



ROTARY CLUB OF CLAYTON

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Tonight: Rotarian's Home
Rotary Awareness Month.

Upcoming Meetings

Date	Speaker	Chairperson	Desk	Visitors
January Meeting Will be Held at Rotarians Residents	No guest Speakers (See Below for Itinerary)			

Please organise a replacement if you are unable to attend on rostered days above.
APOLOGIES: Please phone apologies to John Barnes – 9544 2866 by Monday 4pm.

Coming Events

15th January Michael Ellinger.

20th January Bill & Dianne Sides Home. (Saturday Night)

29th January Golf Day (Spring Valley Golf Club)

Fellowship functions will occur around once every 6 weeks.

A Small program for fellowship this still to be confirmed.

January- Meetings at Rotarians houses (see next week for Rotarians houses).

February- A day at Safety Beach Jim & Jeans.

March – Shepparton conference

April- A Picture Night.

Rotaract Roster

Date

Rotarian to Visit

Previous meeting

Last Meeting: Clayton RSL

Apologies: Tony Hilliard, John Goldspink.

Make Ups:

Guests:

Birthdays: 21st Jan - Margot Allchin.

Wedding Anniversaries 22nd Jan Richard & Deb Simmons.

General Business

Last meeting the 8th of Jan was at Heather & Warren Fricke home which was an enjoyable night of scrumptious BBQ and mouth watering dessert and new generations benefited.

Ride to Conference this year (850Km) 24-29 March 2007, Are there any takers to sponsor Bill. International Rotary Convention Salt Lake City 14 June 2007.

The Rotary Club has Adopted Village from RAMS is (HURIS) – New Ireland.
Poowong Dairy Farm day Bus size and numbers, BYO Salad.

Forms for Working with Children check valid for 5 year. See Bill Sides

Board Meetings are held every 3rd Monday of the Month.

Dixon House requires, some invalids to teach English Kathryn Shedden is running the program there.

Rotaract club of Clayton Needs help with numbers of people aged 18 to 30 years.

ROTARY CLUB OF CLAYTON

Meets every Monday 6.15 for 6.30pm at Clayton RSL
163 Carinish Rd, Clayton (Mel 79 D3)

President: Glenda Rose
Secretary: Bill Sides

December 2006

INVITATION

Friends

Our Annual Charity Golf Day will be held again this year at Spring Valley Golf Club on Monday 29th January 2007

You are invited to join fellow Rotarians from Clubs throughout Victoria, guests and sponsors for a wonderful day of golf and fellowship.

We would be very pleased for your Club to field a team(s) of four to compete for the awards on the day.

Individual entries are welcome. The organizing committee will place these players in teams.

Would you please bring this invitation to the attention of members in your Club who may wish to participate.

- Cost \$70 per player, includes entry, lunch, after game snacks
- Lunch & Registration from 11.30am
- Shot Gun Hit-off at 1.00pm
- Presentations at 6.00pm

An entry form with details of the day is enclosed.

If further information is required please do not hesitate to contact me on phone/fax 9544 3489 (B) or 9836 1202 (H) or 0417 548 534 (M) or

