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Special points of interest:

- New Member Induction
- Don Jago's Big Cheque
- Last Meeting Highlights
- District Awards
- New RI President

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Next Weeks Meeting

Wednesday July 8th

Time: 6.15 for 6.30 pm

Speaker: Ross McMullin

Subject: **'The Life & Times of Will Dyson'**

Ross, a prolific writer, will give an insight into the life of the Australian Artist-writer who first gained international prominence from his political cartoons

Chair: PP John Phillips

Meeting Rosters

JULY

Registration Desk

Jon Oppy

Richard Balsillie

Welcomer

Leslie Daniels-King

AUGUST

Registration Desk

TBA

Welcomer

TBA

It is the responsibility of the rostered Member to find a replacement if not able to attend

Future Club Program

Date	Speaker	Subject	Chair
Wed 15th July	Andy Spry	Member Behind The Badge	Peter Allen
Wed 22nd July	Jane Shannon	My visit to Turkey as a member of the District GSE Team	John Steven
		Jane is a teacher at St Catherine's Senior School	
Wed 29th July		Meeting at Caulfield Race Course our New Venue For the Art Show	

Club Meets
Wednesdays 6.15 for 6.30
Canterbury Centre, 2 Rochester Road
Canterbury

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Secretary: Richard Gray
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“they will be refunding the entire amount of the food bill plus half the alcohol consumed ”

From The Humidor

What an exciting week in Rotary it has been for me. Since my induction last week I have attended the District Governors change over on Saturday night, North Balwyn's change over on Sunday for lunch, Canterbury on Monday night, then Tuesday was Balwyn's changeover. But the highlight was my first night back at our home 'Conochie Hall' as President of the Rotary club of Camberwell.

Tonight was certainly a very full night. I was very happy to be able to welcome our newest member David Atkinson, his wife Josephine and daughter Audrey into our club, and I look forward to getting to know them a lot better. Mike Pavay received a district award for the best club bulletin for a club with over 55 members. Some thing he has rightly earned and we are very lucky to have an editor that does such a fine job.

For the second year in a row, we received the award for the most money presented to foundation, quite a remarkable achievement considering the other clubs in our district that have a higher membership than we do.

Tonight we presented our Annual cheque to Bass care of \$5000, which was accepted by Mr Bryce Mclean, who is their chief financial officer. This money will be used to help fund their ongoing projects.

I immensely enjoyed giving my 'Man behind the Badge' presentation. It is always an interesting time sitting down and trying to encapsulate ones life into a 15 minute speech. I am certainly a different person to the one I was when I gave my last presentation 13 years ago. My children are now young adults but have grown up with an ethos of service above self. Our committees met for the first time, and Anita and I both attended the Fellowship meeting where I outlined a wish list of what I would like for the coming year.

We will endeavour to give you all a year of fun and fellowship with a range of functions and meetings that you will enjoy, look forward to and be proud to bring guests along to.

For those of you who attended last weeks change over night, you will remember the caterers running out of food half way through service. I have today held talks with Fosters Brewing and they will be refunding the entire amount of the food bill plus half the alcohol consumed and giving us all passes to the beer museum.

All of this money will go straight back to the sunshine account and will be used to subsidise future events this year. Thankyou for easing me in to my first regular meeting, and I promise you a year to remember.

President Dennis

Club Web Site

The web site has been updated with all bulletins and latest news.

The members section has all Minutes of Board Meetings as well as copy of Club Directory

To see changes www.camberwellrotary.org.au

District Community Service Forum

Camp Getaway, Axedale

10.30am to 2.30pm, 12th July 2009

As part of District 9800's Club and Programme Support the District Community Service Committee would like to invite you to Camp Getaway to join us in sharing in the Club and District Projects planned for 2009-2010. You will also have a personally escorted tour of the new facilities at the D9800 Camp Getaway Networking with your Cluster Clubs in Community Service and a fabulous Rotary BBQ all provided

See Geoff Day if you are interested in attending

Last Weeks Meeting

A busy meeting last week with a cheque presentation, an induction, more awards and the President's Member behind the Badge Speech.

Presentation

A cheque for \$5,000 was presented to Bryce McLean Chief Financial Officer of BASS care, to further assist them in their work within the local Community. Bryce in thanking the Club for the donation outlined the history of the Association and its current activities.

He mentioned that monies have been budgeted to improve Conochie Hall.

Induction of David Atkinson

President Dennis had the pleasure of inducting a new member as his first duty at his inaugural meeting after taking office.



David Atkinson was introduced by his proposer PP Neil Hookey, President Dennis inducted David with badges and reading material and then Anita presented David's partner Josephine with flowers.

David responded and was then welcomed with enthusiasm.

Welcome to you both.



Awards

At the DG Changeover Dinner last week PP Neil Hookey received on behalf of the Club, 2 District Awards for the year 2008—09 with respective certificates. These were:

- The highest per capita donations to Foundation for any Club in District 9800
- High Commendation for the Bulletin for a Club over 55 members.

