



Our first night meeting

We had a great turn out for our first evening meeting today, and thanks to everyone for coming, including Karin Penttila, and congratulations to Karin on winning the raffle!

General update

- The new club brochure is just about ready to be reprinted
- District Conference is coming up in March next year
- Noel Gough's book Mud, Sweat and Tears, purchased by the club during Noel's recent visit, is available for members to have a read
- Mick is looking for interest from members for "On to Conference." He needs at least 10 members, and will look into hiring a mini bus with a member to drive. See conference info attached.
- **HAPPY 40TH BIRTHDAY TO ADAM!!!**
- Mal requested inclusion of the following in the bulletin:

1. We have applied for a stall at the 2007 Sydney Road Street party on the same basis and in the same position as last year, outside the Uniting church.

The event is on Sunday 4th March 2007, 12 noon to 7 p.m.

2. We have applied to Moreland City Council to hire the Brunswick Town Hall for a Dance into Autumn function on Saturday 11th May 2007. Function times 6 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.

Bev, Reg and Will

- After her stroke, Bev lost feeling in her right side, and is slowly gaining feeling back in her leg and arm
- Will is settling in OK to his respite care, but is unable to play his golf
- Reg is not feeling the best, but is having afternoon tea with Karin on Sunday

Christmas is coming!

- Once again, the Rotary Clubs of Collingwood and Carlton wish to remind us all that Christmas cakes and puddings are available for purchase again this year. Proceeds from purchases of these items will be matched dollar for dollar and go towards the following two causes, being jointly funded by Collingwood and Carlton:
 - Senta Belong Helpim project -- helps and protects endangered children in remote North East PNG.
 - St Vincent's project -- extensively renovating the Fitzroy recreation facilities.

Barry will be looking after sales of the cakes and puddings – thanks Barry! Please give your orders to Barry.

Christmas Cards are available once again. Mel and Dean will bring them to each meeting, and they're \$10 for a pack of 10, with proceeds going to the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund.



Coming weeks

- Rotary Club of Fitzroy **Cup Eve Dinner November 6th**, drinks from 6:30pm
Fitzroy Victoria Bowling and Sports Club, 578 Brunswick Street, North Fitzroy
\$40 per person including 2 course buffet meal
Contact Ann Davie for information 0412 294 171
- Rotary Club of Tullamarine are running “an evening of fantastic entertainment” with guest speaker Geoff Cox (Coxy) – see information below.
- The Australia-East Timor Association is again running an Independence Day Dinner for East Timor, on Tuesday 28 November 6.30 for 7.00pm – see information below

Tractors in Timor

Adam is trying to obtain information about how our funds have assisted in getting the 3 tractors working in East Timor.

Guest speaker

Father Joe Giacobbe, The Punting Priest, was born locally, in Ascot Vale. He spent 8 years studying to be a priest, with the school trying to expel him numerous times, but they were unable to find him!

A gambling addicted mixed business operator near Joe’s home “lit the fire” for Joe in terms of the races, for whom Joe read the forms and put bets on at various race tracks.

Joe obtained his title The Punting Priest from a journalist who, thanks to computers being new at the time, lost the story he was working on, and asked Joe if he could do a piece about Joe instead, titled The Punting Priest. Joe has been asked to bless 2 horses in his lifetime ... and both of them won! He said he refused to do any more, retiring with a 100% success rate! The Australian newspaper wanted to do a piece on him, and offered to include his phone number!

The Punting Priest has been on 60 Minutes and A Current Affair with relation to the DOXA Youth Program, that he started along with Bart Cummings, Roy Higgins and Ron McDonald, which commenced at Bart’s home. The DOXA Youth Program commenced with Joe taking 140 kids to Halls Gap, which was organised in 1 week from Stawell after Joe visited every pub, bar, Rotary group etc.

