



# 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
29 <sup>th</sup> November	Annual General meeting	Heather Norling	Glenys Pattison	Tom Portelli
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Stuart O'Brien - Community Development volunteer with the Edmund Rice Sinon Secondary School in Arusha, Tanzania	Glenys Pattison	Tom Portelli	Dianne Sides
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Glen Vincent - Chairman of the Conference Committee	Tom Portelli	Dianne Sides	Richard Simmons

### Presidents Report

Dianne and I attended the AGM of the Clayton Traders on Wednesday at L'Unico's and it was very impressive with MPs, councillors and a good cross section of Clayton's traders present. Past member Dianne Day was there and specially honoured for her past work being given a nice Wedgewood tray. It was interesting to see the hierarchy of the body contains mostly well known to us people or Rotary members. Partner Bill Pontikis did a masterful job of running it despite the interruptions of seemingly endless passing trains and yes they are working on that. There now an extra good reason to shop in Clayton, if you do, you may win a new Mazda 2 car. They are also working at improving the area's security with video cameras going in at many strategic locations. We must treat all Clayton Trader members as Partners and work along with them to improve the area. Their aims mimic our own and likewise support local charities.

Sadly I report the passing at age 92 of Kath Byer AOM, who owned the Notting Hill Pub since 1936. We awarded her a Paul Harris Fellowship some years back and had to resort to a form of trickery to get her there to receive the award. We held our meeting there and she had no idea why. She had always shunned recognition but was meticulous in coming out to meet diners each night. She had helped many in our community over the years, most things were done quietly but typical was her support of our Golf Day. She supplied slabs of beer which we sold but I am not aware of us getting invoices. Uni students loved 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?"

place, chooks roamed free, it had character and you always got a good feed there. She knew the names of most guests and was usually found in the Bistro and chatting with patrons. The paper says she was pulling beer until three weeks prior to her passing. If only more people were like her, we would have a far better world.

The weather last week was hardly kind for promoting or holding the Farmer's Market so around 10 stall holders and many buyers stayed away which is hardly surprising and numbers were down which is not surprising. Monash are trying very hard to get a friendly atmosphere there and even arranged for Santa to arrive who was a big hit with stall holders and kids alike. Our members again did a marvellous job it was great to see our newer members there enjoying themselves despite the inclement weather. I am sure this market will grow, it has everything in its favour and worked well despite the rain. We must help promote it so everybody in the area knows about it by Saturday January 22 when the next one will be held.

Bill Sides

## Last Meeting & Notes

### Last Meeting (22/11):

This week our Guest Speaker was Dianne Sides who is a member of the Rotary Club of Clayton and the wife of president Bill. Dianne gave two presentations, the first was about her involvement with Southern Health and the second was on "Make ups" in the Rotary Club.

Dianne explained that a few years ago she was asked to apply for a voluntary position on the Community Advisory Committee at Southern Health. She did not get this position, but was asked to go on the Consumers Register.

Southern Health first setup a Community Advisory Committee in April 2001 following legislative changes in 2000. Victoria has a statutory requirement that each public health service has a Community Advisory Committee. The role of the committee is to provide direction and leadership in relation to the integration of consumer, carer and community views into all levels of Southern Health planning and policy development.

The role of the Consumers Register is the same except the consumer will be called on to join working groups and committees as needed. Dianne explained that there are many benefits of consumer participation, for her the most important being improved health care.

The register role suited Dianne better as the advisory committee meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Month with the meetings being held at different sites of Southern Health and you are elected for 3 years, with an option of another 3 years. On the register you are asked if you are interested in joining groups and most groups only last a short time. Dianne has been asked to join many different committees looking at quality management, safety, forms and awards and has been on several one day workshops. Dianne is presently involved on a committee that is working on a new policy to be introduced throughout Southern Health. This policy is about Person Centred Care.

Dianne has also attended a one day course in Consumer Leadership, which was a very informative day particularly around rights and responsibilities. Everybody was given information on where to access things like, how the health system works and general health information. Dianne has found her involvement at Southern Health very interesting and she feels that consumers

## 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.

are being listened to. Consumers need to continue to be involved to ensure the health services continue to improve.

