



ROTARY CLUB OF CLAYTON Weekly Bulletin 22nd.May 2007 Vol 41No 39

Tonight: Dixon House Clayton 4.00pm-6.00pm

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

President: Glenda Rose
Secretary: Bill Sides

International Service Month

Upcoming Meetings

Date	Speaker	Chairperson	Desk	Visitors
22nd May	Dixon House Community Expo BBQ. 4pm to 7pm Please note meeting changed from the 21 st of May			
28 th May	TBA			

**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

Fellowship functions will occur around once every 6 weeks.

May- A Picture Night.

Rotaract Roster

Date	Rotarian to Visit
28th May	Bill Sides

Previous meeting

Last Meeting: Clayton RSL

14th May 07

Apologies: Glenda Rose, Bob Millen

Make Ups: Bob Millen Glenda Rose, Glen Waverley

Guests:

Birthdays: 22 May Glenis Rickard.

Wedding Anniversaries

General Business

- Last meeting the 14th of May, was a Combination Board and general Reports on The Monash Golf Day, Rypen, City of Kingston-Mayors launch, and various other items.
- The Rotary Club has Adopted Village from RAMS is (HURIS) – New Ireland.
- Poowong Dairy Farm day will now be around September.
- Board Meetings are held every 3rd Monday of the Month.
- Community Expo on the 22nd of May at Dixon House which requires a BBQ from the hours of 4pm to 6pm.
- Please return tickets as soon as possible to Warren for the Monash Community Raffle.
- Rotaract club of Clayton Needs help with numbers of people aged 18 to 30 years.
- A report from Bob Millen on New Generations, progress in the start up of a Cub pack in the area (Clayton North Primary School).

Hi Gang,

Dean Calder from Clayton has put a call out to anyone who might be available for any amount of time during the long weekend.

He is looking for volunteers for the National titles of Goal Ball (a blind sport). The National Titles will be held at Wesley College in Parahan and anyone who is interested will be required for any amount of time between 9am and 5pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Tasks could vary from scoring to catering. Spectators are also highly encouraged.

For anyone who is interested, or would like some more information, please contact Dean on deanoc1@optusnet.com.au.

Thanks

Kylie McMillan on behalf of Dean

Dixon House

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Kathryn Shedden, Team Leader

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Web site: www.anglicarevic.org.au

Office hours: Monday to Friday 9.30am - 3pm

Eligibility:

Community Support Services: people who live in postcodes 3166, 3167, 3168 and 3169

Adult education: no boundaries apply

Fees: Varies depending on program

Education classes - no fee applies

Disabled Access/ Facilities: YES.

Dixon House is a partnership project of Anglicare Victoria and the parish of All Saints Anglican Church, Clayton.

It's mission is:

"To provide people with opportunities to identify and use their strengths and access the additional resources they need in order to improve the quality of their lives."

Community Support Services:

- Community Support to individuals and families:
Wednesday 10am - 3pm; Thursday 11 - 3pm; Friday 11 - 3pm (Single session counselling, information and referral, food relief)
- Outreach settlement support worker from South Central Migrant Resource Centre
- Careers guidance

Adult Education Program:

- Language and literacy classes
- Introduction to computers

Community Support - Group Activities:

- Art class
- Craft and friendship
- Wednesday Community Lunch
- Strength Training
- Womens Wellbeing program

Upcoming District events.

Next month...

26/5/2007 (Sat) [Superannuation Seminar](#)

Further down the track...

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

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

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

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?

Advance Australian Fair

Australians all let us rejoice
For we are young and free
We've golden soil and wealth for toil,
Our home is girt by sea:
Our land abounds in nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare,
In history's page let every stage
Advance Australia fair,
In joyful strains then let us sing
Advance Australia fair.

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross,
We'll toil with hearts and hands,
To make this Commonwealth of ours
Renowned of all the lands,
For those who've come across the seas
We've boundless plains to share,
With courage let us all combine
To advance Australia fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia fair.

Thought for the week.

Common sense is so uncommon, no centre of learning can teach it, but once grasped, is more valuable than any known degree."

