



BRUNSWICK BULLETIN



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This Week's Meeting

A REMINDER THAT OUR meeting this week is for LUNCH at 12:45 for 1:00pm.

Guest speaker: Sherryl Garbutt, former Victorian MP for Greensborough and Bundoora (1989-2006) — "The Highs and Lows of Politics."

Last Week's Meeting

(Notes by Mel in Dean's absence)

Meeting Numbers

Cheryle commented on the club's current low numbers attending weekly meetings, and wonders if it's her lack of experience keeping members away (except when Cheryle's not at the meeting, when we had better numbers!)

All members are requested to ring around and **bring as many other members as possible.**

Bruce LePage PHF Presentation

President Cheryle presented Bruce LePage with his two sapphire PHF pin, after Bob was held up (*Ed: not literally*) last week meaning Bruce couldn't be presented it with it then!

Bruce, who very much appreciates the award, regaled us with some interesting information about one of Bob Jamieson's ancestors, who was a Sir, and who moved to South Africa and became a friend to Rhodes.

Congratulations Bruce!



President Cheryle presenting Bruce LePage with his two sapphire Paul Harris Fellow recognition at last week's meeting

OPENaid

Our guest speaker last week was Justin Whitecross from OPENaid International, based in Moonee Ponds.

Justin, who has recently returned from 4 weeks in Burma, talked to us about OPENaid's background and programs, which commenced in 2001/early 2002. The program works with young people, particularly from the Western suburbs, including those with disabilities, to give them the opportunity to help others. These young people who volunteer for the program, find it very rewarding.

OPENaid aims to provide health and education to women and children trapped in poverty in Burma and Thailand. Given the large number of poor, oppressed and repressed people in that region, there's plenty of opportunity to help. The program receives no government funding, and is entirely self funded. Funds come from fundraising with the Melbourne volunteers.

In Pattaya, Thailand, the sex industry is accepted as a way or earning money by under educated women, some as young as 7. OPENaid provides counselling to these women, aiming at getting them out of the sex industry. The program builds relationships with hotels, restaurants, etc in order to provide other places of work.

It also provides emergency assistance to displaced people on the border of Burma, with basic needs, including the likes of water systems and tanks. OPENaid partners with Partners Relief, a US organisation which is the only one that assists displaced Burmese. It also works in Chang Rai (Thailand) with Burmese migrants, teaching them to farm things like mushrooms and soy milk, which they can sell for an income.

OPENaid also has two programs in Burma – the first is a vocational training program for women, to produce handcrafts to market and sell for income.

The second program provides loans of under AUD\$50 for

farmers who can't feed and/or send their children to school, and who don't have the capital to grow enough crops in order to make a living.

It is this funding program in particular that demonstrates how a small amount of money can make a big difference to some families.

Justin showed us a presentation of photos of the people of Thailand and Burma, and despite their circumstances, I was struck by how happy they all looked (*ed*).

Our Networker Article

Mal has asked to include this note in our Bulletin...

Apology to Cheryle who wrote most of the article for the excellent District "Networker" bulletin included in our last bulletin. Cheryle wrote the majority of the article and I only finalised and submitted it as she was away in Darwin.

Who could really see me writing that "The older members are Golden Retrievers - sweet and cuddly"?!

"Networker" assumed the article was mine as I submitted it which was an oversight on my part. The article was brilliant thanks to Clarice (as is the *Networker* bulletin) and allowing for some journalistic licence, we should be very pleased with the article.

As Vice President my role is to support the President, cover for her when necessary, but not be seen.

— Mal

Events

Men's Health Night

Doug has brought to our attention a Men's Health Night event next Wednesday, 29 August 2007 at Marcellin College.

From Doug...

The Remar Youth Movement assisted us with the Commonwealth Games Cleaning. Funds assists the training of School Leaders in the Remar Movement.

I am closely associated with these young people.

The speakers may be of great interest to many Rotarians in our Club and in the District clubs.

See the invitation attached.

Dance Into Spring

It's now only 3 weeks to go!

Friday 14 September 2007
at the Brunswick Town Hall

If you don't already know how you'll be helping at the event, keep an eye out for news from Doug.

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Upcoming Club Events

Late August

Fellowship dinners and Sunday lunches

Thursday 30 Aug (lunch)

Next week is District Governor John Davis' visit to our club

Friday 14 Sep (evening)

Dance Into Spring at the Brunswick Town Hall

Around The District

RC Carlton

The Rotary Club of Carlton will be meeting on Thursday, 30 August (12.30 for 1.00pm) at Graduate House, Leicester Street, Carlton instead of Tuesday, 28 August to enable a presentation from the Vice Chancellor of the University of Melbourne.

(Ed: This clashes with our District Governor visit, so you can safely ignore this news!)

