



# CLUB BULLETIN



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Special points of interest:

- Bushfire Relief Assistance
- The Saving of the Art Show
- Our New Ambassadorial Scholar
- Hosts for RFE
- Birthdays, Anniversaries, Etc.

## Next Weeks Meeting

Wednesday March 4th

Speaker: Chris Don

Subject: Our Rotary Foundation

*Don is a member of RC. Chadstone/East Malvern And is Chair of the District Foundation Committee*

Chairman: Don Jago

## Meeting Rosters

### MARCH

#### Registration Desk

Tim Landsberg

Ian Feder

#### Welcomer

David Loftus

### APRIL

#### Registration Desk

Nichola Fabienne

Anne Murphy

#### Welcomer

Jim O'Hara

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

## Future Club Program

Date	Speaker	Subject	Chairman
11th March	Mark Cowan-Aston	Planning & Assessing Projects Chair: Ian Feder	
		<i>Mark runs a consultancy organisation 'March - People Solutions and has seen service with the British Army &amp; is a member of Toastmasters</i>	
18th March	GSE Team from Turkey	GSE Presentation	John Steven
		<i>The Club will be hosting the Team that week</i>	
25th March		Fellowship Night—Partners Welcome Inspection of new St. Vinnies van at the BASS Centre	
1st April	Fr. Des Dwyer	Ethics in the current Business Climate' Chair TBA	
		<i>Fr. Dwyer is involved in the St. James Ethics Centre, Sydney which has a leadership role in promoting business &amp; social ethics.</i>	

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

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## President's Ponderings

“to plan our future commitment now the first panic has subsided”

Following the work party of David & Margret Baker, Richard Balsillie & myself to Alexandra on Monday, it was good to see another group led by Mike Pavey & Pierre Kriegler head to Kinglake West on Thursday. We have sent 5 "Site clean-up" toolkits to Yea and 5 to Diamond Creek for burnt-out homeowners. The Hamer Court Hostel is now ready for occupancy as transitional housing.

I hope our Community Service committee may be able to plan our future commitment now the first panic has subsided.

My ponderings at the moment concentrate on the rash of job-losses among our manufacturing industries. The car industry never made sense to me - we had Ford, GM, Toyota & Mitsubishi all making almost identical vehicles - medium-large family models which were not fuel-efficient and unsuitable for short urban trips.

While we could export enough of them it looked OK, but with the fuel price surge inevitable and the rapid rise in pollution levels why wasn't more research funding put into electric motors? The hybrid Camry will be a stop-gap seller for a while but long-term I really believe city-dwellers should be looking at electric.

Despite all attempts at industry support, the textile manufacturers are also pulling out, unable to compete with imports. Once again my simple mind ponders that perhaps it doesn't matter if we import cotton clothing - we don't have enough water to grow cotton anyway, but we should do everything possible to add value to our wool through buying Australian-made woollen socks - I do.

I don't see how on one hand we can enjoy a high standard of living, pay our workers a commensurate wage, and have an open house policy on imports from countries who use child and slave labour.

I don't think the right answer will come from an economist.

**President Neil**

Ideas Sought

## Foundation Committee News

### Literacy is the key to success

Knowing how to read and write can transform a person's life. These basic skills, which so many of us take for granted, can mean a job, an income, and hope for a better future for those struggling to break the cycle of poverty. That's why Rotary has focused on promoting literacy for more than two decades, and why the Rotary Foundation has provided millions of dollars to support literacy projects.

March is Literacy Month on the Rotary calendar, a time to consider what our Club could be doing to boost literacy rates in our community and in communities around the globe. In parts of our world, less than thirty percent of the population can read and write. Many of those people are women and girls who have few opportunities for education and who then cannot teach their own children to read. Even in wealthy countries like our own we find schools that are failing to adequately teach basic skills and far too many adults who cannot read or write well enough to function in our society.

The Committee asks for your suggestions to promote literacy in our community. Please contact the Club Foundation Committee with your ideas.