JOKE FOR THE WEEK

There was once a man from the city who was visiting a small farm, and during this visit he saw a farmer feeding pigs in a most extraordinary manner. The farmer would lift a pig up to a nearby apple tree, and the pig would eat the apples off the tree directly. The farmer would move the pig from one apple to another until the pig was satisfied, then he would start again with another pig. The city man watched this activity for some time with great astonishment. Finally, he could not resist saying to the farmer, "This is the most inefficient method of feeding pigs that I can imagine. Just think of the time that would be saved if you simply shook the apples off the tree and let the pigs eat them from the ground!" The farmer looked puzzled and replied, "What's time to a pig?"

Meeting Closed on the 14th of May at 7.35pm

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>

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Week commencing: Monday 14 May 2007

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT BILL BOYD AND LORNA to VISIT AUSTRALIA

RI President Bill Boyd and Lorna will be guests of honour at two functions in Australia in June.

In Melbourne, a dinner will be held at Moonlight Receptions, 622 Nicholson Street, North Fitzroy on 2 June at a cost of \$60 per head.

A visit to a Centennial project involving 14 clubs, A River for Everyone, is being arranged along the Maribynong River. The project has the support of the Victorian Government.

On the previous night the Boyds will attend a special function in Sydney.

The Boyds will attend two functions in their native New Zealand before returning to Evanston Headquarters to prepare for the Salt Lake City RI Convention

(DG Bob - The Rotary Club of Altona City (D9800) is handling the bookings and I have emailed a copy of the dinner booking form to each club. Bookings should be lodged as soon as possible to ensure you don't miss out.)



RYLA is an exciting live-in Leadership Seminar for young adults aged from 18 years old up to 28. This year the seminar is being held from Sunday July 1st to the following Friday at Lake Dewar Lodge, Myrniong (Approximately five minutes north of Bacchus Marsh). Cost \$500 per applicant, sponsored by local Rotary clubs. Applications can be downloaded from the District Website. It is still not too late for your club to participate since the deadline has been extended. For further information please contact PP Alan Wong on 0438 821022 or BH 9758 2943. Applications to: 4 Barmah Drive, Wantirna 3152.

REPORT on ROTARY INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL on LEGISLATION

Rotary's parliament, the Council on Legislation, met in Chicago USA from 22 to 27 April 2007. The council meets at three-yearly intervals to consider and vote on proposals to change Rotary' constitution and bylaws as well as resolutions to the Rotary board and the Foundation Trustees to take particular courses of action.

Voting members of the Council comprise one elected delegate of each of the 530 Rotary districts around the world. The District 9810 delegate was PDG Brian Foley. Other participants included current and past RI past presidents and directors who could speak on any item but not exercise a vote.

Over the five days the council considered 336 agenda items submitted by districts worldwide as well as some items proposed by the RI board. In summary, 14 items were referred to the Board without a formal vote, 96 items were approved, 152 items were rejected and 74 were withdrawn by the proposers either before or during the council.

Some of the significant matters agreed included:

- Reduction in the minimum attendance requirement of members to attend 50% of club meetings per year.
- Fast tracking of Foundation alumni into Rotary membership
- Inclusion of the Four Avenues of service into the wording of the standard club constitution
- Provision that the RI Board may suspend or terminate a club that fails to address properly an allegation of violation of youth protection laws
- Provision that an existing club president shall continue to serve as president until a successor is appointed who has attended PETS and district assembly or alternative appropriate training
- Introduced a new membership qualification for a person "Being a community leader who has demonstrated through personal involvement on community affairs a commitment to service and the object of Rotary". (This change was widely acclaimed as important for Rotary moving into the 21st century).
- Strengthening of the procedures relating to selection of the RI president, directors and other senior Rotary leaders.
- Per capita RI dues were approved for the next three years. There is no increase in 2007-08 and an increase of \$1(US) in each of the following three years.

The RI general secretary will be writing to each club in the near future detailing the changes which will take effect from 1 July 2007. A new Manual of Procedure will be available later in 2007 incorporating the changes.