Ian Feder was presented by PP Neil Hookey (again) with a blown up photograph of the Sing Australia event at Katunga as part of Boroondara Cares. The photograph will be sent to Moira Shire for hanging by them.



Dennis's Member Behind the Badge Presentation

President Dennis repeated his Member Behind the Badge talk 13 years after first presenting it but with updated information as well as various interesting photos showing his various hair styles over the years.. Extracts from the talk include:

I was born in March, 1953, the first child to Harry and Barbara Coleman, and lived in Footscray till I was 16 years old. My father was a holocaust survivor, the last remaining member of his family who perished during WW2. My father was one of the lucky ones, as he was not sent to a concentration camp. He was captured by the Russian army early during the war, and was sent to a gulag in the waste lands of Siberia, where he was imprisoned for approximately 6 years. He wandered Europe for 4 years before boarding a boat in Italy and coming to Australia. 6 months after arriving, he met my mother on a tram going to a dance at the Palais in St Kilda and 3 months later they were married. At this time, my father was working making bicycles. He was injured after being knocked off his bike and after 6 weeks in hospital he needed a new job.

He then trained as a watch maker which Dennis then followed in his footsteps.

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Last Weeks Meeting

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In 1973, after the latest war in Israel, I decided to go and volunteer on a Kibbutz in Israel for 6 months to do the work of a soldier in the army. Some of my friends were there already and I suppose looking back now it was one of the turning points of my life. It was at this time I first started searching for my fathers family but to no avail.

I came back to Australia, and at 21 opened my first shop in Little Collins st in the city where I was a success. I then went to work as quality control manager for Timex watches, where I stayed for 2 years before buying what was Stanways jewellers in Balwyn, which I renamed, Balwyn Jewellers, and 32 years later I am still there

17 years ago I met Anita on a blind date. And life has never been the same. This fiery tempestuous ex Israeli paratrooper turned my life upside down and has been doing so ever since. Before I met Anita, I had been married for ten years, and divorced for 2. In that time I had a son and a daughter, Benjamin and Tara, who Anita has treated like her own. Anita and I have 2 daughters together, Mattan and Shani, who most of you have met already.

Hobbies. Yes I have had and still have quite a few. I have played Lacrosse for a couple of years. I have done Judo and Karate. For many years I ran marathons, completing 4 full Melbourne Marathons and nearly 100 fun runs. For many years, 6 am starts everyday were the norm.

As most of you know I love my Harley and have covered 31 of the 50 United States, first going in 1998 for the 95th anniversary of Harley Davidson, and back again in 2003 for the 100th I spend 4 nights a week in the gym plus my hobby for the last couple of years is Aviculture. Anita and I breed parrots and finches. In fact, we have hand raised a couple from 2 weeks old. And the last hobby, which is not so politically correct, is the love for a fine Habanos. A hand made cigar.

One of the points I brought up earlier related to the search of my fathers family who perished in the holocaust. I went back to Poland with my son Benjamin, to see where my father was born, and to show my son where our family came from.

It was an organised tour all over Poland including visiting Auschwitz and participated in the March of the Living, a 3km March from Auschwitz to Birkenau where more than 1 Million people were slaughtered. Before travelling to Poland I did very extensive research. I hired a polish genealogist who specialises in family tracings and for 6 months she put together a tree for me spanning 6 generations. That journey drained me, but gave me concrete evidence of who I am but still I found no living relative

That changed in January last year. That was the time I got an email from my polish researcher that she had gotten an email from a Woman in San Francisco that thought we possibly could be related, my heart skipped a beat and I emailed her immediately. I rang her and after 10 minutes of talking we found that her father was my father's first cousin. This was better for me than winning tatslotto, and suddenly I had a second cousin. Coincidentally her family also survived in the Gulags of Siberia but instead of Australia, they went to Israel. I have found out I have a large family that I never knew about.

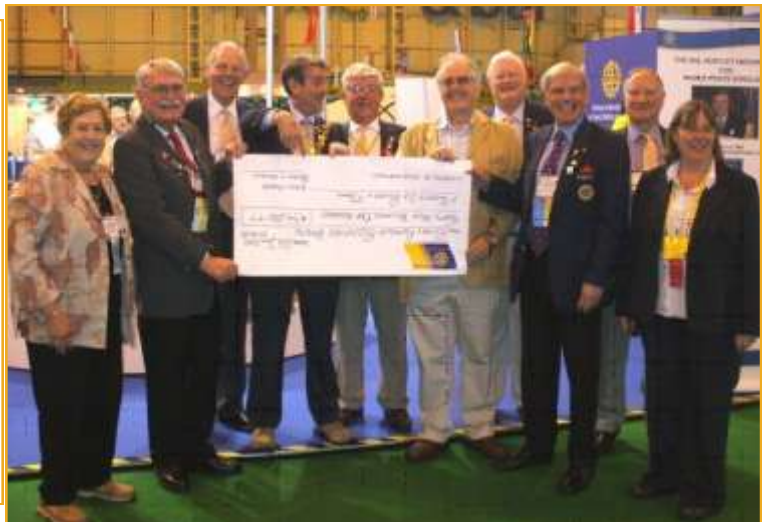
I flew to Israel on the 20th of March last year and on my birthday 3 days later I met the family I thought had been lost for ever. We are still in regular contact and this has brought a peace to me that I can not explain.

