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**NOVEMBER is ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH**

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The Rotary Club of Flemington meets every Wednesday for breakfast at the [Quest Apartments](#), corner of Epsom and Smithfield Roads, Flemington, 7:30 am for 7:45 am.

The [Club Calendar](#) is updated regularly

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District Calendar is available at: <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/Members/EventsCalendar>

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## ***PETE's PIECE:***

I am hoping that you will all now have the combined results of the club survey.

To me it reveals committed people with limited free time. The world has changed, work is more demanding, parenting and grand parenting has more time demands and it is hard to see these trend's diminishing. These life changes are affecting the way that all organisations operate.

Whilst I love you all, the reason for joining Rotary was to contribute back to the community and I believed that by working in a group I could have more impact than working individually.

It has been very difficult to find that shared common time to collectively respond. Some in the club have suggested that it is merely a need to identify the 'right' project and the club will respond. Perhaps? Perhaps for one-offs?

I am a case in point, I can find the time during the week to take-on tasks much more easily than at weekends, for others the reverse is true. Then add fixed commitments for sport/choir/work/kids/family/house/ ...

The proposal sent to you for discussion makes the assumption that as a group we will struggle to find the additional time to engage in more service and the advocated modification to the club program is to facilitate more service within the existing time commitments of members.

I remain convinced that we will struggle to make Rotary relevant and attractive to potential new members without more club service.

If you have any thoughts that you would like circulated to members before Wednesday, email them to me and I will circulate to all club members.



Club Survey proposition:

1. The cost of breakfast be raised to \$20 . The \$15 pp has not covered the payment to The Quest any month. The difference has been made up from the raffle and fines. Under this new proposal, all excess will go to a service activity. It is anticipated that all of the fines/raffle money on most Wednesdays will be channelled to service, a key function of Rotary. A list of the target groups for these funds has yet to be established. On acceptance of this motion the Board proposes to make the identification of core projects a core task with a deadline of announcing at the start of 2010
2. That one breakfast meeting a month be replaced by a service activity. If this were the first Wednesday of the month it would only involve 11 months as January is already shortened due to the Christmas break. For six months the Harvey Norman BBQ would be the substitute activity for the first Wednesday of the month meeting. That leaves 5 months.  
How we replace these is yet to be determined, however one might be a dinner for Polio, another a working-bee at the DIK store, etc. We will seek suggestions from you. I would like the December meeting to be a club Christmas dinner with partners a key feature, etc.
3. It is further recommended that of the remaining meetings, only two feature a speaker and that one of these be on Rotary initiatives. Speakers who have sought donations appear to be the least popular with members. The other monthly meeting (two in the case of the two months that have five Wednesdays) be given over solely to fellowship.  
I am convinced that we all want to do more but in reality do not have the shared free time to undertake tasks.

We will devote the whole of next week's meeting to group discussion on this issue. It is hoped we can agree to a way forward by meeting end.

## *Meeting Report, Wednesday 11th November 2009*

### **FROM OUR PRESIDENT**

President Peter Cribb welcomed everyone here today with special welcome to our guests, Macej Kiedrowski and Angelo Pratt.

Peter started with the bad news first and advised of the passing of Leo Kennedy from the Rotary club of North Melbourne; he also advised that Damien is not here today as Damien's wife Kylie is currently in hospital, we hope that she will get better soon.

Peter then advised that the results of survey will be sent to all members by email. The board has taken to some changes and current breakfast costs will increase to \$20.00 from next calendar year.

The Christmas party will be held in the evening on 16/12/2009 at the Nursery car park, Flemington racecourse. Entrance from Epsom road before 6.00 pm. This will be the last weekly meeting for 2009 and we will resume on 20/01/2010, with a joint meeting with Rotary club of North Melbourne, this is to be still confirmed.

The next board meeting will be held on 01/12/2009 and the final sausage sizzle for this year at Highpoint is on the 5 & 6 December, everyone to let Ted know of your availability.

### **Sergeant's Session**

With Damien being away Geoff Cawsey took some mean pills and stepped up to the sergeant's duties, although at one time Michael Lawn, did put up some fight for the position. Geoff started with Ted who is saving on fuel by driving his son's car, then welcomed Josie back in to the meeting after some absence; Peter was fined for his surveys, Jason for the increased house prices in the area now passing the \$1 million mark, Michael Lawn for the Tiger feast of golf, John for banks making profits and increased interest rates, Paul Perrottet, for being so efficient, Chris for his moustache growing out of proportion. Geoff was crossfined for forgetting the order of opening the meeting this morning. Well done Geoff.

### **Guest Speaker - Angelo Pratt**

Angelo Pratt was introduced by Eugene, as they met on the bread run for the Flemington flats. Angelo stated that he has lived in Melbourne for past 20 years, with last 15 in the Flemington area, previously to that, he travelled and lived in every part of Australia and USA due to work commitments. His children attended Flemington Primary School. He worked for the Guide Line Research company, but last year unexpectedly he was retrenched, then turning 50 his wife got him to go and walk the Kokoda track in Papua New Guinea. He went with some ex-army SAS members from Queensland and found them to be a very good company.

On his return he was getting bored when he received information that the same bunch of guys were going climb Mount Kilimanjaro, so he put in his registration and was

## **ROTARY GRACE**

For good food, for good fellowship and the opportunity of service through Rotary, we thank you, Lord.

**Apologies:** Damien Lack, John Wright, Peter Donnellan, Lindsay Park

**Make ups:** All Board Members, Peter Cribb, Paul Perrottet, Eugene Odachowski

**Visiting Rotarians:** None

**Visitors:** Angelo Pratt who does the bread run with Eugene and Macej Kiedrowski - Exchange student with the Rotary Club of Essendon. Eugene is again assisting.

