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Special points of interest:

- Bushfire Relief Reports
- Tour Photos
- GSE Team From Turkey
- Our New Member
- Birthdays, Anniversaries, Etc.

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Next Weeks Meeting

Wednesday March 25th

“DON'T MISS OUT ON HELPING”

Fellowship Night—Partners Welcome

Location: Flowerdale Hotel
Meeting Start 7.30 pm

Bus leaves 5.30 pm Centre returning 11.00 pm

(See Inside For More Details)

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

1st April Fr. Des Dwyer Ethics in the current Business Climate' Chair TBA

Fr. Dwyer is involved in the St. James Ethics Centre, Sydney which has a leadership role in promoting business & social ethics.

8th April Club Forum – Art Show Briefing Dennis Coleman/Jon Oppy

15th April Art Show—Set Up

Mon 20th April Art Show—Hanging

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

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President's Ponderings

We had a lovely time in Tasmania, with 6 days touring arranged by Geoff Heath - 13 very compatible people on a burgundy-coloured bus driven by a quiet but knowledgeable driver who knew people no matter where we stopped.

Geoff's choice of the restaurant for our Club Dinner during the Conference was outstanding - Stillwater, on the waterfront in a converted warehouse. The food was as good as I have ever tasted, full-flavoured yet with subtle touches which kept surprising the palate.

The Conference was a mixture of some good, some not so good speakers with good venues & organisation - congrats to the Red Hat brigade of North Balwyn.

For me the most interesting speaker was Ian Risely, a Sandringham Rotarian who just finished a term as a Director of the world body, whose topic was "The Future of Rotary".

He pointed out that despite a slight increase in worldwide figures due to new clubs in developing countries; Rotary membership in developed countries had declined by 15% since growth stopped in 1992. His reasons were -

- Too many choices competing for our spare time.
- Poor publicity
- Decreased opportunities for networking
- Trying to do too many things
- Status not so obvious
- Attendance rules too rigid

His recommendations to remedy this decline were -

- Use technology to save time
- Attract more female members [He didn't say how]
- Be more egalitarian in our membership
- Concentrate on a few major projects

- Achieve our targets
- Be Optimistic; Resolute; Robust; in our publicity

The final dinner was held at Clarendon House, a National Trust property half an hour's drive out of Launceston. A giant marquee had been erected in the grounds to cope with 800 guests, with drink stations dotted around the gardens. Alas, on Saturday afternoon the rains came, heavy showers lasting half an hour or more, so the outside drinks were cancelled and we crammed into the tent which limited our chance of mingling.

During the evening we were able to announce that a painting donated to us as a Bushfire Relief benefit by artist Barbara Suttie had realised \$1250 at a silent auction. The purchaser was David Shave, President of Kew-on-Yarra. Well done, David.

TURKISH GSE TEAM VISIT -

We have so enjoyed the brief visit of Nilgun and her 4 schoolteachers, and feel we know so much more about Turkey as a result. The club owes a big Thank You to those who opened their homes to them - The Matthews, Krieglars, Goulds, Jagos, and most of all the Singular Stevens. John has been a meticulous planner of this visit, and Audrey a gracious hostess to their farewell dinner before they left us for a brief look at Sydney then on to their next hosts, Kyneton.

A very warm welcome to our newest member, Rodger Madigan. Rodger works at David Jones and has offered to help Margaret review my wardrobe - I was a little concerned when I heard the word "skip" mentioned as Rodger doesn't know I play bowls.

President Neil

"A very warm welcome to our newest member, Rodger Madigan"



**“Be a good sport !
Phone a friend to
help at the 2009
Art Show.”**

We've all got friends. And we need them more than ever to pitch in and help at the Art Show. Every little bit helps. It's now over to you!

Set-up from 15 April.
Public Days Sat 25 April - Sat 2 May.
Let Ron Lear know if you can assist. Thank you.

ROTARY'S INTERNATIONAL CONNECTION

Recent world wide media coverage of our Bush Fire emergency has reached Birmingham in England. A Rotarian friend of Richard Gray in the Rotary Club of Aldridge contacted him seeking information on the disaster and expressed a desire that his Club's International Committee wished to assist.

As a result, a Two Hundred Pound donation has been made to the Red Cross Bush Fire Appeal

From The Conference and Tour



At the Conference, Margery and Don were recognized as Foundation Major Donors by PRIP and incoming Trustee Wilf Wilkinson



At Cradle Mountain



At Mt Field NP



At Ross Hotel Lunch



At Barnbougle Golf Club



At Cradle Mountain Lunch

A lot of eating was a feature of the Pre Conference Tour.