One of the things I said in my speech last Wednesday is that what we give comes back to us tenfold. And this is what I meant.

**“Dennis’s
Man Behind
the
President’s
Badge”**

Bush Fire Cheque From RIBI

PDG Don Jago had a very pleasant, surprise duty when he attended the Rotary International Convention in Birmingham, England, last week. On behalf of District 9800, he was presented with a cheque for £34,127 by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI) on behalf of its 29 Districts. This wonderful donation has been made to assist the Victorian Bushfire Recovery and adds to donations of \$14,664 already received by the District 9800 Bushfire Recovery Fund from British Rotary Clubs, making a grand total of \$84,476. This support from Rotarians in a geographic region with which Victoria has always had a close association is greatly appreciated.
(Ed: Is it upside down because he is bringing it here)



Fellowship & Social News



BOROONDARA FAMILY NETWORK INC. PRESENTS A NIGHT TO REMEMBER AT THE

MELBOURNE SAVAGE CLUB

An elegant Victorian mansion houses one of Melbourne's oldest and most respected Clubs.



The Melbourne Savage Club was founded in the late nineteenth century, and across the years, has provided a unique and relaxed atmosphere for members. Many visitors have expressed interest in the Club history and, in particular, the origins of the Club's exceptional collection of artefacts and art.

Melbourne, in 1894, was tasting the bitter aftermath of the great land boom. Against this sombre background, The Melbourne Savage Club was founded. The first

President Dr Harvey E. Astles, M.D., F.R.C.P., presided over a Club of "bohemian" spirit. In this respect, the Club was based upon an appreciation of music, art, drama, science and literature.

The Club name is attributed to the minor eighteenth century poet, Richard Savage, as well as being a wry double-entendre on the spirited nature of its founding members.

**Thursday 20th August
Delicious Finger Food
Fine Wines
Exceptional
Entertainment
\$60.00 PH.**

**Join Kay & Bern Connell
to Support Your BFN
Bookings 0418129347
B4 Aug 18**

BENDIGO BASH

We are proposing the trip be on Saturday September 12th returning September 13th. Leaving on the 9.15am train from Southern Cross and returning on the 2.34pm train on Sunday. I have made inquiries at the Cathedral Motor Inn in central Bendigo within easy walking distance of the station, the art gallery, the Cathedral, the Chinese Museum, other attractions and major restaurants. Everyone will be responsible for payment of their own motel payments but I am prepared to reserve rooms with a deposit. Once numbers are known we can select a restaurant and make a booking. ANNE 0419 470 405. amurphy@bigpond.net.au JIM 0419 809 855

See Bern Connell for the night at the Savage Club and

Jim O'Hara or Anne Murphy for the trip to Bendigo

New Member David Atkinson's Contact Details For Your Records

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- Proposed by Neil Hookey 1/07/09
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New RI President John Kenny



RI president 2009-10

RI welcomes its first president from Scotland, John Kenny. The 2009-10 RI theme, *The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands*, emphasizes the individual clubs that make up the heart and soul of the organization.

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Last Meeting's Guests, Apologies, Etc



Guests

Anita Bejerano
Ross Tor'Bey- Nick Pane
Marcus Falay—Nick Pane
David Atkinson—Neil Hookey
Josephine Atkinson
Audrey Atkinson
Adrian Campbell
Bryce McLean

Visiting Rotarians:

None

Apologies:

Peter Allen, Peter Anderson, Geoff Angus, David Baker, Chris Carra, Gordon Duxbury, Richard Gray, Warwick Heil, Graeme Hope, Don Jago, Pierre Kreigler, Tim Landsberg, Frank Leigh, Aub McLaren, Peter Matthews, Michael Neumann, Joseph Orlando, John Steven, Nick Pane.

Make Ups:

Dennis Coleman—Four Changeovers
John Steven—15 in Europe including RI Convention

Raffle Winner

Don Fotheringham

Farewell

Neil & Marg Hookey—Well deserved trip North

Welcome Back

John Steven



Birthdays, Anniversaries, Etc.

Birthdays

Michael Blood	5th July
Les Dale	1st July
Pierre Kriegler	4th July
Gerry Lavender	6th July
Christine Landsberg	3rd July
Helen Pavey	2nd July

Wedding Anniversaries

Mark & Karen Hassed 2nd July 26 Yrs
Eric & Val Heyburn 2nd July 49 Yrs

Club Anniversaries

Bern Connell	7th July	16 Yrs
Patrick Cunniffe	3rd July	13 Yrs
Peter Pratt	3rd July	13 Yrs

Quote of The Week Return

“ALWAYS PUT OFF TILL TOMORROW WHAT YOU SHOULD’N’T DO AT ALL”

Almoners Report

Aub McLaren has had another fall and has spent 4 days in hospital. Is now home and recovering

Directory Changes

Mark Hassed has a new email address:

hassedm@gmail.com

