



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
7 th March	Holiday in Mauritius – Georges Ah-Tye	Jon Breisch	Jean Cochrane	Jim Cochrane
21 st March	TBA	Jean Cochrane	Jim Cochrane	John Drosis
28 th March	Meeting moved to the 29 th March at Mulgrave Country Club – GSE welcome dinner.	N/R	N/R	N/R

Presidents Report

You have a break from me this week with Jon Breisch filling in while I attend a special Foundation Night with Rotary's World President Ray Klinginsmith which I will report on next week.

Time is rushing by and I urge newer members to consider attending the 9810 District Conference in Adelaide. So far 6 club members have booked, all experienced and I hope that a few of our newer members can find a way to attend. We are holding good accommodation literally a street width from the magnificent conference venue, the Adelaide Convention Centre. The conference is the best way to learn about the wider world of Rotary and that will help you get more out of your Rotary membership, ask any older member what conferences are like! Booking is easy to do on the web, see the District 9810 web site.

Bill Sides

Last Meeting & Notes

Last Meeting (28/02):

Meeting opened with Bill welcoming and thanking everyone for their hard work over the weekend with the Market and the Clayton Festival. He discussed the success of the face painting thanking Jon & Phuong Breisch, Rukshana Verzijl and Bronwen Lamond for all their hard work. Bill also discussed about the

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?"

Disaster Aid Box and the work they have done in Pakistan, Sudan and the work they are going to do in Haiti. Bill also mentioned that there had been lots of enquiries re Rotary with six people appearing very interested.

John Barnes introduced the speaker for the night Brad Kyle to talk on his journey from being an Accountant in 2007, when he lost his employment and sadly his father and money to spare. He read Shirley McLaine's book and decided to go to Spain to do a pilgrimage which was a life changing experience.

Brad thanked John for his introduction and 1st and foremost welcomed everyone advising he was happy to talk about Spain. He advised he is not naturally a talker but was happy to talk about the changes in his life. Brad's background is he was born in Mount Waverley and grew up to work as an Accountant and still works in this field but would like to be a writer and has now published one book. He has lived in several countries. He now works four days a week and writes one day a week. His book took two years, one year writing and one to publish he had his launch at Mount Waverley where his father built the building.

In 2007 he was 39 single and living with his mum, a so called real catch. He is now married, working, not living at his mum's and making his book a reality. How he got where he is today, it was late-October 2006, and was preparing for bed after another uneventful day in Sydney. The lateness of the call from his mother alerted him to the possibility of bad news, but what unfolded in a couple of sentences rocked his comfortable world. His Dad had fallen from a ladder and was critically injured. There was no guarantee that he would make it through. A few short days later, he was no longer with us. With the clarity of hindsight, his first Camino steps started that fateful night at his home in Sydney, before detouring via the hospital in Melbourne and eventually touching Spanish soil about five months later.

Armed only with his Confraternity of Saint James guidebook to the Camino Francés, a very old backpack, and the knowledge that Paulo Coelho and Shirley MacLaine had successfully gone before him, he headed into the Spanish unknown. Thirty-seven days (and a million and one experiences) later, he entered the city of Santiago. In nearly every way possible, he was not the same person that started the journey 774 kilometres earlier. Brad explained that there's just something about walking long distances that makes one more accepting of how things are. Speaking for himself, (though I imagine it is true for everyone) with acceptance, life becomes a lot more peaceful. Don't get him wrong, the Camino is chock-a-block full of challenges; He didn't last five minutes (literally!) before receiving his first test.

Here's a little excerpt from Brad's book with the day-1 details.

For three and a half wonderful minutes, I enjoy the sweet taste of victory. By the end of the road through town, and at the first possible place of choosing which way to go, my warm feelings are tested. I realise sheepishly that I did not take careful note of the directions given, and have absolutely no idea of what to do or where to go. What am I going to do? There are no pilgrims in sight, no people in sight, and a slightly crazy French lady back at the albergue if I so choose to return. It is hardly a triumphant beginning.

