



## News from around the Club

### Working With Children

We have the Working With Children application forms to complete. Even though we haven't all been actively working with children in the last couple of years, we will be with the art exhibition in November, so **EVERYONE MUST COMPLETE A FORM!**

Extra forms can be obtained from post offices, and one form is to be completed per area or sphere in which we do or could work with children – so if we worked with children in two areas, we'd have to fill in two forms.

### Youth Art Project

David Kennedy reported that the Youth Art Project is coming along now, and is set to have its official opening on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Brunswick Secondary College have committed to developing the project, and the next time the club's board meets, we'll work through the jobs to do and allocate tasks. Brunswick Council are also on board, which gives the club good connections to council.

The project will run from 19 to 25 November, with the official opening on 22 November, with the exhibition running over Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>. The exhibition will be an opportunity for Rotarians to have some input, and fellowship. The exhibition will not have a prize, and will not be judged, but students will be asked to produce a poster advertising the event which will be judged as a competition.

David said the club will try to get sponsorship to cover costs, and any ideas are welcome. David proposes the sponsorship amount of \$500, and will prepare a proposal. In kind donations would be welcome, for example an anti pasto plate from Curly Joe's for the opening night.

### Change Over Night

Cheryle advised that change over will be on Friday July 6<sup>th</sup>, at Toscana Social Club in Victoria Street, Brunswick, from 7pm, thanks to Ron Paoli giving the club a good deal. A 3 course meal will be served, and music, wine and beer will be provided. There'll be lots of dancing, and Cheryle says it will be a fun night. More information, including the cost to Rotarians, will come with flyers/invitations.

### Programs for the coming year

Given that we're rapidly approaching the new year, Cheryle gave us a run down of the projects she'll be undertaking, which include continuation of the Dance into Life, the Caulfield Calcutta which is intended to be a big fundraiser for Bagong Barrio, fellowship days including a hot air balloon ride and winery tour, and in April a trip to Bagong Barrio for those members who wish to go.

Adam asked that everyone get behind Cheryle for her year as president.



## Guests at today's meeting

Today Vera returned as a guest and potential member, and we also had Susanne and Nuha, who are also potential new members... although we're in competition with the Essendon club for these two!

Susanne, who is a Packer, lived in Beirut for 10 years teaching English as a Second Language, and also raised her children there. She also worked for 12 years as a marketing and advertising consultant for Murdoch. Susanne said Rotary is very active in Northern Lebanon, and Susanne felt privileged to attend the swearing in of the new president, whose parents she knew.

The Lebanon Rotary members have asked Susanne to speak to Australian Rotary clubs regarding an Aussie club becoming a sister club in order to raise money for a cancer research institute, as there is only one. Susanne said the Lebanon club is working very hard to raise money.

## Mega Raffle

We had another impromptu raffle ticket drawing and the winner was Michael Landry. Don't forget, the big draw is on Thursday June 7th. We need numbers for Thursday night, so as per the ticket, please let Mick Leahy know of your attendance.

Please bring along as many people as you can! We won't be having a sit down meal, but will be having nibbles.

## Book Donation

On the morning of Friday June 1<sup>st</sup>, Peter delivered a third Ute load of books (a lot of books) to Northcote – Manningham for the Donald Drought Library project. This load was donated by Victorian Teachers Union in Moonee Ponds.

## CUB visit

Reported by Peter:

Five of us attended the brewery where we learnt amongst many things that 42 million stubbies are bottled at Abbotsford ( just this one brewery ) every week. Twelve B Double Semis of malt every day. My blacksmith maths tells me that is two stubbies for every man woman and child in Australia every week. We obviously need Mick and Terry to up their consumption!

## Weekly raffle

Thanks very much to Kevin Dale, who, for our weekly raffle draw, donated back his prize of a Gifts Direct hamper which he won in the minor raffle... the raffle was drawn by David Earley, and he drew his own ticket!

