. Quite a humorous affair, because of computers and the two bunnies running the show!

What are the best things about Friendship Exchanges? Definitely the people you meet. Having the common field of Rotary is a great start to new friendships. And, of course, you get home hosted, far better than any five star hotels; as you get the real feel of the people and the country. I highly recommend the experience.

Rae Walker & Phil Macdonald

Participants

Clive & Rae Walkers — RC Myrtleford

Phil & Magda Macdonald — RC Myrtleford

Jim and Anita Saleeba — RC Albury North,

Graeme & Christine Maddox — RC Albury Hume

Bernard & Yvonne van den Bergen — RC Kippa Ring (D9600)



Burton is choice for 2013-14 RI president

Ron D. Burton, a member of the Rotary Club of Norman, Oklahoma, USA, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2013-14. Burton will become the president-nominee on 1 October if there are no challenging candidates.

Burton retired as president of the University of Oklahoma Foundation Inc. in 2007. He is a member of the American Bar Association, as well as the bar associations of Cleveland County and the state of Oklahoma. He is admitted to practice in Oklahoma and before the U.S. Supreme Court.

"This is an exciting time to be a Rotarian," Burton says. "I believe we are well poised to capitalize on our strengths as we embrace the [RI] Strategic Plan and the Future Vision Plan. My vision is to have every Rotarian appreciate what it means to be a Rotarian. With these two tools, we can make that happen."

Active in his community, Burton is a founder and past president of the Norman Public School Foundation, and founder and past board member of the Norman Community Foundation. A recipient of the Silver Beaver Award, he

is a past vice president of the Last Frontier Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Burton believes that Rotary's promotion of high ethical standards is one of the qualities that sets it apart from other organizations. "It assures those dealing with us that we can be trusted," he says. "Most of us are in a business or profession that already has a code of ethics. Vocational service in Rotary just adds to that responsibility. We have an obligation to go above and beyond to make sure



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that all our actions are above reproach."

A Rotarian since 1979, Burton is vice chair of the Future Vision Committee and a member of the Polio Eradication Advocacy Task Force for the United States. He has served RI as director; Rotary Foundation trustee and trustee vice chair; International Assembly moderator, assistant moderator, and group discussion leader; and district governor.

His other service to Rotary includes chair of the 2011 New Orleans Convention Committee, vice chair of the Investment Advisory Committee, liaison trustee of the Vocational Service Committee, Permanent Fund national adviser, and regional Rotary Foundation coordinator. He was aide to 2006-07 RI President William B. Boyd. Burton has received the RI Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service, Distinguished Service Award, and International Service Award for a Polio-Free World.

Burton and his wife, Jetta, have two children and three grandchildren.

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Resourceful fundraisers fuel Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge

Rotarians have raised US\$185 million for Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge to help underwrite the cost of ending polio around the world. Although the challenge runs through 30 June, it is vital that fundraising efforts continue until the disease is finished. Many clubs are enlisting the support of their communities. Rotarians in Australia and New Zealand, in cooperation with 20th Century Fox, held a benefit screening of the movie *Conviction* at 36 theaters in February, netting \$54,000 for Rotary's challenge. A fashion show sponsored by the Rotary Club of Fremont Warm Springs Sunrise, California, USA, garnered more than \$52,000 in March. And in a weeklong project organized by the Rotary Club of Pondicherry-Cosmos, Pondicherry, India, 3,000 students at Petit Seminaire Higher Secondary School raised \$25,000.

Walking in Tanzania to end polio

More than 320 Rotarians and friends of Rotary walked through Moshi, Kilimanjaro, Tanzania, in June, raising about \$38,000 and boosting awareness of the disease. A marching band, polio survivors, and Rotarians wearing red End Polio Now T-shirts led the walk, organized by the Rotary Club of Moshi and several others. Reginald Mengi, founder and executive chair of IPP Group, one of the largest conglomerates in East Africa, called on businesses to help eradicate polio. Leading by example, Mengi contributed \$32,000 to the event.

"This is called corporate social responsibility," he said. "You must give back to the community."

Both Mengi and Stephen Mwanje,

Re-Inducting a Charter Member

The Rotary Club of Seymour had its humble beginnings way back in 1954. One of the driving forces behind its establishment was local identity, Henry WHITEMAN.

It was a momentous occasion on 23rd August 2011 when Henry was re-admitted to the club which he helped to form 57 years ago!

