



PORTFOLIO

ROTARY DISTRICT 9820 GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

APRIL IS MAGAZINE MONTH

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Greetings fellow Rotarians

April is Magazine Month, so I ponder on a thought...how many Rotarians actually read Rotary Downunder...really read it? It is full of amazing articles not only about our region but also what's happening in our Rotary world.

What do you do when you have finished reading it, throw it away immediately, put it on a shelf to throw away next time you tidy your office, or do you pass it on? Your local doctor's surgery, lawyer, dentist, school staff rooms are just a few of the ideas that have been implemented by Rotary members.

At the Melbourne Garden Show last week the Schools Garden Awards was launched for another year. Rotary District 9820 is one of the proud sponsors and I would like to encourage your club to contact local schools and see if you can help them get involved this year. It's a wonderful program that gets the children really motivated to get their hands dirty and see fantastic results. We had many local schools involved last year and a good number of the winners were from our District. Please give me a ring if you want more details or go to the web site: www.ngiv.com.au/schools-garden-awards

Our fantastic Group Study Exchange team from Tamil Nadu District 2890 departed our shores just days ago and it was a sad occasion to bid them farewell. Five total strangers arrived and they left as great friends. Congratulations to all the clubs who hosted the team and showcased District 9820 to them. It appears that they relished every moment given to them and I thank you for your hospitality.

Congratulations go to District Secretary Garry Broughton for being selected as Team Leader for the Group Study Exchange team for DGE Ken McDonalds team to tour District 7080 Canada. Applications for team members have been favourable and thanks to the clubs for nominating candidates.

Sunday (April 5) was RAM's 'World Swim Against Malaria' day. The aim was to have a million people swimming all over the world on the same day and raising money. Congratulations to the RC of Dandenong for their incredible effort at raising over \$9,000 dollars just for getting wet! Their small band of swimmers had a lot of fun splashing around and jumping in and out of the water. PP Tony Linossi (who cut a fine figure in his bathers) is to be congratulated for all the work he put into this successful event.

Dragon Boat racing in Sale soon, PETS and the selection of the GSE team members, market days, sausage sizzles and the return of the YEP group from their Rock to Reef trip – a busy month for District 9820. There is a lot of information in this months edition of Portfolio which I am sure you will find informative

Till next month its cheers from
Janet & Grant.



DG Janet McCahon and partner Grant Ellers

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Awards for Young Leaders

The Foundation for Young Australians is seeking applications from young leaders for the Merlyn Myer Leadership Awards.

Merlyn Myer Leadership Awards promote the pursuit of leadership and recognise young people as role models in their community. The Awards support Year 11 Victorian students, particularly those from low income families, in pursuit of their education. Eight Leadership Awards of \$2,000 and eight Role Model awards of \$500 will be offered to young people who demonstrate leadership attributes.

Further information, application forms and eligibility criteria for Merlyn Myer Leadership Awards are available by visiting The Foundation for Young Australian's website:

www.youngaustralians.org.

Applications for Merlyn Myer Leadership Awards close 6 June 2008.

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Diary dates:

District 9820 President Elect's Training:

19th and 20th April. Latrobe Conference Centre, Traralgon. All Assistant Governors, District Chairman and

President Elects.

Contact Val Nicholson on 9704 0087 or email valnicholson@bigpond.com if you haven't received your copy.

District 9820 Assembly:

Sunday 25th May, 2008

Venue: Warragul Secondary College
Time: 9.00am

District 9820 Changeover Luncheon:

Sunday 29th June, 2008

Venue: Cardinia Cultural Centre, Lakeside Blvde, Pakenham. Changeover will be a lunchtime and times will be notified in due course.

The date is incorrect in the current District 9820 Directory.

For further details on these diary dates please contact Val Nicholson on 9704 0087 or email: valnicholson@bigpond.com

Services to youth

Model United Nations Assembly

– a new host is needed

The Rotary Club of Cranbourne has for the last 4 years organised and run the highly successful Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) program for our District 9820. Under their guidance and efforts, the MUNA program has been re-established and has become a very popular and important youth program of the District. It is a program that educates and rewards both the participants and the organisers.

