



News from around the Club

Good turnout

Today we had 18 members, plus the guest speaker and one visiting Rotarian (Kate from Gisborne Macedon Shire, a work colleague of Terry's)... even Ron graced us with his presence!

Mega Raffle

Next week the weekly ball draw will commence! Names are as follows:

GROUP FOR DRAW 1	GROUP FOR DRAW 2
Doug W	Greg S
Cheryle L	Greg S
Cheryle L	Adam R
Cheryle L	Adam R
David K	Reg G (via Peter)
David E	Max F (via Peter)
Kevin D	Dean K
Peter J	Mel K
Mal D	Ron Paoli
Mick L	Rina Paoli

Doug's Wine Bloop

Doug compensated Mick for drinking his raffle prize last week, with those stubbies as promised.

Zoo Twilights

This Saturday, the 17th, is the Zoo Twilights visit, with 32 people expected – a great turn out!

Moreland RC

Adam visited RC Moreland for their meeting on Wednesday, in reciprocation of their visit to our club. It's interesting to note that all members who will not be attending their meetings give their apologies... which is probably easier given they have 10 members! (and RC Southbank

District Conference

Adam and Mal attended the district conference, leaving at 2.50am and arriving just in time for roll call! They both found the speakers (an astronaut/cosmonaut, and also Les Twentymen) very interesting, and heard the run down of projects. Next year's District Conference is in Shepparton.

Dance into Autumn

Dougie handed out the Dance into Autumn roster, and hopes everyone can do their bit (copy attached).



Reg Geary

Reg is reported to have been croaky the last couple of weeks, but intends to attend the BIA board meeting next Wednesday. We hope he can come to Rotary too!

Guest speaker

Today our guest speaker was **Brian McDougall**, a member of the Pascoe Vale Rotary Club, who walked the Kokoda Track shortly before his 70th birthday.

In 1942 the Japanese stormed down the poorly equipped Militia. The Papuans carried wounded soldiers, as well as supplies, and were nick names the fuzzy wuzzy angels. Disease and starvation were as much the cause of deaths as the battle, and the Japanese resorted to cannibalism a result of starvation.

The term “track” is more of a US terminology than “track.” Before World War II, paths in remote areas of New Guinea were commonly referred to as tracks. Wikipedia post states: *The name Kokoda Track — which conforms with U.S. English usage — was popularised by Australian wartime reportage. Kokoda Track is used in Australian Army battle honours. The Australian Macquarie Dictionary states that while both terms are in use, Kokoda Track “appears to be the more popular of the two” (4th ed., 2005, p. 791).*

Brian told us that while on the track, they ate high calorie meals called MRE’s, or “meals ready to eat,” sweating off the food during the day. As a result, Brian only lost 7 pounds. The guide on Brian’s tour was Reg Yates, who had walked the track 42 times, and had not an ounce of fat on him! The track had the steepest slopes Brian had ever seen, and he found walking downhill more painful than he’d expected, and as painful as getting uphill. The tour waded through water up to hip depth, and PNG has two seasons – wet and exceedingly wet! Brian said the Vietnam jungle was easy in comparison to Kokoda, and that leeches somehow tend to find their way to rather personal areas!

In one area, there was rocks under the dirt, so that the walkers had to be very careful to make sure the rocks were steady before putting their weight forward. 8 out of 9 peaks were like this, making it very slow going, and causing Brian to say to himself “you bloody idiot, why are you doing this?!” There were log bridges over the rivers, the logs had no bark, and the walkers’ boots were slippery from all of the mud. The guide would advise where to fill bottles, given that in some places, there were villages upstream... you can imagine what you’d end up with in your bottle if you filled it near a village! There were also exposed tree roots to be careful of.

On the track they stopped at the memorial, visited the last fuzzy wuzzy angel still alive, enjoyed fresh fruit and vegetables at a village (a welcome change to the MRE’s), and enjoyed wonderful views. 2190 metres was the highest point. One of the photos in Brian’s slideshow presentation showed the view at the memorial, which was stunning – we could see the extreme V shape of the ranges, the clouds were really low and the view looked spectacular! Brian said the heavens poured shortly after the picture was taken, and in PNG the rain saturates a person in seconds.

