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Special points of interest:

- New Theme for the Art Show
- The SES and its work
- Disasters Around Us
- New trip to Vietnam

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Next Weeks Meeting

Wednesday Oct 7th

Time: 6.15 for 6.30pm

Speaker: Chris De Fraga
Chris is a respected motoring journalist

Subject: New technology in the motor industry and how it keeps you out of trouble

Chair: Mike Pavey

Meeting Rosters

OCTOBER

(Vocational Service Month)

Registration Desk

Eric Heyburn

Fabienne Nichola

Welcomer

Colin Gould

NOVEMBER

(Rotary Foundation Month)

Registration Desk

David Baker

Jeevan Vasimalla

Welcomer

Andy Spry

It is the responsibility of the rostered Member to find a replacement if not able to attend

Future Club Program

Date	Speaker	Subject	Chair
Wed 14th October	Club Forum		PE Rob Davies
Wed 21st October	Dr Heather Cleland	Heather is the Head of the Alfred Hospital Burns Unit and will speak on Alfred Hospital Burns Unit's response to the 2009 Victorian Bushfires	Frank Leigh
Wed 28th October	TBA	Vocational Service – Rotary's Original Idea	Chair PDG Don Jago

Club Meets

Wednesdays 6.15 for 6.30
Canterbury Centre, 2 Rochester Road
Canterbury

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From The Humidor

“Your voice is important, each one of us in every Rotary Club are the cogs that make the world wide Rotary wheel turn”

‘Honour the past and look to future’. Last Wednesday our guest speaker Mary Barry C.E.O of the Victorian S.E.S used those profound words to describe her vision for the company she controls.

It is a statement, it is an ethos, but more importantly it is what the rotary we know today is built upon.

100 years ago Paul Harris and two friends got together over lunch in an office in Evanston Chicago at what was the first meeting of rotary.

50 years later at the Whitehorse inn the first official meeting of the Rotary Club of Camberwell was held where our own Les Brown was one of the founding members.

Today, 54 years later, Les hardly misses a meeting.

These men had a vision to establish a club where likeminded people could get together enjoy each others company and ‘do good in the community’.

Nothing has changed in all that time except the names; our club has a proud tradition of service above self that we have continued to build upon.

Now it is time to once again look to the future. Rotary is an organisation that is in a constant state of flux, each year a new president is elected at every level, a new board is appointed and new ideas are born, but again with the same basic ideals of helping those in our communities that are less fortunate than ourselves.

We must be willing and able to make these things happen.

Over the last 54 years our club has raised many millions of dollars, these funds have been used to almost

completely eradicate polio through the efforts of Rotary Foundation, we have helped the elderly live better lives we have provided the means for families who cannot supply the basic necessities of life, a place to buy food at a fraction of its normal price through Food Bank, and we are constantly helping when an unexpected disaster occurs such as the recent Victorian bushfires and as recently as the disasters this week in the Pacific Islands.

What is in store for Rotary in the next 50 years? None of us really knows. The only thing we can be sure of is change and that Rotary will be there to make a difference, and you the member of your local club are the people that make that difference.

Whilst there are children in the world that go to bed hungry at night, where there is a family in a third world country that does not have clean drinking water there is a place for Rotary. We are the lucky ones, and it is our constant duty as Rotarians to try and make that difference. Each one of us has a small role to play in making a big difference in someone’s life, less fortunate than our own. How may you ask can we help? Simply come along to your weekly meetings support your committee’s your contribution is important at every level.

Your voice is important, each one of us in every Rotary Club in every city in every country are the cogs that make the world wide Rotary wheel turn.

Honour the past and look to the future and remember only you can make the difference.

President Dennis

Last Weeks Meeting

.This report on last weeks meeting has been provided by Don Fotheringham (The Editor is grateful for the input)

Sometimes you come away from a Rotary meeting thinking what a great address you've just heard and wishing more people had been there to share the experience.

This week we were treated to just such a speaker.

