



# CLUB BULLETIN



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Special points of interest:

- An Award to the Club
- Matthew Pickering—a great Speaker
- Blood Donor Dates
- Katunga Reports
- Kew RC Golf
- Birthdays, Anniversaries, Etc.

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## Next Weeks Meeting

Wednesday February 11th

Subject: Club Forum

Chairman: PE Dennis Coleman

## Meeting Rosters

### FEBRUARY

#### Registration Desk

Bob Heinemann

Geoff Angus

#### Welcomer

Richard O'Brien

### MARCH

#### 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	Chairman
<b>18th Feb</b>	<b>Supt. Ignhard Ehrenberg</b>	<b>Police Mentoring Program</b>	<b>Chair: Geoff McCormick</b>
	<i>Supt. Ehrenberg will discuss the Rotary community initiative</i>		
<b>25th Feb</b>	<b>Andrew Sandback</b>	<b>National Youth Science Forum</b>	<b>Chair Mark Hased</b>
<b>4th March</b>	<b>Chris Don</b>	<b>'Our Rotary Foundation'</b>	<b>Don Jago</b>
	<i>Don is a member of RC. Chadstone/East Malvern And is Chair of the District Foundation Committee</i>		
<b>11th March</b>	<b>Mark Cowan-Aston</b>	<b>Planning &amp; Assessing Projects</b>	<b>Chair: Ian Feder</b>
	<i>Mark runs a consultancy organisation 'March - People Solutions and has seen service with the British Army &amp; is a member of Toastmasters</i>		

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

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**Secretary: Ron Lear**  
**Treasurer: : Frank Leigh**

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## President's Ponderings

**“but let's look  
after our  
neighbours first”**

After listening to Matthew Pickering's inspiring yet heartrending story of his 4-month teaching experience in the Solomons last year, I am more than ever convinced we should be concentrating our International Service endeavours closer to home. Australia's area of influence in our Pacific Basin has so many under-developed nations crying out for humanitarian aid we cannot afford to spend our hard-earned funds any further away. Poverty is world-wide, but let's look after our neighbours first.

The North Balwyn success achieved by their Royce Abbey Scholarship recipient in re-establishing rice crops in the Central Province of the Solomons is a classic Rotary exercise - find the need ; work out a solution ; find a reliable operator ; fund it .

Australia's support of the RAMSI policing force is still an essential part of the faltering progress towards stability in this immature nation. So long as this level of stability can be maintained Rotary involvement should be increased,.

As Matthew. Pickering explained, improving the education system should be the highest priority.

I hope we may be able to contribute to make this happen.

With our membership growth of last year reversed I attended our Membership Committee meeting and was very encouraged by the action plans being worked through to ensure further growth.

- A drive to attract more Business Women .
- Re-energising Website
- Recruiting via Art Show database
- Splitting Club into small teams to source membership contacts.

However hard the Committee works, remember the best members come from US - talk about Rotary to others - we have a lot to talk about.

**President Neil**

## International Committee News

The Club  
Receives  
Recognition

DG Jim Studebaker presented to the Club and immediate Past President Peter Matthews with a banner proclaiming Camberwell as No. 1 Club in Dist.9800 in per-capita donations to Rotary Foundation for 2007-2008.

A letter from the Trustees of the Rotary Foundation accompanied the Banner, thanking the Club for its generosity last year.



## Membership News

### Attendance for the Month of January:

Total Membership at end of month: (excluding Honorary Members)	60
Average Attendance % for month:	58.93%
Number of meetings held in month:	4 of 4

Last Months Attendance

## Boroondara Cares—Katunga

A Report From Warwick Heil on the outcomes coming from the Evening With The Stars at Katunga who thought it would be of interest to members.

Approximately 750 people attended Evening With The Stars at Katunga.

The figure included over 500 locals. All cars upon arrival received an information bag, which included a Beyond Blue book, "Taking care of yourself and your family".

The Department of Primary Industries, Yarrowonga Community Health and Centrelink staff were in attendance at the Tent Information Centre. it was quite busy at times with enquiries.

On display was material from other local community health centres. Moira Shire lists of assistance available with contact details for many organisations.

Over 30 comprehensive Moira Shire information packs were taken from the information tent and approximately 100 food packs were distributed by Moira Foodshare at the gate.

The "fun" activities were appreciated, with "hair dos", nail polishing, face painting and the jumping castle being extremely busy all night.

The Moira Shire staff, responsible for distributing the hair products, describe it as being "swooped upon" when locals realised what was happening. The cosmetics were a real hit. The feedback via word of mouth is that people were genuinely grateful for an opportunity to have an enjoyable and affordable family night.

Some comments from the written evaluations are:

- What did you like best about EWTS?
- The night away from the farm and the activities and enjoyment for the children.
- Fantastic family night - plenty for children to do.
- The singing was lovely, just a lovely night, and with the give away things, very good.
- Nights like this that get people out together and off the farm are best.
- Thanks for such an enjoyable night.
- For a gold coin donation, to receive a free meal, drinks and ice creams was very kind and we are grateful.

The Rotary Club of Camberwell was major EWTS sponsor. Its a time, Moira residents faced with drought can tend to isolate themselves and suffer in silence. Our club has assisted Moira residents by helping weld together the social fabric of the Moira community.

We have also received a letter from the Moira Shire Social Recovery Committee thanking us for our sponsorship of the night.

Katunga Report

## ART SHOW NEWS

The Non Availability for Roster Form has been issued by Ron Lear on behalf of the Art Show Committee

Response is required by 20th February, Please indicate only those sessions you and your partners are not available for duty and return to Ron

**ACT NOW**

Art Show Roster Form Reminder

## Last Week's Speaker

Matthew Pickering the vicar at St Mark's Church at the corner of Burke and Canterbury Roads, gave a passionate talk on his 4 month teaching trip to the Solomon Islands last year.