On the way down there was some easier walking at some points, and Brian said the roar of the river on the way down was wonderful. The last day the walkers experienced easier walking, visited the memorials then flew to Port Moresby. The flight into Kagi village sounded interesting – the air strip was on such a steep piece of land, it looked like they were going to fly into it, until the pilot, at the last minute, pulled back, cut the engine and landed really smoothly! They then reversed, turned side on and the chocks were put into place. The pilot turned to Brian, who was sitting behind him, and said “frightened you, didn’t I?!” Brian said “yes, how did you know?” “your fingers were digging into my shoulder!” the pilot replied.

The accommodation in PNG has fences and razor wire to keep the thugs out, who, Brian tells us, if they want something they don’t have, will just take it from someone who does. Brian cleaned his extremely muddy boots in the hotel’s bath at the end of the tour at Port Moresby, and the maid thought he was strange, needing a hair drier! The group had a tour of Port Moresby, then flew home via Brisbane. At Brisbane airport, the international and domestic terminals are a short distance from each other, and you would normally catch a train between them. However, the trains had stop running for the evening by the time they landed and needed to transfer, so Brian had to catch a taxi!

Upcoming Club Program

Monday March 19	5:30pm	Board meeting at the Grand View Hotel, Bruns. West
Thursday March 22	Lunchtime	Michael Landry: Toastmasters
Thursday March 29	Lunchtime	Jim Marett: Vietnam Tunnel Rats
Thursday April 5	Breakfast	Fellowship meeting (day before Good Friday)

News from elsewhere

Emails of interest regarding Jim Marett, our guest speaker on March 29th (listed in date order)...

Hello,

My name is Joy Dover and I am the daughter of a Vietnam Vet who was killed on June 19th, 1969. I have been trying very hard to get hold of Jim Marett. I believe that he had only been in Vietnam 8 days when he saw my father's plane break apart when he died. Please, Please I understand that he is coming to speak at your club this coming month. Please have him email me or call me at joy_dover@yahoo.com or call me at 812-239-7827...he will have to put the USA's area code on that number and there is a bar between joy_dover in my email that is not showing up well with the blue highlight here. I saw something Mr. Marett wrote on the internet that makes me believe he can help me understand the way my father died. I believe very much he was there that day. My father was Lt. George R. Dover and another man who died that day in a plane was Capt. James Dean Hoag. Please get this message to Mr. Marett.

Thanks you so much. Joy Dover

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joy_dover@yahoo.com

Adam Ramage <adam@mbrgroup.com.au> wrote:

Joy,

Jim will be in touch.

Adam

Dear Adam,

Thank you so much for getting back to me and getting me into contact with Jim. I am just now going to email him back. Words cannot be said to explain the joy I felt when I saw both of your emails. They told me when my father was buried that it would get easier for me. I was a young 15 year old girl at the time. It never has gotten easier. I believe that Jim can help me with that. I was the first American child to be orphaned by Vietnam. My mother had died when I was very young and fathers who had no mother for their children were not required to go into combat. Yet my father went 3 different times to Vietnam and did not return that third time. He had been in the service for 18 years and was close to being able to retire. We were going to spend long summer days fishing together. Now his fishing pole stands near my fireplace and I go by myself. Again, Thank You So Much for Getting Hold of Jim.

Joy

ROMAC Information Bulletin No 5

Whilst holidaying in Fiji, Rotarian Geoff Cook and his wife, Sandy, saw a collection tin being used to beg for money to help pay for a sick 7 year old girl, Kolara, to be checked at a local hospital. It appeared to them that the child had a serious condition. On return to Australia they contacted ROMAC and within a few weeks ROMAC had assessed the situation as 'critical' and approved the case.

Within just weeks Kolara was on her way to Australia. Air tickets, visas, health checks, hospital certification that no Australian child would be disadvantaged, accommodation, local carers, surgeons and funding were all arranged.

In Kolara's case the Southern Region Medical Officer, Rotarian Dr Janice Peeler, contacted surgeon Rotarian Mr Andrew Cochrane at the Royal Childrens Hospital who agreed to operate.

