



Congratulations Dean

Congratulations to President Dean Kennedy for choice of Board members for next year 2009/10. See attachment.

It looks very well balanced to me.

I am thrilled that we have successfully handed our club over to the next generation and I'm confident in their ability to take us forward. Having turned the club around with the first three new generation Presidents it's now up to the next three to build up the club.

I have in recent years promoted the view that Presidents as a rule should be under 50 years of age and two thirds of the Board under 45.

I see Mick Leahy's appointment as Vice President a very good move. A Past President, his experience will be invaluable to Dean who can also call on him as a mentor if the need arises.

Having a couple of Board members over 60 is probably wise and gives it balance.

However, as I am turning 70 I am not longer available as I believe too many 60 and 70 year olds suffocate a club, it does not allow the younger members to gain experience and introduce new age methods. As I am coming round into the home straight there are a couple of things outside of Rotary I hope to achieve before I reach the finishing line.

The Bulletin

Dean is also introducing a modern concept of internal and external communication. Internal to keep members informed of events and reports. External to publicise the club and its activities.

There will be a weekly newsletter, a monthly bulletin and a quarterly magazine. Dean is experienced in communicating as a means of promoting and advertising. It will take a lot of work but it should prove to be fruitful.

I'm coming to the end of my fifth time of being Bulletin editor and I doubt if I will be available to do it again. My time has been limited so my primary objective has been to produce it weekly (except when I was away and over the January Holiday period) to keep members informed. I only filled in when it was apparent that there was no one else to do it at the time. I could have done better with more time.

Brunswick Industries

Our annual meeting at B.I.A. will be on Thursday 18.06.2009 12.45 pm for 1 pm.

Membership

The Board voted to cease singing Rotary Grace as in the modern age, with a multiplicity of religions and beliefs potential members might get the wrong idea about who we are.

The only thing is I haven't yet seen a large number of potential members as guests. So those who sought the change might now want to do something like make it happen and bring along some guests, after all the club is in great shape.

Although Cuc Lam will be inducted as a new member in a week or so

Iterate

If iterate means to repeat or do repeatedly. What does reiterate mean?



Rochester

The fortunate members who were able to go to Rochester the weekend before last felt that the trip was worthwhile in that some people up there were grateful that someone was at least interested in their plight although there is a limit on what might be immediately achieved.

Perhaps there is an opportunity for some on going support – bring a busload of kids (and even adults) to Melbourne for the weekend or something. The situation is apparently quite desperate with male breadwinners withdrawing and becoming suicidal.

It appears in retrospect that this area simply does not have enough water to support dairy farming and the earlier decision to sub divide wheat and sheep farms into dairy farms was ill advised.

With drought problems unlikely to improve and already there are signs of an “El Nino” pattern developing over the Pacific Ocean likely to exacerbate the situation. If it isn’t already happening people may well have off walk off their farms, with their families, no money and in a climate when unemployment is increasing.

“Good ideas”

We’ve been an outstanding club over the years in doing some very effective one off projects, although with the establishment of B.I.A. it took bit longer to set up and purchase the freehold.

Bagong Barrio is hopefully going to be ongoing.

However, it seems to me that there is a lack of continuity in starting thing like the Award at Brunswick Secondary School doing it for a couple of years then letting it drop. Quite frankly we’d be better off not starting it in the first place, which would be pity because it is a great idea and shouldn’t take too much time. Someone has to accept the responsibility for it.

It is no good having a “good idea” and expecting some else to do it, invariably it won’t happen

It’s like those clubs, which come up with “good ideas” but have no idea what to do except circularise other clubs for support. Unfortunately other clubs, if they are any good, are already flat out with their own projects

You’ve got a “good idea”, great; it’s up to you to make it happen or ensure the President will take it to the Board and make it happen.

A classic example is how Greg Sewell promoted the raffles, didn’t drop it in someone else’s lap but went out sold most tickets and made it happen. That’s leadership.

Continuity. I believe in Standard Procedures as some people well know, which are passed from one President to the next, from one Board to the next.

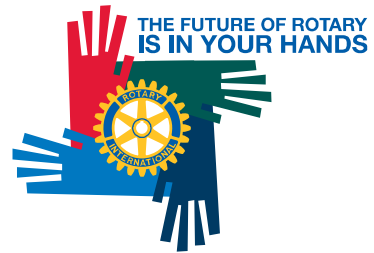
Programme

Thursday 28 th May 2009	Lunchtime meeting 12.45 pm for 1 pm	Bridie O’Reillys Guest Speaker t.b.a.
Sunday 31 st May 2009	District Assembly	Wilson Hall, Melbourne University
Thursday 4 th June 2009	Real Industry Job Interview Program	Moreland Council Offices, Urquhart St., Moreland 9.30 am to 3 pm
Thursday 4 th June 2009	Evening Meeting 6 pm for 6.30 pm	Bridie O’Reillys Fellowship. Approve 2009/10 Board
Thursday 18 th June 2009	Lunchtime meeting 12.30 pm for 1 pm	B.I.A - Brunswick Industries Syme St., Brunswick
Saturday 27 th June 2009	District Governor’s Changeover	Melbourne Park Functions Centre
Saturday 4 th July 2009	Changeover	t.b.a.



ROTARY CLUB OF BRUNSWICK

Changeover 2009



Rotary Club of Brunswick 2009-10 Board* and Officers

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Special Projects	Doug Walsh*
Attendance	Eric Gowers*
Protection Officer	Peter Johnstone
Public Relations	Dean Kennedy
On To Conference	Mick Leahy
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