The second part of Dianne's presentation was to explain on how "Make ups" work in the Rotary Club. A club member must attend or make up at least 50 percent of regular club meetings in each half of the year. Any missed meetings must be made up within 14 days of a regular meeting. If traveling, club members are encouraged to visit clubs in the new area to make up a missed meeting.

Make ups and can also be performed by attending our club or other club functions or by visiting other Rotary Clubs, Rotaract Clubs, Community Programs or even on the internet by signing in on Rotary "eclub one". You can find "eclub one" at <http://www.rotaryclubone.org/>

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### Meeting Notes:

- Craig Merson gave an update on the progress of the Monash Farmers Market which is on again on the 27<sup>th</sup> November. Again we will be cooking Egg & Bacon Rolls and Sausages. If you are able to support with any of the Farmers Markets which are on once a month, please contact Craig. At the moment we are still experimenting with different ideas and what sort of numbers will need to be involved each month.
- Bill Sides reported that the Clayton Traders have their AGM on the 24<sup>th</sup> November at L'unico Restaurant and anybody from the club is welcome to attend.
- Bill Sides reminded the members that our AGM is next week and it is important that all members of the club attend as we will be voting on the RC of Clayton Amended Constitution & the By Laws of Rotary International. Also Jon Breisch will announce the Office Bearers for 2011-2012.
- Craig Merson gave a report from his visit with Katherine to the Monash Rotaract Club. Craig reported that he was impressed how well the meeting was attended and how professionally it was ran. Some of the items on the agenda were:-
  - 5 delegates will be attending the upcoming Rotaract Asia Pacific Conference in Sydney. The club thanked the sponsor Rotary clubs for the support they have provided.
  - Several members of the club participated in "Relay for Life", in which they had to have a team member continually run or walk around a sports track for 24 hours. All up \$1,400 was raised which goes towards the Cancer Council.



## Special Announcements

**19<sup>th</sup> December – Lesley Zuccaro Birthday.**

**19<sup>th</sup> December – Ed & Margot Allchin Wedding Anniversary.**

**28<sup>th</sup> December – Jon Breisch Birthday.**

- The club have set up a marketing committee to promote Rotaract to new members. This committee will be responsible for a newsletter, creation of a business card and any other promotional material.
- The club will be setting up a visit schedule to each sponsor club on an 8 week rotation.

**Apologies** = John Goldspink, Lesley Zuccaro, Ralph Zuccaro, Jim Cochrane, Jean Cochrane, Warren Fricke, Ed Allchin & Reddy Kandadi.

**Make Ups** = Craig & Katherine Merson (Rotaract Club of Monash).

**Leave of Absence** = None.

**Visitors** = John Drosis (Rotary Club of Trikala in Greece).

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## Think Foundation Thoughts

**November: Rotary Foundation Month**

*This week's Foundation Thought is about ...*

**Every Rotarian, Every Year.** —The Rotary Foundation enables our clubs and districts to multiply their service efforts many times over. This effect is increasing as the Foundation's humanitarian grant projects become larger in scale to profoundly improve the lives of more people. We can help *Make Dreams Real* for children and their families today by giving at least US\$100 to the Annual Programs Fund through the Every Rotarian, Every Year initiative. And we can help ensure their needs will be met tomorrow by building a strong endowment through contributions to the Permanent Fund. — *2003-04 RI President Jonathan Majiyagbe*

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## Important Club Dates

**Monday 29/11/10** – Annual General Meeting. All members to attend as we will be voting on the RC of Clayton Amended Constitution & the By Laws of Rotary International. If you wish to see a copy please contact Tom Portelli.

**Monday 20/12/10** – Christmas Break-up Meeting will be at the home of Bill & Dianne Sides. International Theme.

**Thursday 07/04/11 to Saturday 09/04/11** – 2011 District 9810 Conference.

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## District 9810 News

### RI Convention 2011—New Orleans USA

Have you thought about going to the 2011 New Orleans Rotary International Convention?

***Are you still thinking about attendance but putting off your decision? NEWS FLASH! "Early Bird" Registration closes Wednesday, 15 December—get in to save now while the Aussie Dollar hovers near parity with the US Greenback!***

***Check out the following websites for details of events and ticketing:***

- Rotary International: <http://www.rotary.org/convention>
- Register for the convention and ticketed events.