The DOXA Youth Program sponsors poor people, getting them to university, taking them on zoo trips, and providing 1000 families with \$150 Coles Myer vouchers for school clothing and stationery. The program helps kids in the school system to “survive.” Donations for DOXA are not canvassed, and it receives no government funding, but has gone from strength to strength.

In 1988, Father Joe started the Winning Post newspaper. He received a great thrill seeing people purchase the paper from newsagents, and when he saw them with the paper at the races. He has sold the paper for a tidy sum, the proceeds of which help DOXA. DOXA receives part of its funding from gaming machines, and the program gives people opportunities they may not have otherwise.

Father Joe says “there’s no such thing as can’t.” He heard a poem on 3DB as the Thought of the Day, and had to share it with us:

Somebody said that it couldn't be done
But he with a chuckle replied
That "maybe it couldn't," but he would be one
Who wouldn't say so till he tried.
So he buckled right in with the trace of a grin
On his face. If he worried he hid it.

He started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn't be done, and he did it!

Somebody scoffed: "Oh, you'll never do that;
At least no one ever has done it";
But he took off his coat and he took off his hat,
And the first thing we knew he'd begun it.
With a lift of his chin and a bit of a grin,
Without any doubting or quiddit,
He started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn't be done, and he did it.

There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done,
There are thousands to prophesy failure;
There are thousands to point out to you, one by one,
The dangers that wait to assail you.
But just buckle in with a bit of a grin,
Just take off your coat and go to it;
Just start to sing as you tackle the thing
That "cannot be done," and you'll do it.

Edgar A. Guest

Father Joe's tip for the Cox Plate is Miss Finland, and Yates for the Melbourne Cup. Happy punting!!

This week's joke

Courtesy of Deano!

The Retirement Dinner

A priest was being honoured at his retirement dinner after 25 years in the parish. A leading local politician, a member of the congregation, was selected to make the presentation and give a little speech at the dinner.

He was delayed, so the priest decided to say his own few words while they waited.

"I got my first impression of the parish from the first confession I heard here. I thought I had been assigned to a terrible place. The very first person who entered my confessional told me he had stolen a television set and, when questioned by the police, was able to lie his way out of it.

He had stolen money from his parents, embezzled from his employer, had an affair with his boss's wife, taken illegal drugs and given VD to his sister. I was appalled but as the days went on I knew that my people were not all like that and I had, indeed, come to a fine parish full of good and loving people.

Just as the priest finished his talk, the politician arrived full of apologies at being late. He immediately began to make the presentation and gave his talk. "I'll never forget the first day our parish priest arrived here 25 years ago," said the politician. "In fact, I had the honour of being the first one to go to him in confession."

Moral: DON'T EVER BE LATE!

Weekly Program

November 2 nd	Thursday lunchtime	TBA
November 9 th	Thursday lunchtime	Cup week – informal meeting at The Grandview Hotel, West Brunswick

ROMAC

ROMAC Information Bulletin Number 2

A significant number of patients are referred by Australian surgeons who have volunteered to spend some weeks operating in overseas countries. When they come across a case which cannot be fixed locally they refer the patient to ROMAC.

ROMAC organises passports, visas, transport and in Australia accommodation, medical treatment, interpreters and carers.

Usually the surgeons, and other medical staff, give their time free of charge but we have to pay hospital costs. Around 400 children have had their lives transformed by ROMAC.

Currently we have two patients in Victoria. Samantha Ata from The Solomon Islands has a blood disease and will spend around six weeks being weaned off administered medication and she will then be started on a recovery program. She is staying with members of the Solomon Island community in Melbourne. Afu arrived on Saturday, 16th September and has a growth on the top of his spine. He has already lost much of the movement in his body below the neck and if not treated within a few weeks would have been a quadriplegic. Prognosis for both is excellent.

Other stuff

xanana VOCATIONAL EDUCATION TRUST

Patrons: His Excellency Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão, President of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste
The Honourable Sir William Deane AC KBE, Former Governor General of Australia

Dear Trust Supporter

The Australia-East Timor Association is again running an Independence Day Dinner for East Timor. The dinner is at Angliss Restaurant, 550 Little Lonsdale St Melbourne, which is a great venue.

