



## News from around the Club

### Change Over Night

Don't forget about **change over night** on **Friday July 6<sup>th</sup>**, at Toscana Social Club in Victoria Street, Brunswick, **from 7pm**. Invitations are now available! The cost is \$65 per head.

### Info from Cheryle

Cheryle provided her plan for the 2007 to 2008 year, which is attached to this bulletin.

### Past guest speaker, Paula Gleeson

In April, Paula Gleeson, a documentary maker, spoke to us about her current project of producing a documentary about the UN and their work. Paula told us that she had made a 5 minute documentary about her sister's heart breaking suicide at the age of 18. Adam played that documentary, and despite the sadness surrounding Trimmy's death, Paula still managed to get some humour into the documentary! Well done Paula!

## Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker today was Rebecca Cotton, the Program Manager from Best Buddies. Best Buddies is auspiced by Big Brothers Big Sisters, and is a one-on-one friendship program matching people with a mild intellectual disability with volunteers from the wider community. The program commenced in the US in 1989, and was started by the nephew of John F Kennedy, who saw the need of intellectually disabled people to have friendships while at uni. The program is now in 25 countries.

The Melbourne branch focuses mainly on adult buddy matches, but also has a small high school program. Buddy pairs participate in a peer friendship and commit to keeping in contact once per week, and seeing each other twice a month, over a period of 12 months. Buddy activities include shopping, going out for coffee, going to the pictures, camping, circus visits, going to sports matches... all the things most people do! The two are matched based on shared interests, similar geographical location and a compatible personality. Buddies are aged from their 20's to their 50's, however there are no groups past this age.

There are currently 80 people on the waiting list, and Rebecca has matched 30 people in 2 years. A study of the 30 people found that 20 had no friendships at all with people who did not have a disability, 8 had more than one friend without a disability, and 2 had only one friend without a disability. This certainly points out the isolation of intellectually disabled people, and their need for friendships. Rebecca has had only one matching "close" and was able to rematch the buddy.

Rebecca has close contact with the buddies, providing support, of which a lot is required from time to time. Volunteers receive group training, undertake and interview and police check, and must provide references. Rebecca gets to know the volunteer really well in order to match him/her appropriately.

The previously supplied funding from ANZ trustees has run out, however funding has come from another source which allows the program to move into the Frankston/Mornington. Rebecca said Best Buddies is always open to ideas on how to gain funding, so please put your thinking caps on, and feel free to offer any suggestions! (see Rebecca's contact info below).

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## Joke of the Week

### The Organ

The church organist, was in her eighties. She was admired for her sweetness and kindness to all. One afternoon the pastor came to call on her and she showed him into her quaint sitting room. She invited him to have a seat while she prepared tea.

As he sat facing her old Hammond organ, the young minister noticed a cut-glass bowl sitting on top of it. The bowl was filled with water, and in the water floated, of all things, a condom! When she returned with tea and scones, they began to chat. The pastor tried to stifle his curiosity about the bowl of water and its strange floater, but soon it got the better of him and He could no longer resist.

"Miss Beatrice", he said, "I wonder if you would tell me about this?" pointing to the bowl.

"Oh, yes," she replied, "Isn't it wonderful? I was walking through the park a few months ago and I found this little package on the ground. The directions said to place it on the organ, keep it wet and that it would prevent the spread of disease. Do you know I haven't had the flu all winter?"

## Upcoming Club Program

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Thursday June 28	<b>Lunchtime</b>	Sister Roseanne Murphy: St Mary's House of Welcome, Fitzroy
Friday July 6	<b>Evening</b>	Change over at Toscana Social Club Victoria Street, Brunswick From 7pm \$65 per head

