



CLUB BULLETIN



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Special points of interest:

- Art Show News
- Hamer House Update
- More News from Bush Fire Areas
- US Consular General Talk
- District Assembly
- Birthdays, Anniversaries, Etc.

Next Weeks Meeting

Wednesday May 6th

6.15 for 6.30 pm

Speaker: Member Behind The Badge
Fabienne Nichola

Chair: David Baker

Meeting Rosters

MAY

Registration Desk

Patrick Cunniffe
Murray Dance

Welcomer

Colin Gould

JUNE

Registration Desk

Nick Pane
John Phillips

Welcomer

Syd Warneke

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

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Future Club Program

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Chairman</u>
Wed 13th May		Vocational Visit to Davies Bakery	
Wed 20th May	Ron Adams - Australian Rotary Health Research Fund.		Chair Malcolm Munro
		<i>An update on the current activities of the ARHSF.</i>	
Wed 27th May		Fellowship Night - Wine Tasting	

Club Meets
Wednesdays 6.15 for 6.30
Canterbury Centre, 2 Rochester Road
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President's Ponderings

.Wow - What recession ? Isn't it great to see all those red stickers , and the art-lovers still streaming in to see our great Show . Publicity has been fantastic , although somewhat inaccurate in one article , and our members and friends have been very good in keeping the roster well filled .

Saturday night breakdown and the Sunday hand back fills me with dread but I'm sure Geoff Heath's magic guns will lead us to each painting like a customs beagle to an aniseed ball .

What a thrill to see PP Bill Parker at our dinner - apparently his visits to Melbourne are always brief and usually don't include a Wednesday . He looks to be thriving in that desert air .

I thought I was going to be late for the dinner - I was playing in a bowls match that finished in semi-darkness at 10 past 6 so was a bit flustered when I got there but relieved that The Consul was late .

A bit unnerving to have the FBI hovering about but that goes with the job .

Interesting that they weren't allowed to be fed - Bern Connell said that's because they're contracted to McDonald's and he's always right .

Progress Leader newspaper rang me Monday night to get my story on the re-location of the Art Show .

I hope this one gets reported accurately - look for it next week .

I'm looking forward to a trip to the country for the Cobram Trots on the 11th . We'll be car-pooling rather than going by bus - should be fun .Does anyone know what time the first race ?

President Neil

“Isn't it great to see all those red stickers”



Past President and current Honorary member Bill Parker made a quick and welcome visit to the Club last meeting.

He looks well is still enjoying the vagaries of the construction industry in Dubai and the United Arab Emeirates

He is on a 5 day trip with Jenny so that they may celebrate Jenny's birthday this week with the family

Bill, may you arrange your trips back from Dubai to include Wednesdays so you can visit us more frequently

It must be in the Water

Congratulations on the recent additions to their families to:

John and Margaret Maxwell twin granddaughters , Poppy Francis and Ella Rose born on Anzac Day to son Andrew and Denise

Geoff and Sharyn Day, a granddaughter Lola Grace, arrived 30th April to Andrea and Ben. Mother and granddaughter are fine

Past member Ian Bentley and Jane are celebrating the arrival of their first grandchild

Community Service Reminder—Red Shield Appeal

Peter Matthews has asked members to put in their diaries that he will be requiring volunteers for the Red Shield Appeal on the weekend of 23rd. and 24th August

Art Show News

The Show is in full swing but on the slope to ending this weekend.

Attendance so far appears to continue to be very good with numbers looking to be at least equal to last year, the cold weather and the rain will have helped people to decide to come out and stay indoors

Sales have been better than expected especially in the current "GFC" with sales matching last year on a day by day basis but at the end of the week falling off slightly but less than 5%., it will be interesting to see how the last few days hold up.

The standard of the paintings hung continues to be of a very high standard, a point that Patrons have mentioned to Rotarians on duty.

Session Leaders are Reminded About

Safety

Session Leaders should note the revised requirements for Safety and the need to appoint a designated Safety Officer for each session, and for a copy of the Safety Instruction sheet to be given to the Safety Officer before the session, this is especially important for the set up and taking down sessions

This is a requirement to safeguard both ourselves and the public coming to the show but is a requirement set by our insurers.