The Solomons with a population of approximately 500,000 total population, but with 300 languages and tribal groupings has seen its fair share of troubles over the years with both civil war and riots and general unrest

RAMSI which is The Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands (RAMSI) is a partnership between the Solomon Islands and fifteen contributing countries of the Pacific region primarily Australia and New Zealand..

RAMSI is helping the Solomon Islands to lay the foundations for long-term stability, security and prosperity – through support for improved law, justice and security; for more effective, accountable and democratic government; for stronger, broad-based economic growth; and for enhanced service delivery.

The overarching goal of RAMSI's work is for a peaceful, well-governed and prosperous Solomon Islands.

This goal will be pursued over the long term through a mutual commitment with the Solomon Islands Government, which supports RAMSI's mandate to:

RAMSI is helping Solomon Islanders to get their nation working and growing again. That will take years of hard work. Nothing will change unless Solomon Islanders want change and are prepared to work hard in support of a common cause.

Matthew praised the works done by RAMSI in repairing and improving basic infrastructure in the Solomons.

Matthew outlined his work in teaching and assisting at the School in the Solomons and how he has arranged a partnership with Camberwell High School with the School where head Students visit Camberwell HS to see how it should be done. he urges the Club and Rotary to assist to expand the programme.

Matthew was complimentary of the work that Rotary is doing in the fields of education, malarial control and water supply.

Also Bob Bott of North Balwyn Club expanded on the work that his Club is doing especially in the renovation of rice fields to provide much needed basic foods to the local population (For more information see current edition of Rotary Down Under Page 45)



Another  
Passionate  
Speaker

### Your help is required - Boroondara Cares Vocational Project

The Rotary Club of Kew on Yarra is leading the Boroondara Cares Vocational program. This provides for the visit to Boroondara by twenty-one year ten students for a week of work experience, social and other activities. The students will be arrive on 19<sup>th</sup> April and will depart on 26<sup>th</sup> April. The Rotary Club of Kew on Yarra is looking to the other Boroondara Cares Clubs for help in billeting the students. Also, as the students will be doing three days of work experience it would be appreciated if members could help to place the students into positions.



Please contact -

**Anne Brown, Rotary Club of Kew on Yarra.**

Assistance  
Sought

Fellowship Committee

**FELLOWSHIP NIGHT**



**THURSDAY MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>.**  
**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM**  
**ALAN LORENZINI**  
**98551144**  
**FIRST COME FIRST SERVED**

Limited Tickets are Available  
 Contact Alan to Reserve Your Seat

**ARE YOU THE TYPE TO HELP SAVE A LIFE?**

Kenneth's regular blood donations of type O<sup>-</sup> have helped save the lives of many others.

**You can donate at:**  
**Civic centre**  
**340 Camberwell Road**  
**Camberwell**

Wednesday 1st April 2009, 1.15pm - 7.30pm  
 Thursday 2nd April 2009, 1.15pm - 7.30pm  
 Friday 3rd April 2009, 9.30am - 3.30pm

**Call 13 14 95 to make an appointment**  
**First time donors welcome**

Do something special. Give blood.

Call **13 14 95** or visit [donateblood.com.au](http://donateblood.com.au)

**Australian Red Cross**  
**BLOOD SERVICE**

Donors Always Welcome

**ROTARY CLUB OF KEW**  
**ARE HOLDING A CHARITY GOLF DAY**  
**AT LATROBE GOLF CLUB.**  
**MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> February, 2009.**  
**12.00 for a 1.00pm tee off.**

An invitation is extended to individuals or groups, to compete in an  
**AMBROSE GOLF COMPETITION.**  
 Cost - **\$80 per player**  
**INCL. GAME/donation, 'LUNCH BOX' & PRIZES.**  
 ROTARY CLUB OF KEW P.O BOX 101 KEW. 3101.

A Local Golf Event

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**Last Meeting's Guests, Apologies, Etc**

**Guests**

Rev Matthew Pickering—Speaker  
Lina Vasimalla—Club  
Michael Vasimalla—Club  
Roger Madigan—David Baker  
Judy Lear  
Margaret Hookey

**Visiting Rotarians:**

DG Jim Studebaker RC Nth Balwyn  
Bob Bott—RC Nth Balwyn  
Bill Oakley—RC Nth Balwyn

**Apologies:**

Anderson, Cox, Daniels-King, Fotheringham, Gnoato, Gould, McCormick, McLaren, Mullins, Murphy, Neumann, Phillips, Spry

**Make Ups:**

Don Jago—RC Melbourne

**Raffle Winner**

Richard O'Brien

**Welcome Back**

Frank Leigh



**Quote Of The Week**

***“WE DON'T KNOW WHO WE ARE  
UNTIL WE SEE WHAT WE CAN DO”***

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Etc.

**Birthdays**

Michael Pavey 6th February  
Mariella Neumann 9th February

**Wedding Anniversaries**

None

**Club Anniversaries**

Anne Murphy 5th February 6 Yrs

**Almoners Report**

**Aub McLaren**, is now home and being cared for by a number of bodies and is progressing favourably.

**Yvonne Brown** has been discharged from hospital after having had an additional inserted making 6 in all, she has still a liver complaint yet to be diagnosed.

Warwick Smead (67 yrs), son of late member and PHF **Roy Smead** died last week, his mother Nan is alive and living in Gaffney House

**Directory Changes**

Please Note Change of email address for Nick Pane

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