**Guest Speaker:** Angelo Pratt who spoke of his recent trip to Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa.

**Raffle Winner:** Len Seddon who kindly donated the bottle of wine to our Guest Speaker.

### ***Club Anniversaries:***

#### **Birthdays**

**Nov. 5th – Peter Donnellan**

**Nov. 24th – Rosemary Drenen**

**Nov. 30th – Anne Dynon**

#### **Wedding Anniversaries**

**Nov. 11th – Lindsay Park**

**Nov. 19th – Mark & Mary Ingram**

**Nov. 22nd – Len & Audrey Seddon**

**Nov. 28th – Ted & Helen Frank**

accepted provided he did the necessary training and passed all their tests. There was a 3 month training programme, so for the next 3 months he was carrying heavy bags on his back up Mount Dandenong; being connected to an oxygen reducing machine, with a mask on his face to simulate the low oxygen levels on the ascent. He would email the results to Queensland for monitoring and they would come and supervise him from time to time to confirm his fitness.

Finally he passed the tests and was advised to join the group at the departure. He was not aware that on the same trip the Prime Minister's wife Therese Rein and her son would also be making expedition with their group.

Mount Kilimanjaro is 19,580 feet tall or 5835 meters (say 6km), with a low oxygen availability. Despite being 3 degrees south of the equator, Kilimanjaro has numerous glaciers. Glaciers have been an awesome force in shaping Kilimanjaro, especially the youngest peak, Kibo.

Kilimanjaro has lost in excess of 75% of its ice cover since 1912, although the impressive ice cliffs on the northern and eastern side remain, as do glaciers on the south and south western flanks. At projected rates the ice could be lost forever by 2015-2020.

The group decided to take the longer route which was an 8 day trek. Everyone who was climbing the mountain had to be registered and had to check in every day. AS well as the 13 climbers and 2 guides, they had 73 porters, 20 trackers and 20 food suppliers. There were porters cleaning up after them so no rubbish was left anywhere, and porters who climbed ahead of them early in the morning to set up the next overnight camp and get the food ready. To assist with oxygen and altitude readiness, they would then make the climb past the actual camp, go up higher, become accustomed to the low oxygen availability, then climb back down to the camp to sleep. Angelo needed to have 7 layers of different clothing for this trip, in the morning it was nice weather but by afternoon at 4.00pm he would be freezing.

The food was first class, better than what you would get in restaurants, even tables were set perfectly by the porters. The first 6 days were relatively easy with only 2-3 kilometers each day, then the last 2 days were really hard. On the final day of ascent, the group climbed 9 hours overnight through pitch darkness, reaching the summit in time to see the sunrise. The sun rose from under the clouds through which a mountain peak rose. The summit has a large volcano pit, with gigantic glacier, very high winds with windshield factor temperature of -13C. The views and experience was something which can not be forgotten. Throughout his talk Angelo had a DVD showing us the different positions, camps, porters, people on the climb and beautiful views from the mountain.

[www.executiveexcellence.com.au](http://www.executiveexcellence.com.au)

### **About Kilimanjaro National Park**

Size: 1668 sq km 641 sq miles).

Location: Northern Tanzania, near the town of Moshi.

### **Getting there**

128 km (80 miles) from Arusha.

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### **When to go**

Clearer and warmest conditions from December to February, but also dry (and colder) from July-September.





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[www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/conference2010](http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/conference2010)

**Blood Pressure Awareness Week**

The club will be taking part in the national blood pressure tests at Woolworths (was Safeway), at the Newmarket Plaza **17th - 23rd May, 2010.**

The day creates a good public image for the club, and we can have some fun helping our fellow citizens.

Dates and details will be firmed up closer to the time, but for now, please note in your diaries.

<http://www.strokefoundation.com.au>



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## Club Calendar

<b>Date</b>	<b>Function</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Details</b>
25th November	Paul Harris Breakfast  RC of Central Melbourne	RACV Club	Paul Perrottet or  <a href="mailto:kandmf@bigpond.net.au">kandmf@bigpond.net.au</a>
1st December	Dinner with Ray Martin  RC of Toorak	Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club	<a href="mailto:alan.l.freedman@bigpond.com">alan.l.freedman@bigpond.com</a>
2nd December	Victorian Bushfire Dinner – RC of North Essendon	Moonee Valley	Peter Cribb or  <a href="mailto:rod.gurry@aph.gov.au">rod.gurry@aph.gov.au</a>
5th December	Relay for Life, Cancer Council	Alexandra Gardens	<a href="http://www.relayforlife.com.au">www.relayforlife.com.au</a>
5th & 6th December	Fundraising BBQ	Harvey Norman, Maribyrnong	Alan Bruno or Ted Frank
16th December	Christmas Function	Flemington Racecourse  Nursery Carpark	Len Seddon or Peter Cribb
6th & 7th February	Fundraising BBQ	Harvey Norman, Maribyrnong	Alan Bruno or Ted Frank
3rd & 4th April	Fundraising BBQ	Harvey Norman, Maribyrnong	Alan Bruno or Ted Frank
April	Pooches in the Park	Tba	Anne Dynon
4th – 7th March 2010	<b>Rotary District 9800 Conference</b>	Perth	<a href="http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/conference2010">www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/conference2010</a>

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RC4 With the Season's Greetings and Best Wishes for the New Year



RC5 With Season's Greetings For a Happy and Prosperous New Year



RC6 Greetings of the Season



RC7 Greetings of the Season and Best Wishes for the Year ahead



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