Mary Barry, the CEO of the Victorian State Emergency Service (and a member of The Rotary Club of Melbourne), told us about the remarkable organization which she administers, from its inception in 1950 as a quasi civil defence organization to an independent statutory authority operating at arm's length from the State Government, which it is today.

Mary stressed that, if nothing else, she wanted us to leave the meeting with the clear understanding that the SES *"doesn't respond to fires"*. That is the domain of the various fire authorities. SES has its own dedicated emergency number – 132 500.

However, we learned much more than that.

SES has 100 employees and 5,500 volunteers.

It operates on an annual budget of \$30 million funded entirely by the State.

Its primary function is emergency response to floods, storms, earthquakes and tsunamis, providing search and rescue services throughout the state and logistical support to the fire authorities'.

It is the state's largest road rescue organization with 101 units at the ready and mans highway Driver Reviver stops during peak travel times

In calamities such as the Kerang train crash it provides peer support to both victims and volunteers.

Emergency planning management is a continually evolving process done in conjunction with local government and other State Government ESOs including Police and Fire authorities and the Department of Sustainability and Environment.

Forward planning and training includes contingencies in the event of terrorism attacks and bombings.

Without the commitment of its volunteers, SES would cease to function. The volunteers are motivated primarily by a desire to put back into their communities, and the feeling of satisfaction this brings. (sound familiar?)

Mary also touched on the many challenges confronting her unique organization including the effects of climate change which lead to unpredictable and severe weather events, demographic and lifestyle changes (such as when "townies" move into rural areas and don't cope with minor events) and economic and social factors stemming from fiscal influences and community expectations.

Effectively communicating its message to the community, sharing information with other authorities and juggling its political accountability are other opportunities which confront Mary and her colleagues.

Another challenge for the SES is the recruitment and retention of its volunteers, and its vision for the future is to *"keep on evolving and be relevant, to honour the past and look to the future"* challenges equally applicable to that other great volunteer organization, Rotary International.

A lively question and answer session followed Mary's address. Her visit to Camberwell will be long remembered by all those present.



International News



See the World...

make a Difference...



As Eyes Wide Open heads off to Nepal this week, Cambodia & Vietnam 2010 is now on offer!

This 14 day trip (30 Jan - 13 Feb) is an organised, safe and engaging way to make a difference to the lives of underprivileged people living in Cambodia and Vietnam.

You will undertake volunteer work at six Rotary projects including the Sunrise Children's Village, the Greek Gecko Centre for Street Children and the Unwed Mother's Home of Saigon. As well as teaching and conducting art classes, there's painting and maintenance to be done at these projects in need of our time, skills and most of all hope.

The trip will of course include cultural visits to ancient wonders like Angkor Wat and sobering historical sites such as the Killing Fields in Phnom Penh.

For further details and an itinerary visit. <http://www.eyeswideopen.org.au/ewocalendar>

Bookings must be received by 30 November 2009.

To see what the team is doing in Nepal, visit: www.eyeswideopen.org.au/NepalSep2009Blog

Enquiries can be directed to Lena at lenacondos@hotmail.com or 0417 013 614. See the world, make a difference.



**The Rotary Club of Boroondara invites you
and your brain to our...**

TRIVIA NIGHT

In association with Boroondara Cares to raise money
to assist communities in drought affected areas.



Saturday 10th October, 2009 at 7pm.
The Kew Heights Sports Club,
397 Barkers Road, Kew.
Donation \$25.00 per person.

Ian Feder and
Warwick Heil
are arranging a
Table for this
Fun Night in
aid of
Boroondara
Cares
Contact either
to Book

District Conference News

Perth Conference – March 2010

Early Bird registration is open until 6 Dec 2009

The Conference early bird registration is now open.

Applicants can register by ;

- Logon to the conference website [www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/conference 2010](http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/conference2010)

- Click on the black & white box “Registration”
- - Click to register “Online” or
- Click to print out the “Registration Form”, complete the form and attach your cheque.