wfricke@bigpond.net.au (email) or

c/- 282A Huntingdale Rd, Huntingdale 3166

Yours sincerely

Warren Fricke

Hello All Members,

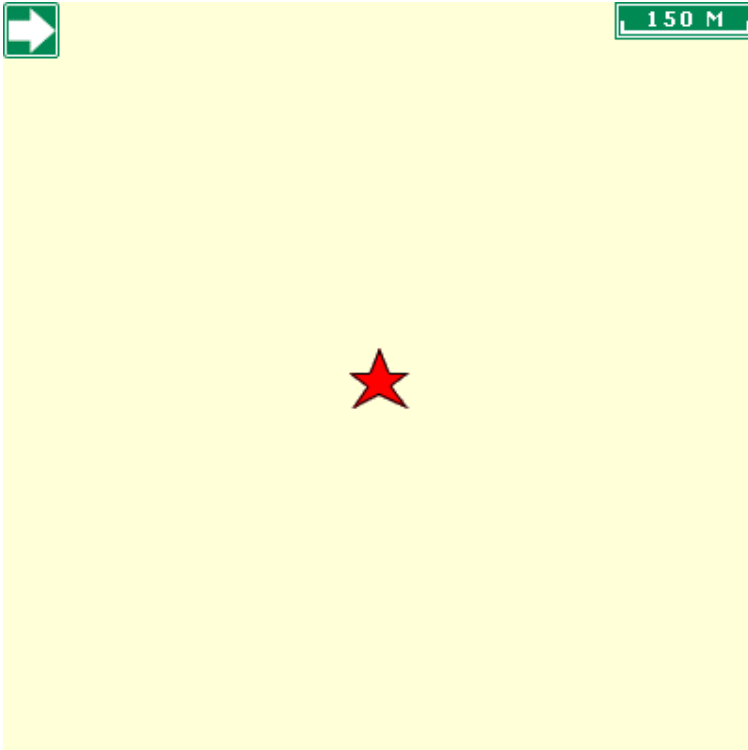
I am writing this e-mail to inform you that our next meeting will be on the 15/01/07 (Monday) at my place. Following are the details:-

Address: 5 Crest Crt, The Basin, 3154 (Melways ref. 65 F6). **(Extra parking on vacant block across the road)**

Time: 7:00 pm onwards. Formal Meeting at 8:00 pm

Cost: \$10 per person or \$20 per family (proceeds will go towards Vocational programs)

BYO Drinks only.





RSVP for numbers (13/01/07)

9541 5356 (bus)

0402 028 204 (mobile)

michaele@netspace.net.au

See you there.

Regards,
Michael Ellinger

Upcoming District events.

Next month...

Next year...

23/2/2007 (Fri) [24-hour Rotary Club meeting](#)

24/2/2007 (Sat) [24-hour Rotary club meeting](#)

29/3/2007 (Thu) [District Conference](#)

30/3/2007 (Fri) [District Conference](#)

31/3/2007 (Sat) [District Conference](#)

1/4/2007 (Sun) [District Conference](#)

9/6/2007 (Sat) [Chelsea Art Show](#)

10/6/2007 (Sun) [Chelsea Art Show](#)

11/6/2007 (Mon) [Chelsea Art Show](#)

Hi everyone,

In the lead up to tonight's District meeting @ Clayton RSL, I would love to take this opportunity to ask you to mark this date into your diaries....

SUNDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2007 - BLIND CRICKET MATCH
Rotary/Rotaract District 9810 vs Victorian Blind Cricket Association
To be held at Vision Australia's Cricket Ovals, Kooyong
10am-4pm

A great opportunity to bring your families and friends ... bring a picnic, make it a relaxing (and amusing!) day out.

More details to follow; watch this space!

Robyn Kensley :)
Rotaract Club of Clayton & DRRR 2006-2007

The Four Way Test

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?



**CELEBRATE AUSTRALIA DAY
AT SIX ACRES WINERY**

Family & friends welcome

at

**20 Ferndale Road, Silvan
MELWAYS REF – 123 C4**

**Enter via Wilkins Lane where
there is plenty of parking space**

FOOD & WINE IS PROVIDED

From 12.30 onwards

**Dress for the weather & bring along a chair
If you would like to stay overnight
BYO camping gear**

Please let us know if you can make it.

**Lesley: 0438 505 286
Ralph: 0408 991 741
Home: 9428 0427**



Rotaract International Dinner Dance.

'A Brighter Future for Children Worldwide'

Charity Speakers:

- **Interplast**, Keith Maxwell (Rotary Club of Noble Park)
- **Wheelchair for Kids**, Adrian Clifford (Rotary Club of Mount Waverley)
- **RAWCS (East Timor Roofing Project)**, Tim Hewitt (Rotary Club of Lilydale)

All money raised will go to the Interplast, Wheelchair for Kids & East Timor Roofing Project.