After life saving open heart surgery, Kolara was discharged to lead a normal healthy life. Sandy said she had broadly appreciated the work of Rotary but was staggered to see the humanitarian consideration and professionalism of ROMAC in action.



District 9800 News

Computers For Kids Project

Computers for Kids Project is seeking some steel shelving for the warehouse. Height say 1800mm and up to 30 bays would be very helpful.

Also Computers for Kids has 4 high quality units of "Network Access Control" which can be used together or separately. They are pre ADSL equipment but all in working condition including 180 modems and cooling fans. They are suitable for a "non-broadband" application. Please speak with Jeffrey Bird or Dawn Watson

Melbourne Metropolitan Rotary Bowls Day

FRIDAY MARCH 30, 2007 - 12.30PM AT KEW HEIGHTS SPORTS CLUB, 397 Barkers Rd Kew

Previously advertised but closing date for entries has almost expired.

Scholarships etc...

APPLICATIONS FOR AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARS, WORLD PEACE FELLOWSHIPS & UNIVERSITY TEACHERS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2008 / 2010 ROTARY YEAR

Application process & eligibility: www.rotary.org/foundation/educational

Please contact District Foundation Chairman Chris Don for additional information

Farewell Dinner for our GSE Team

Early notice that our farewell dinner being hosted by the RC of Chadstone/East Malvern for our District GSE team travelling to the Netherlands will be held at The Kooyong Tennis Club on April 24th at 7.00PM.

Cost \$44.00 - Drinks at bar prices

Rotary Club of Albert Park

The RC Albert Park is now an evening Club. Note the Club's new time and meeting location:

Venue - Life Saving Victoria Club, 200 The Boulevard, Port Melbourne 3207

Time and date - Wednesday evenings at 6.00pm for 6.30pm

Rotary Club of Bendigo-Strathdale

RC Bendigo-Strathdale will be presenting a musical **On The Road Again** at the Capital Theatre, View Street, Bendigo; Friday 13th April, 2007 at 8pm. Ticket price \$33.00 available from the Capital Theatre 5434 6100.

Presented in conjunction with Focal Point Australia.

"On The Road Again" celebrates the songs & music that have made Willie Nelson & Roy Orbison true legends. In the last 12 months the show has been sold out at many National & International venues.

Rotary Club of Essendon

The Club is proud to announce that the guest speakers for the 2007 Lecture are Shane Jacobson, star of the hit film "Kenny", and his brother, Clayton, producer, director and editor of the film.

Venue: Moonee Valley Race Course

Date: Tuesday, 27th March 2007 12.30 - 2.00 pm

Ticket price: \$50 including entry, lunch and limited beverages

You've seen the film - now meet the family!

Rotary Club of Essendon North

RC Essendon North is holding its annual Autumn Concert on 1 April. It is one of their major fundraisers for the year.

Rotary Club of Richmond

PETS ON PARADE CARNIVAL 2007

See snakes alive, reptiles, freshwater crocs, rats, ferrets, rabbits & dog demonstrations at RC Richmond's 'Pets on Parade' Carnival, 2007. Attractions include: animal nursery, pony rides, storytelling, puppetry & the fun 'family pet' competition. Arena events & entertainment, dog & cat registrations & pet information workshops, plus fabulous food & refreshments. A wonderful family, animal loving/animal friendly carnival day for everyone!

Sunday, 25 March 2007, Melbourne Girls' College, Yarra Boulevard, Richmond 10am to 4pm

Enquiries: Josephine Cowling on 0438 305 61 www.rotaryrichmond.org.au/Pop2007.pdf

Rotary Club of Toorak

DINNER with GEMMA SISIA - Founder of the School of St Jude in Tanzania to launch her book "St Jude's"

Monday 30 April 2007 6.30pm for 7.00pm

Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club, Williams Road North, Toorak. Ticket price \$50.

Café International 2007: The Golden Globe promises to be an exciting night of fine dining and sparkling performances inspired by film and television classics over the last 50 years. 2007 also marks the 50th anniversary of International House. In celebration, the student residents have decided to donate 100% of profits from Cafe 2007 to Interplast Australia. Keep 5th May 2007 free to attend this event.