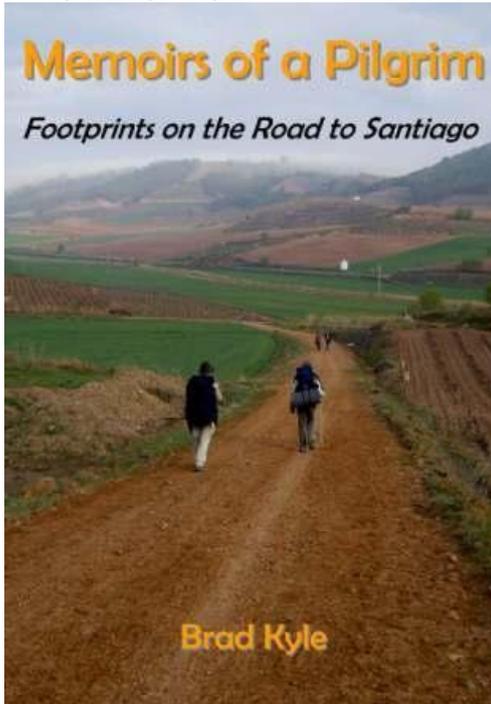
Here I stand feeling alone, lost, stressed, confused and more than a little embarrassed. It starts to rain. Perfect! Just perfect! I open my backpack and my poncho gets caught in the zip, tearing a substantial hole in the top of the shoulder. Oh, rats! At this point I realise that I am woefully unprepared for the wet weather, with not even a rain cover for my backpack, and now of course, a cheap, ripped poncho. I move a couple of metres to receive some shelter from the raindrops, but otherwise feel quite immobilized and unable to choose any

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.

option before me. This is somewhat of a theme in my life.

But there is a certain practicality in choosing a physical response, and this brings simplicity. If I choose not to take a step in any direction today, I can



guarantee that I will not get lost, but I can also guarantee that I'll be in this same spot at the end of the day, having never started. I have to take a step. I choose to.

If life is a wonderful teacher (and I believe it is), then the Camino must be the Cambridge or Oxford (or even Hale or Harvard for that matter) where the richness of learning can be experienced firsthand. And the richness of living! For me, the two go together hand in hand. From the very first lesson to the heartbreak and struggle of the finishing line, the Camino trail has been both the pinnacle and the pivotal point in my life. As one of the many fascinating people that I met along the way mentioned to me (and I will never forget), 'you don't do the Camino, the Camino does you.'

In 1990 5000 people did this walk, now 250.000 are doing it per year with the numbers growing. There is a film of the walk being released in Spain and England. Brad explained that he could talk for hours about the amazing things he has experienced, starting in the French side of the Pyrennes and ending up in Spain with a Pilgrimage Passport. Towns along the way have hostels and are solely set up for walkers where you can stay one night and go on the policy 1st in best dressed. When you arrive in Santiago you have gained a stamp on the way and then you can gain a Certificate to say you have done the walk. This is an Honor to receive and proves you have done the pilgrimage. Some of the things he has seen are Amazing cathedrals, gorgeous country side, red earth plains, wild weather and Spanish food. Brad is excited by what he achieved and would like to inspire others. He has learnt so many things with his life being turned upside down, with the two main things being:-

1. If you don't take a step you don't get anywhere
2. Just as I am I have a lot to offer.

The walk took 35 days, but others do it in a shorter time and maybe others longer. Brad did not train for the walk which was a mistake. Brad did well for food and lodgings and even found a free Wine fountain.

John Barnes then thanked Brad for sharing with us his story and journey to a different future that he had had previously.

Meeting Notes:

- Craig Merson reported that the Market was lot busier this month with lots more people, but it was not busy for us as we only made a small profit. We have lots of food for the next market. Craig explained that the market was much fuller with stall holders and better setout which made it more appealing. The fresh food at the market is not cheaper and students probably could not afford it. Craig also mentioned that it does

Special Announcements

22nd March – Bill Sides Birthday.

not seem to be advertised in Clayton and are we attracting the right people. It was agreed that we will try it for the next few months and then discuss again if it is really worth our while. After the Market, we are missing four chairs, three food tubs and one red tub.

- At the Clayton Festival, Antoinette was well supported at the festival in raising money for the school in Ghana and sold 18 Raffle books, the Clayton Football club was spruiking for her and this assisted immensely. We had great queues for the face painting and it was overall a feel good day.
- Conference bookings are now required and need to be completed as soon as possible. Bill Sides urged that new members should attend the conference.
- The meeting on the 28th March has been moved to Tuesday 29th March for the GSE welcome dinner at the Mulgrave Country Club, \$30 per head. See details attached to this bulletin.

Apologies = John Goldspink, Michael Ellinger, Lesley Zuccaro, Richard Simmons, Jim Cochrane, Jean Cochrane, Ed Allchin, Rukshana Verzijl, Bronwen Lamond, Heather Norling, Dianne Sides & Katherine Merson.

