



Rotary International Theme 2006-2007

ROTARY DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S

9820 NEWS

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NEW
GENERATIONS
MONTH



DG Dennis and Margaret

Photo: Roy Berryman

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Greetings fellow Rotarians

At the time of going to print Margaret and I have visited 34 clubs.

There is insufficient space here to describe the experiences, but the breadth of project activity is extraordinary. The imagination and initiative of Rotarians is staggering. I've said it before and I'll say it again, "There is not one club of which I would not be proud to be a member."

On the 29th August we went to Dandenong East. As it happened it was my 60th birthday. Lo and behold I walked in and saw my family and several members of Warragul.

We had a birthday cake and the obligatory "Happy Birthday". My thanks to President Val Nicholson for making it a memorable evening. I couldn't think of a better way to spend a birthday than with family, friends and fellow Rotarians.

Margaret is a supporter of the Inner Wheel Cord Blood project and wishes to pass on her appreciation to the Rotary Clubs of Phillip Island & San Remo, Traralgon, Hallam Valley and Rye for their generous donations.

The most moving experience of the month was the opening of Gippsland Rotary Centenary House at Traralgon.

This project was a partnership between Rotary, Federal, State and Local Government as well as other service clubs in the LaTrobe Valley and beyond.

Four years ago Kay Radford approached Ken Peake with the vision of establishing a facility to accommodate the patients and families of patients to stay during the period of treatment. When people are going through cancer treatment they need their family around. Rotary has provided that.

There have been so many contributors we cannot name them all. Nevertheless we must acknowledge the work of Ken Peake, Kay and the Committee of Management.

The facility was opened by Peter McGauren and then Ken addressed the dignitaries present. It was obviously an emotional time for Ken to see his dream come to reality. It will come as a surprise to those who know Ken, but after a brief (for him) response he was lost for words.

A Youth Exchange camp was conducted at Forrest Edge during the month. The members of the committee, inbound and Rotext students came together to assist in the preparation of our outgoing students. It was a great atmosphere and demonstrated the strength of the program.

We received some good news during the month. The Super Bikes event at Phillip Island will not clash with our conference. It is now full speed ahead and the Tourist Information Centre will be pleased to hear from clubs wishing to arrange their bookings.

Dennis



Official Opening

GIPPSLAND ROTARY CENTENARY HOUSE

*Contributed by Mike Answerth
Committee of Management
Promotions*

Gippsland Rotary Centenary House is a community owned accommodation facility which will house Gippsland patients and families who are attending the new Gippsland Cancer Care Centre located at Latrobe Regional Hospital who would normally need to travel unreasonable distances to be with their loved ones.

The accommodation facility is located next to Latrobe Regional Hospital and aims to provide a 'home away from home' environment with the following features:

- *Four large 'motel style' en-suite rooms with double bed, sofa bed and room for temporary fold-out beds to accommodate additional family members*
- *Two self-contained units with cooking and eating facilities*
- *Community Kitchen, lounge and dining room*
- *Tea making, library and casual living area*
- *Tranquil courtyard with outdoor living area*
- *Secure children's playground and recreation room accessible only from inside the building*
- *'Quiet Room' for family privacy*
- *Resident volunteer en-suite unit*
- *Closed-circuit TV security system*
- *Wheelchair access*

All emergency and safety requirements will be provided in accordance with building code and other legislative requirements.

Gippsland Rotary Centenary House was officially opened on Saturday, 2 September, 2006

With a cost of almost \$2 million, Centenary House has been built with the support of local Rotary Clubs and the community as well through funding from State and Federal governments and support from business and philanthropic trusts.

Centenary House Board of Management Chairman Ken Peake said that completion of the project would bring a great deal of satisfaction to all those involved and would provide a much needed facility for families throughout the region.

"The project has received exceptional community support from all over Gippsland as well as from local, State and Federal governments. The enormous support and co-operation from governments, Latrobe City, corporate and philanthropic organisations and the public at all levels has enabled this facility to be

completed in less than 3 years. It really seems to have captured the hearts of the whole community and we are most grateful."

The official opening was carried out jointly by Member for Morwell Brendan Jenkins and Gippsland Federal Member Peter McGuaran, who have both assisted to obtain funding for the project.

Other official guests included Rotary dignitaries, government officials and representatives of major donors. The Opening Ceremony was followed the next day by a Public Open Day which attracted a steady stream of Rotarians from throughout the district and interested members of the public.

