



# Town & Country Weekly

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## **DG Bernie's Weekly Message**

### **THE ROTARY ARMY – ARE YOU READY?**

In visiting Clubs, I have been reminded that Rotary has always kept its work close to its chest, fairly confidential, "we don't like to make too much fuss about what we do", etc.

I have read of a Rotary International President, when visiting our great country, exhorted Rotarians to project a public image which would properly reflect Rotary's service and its role in the world by paying more attention to public relations. His intention, he said, was to project a true image for the better promotion of Rotary Service.

This doesn't sound like telling us to hide our light under a bushel, and it was said 40 years ago by President C.P.H. Teenstra who led Rotary in 1965-66.

There are many reasons why it is important that we let the world know about Rotary.

Today, Rotarians have never worked harder for the common good & the results speak for themselves. You can be very proud of the work you are doing in your local communities, in Timor Leste, in the Solomons, for the disadvantaged all over. But, this work is going to peter out & fade away if it is going to rely on just you and me. We need assistance, someone to pick up the baton & carry on the tremendous service being evidenced around the world. We are desperate for new blood, new ideas, new energy, new friendships & larger teams so you do not have to carry the burden on your own.

Membership promotion is certainly one of the reasons because today we live in an age of instant communication - people want to know what's going on, what happens if I join, what will I be asked to do, how will I fit in? These and many more questions will be asked by prospective members because they have been taught to ask "why", not necessarily to dodge the challenge, but to seek knowledge so they can make reasonable decisions.

Anyway, what is Rotary?

You certainly can answer the last question, can you? And here lies the crux of the Rotary Awareness question. If we are to publicise our work in Rotary and tell people what Rotary does, we need to instruct ourselves first. Many Rotarians are found wanting when it comes to Rotary knowledge and it is difficult to know where to start.

How about a weekly or monthly quiz about Rotary in your Club in order to spread the knowledge? It can be fun to do and it will certainly do no harm.

Finally, we need to broadcast our work because we do need support from those outside of Rotary who we look to for help with our projects, be it for goods to raffle, products to help our building projects, financial support to transfer those funds to those in need and the many other ways businesses, firms and the like can assist. It is difficult to approach a prospective donor and you are asked "what is Rotary?" Wouldn't it be much easier if they knew and had no hesitation in lending a hand. The Barmy Army came to support their team and everyone knew about them. Let the Rotary Army **Lead the Way** and broadcast its existence and about the good we do in the world.

**Bernie Walshe**  
**District Governor**



**CONGRATULATIONS PDG John Reddish**

It was a pleasure for Rotarians to read in the Australia Day Honours List that PDG John Reddish had been awarded a Medal (OAM) in the General Division *for service to the community through Rotary International, particularly in the development and provision of humanitarian aid programs.*

In November last year John was also honoured at the 41st Zone Institute held at Broadbeach where he was presented with the Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service by Foundation Trustee, Carolyn Jones.

Well done and congratulations John from all in District 9800 for these well deserved recognitions.

## **JANUARY IS ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH**

**Rotary Club of Albert Park**

**The RC Albert Park is now an evening Club**

Please note this significant change so that you do not roll up for a breakfast makeup in future.

Note the Club's new time and meeting location:

Venue - Life Saving Victoria Club, 200 The Boulevard, Port Melbourne 3207

Time and date - Wednesday evenings at 6.00pm for 6.30pm

**RC Brunswick**

Meeting venue/time updates:

Night meetings - The first Thursday in Feb and March (1/2/07 and 1/3/07) will be night meetings, continuing trial from before Christmas. Time is 6pm for 6:30pm meeting. All other Feb/March meetings will be at the usual Thursday lunch time (12:45 for 1pm).

All details are at <http://www.brunswickrotary.org.au/> as usual.

**RC Elsternwick**

**Change of Venue** - The Rotary Club of Elsternwick now meets at Hopscotch, 313 Glenhuntly Rd Elsternwick 3185 at 7.15 for 7.30 am

**RC Gisborne**

**CHANGE OF VENUE** - The Rotary Club of Gisborne Inc. now meets at the Macedon Family Hotel - 33 Smith Street Macedon at 6.45 for 7.15 pm

**RC Hawthorn**

The Club is pleased to advise that all regular Club meetings are now held on Tuesday at lunch time. The meeting that had been held on the second Wednesday of the month has now reverted to a Tuesday.

## RC of Point Gellibrand

Read all about the **Big Bay Swim** for 2007, the major fundraising event for RC Point Gellibrand, scheduled for **25 Feb 2007**. [Click here](#)

## RC Woodend

The Club's impressive BBQ Trailer is to be sold. [Click here](#) to submit a tender for the trailer

### 1. **NEWS FROM THE ROTARY FOUNDATION**

#### **UNIVERSITY TEACHING GRANT TO PROF. PETER SALE**

Zone 8 Regional Foundation Co-coordinator PDG Don Jago has been notified by TRF that Professor Peter Sale, sponsored by the RC of Camberwell has been granted a University Teaching Grant to teach at the Uganda Martyrs University in Kampala, Uganda. Congratulations to Don and the RC of Camberwell for their valued support of our Foundation's Educational Grants Programs.