Henry's induction brought the Club's membership tally to 40 - its highest to date! It's appropriate that Henry

2010-11 governor of District 9200, encouraged parents to have their children immunized against polio.

"We must be aware and take all measures, since the disease can spread here within a short period of time," Mwanje said.

Rotarians ride in Pennsylvania

District 7370 (Pennsylvania, USA) sponsored a four-day, 330-mile bicycle tour of all 34 of its communities. Rotarians and friends donated at least \$25 each to ride in the June event, called Rotary Pedals Out Polio.

"Most people made donations online, as 'virtual' riders," said Past District Governor Jeff Coup, who came up with the idea for the tour and has served as the district's PolioPlus subcommittee chair since the program began in 1985. "We also had radio and a lot of newspaper coverage all through the district. Some clubs arranged for police escorts for us as we entered or left town. One arranged a PolioPlus billboard on our route." The fundraiser netted more than \$21,000 for Rotary's challenge. Key to its success, said Coup, was "a great district committee that did the publicity, did a website with all the information, processed all the donations," and handled other tasks. "The event really reawakened awareness of the polio eradication cause in our district among Rotarians and the general public."

Plan for World Polio Day

It's not too early to plan for World Polio Day, 24 October, an excellent opportunity for your club and district to

should now be credited with taking the club to such heights!

After joining the founding committee in 1953, Henry was a Charter Member, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Director, Program Director and Club Service Director.

Henry's work did not stop there because he was also instrumental in founding the Seymour Probus Club and was one of their Charter Members.

Henry Whiteman can only be described as a true gentleman with a keen sense of humour! Rotary has always been a part his life. Since re-

support the global effort to eradicate the disease.

Here are a few ideas to get you started:

Create your own "This Close" ad and make it your Facebook profile photo. Host a walk, run, or bikeathon and send out a press release about the event. Download a sample release. Download a World Polio Day Proclamation.

Make a donation for polio eradication.

Place an op-ed about polio in your local newspaper. See a sample.

For more examples of polio eradication fundraisers and other news about Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge, subscribe to the *End Polio Now* newsletter.



Past District Governor Jeff Coup and Eric McDowell, both members of the Rotary Club of Milton, Pennsylvania, USA, join Rotary Pedals Out Polio riders at a stop in Milton to receive a contribution for the polio eradication campaign. Photo courtesy of the Rotary Club of Milton

turning to Seymour in 1987, even though he was not a current member, he was still most supportive of the Rotary Club of Seymour. In typical style, he is already back to work and taking a keen interest in the continuing development of Rotary Park in Emily Street!

It's wonderful to welcome Henry back to the club!

Jan Williams





ROTARY DISTRICT 9790



Rotary Club of Mooroopna

Fundraiser for your Club

The Rotary Club of Mooroopna invites you to join us in our major annual fund raiser.

For over 25 years the club has raffled a car with the proceeds going to numerous charities and organisations both locally and internationally. The raffle has been very successful and is drawn at our New Years Eve Festival held in Mooroopna.

This year our major prize is a Holden Cruze valued at \$25,000. The

tickets are only \$2.00 each (books of 50) and is perhaps still the cheapest car raffle in Australia today.

We offer your club the opportunity of joining us in fundraising by selling raffle tickets on a 50/50 basis. That is for every ticket (\$2.00) your club sells you can retain \$1.00.

For further information please contact:

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ROTARY DISTRICT 9790



Administration

Rotary Leadership Institute

To all Club Presidents

This is as a follow up to the initial letter sent to your club of August 9th seeking nominations for the first Rotary Leadership Institute being conducted this year in District 9790 with its goal of providing training for members of clubs wishing to learn more about Rotary.

The committee has met and revised the day; it will be facilitated at the Euroa Secondary College on September 25th commencing at 09.00am running through until 1.30pm.

The purpose of Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is to :

- To give clubs more knowledgeable and skilled Club members - the future Club and Rotary leaders
- To retain those vibrant members who leave Rotary because they do not really know about it or have not been involved enough
- To provide a solid grounding for Rotarians to move forward to take office at Club and District level.
- To provide Rotary information.

This will assist with future planning for your club.

On the day we will provide the following:--

- Folder
- Hand out information

- Morning tea & light lunch

For the day we advise that the cost is \$30 per attendee to be paid in advance.

Please complete the [registration form](#) and post your cheque to:

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Terry Grant

PDG Terry Grant.

