



ROTARY CLUB of CLAYTON Inc.

District 9810 Victoria, Australia

Weekly Bulletin 2009-2010

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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Vice-Presidents Report

Hello All,

I have given the President a break this week and I thought that I would give a quick update on the fantastic day we had at the Clayton Festival.

The day started off a little wet, but as the afternoon came, the sun shone and it started to get quite warm. The highlight of the morning was trying to put up the marquee and watch Rotarians put their heads together to work out a plan. Once the marquee was up, it was time to set everything up and make sure the Minerva's were in place.



It was amazing how many people there were walking up and down the street during the day, with many stopping to have a look at those two cars and even having a look at what we were displaying. All up it was a wonderful and successful day for the club.

As I was walking up and down the street taking photos, it was good to see the variety of local business and community groups who were

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?"

involved in the day. This enforced the day as being a real community festival.

We were also joined by members of the newly formed Monash Rotaract Club and the incoming District Rotaract Representative who also used this opportunity to promote Rotaract.

For those members who attended on the day thank you very much as your efforts are greatly appreciated. I will soon have the full range of the photos from the day on the web for all to see.

Michael Ellinger
Vice-President.

Important Club Dates

Tuesday 16/02/10 – Cluster Meeting for the Incoming GSE Team from Turkey at Mulgrave Country Club. 6:30 for 7:00 pm start. RSVP to Bob Millen by 8th February. Meeting moved from 15th February.

Wednesday 17/02/10 – Board Meeting starting at 6:00 pm (Heather Norling's Home)

Friday 19/02/10 – Day with the Incoming GSE Team from Turkey.

Friday 26/02/10 to Sunday 28/02/10 – District 9810 Conference. Venue is Deakin University Waterfront Campus, Corner Western Beach & Gheringhap Street, Geelong.

Wednesday 11/03/10 to Sunday 14/03/10 – Australian Women's Open Golf Car parking.

Friday 12/03/10 – Charter Night for the Rotaract Club of Monash.

Monday 03/05/10 – Annual Charity Golf Day at Spring Valley Golf course. Further details (TBA).

Golf Day Sponsors

A list of all our 2009 Annual Charity Golf Day sponsors can now be found on the Rotary Club of Clayton web page. To see the sponsors you can follow the following link:-

http://www.rotarnet.com.au/users/9/98110/golf_day_sponsors.htm

All proceeds raised at the 2010 Golf Day on the 3rd May will support the programs run by Ronald McDonald House.

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.

Last Week & Upcoming Club Program

Last Meeting (08/02):

This week our guest speaker was PP Ralph Zuccaro who gave us an update on the preparation for the upcoming Clayton Festival. Our presence at the festival will give us the opportunity to promote our club and also the good work Rotary does in the community and around the world.

On the day we will be also joined by members of the soon to be chartered Rotaract Club of Monash, who will also use this opportunity to promote themselves and the good work Rotaract is performing in the community.

Our big draw card on the day besides our good looks will be the Minerva's Cars supplied by Bill & Dianne Sides. Again as we did last year, people attending the festival will get the opportunity to have their photo taken in one of the cars for a \$5 donation which will go towards Polio Eradication.

Meeting Notes:

- Reddy gave a report on his first make up at another club during the week.
- The car parking which we will be performing for the Australian Women's Open Golf has now been confirmed and we will be parking cars at Oakleigh South Primary School. The dates are from the 11th to 14th March 2010.
- The GSE team from Turkey will be looked after by our club on the 19th February. Plans are still being put in place on what will happen on the day. There has been discussion on maybe a shopping trip to Chadstone or even a drive in the country.
- The meeting on Monday 15th February has been moved to Tuesday 16th February so members can attend the Cluster meeting for the GSE team at the Mulgrave Country Club. 6:30 for 7:00 pm start and the cost is \$30 pp, with drinks at bar prices. (Further details attached to this bulletin).
- Heather Norling reported that our attendance for January was very low at 70.59%.
- Warren Fricke also gave an update on the progress of our Annual Golf Day on the 3rd May 2010. For more information refer to the attached flyer in this bulletin or contact Warren Fricke or Ralph Zuccaro.

