



CLUB BULLETIN



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Special points of interest:

- Bush Fire Assistance Reports from 2 Districts
- International Service News
- **Last Meeting's** Speaker
- Some Gems

Next Weeks Meeting

Wednesday July 15th

Time: 6.15 for 6.30 pm

Speaker: Dean Cerneka

Subject: My Experiences in Black Saturday Bushfires

Dean will paint a word picture of his experiences during Black Saturday & thank Rotary for their assistance especially through Hamer Hall

Chair: Geoff Day

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Meeting Rosters

JULY

Registration Desk

Jon Oppy

Richard Balsillie

Welcomer

Leslie Daniels-King

AUGUST

Registration Desk

TBA

Welcomer

TBA

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

Future Club Program

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Chair</u>
Wed 22nd July	Jane Shannon	My visit to Turkey as a member of the District GSE Team	John Steven
		Jane is a teacher at St Catherine's Senior School	
Wed 29th July		Meeting at Caulfield Race Course our New Venue For the Art Show	

Club Meets
Wednesdays 6.15 for 6.30
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Canterbury

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From The Humidor

“the biggest and most ambitious program that our club has taken on since the art shows inception ”

Tonight we were amused, entertained and enthralled by our guest speaker Ross McMullin who's subject was the Life and Times of Will Dyson, once described as “Australia's radical genius”. Many of us had never heard of him before this evening, a brilliant man who was part of Australia's political history. He was an acclaimed writer and a scintillating humorist and speaker whom in 1916 was described as the most famous Australian in the world.

Our new sergeant, Peter Allen, warmed us up with his unique brand of humour and found new ways of parting us from the contents of our wallets.

Next week sees the return of our new secretary, Richard Gray, from his overseas holiday and a big thankyou must go to PP Ron Lear, for filling in for him in his absence.

All of our new committees have now met and put in place their plans for the new year and from all reports we are in for an exciting year.

Tonight was also the first meeting of our new Art Show committee at chairman Graeme Hope's home where the ground work was laid for next years art show. This is probably the biggest and most

ambitious program that our club has taken on since the art shows inception and will require the cooperation of every member of our club. We will be going from an 8 day show to a 4 day show with the high probability of hanging approximately 3000 paintings.

We will be bumping in on the 24th of May 2010 with a gala opening on Thursday the 27th of May, so please mark your diaries now.

On the 29th of July we are holding our meeting at Caulfield racecourse where we will be given a tour of the new facilities and the space we will be occupying, followed by dinner at the Caulfield Taberet. Partners are most welcome and are encouraged to come, so that we can all get a feel for what is in store. We will be meeting at the usual time and it is only a short 15 minute drive from Camberwell with plenty of onsite parking.

Next Wednesday we will be inducting Ross Tor'bey` as our newest member. We will also have the first official visit of assistant governor of the east side cluster, Phillip Rowell.

Remember the future of Rotary is in your hands.

President Dennis

New Generations News

This has been received by President Dennis from the DG.

Dear President,

Over the last two weeks I have received several emails and phone calls from members of the Youth Exchange Committee here in 9800 and also in Germany, urgently seeking host clubs for incoming students.

Apparently there are several students in Germany, Poland and Brazil that have been selected and approved to embark on an exchange to our District but are unable to proceed until the host club and host parents have been confirmed. From these discussions it now appears the situation is urgent and those students waiting are getting quite distressed at not knowing if they will be coming to Australia. I also understand that some of our clubs have made a commitment to take an exchange student but have not yet confirmed those arrangements with the Youth Exchange Committee. If your club is one of those could you please contact the committee ASAP.

The good news is that it is not too late to take an incoming exchange student, but you do need to be quick. I would ask:

If all presidents could have another look at their New Generations commitments for the year and give your support to the YE program by providing full or partial hosting; would be greatly appreciated.

Very best regards, Colin Muir Governor 2009/10

President Dennis would be willing to promote the YE programme for this year through the New Generations Committee if there is support within the club. At least 3 members would be willing to host. Any views to be sent to President Dennis

Last Weeks Meeting

Our Guest speaker Ross McMullin is a renowned historian who has written many books on Australian personalities and characters with great critical success.

Ross gave an enthusiastic presentation on Will Dyson, an Australian who would not be known to many. Will Dyson "Australian's Radical Genius" was a cartoonist, writer, activist who at the beginning of the twentieth century became in his words "the most famous Australian in the World". This was due to his fame achieved in London where he worked for the popular newspaper, the London Daily Herald with incisive and biting cartoons of the politicians and celebrities of the day.