MUNA is a terrific program that develops a greater awareness of the role of the United Nations and exposes participants to the views of other countries. This program is targeted at year 10 and 11 students and is a truly exciting and fun way to develop international understanding and developing lasting friendships with the other participants from all over our District. Teams of two students from secondary colleges are allocated countries to represent and during the weekend, issues chosen from those the UN General Assembly has considered are actively debated. The students are encouraged to dress in the national dress of their allotted country to help create an 'international atmosphere'.

Ian Symons of the Rotary Club of Cranbourne will again be running the MUNA program on 18th – 20th April this year at the Phillip Island Adventure Resort. The club, however is very busy with other community and youth programs and having established the program are seeking another club or clubs who are interested in taking the 'going concern' on for 2009 and beyond. Ian and his team would, of course, help you during the transition.

Sadly, if we do not have any clubs willing to undertake this very important youth program for our district, we will not have MUNA in 2009. I urge all clubs to consider this as an opportunity to run an established Youth Program for our District that is as unique as it is important.

Clubs who may be interested in taking on this program should contact Steve Harkins, District Chair for Service to Youth on 0419 313 430 or Ian Symons, MUNA Chair on 0418 380 322. Clubs may also take the opportunity to attend the 2008 program to see this District Youth program in action.

Steve Harkins

District Chair for Service to Youth

YEP 50th Anniversary

On behalf of DG Janet McCahon and D9820 Youth Exchange Committee, I regret to inform you that due to unforeseen circumstances, the **50 Year Dinner celebration planned for 31st May, this year at Morwell has been cancelled.**

I respectfully suggest that each club celebrate this milestone with their own YEP students at a Rotary meeting. If a special night at the club is organized, please let either Anne Cox or me know, and we will endeavour to have a member of the YEP Committee in attendance.

Could you please ensure that all members and students from your club are informed that this evening has been cancelled, particularly those who may have intended going.

On behalf of DG Janet and the YEP Committee, I sincerely apologise if any inconvenience has been caused.

Lynne Westland

Chairman D9820 YEP

Rotary Down Under

April is Magazine Month

All Club Presidents/Secretaries will have the letter from Rotary Down Under Managing Editor Bob Aitken that includes suggestions for Club Programs. It also includes useful information on how to submit a story and technical details of requirements for photographs.

As Bob reminds us in his "From where I sit" column in this month's Rotary Down Under, there simply is no better Rotary resource "tool" available to Rotarians and to the general public. And there is no substitute for a hard copy of our magazine, the FIRST regional magazine officially approved as an alternative to the world magazine ... way back in 1965.

Public relations and the image of Rotary are intrinsically linked to membership growth and our own magazine is in the front line promoting our image and informing Rotarians, our families and friends about all that Rotary and Rotarians achieve.

Please make the most of Rotary Down Under and support it with articles, photographs and small news items. Your business can benefit too by advertising in our magazine – it reaches an audience of some 65,000 people. The Magazine Month feature is on pages 28 and 29 of this month's Rotary Down Under.

PDG Ray Stewart

District RDU Representative

Rotary Foundation news

From the Chairman

Contributions update

Contributions to the foundation have increased by 169% to 29 Feb 2008 compared to the same period last year. The fantastic contribution to the polio campaign by the Gates Foundation has assisted this increase.

The contributions to the various funds appear below for your information (figures are in US dollars).

	February 2008	February 2007	Increase (Decrease)
Annual Programs Fund	60,633,304	52,572,317	15.33 %
Polio Plus	106,649,387	1,422,951	7394.94 %
Permanent Fund	8,853,998	7,508,653	17.92 %
Restricted Giving	11,737,654	9,023,235	30.08 %
SUBTOTAL	187,874,343	70,527,156	166.39 %
Unrestricted – Other	1,743,000		
TOTAL	189,837,346	70,527,156	169.17%

Clubs are asked to ensure contributions to achieve your annual goal are sent to TRF South Pacific Office well before the 30th June to ensure it is recognized within this Rotary year. Achievement of your goal is part of a Presidential Citation application.