Chairman

Rotary Leadership Institute

R.I District 9790

Let's Giggle !

The two partners in a law firm were having lunch when suddenly one of them jumped up and said, "I have to go back to the office - I forgot to lock the safe!"

The other partner replied, "What are you worried about? We're both here."

A teenager brings her new boyfriend home to meet her parents. They're appalled by his haircut, his tattoos, his piercings.

Later, the girl's mom says, "Dear, he doesn't seem to be a very nice boy."

"Oh, please, Mom!" says the daughter. "If he wasn't nice, would he be doing 500 hours of community service?"

A man is at work one day when he notices that his co-worker is wearing an earring.

The man knows his co-worker to be a normally conservative fellow, and is curious about his sudden change in "fashion sense".

The man walks up to him and says, "I didn't know you were into earrings."

"Don't make such a big deal, it's only an earring," he replies sheepishly.

His friend falls silent for a few minutes, but then his curiosity prods him to ask, "So, how long have you been wearing one?"

"Ever since my wife found it in my truck."

The other day I needed to go to the public hospital but not wanting to sit there for 4 hours, I put on my blue jacket and pinned on a plastic ID card that I had made off the Internet onto the front of my jacket. When I went into the hospital, I noticed that 3/4 of the people got up and left. I guess they decided that they weren't that sick after all. Cut at least 3 hours off

my waiting time.

Here's the patch. Feel free to use it the next time you're in need of quicker emergency service.



It also works at Centrelink. It saved me 2 hours. At the Laundry, three minutes after entering, I had my choice of any machine, most still running.

Don't try it at McDonald's though..... The whole staff disappeared and I never got my order.

A woman in a supermarket is following a grandfather and his badly behaved 3 year-old grandson.

It's obvious to her that he has his hands full with the child screaming for sweets in the sweet aisle, biscuits in the biscuit aisle; and for fruit, cereal and pop in the other aisles.

Meanwhile, Granddad is working his way around, saying in a controlled voice, "Easy, William, we won't be long . . . Easy, boy."

Another outburst, and she hears the granddad calmly say, "It's okay, William, just a couple more minutes and we'll be out of here. Hang in there, boy."

At the checkout, the little terror is throwing items out of the cart, and Granddad says again in a controlled voice, "William, William, relax buddy, don't get upset. We'll be home in five minutes; stay cool, William."

Very impressed, the woman goes

outside where the grandfather is loading his groceries and the boy into the car.

She said to the elderly gentleman, "It's none of my business, but you were amazing in there. I don't know how you did it. That whole time, you kept your composure, and no matter how loud and disruptive he got, you just calmly kept saying things would be okay. William is very lucky to have you as his grandpa."

"Thanks," said the grandfather, "but I'm William . . . The little horror's name is Kevin."

Blue silk pyjamas

A man called home to his wife and said, "Honey I have been asked to go fishing up in Canada with my boss & several of his Friends

We'll be gone for a week. This is a good opportunity for me to get that Promotion I've been wanting, so could you please pack enough Clothes for a week and set out my rod and fishing box, we're Leaving from the office and I'll swing by the house to pick my things up" " Oh! Could you please pack my new blue silk pyjamas."

The wife thinks this sounds a bit fishy but did exactly what her husband asked.

The following weekend he came home a little tired but otherwise looking good.

The wife welcomed him home and asked if he caught many fish?

He said, "Yes! Lots of Salmon, some Bluegill, and a few Swordfish. But why didn't you pack my new blue silk pyjamas like I asked you?"

The wife replied, "I did. They're in your fishing box ..."

District Governor Official Visits

JULY

13th - Rotary Club of Seymour
20th - Rotary Club of Myrtleford
21st - Rotary Club of Romsey Lancefield
25th - Rotary Club of Whittlesea
25th - Rotary Club of Heidelberg
26th - Rotary Club of Southern Mitchell
26th - Rotary Club of Broadmeadows
27th - Rotary Club of Greensborough
27th - Rotary Club of Bundoora
28th - Rotary Club of Euroa

AUGUST

1st - Rotary Club of Deniliquin
2nd - Rotary Club of Shepparton
3rd - Rotary Club of Preston
3rd - Rotary Club of Rosanna
4th - Rotary Club of Eltham
8th - Rotary Club of Wangaratta
9th - Rotary Club of Albury North
9th - Rotary Club of Lavington
10th - Rotary Club of Albury Hume
10th - Rotary Club of Belvoir Wodonga
11th - Rotary Club of Appin Park Wangaratta