- Reserve your hotel
- Purchase host event tickets
- Check the preliminary schedule to help plan your trip
- Download the 2011 RI Convention promotional brochure
- Host Organising Committee:
- <http://www.rotarycon2011.com> where you can find out all about the great HOC Events and Tours.
- New Orleans Convention Bureau <http://www.neworleanscvb.com/rotary> where you can find many more wonderful things to do in New Orleans.



IPDG David Forster has had a couple of enquires from potential attendees on what ticketed events are worth attending. This is largely a personal choice but he recommends considering the major entertainment events being organised by the Host Organising Committee. More detail on these events, including how many seats remain, are available at the link <http://www.rotarycon2011.com>

There are also a number of RI ticketed events available. You may care to consider attending either the President's Recognition

Luncheon or the President- Elect's Leadership Luncheon. Both events are designed for current or future RI and Club Officers but are open to all to attend. It is essential that, if you intend to Register for the International Convention, you advise your intention to District 9810 „On to Convention“ Coordinator, David Forster at [david.forster@ozemail.com.au](mailto:david.forster@ozemail.com.au).

This will allow David to be able to facilitate delegates“ ability to perhaps coordinate itineraries and meet up in New Orleans or elsewhere in their travels. David still has limited numbers of hard copies of the various forms, should you have difficulty in access in the links or downloading them. First in best dressed!

## 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:

➤ TBA.

### Rotaract Roster:

Date	Rotarian to Visit
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Michael Ellinger
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Rukshana Verzijl

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

## Upcoming Events in Monash

### A driving partnership: from Learner to Probationary

Monash City Council in partnership with Southern Ethnic Advisory and Advocacy Council (SEAAC) and Kingston City Council has been allocated \$63,150 from VicRoads for the first year of a three-year program to **assist learner drivers**.

**The L2P program** (provided through the TAC) will enable young people, currently without access to supervised driving instruction, to complete their compulsory 120 hours driving practice.

Monash Mayor Charlotte Baines said that the program will benefit young people who do not have access to a car or anyone who can act in the role of a supervising driver on an ongoing basis.

"I welcome the funding for this program that is provided by VicRoads. It is important for all young people to have the opportunity to get the necessary 120 hours to get a probationary licence. I look forward to working with Kingston Council and SEAAC to offer this program to a wider community of young people," said Cr Baines.

**L2P is a community based volunteer program** designed to provide young learner drivers with equal access to driving experience and instruction. All volunteers are given theoretical and practical training as well as support to assist them to mentor a learner driver in a supplied vehicle.

Young people (aged 16-21 years), who have their learners permit but are facing barriers in getting their licence, will be invited to participate. The project will be overseen by a committee of management which will include representatives from Monash and Kingston Councils, SEAAC, Wheelers Hill Lions Club, Monash Volunteer Resource Centre, Victoria Police and VicRoads. Mayor Steve Staikos said that the ability to drive opens up opportunities for young people to be more involved in their community, "such as accessing education, employment and other services, which is sometimes made more difficult when they are dependent on just public transport to get around," said Cr Staikos.

"This program also offers young people the opportunity to learn the skills required to drive responsibly and safely through the involvement of experienced instructors," he said.

To learn more about **volunteering as a mentor** or participating as a young person, please contact SEAAC on 9563 4130.

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## Upcoming Events in Kingston

### Kingston Farmers' Market

**Saturday, 4 December 2010**  
**8:00 AM - 12:30 PM**

Buy directly from the producer. Stalls include fresh fruit and vegies, meats, cheeses, breads, pasta, dips, gourmet treats and much more.

LOCATION: Sir William Fry Reserve, Nepean Highway Highett

CONTACT NAME: Mandy Baigel PHONE: 9581 4746

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

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## 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](http://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](http://www.rotary.org))

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## 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](mailto: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.**

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## Joke of the Week

Due to inherit a fortune when his ailing widower father died, Robert decided he needed a wife to share his good fortune with.

He went to a singles bar and befriended a woman.

After a while he said that he was just an ordinary man, but within a month or two he would inherit \$30 million when his elderly father died.

