



# ROTARY CLUB of CLAYTON Inc.

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## Presidents Report

Hello Team,

I am back and I hope that you have not missed me too much.

This is my first weekly report for this year and I hope there will be many more to follow.

First of all I would like to say thank you to Warren Fricke who filled in for the last three weeks while I was away. From the feedback I have had, he has performed a great job in my absence. Second of all I was shocked to hear about the passing of Mary Goldspink. Mary had been a great asset to the Rotary Club of Clayton and was involved and supported many activities and functions over the years. I know she was a close friend to many members of the club and she will be sadly missed. Mary's receiving of the Paul Harris fellowship award was well timed and would have been the best farewell gift we could have given her. My condolences go to John Goldspink and his family.

I hope that everyone one is fired up, as we are already three weeks in to the new year and we have plenty of things to do. We have a few important dates already coming up over the next few weeks. Tonight we have Zoe Rickard as our guest speaker and she will be giving her report on RYLA attendance. Also tonight we have our board meeting straight after the general meeting. Other dates to keep in mind are: -

**28/07 – Guest Speaker for the night will be Loreto Sister Ephigenia Gachiri who will update us on her work to eradicate female genital circumcision in East Africa. This will also be a partner's night.**

03/08 – Rotary Foundation Seminar at the Whitehorse Centre. This will run between 8:30 am – 12:30 pm.

That is all for now from the Prez for this week and keep up the good work.

## 2009 District Conference, Hobart

The next District 9810 Conference will be held at the Grand Chancellor Hotel, Hobart, Tasmania from Thursday 26 to Sunday 29 March 2009.

The official conference launch will be held on Friday 19 September.

**For all members who are considering attending this conference, now is the time to start planning booking holidays etc.**

Apart from all the fun, fellowship and new things we learn at conference. This is the time for our Club to fly the flag and support our D.G. John

## Last Weeks Meeting

Last weeks meeting resulted in an interesting “brain storming” session on how to increase the number of people attending when we have a special guest speaker. Including...

- Contacting members partners to ensure they know about upcoming events
- Contacting groups and organizations out side our club, who may have an interest in the subject our guest speaker talking to.
- Placing flyers up on community notice boards or in club members windows to “Advertise”
- We might consider the community notice board in the Local News paper.

## Shelter Boxes Update

### A SHELTERBOX REPORT FROM BURMA

ShelterBox has just received extraordinary photography and exclusive information from SRT member Mark Pearson in Labutta, Myanmar. The pictures depict that the swift operations and clear cut decision making from early May has helped hundreds of innocent people in times of disaster. Through the sheer persistence and hard work of ShelterBox the delivery and distribution of vital aid continues.

Mark Pearson comments from Labutta, “I have been in Labutta Division in the Irrawaddy I found 'three mile camp' which is home to 5,250 survivors of the Cyclone. There are around 700 ShelterBox tents there all arranged perfectly there is camp security, hospital, clean water, food and schools all run by the government. There are no international NGOs present as the Government is doing such a good job at it to the point that the UN finished the IDP cluster almost three weeks ago. The ShelterBox kit was in a good position above sea level and a cool breeze all day and most importantly shelter from the heavy monsoon downpours, which happen most days and night. The survivors have set up shops in our tents and all sorts of little industries inside 3-mile camp.



“The population was around 40,000 (in the whole of Labutta) at its peak, the families remaining are from the worst hit areas in Labutta and the people I have spoken with their villages were completely wiped out so getting up to Labutta was their only option.

“While I was in Heigny Island an Australian team member of *Medecins Sans Frontieres* told me that there were 300 tents on the island in good shape and he was amazed by the speed of distribution to the most remote areas by ShelterBox.”

Following Mark Pearson's compelling report the ShelterBox warehouse volunteers began to pack 200 tents, 2000 mosquito nets, 2000 tool kits, 600 wood burning stoves, 600 cooking pots, 4000 ground sheets and 50 classrooms in a box. This aid will arrive early July.

These latest images from Mark Pearson in Burma are compelling; here are some more ...



#### **AN AUSTRALIAN FOOTNOTE**

Australian donations more than doubled in 2007-2008 to an astonishing **\$2.47 million**, after a record \$1.14 million in 2006-07. And in just six days in July we have received \$150,000. Donations to **ShelterBox Australia** now exceed **\$5 million** – in just 4 years.

**Donation information – the cost of a ShelterBox is \$1,200.**

Donations can be sent to ShelterBox Australia, PO Box 790 Endeavour Hills Vic. 3802 or by accessing the donation section at [www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au](http://www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au)

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### **Our Golf Day Sponsor**

Our major Golf Day sponsor this year is.

 **Jefferson Ford**   
58 Nepean Hwy, Mentone, 9581 2525  
[www.jeffersonford.com.au](http://www.jeffersonford.com.au)

Just a reminder the Jefferson group sells most bands under their umbrella of Companies. **For a fleet discount contact Peter Cochrane**

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## How Your Club Works

Each year we ask each member to pay their "Subscription / Club Dues" The Club starts with \$1,000 and the treasurer recommends to the board a budget that should be balanced back to \$1,000 by the end of the year.

