



Rotary Club of Kew on Yarra

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R.I. District 9800

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PLEASE REMEMBER

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

This will be a short blog this week as Ed and I are about to leave on a short break until next Tuesday. Don't forget tree planting on the 9th August, there won't be as many going as there were originally because of the change of date but a big thank you to those who have said they will go. Ed and I will represent the club at the Salvation Army dinner and at least three of us will be going to Kai Roast at Woodend. Eb has confirmed there will be places for us at the restaurant. Thank you to Anthony Kennedy for his informative talk on irrigation in the Goulburn Murray region. I hope when Ed tells you stories on irrigation farming you now have a greater understanding of how water is delivered. As I have already said and Antony confirmed it if the is not flood like rain in the spring in the Goulburn Murray system the outlook for this year is extremely grim. Next week our guest speaker is Bol Diu Gok who is a young leader of the Sudanese Community and Melinda tells me he is a very impressive young man. I have asked him to give us an overview of the challenges of relocating from their war torn country to Australia. As usually Isabel is ever reliable to put up her hand to help out when asked. Thank you for doing market duty this at late notice. Don't forget the Future of Rotary is in OUR Hands
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

This week's guest speaker – Anthony Kennedy : Irrigation in the Goulbourn Valley



Anthony Kennedy talks about irrigation in the Goulbourn Valley

Anthony is a qualified Agricultural Scientist and works as a policy manager with the Victorian Government Policy Dept. The average annual rainfall across Australia is approx 455mm.

Run off accounts for approx 13%.

40% of Australia is too dry for agriculture.

In Victoria approx 16% of rainfall flows into its river system. An extra 1% filters down into the ground water aquifers.

Water use in Victoria.

Irrigation: 77%

Melbourne: 8%

Rural: 6%

Urban: 9%

The Victorian Alpine region receives most of the rainfall.

Goulbourn Murray Water.

- Covers over 68,000 Km²
- Over 12,000 GL of water is stored in the GMW reservoirs.
- Water is captured and stored in Lake Eildon
- Irrigators will have a water entitlement ie 500 ML entitlement
- Throughout the irrigation season GMW will make water allocations.
- Traditionally, Victorian water entitlements have been very secure ie 100% water allocation delivered 97 years in 100.
- Irrigators generally get their water through water wheels which are gravity fed.
- Water is then moved around via channels.

Recent policy developments:

- Australian Government has a \$12.9B 'Water for the Future' plan. It is a 10 yr plan with a number of key elements including \$5.8B for a sustainable rural water use and infrastructure program.
- The Victorian Government is allocating up to \$1B for the Northern Victoria Irrigation Renewal Project.

District News July is Rotary Changeover Month

Latest District Newsletter

http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/uploads/downloads/Networker/2008_2009/currentNetworker.pdf

Club News

- The Club is arranging a booking to conduct a sausage sizzle at outside the Hawthorn Bunnings store on Sunday 20 December. Further details will be advised closer to the day.
- Eyes Wide Open is conducting a tour of Nepal in October this year. It would be a great opportunity to see first hand some of the magnificent work that Isabel has been involved in. How about considering going. Details of the itinerary are given on Page 6. Eyes Wide Open is a non-profit organisation that operates humanitarian travel experiences to Rotary projects in developing regions of Australasia. As part of a group of like-minded people of all different ages, you see the world and importantly, make a difference. Tours are safe, well organised and allow you to contribute to Rotary funded humanitarian projects that give hope to local communities in need. So go on, make a difference.
- As mentioned by President Anne last week, Boroondara Cares has been recognised again, this time by **Rotary International** with a "**Best Cooperative Projects Award**". The award which is signed by Rotary International President DK Lee and District 9790 Governor Richard Gilbert reads – "Rotary International Best Cooperative Projects Award presented to the Rotary Club of Cobram, Nathalia, Numurkah, Balwyn, Kew, Boroondara, Yarrowonga-Mulwala, Camberwell, Canterbury, Glenferrie, Hawthorn, Kew on Yarra, and North Balwyn for outstanding achievement in successful cooperation with other organizations to promote humanitarian service