15th - Rotary Club of Riddells Creek
16th - Rotary Club of Diamond Creek
17th - Rotary Club of Mansfield
18th - Rotary Club of Pascoe Vale
22nd - Rotary Club of Mt Beauty
23rd - Rotary Club of Bellbridge Lake Hume

SEPTEMBER

5th - Rotary Club of Reservoir
6th - Rotary Club of Sunbury
7th - Rotary Club of Ivanhoe
7th - Rotary Club of Strathmore
8th - Rotary Club of Benalla
12th - Rotary Club of Tallangatta
13th - Rotary Club of Beechworth
14th - Rotary Club of Rutherglen
15th - Rotary Club of Corowa
20th - Rotary Club of Wodonga
21st - Rotary Club of Albury West
22nd - Rotary Club of Wodonga West
26th - Rotary Club of Mooroopna
28th - Rotary Club of Coburg
28th - Rotary Club of Kinglake Ranges
29th - Rotary Club of Nathalia

OCTOBER

3rd - Rotary Club of Numurkah
4th - Rotary Club of Tocumwal
5th - Rotary Club of Cobram
10th - Rotary Club of Albury
18th - Rotary Club of Craigieburn
19th - Rotary Club of Moreland
20th - Rotary Club of Bright
26th - Rotary Club of Shepparton Central
26th - Rotary Club of East Shepparton
26th - Rotary Club of Shepparton South

NOVEMBER

2nd - Rotary Club of Tatura
3rd - Rotary Club of Holbrook
8th - Rotary Club of Milawa Oxley
9th - Rotary Club of Kyabram
14th - Rotary Club of Yarrawonga Mulwala
15th - Rotary Club of Finley
16th - Rotary Club of Alexandra
17th - Rotary Club of Yea
29th - Rotary Club of Corryong

Shelterbox Goes for Gold

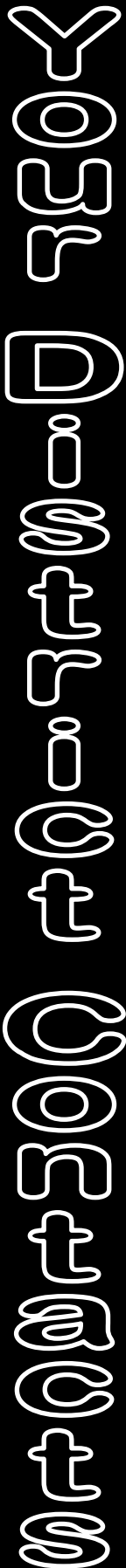
On his recent overseas trip, former Diamond Creek Rotarian Bob Eycken paid a visit to the home of Shelterbox in the United Kingdom. While he was there, Bob spoke to staff who checked the records and history of the relationship between Shelterbox and the Rotary Club of Diamond Creek.

In recognition of the contribution by our club to Shelterbox, Bob was presented with a Gold Award, by way of a special presentation of a banner, which Bob presented to President Alan Jones at a recent Diamond Creek club meeting. Both Rotarian Bob and Presi-

dent Alan have been instrumental in the success of Shelterbox in Australia over the past few years, so it was fitting that Bob and Alan made and received the presentation. Bob transferred to the Rotary Club of Mansfield, since he moved to Mansfield recently, and is still heavily involved with the Shelterbox Australia program.

President Alan is pictured receiving the special Banner from Rotarian Bob Eycken.





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DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

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DG David Anderson	Rotary Club of Yea
District Governor Elect 2011-2012	
DGE John Gatt	Rotary Club of Diamond Creek
District Governor Nominee 2011-2012	
DGN Philip Clancy	Rotary Club of Southern Mitchell
District Secretary	
PP Gary Fitzgerald	Rotary Club of Yea
District Treasurer	
Rtn Jim Osborne	Rotary Club of Yea

