



# ROTARY CLUB of CLAYTON Inc.

District 9810 Victoria, Australia

## Weekly Bulletin 2010-2011

Meets every Monday from 6:30pm at L'unico Restaurant  
319 Clayton Road, Clayton (Melways 79C2)  
(No meeting on public holidays)



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### Upcoming Club Program

Date	Speaker	Chairperson	Desk	Visitors
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Stuart O'Brien - Community Development volunteer with the Edmund Rice Sinon Secondary School in Arusha, Tanzania	Glenys Pattison	Tom Portelli	Dianne Sides
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Glen Vincent - Chairman of the Conference Committee	Tom Portelli	Dianne Sides	Richard Simmons
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Annual Christmas Party at the home of Bill & Dianne Sides	Dianne Sides	Richard Simmons	Rukshana Verzijl

### Presidents Report

Last week we had our AGM and updated our Constitution and Bylaws. The changes are profound, especially in the classification system and youth is now a fifth Avenue of Service. A copy of our new Constitution and Bylaws has been forwarded to all members. The Constitution cannot be changed but our Bylaws always can. The Bylaws contain a "suggested" form of meeting which we follow but last week the subject of a toast to our country was raised. This year we have not routinely been doing that like many other Rotary Clubs now and this only followed discussions with Rotary leaders. The Bylaws contain no requirement to recognise any head of state, country or Rotary itself so most clubs don't and our club never has. Most clubs once sang the National Anthem but not now. This is not irreverence, rather the reality that any repetitive process loses effect, becomes a chore so is better not to be done.

This club's board at the beginning of this Rotary year discussed our meeting formats and felt a need existed to periodically experiment and change things. We decided (midst other things) to hold toasts on special occasions only. Not being a change to club structure or requiring a Bylaw amendment, it was discussed, but not minuted. We all agreed toasts were special so during our DG visit for instance, we had separate toasts spaced through the evening with time

## Rotary Four Way Test

"Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the Truth?
2. Is it Fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?"

allocated to explain the toast and add appropriate dignity. That conforms to procedures recommended for toasts as found on Wikipedia and similar sources worldwide. Many clubs hold a joint toast to Country and Rotary, a terrible practice and how habitual things can get was demonstrated last week when a visitor said they toasted the Queen"! (They toast Australia) Theatres once played "God save the Queen" before any screening usually straight but our National Anthem is often sung (often with horrid variations) at footy and the like. Some Rotary clubs sing it weekly and equally badly. It should only be sung with dignity and conviction. Despite repeated singing I doubt if many Rotarians have looked closely at its words or know the second verse. Toasts similarly should always be done with conviction and never parrot fashion as we had been doing at our meetings. Few bother to turn and look at the flag. Toasting, our National Anthem or flag display and symbols of our nation must always be treated very seriously so must not be in lazy or irreverent forms.

We have been requested to hold a meeting to vote to put a toast to Australia into our Bylaws. If that is done, a toast to Australia must be part of every Clayton meeting. This would at times have practical implications but personally I think too much of my country to do it other than properly and to do that entails significant organisation weekly. I strongly recommend that we continue to have toasts (no matter what they are for) when they can be done properly. The normally accepted protocol for any toast includes an explanation but I can see that soon becoming impractical if done at every meeting. I am not in favour or changing our Bylaws to include a toast but strongly feel that we should continue to do it at major functions when it can be done properly and on the way lift our game on special days like Australia Day and Anzac Day which are ideal times for doing proper toasts to our country.

Bill Sides

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## Last Meeting & Notes

### Last Meeting (29/11):

This week we held our AGM. The first task on the agenda was to vote on the changes to the Amended Constitution & the By Laws of Rotary International. Bill Sides explained what the Constitution & the By Laws of Rotary International were and what all the changes are to the members then the vote took place.

A copy of the voted and agreed to Constitution and By Laws will be sent to all members of the Rotary Club of Clayton by e-mail.

