



District Assembly III - 2009

The Heritage Cluster is hosting the District assembly this year on Sunday 31st May. Our A.D.G Chris Wang is seeking six to eight Brunswick Rotarians to assist in staffing the event.

So far we have: Kevin Dale

Possibles Peter Johnstone Cheryle Landolina Bob Jamieson and

Maybe Mel Kennedy

President Elect Dean Kennedy might also be approaching incoming Board members and office holders to discuss their availability to attend the training session at the District Assembly, which is to be held in the Wilson Hall at Melbourne University on Sunday 31st May commencing at 9.30 a.m.

It would be difficult to be on the staff and attend the training. However, anyone attending in either capacity is credited with a makeup

The District Changeover

The District Governors' Changeover will be held in the Melbourne Park Function Centre – (Melways 2G B-7) next to the Rod Laver Stadium on Saturday 27th June 2009 from 7 p.m.

Bookings are only through the Club's Secretary, Karin Penttila.

District Assembly I - 1978

I've been most fortunate to be chairman of the organising committee on the two occasions when Brunswick was asked by the District Chairman of the time to host the District Assembly.

The first occasion in 1978 was by default. I was deputy chairman of the organising committee to George Churches who became sick so I took over. It was 31 years ago, I was 38, Jammo and Greg were in their young to mid 40s. Club President at the time, Keith Royston, left me to organise it and on the day I worked directly with the outstanding District Chairman of that year, the late urbane Ray Chambers of Hawthorn.

It was simple really, we agreed to a request by the District Governor to do the job so we did it. I was surprised when every member of the club, bar one turned up on the day to assist. I recall Bob Jamieson coming in on the Saturday afternoon to help me set up with signage and on the ground planning.

I remember working out with Greg Sewell how to get a large number of cars quickly in off the street through one gate. With Rotarians in each parking area, we sent five down the lower left track, the next five down the lower right track, five down the upper left track, then five down the upper right track. By this time the first five that had gone down the lower left track were parked so we could send another five down there and repeat the process. Thereby moving the cars in a continual moving stream off the street

For some reason that eludes me now I ended up being the M.C. for the whole of the opening segment, introducing the District Governor, District Governor Elect and giving directions to the various sessions.

It was held at the Teachers Training College, Auburn Road, Hawthorn. The car entrance was in Robinson Road.

Although there may have been as many as ten fewer clubs in the District at that time, the assembly hall was packed with virtually no spare seating.



Black or White Backed Magpies

If you want to take a look, the group photograph of the club members in “The History of Brunswick” book was taken at the second District Assembly we organised in 1997. An article about our role in that District Assembly will be in the next issue.

It is usual for the club hosting the District Assembly or the District Conference to wear a distinctive item of clothing.

As hosts in 1998 we decided to wear a white cap with black as the secondary colour. This is obvious from the photo of the assembled members in “The History of Brunswick” book. As Rotary Club of Collingwood had already adopted the black with white; as the secondary colour and Brunswick were the V.F.A. Magpies we took the reverse colour scheme. The magpie appeared on the City of Brunswick Coat of Arms and on our club banner

Brunswick was a serious contender to enter the V.F.L. in 1928 when Footscray, North Melbourne and Hawthorn were admitted. Carlton objected because it would seriously encroach on their supporter base and it would not have been practicable as there is already a heavy bias of clubs on the Northern arc of the city.

The late Jack Davis, who was my closest Rotary mate until he died, played for Brunswick in the years just before the war. He told me that after beating Brighton for the V.F.A. flag in 1938 Brunswick beat Richmond by three goals in an after the season match when most V.F.A. would play a V.F.L. team in a friendly. Jack was elected to a place in Brunswick’s team of the century. He was invited to South Melbourne at 21 but went to war the following week instead.

There are white backed and black backed magpies. They belong to the same species. White backed is generally North of the Dividing Range and black backed to the South. There is an occasional trespass with the odd grey backed from cross breeding. There are no yellow backed magpies in either Brunswick or Collingwood!!

Loving His Work

Mick Leahy reports that he is enjoying his new life tremendously since changing his business life into organising golf tours whilst retaining his travel consultancy role on a reduced basis.

He has just returned from a golfing trip to Tasmania with a party of 33 golfers from the Gisborne golf Club They played three games in three days at the Launceston Country Club then a game at Barnbungle dunes a course that is only five years old and rates number one in Australia.

He is currently organising two overseas golf trips over the next two years. One to South Africa and Mauritius in 2010 and another to Scotland and Ireland called “The Golf Guinness and Whiskey Tour of 2011”

Mick is still working two days a week at Harvey World Travel in Niddrie

Programme

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
Thursday 23 rd April 2009	Lunchtime meeting 12.45 pm for 1 pm	Bridie O'Reilly's. Speaker Jane Harris Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation
Wednesday 29 th April 2009	Board meeting 6 pm	At President David's office INNLEN Sydney Road, Coburg
Saturday / Sunday 16 / 17 th May 2009	Visit Rochester 11 am Sat to 2 pm Sun	Cluster drought examination hosted by RC of Rochester
31 st May 2009	District Assembly – 9.30 am	Wilson Hall, Melbourne University
27 th June 2009	District Governors' Changeover – 7 pm	Melbourne Park Function Centre
Saturday 4 th July 2009	Changeover	T.B.A.