More information about these projects is available through the Rotary website

Date: Saturday 17th March 2007

Time: 6:30pm for 7:00pm start

Venue: Karralyka Centre

Mines Road

Ringwood East Vic 3135

Melways Ref: 50 A6

Cost: \$45 per head

Includes a 3-course meal and Tea & Coffee with Chocolates
(Drinks are at bar prices)

Dress Code: Semi-Formal

Silent Auction and Raffles throughout the night

RSVP: Saturday 10th February 2007

Rotaract Club of Noble Park's Vice President/ Secretary,

Lee-Anne Green 0411 952 800

or via email: noblepark_rotaract@yahoo.com.au

Payment will be required ASAP, or by arrangement with Lee-Anne Green.

Cheques to be made payable to:

The Rotaract Club of Noble Park Inc. and be sent to PO Box 124, Noble Park Vic 3174

JOKES FOR THE WEEK

Things to ponder

Everyone has a photographic memory. But some folks don't have film.

When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

I almost had a psychic girlfriend, but she left me before we met.

If Barbie is so popular, why do you have to buy her friends?

Energizer Bunny arrested, charged with battery.

The Rotary Club of Clayton – Over 40 years of service in the community

Website - <http://rotarnet.com.au/users/9/98110/index.htm>

Religious battle golf

The Pope met with the College of Cardinals to discuss a proposal from Shimon Peres, the former leader of Israel. "Your holiness," said one of the Cardinals, "Mr. Peres wants to determine whether Jews or Catholics are superior, by challenging you to a golf match." The Pope was greatly disturbed, as he had never held a golf club in his life.

"Not to worry," said the Cardinal, "we'll call America and talk to Jack Nicklaus. We'll make him a Cardinal, he can play Shimon Peres... We can't lose!" Everyone agreed it was a good idea. The call was made and, of course, Jack was honoured and agreed to play.

The day after the match, Nicklaus reported to the Vatican to inform the Pope of his success in the match. "I came in second, your Holiness," said Nicklaus.

"Second?!!" exclaimed the surprised Pope. "You came in second to Shimon Peres?!!"

"No," said Nicklaus, "second to Rabbi Woods."

Meeting Closed on the 8th Jan at 9:20pm

Relevant Rotary Web sites.

<http://www.rotary.org/>

<http://www.9810.rotary.org.au/>

www.rotarnet.com.au

Other club websites of interest.

<http://www.rotary-belleville.org/index.htm>

<http://www.rotaryclubofbrisbanemidcity.org/contents/home.asp?>

<http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/rotaryworld/index.html>

Ra Ra's Ramblings – Week 27 2006-07

Week commencing: Monday 01 January 2007



DROUGHT RELIEF

As mentioned in my last Ramblings, I have been talking with various Rotarians of District 9810, the Governors of Districts 9780 and 9790 and other welfare based organizations investigating how best our city based clubs can assist the drought affected rural communities. I am hopeful of being able to report in detail within a couple of weeks. Thank you to those who have already responded; if you have thoughts on how we might assist please share them with me.

ARHRF RIDE TO DISTRICT 9810 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

It's that time again! Throw the leg over the bar and get into the saddle!

We want you to join in with the group

Who will take up the challenge?

And have a stupendous ride for you, as we Zig Zag our way across the state of Victoria to Shepparton.

It's all there again sun, wine, song and gentle undulations.

Yes! You've got to have a go! trust me.

We can promise you great fellowship, great food, a sense of achievement, and even some exercise, whilst participating in this great fundraising event.

As there are 4 teams we can cater for all abilities, or levels of fitness. You don't have to be supremely fit, as you only have to ride as much as you would like, or help as a member of the support crew. If you're riding and need a rest, you can jump into one of the support vehicles and they will drop you off at the next regular stop. Remember you will not be riding all day, (maximum distance in any one day is between 65km & 140 km).

Copies of the application form along with the Ride brochure are available from your Club secretary, grab one, fill it out and get it back. Copy it and pass on to likely participants; spread it around your friends.

We would appreciate your quick response

This year is very special as the event is celebrating 21 years of fundraising for ARHRF. It would be terrific to have one person from every Club on the Ride.