RAWCS Volunteers

The great part about being in a RAWCS volunteer team is that all the work is hands on and, mostly, you get to see the results of your efforts and can appreciate the practical benefits that accrue.

In consultation with Virginia Turner, D9800 RAWCS Chairperson, David Barkley from the Rotary Club of Geelong is organising three teams to assist in building low cost accommodation in the **Balkanu area on Cape York Peninsula.**

The period away is thirteen

days and the initial proposed dates of departure are:

- » Team 1
12/09/07 - 25/09/07
- » Team 2
03/10/07 - 16/10/07
- » Team 3
24/10/07 - 06/11/07

There can be some variation in the dates depending on availability of volunteers.

Teams comprise of at least four volunteers, with a builder included if possible.

Usually the team fly to Cairns on Wednesday. After being picked up by people from Balkanu, there is a briefing session and shopping for supplies. An overnight stay in Cairns, and then you're transported to the proposed site. All camping equipment and tools are provided.

The sites are generally quite remote. Some of the locations that are on a priority list for building are: Weipa, Coen, Lockhart River, Injinoo and Cape Tribulation.

If anyone is interested in being on a team and being part of this very rewarding hands on RAWCS experience, please contact David Barkley on 03 5226 9240 or 0417 310 197. You can also reach him by fax 03 5225 9140 or email dbarkley@barwonwater.vic.gov.au.

It is also important to keep RAWCS D9800 Chairperson Virginia Turner informed of your intention to join the Team: v.turner@bigpond.net.au or 03 9592 4691.

International House 50th Anniversary Dinner

A dinner to celebrate this special event will be held at Albert by the Lake, Aughtie Drive, Albert Park on **Saturday, 25 August 2007**

commencing at 6.30pm for 7.00pm. (Ed: not applicable for those at Mel and Dean's fellowship dinner!)

Tickets are \$80.00 per person and this includes a three course meal with beverages.

Guest speakers will include the Governor of Victoria, Professor David de Kretser AC. Bookings can be made at International House or by phoning 9347 6655.

This is a special invitation for Rotarians to join the Alumni in celebrating this great event.

RAWCS Seminar at International House

The D9800 RAWCS Committee invites you to learn of opportunities for international service that will enable you to share in the joy of:

- » Saving lives by providing safe water
- » Contributing to the fight against Malaria
- » Making it possible by delivering Donations In Kind
- » Being and supporting a RAWCS volunteer
- » Undertaking meaningful projects that assist the needy
- » Shelter Boxes Rotary's answer to people's trauma from disaster
- » Mother & Babies Support initiative - saving lives and creating employment

International House - Sunday, 26 August 2007 at 9.00-9.30am.

Please see your Club President for further details about joining the RAWCS workshop and share the joy of building peace and goodwill.

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Around The District...

Wine ...and more!

If it wasn't enough to have a dinner the night before at International House...

A visit to Rose Creek Estate on Sunday, 26 August will surprise and delight you!

The winery is open for tastings and sales as part of the Sunbury "Sip-n-Sup" 2007 Wine Festival. Rose Creek Estate has won Gold, Silver and Bronze at Eltham and Daylesford. From one who has consumed quite a bit of wine ...their wines are good! (*according to Networker*).

Surprisingly, the winery is in mid-suburban East Keilor with 3000 vines totally under netting. Olive trees surround the vines, and as may be expected from owners with a name like Siciliano, their locally pressed olive oil (also for tasting and sale) is superb. A Silver medal at the Royal Easter Show in Sydney is proof of that.

Apart from the vineyard and winery, you will be delighted to find a little piece of Italy nestled in the suburbs, with a self sufficient vegetable garden and orchard, chooks galore, a garden to envy ... and a friendly Italian cellar-door atmosphere with music to entertain.

Entry is free - but purchase of a raffle ticket at the entrance is strongly encouraged. The prize is, naturally enough, wine and olive oil! The Rotary supported Xanana Vocational Education Trust - www.xananatrust.org - is the beneficiary of the entry/raffle.

The Rotary Club of Tullamarine is selling BBQ delights to accompany the

wine, with proceeds going toward their international project - StarBright (visit www.starbright.org.au).

Another highlight of the day is the possibility of a special surprise visit by *Networker's* Clarice...no guarantees though. A good-fun day is however a certainty!

Rose Creek Estate is located at 2 Craig Street, East Keilor.

RC Chadstone/ East Malvern Venue Change

The Rotary Club of Chadstone/East Malvern has changed the venue of their meetings.

They will now meet every Wednesday from 6.00pm for 6.30pm for dinner at the Matthew Flinders Hotel, 667 Warrigal Road, Chadstone.

