



City Meets Country

City meets country, The Heritage Cluster tour to Rochester, hosted by the Rotary club of Rochester.

A minimum of 40 people on the tour paying \$50 each plus some payments from those staying with local Rotarians is 150 food vouchers valued at \$200 to be distributed as the result of the tour. The Richmond and Carlton Clubs are making an independent donation.

If the planning figure is for forty to attend from five clubs, it will be a pity if Brunswick does not have at least eight going

Saturday 16th May 2009

11 a.m.	Arrive at Rochester,
1 p.m.	Visit farms in the area,
6.30 p.m.	To accommodation
7 p.m.	Dinner Rochester Tavern

Sunday 17th May 2009

9 a.m.	Meet at the Elmore Events Centre
10.30 am	Corop. Visit dried up lake, talk to locals
12 noon	Lake Cooper Estate Winery. Lunch provided by local group
2 p.m.	Farewell and return

Let's finalise our commitment and bookings before Easter

Hall of Fame – Essendon

It's worth having a look through the Essendon F.C. Hall of Fame just down from the Club Rooms in Napier St. if you are ever in that area. It is particularly well set up and worth a visit.

You will of course marvel at the sculptured bust of Greg Sewell one of the eighteen legends of the club. Although he may never be mistaken for a Roman senator, his is the only one sculpted wearing his glasses

Speaking of Greg – Apples and Pears

Greg's got lots of apples and pears to sell this week at \$5 per bag or \$20 a box.

Speaking of Essendon

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

Bookings with Karin are required now so that we can finalise our table.

April Fool

I got up to go to the bathroom the other night when I came out Maureen said "someone just rang the front door bell", it was a bit late and I said "I didn't hear it", she said "well you were in the bathroom, there's someone at the door". I turned on the light opened the door, couldn't see anyone through the security door.

Then with peals of raucous laughter she said "April Fool". I looked at my watch it was 2 minutes passed midnight on April 1st

Breakfast Meeting

This week's breakfast meeting is at "Poached", 7 am for 7.30 am to 8.30 am, at 169 Lygon St., (on the West side), just South of Glenlyon Road.



Generational Change

I have always been a clubman. I belong to the Rotary Club of Brunswick, not some Cluster or District. The Club for me is an autonomous entity. It's my team.

The District is only a convenient administrative link between the Club and R.I.

As President I attended no P.E.T.S. or any other training, there wasn't any that I was aware of at that time. There was no such thing as Clusters. I didn't think too much training was necessary and I wouldn't have bothered with it. We did have District Assembly that was of some value (90% was pretty obvious, but 10 % was of value). I knew what I wanted to do and I did it. It was the way I was trained in life and that was my experience.

I'm also be concerned that direction from above, takes the initiative away from the Club and some ghastly hierarchical system could develop.

The District Conference was an opportunity for a social four-day bus tour enjoyed by a group of us on the way to an interstate destination. I liked our District for that; our neighbouring District 9790 was going to Bendigo and Shepparton, while we going to the Gold Coast, Adelaide, Sydney, Hobart or Canberra.

John Kenny the incoming World President of R.I. SAYS

"But at the end of the day, everything we accomplish is done through the strength of our Clubs. And so each Club must have autonomy where and how it can serve best." and "Everything begins and ends with our Clubs"

However, discussing this with a couple of younger members they told me that their experience is in working and co-operating with others and they have a different experience and approach to me. They may be right, as my generation failed miserably by allowing us to all grow old together and not engaging in a permanent state of regeneration. Not just in people but in generational change of thought. Too often we wanted the next generation to do it our way and not their way as we were given the liberty to do in our time.

The District Conference also has a different perspective for them. They are much more travelled than us, so time out getting there has no appeal for them as they've done that and they don't have time for trivialities

John Kenny adds

"Our Clubs can and do work together; they work through their Districts, in cooperation with other Clubs and districts, and with the support of our Foundation"

As the next District Conference is in Perth we might go to Sydney get the Indian Pacific train across to Perth, go to the Conference, spend a week in W.A. and fly home.

I'm not going to make any effort to go to local Conferences when we are expected to pay the full registration fee, but can't stay for the full programme.

Programme

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'Reilly's. 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
Wednesday 22 nd April 2009	Board meeting 6 pm	At President David's office INNLEN Sydney Road, Coburg
Saturday / Sunday 16 / 17 th May	Visit Rochester 11 am Sat to 2 pm Sun	Cluster drought examination hosted by RC of Rochester
Saturday 4 th July 2009	Changeover	T.B.A.