Humanitarian Grants Program

The committee has been encouraged by the increasing number of clubs who have applied for District support to their applications for matching Grants.

The deadline for submission of grant applications to TRF was 31 March. The District can accept further applications after 1 July 2008.

Educational Programs

- I would like to use this forum to thank all Clubs and District Committee members for the outstanding exchange with District 2980 Tamil Nadu India. Special thanks to the Team Leaders and the teams of both Districts
- The District Committee is already involved in the interview process for the GSE team to District 7080 Southern Ontario Canada in October
- Rotary centres for International Studies & Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies program.

Call for Applications

TRF announces a call for applications for the 2009-11 Rotary World Peace Fellowships (RWPF) and

January and June 2009 Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies (RPCS) Program sessions. The deadline for completed applications to be submitted to TRF for these sessions is 1 July 2008.

DGN Brian Norris has indicated his willingness for the District to be involved in this program in the 09/10 year. PP John Renowden of the Mornington Club has agreed to chair this program so if your Club knows of potential candidates for either of these programs please contact John as we only have a few months to get the applications together.

District Assembly

RI is asking all Clubs to separate TRF & International Service within the Club Leadership

All Club Presidents Elect are asked to encourage their Foundation Director/Chairman to attend the Foundation workshop at the District Assembly.

Thank You

On behalf of the District Committee, thank you all for your contributions and interest that is being shown by clubs in The Rotary Foundation – Our Foundation.

PDG David Loudon

DRFCC 9820

Polio Plus – a good news update

The Rotary Foundation is extremely grateful for the millions of dollars donated to the Polio Plus program by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, as well as the Google Foundation, towards the eradication of polio in the 4 countries that still require help. With the contribution from R.I. our goal for eradication of polio is becoming more of a reality each day. Figures released show that in 2007, 1308 cases were reported for the year, and so far this year 164 cases have been reported.

- **India:** 866 cases reported in 2007, so far this year 119 have been reported
- **Nigeria:** 286 cases in 2007, and this year 32
- **Afghanistan:** 17 cases in 2007, and this year 4
- **Pakistan:** 32 cases in 2007, and this year 2

When you consider that in 2006, 375 million children were vaccinated in 36 countries using 2.1 billion doses of polio vaccine, our work is paying dividends. In ENDEMIC countries, 1201 cases were reported in 2007, and for this year the figure is 157. In NON ENDEMIC countries, 107 cases were reported, and in this year the figure has fallen to 7.

Rotary needs \$415 million in the next 2 years to help stop this disease.

Polio Plus Partners:

Polio Plus Partners spent \$US 5,762,125 during the 2006 – 07 Rotary year. The Rotary Districts in Australia contributed \$US 383,420 towards this total.

Each and every Rotarian can feel justifiably proud to be part of this magnificent Rotary Foundation Humanitarian program.

Ian Griffiths,
Polio Plus Chairman

3 – H project shines the light of literacy in Brazil

A Rotary Foundation 3-H Grant that introduces the concentrated language encounter (CLE) method to Brazil in 2001 continues to boost literacy rates among low – income families throughout the country.

With support from the Foundation, and Brazilian host partners a CLE training centre was established in Contagem, Minas Gerais.

Today, more than 1,900 teachers and other educational experts have learned the method that has taught more than 72,600 beneficiaries how to read and write.

To view a photo gallery of this remarkable and highly successful CLE project, visit www.rotary.org



Centurion Reminder:

Congratulations to the many D9820 Rotarians and Partners who have recently joined or renewed their membership of the Centurion Club.

Without this dedication and on – going financial support, many programs of TRF would not be possible, and your personal commitment is greatly appreciated.

To gain Tax deductibility for your Centurion contribution this year, payment for Year 2007 – 08 should be made no later than 30th June.

If you would like to know more, or become a Centurion, see your Club Secretary, Club Foundation Chairman, or contact District Centurion Co – ordinator,

Kel. Hobby on Tel: 5988 9003 or email jkhobby@cdi.com.au

GSE Team For Canada – October 2008

We are delighted to let you know that we are now in GSE “here we go again” mode.

