



# CLUB BULLETIN



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Special points of interest:

- Thoughts on DIK
- A Belated PP Presentation and a great Partner's Night
- D9800 News
- PHF Awards

Wednesday Feb 24th

Vocational and Foundation Awards Night

Speaker: PDG Ray Martin D9820

Subject: India & Polio

Ray recently participated in a National Polio Immunization Day in India and he will give a brief commentary on this experience' and on polio in general and Rotary projects visited on that trip..

Chair: Frank Leigh

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### FEBRUARY

(World Understanding Month)

#### Registration Desk

David Loftus

Ian Feder

#### Welcomer

Syd Warneke

### MARCH

(World Rotaract Month)

#### Registration Desk

Peter Allen

Michael Blood

#### Welcomer

Neil Hookey

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>Chair</u>
Wed 3rd March	Jane Broadhead	Future direction of Camcare	Geoff Day
	Jane is CEO of Camcare		
Wed 10th March	Adrian Campbell	Walking The Kokoda Track	Andy Spry
Wed 17th March	Gillian Hibbins	The Origins of Australian Rules Football	

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

President: Dennis Coleman  
Secretary: Richard Gray  
Treasurer: : Peter Pratt

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## From The Humidor

Honor the past, but look to the future was a heading I used a few months back, but last Wednesday evening it was never more appropriate when we honored Past President



1959-60 Les Brown with the P.P.P.P night that he never had. The idea was borne out of an off the cuff remark Les made at last years, Past Presidents night, and with the help of our Fellowship committee we were treated to what I believe was one of the best partners night's this club has ever seen. 98 guests packed Conochie Hall to near capacity to surprise a man who has devoted a lifetime to our club.

The evening was a complete surprise to Les with the help of his wife Yvonne who has also given 54 years of service to the family of Rotary.

Les has been an inspiration to us all, with nearly 100% attendance since he joined. He has always been there with words of encouragement to every new member and it was his inspiration that made me want to be president.

To see the look of utter amazement on his face was worth the months of planning and secrecy put into this amazing evening.

Les is the perfect example of the adage 'you only get out what you put in'.

To Les and Yvonne thank you once again for your tireless devotion and I am sure that I am speaking on behalf of the entire club when I say I hope we have the pleasure of both your company for many years to come.

It was wonderful to see also the many past

members who hold you both in such great esteem, Ken Heyes, Roast master extraordinaire (he never ages) Barry Kennedy, Peter Hancock and all the other past presidents who have made the Rotary Club of Camberwell the great club it is. Please don't be strangers you are always most welcomed guests.

The amazing thing is we had one of the biggest attendances at our club when nobody knew who the surprise guest was.

Fellowship has always been one of the greatest strengths in our club with something for everyone.

We all join Rotary because we want to give back something to the community who has been good for us, but fellowship is the glue that keeps us together and coming back every week to our regular meetings.

I have been asked many times by non-Rotarians, why join Rotary?

What do you get out of it? My answer has been, when I was growing up my mother told me that it is better to give than to receive and the benefits will come back to you ten fold, but it wasn't till I joined Rotary 16 years ago that I really knew what it meant. It is something we do not look for but suddenly it is there. Rotary has also been a great example for my four children and has given them a sense of wanting to volunteer in the community and wanting to give back as well.

So to all of you and to my Rotary family, thank you.

Have a great week in Rotary

**President Dennis**

*“my mother told me that it is better to give than to receive ”*

### SOME THOUGHTS ON DONATIONS-IN-KIND (DIK)

Some years ago, when I first became aware of DIK, I was glad of the opportunity it presented to become more involved with Rotary and also to do something for someone else. It did not take long to realize just how much the input of each and every single individual contributes to the overall success of various Rotary projects.

I do not think my fellow club members would describe me as the sentimental type, and I know my wife certainly wouldn't, but I can assure you that after a day's work at DIK, I enjoy a sense of well being, a degree of satisfaction, for being able to do something for someone less fortunate than myself. It's a nice feeling.

At DIK, we can use assistance for the sorting and packing of donated goods. It is easy, lightweight physical work and I can assure you no previous experience is necessary. All that is required is for you to enjoy the day. I encourage you – Rotarian, partner, friend, neighbour – drop into DIK and have a look at what we do. See what is involved. You are most welcome.

Laurie Fisher, DIK Store Manager.