The date is Tuesday 28 November, 6.30 for 7.00pm

Cost for a **3 course gourmet** meal is an amazingly low \$35 (\$25 concession). Drinks from the bar.

The Guest Speaker is Pat Walsh.

Pat is Advisor to the follow-up of the Reception, Truth & Reconciliation Commission (CAVR). Pat is the husband of Annie Keogh who is known to many, and is one of the most knowledgeable people about all things East Timor - especially conflict and reconciliation. Given the current situation in East Timor, it would be worthwhile paying the fee just to hear Pat - quite apart from the excellent meal.

I have attached a flier for you to book directly with AETA.

So that Trust Supporters can be seated on the same tables, write clearly on the form "Please seat me with Xanana Trust Supporters".

I look forward to seeing you at the Dinner if you can be there.

Regards



Chris Trueman

Chief Executive & Director

Xanana Vocational Education Trust

The Trust Vision is a self sustaining vocational education system for the people of Timor-Leste



Rotary Club of Tullamarine

Wish to invite all members, guests and friends to an evening of fantastic entertainment on

Wednesday 15th November 2006

At Essendon Football Club (Windy Hill Social Club)

Premiers Room

Corner Napier and Brewster Street's Essendon 3040

9The evening will include our guest speaker

Geoff Cox ("COXY")

Of television fame Postcards and COXY'S Big Break

Also featuring Brooke Parsons Young Ambassador for the National Stroke Foundation

Pre Dinner drinks will commence at 7.00pm for 7.30pm start

Cost: \$40 per head (including 3 course meal, wine, beer & champagne)

Raffles will be conducted on the night

Dress Code: Smart casual

(Please confirm your attendance by Friday 3rd November).

RSVP to either

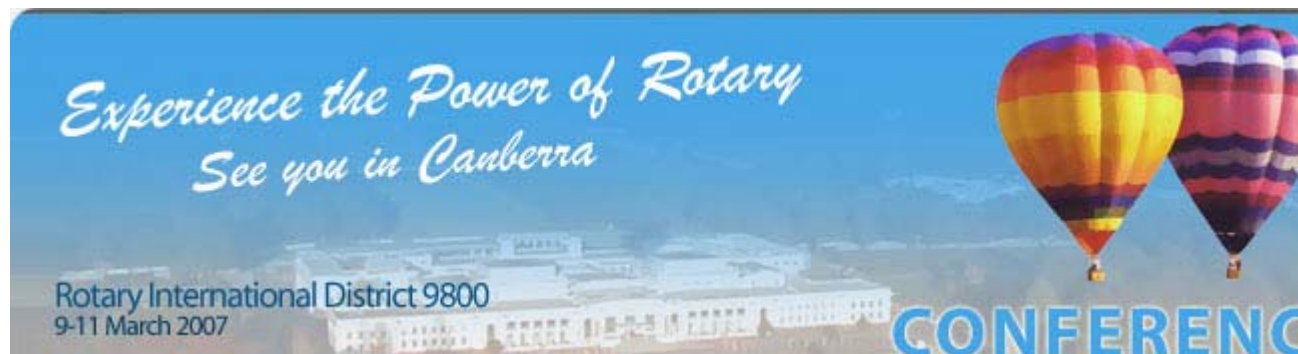
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In Other News

Welcome to the 19th October D9800 Canberra Conference update.

At the D9800 Canberra Conference we promise a program and a Rotarian experience that will both stimulate and entertain you.

SAVE!! AND WIN!! HURRY!!

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL!!! NOT TO BE MISSED

Register by 13th December 2006

To Be In The Running To Win A Weekend Of Luxury Courtesy Of Lexus Of Blackburn.