Registration for all delegates will be:

Early Bird - \$248.00 if booked between 21/9/09 & 6/12/09.

Booking after 6/12/09 will be \$292.00

The Club’s “On To Conference” Person is Fabienne Nichola has reserved a number of Hotel Rooms in Perth and has other information on the Conference.



\$2 million for Foodbank Australia

A major funding boost from the Australian Government will help provide emergency food supplies to almost two million vulnerable Australians.

Foodbank Australia will receive \$2 million over two years to provide food and grocery supplies to not-for-profit organisations that support individuals and families in need across Australia.

Known as 'the pantry of the welfare sector', Foodbank provides food and groceries to 2,200 welfare agencies nationwide.

This funding boost will support Foodbank's innovative methods of food production, providing a more consistent, cost-effective supply of staple foods to emergency relief organisations.

Foodbank will use this funding boost to help produce their own food and groceries, by linking corporate donations together.

Suppliers donate raw materials, ingredients, transport and packaging to produce staple foods such as cereal and pasta. For example, Foodbank works with Australian farmers and manufacturers to produce breakfast cereal, made solely with donated goods.

Not-for-profit organisations across Australia are reporting increased demand for emergency relief with new client groups including middle income families, homeowners and small business owners seeking support for the first time. With many more people walking in the doors of our emergency relief providers, it is essential that organisations such as Foodbank can help put food on the table for vulnerable Australians.

Last year Foodbank provided 17,250 tonnes of food and groceries to emergency relief providers. That means more than 23 million meals were provided to Australians in need from the Foodbank pantry.

Foodbank is a not-for-profit, non-denominational organisation and is the largest hunger relief organisation in Australia with distribution centres in New South Wales, Queensland, Western Australia, South Australia and Victoria

INVITATION TO ATTEND THE CEREMONY OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER

The Ceremony will be conducted at Richmond Masonic Lodge, Kew Masonic Centre, 33 Strathalbyn Street, East Kew, on Tuesday 10th November, commencing at 8.00pm. Attached is the invitational leaflet and the Order of Service. Your members may wish to invite their friends who would find the Ceremony interesting as the evening is open to non Masonic Ladies and Gentlemen over 18 years of age.

The Ceremony is an adaption of the Ceremonies conducted at the Cenotaph and Westminster Abbey, London, on Armistice 1921. The Team performing the Ceremony will do so in the No. 1 Lodge room at Kew.

There is no charge for the evening but we would like to be advised of numbers attending for catering purposes as a light supper will be provided after the Ceremony.

For bookings, please contact Ian Burgess who can be contacted on mobile 0418 145 254.

More details can be found by visiting the site: <http://www.masonsconnect.com/lodges/richmond>

International News

WE ARE THE LUCKY COUNTRY WHEN YOU SEE WHAT IS HAPPENING ELSEWHERE IN OUR REGION

PHILLIPINES

(Pictures Received From Loreto's Son Ronald who lives in Manila
300 Lives lost, 2,000,000 affected, another Typhoon due



SAMOA, AMERICAN SAMOA AND TONGA

180 Dead, 1,000's homeless, countries shattered



SUMATRA INDONESIA

Possibly 4,000 dead, 100,000's Homeless



Also Major floods in VIETNAM where up to 50 have died

It is hoped that Rotary will be able to assist these communities, the ideal spot for ShelterBoxes

Also the Red Cross appeal: redcross.org.au or 1800 811 700



New Generations Committee News

REQUEST FROM THE COMMITTEE TO ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Next year in 2010 , we have the opportunity to host a young girl from Brazil as the Rotary Youth Exchange Student.

I am now asking you all to think about volunteering to be host families .The number of families we need is between 3 and 4 , which would result in hosting the student for 3-4 months each. This students name is Ana Flavia Carvalho de Andrade, born in 1992 which makes her 17 at the present time, she has no dietary restrictions , is a non smoker and non drinker.