DG Bob will again ride the first leg Healesville to Kilmore, approx 100 Kilometres. If you have no one else to sponsor and you reckon DG Bob needs some incentive perhaps considering sponsoring him the first day of the ride. Donations to support DG Bob can be sent to the Ride

Coordinator PP Rob Henry 3 Eugenia Crt, Boronia 3155. Cheques payable to "District 9810 Bike Ride"

All enquiries to:

PP Rob Henry- (h) 9762 1765 (M) 0417 570 417 (Email): treborwh@bigpond.com.au

PP Geoff Kennedy - (h) 5962 4084 (M) 0411 409 584 (Email): gjkenn@foxall.com.au

Australia Day Breakfast

The RC of Aspendale - Australia Day Breakfast will be held at The Kingston Club, Mordialloc Sportsman's Club, 528 Nepean Highway, Mordialloc at 7.30am on Friday, January 26th 2007. Guest Speaker is Stan Alves, A.F.L Premiership Palyer and A.F.L Coach plus ABC Commentator. Tickets \$25ea. Contact Raymond J. Smith on 9772.2933 or email

sbw@hotmail.net.au

MESSAGE from RC of BORONIA

The RC of Boronia are conducting their 2007 Charity Golf Day on Monday 5th February 2007 at Eastwood Golf Club in Kilsyth. 8:00 AM & 1:15 PM shotgun start Stableford event. Cost \$45 (\$30 for Eastwood members. Proceeds to be shared with Knox State Emergency Service

MESSAGE from RC of Doncaster Sunrise

"In April 2007 Doncaster Sunrise will be staging the inaugural "Walk the Torque 21" A community event to keep our young people Alive To Drive.

This will be run in conjunction with the Manningham City Council to raise awareness of the attitudes of young drivers in the community and to raise funds to better educate Year 11 students in the Manningham Community to promote a change in both attitudes and driving behaviour.

The event will take the form of a Team Challenge which will culminate at Rieschecks Reserve in George St. Doncaster on the weekend of 21/22 April 2007 in an event commencing 12.00 noon on Saturday and finishing at 9.00 am on Sunday.

Teams will be challenged to raise funds through sponsorship and other fundraising activities, build a car to carry around a track, decorate the car, decorate their team camp, and many other challenges throughout the event. Points will be allocated for each event to eventually decide the "Walk the Torque 21 World Champions 2007".

This will be a light hearted, up-lifting, community event to address a very serious issue of preventing deaths and serious injuries caused by our young, inexperienced drivers.

We are delighted to announce that insurance company EIG-ANSVAR has signed on as major sponsor and that the Peter Brock Foundation has agreed to act as Patron and Supporter of the event.

To find out more go to our website www.rotaryclub.com.au and follow the links.

If you can help in any other way, with sponsorship, promotional opportunities or connections with any organisation that deals with products associated with motor vehicles contact the Event Co-ordinator Jamie Woodford on (03) 9457 2908 or at jamie.woodford@iinet.net.au

Rotary PUBLIC IMAGE 24 Hour Meeting – 23/24 February 2007

Please note that the venue for the 24 Hour Meeting is The Box Hill Town Hall, in Whitehorse Road, Box Hill (Melway47 E9), when I work out how to do it I will include a map in Ramblings.

Exciting News

Patties Foods Pty Ltd have come board as a major sponsor for the 24 Hour meeting providing a significant mixture of their savoury and sweet products for catering, these will be available at a modest cost with the proceeds going to The Rotary Foundation

Other Sponsors

Others providing sponsorship to defray the fixed costs of conducting the 24 hour meeting are Moores Legal, and McPhail & Partners- Accountants. Sponsorship opportunities are available, interested parties should contact either AG Pam Trevan, RC of Dingley Village (Email- ptrevan@bigpond.com) or DG Bob

MESSAGE from DGN John Barnes

Now is the time when clubs elect the office bearers for 2007-08 including the President Elect who will be the President for 2008-09 the year DGN John Barnes when will lead our District. As DGN John intends extending an invitation to your President Elect 2007-08 to join him at the Presidents Elect Training Seminar on 4 March 2007 an early response with contact details would be appreciated.