District 9810 had one resolution on the agenda submitted by the Rotary Club of Moorleigh Moorabbin. This resolution asked the trustees of the Rotary Foundation to allow districts to access up to 30% of their District Designated Funds to be used as District Simplified Grants provided that the district has exceeded the "Every Rotarian every year" target (currently \$US100 per member) in the year of donation. After some spirited discussion, the resolution was passed by a clear majority and will now be forwarded to The Foundation for consideration.

Brian reports that there was a very heavy workload to get through the large agenda. However it was a great experience to be part of another exhibition of Rotary's internationality with delegates from throughout the world joining in spirited yet constructive debate on most items.

Anzac Day occurred during the week of the Council and was observed by all delegates from Australia, New Zealand and Turkey with a dawn commemoration service addressed by RI President Bill Boyd (New Zealand) and RI directors Ian Riseley (Australia) and Orscelik Balkan (Turkey). This event was most inspiring and highlighted Rotary's theme of international peace and understanding."

MESSAGE FROM RC OF MANNINGHAM – DROUGHT RELIEF INITIATIVE

Drought Relief Support for the Donald Friends & Neighbors Society

The RC Manningham has formed an association with the Donald Friends and Neighbors Society and specifically with local Uniting Church contacts Margaret Russell (Uniting Church Minister) and John Russell who are well respected leaders in the local community.

The RC Manningham initially provided a small emergency grant of \$3,500 to be used at the discretion of the Donald F&NS and followed up with members meeting with Uniting Church and F&NS to determine how the Club could best provide assistance to the community through short and longer term initiatives.

At the suggestion of the Donald community leaders, the following short term initiatives were conducted to raise the spirits of the community affected by three successive years of drought, and to show Rotary cares:

Easter Eggs for 460 primary and secondary students - in conjunction with Templestowe College and Templestowe Heights Primary School who raised funds to cover the purchase of the chocolate eggs and then delivered them to the Donald school children. (School to school friendship). Outcome - joy to the faces of many young children who had never seen the Easter Bunny (Templestowe School Chaplain Julie Ramsay who hired a costume for the occasion).

Toy Appeal - supported by RC Templestowe and Serpell's Primary School plus generous donations from all parts of the community, over 300 toys suitable for the 0 - 6 age groups are ready to be delivered to a newly renovated shop in the main street of Donald to establish a toy lending library for local families. Many Rotarian partners joined in the effort to sort and package the toys.

Mother's Day Gifts - Rotarian partners were again involved in a simple project to prepare 460 chocolate-filled, gift wrapped coffee mugs for school children to give to their mothers. The schools have not been able to run Mother's Day stalls for several years because of the drought.

The major longer term initiative is to use Rotarian professional skills to work with the Donald community leaders on a Community capacity building program centering on youth suggested by John Russell (Uniting Church), which would enhance their resilience to problems faced by adolescents in rural areas such as unemployment, drug and alcohol abuse, and parental conflict and assist them to redefine their self identity in a positive and sustainable way. The project will also work in unison with families enhancing the parent child family relationships.

Probably the most significant and unexpected outcome which has been conveyed to the Manningham Rotary Club by the local Donald community is that our Club's involvement has re-energised local support groups to work even harder to overcome adversity. Having external support, effectively a little extra weight behind the wheel has given everyone involved renewed enthusiasm; and significant personal satisfaction to all Rotarians knowing that their efforts are greatly appreciated by our friends in the country.

John and Margaret Russell will be guest speakers at the RC Manningham meeting on Monday 21st May. Rotarians and visitors welcome. 6.30pm for 7pm at Casavini Restaurant, East Doncaster. Contact Daryl Knight to register your attendance.

(DG Bob: The Rotary Club of Manningham would welcome the opportunity to extend this program of "Adopting a Town" program, may I suggest clubs interested join Jill and I at their meeting or contact PP David Alexander of Manningham for further information)

MESSAGE from RC of OAKLEIGH – DROUGHT RELIEF INITIATIVE

The Rotary Club of Oakleigh – District 9810 – was so concerned at the traumatic effect that the drought and bushfires were having on rural communities in Victoria, the Club Board resolved to provide some small assistance to affected communities.