Any other happenings on the Tour stays on the Tour

Well done Geoff and Heather Heath for organizing a great trip

DON'T MISS OUT ON HELPING 25 MARCH

PARTNERS NIGHT

March 25th - - at the Flowerdale Hotel.

2 Course Meal - \$25 per person.

Drinks at Bar prices.

Coach to leave the Clubrooms at

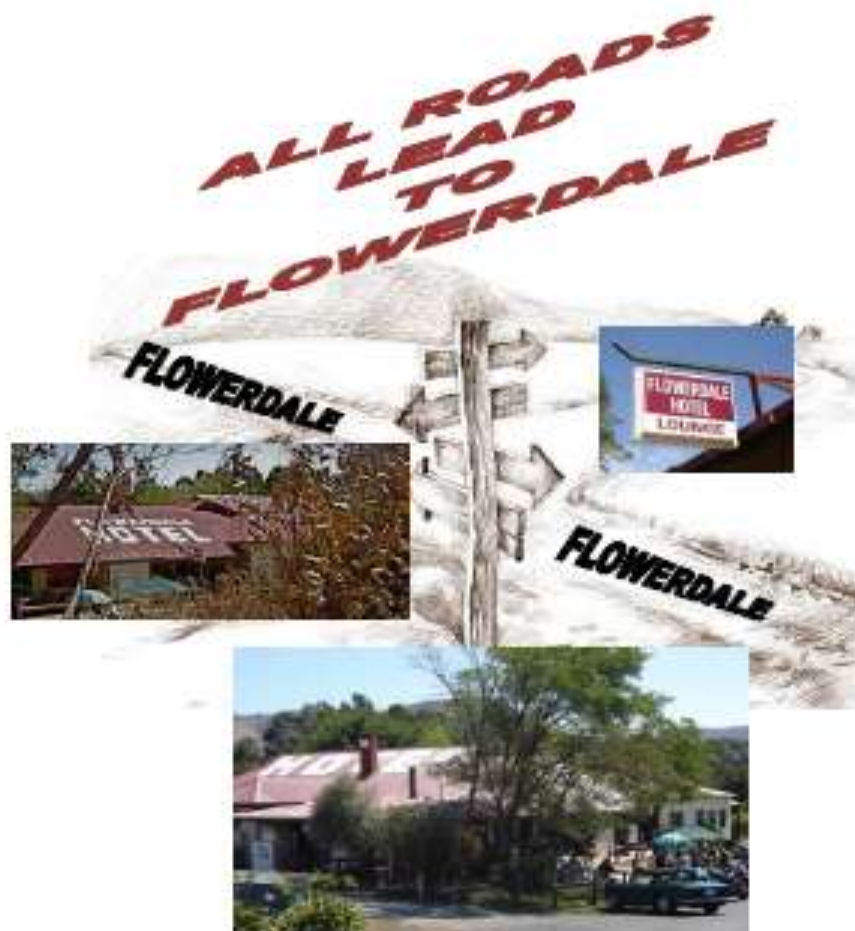
5.30pm Meeting Start 7.30 pm

and return 11pm approx.

**Cost of coach max \$20.00 per person
(to be confirmed) This is a really great
opportunity to help this fire-ravaged
community and enjoy a wonderful
evening of fellowship.**

Please book with Alan Lorenzini.

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Last Weeks Meetings

At the Last Meeting the Turkish GSE team gave a n interesting presentation to the Club on themselves and Turkey covering all aspects of the country



Team Leader: NİLGÜN ULUĞ

Vocation: Pharmacy Married, children (Ergun 32, Caner 30)

Nilgün was born in Gallipoli Turkey. She graduated as a Chemist from an American University, Robert College in 1974. She worked in a medicine factory but left her career when she married. She joined a construction company which belonged to her family and worked there as a manager. Now days, she is a silent partner.

She is married to Barış and they have two sons. Her sons studied at Business Schools of Administration and they work in their fields. They are both married. Nilgün has a beloved grandson Barış Jr. who is 1 year old.

She has been an active member and charter member of Rotary Club of Tarabya. She has been the Treasurer and President of her club as well as having various other duties in her club.

Her current passion is to read all kinds of books to audio tapes for the blind. She was involved in a huge District Project to constructing the 100th Anatolian High School as a fund-raising committee member..

Team Member: DEMET KIR

Demet was born in Antalya on the South Coast of Turkey in 1970. She lived in Antalya with her family until she went university in Istanbul in 1987. She graduated from Marmara University in 1992 as a Mathematics Teacher.

