



Greg and Glenyce Sewell - Legends

Maureen and I were most privileged to attend the induction of Greg Sewell into the Essendon Football Club Hall of Fame as only the 18th legend of the club in its 137-year history.

It is a marvellous achievement and Club Chairman; Ray Horsburgh speaking at the event said there is no greater honour at Essendon Football Club.

Ray added that Greg was a member of the most famous centre line of Ray Burgess, Jack Clarke and Greg Sewell. At the time they were acclaimed as the best centre line ever.

Greg played 171 games from 1952 to 1961, kicking 34 goals. He was Assistant Coach (and Reserves Coach) from 1965-1968 under the legendary John Coleman, Chairman of Selectors in 1974 and 1975 and Club Chairman 1981-1987. He is an Essendon and AFL life member.

The most successful Club Chairman since WWII with back-to-back premierships. One of only two ever 100% firsts coach in the history of the V.F.L./A.F.L., coached one game, won one game!

There is a long list of awards and achievements including being on the wing in the losing 1957 Grand Final team the year he played for Victoria.

We have seen in Rotary how when Greg commits himself to something he is totally positive and focussed, using all of his immense talent and skill to achieve the best result he can.

He would not have achieved any where near as much without the wonderful marriage he has had with Glenyce. They have worked so hard together, for each other and their family as well as for their outside interests, Essendon Football Club, Brunswick Rotary and the Wildwood Fire Brigade.

They had to bear the loss of their dear son Mark, who together with Philip and Tamara was one of their best mates.

We admire them both greatly and applaud this award as a proper achievement for them both.

Drought Recovery – The Rochester Project

President David is urging all members, partners and families to join the group of us going to Rochester on the weekend 16th/17th May to inspect the town and the drought affected surrounding area and hear from the locals on the difficulties they are facing.

Although we are not a club that usually gets involved with Cluster or other Club activities we need to make an exception in this case and combine with the Cluster so that we can make a significant contribution

April Fools' Day

I am obliged to announce that Cheryle's birthday is on April Fool's Day. She was apparently not due until May but couldn't wait to get here.

Further to that President David was born on Friday 13th of some other month.



Next two meetings – Evening and Breakfast

This week – Thursday 2nd April 2009 - 6.30 pm for 6.30 pm at Bridie's.
Next week – Thursday 9th April 2009 - 7 am for 7.30 am at Poached.

Essendon Daughter Clubs Meetings

We are a daughter club of the Rotary Club of Essendon and they are inviting their daughter clubs to a joint meeting at Fredericks Restaurant, Mt Alexander Road on Tuesday 21st April 2009, 6.30 p.m. for 7 p.m.

The speaker is Mr Des Pearson, the Victorian Auditor General. His office has issued several major reports on expenditures in Victoria, which is probably of interest to us all. President David has booked a table and interested people to notify Karin so that we are organised.

It does not replace our regular meeting on Thursday 23rd April 2009 but attendance does count as a make-up

Lunch fees

Having thoroughly investigated venues over the last twelve months the Board has decided to stay at Bridie's and has no plans to change and is unlikely to consider another venue for the present, even if it provides the same privacy at the same relative cost.

It has been suggested that our current venue has no appeal to businessmen, but that seems to relate to old men in suits which is not our target group. The current venue might appeal to our target group, the younger business people as it does to those already in the club.

As we are currently losing \$1,000 a year on lunches (poor attendance does not help) we are obliged to drop the wine off the menu to restore financial balance.

We are still provided with the same meal of two courses, but members will now buy their own wine. The price for lunch remains at \$25 per head,

The new arrangement comes into force this week, 2nd April 2009

D 9800 – Bushfire Recovery Fund Function

A circular is attached for another Bushfire fund raising idea.

I'm sorry..... That's not true, I'm not sorry. Someone in a club gets a "good idea" and wants to become famous. The club supports the idea and it is a very sound idea, but they spoil it, who do they go to sell tickets to the function – other Rotary Clubs. Perhaps there are clubs not doing anything, although that's hard to imagine. We at Brunswick are not sitting around doing nothing waiting for their leadership.

Our club (of under 30 members) has raised over \$15,000 for the bush fire appeal heading towards \$20,000. We didn't go to other Rotary Clubs we did it ourselves.

That's Brunswick, that's leadership.

Programme

Thursday 2 nd April 2009	Evening meeting 6 pm for 6.30 pm	Bridie O'Reillys Fellowship
Thursday 9 th April 2009	Breakfast meeting 7 am for 7.30 am	At "Poached". Fellowship
Thursday 16 th April 2009	Lunchtime meeting 12.45 pm for 1 pm	Bridie O'Reillys. Speaker: Helena Steele Career Changes
Tuesday 21 st April 2009	Essendon Daughter Clubs Meeting 6.30 p m for 7 p m	Guest Speaker Mr Des Pearson Victorian auditor General
Saturday / Sunday 16 / 17 th May	Visit Rochester	Cluster drought examination
Saturday 4 th July 2009	Changeover	T.B.A.