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**ROTARY PLAN 2007 - 2008**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>JULY</b>							
Week 1				Meeting - Curly Joos			
Week 2			Board Meeting	Meeting - Curly Joos	Changeover		
Week 3				Meeting - Curly Joos			
Week 4				Meeting - Curly Joos			
Week 5				Meeting - Curly Joos			
<b>AUGUST</b>							
Week 1				Meeting - Curly Joos			
Week 2			Board Meeting	Meeting - Curly Joos			
Week 3				Meeting - Curly Joos			
Week 4				Meeting - Curly Joos		Weekend - wharves / balloon ride	
Week 5	Judging posters	Judging posters	Judging posters	Meeting - Curly Joos	Judging posters		
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>							
Week 1				Meeting - Curly Joos	Cluster membership seminar - TBC		
Week 2			Board Meeting	Meeting - Curly Joos	Dance into Spring		
Week 3				Meeting - Curly Joos			
Week 4				Meeting - Curly Joos			
Week 5				Meeting - Curly Joos			
<b>OCTOBER</b>							
Week 1				Meeting - Curly Joos			
Week 2			Board Meeting	Meeting - Curly Joos			
Week 3				1610 Gasfield Cup Calcutta			
Week 4				Meeting - Curly Joos			
Week 5				Meeting - Curly Joos			
<b>NOVEMBER</b>							
Week 1				Meeting - Curly Joos			
Week 2			Board Meeting	Meeting - Curly Joos			
Week 3	Pre Exhibition	Pre Exhibition	Pre Exhibition	Meeting - Curly Joos	Pre Exhibition		
Week 4				Meeting - Curly Joos			
Week 5				Youth Art Exhbn. Opening			
Week 6				Meeting - Curly Joos			
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<b>DECEMBER</b>							
Week 1				Meeting - Curly Joos			
Week 2			Board Meeting	Meeting - Curly Joos			Xmas Breakup
Week 3				Meeting - Curly Joos			
Week 4				Meeting - Curly Joos			
Week 5				Meeting - Curly Joos			
<b>JANUARY</b>							
Week 1				Meeting - Curly Joos	Meeting Lomond		
Week 2			Board Meeting	Meeting - Curly Joos	Meeting Lomond		
Week 3				Meeting - Curly Joos	Meeting Lomond		
Week 4				Meeting - Curly Joos	Meeting Lomond		
Week 5				Meeting - Curly Joos	Meeting Lomond		
<b>FEBRUARY</b>							
Week 1				Meeting - Curly Joos			
Week 2			Board Meeting	Meeting - Curly Joos			
Week 3				Meeting - Curly Joos			
Week 4				Meeting - Curly Joos			
Week 5				Meeting - Curly Joos			
<b>MARCH</b>							
Week 1	Bruevick Festival						
Week 2			Board Meeting	Dist. Conference (Ev)	District Conference	District Conference	District Conference
Week 3				Meeting - Curly Joos			
Week 4	Easter Monday			Meeting - Curly Joos	Good Friday	Easter Saturday	Easter Sunday
Week 5				Meeting - Curly Joos			
<b>APRIL</b>							
Week 1				Meeting - Curly Joos			
Week 2			Board Meeting	Meeting - Curly Joos			
Week 3	Trip to Manila	Trip to Manila	Trip to Manila	Meeting - Curly Joos	Trip to Manila		
Week 4				Meeting - Curly Joos			
Week 5				Meeting - Curly Joos			

**MAY**

Week 1		Meeting - Curly Joe	
Week 2	Board Meeting	Meeting - Curly Joe	Dance Into Autumn
Week 3		Meeting - Curly Joe	
Week 4		Meeting - Curly Joe	
Week 5		Meeting - Curly Joe	

**JUNE**

Week 1		Meeting - Curly Joe	
Week 2	Board Meeting	Meeting - Curly Joe	
Week 3		Meeting - Curly Joe	
Week 4		Meeting - Curly Joe	
Week 5		Meeting - Curly Joe	

**PENDING ACTIVITIES - DATES TO BE ADDED**

- Tractors in Time
  - Begong Berro Health Centre & Establishment of School or Learning Program
  - Ryle
  - Ryzen
  - Muna
  - Seniors dances
  - Youth Award to Brunswick Secondary College Student
  - Minor Membership Activities
  - Provide support to Don Bosco
  - Provide support to Brunswick Industries
  - Provide support to Brunswick Community School
  - Special Projects - as identified
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