The dues are worked out and set on known up coming costs and historical data. The money collected is kept in a separate administration bank account and covers four areas...

1. Club Expenses for example
  - Stationary, printing of news letters, postage etc.
  - The cost of the site we use for our web page
  - The pens we give to guest speakers
  - Gifts, flowers and notices we place in the News Papers
  - Club Banners we give to visiting Rotarians
  - Engraving and awards we hand out
  - New member kits
  - Reasonable out of pocket expenses of president secretary etc.
  - Meals for Guest speakers and potential new members
    - a. Some of these costs are offset by the raffle we have each meeting
2. District Dues for example
  - District administration expenses some will be similar to our clubs, web page, postage etc. \$60
  - District hand book
  - Insurance \$25.00
  - Conference administration costs \$10
3. District Magazine
  - Rotary Down Under or The Rotarian
4. Rotary International Dues
  - Effectively to cover administration costs like club and district but on a larger scale

Clubs in our district have "Subs" ranging from \$230 to \$350

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## Club History 1966-67

### 1966-67 World President Richard L. Evans - Better World Through Rotary

Howard Price was inducted but the old letterhead was used on the bulletin for the next 17 issues showing the previous years structure. Annual membership fees were \$14.70.

A picture night to see Mary Poppins was held. \$ 100 was forwarded to "The Servants of the people" a training farm in the Punjab India and International planned to send 7 Freisen heifers and one bull to South Korea but no reports exist on it occurring.

An official interclub visit and combined luncheon of Oakleigh and Clayton was held at Classic Court on 25 August with 17 members present. On September 18th the Club visited All Saints church for a service.

A public meeting organized by Alan Fulton was held was held in the Clayton Hall on October 16th to form an organizing committee for an Elderly Citizens Club, the club's first big project. By November it had over 100 members and average weekly attendance was over 70. Ladies Days were held at the normal luncheon meetings at Kolonga.

On August 22nd the club's banner was seen for the first time and one was presented to Charter President Max Hammer. Bob Keogh undertook the task of production and thanked Doug Pleasants and Jeff Wilson of the Wool Board (who were present) and had provided the woolen



material. Vida Turner did the silk screening. A lot of thought had gone into the banner production and a leaflet accompanied each one handed out. Golf was played at Cypress Gardens Yarrowonga over the cup weekend and Clayton was "done". This was the first of many such visits. A Christmas Dinner dance was held at Spring Valley Golf Club on November 25th and Tom Portelli was inducted on Dec 12th.

February 16 was the changeover date to decimal currency and the effect on business was significant and covered early in the year. Frank Nightingale resigned. He had organized the programme from the outset. The club had a "Foundation Tin" at each meeting, which was apparently topped up with loose cash.

In March the club hosted a GSE team from Canada on Moomba Monday so Moomba was visited and lunch at the Athenaeum Club followed by much liquid refreshment cruising

Port Phillip Bay then tea was had at Monash Uni.

The club took out elderly ladies from Clayton Road's Convalescent Home for Women and a number of members attended the 280 District Conference in Melbourne. \$ 221.27 was raised at a BBQ and in May the club ran a theatre night to Half a Sixpence.

Ray Cain was inducted on May 15th

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## Program:

### This Week 21<sup>st</sup> July

**Speaker: Zoe Rickard**

**Subject: RYLA**

**Chairperson:** Dianne Day

**Duty Desk:**

**Visitors: All**

**Bulletin Notes:** Neil Rickard

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**Subject: Female genital circumcision in East Africa.**

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## Strange but true:

### Insurance policies

**Choice has come across a range of more unusual insurance products on the market:**

#### **Kidnap and ransom/extortion insurance**

Policies for kidnapping, ransom and extortion are available in Australia. They're mostly sold to well-heeled individuals (and corporations) who might be the target of such activities.

#### **Mugging and car-jacking**

Available to families in the USA as family protection insurance. This covers you for direct and incidental costs from crimes such as home invasions, child abduction, mugging and car-jacking.

### **Body parts**

If you think some part of your body is essential to your earning capacity, contact an insurance agency. You might be able to insure it. Celebrities have reportedly insured specific parts of their body: Jamie Lee Curtis insured her legs, Bruce Springsteen his voice and Liberace his hands.

### **Weddings**

They can be really expensive, but nothing will compensate for a broken heart. Cover provides financial protection if you have to cancel or postpone the happy day.

### **Alien abduction**

It's the stuff of urban legend. The UFO Abduction Insurance Company will insure you for \$US10 million for medical, psychiatric and "sarcasm" costs arising from alien abduction. Simply complete the "Proof of abduction and return" form. But, be warned, they pay out at only \$1 a year. International insurer Hiscox will insure you against any calamity arising from a more conventional attempt at space travel.