Dyson was a popular speaker on the talk circuit of the day and could express his firebrand views on the problems of the day.

He became the 1st official Australian war artist in 1916 cataloguing and describing the horrors of that 1st World War. Dyson returned to Australia in 1925, became an accomplished etcher, but did not repeat his well known status and died in 1938.

Ross provided an interesting and passionate talk on this relatively unknown genius.



Community Service News

Di Cummins CEO of Foundation Boroondara has written to the Club thanking us for the donation to their "CHANCES" Program, as follows:

"On behalf of the Board, I am writing to express our appreciation to you for your generous support of our CHANCES Program. Your \$2,000 commitment will be used to support the academic and associated costs of a student who lives or studies in Camberwell. We would like to advise that we have selected a student to receive the inaugural Rotary Club of Camberwell Scholarship. The student's name is Briony Shaw, a Camberwell resident, who is attending Monash University. Briony is in her first year studying for a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery.

I commend the Rotary Club of Camberwell for your foresight in recognising the importance of equity and opportunity in education."

Foundation Boroondara invites you to join them for their inaugural Business Breakfast which will focus on:

"The importance of connecting corporates, communities & citizens in the current Global Financial Crisis"

Featuring 4 guest panellists including:

David Bussau AM, 2008 Senior Australian of the Year

Date: Friday 17 July

Time: 7.30am - 9.00am

Upstairs, Georges Restaurant

819 Burke Road Camberwell, Victoria, 3124

Cost: \$55 per head (includes fully cooked breakfast)

Tables of 8 - \$400

Please book by Monday July 13 2009

Phone 9278 4941 or admin@foundationboroondara.org.au

International Service News

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE

District 9800 is calling for nominations for the 2010 Australian Group Study Exchange team to visit Spain in May of next year.

Nominations for Team Leader closes on 17 July and for Team Members on 24 July. Full details of the program are available from John Phillips. If any member wishes more information or to make a nomination, please contact John as soon as possible.

EYES WIDE OPEN

Eyes Wide Open is a project of the RC Melbourne South, supported by District 9800. Its aim is to provide opportunities for more people to get involved in Rotary by taking them to developing regions of the world to volunteer in existing Rotary projects.

Eyes Wide Open is running an 18 day humanitarian trip to beautiful Nepal from 30 Sept - 19 Oct 2009.

Highlights include: Volunteer experiences in six Rotary humanitarian projects, Kopan Monastery, Nagakot, the monasteries and rich cultural heritage of the Kathmandu Valley, a 4 day trek of the foothills of the Annapurna mountain range, Phewa Lake and Devi's Fall (Pokhara) and the breathtaking views of Nepal's Himalayan ranges.

Inclusions:

- return airfares with Thai airways
- accommodation
- meals as listed
- travel insurance
- an easy 4 day trek around the foothills of Annapurna range
- transport and transfers
- guides and interpreters
- a group tour manager

Cost: \$3299 if you book before 17 July, \$3650 after!!!!

Please forward on to any friends and/or family who might be interested.

For more detailed information please visit: www.eyeswideopen.org.au

ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE FROM SOUTH AFRICA

Peter Pratt has received an update from the District 9800 Chair Jeanette Lynch who advises that we can expect up to 12 members on the incoming RFE visit commencing on the 17th October. We will be responsible for hosting the group from their arrival from South Africa on the Saturday 17th to Wednesday 21st October.

The members are a diverse group mainly from District 9210 this incorporates the geographical regions of Zimbabwe Zambia, Malawi and Mozambique. The first Rotary meeting in South Africa occurred on the 2nd May 1930. RI President Sydney Pascall chartered the second club in Rhodesia (Now Zimbabwe) in 1932. We may also have one member of the group who is from D 9320 which is an area the size of Victoria with 55 Clubs, it encompasses the central area of South Africa and Lesotho in particular

- the Southern part of the North West Province
- the entire Free State Province
- the entire Mountain Kingdom of Lesotho
- the eastern part of the North Cape Province and most of the Eastern Cape Province

Future Friendship Exchange

Jeanette has asked that I remind all those involved that there will be a return Rotary Friendship Exchange to SA from our D9800 which is scheduled to take place on the 20/10/2011.