Apologies = John Barnes, Gaye Barnes, John Goldspink & Lesley Zuccaro

Make Ups = Reddy Kandadi & Heather Norling (RC Oakleigh), Michael Ellinger (District Training Day).

Leave of Absence = None

Visitors = None.

Special Announcements

24th February – Jim
Cochrane Birthday.

This weeks Roster (16/02):

Guest Speaker = Cluster GSE welcome meeting at Mulgrave Country Club
Chairperson = N/A
Desk = N/A
Visitors = N/A

Roster for 22/02:

Guest Speaker = (TBA)
Chairperson = Glenys Pattison
Desk = Tom Portelli
Visitors = Bill Sides

Roster for 01/03:

Guest Speaker = Conference Wrap up
Chairperson = Tom Portelli
Desk = Bill Sides
Visitors = Dianne Sides

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

District 9810 News



Information sent to every member of D9810

Subject: Three important points for everyone – Rotary District Conference

Our District conference is approaching fast and there are three key points that I need to share with every member of our District:

1. **Conference starts at 1:00 p.m. on Friday February 26, 2010 at Costa Hall, Geelong.** Lunch is provided for all attendees and will be served from 11:30 a.m. in the courtyard which has been covered for our conference. **Please register at Costa Hall and join us for lunch from 11:30 onwards.**

2. A number of calls have been received from members who are late with registration. **Late registrations can be accepted, but please advise the Committee that it is on the way.** Contact details are on the back of the District handbook or the Conference web site.
3. The management of Costa Hall has asked us **NOT to use poppers, streamers, confetti or similar items during the conference.** During Club Roll Call, please - Make a Noise but don't make a mess!

I look forward to seeing many of you in Geelong.



David Forster
Governor 2009-2010
Rotary International District 9810

Basic PRLS Training

Date: Sunday March 21, 2010 - 08:30 am to 16:30 pm
Event Fee: \$60.00 AUD
Location: Mulgrave Country Club
345 Jells Road
Wheelers Hill,

Click [here](#) for more information

Upcoming Events in Monash

2010 Chinese New Year & Lantern Festival

Sunday, 28 February 2010

11am - 8pm
Kingsway, Glen Waverley

Make your own traditional Chinese lantern and join the crowd in celebrating the Year of the Tiger as the 2010 Chinese New Year & Lantern Festival lights up Glen Waverley's Kingsway Precinct.

The second annual Chinese New Year & Lantern Festival will be held on Sunday, 28 February from 11am - 8pm and will feature lantern making, **free games and activities for children**, a Chinese Cultural Show and a full program of free entertainment.

The internationally famed Khuan Yee Lion Dancers will return to the festival to present their award winning Lion Dance, which is performed on top of 1.8m poles and proved to be a favourite attraction last year.



The festival will feature **food and trade stalls**, Chinese arts and crafts, games, rock climbing, a main stage at Coleman Parade, a children's area in the forecourt of the Glen Waverley Public Library and 'Carnival Alley' in Montclair Avenue.

Print version: - Chinese New Year Festival Program (PDF, 23 KB)

It is sponsored by Monash Council, the Victorian Multicultural Commission, Harcourts, Century City Walk and Westpac Bank.

For further information please call 9518 3636.

Upcoming Events in Kingston

Fun in the Sun Festival! An All Abilities Event

Sunday, 28 February 2010

10:00 AM - 4:30 PM

A Family Fun Day for the whole community.

This event was initiated by a 7 year-old boy, who with the help of Chelsea Community Renewal has brought together a range of schools and services to plan the event.

There will be live bands and performances headlined by Dorothy Dinosaur and friends, the Choir of Hope and Inspiration (formally Choir of Hard Knocks), Code One Police Band, Reptile and animal shows, magicians and much more. Entry is free and all activities are low cost.

Other activities include skate/bmx/scooter competitions, reptile handling, pony rides, sports clinics, farm animals, clowns, magic, rides... and the list goes on. This event is for the whole community and has been designed to be highly inclusive of children and family members of all levels of ability.