Make Ups = Michael Ellinger & Heather Norling (Farmers Market). Jim & Jean Cochrane (Foodbank). Glenys Pattison, Jon Breisch, Rukshana Verzijl, Bronwen Lamond & Dianne Sides (Clayton Festival).

Leave of Absence = None.

Visitors = Brad Kyle (Guest Speaker).

Think Foundation Thoughts

March: Literacy Month

This week's Foundation Thought is about ...

Foundation programs. —One day we will awaken to a world where every mother will be able to write her child's name and that child will be able to grow up to write his or her own name. The world will be *free* of polio; every human being in the world will be able to reach out and drink a clean, clear, glass of water without fear of disease or contamination; we will all breathe-in the fresh, clean air of a world of peace. This can all be accomplished through the programs of The Rotary Foundation. But we must all give something, any amount, to The Rotary Foundation, every year. — *Past District Governor Don Gregory*

Important Club Dates

Monday 14/03/11 – No Club Meeting (Labour Day).

Saturday 26/03/11 – Monash Farmers Market. See Craig Merson for details and if you wish to be put on the roster.

Thursday 07/04/11 to Saturday 09/04/11 – 2011 District 9810 Conference. Our club is holding nine rooms at the Oaks Horizon at 104 North Terrace. The Oaks is immediately opposite the convention centre. Bill has asked that members requiring a room should contact the hotel directly. The phone number is 08 8210 8000. Once you have secured a room please let Bill Sides know. For more information visit this web page -

<http://www.oakshotelsresorts.com/oaks-horizons/>

District 9810 News

Flood Relief Fundraiser

The Rotary Club of Wheelers Hill extends an open invitation to a brilliant night of stunning images and true stories by country people who have experienced the highest floods in history after enduring a decade of drought.

Proceeds will go to a Loddon River community asset damaged by floods, as determined by the local community, which has refused to accept defeat in the face of isolation and terrible damage.

In association with the Rotary Club is the Mulgrave Country Club, generous sponsor for flood relief.

When: Friday 25 March—6:30 for 7pm

Where: Mulgrave Country Club
Cnr Wellington / Jells Rds
Wheelers Hill.

Cost: Moderate—tba—to cover excellent buffet meal

Master of Ceremonies Peter Hitchener, Newsreader, Channel 9 will also give an insight into how the media handle disasters on-air.

For further details please contact PP Geoff Haw at geoff@sagacityservices.com.au

Books! Glorious Books!

The Rotary Club of Glen Waverley is holding a book sale at the old Black Flat Primary School (on the corner of Springvale & Waverley Roads, Glen Waverley). Proceeds for club projects.

When: Saturday 26 March. 9 am – 5pm
Sunday 27 March. 9am – 1pm

A wide range of books are available including the following:

Australiana; Biographies; Children's Picture Books; Easy Children's Reading; Fiction (both hard and soft cover); Lifestyle, Health & Fitness; Royals; Sport; Travel; War, etc.

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:

- 1st Birthday Celebration – Saturday 12th March at the Mulgrave neighbourhood house. See flyer attached to this bulletin for full details.

Rotaract Roster:

Date	Rotarian to Visit
16 th March	Bronwen Lamond
6 th April	John Drosis

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

Upcoming Events in Monash

Oakleigh Music Festival

10 - 20 March 2011

The Oakleigh Music Festival hosts a variety of music inspired events in Oakleigh ranging from live music gigs, fitness classes and Cinema in the Park. The Festival kicks off with the Carnival of Suburbia program hosted by the Caravan Music Club at the Oakleigh RSL.

The Carnival of Suburbia program includes, My Friend the Chocolate Cake, Black Eyed Susans, Tim Rogers, Rebecca Barnard and a host of other iconic Melbourne artists.

For more information on the Carnival of Suburbia program please visit www.caravanmusic.com.au

For a family fun filled evening why not grab a rug and picnic basket and come down to Warrawee Park on **Saturday, 19 March** at 7.30pm for a FREE screening of the Broadway musical hit Hairspray. Sing along with the family and gear up for the Flavours of Oakleigh.

The Oakleigh Music Festival will close with a bang on **Sunday, 20 March** with a free all-day event at Warrawee Park. The Caravan Music Stage showcases quality talent as the perfect soundtrack to the Carnival of Suburbia featuring performances from Vika & Linda Bull, Bobby Flynn, Mick Thomas, Public Opinion Afro Orchestra, Eagle & The Worm, Amber Lamps and the Oakleigh City Band, hosted by MC Rebecca Barnard. Monash's cultural community groups will transport you to the far regions of the world with their colourful costumes, rousing performances, traditional stories and secret recipes at the Flavours of Monash Community stage.