### 2. **AND MORE FOUNDATION NEWS**

#### **APPOINTMENT OF BOB FELS TO THE ROTARY CENTERS COMMITTEE -**

Congratulations to RC of Melbourne Rotarian Bob Fells who has been invited by TRF to join the Rotary Centers Committee. This is a wonderful compliment to Bob and only confirms the Foundation's recognition of his great talent and contribution to our Foundation's Educational Programs. PDG Don Jago and PDG John Reddish are to be thanked as both were instrumental in having Bob's nomination considered by TRF.

Further information regarding the University Teachers Grants and Rotary Centers Committee can be obtained from the District Foundation Chairman, Chris Don.

### 3. **CHARITY BREAKFAST WITH DEMOGRAPHER & FUTUROLOGIST BERNARD SALT**

The Yarra Cluster Clubs invite all Rotarians and friends of Rotarians to a fascinating breakfast address by renowned demographer and futurologist, Bernard Salt to talk on: **"Generationally Speaking" - Is generational change shaping your community?** [Click here](#) for details

**Bernard** is the author of the best-selling book *The Big Shift* published in 2001, now in its 3rd edition and more recently *The Big Picture* published in 2006. He will address the issues of:

- Is generational change shaping your community?
- Are the Boomers guilt ridden, indulgent parents and grandparents?
- Where have all the X Gen gone?
- Generation Y - are they footloose and fancy free?
- Will this Fearless Generation become the Disappointed Generation?

Where: **Leonda by the Yarra**, Wallen Road, Hawthorn (Melways 45 A11);

When: Friday **23 February 2007**; Time: **7:15 am** for 7:30 am sharp;

Cost: **\$37.00** per head or \$350.00 for a table of 10

### 4. **STRIDE FOUNDATION LIMITED - A NEW GENERATIONS PROGRAM**

The name may not be immediately recognised but 20 years ago the Rotary Club of Balwyn provided an initial grant of \$200,000+ to help establish **Peer Support Foundation Victoria**. The Foundation was rebranded **Connecting Kids** and merged with Bounce Back Foundation to become **Stride Foundation** in the middle of 2006. Throughout that time, support and assistance has been provided to young people throughout Victoria and Australia. [Click here](#) for details.

### 5. **ROTARIAN FILM STARS WANTED FOR RYLA PRODUCTION**

**Emma Broughton** the new co-director, along with **Tess Jenkins** of the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA - [www.ryla9800.org.au](http://www.ryla9800.org.au)) advises that they are making a DVD explaining what RYLA is about & would love to get some Rotarians involved. The DVD will be aimed at Rotarians wanting to learn more about RYLA, potential candidates, district conferences/assemblies, International RYLA & for pitches for corporate support. Rotarians will be filmed to tell why they were motivated to sponsor a candidate & how they located their participant from last year, e.g. family friend, local school etc. This is a great opportunity to showcase Rotary's commitment to youth in a punchy, dynamic and inspirational DVD - it is hoped that Rotarians want to be a part of it! Filming will begin shortly. Interested Rotarians please contact Emma on 0413 597 604.

6. **PAYMENT OF DUES**  
A reminder that District Semi Annual Dues & RDU Subs are payable by 31 January
7. **COCKTAIL PARTY FOR MS**  
There has been a change in date for the fund-raising Cocktail Party to be held to coincide with the annual MS Global Dinners held around the world. The new date will be **Saturday 21 April**.  
The D9800 Rotarian Action Group for M.S. Awareness (RAGMSA) is holding the function at International House to '**Help Prevent & Find a Cure for MS**' - More details will be provided closer to the date.
8. **ROTARACT ANNUAL DINNER DANCE**  
The Rotaract Clubs of Lilydale and Noble Park would like to invite all Rotarians to the Rotaract International Dinner Dance, which is being held on Saturday 17th March 2007. [Click here](#) to read a flyer with all the details. It will be a great night, not to be missed!
9. **ROTARY ANZAC PEACE TOUR**  
Due to illness, some spots are now available on the Turkey/Gallipoli Tour in April 2007. [Click here](#) for details and visit the special website at: [www.rapt.org.au](http://www.rapt.org.au)
10. **MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN ROTARY BOWLS DAY**  
FRIDAY MARCH 30, 2007 - 12.30PM AT KEW HEIGHTS SPORTS CLUB, 397 Barkers Rd., Kew 3101 [click here](#) for details and entry form
11. **CAFE INTERNATIONALE**  
**Cafe International 2007: The Golden Globe** promises to be an exciting night of fine dining and sparkling performances inspired by film and television classics over the last 50 years. 2007 also marks the 50th anniversary of International House. In celebration, the student residents have decided to donate 100% of profits from Cafe 2007 to **Interplast** Australia. Keep **5th May 2007** free to attend this event.  
[Click here](#) for essential details about Cafe 2007 and please indelibly mark Saturday night 5 May 2007 in your diary for "**Cafe 2007: The Golden Globe**". If you have further questions about Cafe 2007, please contact [Cafe07@gmail.com](mailto:Cafe07@gmail.com) District 9800 Rotary Clubs will receive a formal invitation for Cafe 2007 early next year

**New Members** - A big Rotary welcome to:

**RC Eaglehawk**

Gary Moar - Construction, Repair & Maintenance

Robyn Moar - Construction, Repair & Maintenance

**NOTICE:** [Royce Abbey Room](#) (International House)

The "new" Royce Abbey Room is still undergoing renovations but good progress has been made. In the meantime all meetings scheduled for the "Royce Abbey Room" will be continue to be held in the "old" Royce Abbey Room in the Greycourt building.

**RI Exchange Rate**

The January Rotary exchange rate for the AUD is 1.28

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