A budget of \$ 20,000.00 was allocated - \$ 10,000.00 to assist Country Fire Brigades, and \$10,000.00 for Drought Relief Projects. Four country Clubs in each category were selected, and each was offered \$ 2,500.00 for distribution as each saw fit, with no conditions placed on the Clubs. The Rotary Clubs of Alexandra, Bairnsdale, Maffra & Mansfield – District 9820 – were selected for CFA Funding, and the Rotary Clubs of Hamilton, Horsham, St. Arnaud & Swan Hill – District 9780 – for Drought Relief projects.

At the Rotary Club of Oakleigh we were overwhelmed at the messages of gratitude and appreciation received back from these Clubs – the consistent message was the gratefulness that someone in the city actually cared enough about what was happening in the country to offer assistance.

It is a stark reminder that in our urbanised environment most support services are situated in the cities, whereas most natural disasters occur in the country, leaving a great imbalance that governments are unwilling to address.

Having made this connection we are intending to continue next year to reinforce the city-country connection, and I would urge all urban clubs to consider such a project.

(**DG Bob:** I am also aware of other clubs communicating directly with rural communities and/or Rotary Clubs and I commend your initiatives. If you have a message to pass along please let me know)

MESSAGE from Carrol Farmer – STAMPS

URGENT- URGENT- URGENT

Please continue to collect the used stamps and get them to Carrol as a matter of Urgency, we have a long way to go to reach \$7,000.00.

INVITATION FROM ROTARY CLUB OF HAMPTON

Rotary Club of Hampton invites you to dinner with Gavan Ryan,
Detective Inspector and former head of Purana Task Force to hear his address

The Challenges and Successes of the Purana Task Force

7.00 for 7.15pm, Tuesday 5th June 2007
Sandringham Yacht Club
Jetty Road Sandringham – Mel 76 F8

\$40 per person / Tables of 10 available
Two Course Dinner and Coffee, with drinks at club member prices
... Proceeds will support Rotary Club of Hampton Projects ...

Bookings and further information:
Christine Prendergast,
Telephone: 03 9902 7109 BH; Mobile: 0418 574 446
Email: prendergast@smartchat.net.au
Payments by cheque or money order to:
Treasurer, Rotary Club of Hampton, PO Box 1084, Hampton North 3188.

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

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 someone???

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:

Brian Lowe – RC of Aspendale (transferred from RC of Chelsea),
Dennis Heslin – RC of Aspendale (transferred from RC of Chelsea),
Gerald Keleher – RC of Aspendale

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Roger Sever – RC of Sandringham
Bob Minter – RC of Clayton
Marie Ranger – RC of Emerald & District

MESSAGE from RC of BOX HILL CENTRAL



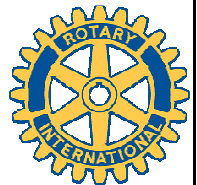
Are you a SUPER HERO?

Run, or thinking of starting, your own INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO, SUPERANNUATION or ALLOCATED PENSION FUND?

If so, why not come to our **Saturday 26th May 2007 (11am-1pm)** seminar at state-of-the-art **Rusden Lecture Theatre, Deakin University, Burwood** to hear investment trends of interest to **DIY Share Investors** (without product sales) in a lively and informative manner from their favourite Melbourne investment commentators: **Alan Kohler, Kevin Bailey, Helen Breier** and hosted by **Dominic Alafaci**.

For more information and/or to book a seat to this unique Rotary fundraiser, go to:

www.diysuperseminar.com



A fundraising project of the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central

See www.rotary.org – 1.2M+ active Rotarians worldwide. 50% of Seminar proceeds to Drought Relief, balance to Rotary projects.

Enquiries: **Ken Rice** (Rotary Club of Box Hill Central) on **9416 1441, 0419 319 619**, fax **9416 4830**, email kenrice@kandi.com.au

To ensure a seat please pre-book – \$29 single, and \$49 per couple. The cost of door tickets on the day of the Seminar will be \$35 single, and \$59 per couple.