District Governor of Rotary District 9820, Dennis Heslin said that the initiative of the Rotary Clubs of Latrobe Group and the support of the Rotary Clubs from throughout Gippsland has produced the type of project that Rotary can be proud of to commemorate the Centenary of Rotary.

Gippsland Rotary Centenary House is situated in Valley Drive immediately behind the Latrobe Regional Hospital on land leased to the organisation by Latrobe City Council.

The architect-designed building will provide short or longer term motel style and self contained unit accommodation for those patients required to spend time away from their homes to undergo cancer treatment.

The families of children in the paediatric ward of the Latrobe Regional Hospital will also be able to use the facility which will be available at a low tariff.

The facility includes four large motel style ensuite bedrooms, with limited cooking facilities. Temporary fold out beds to accommodate additional family are also available. In addition there are two self-contained units with cooking and eating facilities.

The building also includes a community kitchen, lounge and dining room, tea making, library and casual living area, and a tranquil courtyard with outdoor living area complete with a barbecue. The house also features a quiet room where families can meet privately or receive counselling.

Newly appointed Manager of Centenary House, Carol Crewe (phone: 0448 550 260) said that the first residents to use the facility arrived the day after the opening and there has been a steady stream of patients and their families requiring accommodation ever since. People wishing to assist in the operation of the House as volunteers can contact Carol.

HAPPY SNAPS at G.R.C.H. OPEN DAY

*Most photos courtesy Reg Excell
and formatted by Ray Kenneally*

Main Entrance



*Reception area and volunteer Carmen Cook
Painting donated by Warragul artist Kerrie Warren*



Lounge area



*Ceremonially planting a bottle tree in the courtyard, one of
more than five hundred plants donated.*

*Shelley Stewart stated that,
"Students from Gippsland TAFE assisted in landscape
design and did all the planting. It looks magnificent."
Photo: Ray Stewart*



Internet facilities allow families to keep in touch.



**MORE
HAPPY SNAPS**
at
G.R.C.H. OPEN DAY

*The kitchen has two large work areas and all major facilities.
House manager Carol Crewe (left) and volunteer Pat Puddy.*



A well equipped laundry is essential.



Major sponsors are recognised.



The fully enclosed courtyard features a splendid barbecue.



Ken Peake is the bloke on the left.





Gippsland Rotary Centenary House WISH LIST

For all those who would like to help GRCH further, House Manager Carol Crewe has provided her Wish List of small and affordable items that will help to make the house run effectively. They are the kind of things you take for granted around your own home and couldn't really do without, but which don't just automatically appear.

Kitchen items:

Wire door for kitchen (non-standard)
Spatulas x 4
Egg rings x 10
Tongs x 4
Vacuum seal machine and bags
Strainers large x 2
Colanders x 2
Measuring cups and spoons x 2
Graters x 2
V-slicer x 1
Stick blender x 2
Beaters x 2
Mixmaster x 1
Food processor x 1
Blender x 1
Baking dish x 2
Oven tray x 4
Microwave containers x 4
Kitchen storage containers x 4
Measuring jugs x 4
Water jugs for tables x 10
Milk jugs for tables x 10
Flour sifter x 2
4 cup tea pots x 2
Catering tea pots x 2
Chopping boards x 2
Pot stands x 4
Oven mits/pot holders
Mixing bowls x 4
Sugar bowls (with lid) x 10
Salt and pepper shakers for table x 20
Large soup pot
Freezer containers x 20

General items:

Laundry trolley
Vases x 10
Barbecue tools x 1 set
Serving trays
External door mats x 8
High chair
Port-a-cot
Folding pram
Cot linen and doona
Child door barrier
Child car seat
Child booster seat
Children's table and chairs
Cassette player
DVDs
Small blower heaters x 2
Clock radios for rooms x 8

Before purchasing any item please contact:

Carol Crewe,
House Manager
03 5175 0260
Email: carol@centenaryhouse.org.au

Rotary International PUBLIC RELATIONS GRANTS

A reminder that the closing date for these grants (up to US\$3,000) is 31 October 2006. An initiative of RI to assist clubs to promote Rotary and improve its public image, details were forwarded to each club in early August. Please contact me or your assistant governor if you need further information and/or assistance.

PDG Ray Stewart

Chairman, District PR / Image & Awareness Committee

YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM NEWS

Our inbound students have all arrived and seem to have settled down well with their host families, clubs and schools. We have fifteen new inbounds which brings us to a total of eighteen inbounds including the three here until the beginning of 2007.