MESSAGE from RC of NUNAWADING

Pres Len Brear advises that he has been able to reserve a further 20 tickets in Rows C and F in the Stalls for Thursday the 1st Feb at the terrific price of \$66 payable by cheque to the RC of Nunawading plus requested \$20 donation payable by cheque to ROMAC which is receipted and credited to the participant's Club.

Pres Len must be contacted at work 9871 4414 from Monday 8th to Friday 12th to arrange and confirm the payment and booking.

GSE - ASSISTANCE with VOCATIONAL DAYS for INBOUND TEAM from D2410

The GSE Committee is seeking your assistance in arranging Vocational Days for the Team arriving from D2410 Sweden/Latvia in early March 2007.

As outlined above the team comprises members with Vocational interests in the following areas:

1. *Meldra - Personal Human Resources, Publishing Houses*
2. *Verners - IT and telecommunication sphere, meet local IT & T experts*

3. **Charlotte - Newspapers in Sweden are going through a very rapid change. The focus has shifted from making of newspapers, for a certain group of readers, to a broader view of communication and information use for a partly new audience. This includes fast and updated news on web sites and also making of TV/radio-productions. Charlotte wants to understand, compare and exchange ideas concerning the development in Australia, where conditions and media structure might be very different. She also wants to visit small town newspaper.**
4. **Markus - documentary and wildlife film maker with underwater filming as specialty.**

If you can assist please contact either Michael Jacobs on (h) 9759 5141, (w) 9764 8081 or email: mjacobs@mihi.com.au or Tony McKenna on (h) 9579 3272, (w) 9552 9777 or email: tony@grandcell.com.au

GSE - ASSISTANCE with Club and Home Hosts for INBOUND TEAM from D2410

PP Jenny Fox (RC of Hampton) and PP Brian McDaid (RC of Croydon) are seeking your assistance with setting the club programs and the home hosting respectively for the inbound team from D2410 Sweden/Latvia. If you can assist please contact Jenny and Brian as a matter of urgency.

Vocational

Presidents and Vocational directors time to seek out suitable nominations for the upcoming Shine On Awards.

This award recognises outstanding community service by people with disabilities. By their actions they serve as SHINING EXAMPLES to the community. Through their commitment they help in the Rotary spirit of LEAD THE WAY. They provide a significant contribution to the quality of life of others.

There are 2 categories for nomination YOUTH (15 to 20 yrs) and adult (21 and above). All clubs are earnestly requested to seek suitable applicants for this very worthwhile project. There is no cost involved to the clubs nominating potential awardees. Closing date is 25 / 2 / 07. PP Andrew Forgas has previously mailed information to all clubs or alternatively application forms and details can be downloaded from <http://www.shineonawards.org>

MESSAGE from RCs of NUNAWADING and MONASH

A reminder that places are available in their January Photographic Course, especially for those Rotarians and Family of Rotary who were fortunate enough to receive a digital camera from SANTA.

Details of course dates, further details and additional copies of the brochure and registration form can be obtained from Bruce Fullard on 0418 316 504 or email rotaryphotography@a1.com.au

District Governors Newsletter

If you would like to include an item in the District Governors Newsletter, please forward copy to our Editor, PP Glenda Sherwin-Lane (RC o Waverley), by the 3rd of each month. Glenda's email address is: gsl-mail@bigpond.net.au or newsletter@9810.rotary.org.au

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT from DGE Dick Garner GSE 2007-08 to London

The Group Study Exchange in 2007-08 will be held with District 1130 which covers the Central London area of England. Team Leader applications are now open.