Click here for essential details about Cafe 2007 and please indelibly mark Saturday night 5 May 2007 in your diary for "Cafe 2007: The Golden Globe".

If you have further questions about Cafe 2007, please contact Cafe07@gmail.com. District 9800 Rotary Clubs will receive a formal invitation for Cafe 2007 soon.

RAGMSA

Rotarian Action Group of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Cocktail Party has been rescheduled to Saturday 21 April to celebrate the 2007 Global Dinners for Multiple Sclerosis to raise awareness about MS.

Venue: Junior Common Room, International House, 241 Royal Parade, Parkville. 7.30 pm

Entry cost: \$25/pp for finger food, beer, wine, sparkling and soft drinks.

For information or for a booking form contact Teresa Hamilton, Telephone 9747 3445, Mobile 0412 741 854, Email t.dhamil@bigpond.net.au

ROMAC Miss Saigon fundraiser (see attached info)

Could you consider promoting the initiative which I started 8 years or so ago when Mike Percil and I were on the District Committee. I have had a few set backs in recent years and I am getting back into the Rotary entertainment business, although in my job, it is part and parcel of it!

Sold 109 tickets to Barry Humphries. Now onto Miss Saigon and Pirates of Penzance. In past years I produced an information sheet which I gave to 'outsiders' who purchased tickets and from whom donations were solicited.

Could you kindly up date it for as soon as possible.

Yours in Rotary
Leonard Brear

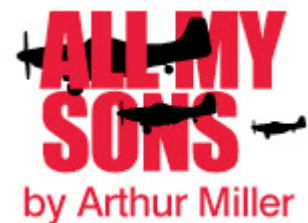


"AFTER HAVING LOST THEIR LIVES ON THIS LAND THEY HAVE BECOME OUR SONS AS WELL"
Atatürk 1934

ALL MY SONS - the first great success of **Arthur Miller's** supremely influential career - is a compelling story of love, guilt and the corrupting power of greed.

Joe Keller (Logie-winner **John Stanton**) is alleged to have supplied World War II fighter planes with defective engines, leading to the deaths of innocent pilots - a crime for which his business partner took the fall.

One of Keller's sons, himself a pilot, is thought to have been killed in action. But his mother (AFI-nominee **Janet Andrewartha**) cannot accept his death and equally, cannot accept that her dead son's fiancée (**Yesse Spence**, *Hitchcock Blonde*) has transferred her affections to her other son (**Matt Dyktynski**, *Japanese Story*).



Sixty years after it was first staged, and again at a time of war, the play's haunting questions remain equally relevant and equally unanswered.

Winner - Best Play:

1947 Tony Award 1946 - 1947 New York Drama Critics' Circle Award

Starring Janet Andrewartha, Melinda Butel, Matt Dyktynski, Luke Elliot, Paul English, Teague Rook, Yesse Spence, John Stanton and Rebekah Stone

Director Kate Cherry **Set & Costume Designer** Richard Roberts

Lighting Designer Jon Buswell **Composer** Peter Farnan

At the Arts Centre Playhouse until 31 march. [Click here](#) to book online or visit the Arts Centre Box Office, any Ticketmaster outlet or call 1300 136 166.

DANCE INTO AUTUMN (Draft 1)

1. "Dance into Autumn", is a Community Service project of the Rotary Club of Brunswick.
2. It will be a twilight function held on Friday May 11th, 2007 in the Brunswick Town Hall. Venue to be set up for the function to be held between 6p.m. and 11-00p.m. The Hall is to be booked from 4p.m. to 11p.m
3. Tickets to \$20 each or (\$15 for Seniors)
4. Music by "Swingmasters" band to the established series of dances.
5. All available Brunswick Rotarians and partners are asked to assist at the event.
6. Timetable:
 - a). Book Town Hall, Liquor Licence.
 - b). Letters and flyers out by March 15th.
 - c). Advertising – 4 weeks before event.
 - d). Follow up letters by 15th. April.
7. Proposed Budget: - based on attendance of 150.

a). Band	\$900
b). Catering	\$3000
c). Entertainment	\$150
d). Hire of Town Hall	\$325
e). St.John's Ambulance	\$160
f). Printing/stationary/postage	\$420
g). Advertising	\$550
8. Timings: 4-30p.m. Hall available.
5-00p.m. Setting up commences.
5-30p.m. Expect early arrivals, some tickets to be available, door to be manned.
6-00p.m. Dance commences.
6-30p.m. Meal commences.
10-00p.m. Raffle Draw
10-30p.m. Start cleaning up –Preparing for Finish at 11p.m.
All available hands on deck, please.
9. Jobs given out last year – Look at and consider what you can do this year.
10. M.C. Greg Sewell.