LOCATION: Bicentennial Park, Chelsea (Corner of Thames Promenade and Scotch Pde)

CONTACT NAME: Tim Bearup **PHONE:** 9581 4956

EMAIL: tim.bearup@kingston.vic.gov.au

WEB: <http://www.kingston.vic.gov.au/funinthesun>

Kingston Farmers' Market

Saturday, 6 March 2010

8:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Buy fresh produce directly from the producer including fruit and vegies (including organics), gourmet cheeses and breads, top shelf olive oil, dips, organic meat, pork and chicken, buffalo sausages, venison, artisan pasta and sauces, delicious treats including cakes, chocolate truffles and liquorice, an excellent range of gluten-free products and much more.

LOCATION: Sir William Fry Reserve, cnr Nepean Highway & Bay Rd, Highett (opposite Southland).

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

EMAIL: mandy.baigel@yahoo.com.au

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. 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)

Reminders

Please ensure that the club is aware if you will be missing a meeting. Contact **Heather Norling** on 9544 4220 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 by Thursday evening of each week.

Joke of the Week

A blonde lady was about an hour from San Diego when she was flagged down by a man whose truck had broken down.

The man walked up to the car and asked, "Are you going to San Diego?" "Sure," answered the woman, "Do you need a lift?" "Not for me. I'll be spending the next three hours fixing my truck. The problem is I've got two chimpanzees in the back which have to be taken to San Diego Zoo. They're a bit stressed already so I don't want to keep them on the road all day. Could you possibly take them to the zoo for me? I'll give you \$100 for your trouble." "I'd be happy to," said the blonde. So he carried the chimps to the woman's car and strapped them into their seatbelts and off they went.

Five hours later, the truck driver was driving through the heart of San Diego when suddenly he was horrified to see the blonde walking down the street with the two chimps, much to the amusement of a big crowd. With a screech of brakes he pulled off the road and ran over to the blonde.

"What the heck are you doing here?" he demanded. "I gave you \$100 to take these chimpanzees to the zoo." "Yes, I know you did," said the blonde, "but we had money left over, so now we're going to Sea World."

Rotary International News

Start 2010 on a positive note

Hands up those Rotary families that want to start 2010 on a positive note?

Keep your hands up if you have unwanted musical instruments stored somewhere in the family home – or you know of other family members or friends who may have such valuable resources tucked away?

Wow! Look at all the hands! Well, do I have a deal for you!

The Australian Children's Music Foundation (ACMF) is now almost eight years into a comprehensive music initiative for Australian children and youth – especially those at "disadvantaged" and Indigenous schools.

Launched in 2002, The ACMF is the brainchild of legendary Australian singer/songwriter and children's entertainer Don Spencer, OAM. *Rotarian Life* carried a cover feature on Don and The ACMF in our August issue.

Don Spencer formed The ACMF when he realised how neglected music had become in schools across Australia. Some 75 per cent of Australian public schools no longer have a specialist music teacher.

In an inspiring presentation to the Zone 8 Institute for past, present and future officers of Rotary International in Newcastle, NSW, last November, Don emphasised that research had proven that participating in music had a significant impact on a child's development. He said music encouraged creativity, improved motivation, self discipline, communication and enhanced learning skills.



"Music can be a pro-social alternative to a cycle of anti-social behaviour and it can reach those who have become 'disengaged'. Participation in music can provide great comfort and can sometimes mean the difference between a child choosing the right or wrong path in life," he told the audience.

Don and other key people from The ACMF had previously addressed the annual gathering of Australian District Governors Elect at the Director's Briefing Weekend in Parramatta, NSW.

Now, the "money question".

Asked how Aussie Rotary clubs and Districts could best support such a magnificent "self help" program, Don explained that ACMF had embarked on an ambitious program.

"We have set up flexible, specifically designed music programs in more than 20 disadvantaged schools and 14 detention centres throughout Australia – along with heavy involvement in the NSW Youth Drug and Alcohol Court Program with sponsorship from the Rotary Club of Sydney, NSW.

"This expansion has placed great pressure on our resources, especially the supply of musical instruments. Each music program includes free music tuition and free musical instruments. When students have displayed a passion and aptitude for their music we like to give them the musical instrument of their choice to continue their new-found skill.

"So, one of our major needs is for musical instruments – new or second hand.