Rosters

It is worth repeating the basis of the rosters.

All sessions where members or partners are rostered have been previously indicated by them as being available, if you can not now attend for duty **it is your responsibility** to find a replacement.

When finding a replacement please also let the session leader know of your replacement.

Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets should be being sold to all your friends and relations, Peter Pratt has many more books for you to sell if you require more.

Books must be returned to Peter Pratt who has to account for them, so do not drop them into the Cash Desk at the Show



HAMER COURT ACCOMMODATION – UPDATE FROM BOROONDARA COUNCIL

We are pleased to advise that we now have a number of bushfire survivors who are currently residing at the Hamer Court site on an ongoing basis, and others who have been attending for respite (and shopping in Melbourne).

In the week after the Black Saturday bushfires, Hamer Court housed some 36 bushfire evacuees (from bushfire threatened areas).

Initially, many residents of the affected areas were loathe to leave their communities, especially when many of the funerals had not occurred. Since then we have been steadily building a group of permanent residents, and others who have only visited for short periods (eg. weekends).

A Hamer Court Accommodation flyer has been developed and circulated over the past week to case workers, neighbourhood centres, libraries and police stations in the Kinglake and Marysville areas.

One of the residents at Hamer Court points out that while for us it is three months since the fires, for him it feels like it all happened only last week.

He is very grateful for the use of such a wonderful facility and is in awe of the community spirit that saw the project completed.

Thank you once again to all those people who donated goods and furniture.

We are expecting that, as the weather turns colder, we will get more enquiries about accommodation at Hamer Court.



Vocational Committee

Rotary Vocational visit to Davies Bakery Pty Ltd, Wednesday 13 May.

Tim Landsberg needs your name if you are planning to travel there by car!

32 attendees are listed so far for this visit and a bus is being organised. Some Rotarians have said that they may travel there by car, but Tim does not have confirmation from them of this; **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU TELL TIM WHO YOU ARE BECAUSE THE NUMBERS ARE LIMITED TO 50** (preferably advise Tim by email at tim@clandsberg.com.) We will of course have to limit entry to those who have put their names down in the event that more than 50 arrive on the night!



Boroondara Cares

R.C of Camberwell— A Day at The Cobram Trots

Warwick Heil has asked that Members and Friends who are going to Cobram on Monday 11th May should let him know they are going.

He has noted that the due to lack of numbers the use of a Bus to take members to Cobram will not be happen and therefore members will have to “Car Pool” or make their own way to Cobram

He also noted that Bookings held with the RACV Club have had to be released and therefore if members are intending to stay overnight they will have to arrange their own accommodation



Rotary International

District 9800 Assembly 2009

Sunday 31st May 2009

Wilson Hall University of Melbourne Carlton

The District D9800 Assembly is an important assembly for all Rotarians who will be holding positions of responsibility in their club for the Rotary Year 2009-2010. Rotarians will hear firsthand the vision, goals and emphases’ of our RI President Elect John Kenny together with an update on the Rotary Foundation Future Visions Plan and much, much more. There will also be presentations on new District initiatives, including projects and programs in which your club can participate next year.

Who should attend the Assembly?

Everyone is welcome to attend. However, it would be most beneficial to your club if all your incoming club office bearers, including your club directors and committee chairs, were to attend. We also strongly encourage any new members that have been inducted into your club this Rotary year to participate.

We are endeavouring to hold a special ‘New Members’ breakout session however, this will be subject to the number of new members registering. All incoming officers, regardless of their service or experience in their appointed positions, should attend. There will be a lot of new topics discussed, both in the plenary sessions and also in the special interest breakout sessions.

When is the Assembly?

The Assembly commences with **Registration from 8.30am, Sunday 31st May 2009** with the first plenary session commencing at **9.30am**- sharp. Morning tea will be served in Wilson Hall, at the conclusion of the Plenary Session, at approximately **10.30am**. Lunch will be provided to all attendees in the Wilson Hall on completion of the breakout sessions. The Assembly is expected to conclude at **1.00pm**.