Key dates for the GSE team selection process and exchange visits are set out below:

Inbound exchange dates

District 1130 team arrives in Melbourne on 9 February 2008

District 1130 team leaves Melbourne on 11 March 2008

Outbound Team Dates

District 9810 arrives in London 21 September 2007

District 9810 Team leaves London 22 October 2007

Outbound Team Selection Dates

- **Team Leader applications called for 4th December 2006**
 - **Application form on District 9810 & Rotary Foundation Website**
 - **Selection criteria on District web-site**
- **Team Leader applications close Friday February 9th 2007**
- **Team Leader Interviews Saturday February 17th**
- **Information Evening – Wednesday February 28th – Scope – Wantirna**
- **Team Member applications close Thursday April 5th**
 - **Application form on District 9810 & Rotary Foundation Website**
 - **Selection criteria on District web-site**
- **Team Member round 1 selection – all day Saturday April 21st – Scope**

- **Team Member – round 2 selection – Sunday April 29th - Boronia**

NOMINATIONS for District Governor Nominating Committee and DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2009-10

PDG Philip Hedley, in his role as Secretary, District 9810 Nominating Committee, DG 2009/10, has today mailed to all clubs a call for Nominations for the DG Nominating Committee and for District Governor 2009-10. Pertinent details are as follows:

The Nominating Committee (refer clause 6 of District Bylaws 2005).

The committee comprises four representatives from Clubs who must be either a Past President or current Club President. (The other members of the Committee are District Governor, District Governor Elect, District Governor Nominee and Immediate Past District Governor).

Nominations must be submitted on the attached form and include a short cv of your Rotary experience. This will be included in any ballot correspondence if more than four Rotarians are nominated.

District Governor 2009/10

If a member of your Club is interested in considering this opportunity to serve Rotary, please encourage the applicant to speak with any member of the College of Governors as to the requirements of the role.

As a minimum, all applicants must:

- Be in good standing in their Club (i.e. financial).
- Have served as President of a Club for a full term or as specified in the Manual of Procedure, and
- At the time of taking office, must have completed seven years of membership with one or more Rotary Club.

Nominations open Monday 19th December and close at 5:00pm Thursday 25th January 2007

Interviews will be held on Sunday, **18th February 2007** and applicants and their partners, if applicable, are required to be available on that date.

Application forms are available from PDG Philip, DG Bob or can be downloaded from the District website. Reference to the detailed requirements as shown in the Manual of Procedure 2004, on the role and responsibilities of the District Governor should be made.

SHEPPARTON 2007 Conference

With the 2007 District Conference in Shepparton less than 3 months away Conference Chairman Margaret Riseborough reflects upon the message regarding the Conference received from "RI President Bill and Lorna who "send their warmest greetings to everyone and they ask you come to the conference to enjoy the comprehensive Rotary information, fun and fellowship. Also to take this opportunity for fellowship, broadening your Rotary horizons and reaffirming your commitment to Rotary and to the principle of Service Above Self as you Lead the Way in your communities and in the global village."

Jill and I look forward to extending our welcome to you and your family of Rotary as we have fun putting Rotary into Rotarians.

Remember the dates 29th March to 1st April 2007 at Shepparton.

Sponsors

Whilst Mitre 10 are our principal Conference Sponsor others providing tremendous support are Hagemeyer, Michaels Camera and Video, Steamatic, Johns Lyng Builders, the Retzos Group (KFC) and Leader Newspapers.

Our valued sponsors provide much needed support to the District. I encourage all Rotarians and the family of Rotary to make use of the goods and services offered by them.

4 WAY TEST PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

After a successful inaugural year for the Rotary Four-way Test Speaking Competition, District is keen to see the program grow in 2006-7. An Excellent standard of participants was achieved last year, culminating in the finals at the Adelaide conference. Candidates for this year's competition must be in Year 10 in 2007.

Clubs are advised to contact schools immediately classes recommence at end of January 2007 to interest schools in participating. This will enable them to prepare for the competition during February. Candidates must be prepared to travel to conference at Shepparton in the event they make the grand final which will be held on Friday 30th March 2007, the last day of the school term. Please note, the date of the final has been changed, previously reported as Saturday 31st March 2007. Amended applications forms will be available on the District web site within a few days.