Upcoming Events

Event	Date & Venue	Sponsor	Contact
"Operation Cleft" Talk by The Hon Alastair Nicholson AO RFD QC	Thursday 6 August 2009 6.30pm for 7.00pm The Victoria Hotel, Woodend	RC Woodend	Charles Bender on 0409 439 046 benderfam@bigpond.com
Tree Planting Day	Sunday 9 August 2009 Meet at Glenaroura at 8.30am (Melway Map 610, 7L)	Rotary Environmental Planting Scheme	David Anderson 0419 898 034
Unity Walk to promote Parkinson's Awareness	Mon 31 August 2009 Fed Square to Birrawung Marr		http://www.unitywalk.org.au/
John Reddish Service Excellence Awards	Wednesday 23 September 2009 Amora Hotel	RC Kew on Yarra	
DG Visit to Kew on Yarra	Wednesday 30 September 2009	RC Kew on Yarra	
50th Birthday Celebration Dinner for RC Collingwood \$80.00 per person	Saturday 3 rd October 2009 7.00 for 7.30 PM Collingwood Town Hall	RC Collingwood	email collingwood@rotarydistrict9800.org Phone: John Taylor 0419 363 101 Bill Hampson 01412818215
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	Partnering What other organisations can Rotary work with

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://rotarydownunder.com.au/index.htm>

Latest District Newsletter

http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/uploads/downloads/Networker/2008_2009/currentNetworker.pdf

Thought for the Day Tony Boyd

Advice is like mushrooms, consuming the wrong kind might prove fatal.

BIRTHDAYS

1 Aug Karen Presutto
 4 Aug Derek Bond
 6 Aug Sue Anderson

ANNIVERSARIES**PROGRAM**

5 Aug Bol Diu Gok
 Sudanese Community &
 Youth Challenges
 12 Aug Ms Leigh
 Mathews
 Cambodia
 19 Aug PDG John
 Wigley
 Rotary Learning Institute
 26 Aug Kent Stannard
 CSIRO
 White Shark Research
 Team

MARKET ROSTER

2 Aug Isabel Armer
 (Volunteered)
 9 Aug Ken Maher
 16 Aug Isabel Armer
 23 Aug Mark Miller
 30 Aug David Shave

BOASTS**OUR LAST MEETING**

Date 29 July 2009
Present 17 Club Members
Club Apologies Ann Leonard, Derek Bond, Dario Brosolo, Mark Miller, David Shave, John Brownsea.

Make ups
Guests Clare Leonard

Visiting
Rotarians
Chairperson Isabel Armer

Sergeant Ed Brown
Speaker Anthony Kennedy – Water in Victoria
Door Prize John Orr

Winner
Meeting Close 8:15 pm

Fine Session

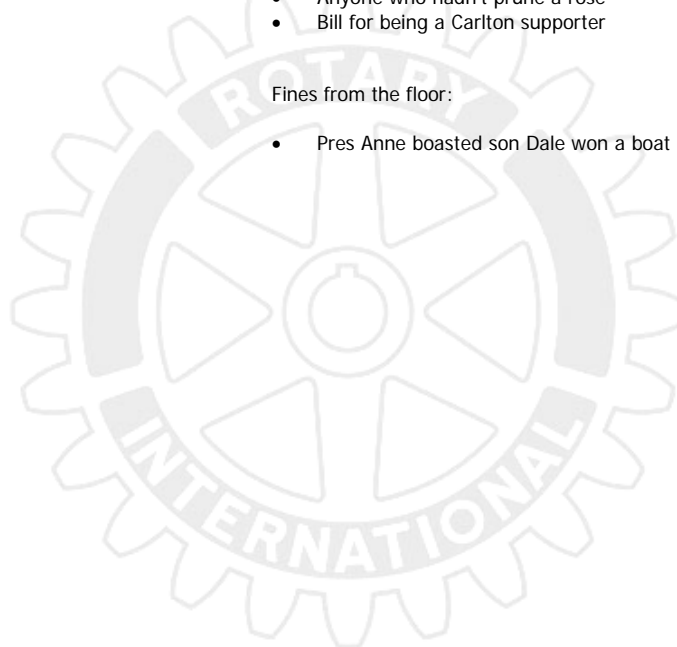
Sergeant Ed Brown

Sergeant fines

- Those who did not clap!
- Those that do not drink Fosters Light.
- Those who support football teams that keeps winning by 1 point.
- Any girls who had a car accident
- Anyone who hadn't prune a rose
- Bill for being a Carlton supporter

Fines from the floor:

- Pres Anne boasted son Dale won a boat competition.

