



## AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH RESEARCH FUND DISTRICT 9800

### ARHRF ROTARY SAFARI. D 9800 SUMMARY

The wrap up of the Safari's journey through D9800 is summarised below:

#### **October 21st/22nd Bendigo**

Bendigo-Kangaroo Flat held an awareness presentation near the sponsor, Harvey Norman's Kangaroo Flat warehouse but the weather was inclement and another Community recognition event in Bendigo attracted many of the potential supporters. The Winnebago parked outside sponsor Harvey Norman next morning and pedestrian traffic was light with little public response.

#### **October 22nd Echuca**

Echuca held a reception in Rotary Park near the wharf and the function was popular with locals.

#### **October 28<sup>th</sup> Castlemaine (am)**

Castlemaine held a free barbecue where the Winnebago was sited at the entry to Castlemaine Market and was very popular.

**October 29<sup>th</sup> City Square 4pm to 8pm:** Dennis Shore AG Batman supported by the cluster group presidents, DG John Wigley and ARHRF Director Des Jones manned the Winnebago site in City Square on the afternoon/evening. The large number of passing pedestrian traffic took a great interest in the Safari.

The lack of health professionals on site however was of some concern as the demand for professional advice was clearly required. The planning was accomplished over a very short time frame and although local mental health support groups such as Prahran Mission and the Local Government Health Support groups were invited to sites they were unable to respond in the time available.

#### **November 2<sup>nd</sup> at Williamstown 9am to 5pm:**

Hobsons Bay co-ordinator PP Murray Verso with AG John Davis ARHRF Director Des Jones and the team, were very satisfied with the response from the public at the Safari site on Commonwealth Reserve, Williamstown on Melbourne Cup Day. Several hundred tourists visited the Winnebago and used the interactive computers. All cluster presidents attended and Williamstown RC ran a barbecue. The Williamstown team considered the event was overwhelmingly successful.

#### **November 3<sup>rd</sup> at Chadstone Shopping Centre 8.30am to 2.30pm:**

Chadstone display was located in the wrong position to attract shoppers so while successful in recruiting ample Display Volunteers the through traffic was disappointing with few general public interested in the Display. Salvation Army provided a health professional for two hours but her service was not used. AG Ron Adams was the co-ordinator and well supported by volunteers from RC of Glen Eira and several clubs from Auburn Cluster and Stonnington Cluster. Despite the advertising and support from Chadstone management the site was an overall setback following the success of the two earlier sites in city D9800.

#### **END RESULT**

- The Co-ordinator John Flower said that overall he was very satisfied with the efforts of D9800
- The local committee has appreciated the critical support received from Rotarians in D9800 in making a noteworthy contribution to the success of the Safari.

**Ron Adams**  
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