



# CLUB BULLETIN



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Special points of interest:

- District Bushfire Initiatives
- Foodbank and the Bush Fires
- Boroondara Cares Vocational Project
- Birthdays, Anniversaries, Etc.

## Next Weeks Meeting

Wednesday February 18th

Speaker: Supt. Ignhard Ehrenberg

Subject: Police Mentoring Program

*Supt. Ehrenberg will discuss the Rotary community initiative*

Chairman: Geoff McCormick

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## 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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Chairman</u>
<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>		
<b>18th March</b>	<b>GSE Team from Turkey</b>	<b>GSE Presentation</b>	<b>John Steven</b>
	<i>The Club will be hosting the Team that week</i>		

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

**President: Neil Hookey**  
**Secretary: Ron Lear**  
**Treasurer: : Frank Leigh**

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## President's Ponderings

I'm struggling a bit - this Bushfire thing has got me worried that we will let ourselves down if we don't pull our finger out. It's the greatest disaster we have ever had to face, but because of distance we feel there's not much we can do. THERE IS ! .

Boroondara Council have put themselves on the line by offering to re-instate a disused elderly-care hostel to provide emergency accommodation for up to 60 people. Boroondara Rotary clubs, all 8 of us, have been asked to help. John Phillips and I are representing Camberwell Rotary on the Boroondara Bushfire Relief Appeal Committee. Anne Scott of Hawthorn is the other Rotary rep.

Council has already sent in a Backyard Blitz team to knock the garden areas, feral after 3 years of neglect, into rough shape, and do an industrial clean inside the building. This weekend Rotary volunteers will do a detailed tidy-up ready for our clients who should start arriving this week.

There is a long list of furnishings and equipment which has to be sourced and installed, some of which is in place but still a lot is not - I have forwarded this list to all Boroondara Rotary clubs and I know that between us, Council and perhaps the Army , we will get Hamer Court up and running this week.

The next thing we will need to do is roster 2 people each day to act as support to settle the people in for the first couple of weeks at least. Council will also have a presence, but I'm sure that if we ask each Club to be responsible to have 2 people from, say 10 Am to 3 Pm for a day a week till things settle down, we will be doing our bit.

Hamer Court is alongside the Opportunity Shop and clubrooms at 533 High St., East Kew, just on the city side of Belford Rd.

**President Neil**

“we feel there's not much we can do. THERE IS ”

Nominations Required For Vocational Award

## Vocational Committee News

The Vocational Committee are calling for club members to nominate a candidate for the Camberwell R C “Pride of Workmanship Award”.

The award celebrates a person who in the course of his or her vocation shows both pride in the carrying out of their vocation as well as providing it in an excellent and proficient manner.

Any member who knows of someone who provides service or work which is above and beyond the norm, please provide to Tim Landsberg, with a brief paragraph of the details of the person nominated.

### 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 Cubs for help in billeting the students. Also, as the students will be doing three days of work experience it would appreciated if members could help to place the students into positions. Please contact - **Anne Brown, Rotary Club of Kew on Yarra.**



Assistance Sought

## Community Service News

### **JESUIT SOCIAL SERVICES – ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER**

Members are invited to attend the above.

WHEN: Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2009

WHERE: Melbourne Town Hall

SPEAKER: Waleed Aly

ENTERTAINMENT: Dancing to The Frantics

COST: \$150.00 per head.

Anyone interested please contact John Phillips to arrange a table together.

### **Last Week's Meeting**

Several Notes and Comments from last weeks Club Forum

#### LAST WEEK'S FORUM -

I must apologise to members for the mess we made of this- Jon Oppy and Frank Leigh were to present the main items for discussion, but Jon had to apologise and Frank had to leave early . Frank asked to be called as first item but sadly this was not done and Frank had to leave his papers for Geoff Heath to explain. Frank will email full disclosure to all members.

The Bushfire Relief project was a complete surprise to members and rightly many concerns were raised. Sometimes you have to stick your neck out and when I was called to Council chambers for the emergency meeting I was so encouraged by Council's offer to reinstate Hamer Court, a high-risk for them, I supported the other Rotary reps to do our utmost to get the thing up and running. I make no apology for that.

The Art Show report must be high priority for next week. Please send Ron your availability form without too many crosses.

#### **President Neil**

From PE Dennis Coleman

I have had words with the kitchen at the Centre and there will not be a repeat of last weeks meal, in atonement we are having a buffet BBQ similar to our first meeting of the year

Syd Warneke made valid points about the use of the microphone by Speakers at the Club. The acoustics and audio system at the Club Rooms are not the best and at times sections of the room are not able to hear adequately.

Syd made the following suggestions to improve the situation:

1. When asking a question from the floor, person should stand, speak up and address the assembly
2. The chairman should repeat the question
3. That any answer be clearly given through the microphone
4. That the audience refrain from talking whilst others are addressing the room

A letter from PP Richard Gray has been received by the Editor and is circulated to members separately.