For more information please see [Flavours of Monash website](#)

For the children, there will be Jumping castle, chair o plane, face painting adds to the bubbling excitement at the Kids Zone and to wow the adults and children alike, Eaton Mall will host the Busker's Program where Kata the beatboxer will be performing tunes from 4pm onwards.

The Flavours of Oakleigh will also feature a **Workshop Marquee** with free activities to delight all ages. Start with a **Cupcake Decorating** Workshop run by Oakleigh's famous Quality Cakes, roll out the icing, style a masterpiece and

eat your own work of art. Melbourne artist and puppeteer Asphyxia from The Grimstones adds a twist to learning sign language with an **AUSLAN Singing** Workshop in the afternoon. Later on the Marquee will showcase beautiful costumes, exotic sounds and a few new moves to wow your friends as Belly Dance Inspiration hold a **Belly Dancing** Workshop to get you moving.

Fun-filled activities will be running all day, **Henna** artist Neeta Patel will be applying her art to patrons, the Recycled Art Workshop will present their **Visual Arts Creations** and Animal Tracks will showcase all that slithers and slides in their **Reptile Display**.

With everything to treat your senses and tempt your taste buds the festival is a visual, aural and taste sensation for all ages.

Upcoming Events in Kingston

Philip Gould Live - Sunday Concert Series

Sunday, 20 March 2011
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

SUNDAY CONCERT SERIES 2011

Philip Gould in Concert

Philip has a phenomenal reputation as a performer on both sides of the globe, appearing in major shows both in Australia and in London's West End, not to mention Royal Command Performances, the BAFTA awards and the extremely popular show "Young Talent Time". With his remarkable vocal talents and showbiz pizzazz, Philip brings us an exciting concert accompanied by David Cameron at the piano.

All tickets \$12

Call the Box Office on 9556 4440 to book or visit www.kingstonarts.com.au

LOCATION: Kingston City Hall

CONTACT NAME: Box Office PHONE: 9556 4440

EMAIL: kingart@kingston.vic.gov.au

WEB: <http://www.kingstonarts.com.au/performing-arts/philip-gould-in-concert>

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 **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 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.

Joke of the Week

A couple decided to go to the local Chinese restaurant for dinner.

They looked at the menu and agreed to share the chef's special, Chicken Surprise. The waiter brought the meal, served in a lidded cast iron pot. Just as the woman was about to begin the meal, the lid of the pot rose slightly and she saw two beady eyes looking around before the lid fell down.

"Good grief, did you see that?" she asked her husband. When the husband reached for it the lid rose again and he saw two little eyes looking around before the lid was firmly put back down.

They called the waiter over and explained what had happened. The waiter asked what they had ordered and was told "Chicken Surprise." "Oh, I do apologise. This is my fault," said the waiter. 'By mistake, I've brought you the Peeking Duck."

Rotary International News

Rotarians provide medical help for La Gonave, Haiti

By Ryan Hyland
Rotary International News -- 2 March 2011

A team of Rotarians from New York, USA, and the Rotary Club of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, brought much-needed medical treatment to villagers on the island of La Gonave in February, and also installed 18 solar panels to power the remote village's medical clinic and water pump.

The four-day mission, organized by George Solomon, past governor of District 7260 (New York), was funded in part by a [Rotary Foundation Matching Grant](#). The team included Rotarian and volunteer solar engineers, plumbers, nurses, and a physician.

"Everybody is bringing their expertise to make this project a success. That's what Rotary is about...putting the right people in the right places," said Solomon during the mission, which was his eighth visit to the impoverished region since 2007. "Accomplishing our goals here brings immediate and long-

term aid to people who desperately need it.”

After Haiti’s January 2010 earthquake, La Gonave experienced an influx of people seeking refuge from the devastation in the capital city of Port-au-Prince. More than 30,000 refugees joined La Gonave’s 100,000 residents, straining already limited resources.

Christopher Castro, a solar engineer and member of the Rotary Club of Brentwood, New York, said that in addition to installing solar panels, the mission provided vocational training in the use of renewable energy.

“Solar energy is clean, renewable, and free,” Castro said. By switching from a diesel fuel generator to solar energy, villagers will be able to save money and help the environment, he added.