The RI Constitution, RI Bylaws, and Standard Rotary Club Constitution provide the foundation for RI's policies and procedures and can be changed only by the Council on Legislation. The constitutional documents can be found in the Manual of Procedure.

Every club and district is entitled to propose amendments to constitutional documents by submitting legislation to the Council on Legislation..

The second task on the agenda was to nominate and elect the office bearers for 2011-2012. The following positions were filled for 2011-2012:-

**Secretary** = Ralph Zuccaro  
**Treasurer** = Warren Fricke  
**Sergeant** = Heather Norling  
**Vice President** = Jean Cochrane  
**President Elect for 2012-2013** = TBA

## THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

1. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
2. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
3. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
4. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

### Meeting Notes:

- Craig Merson gave an update on last weeks Monash Farmers Market which was on the 27<sup>th</sup> November. Unfortunately there were not many stalls due to the unpredictably weather. We raised \$260 which went towards "Baileys Foundation". The new floor plan went well and will be used at further markets. Santa also made an appearance at the market. Craig has asked for members to pass on any ideas and improvements to him.
- Jim Cochrane announced that we have the opportunity again to be involved in the car parking for the Australian Women's Open Golf next February. Jim & Bill will be meeting up with organising committee for the Golf and will keep the club updated.
- Bill Sides announced that Ed Allchin was presented with a jewel for 50 years at the Masonic Lodge.
- There will be no meeting at L'unico Restaurant on the 20<sup>th</sup> December, as we will be having our Christmas Break-up at the home Bill & Dianne Sides.

**Apologies** = John Goldspink, John Barnes, Lesley Zuccaro, Warren Fricke & Glenys Pattison.

**Make Ups** = Glenys Pattison (Farmers Market), Lesley Zuccaro (Farmers Market & Board Meeting), Jim & Jean Cochrane (Foodbank).

**Leave of Absence** = None.

**Visitors** = Graeme Kemp (Rotary Club of Noble Park).

## Think Foundation Thoughts

### December: Family Month

*This week's Foundation Thought is about ...*

**Leaving your legacy through The Rotary Foundation.** —The Rotary Foundation has helped touch lives all over the world by putting polio drops in mouths of children, digging wells so clean water is available for drinking and bathing, providing education opportunities, and much more. By becoming a member of the Bequest Society, you can help ensure that important projects like these continue in the future. If the projects and programs that Rotary completes *today* are important to you, then please become a Bequest Society member so that Rotary is *secure for tomorrow*. — *Rotarian Jean Waltke*

## Important Club Dates

**Monday 20/12/10** – Christmas Break-up Meeting will be at the home of Bill & Dianne Sides. International Theme.

**Saturday 22/01/11** – Monash Farmers Market. See Craig Merson for details.

**Thursday 07/04/11 to Saturday 09/04/11** – 2011 District 9810 Conference.

## Special Announcements

**19<sup>th</sup> December – Lesley Zuccaro Birthday.**

**19<sup>th</sup> December – Ed & Margot Allchin Wedding Anniversary.**

**28<sup>th</sup> December – Jon Breisch Birthday.**

## District 9810 News

### Rotary Indigenous Health Scholarships

If any club would like to sponsor an indigenous scholar please contact Gail Robertson, Chairman of the District 9810 Australian Rotary Health Committee. An indigenous scholar who has completed one year of Health Related studies is being sought. This scholarship is worth \$5,000. The sponsoring Club will be expected to contribute \$2,500 and the Government will match.

This case injection can make all the difference to a scholar, assisting them to continue their studies. If you know of any student who fits this category and your club is willing to sponsor them, please forward their details to the District 9810 ARH Committee.

**Contact Gail on [gailrobertson1950@hotmail.com](mailto:gailrobertson1950@hotmail.com).**

## Rotaract Club of Monash

### Club Meeting Details:

The Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the Month at 7:30pm  
Mulgrave Neighbourhood House  
36 – 42 Mackie Road, Mulgrave  
(Melways 80C3)

### Upcoming Rotaract Events:

➤ TBA.