9. Committee roles.

Dean and Mel

All publishing, printing and design

Mel, Alice ~~and Mick~~

Send letters to local community organisations

Send letters and flyers to attendees from previous function

A second reminder letter to be sent

Mick

Ticket coordination, distribution, accounting

Stavros and Maurice

Raffle

~~Mel~~ **DOUG**

Book Brunswick Town Hall

Book Band(s)

Liability insurance,

Check liability cover for buses,

Place advertisements in Seniors newspaper.

Place advertisements in local papers - Community News and Brunswick Leader, for four weeks. (Reservations about Radio).

Check security arrangement

Organise St John's Ambulance attendant

Michael and Alice

Table setting, table cloths (Michael), table decorations (Alice)

Mick

Book Caterer - Professional Caterers.

Order glasses. Buy or hire water jugs, crockery, condiments

Tony

B.Y.O. Alcohol permit to be obtained

Verry and Henry

Set up and establish a bar

Alcoholic drinks for sale

Purchase soft drinks for sale

Nibbles - chips, nuts etc for sale

Anything you like for sale (History of Brunswick)

Adam, Michael and Tony

Transport

Doug

Distribute flyers to local government senior citizens services

Follow up with phone calls to clubs

Visit bowling clubs, seniors clubs and residential facilities

Barry and David

Features - door prizes, spot prizes.

Eric

Promote the event to PROBUS clubs in the area

Notify the Police

10. Sponsorship - Cheryle and David

- a. Sponsorship
- b. Naming of sponsors
- c. Seeking cash or goods instead of sponsorship as an option
- d. Tell those from whom we seek support what our plans are, what are we going to do.
- e. Nominate our target group as stating that this is an event for seniors (other welcome)
- f. Tell them who we are

11. Setting up includes:

- a. Be ready one hour before the advertised start time - some attendees may arrive as much as half an hour early.
- b. Check out cleanliness (incl. toilets)
- c. Prepare and arrange tables and chairs,
- d. Table clothes, glasses, decoration and flowers
- e. Food & drinks; liquor,
- f. Soft drink for sale.
- g. Water and water jugs
- h. Cutlery & condiments,
- i. Be ready with the raffles prizes and tickets,
- j. Pick up elderly and take home afterwards. 2 x 12 seater buses available from council.
- k. Clean up afterwards. Check on Council requirements and routine cleaning.

12. Seating

- a. Tickets to be sold by table, to clubs or groups, where possible.
- b. But flexibility allowing people to buy in ones or twos should be allowed for.
- c. Seating to be allocated to allow for comfortable compatibility.

13. Special Cases

- a. Those who carefully look after themselves but would find even \$15 a difficulty these after all (if identifiable) should be given our special care.
- b. Transport needs to be provided, but managed with care.

~~12/07/06~~ 12/07/06

Doyle 14/03/07



The Family of Rotary

Zone 8 Resource Group Newsletter 7-8

January-February 2007

More Good Ideas

No 11 Drought Assistance

Hello Ann,
In District 9790, like many Districts now, several of our clubs are facing severe hardship in both drought and bushfire relief. Our northern based clubs are looking at ways and means of providing assistance to those individuals in the community - both Rotarians and non-Rotarians - who are adversely affected. Some of the relief programmes will involve the Family of Rotary. It is still early days yet, but when the programmes have been co-ordinated I hope to be able to get back to you with details.

Regards,
Don Hamilton

Ed. Thanks, Don – I'm looking forward to hearing how your District is helping local families suffering from severe drought. Has your district been providing assistance to families in your community? Write and tell me.