Any members interested in participating in helping to host the incoming group can contact Peter Pratt 98826645

Eyes Wide Open is a non-profit organisation that operates humanitarian travel experiences to Rotary projects in developing countries. As part of a group of like-minded people of all different ages, you see the world and importantly, make a difference. Tours are safe, well organised and allow you to contribute to Rotary funded humanitarian projects that give hope to local communities in need. Nepal.

Community Service News

Bushfire Recovery Programme: District 9800 Initiative

Over four months have passed since the tragedy that was Black Saturday and District 9800's Bushfire Recovery Committee, led admirably by Rotarian PP Mev Connell, has been extremely busy with responses to a large range of matters pertaining to the biggest peace-time disaster Australia has had to face.

Most of Mev's time during the past months has been devoted to Bushfire Recovery work. This has involved fundraising, immediate relief activities, coordination at Victoria-wide and D9800 levels, assessment of project proposals seeking support from the D9800 Fund, and implementation of projects.

It is pleasing to report that the D9800 Bushfire Recovery Fund has now received about \$720,000 and there are still some promises of more to come. Both elements of the Fund are operating well and we are receiving excellent service and co-operation from the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation. In addition to donations to the Fund, D9800 Clubs have been making direct donations to recovery activities that they have taken special interest in, and donations have also been made by some of these Clubs and individual Rotarians to the Red Cross Bushfire Appeal and the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation (Victorian Bushfire Appeal).

Some funds have already been expended to support projects and some of that money will be



DG Jim at Global Care, Kinglake



Property lost at Strathewen at the start of the clean-up.

recoverable: equipment purchased and loaned to parties that D9800 is cooperating with will be saleable when there is no further use for it and any monies realised will then go back into the Fund (PDG Jim pictured above left with some of the equipment).

Communication to our key shareholders (i. e. D9800 Clubs and other donors) about what we are doing with the Fund and Projects being supported from it is very important but can be problematic. Rotary's work aimed at assisting bushfire survivors and their communities is generally held in very high regard. It is interesting to note that many of our "clients" in the fire-affected areas are impressed by Rotary's

quiet approach to providing support.

Post-fire trauma seems to be quite prevalent in the affected communities. This is going to be a key issue as time passes. Rotary can help by demonstrating its sustained support for the survivors, just visiting the affected areas and building up relationships with some of the people there is very beneficial.

The District is extremely appreciative of the efforts of our Bushfire Recovery Committee and in particular, Chair, PP Mev Connell. For more information or support please contact:

PP Mev Connell, Rotary Club of Melbourne.



Bush Fire Report #11

Rotary Club of Alexandra

Black Saturday Fire Response

Situation Report #11 July 7, 2009

This report #11 is a brief outline of the current activities of the Rotary Club of Alexandra to assist in the Bush Fire recovery works in Murrindindi Shire including the Township of Marysville

It is now five months since Black Saturday and just over 100 days since the fire was controlled. The seasons have changed with rain, snow and frost now common place and dust has turned to mud. Not an easy time if you are living in a caravan or shed on your block where your home once stood.

The temporary villages at Flowerdale, Kinglake and Marysville are now occupied. Yet the people who were the heart of the community in these towns are not yet back together as some are living on their property, some in the villages and some in other towns.

The clearing of the remains of nearly 3000 sites was officially complete today, so rebuilding can commence.

During the past weeks the work on the ground by Rotary and many others has focused on things like fencing (still much to be done) landscaping the temporary villages including pathways, play grounds and fencing.

The recovery work is now strongly linked to the rebuilding of both the physical, economic and the social components of the community. Not all has been plain sailing, only last week yet another fire at Lake Mountain threatened to close the resort but with the help of many people the resort remains open for business and there is currently good snow cover.

This up date will now reflect the changed pace and until further notice be published at least once a month to keep you up to with the current issues and opportunities.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES:

