



**Rotary Club of Kew on Yarra**

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R.I. District 9800

**Rotary Year 2009-2010**

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- Vice President: David Shave
- Hon Secretary: Sue Anderson
- Hon Treasurer: Ken Maher
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- Club Service Director: John Brownsea  
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- New Generations Director: Isabel Armer

**PLEASE REMEMBER**

Apologies and guests to  
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**Brown's Blog**  
(A word from President Anne Brown)

It has been two weeks since I wrote a blog. Last Monday week we joined the Rotary Club of Richmond to learn "the 4 Steps to Life" and the feed back I have received everyone found the session very beneficial. Last week we had Keith Moore and Geoff Keys visit us to tell us about Probus. Keith and Geoff are members of the North Balwyn Probus Club and Keith told us about the history of Probus and what one can expect as a member of a club. He was at pains to say that they weren't there to poach members from Rotary but to give options to members that felt their time with Rotary is about to finish and that you could be members of both organisations.

After the meeting the board met and I would like to welcome our newest Friend of Rotary, Julie Cooper. Julie is already working for us, she is the lovely lady who did my invitations and table cards for changeover and she is at the moment doing the table cards for the John Reddish Award. Thank you Julie!

On Thursday night 8th October we held the Blue Illusion fashion parade. The number of people attending was disappointing but we still managed to raise \$558.60 plus a donation of \$20 given to me by a lady who didn't buy anything on the night. I want to thank our models Edel Conroy, Pauline Bond and Nola Geary as well as David Anderson, David Shave and Ed who acted as hosts on the night and contributed to the food and drink. Blue illusion has indicated that we can have a parade in both autumn and spring.

Last week, as I announced at last weeks meeting, I was contacted by Jill Weeks from Hawthorn with a great idea. She had contacted the Progress Leader and had got permission for a monthly Rotary page. I immediately contacted her and said Kew on Yarra was keen to participate and that David Anderson had agreed to be the contact and would contribute to the page on a regular basis. If anyone has anything they would like an article about please contact David.

This week we have the John Reddish Awards and I would like to see as many members and partners attend as possible as we have guests from many small businesses in Boroondara. This is a great opportunity to talk to the people on your table about Rotary. Last week you all received an email from Derek about this and I second everything he had to say. John Orr, David Shave and Anthony Tung are doing a lot of work to make this a successful evening and it is up to us to do all we can to help.

That is all for this week and remember **THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN OUR HANDS** and to that end the future of RC Kew on Yarra.

Anne with an E

Meet Wednesdays 6.30 for 7.00 pm  
At Amora Hotel Riverwalk  
649 Bridge Rd, Richmond, Victoria  
Telephone: 03 9246-1200

## Guest Speaker 14 October 2009 – Keith Moore – Probus

Last week's guest speaker, Keith Moore, indicated he is married with 3 children. He was previously a member of the Royal Air Force and a director of the Little Woods Organisation before immigrating to Brisbane in 1978 before moving to Melbourne. Among many positions held, he was Director of Myer Stores in Melbourne. He was a Rotarian for 12 years and a Paul Harris Fellow with Sapphire. After leaving Rotary, Keith joined the Probus Club of North Balwyn.

Keith emphasised that Probus and Rotary membership is not an either/or choice. Both can co-exist. However, Probus Clubs are orientated towards older retired people and many see Probus as a logical progression after being unable to fully participate in more active Rotary activities.

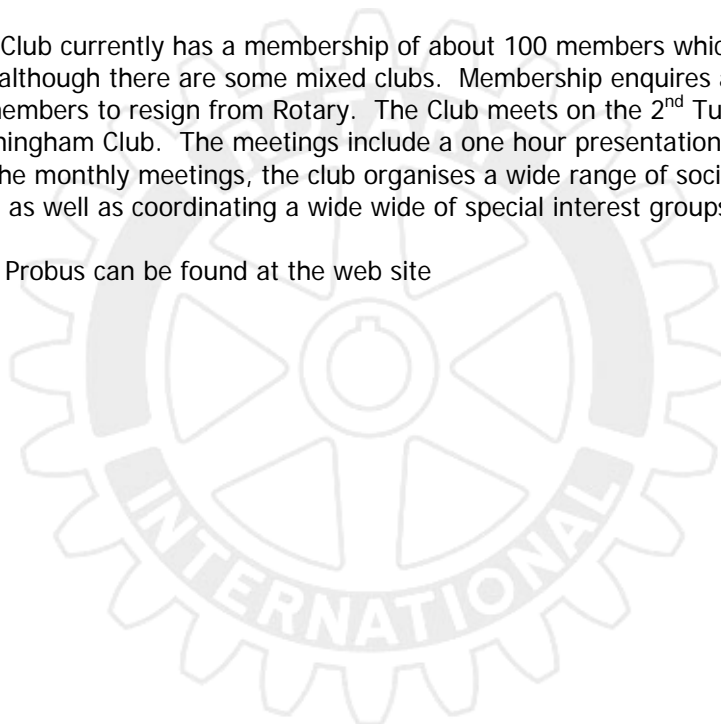
Like Rotary, Probus Clubs undertake community service programs in association with Rotary. There are some 141,000 Probus Members in Australia and Keith indicated it was the largest and most active community service forum in Rotary. It provides regular opportunities for retirees to keep their minds active in a non political, non-sectarian and non-profit making environment and at the same time gives an opportunity to keep in contact with broader Rotarian contacts.