Don Jago

## COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Project	Dates	Nos Required	Status
Stroke Foundation - 'Know your Numbers'	27-31 October		Complete
Foodbank Victoria - visit	26 Nov 2008		Complete
BOW 2008	28 Nov 2008		Complete
Homeless World Cup	1—8 Dec 2008		Complete
Camp Getaway Working Bee	6—7 Dec 2008		Complete
Victorian Bushfire Relief - working bees	1 & 2 March	Unlimited	Volunteer for min 2 days work
Blood Donations	1 Mar 2009	Unlimited	Attend Blood Bank & donate 3 monthly
Clean Up Australia Day	1 Mar 2009	Unlimited	Collect litter at a nominated location
Prostate Cancer Foundation - guest speaker	4—11 Mar 2009	All	Attend meeting
Boroondara Cares - Cobram trots	11 May 2009	All	Attend to support Boroondara Cares
Salvos Red Shield Appeal	18 may 2009	Unlimited	Door to Door Collection
Project Heartstart/ First Aid training	Undecided	Unlimited	Promote amongst family & members Attend
Environmental Activism (D9800 initiative)	Undecided	Unlimited	TBA

**Last Week's Meeting****The Speaker**

Andrew Sandback a Yr 12 student from Scotch College gave a very enthusiastic and eloquent talk on his attendance at the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra earlier this year. He found it a life changing experience as it has altered his future plans now being a Pilot with the RAAF combined with a space and aeronautics degree.

This just goes to show the great Project this is with the cream of Australia's Year 11 science students fighting to get in.

**Art Show Update**

The chairman of the Art Show Jon Oppy gave a brief report on the discussions recently held on the use of the Camberwell Centre this year.

He reported that it was nearly the case that a decision was nearly made to cancel the Art Show this year due to unreasonable restrictions on access to both the front and rear of the Halls for the Artists, the location of Containers and Expo Hire access.

However at a meeting with Spotless, Council, the Builders who are renovating the Town Hall, it has been resolved that the Show will go on with minimal changes to our usual access arrangements.

However prudent enquiries have been made with Caulfield Racecourse for alternative arrangements in the future with quotations being sought on our requirements

**Polio Cake Project**

Don Jago reported that sales for the Polio Fruit Cake Project reached a grand total of \$104,000 with a consequent donation to Rotary Foundation of \$26,000



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## Bush Fire Relief Assistance By Club

### Hamer Hostel



The Hamer Court Hostel is now ready for occupancy as transitional housing with cleaning assistance provided by Club Members as well as a substantial contribution of electrical goods by The Good Guys courtesy of Richard Stewart



### Alexandria Relief Centre



A team of David & Margret Baker, Richard Balsillie and Neil Hookey went to Alexandria last Monday to assist in the unpacking and sorting of donated goods. A good effort by all that was overwhelmed by the amount of goods, some not useable, that continue to flow in

Kelly Bedford (RC of Beaches, Toronto) and Nora Dunn (RC of East York, Toronto). Shown with our team were passing through and stayed to coordinate the efforts

### Tools For Clean Up

The Club has donated 10 Tools for Clean Up Kits to Diamond creek and Yea

### Kinglake West Relief Centre

The coordinator of this Relief centre was Rowena who works for Uniting Cares but went to Kinglake West to deliver some goods but found a community not able to cope and has stayed to organize the facility into a fully functioning Centre.

A team consisting of Pierre Kriegler, Mike Pavey, Isobel Jacobsen (friend of Neil Hookey), Kate and Gerry Cross, Val Cunniffe and friend Julie Ann from RC Canterbury went to Kinglake West to assist in the setting up of a Dining Room and Food Store in the Uniting Church, the previous location of the Centre being in the Mechanics Institute across the Road.

On arrival we cleaned up the Mechanics Institute and then approached the pile of boxes, tables, chairs and equipment in the Church, moved from the Institute by the Army the previous day. By the time 4 o'clock came the store had been stocked, the dining area set up, and the outside transportable Kitchen in position and cooking for 250.