### Rotaract Roster:

Date	Rotarian to Visit
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Rukshana Verzijl
2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Georges Ah-Tye

***If you cannot attend on the night you are rostered, please organise a replacement to take your place.***

## Upcoming Events in Monash

### Monash Carols by Candlelight

**Sunday 19 December 2010**

8pm - 10pm

Jells Park, Wheelers Hill, MEL: 71 K7

Kids Zone from 4pm - 7pm

Kids show at 7.15pm - "Bethany Fisher"

Fireworks\* finale - 10pm



### Featuring Performers:

- Gary Pinto, Katrina Free, Jordie Howell, Mark Casey
- National Children's Choir of Australia - Youth Chorale
- Carols by Candlelight Band under the musical direction of Michael Thompson
- MC - Channel 9's Pete Smith

### Free Concert

- Bring a torch
- Food stalls
- Limited parking on site
- Drug and alcohol free event

After the success and a record breaking crowd at the 2009 Carols, we look forward to celebrating the 2010 Carols by Candlelight with more outstanding performances and spectacular fireworks to highlight the night.

\* Please note, Fireworks are subject to weather conditions.

Information Line: 9518 3636 TTY: (hearing impaired): 9518 3655.

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## Upcoming Events in Kingston

### Christmas Twilight Farmers' Market

**Wednesday, 22 December 2010**

**4:00 PM - 7:30 PM**

Buy all your Christmas provisions directly from the producer. Stalls include fresh fruit and vegies, meats, cheeses, breads, pasta, dips, gourmet treats and much more.

**LOCATION:** Sir William Fry Reserve, Nepean Highway Highett

**CONTACT NAME:** Mandy Baigel **PHONE:** 9581 4746

**EMAIL:** [mandy.baigel@kingston.vic.gov.au](mailto:mandy.baigel@kingston.vic.gov.au)

**WEB:** <http://www.kingston.vic.gov.au/link/farmersmarket>

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## Where other Clubs Meet

A Rotarian can attend the weekly meeting of any Rotary club around the world. This is a "make-up" and counts as attendance credit when you are not able to attend a meeting of your own club.

Details for all District 9810 clubs can be obtained in the district directory or website [www.rotary9810.org](http://www.rotary9810.org). Details for clubs around the world are available in the RI Directory (held by the club secretary) and on the RI website ([www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org))

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## Reminders

Please ensure that the club is aware if you will be missing a meeting. Contact **Ralph Zuccaro** on **0408 991 741 by 4 pm** on the **day of the meeting**, if you are not going to be present.

Contributions for inclusion into the Bulletin should be passed to [michaele@netspace.net.au](mailto:michaele@netspace.net.au) by Thursday evening of each week.

**Please remember if you cannot perform your rostered job, it is your duty to find a replacement to take your place.**

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## Joke of the Week

A group of politicians were driving in a bus along a remote road on a country junket when, suddenly, the bus ran off the road and crashed into a tree in a farmer's field.

The old farmer, seeing what happened, went over to investigate. He then proceeded to dig a hole and bury all the politicians.

A few days later, the local police heard about the accident, went to the farm, saw the crashed bus and asked the old farmer where had all the politicians gone.

The old farmer said he had buried them.

The policeman asked the old farmer, "So they all were dead?"

The old farmer replied: "Well, some of them said they weren't, but you know how politicians are."

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## Rotary International News

### Benefits of polio eradication up to US\$50 billion

By Dan Nixon

Rotary International News -- 29 November 2010

A new study estimates that the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) could prevent more than eight million cases of paralytic polio and save US\$40 billion to \$50 billion, if the wild poliovirus is eradicated in 2012 or shortly thereafter.

Published online this month in the *Vaccine* journal, the study, "[Economic Analysis of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#)," is based on actual and projected immunization costs and polio incidence from 1988 through 2035. Low-income countries would account for about 85 percent of the savings.

The study also estimates that the distribution of vitamin A supplements during National Immunization Days has prevented from 1.1 million to 5.4 million child deaths and saved between \$17 billion and \$90 billion in disease treatment costs.

