



News from around the Club

Judy Fremder

We raised our glasses in a toast to a truly wonderful lady. Everyone who went to Springvale on Monday heard more evidence of the special person that Judy Fremder was. She will be missed by all who knew her, and our thoughts are with Max and family at this time.

Mega Raffle

We also had an impromptu drawing of a ticket in the mega raffle, thanks to Barry, and a reminder that the big draw is only just over a week away. If you haven't sold your tickets, please let Greg know ASAP.

Book Donation

President Adam would also like to thank Peter Johnstone for passing on contact details for RC of Manningham. I received a phone call from the Victorian Teachers Credit Co-Op who had some books to donate. I contacted Brother Doug, but he was concerned as to the currency of the books, so I then contacted Bill Dagg of Donations in Kind who indicated that they would only be interested in particular books, which was not what VTCCOP was looking for. A phone call to Peter put me in touch with Manningham, who have "adopted" Donald which is a community struggling with the effects of the Drought. They immediately said they would take all they could, so about a ute-load of books was heading that way Friday. Thanks Peter.

Mick the Drummer!

Here's an interesting photo from Dance Into Autumn... our very own resident drummer, Mick Leahy!



Thank you received

Recently the club made a donation for a shelterbox towards Operation Solomon Islands, to assist the people whose homes have been devastated by the earthquake and subsequent tidal wave. Following is a thank you letter for our assistance:

SHELTERBOX AUSTRALIA
District 9800 representative,

ROTARY CLUB of KEW.

9th May 2007.

President Adam Ramage,

RC of Brunswick,
P. O. Box 152,
Brunswick. 3056.

Dear Adam,

ShelterBox Australia Donation.

It is with great pleasure that, on behalf of ShelterBox Australia, I thank you for leading the way with the members of the RC of Brunswick's very generous donation of 1 Shelter Box.

Today the funds will be forwarded to the ShelterBox Australia co-ordinator, PDG Ray Stewart for transmission to England.

A more formal acknowledgement letter will come to the Club from the Australian Co-ordinator.

Kind regards,

Roger Fasken,
RC of Kew International Chairman
and ShelterBox Australia District co-ordinator

Guest speaker

David Hyde is the incoming President of Fitzroy, who for those who aren't aware, is in our cluster. David is a Collingwood supporter who worked for *that Bank* for over 20 years. He works with accounting and advisory firm ROCG Curtain & Co. Working closely with Business owners, David is passionate about assisting owners to build better businesses. His firm does a lot in the area of Business Transition and he's speaking today & asking the question "Are You & Your Business Prepared?"

David spoke of the need that all business owners have to make succession planning arrangements. This could be dealing with passing assets to family, or may just be in relation to ensuring your business is saleable.

See attached pdf of David's Powerpoint presentation.

Upcoming Club Program

Thursday May 31	Lunchtime	TBA
Thursday June 7	Dinner time	Drawing of mega raffle and nibbles 6.00 for 6.30pm
Thursday June 14	Lunchtime	Katherine and Michael Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars

News from Elsewhere

DG Bernie's Weekly Message LESSENING THE IMPACT OF DROUGHT

There are many complex issues to deal with in this modern society but none more confusing than figuring out how to help those affected by drought. Although there has been some rain, and aren't we thankful for that, we are also aware that the affect of the very long drought will take a long time for many to recover and once again, lead a normal life.

Recently, I attended a conference called by Beyond Blue and chaired by the Hon. Jeff Kennett. It was attended by around 60 delegates from various organisations in Victoria and interstate. The purpose of the meeting was to be aware of the assistance being given in the rural areas and how best we can target the important problem areas more effectively.

There are many doing great work in the bush but many efforts are overlapping. Some are only active by the use of government funding. Rural agencies are the most active as they believe they understand the plight of the farming community and, in this they are probably right. There is a move to co-ordinate the efforts so assistance will cover a wider area and be more effective than at present.

Some points gleaned from the discussion and presentations included:

- Drought is the issue
- Farmers need to talk about their problems
- CWA are supplying "pamper packs" for women
- Country schools programs include breakfasts for children
- Isolation problems - wife goes away to work - children taken out of boarding school
- Men need to talk to someone
- 90,000 farmers are involved and not only the small farmers need looking after

- Social impact is the most critical - financials are only secondary
- Beyond Blue needs a larger workforce - they must train trainers
- It's a whole community issue - the country can't cop it anymore
- In some towns in NSW, farmers carry "Any work for a farmer?" placards.

What can we do? How about

- Sponsorship of junior sport, school camps, youth camps or fund excursions
- Organise Community events that create opportunity to interact with others in the social arena
- Subsidise women's and men's lunches/dinners at the local pub or club
- What about Clubs adopting rural towns?

