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Welcome to the 2006-2007 weekly e-publication of Rotary International District 9800. As with E-Zine this is the platform to share news about Club and District activities and is the principal resource for disseminating information in our District. To have information included in Town & Country Weekly please email details to District Secretary at secretary@rotaryd9800.org. INFORMATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOON EACH FRIDAY TO ENSURE PUBLICATION IN THE NEXT EDITION

DG's WEEKLY message

The new Rotary year has commenced and we congratulate those who have accepted the mantle of leadership and are willing to Lead the Way and carry on the good work of those who have carried the Rotary baton under the 'Service Above Self' banner during the past year.

I am reminded of the initial objective of the Rotary Foundation when it was established in 1917 which was 'to do good in the world' and this also applies to our endeavours almost ninety years later.

President Bill Boyd has asked us this year to promote the programmes concerning Health and Hunger, Literacy, Water Management and the Family of Rotary. These are part of the continuity of the Rotary emphases and underlines their importance to the work required for Rotarians throughout the world. In our District, we will give priority to these programmes and urge all Clubs to consider support if possible.

In addition to those emphases, our District will concentrate on the promotion of fellowship and fun in everything we do, to involve ourselves in the programmes for youth, to look to our own backyard and support efforts to retrieve our younger generation from the evils that confront us today and to improve the public image of Rotary in our local communities and across our District so that the by-products of membership promotion and retention will be achieved in abundance.

This year, I ask you to join me in showing that we care and are willing to work for the common good.

In 2006-2007, let us all Lead The Way.

Calendar of Events:

Update coming!!

July
August

1. **Transition Arrangements:** There are always a range of administrative functions that need to be implemented as close as possible to the formal handover date of 1 July which marks the new Rotary year. Most of these changes occur on a one-to-one basis but some require a more formal process. At a District level the systems impacting most Rotarians are:

Paul Harris Fellows Recognition RC of Glenferrie

Bruce Gough (2nd sapphire)
Louis Cohen (1 sapphire)
Llew Jones (1 sapphire)
Ian Dobson (1 sapphire)
Don Moore (2nd sapphire)

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2. **District Website:** Most changes have been implemented but fine tuning will continue as necessary. Quite a number of Clubs have been quick out of the blocks to update their websites but some have yet to arrive at the blocks!
3. **District Email Addresses:** This is a major task that has been completed at the start of the first business week in the Rotary Calendar. This happens "behinds the scenes" and emails will flow automatically to the mailbox of Club and District Officers.
4. **What's Happening in Clubs: RC Toorak:** invitation to a breakfast with the Hon. Peter Costello MP, on Wednesday August 23 2006 7.00am at Lincoln of Toorak. [Click here](#) Profits from this breakfast will be donated to the Rotary District 9800 Royal Children's Hospital Video Monitoring Service. Enquiries: Alan Freedman, 0419-357-864.
5. **District 9800 RoCan Dinner** to be held on the 12 August. [Click here](#) for details.
6. **Important Notice:** National Police Records Checks from 1st July 2006, will be \$13.30 per Check (previously \$13.00). CPO's should be aware that applications on VP820A forms for a Police Check, if NOT having a cheque for \$13.30 each, will almost certainly be rejected. This will cause delay in your Club planning for 'at risk' program staffing. In filing this notice, **Keith Frampton** has asked that we express his thanks to all for your co-operation over the past 3 years. **John Walsh** is now our D9800 District Protection Officer. District 9800 also has much to thank Keith for in his unwavering efforts to ensure that all Rotarians, Clubs and the District meet their legal and moral obligations in dealing with children. "Thank you Keith".
7. **Changeover Season:** Many Clubs have now completed their Changeover functions and new Club administrations will be off to a flying start. So it was for District with over 400 attending a memorable function at the International of Brighton on 1st July where outgoing DG John Wigley & Fran inducted DG Bernie Walshe & Margaret. [Click here for photographs](#)
8. **Speakers Bank Update:** Thank - you to the Rotarians who have continued to 'deposit' Speaker names into the D9800 Speaker Bank. Contact Jill Weeks to guarantee a great speaker program for your Club this year. [Click Here](#) for more speakers.

John Wischer (1 sapphire)
Malcolm Taylor OAM (1 sapphire)
RC of Hawthorn - [Click to view](#)
Noel McInnes (2nd Sapphire)
Richard Groom (2nd Sapphire)
Judy Hassett
Peter Linley
Joan Janka

New Members:
RC of Glenferrie
Simon Phipps
RC Hawthorn
Janusz Tanas 20/6/06
Russell House (transferred from RC ST. Kilda)
RC Gisborne
Charles Galea - [Click to view](#)

Changes to RI Exchange Rate
The May Rotary exchange rate for the AUD is 1.34. Thankfully the AUD has recovered as we swing into the donation season

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