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

District Governor	DG David Anderson
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District Governor Nominee Designate	When appointed
District Secretary	PP Gary Fitzgerald
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PP Pat Millar (Group 1)	PP Neta Kirby (Group 6)
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ClubName	Year Start	Members	Change	MeetingsHeld	MonthPerCent	Position
Albury	31	NR	NR	NR	NR	61
Albury Hume	33	38	5	4	80.00	12
Albury North	57	61	4	4	76.33	17
Albury West	49	50	1	4	68.00	31
Alexandra	40	NR	NR	NR	NR	61
Appin Park Wangaratta	33	NR	NR	NR	NR	61
Beechworth	20	NR	NR	NR	NR	61
Bellbridge Lake Hume	10	12	2	4	75.00	19
Belvoir Wodonga	36	37	1	4	78.70	14
Benalla	73	73	0	4	70.37	27
Bright	33	NR	NR	NR	NR	61
Broadmeadows	18	17	-1	4	79.00	13
Bundoora	17	20	3	4	85.79	5
Cobram	25	NR	NR	NR	NR	61
Coburg	19	20	1	4	66.25	34
Corowa	23	26	3	4	72.01	25
Corryong	18	16	-2	4	23.00	39
Craigieburn	14	NR	NR	NR	NR	61
Deniliquin	24	26	2	4	69.20	30
Diamond Creek	29	28	-1	4	82.00	7
East Shepparton	19	NR	NR	NR	NR	61
Eltham	47	NR	NR	NR	NR	61
Euroa	51	43	-8	4	75.00	20
Finley	21	NR	NR	NR	NR	61
Greensborough	34	NR	NR	NR	NR	61
Heidelberg	44	37	-7	4	70.10	28
Holbrook	26	26	0	4	82.00	8
Ivanhoe	16	17	1	4	81.00	10
Kinglake Ranges		NR	NR	NR	NR	61
Kyabram	32	33	1	4	80.54	11
Lavington	12	12	0	4	91.67	3
Mansfield	35	36	1	4	81.25	9
Milawa Oxley	22	23	1	4	71.00	26
Mooroopna	37	29	-8	4	64.65	36
Moreland	11	NR	NR	NR	NR	61
Mount Beauty	23	26	3	4	66.30	33
Myrtleford	25	26	1	4	65.20	35
Nathalia	17	17	0	4	92.65	2
Numurkah	34	33	-1	4	72.65	24
Pascoe Vale	30	NR	NR	NR	NR	61
Preston	40	NR	NR	NR	NR	61
Riddells Creek	10	NR	NR	NR	NR	61
Romsey Lancefield	14	8	-6	4	75.00	21
Rosanna	28	30	2	4	76.92	16
Rutherglen	34	NR	NR	NR	NR	61
Seymour	36	39	3	4	73.00	23
Shepparton	50	48	-2	4	68.00	32
Shepparton Central	39	NR	NR	NR	NR	61
Shepparton South	45	47	2	4	75.00	22
Southern Mitchell	26	NR	NR	NR	NR	61
Strathmore	31	NR	NR	NR	NR	61
Sunbury	40	40	0	4	58.73	37
Tallangatta	16	17	1	4	94.10	1
Tatura	35	29	-6	4	52.60	38
Tocumwal	10	13	3	3	70.00	29
Wangaratta	25	23	-2	4	88.04	4
Whittlesea	16	NR	NR	NR	NR	61
Wodonga	31	25	-6	4	78.08	15
Wodonga West	31	33	2	4	84.00	6
Yarrawonga Mulwala	40	44	4	4	75.01	18
Yea	36	NR	NR	NR	NR	61

Attendance for July 2011



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CONFERENCE 2012 'WHEN THE COUNTRYSIDE COMES TO THE CITY'

In 2012, for the first time in many years, district Conference will be held in an urban setting.

There will be much that is familiar, but some innovations.

For the sporting minded there will be a day of activities and a Sportsman's Dinner on the Thursday.

The Opening Ceremony on Friday will be a more public event aimed at informing the race going public of our conference and of the 'Rotary Expo' which will be open to them to showcase Rotary activities and our sponsors' products

On the Saturday we will run workshops that will give a choice of topics and the opportunity to discuss ideas with Rotarians of similar interests and to 'question the experts'. Of course there will be some fine guest speakers and Rotary projects,.

Sunday will start with a 'Rotary Trot' in the tradition of Rotary International Conventions to raise funds for a Rotary cause. This will start the day at the venue leaving plenty of time to attend the earliest Plenary session.

All the District Conference activities will be there, with time to network in the fine facilities of this excellent venue and to enjoy the displays in the 'Rotary Expo' lounge

We hope that city clubs will take up the idea of 'Home Hosting, perhaps forming some lasting bonds with country clubs.



When the Countryside Comes to the City