Most Probus Clubs meet monthly. There are no mandatory makeups; members must be retired or semi-retired and fund raising is specifically excluded.

The North Balwyn Probus Club currently has a membership of about 100 members which is typical of most clubs. It is currently an all male club although there are some mixed clubs. Membership enquires are most welcome and there is no need for prospective members to resign from Rotary. The Club meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 10am to noon at the Manningham Club. The meetings include a one hour presentation by a range of excellent speakers. In addition to the monthly meetings, the club organises a wide range of social events, usually held in conjunction with partners, as well as coordinating a wide range of special interest groups.

Further information about Probus can be found at the web site

<http://probus.com.au/>



# District News **October is Vocation Service Month**

## Latest District Newsletter

[http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/uploads/downloads/Networker/2009\\_2010/currentNetworker.pdf](http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/uploads/downloads/Networker/2009_2010/currentNetworker.pdf)

## Club News **Fire Action Week 11-18 October**

- The following nominations have been received from the Nominating Committee for Office Bearers and Directors of the Rotary Club of Kew on Yarra in 2010-11: President Elect – No nomination; Treasurer – Ken Maher; Secretary – David Anderson; Directors (4) – Sue Anderson, Edel Conroy, John Orr, David Shave. Note: The Immediate Past President will be Vice President. Members are also invited to submit nominations for the above positions. All nominations must be in writing with acceptance from the nominee (refer attached proforma).
- Derek Bond advised that our Club has paid for two new Shelter Boxes.

## Upcoming Events

Event	Date & Venue	Sponsor	Contact
John Reddish Service Excellence Awards	Wednesday 21 October 2009 Amora Hotel	RC Kew on Yarra	David Shave 0408 511 615
Visit to our Sister Club RC Woodend	Thursday 12 November 2009	RC Woodend	Anne Brown 0404 029 165
Screening of Movie "Amelia" -see promo page 5	Wednesday 11 November 2009	RC Kew on Yarra	Anne Brown 0404 029 165
RC Kew on Yarra Annual General Meeting	Wednesday 18 November 2009	RC Kew on Yarra	
Sausage Sizzle	Sunday 20 December 2009 Hawthorn Bunnings Store	RC Kew on Yarra	David Anderson 0419 898 034

## Foundation Reflections

We will continue with our Foundation Reflections on a monthly basis. Coming feedback to the Club will be as follows:

Date	Member	Topic
tba	Alan Fisher	<b>Partnering</b> What other organisations can Rotary work with

The following article caught my attention during the week. It is supposedly a true story -Ed

## Walking the dog

*Flying from Seattle to San Francisco, the plane was diverted to Sacramento along the way. The flight attendant explained that there would be an hour's delay, and passengers were welcome to get off the aircraft. Everybody got off the plane except one lady who was blind, her seeing-eye dog lay quietly underneath the seats in front of her. Being a regular on this flight, the pilot approached her, calling her by name, said, "Kathy, we are in Sacramento for almost an hour. Would you like to get off and stretch your legs?" The blind lady said, "No thanks, but maybe Buddy would like to stretch his legs."*

*Picture this: All the people in the gate area came to a complete standstill when they looked up and saw the pilot walk off the plane with a seeing-eye dog! The pilot was even wearing sunglasses. People scattered. They not only tried to change planes, they were also trying to change airlines!*

Information about the **Rotary Foundation** can be found at:

<http://www.rotary.org/EN/ABOUTUS/THEROTARYFOUNDATION/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

Specific information about Rotary partnering and resources can be found at:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/Contribute/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