Rear of Shed 40 @ 400 Somerville Rd, West Footscray, Melway 41 E7. Tuesdays & Thursdays 9.30am - 3.00 pm



## Last Weeks Meeting—The Brown's Show

Last Weeks Meeting Could have been called the Yvonne and Les Brown Night as Les finally got his Past President's Night, having missed out at the end of his Presidential Year, 50 years ago.

A capacity crowd of 100 members, partners and friends packed into the Centre eagerly awaiting the surprise speaker for the Night.

The night had many highlights and they are shown below:

### **PAST PRESIDENT LES BROWN ROAST**

A video was shown that captured the life of Les from the beginning until the present day, it showed images of his early years, his War Service with the RAAF, Rotary and Family Life. This beautiful video edited and composed by Bern Connell was given to Les as his 1st memento of the night.

Past President Ken Heyes after resurrecting the PPHPP Committee, delivered in his own unique style, a delightful and entertaining "roast" of Past President Les with stories of RAAF, jewelers and rings, including highlights of the Club in Les's year as President in 1959 to 1960, these included:

- The start of the establishment of Araluen School in Plenty, at a budget cost of £25,000
- Table Tennis Tournament to raise funds
- The Inaugural Art Show at Camberwell Grammar School, it raised £350
- Wood chop at Mt Slide to provide wood to pensioners
- Golf and Bowls teams did well
- Many fellowship events, including 4 partners nights and Changeover

Chairman of the night Patrick Cunniffe then presented the "delayed" Past Presidential Present which had a timeless and hair preservation theme.

Les responded in his usual unassuming and modest manner at his surprise at the occasion.

### **BUT THERE WAS MORE**

President Dennis then presented PHF Awards to both Les and Yvonne, in the case of Yvonne a sapphire and Les a double Ruby. The awards were acclaimed by the room for a couple well deserved.



## Bonzo's Handover



Another highlight of last weeks meeting was the passing of our other exchange student Bonzo from the Hookey Family to the Pratt Family

It is good to see that Judy and Peter have brought Bonzo into the life of the family and everyday events



## Kokoda Track—The Subject For 10th March



As part of his address on the March 10th Adrian Campbell will be selling some special autographed copies of **the Field Guide to the Kokoda Track** by one of Australia's leading Kokoda authors Bill James.

Bill James has walked the Kokoda Track over 20 times and thoroughly researched the book for over 5 years before releasing it to the public domain.

At a reduced price of \$30 per book, including a waterproof Kokoda trek map, Bill has agreed to donate 100% of our sales of the book to the Kokoda Track Foundation, which has enjoyed the support of various Rotary Clubs in the past.

The Kokoda Track Foundation is an Australian philanthropic organisation which aims to repay the selfless help given to Australia during WWII by the 'Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels' of Papua New Guinea by helping to improve the lives and futures of their descendants.

The Foundation's current projects include providing 124 school scholarships to students from villages along the Kokoda Track, funding educational supplies to 23 schools in the region, supporting the Kokoda Memorial Hospital with medicines and supplies, and constructing seed multiplication nurseries to help rebuild village food gardens destroyed by devastating Cyclone Guba

So First in, Best dressed with these special Kokoda books at our March 10 meeting – it will be a great keepsake, or gift or worthy addition to any home library.



## Art Show Rosters

### To Those Who Have Not Responded Yet An Important Message From Peter

Several members have not completed their confirmation rosters.

Where I have received an initial availability roster this will be used.

The Art Show Committee needs to know what manpower the Club can provide in order to cover shortfalls. This is becoming urgent. Your prompt advice on availability would be appreciated.

### YOU ARE NOW VERY LATE

Return Form To Peter Matthews  
[plmatthews@bigpond.com](mailto:plmatthews@bigpond.com)



## THE ART SHOW NEED YOU TO RESPOND NOW

## International Services News

### MATCHING GRANT MAXIMUM AWARD INCREASED TO US\$200,000

At its January 2010 meeting, The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees increased the maximum Matching Grant award from US\$150,000 to \$200,000, effective 1 July 2010.

During 2009-10, Health, Hunger, and Humanity (3-H) Grants were phased out, one year earlier than initially anticipated under the Future Vision Plan, due to the decrease in available World Funds.

In the absence of 3-H grants, increasing the maximum Matching Grant award allows clubs and districts to undertake larger projects than previously possible with Matching Grants.

The Trustees hope that this change will give Rotarians around the world the ability to continue to pursue large-scale sustainable development projects through the Matching Grants program. Matching Grants materials are currently being updated to reflect the change and will be available soon at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

Please contact your humanitarian grant coordinator for more information regarding deadlines and requirements for competitive Matching Grant applications (applications requesting more than US\$25,000 from the Foundation).