Rebuilding Lives in the Wake of Disaster

London Bombing Survivor and Head of the Bushfire Recovery Authority join to describe how the dream of a better future can be made real.



An event proudly presented by the Rotary Club of Southbank in support of:

THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL D 9800 BUSHFIRE RECOVERY

When?

Thursday, 16th April, 12.00pm for 12:15pm

Where?

The Bellarine Room at:



MELBOURNE CONVENTION CENTRE

Corner of Spencer and Flinders streets

Cost?

\$65 per person or Corporate package \$1200 for a table of ten including table naming rights & a Rotary Centurion Package

Two course lunch, including drinks. (Vegetarian and special food requirements are also available upon advance request).



Gill Hicks was the last person to be rescued from her train in the London bombings of 7th July 2005. Losing both her legs in the incident and coming perilously close to losing her life, Gill faced a battle few could imagine. But her recovery forms just part of the story that makes Gill so remarkable.

Since September 2006 Gill has been a passionate ambassador for Peace Direct, an organisation whose focus is grass roots peacebuilding in areas of conflict across the world. Back home in Australia, Gill will share her inspirational story with local Rotarians of Districts 9800 and 9810 as well as interested members of the public at The Melbourne Convention Centre (corner of Spencer and Flinders streets) on Thursday, 16th April.

Gill will be joined in her speaking role at lunch by Victoria's new Head of the Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority, Christine Nixon.



As Victoria's most recently retired Chief Commissioner of Police, Christine Nixon will share with us how a lifetime of challenges rising through the ranks of Australian policing has prepared her for the challenges now facing our State. With Victoria facing a huge task in recovering from our deadliest ever bushfires, a multitude of questions are faced by the Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority, with humanitarian, financial, ethical, psychological, emotional, logistical, material and future planning issues all at the forefront. Over lunch Christine will share with us her thoughts on just how the Authority can best address the needs of individual victims and communities, whilst responsibly coordinating government assistance and the generous contributions from millions across Australia and beyond.



NET PROCEEDS WILL BE CONTRIBUTED TO THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL D 9800 BUSHFIRE RECOVERY FUND

Rebuilding Lives in the Wake of Disaster

Registration & Payment Form

London Bombing Survivor, Gill Hicks and Head of the Bushfire Recovery Authority, Christine Nixon join to describe how the dream of a better future can be made real.

To register: Complete this form by hand and send it to Clarice by email at clarice@rotarydistrict9800.org or fax it to 03 9690 9494 or send to RC Southbank, PO Box 20, South Melbourne, Vic, 3205



Contact Name : _____ Ph: _____

Rotary Club: _____

Please list attendees:

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Payment:

Cheques can be made payable to the Rotary Club of Southbank and sent to PO Box 20, South Melbourne, Vic, 3205 OR Pay by credit card:

Visa / Mastercard (please circle card type)

Credit card number: _____

Total payable: _____

Name on card: _____

Exp: ____ / ____

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO ARRANGE SPECIAL MEAL REQUIREMENTS PLEASE CONTACT CLARICE AT clarice@rotarydistrict9800.org OR CALL 03 9690 7979

RSVP and PAYMENT TO BE RECEIVED BY 10 April 2009

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More about the Speakers:

Gill Hicks



Named Australian of The Year in Britain for 2009, Gill has taken part in events promoting peace at all levels around the world – from classroom debates and community gatherings to national and international forums. She has made numerous media appearances, garnering particular attention for her 435km walk from Leeds to London on prosthetic legs to highlight the need for communities to work together. This feat typified the courage and determination that Gill has displayed in the face of adversity, her qualities further recognised when the Queen awarded Gill a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE).

Christine Nixon



Australia's first ever female Police Commissioner, Christine Nixon has led a strong campaign of cultural change through the ranks of Victoria Police. Christine's anti-corruption stance and willingness to modernise the way policing is conducted in Victoria has not been short of challenges or controversies, however Christine's record in successively bringing down crime rates and reducing member attrition in Victoria Police since 2001 speaks volumes. Retiring from Victoria Police in April 2009, Christine now takes over the huge task of Head of the Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority.



Rotary International has a long history of the promotion of peace, hosting the Rotary World Peace Summit, appointing the prestigious Rotary World Peace Fellowships and convening seven Rotary Centres for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution across the world.

Similarly Rotary has been greatly involved in providing tangible assistance to bushfire victims, with numerous club-run programs in affected locales, as well as joint efforts through the **Rotary District 9800 Bushfire Recovery Fund** and unique programs like ShelterBox, which has provided basic living, sleeping and cooking amenities to those left with nothing.



Rotary International works in communities throughout the world to build understanding, wellbeing, cultural connections and healthier communities, sharing the same sentiments as Gill that peace can be achieved through practical efforts to engage in positive exchanges.

For more information or to purchase tickets to the event, interested parties can contact Clarice on 03 9690 7979 or email clarice@rotarydistrict9800.org.