## The Four Way Test

Remember - of the things we think, say or do:

- Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

## Some Useful Websites

### RC Kew on Yarra's Web Site

<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~rckewe/>

### Boroondara Cares Website

<http://www.boroondaracares.com>

### RC Ubud Bali Web Site

(Sister Club RC Kew on Yarra)  
<http://www.rotaryubud.org/index.asp>

### RC Woodend Web Site

(Sister Club RC Kew on Yarra)  
<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org/woodend>

### Rotary Downunder Web Site

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

### Latest District Newsletter

[http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/uploads/downloads/Networker/2009\\_2010/currentNetworker.pdf](http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/uploads/downloads/Networker/2009_2010/currentNetworker.pdf)

## Thought for the Day Ann Leonard

"You're on the road to success when you realise that failure is merely a detour" – W.G.P.

**BIRTHDAYS**

21 Oct Tony Boyd

**ANNIVERSARIES****PROGRAM**

21 Oct  
John Reddish Awards  
28 Oct Pedro Obaiz  
Ambassadorial Scholar  
4 Nov  
Oaks Eve BBQ  
**Thus** At Woodend  
**12 Nov**  
Joint Meeting with RC Woodend  
18 Nov Club AGM

25 Nov Davinder Sidhu  
Ambassadorial Scholar  
2 Dec Sue Ebury  
Biographer - Sir Edward  
'Weary' Dunlop

**MARKET ROSTER**

25 Oct Richard Gales  
1 Nov Dario Brosolo  
8 Nov Bill Chow  
15 Nov Tony Boyd  
22 Nov David & Sue  
Anderson  
29 Nov John Presutto  
6 Dec Edel Conroy  
13 Dec David Shave  
20 Dec John Pocock  
27 Dec William Liew

**BOASTS****OUR LAST MEETING**

**Date** 14 October 2009  
**Present** 17 Club Members  
**Club Apologies** Isabel Armer, John Brownsea, Bill Chow, Malcolm Crawford  
**Make ups**  
**Guests** Geoff Keys  
**Visiting Rotarians**  
**Chairperson** David Anderson  
**Sergeant** Peter Leonard  
**Speaker** Keith Moore  
**Door Prize** Alan Fisher  
**Winner**  
**Meeting Close** 8:05 pm

**Fine Session**

Sergeant Peter Leonard

Sergeant fines

- The Sergeant fined John Orr for not being available to undertake his rostered Cashier duty;
- A recent survey indicated that "tradies" are considered to be more "sexy" than office workers – "tradie" Members were fined;
- The recently concluded Herald-Sun bike tour was marred by a series of crashes – Members who ride bikes were fined for their disregard for their safety;
- Premiership coaches Mark Thompson and Craig Bellamy were both electricians –our resident "sparkie", Dario was fined for sharing their success;
- Tennis player Mark Phillipoussis has confirmed reports he is to marry award winning actress Jennifer Esposito. David Anderson was fined for trying to imitate the Scud on the tennis court;
- Rugby supporters were fined for celebrating the Storm's win;
- Our resident runner, John Pocock, was fined for failing to finish last week's Melbourne Marathon (John claims he also failed to start).

Fines from the floor:

- Derek Bond fined the Sergeant for not knowing the difference between Rugby League and Rugby Union, the gentleman's game;
- Derek also fined Dario after he engaged Dario to do some electrical work which was undertaken by Dario's son instead;
- Ken Maher fined the Sergeant for reading the Herald Sun rather than the professional man's broadsheet;
- Alan Fisher expressed offence at bike riders being fined – he in turn fined anyone who hasn't ridden a horse or camel in the last 12 months.

**WEEKLY DUTY ROSTER**

MEETINGS	21 October 09 John Reddish Awards	28 October 09	4 November 09 Oaks Eve BBQ	Thursday 12 November 09
Cashier	Dario Brosolo, Derek Bond	Derek Bond	At Alan Fisher's home	Joint meeting with
Chairman	John Brownsea	Ken Maher		the RC Woodend
Thought		William Liew		At Woodend
Sergeant At Arms		Peter Leonard		
Host		Alan Fisher		

Some Recent Memories From the Blue Horizon Fashion Parade – 8 October 2009



*An aspiring Fashions on the Field entrant Edel struts the floor*



*Just the hat for a long hot summer Pauline shows her style*



*I should fit my bits & pieces in this bag Nola selects a summer outfit*



*Pres Anne thinks she has her new outfit*



*David checks out Sue's Christmas present A very attractive pair of gum boots!*

Blue Illusion Camberwell  
745 Burke Road 3124  
Camberwell@blueillusion.com.au  
<http://www.blueillusion.com.au/>

Last week Pres Anne indicated that the evening raised \$558 for the for Borroondara Cares (and some new outfits for our ladies).