Before



After



The Store Stacked



The Kitchen Functioning



## Rotary Friendship Exchange

One of the hidden gems in District 9800 activity is the Rotary Friendship Exchange.

Our Club has been approached by the District 9800 Chairman of the Rotary Friendship Exchange Program to assist in the home hosting of 4 to 6 couples who are participating in a RFE from South Africa to our District.

Our President Elect Dennis together with next years Fellowship Chairman have endorsed the program and we are now seeking members to assist as hosts during their stay, 17th to 21st October 2009.



## Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar

The District Governor, Jim Studebaker has appointed our member Richard Balsillie as the Counselor for one of seven Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars hosted by District 9800 this year. Davinder Sidhu will be studying at the University of Melbourne towards a Masters degree in Development Studies.

Born in the UK, but raised in the US, her home town is Yuba City, which is about 60km north of Sacramento, California. Davinder has a background as a teacher and student advisor, and recently spent time in India working as a volunteer with a non-government organisation. She hopes to use her skills in a developing country.

Richard looks forward to introducing Davinder as a guest of the club on 11th March. Together with her fellow Ambassadorial Scholars, Davinder will be attending the District Conference in Launceston, next month.

Richard said that in his role of counselor, he will be very much supported by his wife, Maureen, who was formerly manager of Education Abroad at Swinburne University of Technology.



## Rotary Golf Days

We have two forthcoming golf days on arguably two of Australia's best courses:

The John Hood memorial golf day, at Kingston Heath on Friday 24 April. Cost \$ 90 each.

The Annual Charity Day at Royal Melbourne on Monday 4 May. Cost \$200 each.

Anyone interested, contact Pierre Kriegler

(Please Note The Art Show is proceeding on these days, Preview Function 24th April)

## ART SHOW ROSTERS

**URGENT! URGENT!**

**THERE ARE STILL 19 MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT RETURNED THE NON-AVAILABILITY FORM FOR THE ART SHOW YOU ARE HOLDING UP PLANNING**

**CAN THOSE CONCERNED PLEASE ATTEND TO THIS MATTER URGENTLY & RETURN THE FORMS TO RON LEAR**

**DO IT ONLINE NOW [ronlear@bigpond.net.au](mailto:ronlear@bigpond.net.au)**

Please indicate only those sessions you and your partners are not available for duty and return to Ron

URGENT  
Return Your  
Art Show  
Roster

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

**Guests**

Roger Madigan—David Baker  
Andrew Sandback—Speaker

**Visiting Rotarians:**

David Forbes—RC Monmouth (Wales)

**Apologies:**

Anderson, Carra, Connell, Dance, Feder, Hassed, Landsberg, Lorenzini, McLaren, Munro, Murphy, Neumann, O'Hara, Phillips

**Make Ups:**

Rob Davies—Surfers Sunrise  
Jon Oppy—Art Show  
Gary Goldsmith—District management Meeting & Batman Cluster

**Raffle Winner**

Don Fotheringham

**Welcome Back**

Jon Oppy (from illness)  
Warwick Heil  
Gino Gnoato

**Farewell**

Warwick Heil (Overseas)



**Quote Of The Week**

*“THE FRAGRANCE ALWAYS STAYS  
IN THE HAND THAT GIVES THE  
ROSE”*

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Etc.

**Birthdays**

Yvonne Brown	25th February
Tom Maclean	26th February
Joseph Orlando	26th February
Lesley Daniels-King	28th February
Syd Warneke	1st March
Helen Gray	2nd March

**Wedding Anniversaries**

Geoff & Hong McCormick 27th February 20Yrs

**Club Anniversaries**

Eric Heyburn	26th February	5 Yrs
Don Jago	28th February	19 Yrs

**Almoners Report**

Good to have Jon Oppy back fit and well  
Aub Maclaren whose recent problem was a simple fainting spell, has taken delivery of a motorized wheel chair and can be seen flitting around the streets.  
Past member John Dartnell now PP of RC Sorrento is unwell and has recently undergone 2 bouts of surgery  
Richard Stewart has broken a rib in his back and is incapacitated

**Directory Changes**

None