**WEEKLY DUTY ROSTER**

MEETINGS	5 August 09	12 August 09	19 August 09	
Cashier	Derek Bond	Mark Miller	John Orr	
Chairman	Bill Chow	Richard Gales	Sue Anderson	
Thought	Alan Fisher	John Brownsea	William Liew	
Sergeant At Arms	Edel Conroy	Edel Conroy	Edel Conroy	
Host	Ken Maher	John Orr	John Presutto	

Some Memories from our Club Meeting 29 July 2009



Guests Clare and Anthony



David Anderson



Sergeant Ed!



Our other pharmacist!



Chairperson Isabel thanking guest speaker Anthony



Another satisfied door prize winner – John Orr

PUNNY PAGE

The ability to make and understand puns is considered to be the highest level of language development. Here are the 10 first place winners in the International Pun Contest:

1. A vulture boards an airplane, carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at him and says, "I'm sorry, sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger."
2. Two fish swim into a concrete wall. One turns to the other and says, "Dam!"
3. Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.
4. Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, "I've lost my electron." The other says, "Are you sure?" The first replies "Yes, I'm positive."
5. Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? His goal: transcendental medication.
6. A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse. "But why?", they asked, as they moved off. "Because," he said, "I can't stand chess-nuts boasting in an open foyer."
7. A woman has twins and gives them up for adoption. One of them goes to a family in Egypt and is named "Ahmal." The other goes to a family in Spain; they name him "Juan." Years later, Juan sends a picture of himself to his birth mother. Upon receiving the picture, she tells her husband that she wishes she also had a picture of Ahmal. Her husband responds, "They're twins! If you've seen Juan, you've seen Ahmal."
8. A group of friars were behind on their belfry payments, so they opened up a small florist shop to raise funds. Since everyone liked to buy flowers from the men of God, a rival florist across town thought the competition was unfair. He asked the good fathers to close down, but they would not. He went back and begged the friars to close. They ignored him. So, the rival florist hired Hugh MacTaggart, the roughest and most vicious thug in town to "persuade" them to close. Hugh beat up the friars and trashed their store, saying he'd be back if they didn't close up shop. Terrified, they did so, thereby proving that only Hugh can prevent florist friars.
9. Mahatma Gandhi, as you know, walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail and, with his odd diet, he suffered from bad breath. This made him (Oh, man, this is so bad, it's good) a super calloused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis.
10. And finally, there was the person who sent ten different puns to friends, with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. No pun in ten did.

Itinerary



Day 1
1 Oct Arrive in Nepal and check into our accommodation—the Shambhala Village Resort. In the late afternoon, we visit a Rotary sponsored Community Centre in the Kathmandu Valley called Bright Future Community Centre. There we'll meet the Centre's children and conduct some activities before heading off for a group dinner and briefing. • • D

Day 2
2 Oct Today we will visit the ancient Swayambhunath Temple, one of the most sacred Buddhist sites in Nepal. We'll then head into bustling Thamel before visiting the Porter Protection Society. We then go to Bright Future Community Centre in the afternoon where we will conduct reading and conversation classes. In the evening we will join crowds walking around the historic stupa at Bhouda, a world heritage site. We will eat traditional Nepalese food at a local restaurant. B L D

Day 3
3 Oct Experience Nepalese style Buddhism this morning by participating in a meditation led by a lama at the White Monastery. The afternoon will be dedicated to undertaking humanitarian work in conjunction with a Rotary funded Women's Refuge and a prosthetic limb project. We will stay in Patan tonight, a city known for its arts, crafts, feasts and cultural heritage. B L D



