



Greg's Raffle - Wonderful Generosity

The result of Greg Sewell's Raffle was

1 st Prize	–	Margaret Flowers
2 nd Prize	–	Mick Leahy
3 rd Prize	–	Ian Gammon (c/- Johnno)

Special thanks and acknowledgement to Margaret Flowers and to Eric Gowers for his support, they agreed prior to the meeting that if either of them won they would donate their entire winnings to the Bushfire Appeal

Mick Leahy also decided to donate \$1,000 of his prize the Appeal.

Many thanks to Margaret, Eric and Mick for their wonderful generosity

From the raffle alone we raised \$9,000 plus \$6,000 from individual members donations a total of at least \$15,000 for the Victorian Bushfire appeal.

Special thanks to Greg for his initiative, David Earley for the co-ordination, together with Johnno and Judy for producing the barrel, with Adam doing the sums.

Dean's Plans 2009/10

President Elect, Dean Kennedy will outline his plans as President for the year 2009/10 as guest speaker at this week's meeting, Thursday 12th March, 12.45 pm for 1.00 pm at Bridie's.

Following the stability put into the club from Doug and Barrys' years, from the seeds sown in Mick's year, we have had three excellent Presidents who have turned the club around into a new and positive direction. Don't miss out, come and hear how Dean plans to take the club a step further

Special General Meeting

At the Special General Meeting held on Thursday 5th March 2009, the members present approved of the new Constitution and Bylaws as submitted by the Secretary, Karin Penttila.

Changeover

President Elect Dean Kennedy advises that the Changeover for 2009 will be on Saturday 4th July 2009. Details to be published later

Weekly Raffle

The status of the weekly raffle remains tickets \$2 each or three for \$5. In addition everyone attending the meeting is given one ticket for attending the meeting.

Pears and Apples

Thanks again to Ross Costa for his generous donation of pears and Greg Sewell for the organisation of the truck load brought down recently.

Sales off the truck raised \$195. Peter and Judys' daughter Heather took some to school where they made 75 jars of pear chutney to be sold at \$5 each for the school

Be ready. The apples will be coming down shortly



District Conference

Karin and Cheryle are off to represent us at the District Conference in Launceston this coming week 12th – 14th March. We hope they behave themselves and don't tarnish the august and honourable name of Brunswick.

Sydney Road Street Party

Thanks to David Earley for the co-ordination, Dean and Mel for the marvellous visual presence, Michael Landry the balloon man, Johnno his assistant and all those who participated at the Street Party last Sunday.



There are some raffle tickets still to be sold, but I don't know how much they are, what the prize is or when it will be drawn.

