



## The Visitors

We have been advised that there will be twelve Rotarians from the RC of Marikina and the RC of Metro-Marikina coming on the visit to our club in October.

1. President George Ty,
2. PP Roland Garcia - the "On to Melbourne" Chairman,
3. PP Ricardo Ong,
4. PP Manny De Guzman,
5. IPP Noel Flores,
6. PP Raul Evangelista (RC of Metro-Marikina – a daughter club),
7. Rotarian Rey Montoya (Treasurer),
8. Rotarian Pat Corpuz,
9. Rotarian Willi Reys,
10. Rotarian Dan Sibal,
11. Rotarian Tops Rodriguez,
12. Mr. Guillermo Flores (Father of IPP Noel).

The RC of Marikina is the biggest club of their District and at their recent District Conference won nearly all the best club performance awards.

Cheryle has crafted together an exciting programme for the weekend, with the help of a committee, which meet last Thursday. After final approval at this week's Board Meeting the programme will be circularised. It is a refinement of the one circularised in the Bulletin earlier.

Accommodation is still required for three nights Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> for six possibly eight people. We may have to seek it outside the club if necessary. There is some need to transport the visitors to the pick up points where other Club Members will take them on tour and to functions. Total assistance will be given should any difficulty occur. Saturday night will be at the RACV Club at Healesville. Members are welcome to join in the Healesville experience or join any tours. We would like full support for the Thursday evening Club Meeting.

We hope all Rotarians will join in the fun. It would be fitting to show our visitors the best of our Club, of Brunswick and that Australian Rotarians are good hosts and high achievers.

Those of us who went to Manila in June are sorry to learn that PP Fabi Cadiz has a prior obligation to attend a meeting of their sister club in Japan. Fabi is a doctor who may run as Mayor of Manila but seems more at home on the stage singing. Perhaps David, Cheryle, George and Noel will lead us with the singing instead.

## District Conference

This year's District Conference is in Launceston 12<sup>th</sup> –14<sup>th</sup> March 2009. Apparently the best accommodation is filling fast.

Last year only Cheryle, then President, went and the year before I went with then President Adam. We left Brunswick at 3 a.m. and arrived in Canberra about 10 a.m., just in time for Adam to walk on the stage with the other Club Presidents.

The speakers that year were excellent, the best I'd heard. After the final speaker on the Saturday we hopped into Adam's car and came home. We couldn't stay for the Dinner/Dance and social activities as we had gone out of our way to attend anyway. The organisers don't seem to be attuned to the needs of younger members who have families and businesses to consider. Geared rather to older members whose families have left home and who are retired or semi retired, but then it might not make any difference.

Of course, the great conferences were those when we took a four or five day bus tour on the way, the last being in Hobart four years ago, but with a much younger core group in the club and the Manila experience last year it is difficult to get away.



## Personals

Those of us who missed Eric last week will be pleased to know that he was only in hospital for a day procedure, but does have to go back in three or four weeks time for three or four days for his operation.

Yvonne is fortunate that Barry was away at the weekend and she didn't have to put up with a smug satisfied grin at the breakfast table. Hopefully he is still away if Hawthorn do well again. And shut up David Earley and Cheryle. I had to put up with Maureen calling out "Dirty Collingwood" when Shane Wakelin got whacked. I don't know why they all hate Collingwood, she follows Carlton.

## Outward Bound – Tom Cryer

Our guest speaker Tom Cryer was sent to an Outward Bound Camp by the Rotary Club of Brunswick nearly 40 years ago, in the 1969 -1970 Rotary year. He worked at Holeproof at the time and was encourage by Rotarian George Grindal, with whom he worked to apply. Reg Geary was Club Secretary that year and Greg Sewell was admitted to the Club

He said it was a marvellous experience, which helped him to develop as a person and influenced his whole life.

After progressing in life through business and executive positions Tom is now a major partner in PANDAH personal alert systems. A unique Australian system which sends SMS alerts direct to the carer's phone.

It is seriously worth investigating and can be found on [www.pandahcare.com.au](http://www.pandahcare.com.au)

In appreciation of our Club's helping him as a young man he has donated four units to the club for us to donate to worthy recipients

## Programme

Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Sep	<b>Evening</b> <b>5.45 for 6 p.m.</b>	Location INNEN President David 's office Board Meeting
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> Sep	<b>Lunchtime</b> <b>12.45 for 1: p.m..</b>	Location Bridie O'Reilly's Speaker: Clare Scerri from Bahay Tuluyan fundraising for impoverishd Philippino children by selling ear rings
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> Sep	<b>Lunchtime</b> <b>12:45 for 1:00 p.m</b>	Location Bridie O'Reillys Greg Sewell's Grand Final Extravaganza Mega Meeting for spouses, partners, friends
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October to Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> October		Youth Arts Exhibition
October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Lunchtime</b> <b>12.45 for 1:00 p.m.</b>	Location: Bridie O'Reilly's Briefing for the visit and the Y.A.E.
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> October to Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Visit by the R.C. of Marikina, Manila</b>	Programme issued separately Rotarians required to travel with our guests and provide accommodation for three nights
October 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Lunchtime</b> <b>12.45 for 1:00 p.m.</b>	Cuc Lam – her escape from Vietnam after the fall of Saigon
October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Darebin Arts Centre</b>	Career Connections - Half day guidance to students on achieving job interview