Just a short 45 minute drive from central Melbourne, The Sebel Heritage Yarra Valle part of the prestigious Heritage Golf & Country Club and Heritage Retreat & Dayspa This weekend includes one night's accommodation at The Sebel Heritage Yarra Val in a deluxe room, including buffet breakfast for 2, access to all recreational facilities the first private Jack Nicklaus designed signature golf course in Australia. To travel to your destination in style and comfort, the winner may select a Lexus veh of your choice** for the duration of a weekend, courtesy of Lexus of Blackburn.

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NB Vehicle and Accommodation must be used in conjunction with one another.

A Taste Of What You Will Hear

In addition to bringing you up to date with the latest Rotary projects in the District hear from....

Dr Andrew Thomas.....Space Odyssey

In 1992, NASA selected Australia's Andy Thomas for training as an astronaut. He is qualified for assignment as mission specialist on space shuttle flights. He has now had great adventures in space, and one of these was a 130-day flight aboard the Russia space station Mir. He has spent hours outside spacecraft to install components.

Professor Jeffrey Rosenfeld....Mind Over Matter

The revered neurosurgeon of The Alfred Hospital in Melbourne is also Professor of Surgery at Monash University. He has administered to people in civil wars; gone to third-world countries on his own without a backup team or equipment and performed lifesaving operations in an environment where wholesale murder is common. He was recently in Iraq conducting series of operations, chiefly on victims of bomb blasts, and he described these as the most serious injuries he has ever encountered.

Greta Bradman....the Notion of Authenticity

The grand-daughter of Australia's most famous sporting star. Her enchanting part in funeral of her grandfather, Sir Donald Bradman, made the nation catch its breath. G is studying at the University of Adelaide for Degrees in Music (Classical Voice), Arts (Psychology), Commerce (International Business), and also Medicine. She has won several Honours for her work.

Tom Henderson

The 'ShelterBox' is the brainchild of the ex Royal Navy search and rescue diver, Tom Henderson. Tom had the idea of getting emergency accommodation and assistance quickly to disaster areas worldwide. Tom will talk about the growth of the project from small beginnings into the ever-growing endeavour it is today.

Plus.... Glenn Burns: *'The Beaconsfield Mine Rescue'*, Kerryn McCann: *Aussi Supermum*, *'Life Begins at 39'*, Keith Payne VC: *'Be Still and Be Bold'*, Peter Davidson: *'How Mighty the Sea'*, Emma Carney: *'the Quest for Elite Status'*, St Diver: *'the Thredbo Disaster'*, Sergei Druzhina, *former Moscow circus and Bol. Ballet performer*, Alan Kogosowski, *concert pianist*, Australian Institute of Sp *Mystery Speaker....*

Ideas For Bulletin Editors

Include the **'who, what, where and how'** of the conference and the fantastic **Ea Bird Registration prize** in your Bulletin!!

Would you like to include some of the attractions, tours, food and entertainment of Canberra and region. Take a look at: www.canberratourism.com.au

Did You Know?

The Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) is Australia's premier sports training facility. You will have an opportunity to tour the AIS.

Federal Golf Club, home of the Golf Day on Friday 9th March 2007, is recognised as one of Australia's premier inland courses.

There are more than 140 wineries with more than 30 cellar doors, surrounding Canberra.

Canberra has over 300 restaurant, cafes and hotels.

Autumn is a great time to visit Canberra. This is the season where thousands of trees turn gold and red, with cool nights and warm days.

Frequently Asked Questions

Where Can I Get Extra Registration Forms?

Extra copies are available visiting the **Conference Website** and downloading the Registration Form: www.rotaryd9800.org/conference

What Happens After I Send In My Registration Form?

When your registration form is received at the Conference Secretariat, it is checked, then it is put into the Conference On Line database. This is usually done within a week. You will then receive a Tax Invoice which is automatically generated by Conference Line. If you gave us an email address, this tax invoice will come to you by email. Otherwise, it will be printed it out and posted or faxed to you.

Conference Email Updates?

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