Club Forum  
Interest  
Points

**Last Week's Meeting (Contd)**

**Gary reported on Actions The District Have Begun in response to the tragic Bush Fires**

District 9800 has opened a trust fund account to provide assistance to affected communities. Rotarians, corporate supporters, Friends of Rotary and members of the public can make donations to the "Rotary International D 9800 Bushfire Recovery Fund", BSB Number 013 345, Account Number 2521 12703 (Swift code ANZBAU3M) at any ANZ Bank. Cash donations enable the District to support the changing needs of bushfire survivors as time goes on. They allow the flexibility to appropriately adapt the response to local needs, which will no doubt change as the focus of communities switch from short-term survival and shelter requirements to the rebuilding of community infrastructure. Recognising that there are already many Non-Government Organisations already working in affected areas, this medium to long-term period will be the main focus of Rotary's efforts

The Department of Human Services requested an initial deployment of 50 ShelterBoxes – 20 to Whittlesea and 30 to Kinglake. Arrangements are being made now and ShelterBox Response Team [SRT] members might assist with the deployments.

To see more Projects planned or implemented by District

<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/Members/NetworkerOnlineArticles#Vic>

**Postscript to Hamer House Kew**

A good working party from the Club did a great job in assisting Boorondara Council over the weekend in cleaning up the Facility ready to receive displaced bush fire survivors. A good start but with more on going work to do in the future

District Intentions on Bushfires

Donate To Assist Bush Fire Injured



**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**

**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 FORM TO BE RETURNED NEXT WEEK**

Return Your Art Show Roster

## Fellowship Committee

**FELLOWSHIP  
NIGHT**



**THE MUSICAL**

**THURSDAY MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>.**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM  
ALAN LORENZINI**

**98551144**

**FIRST COME FIRST SERVED**

**\$90 P/P**

Limited  
Tickets are  
Available

Contact Alan to  
Reserve Your  
Seat

## Bushfire Disaster – VicRelief Foodbank

Extracts From a Media Release issued by Foodbank:

VicRelief Foodbank, Victoria's largest independent emergency relief resource centre, in partnership with some of Australia's largest food manufacturers, has begun the task of preparing for long-term aid support for local communities severely damaged by the disastrous Victorian bushfires.

Announcing today the establishment of its Victorian Bushfire Recovery Program, Philip Hunt, CEO, of VicRelief Foodbank, said that this was a disaster of such historical and significant proportion that it was vital to get these preparations underway now. "The immediate food and material aid support provided by other organisations and the general public has been magnificent, but our experience shows this level of assistance would soon begin to diminish. That's why it is essential that someone is focussed on providing sustainable food and material resources over what will be an extraordinarily long recovery period. That's where we come in."

Within a matter of days, victims of the bushfires will be moving on from emergency relief conditions to more organised recovery centres. This will be the next critical stage of the recovery process and one where affected people will once again feel they can take control of their lives. Giving immediate and ongoing access to the basic essentials such as food, bedding and other household goods is essential to the physical and mental well-being as they begin the difficult task of re-building their lives." Mr. Hunt said. Mr Hunt said that VicRelief Foodbank was already collaborating with networks of emergency relief organisations in the vicinity of the bushfire zones to ensure that the on-going distribution of essential goods to victims of the bushfires would not be a problem

More than 12 companies have already committed to support our recovery program and begun delivering goods to our Yarraville warehouse and our staff are fielding enquiries from all over Australia through the Foodbank Australia network of which we are member. But a disaster of this dimension requires more companies to become involved

Ongoing  
Work By A  
Club Project

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

**Guests**

None

**Visiting Rotarians:**

Alan Hanson RC North Wirral UK

**Apologies:**

Anderson, Cox, Dance, Davies, Feder, Gnoato, Heil, McLaren, Mullins, Neumann, Nolan, Oppy, Pratt, Spry, Stewart

**Make Ups:**

None

**Raffle Winner**

Colin Gould

**Welcome Back**

Don Fotheringham (From Hospital)  
John Phillips (from the Beach)



**Quote Of The Week**

**“EVERYTHING STARTS AS  
SOMEBODY’S DAYDREAM ”**

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Etc.

**Birthdays**

Ron Lear 14th February  
Jenifer Matthews 16th February

**Wedding Anniversaries**

Pierre & Lili-Ann Kriegler 16th February 29Yrs

**Club Anniversaries**

Barry Kennedy 15th February 37 Yrs  
Frank Leigh 15th February 31 Yrs

**Almoners Report**

Gwenda Holloway, widow of Charter Member and PP Charlie, passed away peacefully last Tuesday. Charlie & Gwenda were stalwarts of the Club for many years, regular attendees of District Conferences, attended several World Conventions, and particularly enjoyed our interaction with the R C of Horsham. Condolences are extended to the family

**Directory Changes**

None