Demet worked at Bartın Anatolian High School on the North Coast of Turkey for a year before she was married in 1993. She returned to Istanbul and started to work at Kadikoy Anatolian High School (KAL), where she still works.

Demet loves her job. She knows that she makes a difference in an individual's life, support and guide future leaders. Her students are between 15 and 20 years old. She is an assessor of quality management. She is the manager of Total Quality Management Office in KAL. She is an advisor for Mind Games Team in her school.

Demet describes herself as a cheerful and friendly person who likes to meet new friends. She likes spending time with her friends. Her husband works at a pharmacy company as a sales manager.

During the exchange Demet would like to pass on some idea of Turkish folk dancing.



Team Memembr: ERKAN GÖZAN

Vocation: Educational Vocational Consultant

Erkan was born in Istanbul, in 1979

He graduated from Sabri Çalışkan High School in Istanbul and later he completed his education in Istanbul University, in philosophy in 2000 and he has been working as a counselor since then, taking interview with students and their parents regularly and solving their educational and individual problems.

He now works at Fen Bilimleri, one of the most prestigious courses which prepares the students for central exams in Turkey. He is keen on improving his consultancy skills as well as applying new consultancy ideas in his interviews. For this reason he likes attending relevant workshops, seminars and courses whenever he can.

Team Member: AHMET OVACIK

Vocation: Teacher of the Deaf

Ahmet was born in Afyonkarahisar/Turkey, in 1978. He graduated from Teacher Training with Anatolian High School in 1995. He started Muğla University in 1997 (Hotel Management and Tourism); he graduated from Karadeniz Technical University in 2005

He worked as an audit-front desk at the Zorlu Grand Hotel between 2001-2005. Since then, he has been teaching for the Rotary Foundation School for Deaf Children, as a teacher and is now the Headmaster of this School.

He obtained 3 certificates: English Preparation Class-Teachers Training Anatolian High School in 1991, English Preparation Class-Muğla University in 1997, RYLA (Rotary Foundation) Leading Course in 2007.

With GSE, he hopes to visit a school for deaf children and to have an opportunity to observe different education styles at their original location. He will also have a opportunity to compare cross cultures between two types of education for deaf children.



Team Member MEVLUBE YALÇIN

Vocation: Vocational Psychological Counselor

Mevhibe was born in Konya, Turkey in 1982.

She graduated from Enis Şanlıoğlu High School in Konya and later she left Konya to study and completed her education at Bosphorus University, Department of Educational Sciences, Program of Guidance and Psychological Counseling (Honours) in 2005. At university, she attended educational research clubs, volunteer activities and organization of a few psychology related congresses. She became a member of the team Civil Rights on Textbooks by Türkiye Ekonomik ve Toplumsal Tarih Vakfı

She has worked for several educational institutes as a vocational counselor to help teenagers to prepare university entrance examinations in Turkey since then. She now works at Fen Bilimleri Dershanesi, which is one of the most outstanding preparation courses for high schools students who practice for university entrance examinations. She uses the advantages of existential approaches in her counseling sessions.

Mevhibe has attended several training courses, workshops and seminars to assist her work. She wants to undertake expert studies on civil rights practice and study for her master's degree at an Erasmus Mundus cooperation and mobility program.



Welcome To Our New Member

RODGER MADIGAN



Former Ashburton Primary School teacher of 35 years, Rodger Madigan, was inducted by President Neil Hookey into the Club on Wednesday 18 March. He was accompanied by Carol Blackett-Smith.

Rodger made himself known to Warwick Heil and David Baker at a 3AW / Rotary BBQ at 'The Well' Camberwell opening last year and has since attended several Club dinner meetings.

In his acceptance address Rodger said "I see my aim in joining Camberwell Rotary as an opportunity to help others and engage with my community while enjoying the social aspect. I will endeavour to be an effective and active member and now that I'm partially retired, have the time and opportunity

available. I was aware of the work of Rotary through my membership of Box Hill Rotaract Club where I held positions of Sergeant at Arms, Bulletin Editor and Vice President."

Rodger also said "he was looking forward to assisting at the upcoming Art Show and sees this as an 'opportunity to meet other members in another setting. He has always had an interest in the retail environment and is currently fulfilling his wishes working on a casual part-time basis at David Jones (Chadestone) fitting gentlemen out in fine suits, shoes and casual wear."