*Well done ladies!*

**Perth District Conference – March 2010**

*Early Bird registration is open until 6 Dec 2009*

Members can register by:

- - Logging onto the conference website

<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/Members/Conference2010>

- - Click on the black & white box "Registration"
- - Click to register "Online" or
- - Click to print out the "Registration Form", complete the form and attach your cheque

**SPECIAL PREVIEW SCREENING**



You can help eradicate polio just by going to this movie!

Coming to a cinema near you – 11 November 2009

A great night's entertainment! Put it in your diary NOW!

An article in the 20 September 2009 edition of the Catholic Journal "Kairos" featured one of our own Members, Fr Malcolm Crawford, who was recently appointed Parish Priest at St Finbar's Catholic Church in Centre Rd East Brighton after serving 14 years as Parish Priest in the Kew Sacred Heart Parish. It is repeated here for the interest of members and friends.

## A most fulfilling vocation

BY FIONA POWER

IT'S WEDNESDAY MORNING AND 10am Mass has just concluded at Sacred Heart, Kew. Parishioners stop in the foyer to exchange greetings with their parish priest, Fr Malcolm Crawford. "Such a lot of goodness, don't you think?" he says, turning with a smile.

Now in his 45<sup>th</sup> year of priesthood, Fr Crawford is well aware of goodness in his life and particularly appreciative of his family, deep friendships and vocation. "In the ups and downs of ministry, I could not imagine a more contented and fulfilled life for myself," he says.

Fr Crawford grew up in Brighton. He was blessed with very supportive parents who provided him and his sister Mary with many opportunities. They were from different Christian faiths and older than average. His mother, a former teacher, was "a very warm-hearted soul". His father was a "very faithful man" who served in France in World War 1 from 1916-18.

Fr Crawford's call to the priesthood evolved gradually. It took 18 months after entering the seminary before he settled into a routine and found a sense of personal identify and vocation.

After his ordination in 1965, Fr Crawford became very ill with malaria, contracted while a student priest in New Guinea. He recalls the wisdom his father shared as he visited him in Fairfield Hospital: "Son, in some times we've just got to bear it." When he recovered, Fr Crawford was appointed assistant priest at East Bentleigh. Parish priest Fr Bill Casey had "a great gift for spiritual fatherhood". "He really made me a priest," Fr Crawford says. "He made me feel at home, shared everything that happened, treated me as an equal and had a great sense of humour. He was so good to my father and sister. He showed humanness and kindness, was hard working and bore the brunt of some of my early mistakes."

Fr Crawford relied on his priest friends and parishioners when his mother died in 1966



Fr Malcolm Crawford

and his mother and sister moved to England. He took up golf, which he continues to enjoy. His father returned and they grew closer, until his death in 1973.

Fr Crawford was serving at Altona when the West Gate Bridge collapsed, then at Moonee Ponds and alongside "the saintly yet unconventional" Fr Bill Rovira at Murrumbena, who remains an inspiration. Fr Crawford's appointments to the Royal Melbourne Hospital and the Parkville parish were pivotal. With the support and friendship of Fr Joe Briffa, he studied pastoral clinical education at the PANCH hospital and theology subjects at the United Faculty of Theology.

In 1981, he completed a life changing three month spirituality course at Pymble in NSW. "I learnt to be prayerful," he says. "I was surprised at the gifts I was given. For the first time I learnt to waste time with God."

He also experienced what felt like a second vocational call to work in Northern Ireland. In 1984, with the support of Archbishop Frank Little, he moved to the newly formed ecumenical Columbus Community in Belfast.

Fr Crawford spent three challenging years in Ulster. He was sustained and inspired by the friendships with people such as Fr Hugh Starkey and the strong faith of the Belfast people.

"Though powerless amid the varied paramilitary and tribal activities, so many were forgiving and supportive of each other," he said. "After many years of fervently praying for peace, or at least preventing new injustices, the changes in recent years have exceeded most people's expectations. It was always possible because of the innate goodness of both communities."

Fr Crawford returned to Melbourne in 1987 and became parish priest of Fawkner. He found it difficult to settle into the more structured ministry of parish life but found the parishioners shared qualities with the people of Belfast. He was especially touched by the celebrations they organised for his silver jubilee.