The cost of the Day \$30 per person will be paid by the Club

All interested in attending the Assembly please inform PE Dennis Coleman

Last Weeks Meeting

Michael Thurston, the Consul General from the US Consular Office in Melbourne gave an interesting talk outlining the relationship between Australia and the USA and exemplified the importance of that relationship by instancing the access afforded to the Australian PM in his recent trip where he met most leaders in the administration, Congress and the Senate.

Also that the total embassy, staff and facilities in Australia were larger than most European countries.

As the Consul General was speaking on the 100th day of the Obama presidency, he outlined the many problems facing him. These included Iraq, Iran, Pakistan, Nth Korea, Middle East, Global Warming, and not forgetting the GFC.

Another anniversary was highlighted being the 67th anniversary of the Battle of the Coral Sea

He gave an interesting credit claimed by the USA for the origins of modern Australia by stopping the British, transporting convicts to the Carolinas, and so Australia was selected instead.

He provided details of his stint in Dyala, in the NE of Iraq where he was embedded with a Provisional Reconstruction Team that was developed to try and work with local communities and provide support so that services can be provided by the local administrations.

The Dyala area comprises a diverse mixture of Iraqis with Sunnis, Shiites, Kurds, Arabs in 26 tribes and 200 sub tribes

He spent his time there in going out travelling with the military, visiting and contacting the locals to gauge their views and how they could improve their life.

He ended up by providing the view that our two nations will do great things in the future, the relationship will continue and perhaps get closer



Bush Fire Relief RC Alexandra (Contd6)

Emerging issues:

1. Don't forget Marysville. May 2 is the date for the bike ride, if you are a bike rider please come and support this project which will ride through the fire area. Details on the attached web sites. The snow season is not far off and there are some trees remaining that have a brilliant autumn show of colour. If you have a few hours come up and visit, there are lots to see and people to meet.
2. 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>
3. **Funds for the Rotary Fire Recovery account** – The current demands clearly show an ongoing need and new donations are required to sustain this service.
4. Keeping a smile on our faces and in our hearts as there is yet another funeral or memorial service to attend. Regrettably these services have become part of the norm. Spare a thought for the celebrants and funeral directors as they work very hard to respect the specific needs of each family and make each service a true witness to the life of that individual.

Bush Fire Relief RC Alexandra

This report #8 is a brief outline of the current activities of the members of the Rotary Club of Alexandra to assist bush fire survivors

Thank you to all who have assisted the relief and recovery program in any way, receipts and thank you notes for contributions received are being sent directly by post.

The beautiful Autumn days have ensured that the towns in the fire area have had many visitors, thank you to all who have made the effort to support the communities as they begin the rebuilding process. Clean up is in full swing in Marysville and you get a real sense of recovery in progress.

One of our members has just returned from New Zealand where he attended a Rotary meeting where there was a whip around for the fire survivors and a significant sum of money was raised. The support from so many is greatly appreciated.

On Monday all the students at the Marysville Primary School were able to choose their own quilt, provided by quilters from as far away as Hyden in Western Australia and Toowoomba Queensland. Last Friday a trailer load of sewing and craft supplies was delivered to the Creative Triangle (voluntary group coordinating sewing/quilting in the Buxton, Marysville, Narbethong and Taggerty area) from Pomona Queensland.

Current activities:

1. Voucher System: Donations for the voucher system have been received in the past week from the Rotary Club of Mooroopna \$6 000 the Rotary Club of Nunawading \$2500, the Rotary Club of Bright \$ 1000 and two other Clubs are making recommendations to their Boards for substantial donations. These fantastic contributions will ensure that the current needs of fire survivors will be met. THANK YOU. One hardware store has honoured over \$17000 in vouchers a significant boost to that business while ensuring the survivors get the things they really need. The voucher system will continue for some weeks, but we can see that the need will diminish in time and will transform into a support fund for the next stage of the recovery. The Rotary Fire Recovery Committee of the Club is currently liaising with the community to determine the best use of the funds in the next six months. The committee reports that families are returning to the district and are yet to access the voucher system so the need will continue. **Be part of a program that has made real difference go to the Rotary District 9790 web site for details on how to contribute.**
2. Farm Fencing. The first local project is complete, the farmers were overwhelmed as they saw a fencing project completed in a few hours which would have taken them at least a month –if their health permitted. There are 1000's of kilometres of fence to replace so if you have some time and are able to do some hand work please come. Fencing is a big job across all fire areas and is being coordinated by the VFF through Blasé Aid. Those interested in working in Buxton, Marysville, Narbethong and Taggerty areas please contact secretary Brain Dillon or John Birtchnell via the Rotary Club of Alexandra. Special thanks to the Rotary Club of Mooroopna who delivered three massive trailer loads of fencing material and have organised a truck load of posts which will be collected and delivered by H G Turf at no charge to Rotary. John said, I just asked and without hesitation people have put their hands up. The true spirit of Rotary, service beyond self.
3. Shed Project: District 9790 has provided \$15000 to cover the costs of completing the first shed project. Sincere thanks to the District and those clubs who have supported the Fire relief through the District appeal. Phase two of the shed project is being examined in the light of recent announcements of possible grants from the Red Cross Appeal Fund.
4. Motor bike show. The proceeds from the Motor bike show this year amount to \$6080 plus an additional donations of \$1650. These funds will be used to support a youth specific project in the fire area.
5. Special projects: The Rotary Club of Balwyn has set the ball rolling with the promise of \$12500, subject to the being one which has no other source of funding ie not covered by insurance, Government etc. The Rotary Fire Recovery team is working very hard at the moment to identify what the real needs area and where Rotary can best use its resources.
6. Sewing machines. The club has taken delivery of 19 brand new Janome sewing machines and overlockers organised by the Rotary Club of Carlton. The machines are for community use. Thanks to Janome and the Carlton Club.
7. Fire wood. The Rotary wood team have been part of a firewood project organised by Berry Street, it seems that the chain saw blokes will be on the job for a while.
8. Letters of thanks for assistance provided have become a regular feature in the Clubs mail box as to has been the donations both big and small , the last being a cheque from a Ms Williams who wanted to say thank you for the work done by the volunteers in the first few days after the fire started.

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Judy Feder was part of the quilting team who supplied these quilts

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Last Meeting's Guests, Apologies, Etc

Guests

Michael Thurston—US Consul General—
Speaker
Sally Branson—PA to Consular General
Jonathon Goldsmith—Gary Goldsmith
Ranya Buollgh—Gary Goldsmith
Jeevan Vasimala—Neil Hookey
Helen Smith—Lesley Daniels King
Bev Allen

Visiting Rotarians:

None

Apologies:

Peter Anderson, Dennis Coleman, Chris Carra, Murray Dance, Patrick Cunniffe, Geoff Day, Gino Gnoato, Mark Hassed, Frank Leigh, Alan Lorenzini, Aub McLaren, Michael Mullins, Malcolm Munro, Michael Neumann, Karen Nolan, Jim O'Hara, John Phillips.

Make Ups:

Gary Goldsmith—District Board
Neil Hookey RC of Glenferrie
Dennis Coleman—PETS
John Steven—RC of Glenferrie

Raffle Winner

Les Brown

Welcome Back

Honorary Member Bill Parker—from Dubai



Birthdays, Anniversaries, Etc.

Birthdays

Peter Allen	3rd May
Kevin Connolly	3rd May
Kay Connell	3rd May
Gino Gnoato	5th May
Gary Goldsmith	5th May
Jenny Parker	1st May

Wedding Anniversaries

None

Club Anniversaries

Neil Hookey	3rd May	20 Yrs
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Almoners Report

Harry Heath has been in respite but is now back at home.

Richard Stewart is slowly walking recovering after a successful repair of a hernia

Aub McLaren was rushed into emergency at Epworth after chest pains, but after many tests nothing could be found and he is now at home feeling better.

Directory Changes

Patrick Cunniffe has new email address

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