"Polio eradication is a good deal, from both a humanitarian and an economic perspective," says the study's lead author, Radboud J. Duintjer Tebbens, of the nonprofit Kid Risk Inc. "The GPEI prevents devastating paralysis and death in children and also allows developing countries and the world to realize meaningful financial benefits."

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The study focuses on 104 countries, most of them lower-income, that have directly benefited from the GPEI since 1988 through reduced polio treatment costs and the prevention of lost productivity due to disability.

Not included in the study are the substantial benefits that continue to accrue in countries that have eradicated polio. In 2006, for example, estimates indicated that the United States had saved more than \$180 billion because of its investment in immunization to become polio-free.

The study was produced by Kid Risk Inc., the Delft University of Technology, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the GPEI.

The incidence of polio has fallen by more than 99 percent worldwide since the GPEI began in 1988. Indigenous transmission of the wild poliovirus persists only in relatively small areas of Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan. Until eradication is complete, however, all countries remain at risk for the importation of the virus, as demonstrated by the polio outbreaks in Tajikistan and the Republic of the Congo this year.

By the time the world is certified polio-free, Rotary's contributions to the global eradication effort will exceed \$1.2 billion. In addition, Rotary has mobilized hundreds of thousands of volunteers in support of immunization activities.

Rotary also plays a leading role in soliciting financial support from national governments, which has amounted to more than \$8.2 billion since 1988.

"This entire initiative began because of the vision of Rotary International," says Margaret Chan, director-general of the World Health Organization, who calls the more than 1.2 million Rotarians "tireless partners in the polio eradication effort."

Says Robert S. Scott, chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee: "The positive results of this study will, I am certain, increase even further the enthusiasm of Rotarians to fulfill their promise to the children of the world to eradicate polio."



The Rotary clubs of Farooqabad, Sheikhpura Aarzo, and Sucha Souda, in Punjab, Pakistan, rallied to end polio and held a polio vaccination camp during National Immunization Days in July. More than one million Rotarians worldwide have contributed to the success of the GPEI. *Photo courtesy of the Rotary Club of Sheikhpura Aarzo*

## **SPECIAL INVITATION**

**From The Rotary Club of Wheelers Hill**

### **Public Forum: Transport – How Healthy is our Roads System?**

**Guest speaker:**

**Mr Brian Negus, RACV General Manager Public Policy**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December, from 6.30 pm for 7 pm sharp start**

**Location: *Mulgrave Country Club***

*Cnr. Wellington and Jells Road, Wheelers Hill (Melway 80:H1)*

The Rotary Club of Wheelers Hill is delighted to host this Public Forum dinner at which the guest speaker is Mr Brian Negus, General Manager Public Policy, of the RACV. Brian is an entertaining and informative speaker!

In addition to Rotarians, members of the public are warmly invited to attend this dinner meeting. The cost is simply whatever you decide to order from the menu, and our Rotarians will make you very welcome.



Brian Negus is General Manager Public Policy for RACV where he is accountable for research and formulating policies and initiatives addressing road operational and public transport issues, road safety, road use management, safer vehicles, driver education and training and environmental issues in the transport sector. Brian represents the RACV on these issues in advocating for improved travel and safety for the community Brian was formerly the Deputy Director of Public Transport with the Victorian Department of Transport for 3 years and previously held the position of Metropolitan Regional Director with VicRoads, Victoria's state road authority for 8 years.

Brian holds tertiary qualifications in Civil Engineering, Transport and Traffic Engineering and Management. He has been a member of the Rotary Club of Templestowe since 1985, is a Past President, Paul Harris Fellow and held positions on District Committee as Assistant Governor and Chair of Community Services.

Brian was also an MC at our 2010 Rotary District Conference in Geelong.

**Bookings are essential, no later than Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December:**

**Contact Dr Geoff Haw on [geoff@sagacityservices.com.au](mailto:geoff@sagacityservices.com.au) or 0418 580 081.**

Refer also to our club website: [www.rotarynews.info/club4680](http://www.rotarynews.info/club4680)