No 12 Presidential Citation – New Members

One of the ways you can qualify your club for a Presidential Citation is to invite a Rotary Foundation beneficiary to join your club. If you have Ambassadorial Scholars or Peace Scholars who have completed their studies living in your area, why not invite them to attend your meetings to see if they would be interested in joining. Often we ask these bright young people to speak to our club but we assume they wouldn't want to join as a member – why is that?

No 13 Presidential Citation – Family Meetings

Another way to qualify for a Presidential Citation is to invite the families of members to attend at least 5 times in the year. I'm sure you have been doing this already but maybe you could check how many you have had so far and squeeze another one in before submission date.

February is World Understanding Month

Our Rotary Family extends beyond our immediate families and includes our exchange students, Ambassadorial Scholars, Peace Scholars and Group Study Exchange teams – all these people are involved in helping us towards better world understanding. Let's include these people in our club activities so that we can experience and enjoy the otherness of those from parts of the world we may never see; for example:

- Invite them to speak at our meetings
- Invite them to attend and talk to our members informally
- Take our overseas visitors out to see some of our special sites or to enjoy our own families – being away from home can make a simple family dinner into something very special and personal

It is only when we spend time with people from other cultures that we realise how much we share and those things which are common to all people regardless of their origin. True communication and understanding between people is the way towards peace in our troubled world. And it starts with us.

My Rotary Family Story

Coming from a family where my father, grandfather and two uncles were Rotarians, you would think I had a lot of Rotary knowledge before I joined – but that would not be true. It was only after I had joined Rotary myself that I began my own path of discovery to what Rotary means to me. My family's Rotary experiences have been very different to mine. The Rotary my grandfather joined has changed so much that he probably wouldn't recognise it. And my father wasn't too sure about some of the changes such as women as members - until he saw his daughter inducted and become an active member.

But some things stay constant - Rotary is an opportunity that everyone makes their own. It has taken me round the world and I have met wonderful people – but more importantly, Rotary has given me the chance to practice my ideals every day, to work towards a better world. And Rotary has made me a better person than I was. Ed.



Hi everyone

Well I have been so busy in the new year with my business commitments that I have had to combine two issues into one. I hope you can let me know your club's or district's activities regarding Family of Rotary – what have you been up to?

Ann White

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SPECIAL FUNDRAISER for

ROTARY OVERSAS MEDICAL AID for CHILDREN (ROMAC)

The Club has reserved **fantastic seats** for

‘MISS SAIGON’

At Her Majesty’s Theatre Melbourne

On The dates and with the number and location of reserved seats as follows:

Wednesday 6th June	Dress Circle rows G (43) H (45):	Cut off date 26 March
Thursday 12th June	Dress Circle rows G (13) H (45):	Cut off date 26 March
Tuesday 26th June	Dress Circle row G (4-38):	Cut off date 11 May
Tuesday 10th July	Stalls M (35) row N (36):	Cut off date 11 May
Thursday 12th July	Dress Circle row G (43):	Cut off date 11 May .

Cost \$91. Plus we ask that you favourably consider giving a **Donation** of a suggested **\$20 per ticket**, made payable by a separate cheque to **ROMAC**.

Total of \$111! Larger donations gratefully received. Receipts for donations will be provided. (Note Group booking price is \$89.90).

Payment:

Two separate cheques are required. **Tickets costs-** to ‘Rotary Club of Nunawading’ and. **Donations** to ‘ROMAC’. **All to the Club** at PO Box 29 Nunawading 3131
All Payments: By 7 days before the cut off date (see above). Seat allocations in order of expressions of interest/ payment.

Please communicate your interest, intent, willingness to buy, help, sell and organise groups as soon as possible. **Rotarians please** contact your Club organiser, or if none, our Club via President Len Brear (Ph at Work 9871 4414 only between 8am to 9pm, 4.15-5pm) or Secretary Kevin Thomas at the Club address.

Note: It is not a condition of our service, or sale that a donation is made but from past experience goodwill and support for ROMAC will make this effort worthwhile for a terrific cause. **Rotary Clubs please Note:** Donations generated by your Club will be credited as donations to ROMAC via your Club, **not** the RC of Nunawading.

LHB 18th January 2007