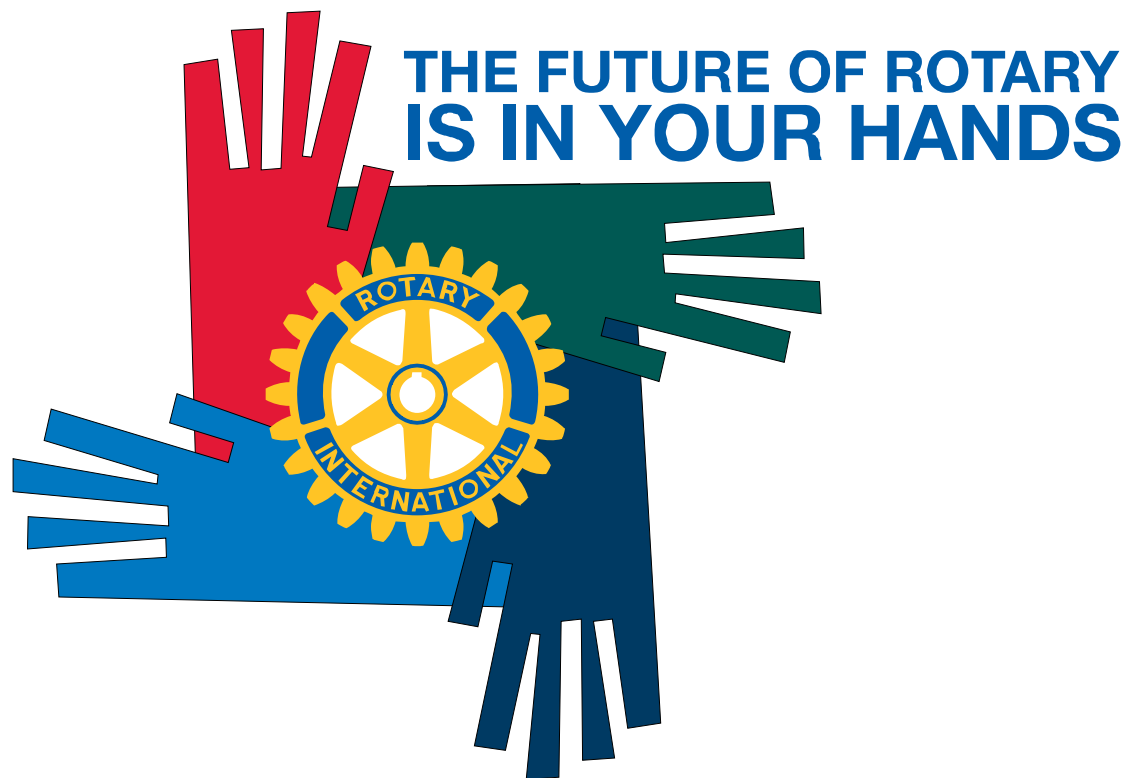
Board Meeting

The next board Meeting will be on the fourth Wednesday of this month, 24th March in President David Kennedy's office, INLLEN, 29 Sydney Road, Coburg at 6 pm

Programme

Thursday 12 th March	Lunchtime Meeting 12.45 pm for 1.00 pm	At Bridie O'Reilly's Speaker - Dean Kennedy The Rotary year 2009 /10
Thursday –Saturday 12 th -14 th March	District Conference	Launceston
Wednesday 24 th March	Board Meeting 6 pm	At President David's office INLLEN 29 Sydney Road, Coburg
Saturday 4 th July	Changeover	T.B.A.

2009–2010 Rotary International Theme



John Kenny says ‘Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands’

The 2009-10 Rotary International theme acknowledges the important role individual Rotary clubs will play in shaping the future of Rotary.

RI President-elect John Kenny unveiled the theme, The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands, on Monday during the opening plenary session of the International Assembly , an annual training event in San Diego, California, USA, for incoming district governors.

“The future of Rotary will not be shaped at RI headquarters – it will be shaped in each and every Rotary club,” Kenny said, “because it is for each of us – as Rotarians – to do what is necessary to keep Rotary strong.”

Kenny acknowledged the foundation established by past Rotary leaders and laid the responsibility for building upon that success on every Rotarian.

“Each one of us is standing on the shoulders of generations of Rotarians past, and it is our responsibility to determine Rotary’s future,” Kenny said.

“The goals we set, whatever our action plan, it is in our hands to accomplish or not,” said Kazeem Mustapha, governor-elect of District 9125 (Nigeria). “Everybody has to be involved.”

Chuck Cicchella, governor-elect of District 6710 (Kentucky, USA), likes the theme’s emphasis on the future. “I have always had a strong desire to nurture along young people. It’s vital to us.”

Kenny emphasized that every Rotary club is and must be autonomous.

“Everything begins and ends with our clubs,” he said. “Our clubs can and do work together; they work through their own districts, in cooperation with other clubs and districts, and with the support of our Foundation.

“But at the end of the day, everything that we accomplish is done through the strength of our clubs. And so each club must have autonomy to serve where and how it can serve best.”

At the same time, Kenny highlighted the importance of the RI Strategic Plan, adopted by the RI Board of Directors, as an essential tool in providing continuity.

“The plan is designed to strengthen and proclaim the core values of Rotary: service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and leadership,” Kenny said. The training sessions for incoming governors during the weeklong assembly are all tied to some component of the strategic plan, and a final group discussion on Saturday will seek to tie all the pieces together and show the future district leaders how to take the strategic plan to the club level.

Kenny concluded his remarks by sharing a favourite saying from his homeland, Scotland: “We must look beyond our own parish pump.”

“It means that we must look beyond our own home and our own community,” Kenny said. “We must look beyond our own needs, and we must be aware that ours is only one community, of one country, of the many communities and countries in this world.”