RC Brimbank Central's Youth Forum

RC Brimbank Central are holding a Youth Forum on **Wednesday, 12 September 2007** with the theme "It's okay to say No!".

The forum will be held at the Starlight Room, Taylors Lakes Hotel, Sydenham Melton Road, Taylors Lakes from 6.30pm for a 7.00 pm start. Cost is \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for students with ID.

Key-note speakers and subjects:

- » Jennifer Brooker - Stride Youth: wellbeing
- » Sue Renkin - Open Family: stress
- » Jan Tully - Tobin Brothers: bullying
- » Dr. Stefan Gruener - Odyssey House: suicide
- » Snr Constable Jon Reader

- Victoria Police: alcohol & other drugs

Students, parents, teachers, Police, youth workers, welfare workers, counsellors and of course Rotarians are encouraged to attend.

Please contact David Johnson on 0418 580 045 to book or Lou Gionfriddo, Program Chairman on 0411 871 978.

ARH Symposium & BBQ Luncheon - Camp Getaway

All Rotarians are invited to the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund's first 2007 Symposium at Camp Getaway (Axedale, just outside of Bendigo) on **Sunday, 9 September** from 9.15am.

The program will be conducted by Directors and Regional Coordinators from all Districts in Victoria. This is a unique opportunity to put forward your ideas and have your questions answered.

Speakers will include:

- » Associate. Professor Greg Snell on organ transplantation
- » Adam Walker, ARHRF PhD Scholar
- » Veronica Kyle, Indigenous Scholar

Stay and enjoy a barbecue luncheon following the Symposium (please RSVP by 02/09/07 for catering purposes).

To RSVP or for further information, please contact Judy Nettleton on 9427 7233 or at aceheat@ace-heat.com.au.

For those unable to attend on 9 September, our next Symposium will be on 14 October 2007 at Deakin University.

This Week's Funny...

From Mick Leahy

The silent fart (*Ed: oh dear!*)

An elderly couple was attending church services, about halfway through she leans over and says to her husband, "I just let out a silent fart, what do you think I should do?"

He replies, "Put a new battery in your hearing aid."

On Rotary Membership

from this week's Networker

Membership Recruitment & Retention

To keep clubs strong, **every Rotarian** must share the responsibility of bringing new people into Rotary. Even new members can bring guests to meetings or invite them to participate in a service project.

The value of Rotary speaks for itself, and the best way to spark the interest of potential members is by letting them experience fellowship and service firsthand.

Keeping members interested in Rotary is another responsibility. Good club fellowship and early involvement in service projects are two of the best ways to sustain the club's membership.

The ideal composition of a Rotary club reflects the community's demographics, including professions, gender, age and ethnicity. Such diversity enriches every aspect of the club's fellowship and service.

Extract from Rotarian, August 2007



MEN'S HEALTH NIGHT

"Learn to live longer, healthier & happier"

ANDY MAHER

Andrew Maher, ex-Marcellin Student, who will be M.C. for the evening, has been working full time in the football media since the late 80's. On Saturday nights he is on the channel 10 network's two football shows Before the Game and the 5th Quarter. He is also on Melbourne radio station SEN as co-host of "Morning Glory"

JOHN TOOMEY

Ex Marcellin Student and previous fitness advisor to Hawthorn and Richmond Football Clubs. One of the countries leading educators in health, personal development, work/life balance and leadership.

BERNIE CRIMMINS

Ex Marcellin Student and President of the Marcellin Bald Eagles. GP & Nutritionist, has worked as Hawthorn Club Doctor. Completed a Graduate Diploma of Human Nutrition and a Masters Degree in Public Health Nutrition.

WHEN: Wednesday 29th August at 7.30pm.

VENUE: Marcellin College Lecture Theatre.

COST: \$10 Adult \$5 School student

Ticket sales at the door.

JACK JONES

THOROLD MERRITT

Career spanning from 1950-1960. Played 180 games for Collingwood as a rover/winger and kicked 148 goals. His trademarks were legendary stab passes, reckless courage and extreme pace. Thorold Merritts name stands for style, class and courage.

Jack Jones played in the VFL in the 1940's and 1950's. He was a tall utility player who combined pace with strength and aerial prowess. He played 175 games and kicked 156 goals. Career highlights - Essendon Premiership 1946, 1949, 1950.

GRAHAM ARTHUR

Graham Arthur played in the VFL in the 1950's and 1960's. He played mainly as a half forward flanker/centreman, beginning his career at the age of 18. He was Captain of the first Hawthorn side to win the Grand Final as well as Captain of the team of the Century.

Funds raised will assist Bourke Solidarity Camp & REMAR GAP Australia.
Donations to REMAR Solidarity at the end of the night would be appreciated.

Presented by MARCELLIN BALD EAGLES AND REMAR