Further details will be released late January. In the meantime if you have any queries or wish to obtain application forms please contact PP Kevin O'Donnell of RC of Doncaster Sunrise

YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM 2007/08

Clubs intending to participate in the 2007/08 Youth Exchange Program (YEP) are reminded to submit their Intention Forms and Country choices for the July Inbound students to Committee Secretary by Wednesday 31st January. We have just welcomed home our 2006 Outbounds earlier this month and the 14 Outbounds for this year leave on 18/19 January. They are part of over 325 outbound this year from Australia who represent the most recent of well over 13,000 young Australians who have been sponsored overseas by Rotary Clubs in Australia since the Youth Exchange Program's first exchange by the Rotary Club of Myrtleford in Victoria nearly 50 years ago. We look forward to seeing our current participating Clubs continue with their great support as well as invite any other Club to become involved. Further details are available from YEP Committee Secretary Teena Griffiths at teenagrif@hotmail.com or Mobile 0439 038 704 or Committee Chair David Forster at david.forster@ozemail.com.au or on telephone 9846 3130.

PHOTOGRAPHS

DG Bob had received a offer from PP James Cunningham of the RC of Templestowe to prepare a slide show of District/club photographs for the District Conference (to be shown during the plenary session breaks, together with Conference photos) and possibly also at the 24 Hour Meeting.

If you have any photographs of special club events, district events including the special events attended by RIPE Wilf and Joan and Rotary Foundation Trustee Carolyn Jones, or of DG Bob and Jill's visit to your club could you please either email copies to DG Bob via Jill's email address

<jillmr@bigpond.net.au> or copy them on a CD and mail it to DG Bob Richards at 98 Bay Road, Sandringham, 3191

DG Bob may even choose a couple of photos for special prizes.

RC of SANDRINGHAM Point to Point Swim – Sponsored by BUXTON REAL ESTATE

At 11.00AM on Saturday 3rd March, the Rotary Club of Sandringham, in conjunction with the Hampton Life Saving Club will be conducting the fourth Point to Point Swim. The swim is for a distance of 1600 metres and parallels the beach from Green Point to Hampton LSC.

The swim has grown in popularity and would have had well in excess of 300 swimmers last year had the weather conditions been similar to the previous years. Family members can watch the start and then follow competitors along the beach to the finish.

Entry to the event at a cost of \$35 can be made on line by visiting the web site of the Hampton LSC. Cash prizes can be won for the top three swimmers in each category as well as generous spot prizes.

The Rotary Club of Sandringham is responsible for organising all swim promotion, registrations and coordinating the event on the day with the exception of water activities and the safety of the swimmers. In addition to the swim there will be beach activities for the kiddies with sand building competition and beach races.

We would like to think with such a perfect stretch of beach and water that in future years the event will rate with the world class swims of Lorne and Portsea.

Every club in the District 9810 has in their families at least one or two serious swimmers. It would be great to have them participate in the race. They may well finish in a top place, but to all the others there is tremendous feeling of achievement in being able to complete the course.

A "Hole in One" golf driving competition which had previously been conducted on the beach on this day will be transferred to the Sandringham Driving Range for four Saturdays in April with a final play off on the first Saturday in May. More details will be announced about this event closer to the time.

SECRETARIES - A NEW EMAIL ADDRESS TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR YOU

Following discussions with our District Web-master PDG Brian, DGE Dick and District Secretary PP Graham Ackland I have approved the creation of a new address in the District Email system to be used by clubs notifying District of new Members, terminations, PHF recognitions and contact detail changes. The new address is notify@9810.rotary.org.au

This address directs changes to the DG, District Secretary, District Newsletter editor and Database manager, whilst this should simplify the notification of changes to District, you are reminder that membership changes must be reported to Rotary International and the best medium to do so is via Member Access on the Website. Furthermore, if you would like to publicise PHF recognitions in the Rotary Down Under it is necessary to contact RDU direct.

PAUL HARRIS RECOGNITION:

Please could you advise me of any recognition so that they can be included in the DG's Newsletter. Clubs should also advise RDU direct if they would like recognition in Rotary Down Under.

Please also advise the presentation of Paul Harris Sapphires.

Congratulations:

Have I missed any one?

NEW MEMBERS

Please advise me of the full name of new members, as soon as possible after their induction, for inclusion in Ramblings and the DG Newsletter.