As the parish priest of Kew, Fr Crawford has enjoyed being involved in sacramental preparation, a close friendship with the Carmelites at Kew and hosting international seminarians and priests.

"It is refreshing to live with younger people and hear their emerging stories." At 14 years, it is his longest appointment. "This requires the pastor to deepen his service and try to find new ways to expressing the same message and the challenge has not been conquered," he says.

He is very appreciative of "the marvellous secretaries and housekeeper, who have been supportive friends and have enabled the presbytery to be a place of hospitality" and the care and prayers during his sudden illness last year.

Part of Fr Crawford's heart is still in Northern Ireland. He has returned several times, grateful for the opportunities to revisit close friends and ready to acknowledge the many blessings his life and priesthood have brought.

"Thank you Lord, and may I continue to thank you again and again."

Source: KAIROS CATHOLIC JOURNAL  
<http://www.kairos.com.au/>

## What is Fire Action Week

Fire Action Week was announced by the Premier in August as a 'whole of state' effort to plan and prepare for the coming fire season. Fire Action Week will run from October 11 – 18.

Its focus is on raising awareness of the coming fire season and encouraging Victorians to prepare for the season.

During Fire Action Week, Victorians are encouraged to identify their fire risk, prepare their fire plans, clear vegetation from their properties and local communities, and get involved in fire safety and/or community fireguard meetings in their local area.

Fire Action Week is a call to action for all Victorians, no matter where they live, to:

- prepare for the coming fire season
- identify their fire risk
- prepare their own properties and work with neighbours and communities to be Fire Ready.

## Key messages for Fire Action Week

The following key messages may be used for Fire Action Week:

- All of Victoria is at fire risk this year, and we are facing a potentially worse fire season than last year.
- Fire Action Week is the time to start planning and preparing for the fire season, if you haven't already done so.
- You should have a written fire plan that details what you and your family will do if threatened by fires.
- Your fire plan is a combination of preparation and a plan of action. It must include practical steps to protect all members of the family, including children, the elderly and the vulnerable.
- Write down your fire plan, share it with all in your household, and practise it regularly.
- Prepare your house or property for fires. Even if you plan to leave, your home must be well prepared. A well-prepared house with defensible space has a greater chance of surviving.
- Remove or reduce items near your home that can burn including vegetation. The larger this cleared space, the greater the chance your house will survive a fire. Check with your local council.
- CFA's new household self-assessment tool will help you determine if you have enough defensible space around your home. Visit [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au) or call the VBIL on 1800 240 667 to get a copy.
- Find out more about planning and preparing for fires from your local fire safety community meetings, CFA Community Fireguard groups, and council. Start by visiting <http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au>

## An Update from Isabel Armer in Kathmandu, Nepal

Dear everyone,

This is a general email and includes a few who have been emailed from Nepal before. We are now in Bhaktapur, just outside Kathmandu. I think it has been a successful tour so far. Yesterday I helped teach knitting to some of the women in a refuge. Great fun and some success. I could not believe how quickly the women learned to knit plain and pearl. There were a few mistakes, but there were a few hats which will be completed by the end of today when we have a return visit for a meal and show. This afternoon we will visit the cancer hospital and donate some of the things donated by one of the golfing ladies. Thanks Ros. The doctor with the group thinks that some of the medical things might also be useful back at Bright Future Community Centre, but we will check at the hospital first. Ben (doctor) thinks that all the medical donations are useful.

We have had a cultural tour this morning. Unfortunately we went past a few shops and people were distracted. There is one serious shopper and I have been trying to make sure that she does not get ripped off. A bit difficult, but she is learning to bargain. The Eyes Wide Open tour might not be gaining any Rotarians for Australia, but two Nepalese have already joined Rotary because of this tour.

I will have some photos as soon as I get back to Kopan and have some spare time. If you look at the EWO blog site there are some photos. Lena keeps updating it. <http://www.eyeswideopen.org.au/NepalSep2009Blog>

Good luck  
Isabel





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## Nomination for Office Bearers and Directors 2010 - 11

### Nomination for President Nominee

Name of Nominee

Signature of Nominee

### Nomination for Secretary

Name of Nominee

Signature of Nominee

### Nomination for Treasurer

Name of Nominee

Signature of Nominee

### Nomination for Directors (4)

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**Signed**  
**Chair of the Nominating Committee or Nominating Member**

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**Signed**  
**Witness (must be a member of the Rotary Club of Kew on Yarra)**

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