Rodger was educated at Camberwell Grammar School and enjoys restaurants, wine, cooking, art appreciation, gardening...and collecting elephants! He is a member at Kooyong Tennis Club and Jack Russell Terrier Club Australia.

Rodger was warmly welcomed to the Club!



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From The Board

1. Help needed for Bushfire Relief Concert on Sun Mar 29. Too many members failing to meet their obligation to Community Service.
2. Future of Business of Winning event to be reviewed before June 1
3. More constraints on hanging space at Civic Centre - move to Caulfield Racecourse next year being considered.
4. Rotary Foundation approves matching grant to go with our contribution of \$8,500 towards joint aid project with Brighton Beach in Philippines

Vocational Committee

Vocational Visit to business premises of Rob Davies—13 May 2009

On this visit there is a limit of 50 people, it is for Rotarians and partners and it is first come first served. When the numbers reach 50, the invitation stops.

The intention is that there will be a bus from, and back to, Rochester Road and dinner will be at a hotel located near the business premises.

See Tim Landsberg to register attendance



Community Service Bush Fire reports

Marysville Bush Fire Area report From Jason Roberts—BFRO

Marysville remains closed for another two weeks and residents are becoming very frustrated. Other communities are much further down the track of rebuilding their communities, and planning. Flowerdale have an excellent plan that is being implemented for the redevelopment of their town.

A public meeting was held on Monday at the Marysville Golf Club for businesses. Andrew Forrest and Bill Shorten outlined their ability to support and facilitate ongoing recovery. Also in attendance was Russell Crowe's manager who is planning to build a community centre.

We have begun undertaking an infrastructure audit to determine what level of government owned or is responsible for lost infrastructure and services – this will also identify infrastructure and services that are not owned by any level of government but were community built. It is these projects that a number of private donors and groups like Rotary are becoming interest in supporting. For example the repeater station that will expand communication across the region in future fires. COST: approx \$12,000. Also the community medical centre.

MLC is interested in targeting its recent fundraising into Marysville projects – a proposal has been sent to them for consideration and a presentation will be given to the students in the next week or so.

A temporary village will be constructed opposite the golf course to house residents who want to rebuild. There will be on-going need for volunteers over the next 12 – 18 months to support this facility.

A self-storage facility is being planned with Linfox so households can begin stocking equipment etc that has been donated fridges, ovens etc along the lines of the proposal sent through at the beginning of the BFRO involvement.

The Black Spur road is open –

There a still concerns with the Bushfire assistance package for businesses. Those businesses that were not burnt are suffering badly but the package does not allow for them. This needs changing. For example, the Black Spur Inn was not touched but is going broke because has been no customers – other businesses in the area are similar

Also people who do not obtain more than 51% of their income from their business in the area are not entitle to aspects of the package – e.g. many farmers have other sources of income but their fences were all destroyed.

A meeting has been organised with VECCI CEO next Monday with Murrindindi Shire and the Marysville & Triangle Development Group. Marysville is very anxious about the medium to long term viability of businesses in the area. Business people from Marysville will also be invited to speak at a VECCI function in the city to promote business and seek input from Melbourne business community.

People from Murrindindi area are being invited to the HCC 29 March community celebration.

Things we need

I really need someone who is good at MS Project – can anyone let me know asap

It would be good to have some up-dated written material on Hamer Court to give to residents in the affected area.

Bush Fire Relief RC Alexandra

This report #3 is a brief outline of the current activities of the members of the Rotary Club of Alexandra as they work with the community to facilitate the effective recovery from the fire that has consumed the entire southern part of Murrindindi Shire including the Township of Marysville. The Rotary Club of Yea is dealing with the western half of the Shire including the townships of Flowerdale and Hazeldene while this club is dealing with the eastern half including Marysville, Narbethong and Buxton. The Rotary Clubs of Healesville and Whittlesea are addressing issues on the Southern part of the Shire (Healesville, Kinglake, Kinglake West etc. The Rotary Club of Southern Mitchell is dealing with the Kilmore area and the very western edge of the Shire of Murrindindi Situation reports will be circulated each Thursday until further notice.

Thank you to all who have assisted the relief and recovery program in any way, receipts and thankyou notes for contributions received are being sent directly by post.

Regular community fire recovery newsletters can be accessed at <http://www.dse.vic.gov.au/dse/nrenfoe.nsf/Home+Page/DSE+Fire~Home+Page?open> and open the "Community Updates" section.