Day 4
4 Oct Today we venture to Nagakot, a Nepalese town known for its breathtaking views of the Himalayan mountain ranges and magnificent sunsets and sunrises. We'll spend some time at the Rotary supported Nagakot Community Health Centre to conduct some dental and health classes for local residents. B L D

Day 5
5 Oct An early rise to see the sun come up over the Himalayan ranges and then we venture to Bhaktapur, the third largest city in the Kathmandu Valley, also known for its rich culture, temples and artworks in wood, metal and stone. We will then get involved in a humanitarian project of the Bhaktapur Rotary Club and enjoy an evening meal and show in the 'city of culture'. B L D

Day 6
6 Oct The morning is yours to explore this ancient city bursting with heritage and cultural attractions. In the afternoon we will be working with patients of the Bhaktapur Cancer Hospital supported by numerous local and international Rotary Clubs. The group will make a donation of medical equipment as requested by the hospital. B L D

Day 7
7 Oct After breakfast, we'll drive back to Kopan. We'll visit the Kopan Monastery for lunch and pay a visit to a rehabilitation centre for people suffering from leprosy where we will make a small donation of goods as requested by the Centre. In the afternoon, we'll do some maintenance & humanitarian work at the Bright Future Community Centre. B L D



Day 8
8 Oct This morning we depart for Pokhara in a private bus. Pokhara is a bustling village situated on the beautiful Lake Phewa and surrounded by the snow-capped mountains of the Annapurna range. It is where thousands of tourists and trekkers gather before undertaking recreational and adventure activities in the region. After we arrive, we'll explore this colourful town and enjoy a group meal. B • D

Day 9
9 Oct Today is a recreational day in Pokhara. You have the day free to row across Lake Phewa, visit the ancient island temple, explore Devis's Fall, barter with local traders or simply enjoy the panoramic scenery. B • D

Day 10
10 Oct This is our last day before undertaking a four day trek of the foothills of the Annapurna range. We will spend most of the day working on a development project with the Pokhara Rotary Club. The evening is yours to immerse yourself in village culture and nightlife, if you dare. B L •

Day 11
11 Oct Today we drive to Nayapul where we commence our trek. Each trekker will have a personal Porter and the route is considered 'easy'. We'll walk to Birethanti. On the way, we'll trek through a couple of local villages and enjoy spectacular views of the surrounding mountain ranges. Part of the trek includes a leisurely riverside walk. We stay at a guest house in Birethanti and finish the evening with a group meal. B L D



Day 12
12 Oct The next stage of the trek is the longest. We'll head north up the Modi Valley to Ghandruk, with spectacular views of the Annapurna mountain range. We'll be about 2000m above sea level. There are plenty of tea houses along the way to rest and a pleasant lodge to spend the night in. B L D

Day 13
13 Oct Today we descend from Ghandruk through a valley and towards a town called Kimche. We then briefly trek uphill to the east to a village called Majgaun where we reach a small lodge to enjoy a group meal and spend the night. You will be rewarded with amazing views and great hospitality. B L D

Day 14
14 Oct Our final leg of our Nepal trekking experience! We trek eastwards to Dhampus and then descend down to the valley floor to Phedi to end the tour. We bus back to Pokhara for a cool shower and a group meal in the buzzing town centre. B L D

Day 15
15 Oct Free-time to recover from our trek. You will have time to relax and unwind. You may choose to undertake some more sightseeing, shopping or simply enjoy the beauty of the beautiful surroundings. B • D

Day 16
16 Oct Today we depart from Pokhara and head back to the Kathmandu Valley. This is a long drive, so the evening will be spent relaxing at our guest house set amongst the monasteries of Bhouda. B • D

Day 17
17 Oct The morning is yours to do some last minute shopping and explore more of the villages of the Kathmandu Valley. There is an option to walk to the Hindu temple at Gorkhana and back to Bhouda. In the late afternoon, we'll head to the Bright Future Community Centre to enjoy a 'dance party' and games with the children and their families to say farewell. B • D

Day 18
18 Oct Our flight departs around lunchtime. B • •



More Info: <http://www.eyeswideopen.org.au>
Or contact Isabel Armer on 9429 5117