The woman decided she would go home with Robert. A few days later she became his stepmother.

## Rotary International News

### Bringing smiles to children in India

By Peter Schmidtke  
Rotary International News -- 17 November 2010

Dr. Subodh Kumar Singh has performed more than 12,000 surgeries to correct cleft lip and palate birth defects since 2004. One of his most celebrated patients, Pinki Sonkar, was the subject of the documentary *Smile Pinki*, which won an Academy Award for best documentary short in 2009. The 39-minute film was directed by Megan Mylan.

Singh, a member of the Rotary Club of Varanasi Midtown, Uttar Pradesh, India, and of a 1996-97 Group Study Exchange team to Brazil, repaired Pinki's cleft lip when she was five years old. The US\$250 surgery was available at no cost to her family through *Smile Train*, an international charity that provides cleft lip and palate surgery to children in need and cleft-related training to doctors.

Before she received the surgery, Pinki was unable to attend school due to mistreatment from other children.

"The life of a cleft child in India is really miserable," says Singh. "They grow up uneducated, and they are secluded and don't have any friends." In addition to speech abnormalities, he says, children with unrepaired clefts have an average life expectancy 15 years shorter than other children, due to feeding difficulties in early childhood and other factors.

In the film, after the 45-minute surgery and a five-day stay in the hospital, Pinki and her father return home to her mother, who cries with joy at the sight of her daughter's beautiful face.

In the film's final scenes, Pinki laughs with friends, and another of Singh's patients, 11-year-old Ghutaru Chauhan, plays cricket with classmates. Both children, according to *Smile Train*, are attending school and excelling in their studies.

Rotary clubs worldwide have directly funded more than 200 cleft lip and palate surgeries for children through *Smile Train*, according to the organization. In 2007, a \$15,756 Rotary Foundation Matching Grant project, sponsored by the Varanasi Midtown club and the Rotary Club of Mansfield, Victoria, Australia, supplied medical and surgical equipment to the hospital in Varanasi where Singh's team has performed more than 18,000 procedures.

"I've seen a large number of patients whose lives have been transformed after the surgery," says Singh. "Through *Smile Train*, they have regained their confidence."



Dr. Subodh Singh with former patient Pinki Sonkar. *Photo courtesy of Smile Train*

## **SPECIAL INVITATION**

**From The Rotary Club of Wheelers Hill**

### **Public Forum: Transport – How Healthy is our Roads System?**

**Guest speaker:**

**Mr Brian Negus, RACV General Manager Public Policy**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December, from 6.30 pm for 7 pm sharp start**

**Location: *Mulgrave Country Club***

*Cnr. Wellington and Jells Road, Wheelers Hill (Melway 80:H1)*

The Rotary Club of Wheelers Hill is delighted to host this Public Forum dinner at which the guest speaker is Mr Brian Negus, General Manager Public Policy, of the RACV. Brian is an entertaining and informative speaker!

In addition to Rotarians, members of the public are warmly invited to attend this dinner meeting. The cost is simply whatever you decide to order from the menu, and our Rotarians will make you very welcome.



Brian Negus is General Manager Public Policy for RACV where he is accountable for research and formulating policies and initiatives addressing road operational and public transport issues, road safety, road use management, safer vehicles, driver education and training and environmental issues in the transport sector. Brian represents the RACV on these issues in advocating for improved travel and safety for the community Brian was formerly the Deputy Director of Public Transport with the Victorian Department of Transport for 3 years and previously held the position of Metropolitan Regional Director with VicRoads, Victoria's state road authority for 8 years.

Brian holds tertiary qualifications in Civil Engineering, Transport and Traffic Engineering and Management. He has been a member of the Rotary Club of Templestowe since 1985, is a Past President, Paul Harris Fellow and held positions on District Committee as Assistant Governor and Chair of Community Services.

Brian was also an MC at our 2010 Rotary District Conference in Geelong.

**Bookings are essential, no later than Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December:**

**Contact Dr Geoff Haw on [geoff@sagacityservices.com.au](mailto:geoff@sagacityservices.com.au) or 0418 580 081.**

Refer also to our club website: [www.rotarynews.info/club4680](http://www.rotarynews.info/club4680)