MESSAGE from NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM (NYSF) –2008

The National Youth Science Forum in Canberra will be dispatching the following information pack to Rotary Clubs in the next week, the packs contain;

- 1 Guide
- 6 Flyers
- 10 Selection Process Forms
- 1 Rotary Club Procedures
- 1 Poster
- 1 Letter from the Minister
- 1 DVD
- 1 Letter from the NYSF (extended closing date advised in letter and has now been updated on our website)

The closing date for students to register on-line has been extended to 31st May 2007; and for Clubs to nominate at District level by 30th June. The changes are due to unforeseen delays in getting the information to all Clubs and Schools

The schools will get also get their packs within the next few days.

If Clubs have any questions and/or would like one of the District NYSF committee to come and talk to their Club about the NYSF please contact PP Paul Taranto via email at paul.taranto@qenos.com.

If there are any Rotarians that have a science/engineering background and would like to join the District committee and assist in providing the NYSF opportunity to the youth in District 9810 please contact PP Paul Taranto at the above email address.

Paul Taranto
Ph 61-3-9258-7526
Fax 61-3-93694819
Email paul.taranto@qenos.com

MESSAGE from RC OF MONT ALBERT AND SURREY HILLS – Book Fair

Date: 3rd June
Event RC MASH - BOOK A RAMA
Venue: Melbourne Baseball Club, Surrey Drive, Box Hill
Time: 9 am to 10 am EARLY BIRD SALES \$10 per person entry
From 10 am to 4 pm - Gold Coin Donation

MASSES OF BOOKS FOR SALE, LIGHT REFRESHMENTS.
Book donations and enquiries welcome - contact Jenny or Roger on 9830 7711 or 0407 689 777

MESSAGE from THE ROTARY FOUNDATION TRUSTEE CHAIRMAN –Luis Giay

Former Rotarian, Paul Harris Fellow, Global Investor and Philanthropist, Sir John Marks Templeton, once said, "The greatest charity is to help a person change from being a receiver to being a giver." I share his words to ask you to ask all the Paul Harris Fellows in your club to make an annual gift to the Annual Programs Fund before 30 June 2007. Over the years, we have learned that many Rotarians, once they receive their Paul Harris Fellows, stop giving to our Rotary Foundation. When asked, those same Rotarians will tell you they stopped giving because they thought they had fulfilled their obligation to the Foundation and no one had ever asked them to continue contributing! In May 2006, our Foundation named its One Millionth Paul Harris Fellow, a significant milestone that represented US\$1,000,000,000 contributed to our Foundation through the program. Think of all the good that came from those one million Paul Harris Fellow contributions: we are nearing the eradication of polio in the world; millions of children no longer die from drinking contaminated water; and, thousands of young scholars have gone on to make a difference in the world. An even greater good will come from the contributions we make to our Foundation today. Please ask all Rotarians who received a Paul Harris Fellow to give to the Annual Programs Fund by 30 June 2007 and help make our Rotary Foundation the greatest charity in the world. Thank you

In sincere gratitude, your friend, **Luis Giay, 2006-07 Trustee Chairman, The Rotary Foundation.**

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

DATA BASE UPDATE

PP Ken Rice, our hard working Database Administrator is about to send to each club an A3 Sheet setting the details currently held on file. When this is received please circulate the list to all members for checking, and to be signed off by the Club Members where possible, as only individuals know 100% of their correct current / preferred details and any impending changes to these details.

DISTRICT SPONSORS

From time to time I will include reference to our valued sponsors who provide much needed support to the District. I encourage Rotarians to make use of the goods and services offered by the sponsors



Forthcoming Events

Saturday 26th May 2007 - 11am-1pm DIY Super Investment Seminar at Rusden Lecture Theatre, Deakin Uni, Burwood featuring Alan Kohler; Kevin Bailey; Helen Breier; MC – Dominic Alafaci. Further details Ken Rice, RC Box Hill Central 0419 319 619, kenrice@kandl.com.au or soon at www.diysuperseminar.com.

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

Sunday 3rd June 2007 – RC of MASH – Book fair – Melbourne Baseball Club, Surrey Drive, Box Hill - 9 am to 10 am EARLY BIRD SALES \$10 per person entry - From 10 am to 4 pm - Gold Coin Donation

Saturday 30th June 2007 – District Governors Changeover – Caulfield Racecourse – further details shortly.

Yours in Rotary
DG Bob Richards