"Secondly, every course at each school or detention centre costs \$25-30,000 and our financial resources are stretched to the limit. The Australian Children's Music Foundation has launched a 'Philanthropic' Choir. Membership is only \$20 a year and there are no auditions, no performances for members of this choir – just the need to be passionate about the benefits and power of music. The only note you need to be a valued member of this choir is a \$20 note," he concluded.

Rotary Districts in Australia are already committed to involvement with ACMF as a result of the impressive presentation by Don Spencer and world acclaimed cellist Rachel Scott at the Briefing Weekend.

District 9790 Governor Elect Alan Anderson is in discussions with ACMF on programs within the bushfire ravaged areas of Victoria, whilst District 9550 Governor Elect Allan Church is planning a program for Indigenous youth on Palm Island off the coast of Townsville, Qld. Several other Governors Elect are negotiating with ACMF Executive Director Vicki Fitzgibbon for special presentations at their District Conferences in the 2010/2011 Rotary year.

The Rotary Club of Sydney has chosen The ACMF's pilot music program being conducted at the NSW Youth, Drug and Alcohol Court Program as one of the five charities they are supporting. A major fundraiser – Dancing with the Cars – is planned for the Sydney area at the Audi headquarters at Zetland, NSW, on February 20. Karen Loblay (02 9299

0555) is the Sydney Rotary contact for further information.

So, how can Rotarians and Rotary Clubs assist this magnificent youth program?

1. Collect every single musical instrument possible and forward same to *Rotary Down Under* House, Level 3, 43 Hunter Street, Parramatta, NSW. Frances Campbell is the contact on 02 9633 4888. *RDU* will serve as the collection/coordination point for the Australian Children's Music Foundation. We will acknowledge donations and the type of instrument every three months.

2. Spend \$20 and join the Australian Children's Music Foundation Philanthropic Choir. Such action will finance further expansion of music programs into disadvantaged schools and institutions around Australia. Cheques should be made payable to The Australian Children's Music Foundation. Mail to: ACMF, Suite 105, 90 Mount Street, North Sydney, NSW 2060. Online donations and further information is available from the web site – www.acmf.com.au

Wait, there's more . . . Did I share with you the fact that the Australian Children's Music Foundation – to further stimulate young people's interest in music – conducts a national song writing competition amongst Australia's 11,000 schools each year?

Executive Director Vicki Fitzgibbon and Business Development Manager Kerrie Wexham can provide information on all of the above. Telephone on 02 9929 0008.

"We have published this invitation as we believe that this event is an excellent opportunity to meet local business leaders and hear of Westpac's plans to assist us and our community."



I am looking to the future
I am listening to your needs
I am helping you help the planet
I am the Westpac Clayton Bank Manager
I am Craig Merson, the 230th Bank Manager

You are invited to a Sustainability Seminar to be held at the Clayton Football Club on Wednesday February 17th starting time is 6 PM and will run for one hour after this time.

You will have a chance to ask questions and meet business owners who can help you make your home more environmentally friendly. We will have refreshments available and some nibbles and if you would like to purchase drinks there will be a bar open on the night. We will also have some trades persons there to help you with quotes and give you some advice.

This Seminar will be presented free on behalf of Westpac for customers and non customers and includes a free home assessment valued at \$250. You may also receive after this assessment a gift card of \$50 (subject to availability) to get you started in making your home environmentally friendly.

We are contactable via email on claytonbranch@westpac.com.au or on 03-95628733 should you require anymore information.

I look forward to seeing you at the event and contribute to making Australia a Greener place to live

Regards

Craig Merson
Clayton Bank Manager

Clayton Community Golf Day

A date for your diary

The Rotary Club of Clayton extends an invitation to you and your friends to enjoy a great day of golf at one of Melbourne's best sandbelt courses, Spring Valley, home to the Victorian Open.

Also, by joining in on this great day of golf, you'll be helping to support the great work of Ronald McDonald House, Monash.
We look forward to seeing you there.

**Venue: Spring Valley Golf Club
Heatherton Road, Clayton South**

**Date: Monday 3rd May 2010
Time: 12:45pm tee off**



**For enquires please contact Warren Fricke on 9544 3489
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