The Kinglake township is now open to the general public and Marysville should be opened soon. The transformation from black and brown has been quite spectacular as nature begins to heal and renew. It would be wonderful if the human hurt was so easy to deal with. Funerals and memorial services are regular features of too many lives. The cooler and damp conditions bring a need for warm clothes and dry places to store things when your home and shed is no longer there.

Current activities:

1. Relief centre: The centre continues to process goods and ensure that the survivors can make best use of the generosity of so many. The centre manager advises PLEASE DO NOT SEND GOODS if you have goods please hold them until specific needs have been identified or contact the Murrindindi Shire and register the goods that you can offer. Volunteers guided by a specialist Literacy teacher (Rotarian) sorted through tons of books to put together the basis a quality library for the Marysville Primary School that has been established at Taggerty.
2. Voucher System: \$34,000 has been distributed to assist with the purchase of new basic equipment and tools to initiate the recovery program. As the survivors begin the recovery process new needs arise everyday.
3. Rural (farm) recovery: As sites are cleared and the main road reserves are assessed for dangerous trees to opportunity to refence farms is becoming possible. The fencing team advise that work will begin in earnest in early April all being well.
4. Shed Project (the Bayside construction group and the Rotary Club of Sandringham): Sites for 15 sheds have been surveyed, pegged and foundations excavated ready for construction to begin on March 26. The remaining four sites will be complete by Tuesday next week.
5. Community gatherings: Club members assisted with a family BBQ for the Taggerty community last Friday. The Motorbike Show last Sunday was a great success with income expected to exceed that of last year. Member support – The meeting at Kellock Lodge this week was a great night and next week the program is focused on the story behind the first days after the fire – emergency shelter and food "the inside story".

Emerging issues:

1. Support for the Rotary Art show over Easter. We have space for more entries You can help by promoting the art show as a place for artists to display their work and the Shire of Murrindindi as fantastic Easter holiday destination. For more information about what's on please visit: <http://www.premier.vic.gov.au/pages/victorian-bushfire-events.html>
2. Encouraging tourists to visit the area and support local businesses to create the economic foundation for the recovery – Please come to support the community across all fire ravaged areas from Beechworth to Yarram and Noogee to Horsham
3. Funds for the Rotary Fire Recovery account – The current demands clearly show an ongoing need and new donations are required to sustain this service.

Volunteers to staff the recovery centre to sustain this major effort.

Information from the Murrindindi Shire may be had by visiting <http://www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au> and accessing bush fire recovery section or the community recovery news letter

If you think you can help us deal with these issues in any way please contact the Secretary Rotarian Brian Dillon email Alexandra@rotary9790.org.au

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Last Meeting's Guests, Apologies, Etc

Guests

Rodger Madigan and Carol Blunkett-Smith
GSE Team Mevhibe Yalçin, Demit Kir, Erkan Gözen
and Ahmet Ovacik
Yvonne Brown, Glenda Davies, Heather Heath,
Margaret Hookey, Margery Jago, Jenifer Matthews,
Greg Wilson, Audrey Steven

Visiting Rotarians:

Nilgün Uluğ—RC Istanbul— Tarabya

Apologies:

Peter Allen, Richard Balsillie, Ian Feder, Gino Gnoato, Warwick
Heil, Bob Heinemann, Malcolm Munro, Joseph Orlando, Richard
Stewart

Make Ups:

District Conference—Heath, Hookey, Tamlyn, Jago, Matthews,
Nolan, Heinemann, Hope, Pavey, Lesley-King, Gould, Goldsmith

Raffle Winner

John Steven

Welcome Back

Aub McLaren
Bern Connell



Quote Of The Week

**“You Don’t Get Harmony When
Everybody Sings The Same Note”**

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Etc.

Birthdays

Dennis Coleman 23 March
Jim O’Hara 18 March
Richard Stewart 21 March
Glenda Davies 18 March
Denise Oppy 24 March

Wedding Anniversaries

Geoff & Denise Angus 24 March 36 Yrs
Gerry & Heather Lavender 24 March 56 Yrs
Malcolm & Pamela Munro 20March 44 yrs

Club Anniversaries

Geoff Angus 21 March 19 Yrs
Warwick Heil 22 March 3 Yrs

Almoners Report

Aub McLaren is back looking well
Harry Heath celebrated his 96th
birthday
Bern Connell is well after a stint in
Hospital with a suspected Heart
Attack
Margaret Duxbury returned home
after a hospital stay
Pam Anderson has suffered a fall in
which she dislocated her shoulder that
was to be repaired on that day. It is not
clear when she will have the original
planned surgery.

**Directory
Changes**

See New Member
Rodger Madigan
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