## Upcoming Club Program

Thursday June 7	<b>Dinner time</b>	Drawing of mega raffle and nibbles 6.00 for 6.30pm
Thursday June 14	<b>Lunchtime</b>	Katherine and Michael Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars

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## DG Bernie's Weekly Message

### PRESIDENT BOYD WOWS MELBOURNE

The omens were all good as the clouds parted and the Qantas jet glided into Tullamarine carrying the World Rotary President Bill and Lorna Boyd. Saturday, 2nd June, was a memorable day in the life of Victorian Rotarians and Melbourne was bathed in sunshine for our one day of the year.

Accompanying the Boyds were RI Director and RI Treasurer Elect, Ian Riseley and his wife, Juliet. Ian is from the Rotary Club of Sandringham in District 9810.

After arriving from Sydney, Bill and Lorna were taken to the Windsor Hotel before starting his rounds in Melbourne. First call was at the Maribyrnong River where he was greeted by representatives from the 14 Clubs involved in the world-first, *River for Everyone* Project which involves the installation of marker bollards along 14 Kms of pathways. After being briefed by Steve Chandler (RC Essendon) and Peter Holloway (RC Moonee Valley), Bill and Lorna met the Rotarians assembled amidst much flashing of cameras. The spot next to the Boathouse was perfect as it was right on the pathways used by scores of joggers and walkers as the Maribyrnong River meandered past. It was a real meet the members exercise as Bill spent time with all present.

On to Rotary Park in South Yarra for the dedication of a tree in Bill's honour by the Rotary Club of Melbourne where Club President Chris Wang spoke of the twenty two trees already dedicated to RI presidents, including our Founder, Paul Harris. Also present at the ceremony was Past RI President, Royce Abbey and his wife Jean. Royce has two trees dedicated in his name during his term as Vice-President and as President of Rotary International. President Elect, Wilf Wilkinson had a tree dedicated last year during his visit to Melbourne. Rotary Park is situated on the corner of Domain Road and Anderson Street, next to the Royal Botanical Gardens.

Following a private meeting of the current and Past RI Presidents, a Cocktail Party was held at The Windsor to launch the Paul Harris Society in our District. I am pleased that 19 Charter members and partners received certificates and special badges presented by President Boyd who reminded those present of

the importance of the Rotary Foundation which is an integral part of Rotary International.

The main event was at Moonlight Receptions in North Fitzroy where the near capacity audience enthusiastically greeted President Bill and Lorna who were led into the room by the six District Governors representing the Southern Districts of Australia, PRIP Royce and Jean Abbey and RI Director Ian and Juliet Riseley. Formalities followed the playing of the New Zealand and Australian anthems before President Boyd addressed the audience, after a formal introduction by RID Riseley. The real highlight of the evening was the walk around the tables by the President where he met just about everyone present.

Although timed to finish around 10pm, the President had to be rescued well after 11pm to be taken back to his hotel before leaving Australia for a two day visit to his home and family in Auckland.

I was proud of the attendance of the many Rotarians, particularly from our District and I thank you for supporting our President. I was even more elated by the comments from the management of the reception centre who commented on the good manners and courtesy shown to them and particularly, to their staff on the night. This is the publicity that Rotary needs out there in the community.

Oh, what a day it was, it really was, as you showed your appreciation to our President who ***Led The Way*** this year.

**Bernie Walshe**  
**District Governor**

## **WORDS OF INSPIRATION FROM RI PRESIDENT BILL BOYD**

Those who had the opportunity to hear RI President Bill speak at the Melbourne function would all attest to his humble but inspirational message. We cannot provide a copy of his speaking notes, because there were none. Instead we had reflections straight from the heart that will remain with all those present. However you can get a sense of his comments from RI President Bill's message for June, which you can read at the RI website. It reads in part as follows:

In the last year, I have been privileged to meet thousands of Rotarians who have asked themselves (why, as Rotarians, "we are not content to let matters stay the way they have always been, in our clubs or in our communities). We are the ones who ask, Why not us?" & risen to its challenge. I have seen projects that have astounded me with their creativity & their ambition, and projects that came to fruition through an incredible degree of thought, planning, & insight. I have seen clubs overcome all sorts of barriers to deal with the true problems facing their communities. And I have seen all of this done with warmth, grace, & the skill born of local knowledge - &, often, with the support of our Rotary Foundation.