1. **Voucher System:** Most survivors have accessed the vouchers system but not all, so the system will remain in place until they are no longer required. Currently the Rotary Club of Alexandra has spent over \$75000 from its fire relief fund and as the rebuilding program gets into gear it is anticipated that the demand for funds will increase. Be part of a program that has made real difference go to the Rotary District 9790 web site for details on how to contribute. Over 75% of the account funds has been provided by Rotary, the remainder by private donation
2. **Fencing** continues, as there are many thousands of kilometres of fencing to be replaced. If you have some time, fencing skills or fencing equipment please come.
3. The **children's playground** at the Marysville Village has been completed along with a security fence.
4. A project is well underway to provide the Marysville Village with a poultry run complete with chooks to recycle the food and plant waste from the village into eggs.
5. Planning for a **green house and community garden** at the village is almost complete.
6. **Paving and pathways** (to control the mud) in the Village are progressing as the weather allows.
7. A Rotary team including staff and clients from the Dame Pattie Menzies Centre has **renovated the garden** around the Bakery
8. **Fire wood.** This need continues, Rotarians and other community volunteers have been working with Berry Street to assist with the provision of firewood. Although there is a large quantity of wood available from the clearing work in the fire areas much of it is unsuitable for immediate use. If you can provide good dry firewood please contact Berry Street in Alexandra.
9. The **Lions Tool Library** located in one of the Rotary sheds is a great success, providing the tools people need to rebuild. Stocking and maintaining this "library" is a priority need.

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EMERGING ISSUES:

1. Marysville business centre: The current project is to provide a substantial building as a transitional base for businesses to operate as the town centre is rebuilt. This issue should be resolved in the next few weeks.
2. A wide range of teams are working on effective engagement with the survivors so that Rotary and other external assistance is focused on real needs and involves as much as possible the people who will live in the area. It is their home and their community, let's not forget this.
3. The Marysville Golf Club lost considerable infrastructure including a number of bridges. The Club is in need of help to replace the bridges and repair the damage. Most of the material is to hand but skilled willing workers are required to get the job done.
4. The proceeds from the 2009 Alexandra Truck Rod and Ute show have been allocated to the building of a gazebo in Marysville's Gallipoli Park. Rotary has agreed to be a cosponsor in this project which will include other fixtures that the people of Marysville require in the Park.
5. Encouraging tourists to visit the area and support local businesses to create the economic foundation for the recovery

Please come to support the community across all fire ravaged areas from Beechworth to Yarram and Noogee to Horsham For more information about what's on please visit: <http://www.premier.vic.gov.au/pages/victorian-bushfire-events.html>

Funds for the Rotary Fire Recovery account – The current demands clearly show an ongoing need and new donations are required to sustain this service.

MARYSVILLE GOLF AND BOWLS CLUB

TIGER Woods has been invited to play golf in Marysville in a stirring tribute to the Black Saturday bushfires.

Charity organisers are hoping the game's greatest player will tee off at the humble Marysville Golf Club on the eve of his appearance at the Australian Masters in Melbourne in November.

The Golf Club being the only community facility not destroyed in the bush fire, the course was recently reopened by Peter Thompson after a lot of cleaning and refurbishment.



SOME QUOTES THAT HAVE TO BE THOUGHT ABOUT

1. When everything seems to be coming your way, maybe you're in the wrong lane.
2. I'd kill for a Nobel Peace Prize
3. 82.7% of all statistics are made up on the spot
4. Why do psychics have to ask you for your name
5. I intend to live forever... so far, so good
6. OK, so what's the speed of darkness
7. Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines

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Last Meeting's Guests, Apologies, Etc



Guests

Ross Tor'Bey- Nick Pane
Ross McMullin—Speaker

Visiting Rotarians:

Ian Farmer RC of Echuca

Apologies:

Peter Anderson, David Baker, Murray Dance, Lesley Daniels-King, Colin Gould, Richard Gray, Mark Hassed, Bob Heinemann, Neil Hookey, Don Jago, Pierre Kreigler, Tim Landsberg, Frank Leigh, Peter Matthews, Michael Neumann, Fabienne Nicola, Karen Nolan, Joseph Orlando, Jim O'Hara. Andrew Spry Richard Stewart.

Make Ups:

Michael Mullins—RC Geelong
Michael Mullins—New Generations
Warwick Heil—RC Kew on Yarra

Raffle Winner

Aub McLaren

Farewell

Welcome Back

Frank Leigh—from Europe and Cruising



Birthdays, Anniversaries, Etc.

Birthdays

Murray Dance 11th July

Wedding Anniversaries

None

Club Anniversaries

None

Quote of The Week

“WHEN YOU AIM FOR PERFECTION, YOU DISCOVER IT’S A MOVING TARGET ”

Almoners Report

Margaret Duxbury spent 7 days in St Vincent’s Hospital for treatment of a damaged shoulder ligament. Gordon is becoming more adept at household duties
Les Brown had a fall which damaged his knee and ribs, he is slowly recovering.

Directory Changes

Please note Richard Stewart’s correct email address is:

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not rlisms