Remember, we need to work with people rather than just be purveyors of charity. The more we can interact and lend an ear, the more we will be appreciated. I am sure that the inventive Rotary minds can produce some great projects that will be beneficial to those affected by this crippling drought. And finally, share your great ideas around for better affect.

Lead the Way by giving hope and friendship to Aussies in need.


Bernie Walshe
District Governor

Attached are flyers for Weary Dunlop Rotarians/ Probians Race Day on Saturday the 18th of August at Kilmore Racing Inc, Kilmore. This day is used to assist the Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop Medical Research Foundation raise funds for further research and development. The first flyer is a two course package in our wonderful Popular Alm Room, and the second flyer is for 3 course packages in our exclusive Golden Reign Room, (limited to first 100 guests booked). On this year, the year that Weary would be 100 years old support the foundation that supports veterans. To book your package, email, fax or call either Kilmore Racing Inc on the numbers below to confirm your participation in what will be a great day.

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**Presentation to
Brunswick Rotary Club.**

Are You & Your Business Prepared?

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ROCG **What We'll Cover Today**

- About ROCG
- Why all the fuss?
- What is Succession (Transition) Planning?
- What Does Transition Planning Involve?
- Why Plan For Transition?
- A Why Plan Case Study
- What's Comes Next?
- The program "Achieving Business Continuity Through Successful Transition Planning"
- Questions?

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ROCG **About ROCG**

- Evolved out of accounting firm Curtin & Co;
- Part of the Global Consulting Group ROCG;
- Offices in every Australian State capital, North America, United Kingdom, Ireland, mainland Europe;
- Moving into other parts of Asia Pacific over the next 12-18 months;

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Why All The Fuss?

- Over 500,000 small business owners aged 50 or more
- Represents 30.7% of all small business owners
- Average age of the SME owner is 56
- 2003 RMIT Study - \$3.6 trillion in wealth
- SME owners under 30 – only 160,000

What is Succession / Transition Planning?

- Think of it as Planning for your SUCCESS
- both BUSINESS & PERSONAL.
- It is a *process* whereby you take control of how and when you exit your business through planning & preparation – maybe 3 – 5 Yrs.
- It's about maintaining and hopefully increasing your exit value
- It's about managing for unforeseen events

What Does Transition Planning Involve?

- Managerial control & reliance on "owner"
- Assets and ownership
- Structures
- Selecting your successor
- Timing
- Taxation consequences
- Preparing for the unexpected
- Estate planning & preserve wealth
- What comes next

Why Plan for Succession/Transition?

- Makes your business more attractive – having it “sale ready”
- Get the best sale value
- Ensure an smooth handover and continuity of your business
- Clear up any legal and financial entanglements
 - business partners, spouses, family, employees
- Plan for your future financial needs
 - what will you do in the future?

What Comes Next – personal planning?

Medical advances are helping us to survive major illnesses.

Approximately 50% of cancer sufferers will survive for more than 5 years.

Are you prepared to survive financially?
What will you do each day?

Achieving Business Continuity Through Successful Transition Planning

- AusIndustry has approved funding to deliver succession planning training and workshops;
- The program is designed to provide *education & awareness* about Succession/Transition Planning issues;
- Give you a clear understanding about the *process*, what works and what does not;
- 6 workshops – 2 to 3 Hrs each
- Identify and develop Action Plan to address critical issues;
- Individual mentoring is *available* to each participating business.
- Next series - \$600 + GST – starting July 2007

Questions





WEARY DUNLOP ROTARY PROBUS

SATURDAY 18th August 2007

Sir Ernest Edward 'Weary' Dunlop is one of the extraordinary figures in Australia's history. His name and deeds are associated with compassion, courage, steadfastness and hope. The Sir Edward Dunlop Medical Research Foundation has immortalised Weary's dream - to help mankind through medical research - by promoting medical research for the benefit of the veteran community and, subsequently, all Australians. In the year of what would have been Weary's 100th birthday, Kilmore Racing Inc invites all Probus and Rotary Members to Weary Dunlop Day on Saturday the 18th of August 2007. This day will Assist to raise money for the Weary Dunlop Medical Research Foundation.



♦ Kilmore Racing Inc is offering all Rotary and Probus Members two course meal packages, which also entitles gate admission, race book and seating in the renowned Popular Alm Room. All this for the low price of \$35.00 gst inc per person. A fun day of fantastic racing excitement is guaranteed. Book now.

SEE ATTACHED FLYER FOR 3 COURSE PACKAGES

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