Fifteen outbounds will leave our shores in January next year for the time of their life.

On September 1 – 3 a YEP camp will be held for all students at Forest Edge. It's always a lot of fun and a time for the students, including Rotex to catch up.

David Cahill has taken on the role of 'Certification Co-ordinator' and the YEP Committee is pleased to welcome two new committee members, Ann Cox from RC Frankston and David Neale from RC Mitchell River. Darryl Chambers has published our quarterly news bulletin called 'YEPYAP' and the first issue will be sent to all clubs in the next few weeks. I hope you all enjoy reading about what the students are doing.

We are looking for a couple of new people to come onto the YEP Committee so if you are interested please contact me on 9707 4196.

Lynne Westland, YEP Chairman

Conference News

Date: 23—25 March 2007

Place: Phillip Island Adventure Resort

Accommodation: P.I.Tourist Centre 1300 366 422

Registration Packs: Due out early October

Enquiries: Conf. Sec. bibby@sympac.com.au

VALEDICTION

The Langwarrin Rotary Club sadly announce the passing of Mac Spring, recently invested with the honour of PHF for services to the community over 45 years. Mac was a tireless worker and champion of social justice, but above all he was a kind and caring man and will be greatly missed by family, friends and fellow Rotarians.


Andy Eccles,

President, Rotary Club of Langwarrin

MOTIVATION MONDAY
The Annual Event presented by RC Frankston Sunrise

Our Wednesday morning meeting for 18 October has been changed to:

MOTIVATION MONDAY



MICHAEL COYNE
International Award Winning Photojournalist
6.45pm
Monday 16 October 2006
at
Gunnamatta Room, Mornington Racecourse

Ticket enquiries to Mark Rees on 9787 2288

www.warraguir Rotary.org.au
FOR ALL ART SHOW DETAILS



Rotary Club of Warragul
34th Annual Art Show
at the West Gippsland Arts Centre
PREVIEW & OPENING NIGHT
THURSDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2006

6.30pm Savouries & Sale of Paintings
8.00pm Grand Opening & Presentations
8.45pm Light Supper

Dress: Semi-Formal
Admission: \$25.00 per person

This ticket entitles the bearer to two complimentary drink vouchers. Additional drinks available at bar prices.

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An Invitation from RC Leongatha
District 9820 Group Study Exchange
to
District 5690 Kansas Oklahoma USA
GSE Team Farewell Dinner
Tuesday 3 October 2006
7.00pm
Carino's Function Centre
6-18 Smith Street
Leongatha
\$30.00
RSVP: Monday 25 September
Shelly 5662 5275

District 9820 Club Attendance Details August 2006	MEETINGS	MEMBERS	PERCENT
Bairnsdale	5	36	64
Bairnsdale Sunrise			
Berwick			
Bunyip/Garfield			
Cranbourne	5	38	63
Dandenong	4	28	67
Dandenong Central [Lunch]			
Dandenong East	5	22	75
Dromana	5	40	84
Drouin	5	52	69
Endeavour Hills	5	17	86
Foster	4	36	66
Frankston	5	50	70
Frankston North	5	39	69
Frankston Sunrise	5	42	78
Hallam Valley			
Hastings			
Hazelwood	4	27	88
Heyfield	4	9	76
Inverloch	5	16	89
Koo Wee Rup/Lang Lang	5	25	69
Korumburra	5	34	65
Lakes Entrance	4	21	62
Langwarrin	4	16	61
Leongatha	4	35	53
Long Island/Frankston [Lunch]	5	22	69
Maffra	5	34	86
Mirboo North	5	12	82
Mitchell River			
Moe	4	33	89
Mornington			
Morwell	5	55	84
Mount Eliza	5	52	79
Mount Martha	5	34	76
Narre Warren	5	23	81
Orbost			
Pakenham			
Phillip Island & San Remo	4	34	81
Rosebud	5	25	72
Rye	5	13	80
Sale	4	27	68
Sale Central	5	37	64
Seaford Carrum Downs			
Somerville Tyabb	3	18	78
Sorrento	5	38	61
Trafalgar	5	19	68
Traralgon			
Traralgon Central	4	20	75
Warragul	5	54	62
Wonthaggi			
Yarram	5	19	94

CONTRIBUTIONS to 9820 NEWS
are always welcome. Why not tell
the rest of the District what your club
is doing? You could even brag a
little!
..... editor