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Sixteenth Annual

# GOLF DAY

Friday, 16th April, 2010

Growling Frog Golf Course

Donnybrook Road, Yan Yean

GUESTS WELCOME - Entry Fee \$85

12 noon  
Shotgun  
Start

*Includes 6p.m. 2-course meal and prize and trophy presentation*

### STABLEFORD EVENT

All registered handicaps (men's and women's) accepted

#### Maximum Handicaps

Men: Players without club handicap play off 21.  
Ladies: Players without club handicap play off 27.  
Rule of Rotary: Is it fair to all concerned

12 noon Shotgun Start - Registration from 11.15 a.m.



## District 9800 News

**INTERPLAST OBSERVER REQUIRED**

Interplast was founded 26 years ago by District 980 and the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, and each year sends in excess of 26 Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery teams to South East Asia and the Pacific. See the website at: [www.interplast.com.au](http://www.interplast.com.au)

Each member of an Interplast program is fully qualified in their field of expertise and volunteer their time to participate in an Interplast program

Interplast volunteers provide free treatment to people living with a disability from a congenital condition such as cleft lip and palate, or an acquired condition such as burn scar contractures. Treatment is targeted to the indigent population who would otherwise not be able to afford to access services.

Interplast Australia & New Zealand is seeking a Volunteer Rotary Observer from District 9800 to accompany the plastic & reconstructive surgical team on the 100th Fiji Interplast Program. The team will be based in Suva operating at the Colonial War Memorial Hospital for the week of 2 October 2010.

Observers are asked to observe, photograph (within guidelines) and gather information so they can equip themselves to come back to their Club and District as an Interplast Ambassador, to promote the work of Interplast throughout other Rotary Clubs, District Assemblies and District Conferences.

For further information on the concept, process and selection criteria, contact: Mike McFarlane - mobile 0418 317 418 or [mikemcf@bigpond.net.au](mailto:mikemcf@bigpond.net.au)

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The successful candidates to the Nominating Committee tfor the DG 2012—2013 are:

PP Chris Don—RC Chadstone/East Malvern

PP Jan Douglas—RC Altona City

PP Alan Seale—RC Central Melbourne—Sunrise

They will be meeting on Sunday March 8th, 2010

**DISTRICT LEADERSHIP MEMBERS APPOINTED**

DGE Iven Mackay has announced his DLT appointments for Rotary year 2010-2011, As well as the District Governor (DG), DG Elect, DG Nominee, Immediate Past DG the appointments are:

- District Secretary – John McMorro
- District Treasurer – Stephen Smith
- District Directors –
- Assistant Governors – Chris Don
- Club Service – James Long
- Community Service – Ross Butterworth
- Foundation – PDG John Davis
- Governance – Gary Goldsmith
- International Service – Alan Seale
- Membership/Marketing – Philip Archer
- New Generations – Vanda Mullen
- Vocational – Bob Slater

The Assistant Governors

BATMAN – Alan Freedman; BEACHSIDE – Gordon Cheyne

CALDER – John Chadderton; EASTSIDE – Marc Fookes; GATEWAY – Mark Schirmer

GOLDFIELDS – Linda Barrow; HERITAGE – Henry Drury;

HOBSONS BAY – Julie Mason; PORT PHILLIP – Murray Verso

STONNINGTON – Virginia Turner; WESTSIDE – Bronwen Scarffe; YARRA – Neville John

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**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**Birthdays**

Suzanne Mullins 20th Feb

**Wedding Anniversaries**

None

**Club Anniversaries**

David Loftus 21 Feb 20 Yrs  
Richard O'Brien 19 Feb 15 Yrs  
Nick Pane 20 Feb 2 Yrs

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



**Members and Guests**

Ana Flavia—Exchange Student  
Peter and Dorothy Hancock  
Barry & Rosemary Kennedy  
Ken and Norma Heyes  
39 Partners of Members

**Visiting Rotarians:**

None

**Apologies:**

Lesley Daniels-King, Ian Farmer, Colin Gould, Graeme Hope, Warwick Heil, Michael Mullins, Karen Nolan, Jim O'Hara, John Phillips, Richard Stewart

**Make Ups:**

None

**Raffle Winner**

None This Week

**Farewell**

None



**Quote of The Week**

*“Where there is great love, there are always miracles”*

*(Willa Cather)*

**Almoners Report**

No report, All are Well

**Directory Changes**

None