Medical mission brings emergency care

On the first day of the mission, a mother arrived with her 12-year-old son, who was bleeding profusely from his face, hours after the clinic had closed. Nonetheless, two Rotarian nurses and a volunteer doctor treated the boy, but lacking anesthetic and other resources, they were unable to stitch up his severely damaged upper lip. So the doctor, a Haitian American, used superglue packed by a visitor to hold the lip together. The next day, the boy’s lip was already mending nicely.

“Can you imagine if we weren’t here today? He would have had scarring for life,” said District Governor Arnold Quaranta Jr. “This clinic served as many as 70 people a day, most of them here before the clinic opened.”

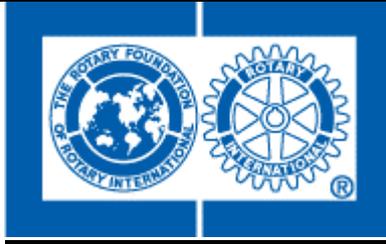
Using its 11 bags of medicine and supplies, the medical team treated high blood pressure, stomach problems, and skin infections, among other ailments.

Quaranta noted that the mission reflected the 2010-11 RI theme, *Building Communities -- Bridging Continents*.

“People are seeing Rotarians rebuilding their community,” he said. “With Haitians’ help, we are bringing two countries together to make this island a better place for the younger generation.”



Top: Rotarian Florence Marc-Charles (right) and a volunteer doctor treat a 12-year-old patient with facial wounds during the medical mission. Bottom: Rotarian Christopher Castor (middle) and Haitian volunteers install solar panels to run a medical clinic and water well for a village on the island of La Gonave, Haiti. *Rotary Images/Alyce Henson*



**DISTRICT 5240 CALIFORNIA USA
GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE TEAM
WELCOME DINNER AND PRESENTATION**

The Inbound GSE Team from District 5240 in California will be hosted at their third major Dinner Meeting by Rotary Club of Boronia with all Clubs of the Monash and Knox Clusters invited to attend

on

TUESDAY 29th March

at

6:30 for 7:00PM

at

MULGRAVE COUNTRY CLUB

(Cnr Wellington and Jells Roads Wheelers Hill 3150 Melways Map 80 H1)

All Club Members and Guests are welcome

RSVP with Form and Club Cheque – 16th March.

This combined Club meeting provides the opportunity to meet our 2010/2011 Inbound GSE Team and hear about their home District and to learn a little more about this great Rotary Foundation Program promoting goodwill and understanding throughout the World.

Cost: \$30 per person

(2 Course Buffet Dinner, Tea & Coffee Table Service, Cash Bar)

**Club Representatives are requested to complete and return the following
Registration Form with Club Cheque**

by

Wednesday 16th March

to

Rotary Club of Boronia

Treasurer Peter Malden

11 Clerehan Court Wantirna South Vic 3152

Enquiries - Email: petertmalden@bigpond.com.au; Tel: 03 98375337



You are warmly invited to the **launch** of the
'Strengthening Clayton & Clarinda'
Project

Date: Thursday 17th March 2011 **Time:** 6.30—8.30pm

Location: Clayton Community Centre Theatrette
 9-15 Cooke Street, Clayton

- ◆ Hear about the project and how you can get involved!
- ◆ Be entertained by the Cooke Island Drummers.
- ◆ Join us for some multicultural food, an opportunity to ask more questions and register for more information.
- ◆ See images of the proposed new 'Wayfinding' signs for Clayton and some local Street Art.

RSVPs required by 11 Mar : phone Colin on 9541 3136
 or email colinb@monash.vic.gov.au



Register your interest in the project to go into the draw to Win *\$200 of local shopping vouchers!

Name:		
Address:		
Phone Number:	Email:	
I would like to get involved in the Project please contact me with more information		Please <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
I would like to be kept informed of progress with the Project		Please <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

***Enter your form at the Launch Event for the prize to be drawn on the night!**

The Rotaract Club of Monash
invites you to celebrate it's

1st Birthday



The Monash Rotaract Club chartered on the 12th March 2010
and since then we've had an amazing time working with our
fellow Rotaractors, Rotarians and local community.

Please join us in a celebration of the past year!

Date: Saturday, 12th March 2011
Time: 7-11pm
Venue: Mulgrave Neighbourhood House
36-42 Mackie Rd, Mulgrave
Dress: Cocktail
Cost: \$15 per person

Finger food and soft drinks provided.

Please note that there is no alcohol at this event due to venue regulations.

RSVP: Wednesday 9th March for catering purposes.

Please advise us of any allergies you might have.

To- **monashRSVP@gmail.com**

Queries contact Sarah 0408 882 080

Guests without an RSVP will not be turned away!

We look forward to seeing you there!