Every project I have seen has impressed me in its own way. The projects that have impressed me the most, however, have been those addressing a need that no one has

been able to meet before, whether because of a lack of resources, a lack of ability, or simply a lack of awareness.

The projects that stand out in my mind the most are those that are meeting real needs & quietly changing lives. I will always remember the Rotary club project that's bringing simple, yet effective, low-cost prosthetic hands to amputees, returning to them employability & self-sufficiency; the Rotary club supported library in Hsinchu, Taiwan, that gives so many more children access to books; & the Rotary club-sponsored classroom that's educating children living in the tuberculosis ward of an African hospital.

These are just a few of the projects that have truly made a difference. There is no need for exaggeration or hyperbole here: These projects have very literally moved the courses of lives by giving people education, improved health, & a real chance at a better future. In some cases, Rotarians invested tremendous resources of time, energy, & their own funds.

It has been a great joy this year to see how Rotarians all over the world are choosing to **Lead the Way**. I look forward to continuing with you in this great task for many more years to come. Lorna & I thank you for your many kindnesses to us. This year has changed our lives.

## **JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH**

### **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CLUBS**

#### **RC Carlton**

Meeting on Tuesday 12 June 2007 **Change of Venue** from University Graduate House to Brunswick Industries Association, 3-7 Syme Street Brunswick.

Regular time (12.30pm for 1pm) and format with 'Finger food' lunch supplied. Charge \$20 per head. Welcome by CEO Darrell Robinson and Inspection of facility. Any further information from Secretary Victor Sullivan (0409 437 009).

#### **RC Melbourne**

Please note the **temporary relocation** of the Club's weekly meeting for **June, July & August 2007** to the Naval & Military Club, 27 Little Collins St, Melbourne (around the corner from The Windsor Hotel).

The relocation is to allow renovations to be undertaken to the current venue to improve the facility for the Club's return in September. Click <http://www.rotaryclubofmelbourne.org.au> for details & venue location map

#### **RC Richmond**

Changeover Night is Monday 25 June 2007 - 6.30pm for 7.00pm. There will be no Club lunch meeting on this day.

At "aux Batifores" 1st Floor, 258 Swan Street, Richmond.

### **DISTRICT NEWS**

#### **DG CHANGEOVER LUNCHEON**

RC Essendon invites all D9800 Rotarians and the Family of Rotary to thank District Governor Bernie Walshe & Margaret for "leading The Way" during a wonderful year for Rotary, and a great way to support District Governor Elect John Davis & Joan for the coming year.

**Sunday 1 July** at Melrose Receptions - Cnr. Melrose & Carrick Drives, Tullamarine

12:00 noon for pre-lunch drinks

3 course meal, including all liquid refreshments + Entertainment by Divas Inc.

Cost: \$65 per person (Tables of 10 available)

Bookings to be confirmed by Friday 15th June 2007

To confirm attendance please phone 9326 1455 or email [startaglia@ozemail.com.au](mailto:startaglia@ozemail.com.au)

### **INVITATION FOR ROTARIANS FROM ABC TV**

The ABC has been in touch with DG Bernie and extended an invitation for Rotary members to be part of an audience for Collectors "On Tour", which is filming in the Queen's Hall at the State Library of Victoria on June 20.

The popular ABC TV show COLLECTORS is in Melbourne for the second 'ON TOUR' program this year. The regular panellists will be joined by a live audience when they film 2 episodes in the Queen's Hall on Wednesday 20th June. COLLECTORS invites Rotarians wishing to join in the fun of making these episodes to call 03 9524 2603.

Simply leave a name and contact number for either of the two filming sessions:

Morning Session 9am-12:30pm or Afternoon Session 1:30pm-5pm

## Mel Kennedy

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