Her native language is Portuguese , but according to her school report has a rating of good in reading and speaking English. She is studying English, Physics, Maths and Portuguese, Chemistry, Philosophy, Geography, Arts and History. According to the information I have Ana hopes to study either medicine or vet science.

Her father is a computer scientist and her mother is a nurse. Ana has stated that she would like the opportunity to be an exchange student to explore another culture , improve her English and get life experience.

Her parents have said that Ana is cheerful, determined girl , who is quite religious , truthful, makes friends easily and has a mature personality. I hope this gives you enough background to make a decision.

Please let Karen know ASAP, if you feel you would like to be involved as one of the host families.

Thank-you Karen Nolan

POST-SCRIPT FROM PRESIDENT DENNIS

It has now been a few years since we have hosted an exchange student, for those of you considering the experience, I can highly recommend it.

It gives us an insight to another culture, it is not necessary for you to have children the same age. We need four or five host families. I am happy to put my hand up to be one. It is up to you the members, if we cannot get at least four host families this will not go ahead. It is a lot of fun.

Art Show News

CREATIVE THINKERS

The Art Show Committee want a new Title & Image for our Art Show in line with its move to Caulfield & our major sponsor Herald-Sun Newspapers . Suggested so far have been -

- " Art in the Park"
- " Herald-Sun Rotary Art Show "
- " Grandstand Art Show "
- " Art Show at Caulfield "

Please submit your suggestion to Art Show Chairman Graeme Hope .graemehope@bigpond.com

If the suggestion is adopted , you win a Club Dinner Voucher

Election Of Club Officers

Congratulations to both Ron Lear and David Loftus, the two members from the floor elected to the Nominating Committee, to join President Dennis, PE Rob Davies and Past President Neil Hookey.

This committee's task is to consider and recommend to the Club the members to fill in the positions of President in 2011 to 2012 and Secretary, Treasurer and Fund Raising Chair in 2010 to 2011.

Nominating Committee meets: **7th October 2009**

Note: Any Club member has the right to nominate for a particular position by completing a Nomination Form and lodging it with the Secretary by **Tuesday, 17th November, 2009.**

If an election is required, it will take place on **Wednesday 18th November 2009.**

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Club will be held at the Club rooms at **7pm on Wednesday, 25th November, 2009,** commencing at 7pm.

All nomination forms must be lodged with the Secretary prior to the respective closing dates.

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Last Meeting's Guests, Apologies, Etc

Guests

Audrey Steven
Adrian Campbell

Visiting Rotarians:

Mary Barry—Speaker RC of Melbourne
Katie Dugan—RC of North Seattle (USA)
Lee Gleeson—RC of Moruya (NSW)
Kevin Dobson—RC of Bendigo Sandhurst

Apologies:

Peter Anderson, David Atkinson, Murray Dance, Geoff Day, Ian Farmer, Ian Feder, Colin Gould, Leslie Daniels-King, Mark Hassed, Bob Heinemann, Tim Landsberg, Frank Leigh, Michael Mullins, Jon Oppy, Joseph Orlando, John Phillips, Jo-Anne Tamlyn

Make Ups:

Neil Hookey—Royal Show (3)
Don Fotheringham—Royal Show

Raffle Winner

David Loftus (again)

Farewell

None

Welcome Back

None



Birthdays, Anniversaries, Etc.

Birthdays

Peter Anderson 4th October
Richard Gray 6th October

Wedding Anniversaries

Michael & Mariella Neumann 30th Sept

Club Anniversaries

Michael Blood 4th Oct 33 Yrs
Ian Feder 6th Oct 7 Yrs
Bob Heinemann 5th Oct 4 Yrs

Quote of The Week

“Presence is more than just being there.”

[Malcolm Forbes]

Almoners Report

Audrey Steven is suffering from a broken rib, the prescribed treatment is pain and time

Directory Changes

The Pratt Fax line is out of order, it should be back working in approx 4 weeks with a new number.

Peter will advise when the new number is operational.