Welcome to:

Ross Telfer – RC of Moorleigh Bentleigh-East (apologies to Ross for misspelling his surname last week)

Have I missed any one?

Attendance Report

Please note that Margaret Riseborough continues as the District attendance officer and your club attendance records should be provided to Margaret by the 15th of Each Month. Margaret's email address is: mrisebor@bigpond.net.au

NB: Margaret's postal address has changed and is now – Unit 18, 18-26 Marlesford Cres, Berwick 3806 – the telephone number is unchanged – 9702 0649

Special Dates from Your DISTRICT YOUTH EXCHANGE COMMITTEE

Wednesday 31st January. Club Intentions to participate with YEP in 2007/08 due to reach Committee Secretary Teena Griffiths at teenagrif@hotmail.com or Fax 03 9585 1437.

Friday 16th February. Welcome Home Dinner for Returning Outbound Students – Mulgrave Country Club. Contact YEP Committee Secretary Teena Griffiths at teenagrif@hotmail.com or Mobile 0439 038 704.

Saturday 31st March. Initial Applications to Sponsor Clubs for YEP Students Outbound in January 2008 close.

Monday 30th April. Sponsor Club Interviews for January 2008 Outbound Students to be completed.

Tuesday 15th May. Final Applications for Club sponsored students for 2008 Outbound Group to be submitted to the District YEP Committee.

Friday 25th – Sunday 27th May. District YEP Committee Assessment Weekend for January 2008 Outbound Students.

DISTRICT 9800 PR INITIATIVE

District 9800 has arranged the placement of two large billboards promoting Rotary Membership, one has been placed within District 9810 outside 575 Dorset Road, Bayswater North. I have received the following photograph from DG Bernie Walsh of 9800 with an undertaking that any enquiries from the public within our district will be directed to me.



Forthcoming Events

Thursday 25th January 2007 – Nominations close at 5:00pm for District Governor 2009-2010

Friday 26th January 2007 – RC of Aspendale - Australia Day Breakfast – details above

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Saturday 17th February 2007 – Selection Interviews for Team Leader of the GSE Team to District 1130 – London.

Sunday 18th February 2007 - Selection Interviews for District Governor 2009-2010.

Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th February 2007 – 24 hour Rotary Club Meeting at City of Whitehorse Town Hall

Wednesday 28th February 2007 – Information evening at SCOPE Wantirna for GSE team to District 1130 – London

Saturday 3rd March 2007 – RC of Sandringham Point to Point Swim

Sunday 4th March 2007 – Presidents Elect Training Seminar (PETS) – Deakin University – Burwood Campus

Saturday 17th March 2007 – Rotaract International Dinner – Karralyka Centre, Mines Road, Ringwood East. Cost \$45.00 per head includes 3 course meal – drinks at bar prices. Further details contact Lee-Anne Green 0411 952 800

Monday 19th March to Friday 23rd March 2007 – Australian Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians – Annual Tournament - Warrnabool and Port Fairy. Entries close 18 January 2007 Contact David Richards: (03) 5561 1840 E: david.richards@westnet.com.au

Thursday 29th March to Sunday 1st April 2007 – District Conference at Shepparton

Saturday 31st March 2007- Initial Applications to Sponsor Clubs for YEP Students Outbound in January 2008 close.

Thursday 5th April 2007 – Applications close for members of the GSE Team to D1130-London

Saturday 21st April 2007 – GSE Team Member to D1130- London, round 1 selection – all day Saturday April 21st – Scope

Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd April 2007 – RC of Doncaster Sunrise – Walk the Torque 21

Sunday 29th April 2007 – GSE Team Member to D1130- London, round 2 selection- Boronia

Monday 30th April 2007- Sponsor Club Interviews for January 2008 Outbound Students to be completed.

Tuesday 15th May 2007- Final Applications for Club sponsored students for 2008 Outbound Group to be submitted to the District YEP Committee.

Sunday 20th May 2007 – District 9810 Assembly – Venue to be advised

Friday 25th – Sunday 27th May 2007. District YEP Committee Assessment Weekend for January 2008 Outbound Students.

Yours in Rotary
DG Bob Richards