After a weekend of rigorous interviews and appraisals, yet another GSE Team has been selected, this time to represent our District in Ontario, Canada, in October this year.

Under the leadership of PP Garry Broughton, the Team members will be extremely busy (and of course very excited), as they prepare to participate in this wonderful opportunity, of not only international professional development, but also as representatives of Rotary and Australia.

This exchange follows discussions between DGE Ken McDonald and DGE Norm Bindon from D7080 Southern Ontario, and the following Team of five members has been selected.

Team Member	Vocation	Nominating Club
Keira Haigh	Education – Special	Cranbourne
Kate Boyer	Pathways Officer	Warragul
Jackie Sherlock	Finance	Mount Eliza
Tennille Lewin	Nursing	Berwick
Heidi Olsen	Child Care	Frankston

We warmly congratulate these five young people and assure them of every assistance and support, as they embark on what will be one of life’s great experiences.

The Rotary Clubs of Cranbourne, Warragul, Mount Eliza, Berwick, and Frankston will no doubt have some interesting and fulfilling months ahead, as the preparations gain momentum. The participation of these Clubs is greatly appreciated.

We look forward to sharing some of the Team’s exchange experiences, and then to hosting the return Team from Canada early next year.

One for the Kids

The Pakenham Racing Club is a place that is familiar with the exchange of monies from one hand to another, so it seemed appropriate that the Rotary Club of Pakenham should hold an event there which concentrated on doing just that.

Their dinner/auction was conducted recently to raise funds for four charities, all of which came under



the general heading of ‘Children in Distress’. They were, a local organization known as ‘Windermere’ which assists dysfunctional families locally; a statewide organization called ‘Very Special Kids’ that supports families caring for children with life threatening illnesses that in many instances will prevent their reaching adulthood; ‘Interplast’ that is well known to Rotarians, as is the fourth beneficiary ‘ROMAC’.

Many items for sale had been solicited from the local business community, but many more were services that were provided by the Pakenham Rotarians. Spirited bidding was the order of the evening as a hundred items as diverse as dining at local restaurants, a trailer load of aged horse manure, a fishing trip on the Tambo River, a trip to Noojee for a gourmet picnic lunch in a 1947 Cadillac, a ride-on mower, various hand crafted items and nine bottles of whisky were sold. It was an entertaining evening with ‘good food, good fellowship and an opportunity etc.’ that saw the beneficiaries share \$12,000 equally.

Graham Tudge

RC Pakenham

A message for all Club Secretaries

All clubs in District 9820 have an email account allocated to them which can be used for general online communications. Access and account set up details are made available to club secretaries and it is very important that the accounts are checked on a regular basis to ensure that important information is received and also to prevent mail accounts from filling up (at which point all email to the account will bounce back to the sender).

If any club secretary has questions regarding the set up, access and operation of district mail please contact Robert Pill: robert.pill@rmit.edu.au for assistance.

District 9820 Attendance Report for March 2008

Club	number of meetings	number of members	attendance percentage
Bairnsdale	4	31	76.00
Bairnsdale Sunrise	4	42	48.00
Berwick	4	68	68.33
Bunyip/Garfield	4	15	73.30
Cranbourne	4	35	74.00
Dandenong	3	32	70.00
Dandenong East			
Dromana	4	37	76.00
Drouin	4	56	69.55
Endeavour Hills	4	25	82.00
Foster	2	39	80.40
Frankston			
Frankston /Long Island			
Frankston North	4	37	85.00
Frankston Sunrise	4	41	67.28
Hallam Valley			
Hastings			
Hazelwood			
Heyfield			
Inverloch			
Koo Wee Rup/Lang Lang			
Korumburra			
Lakes Entrance	4	21	72.00
Langwarrin			
Leongatha			
Maffra	4	35	83.30
Mirboo North	3	16	74.00
Mitchell River			
Moe	4	32	73.30
Mornington			
Morwell	3	48	81.81
Mount Eliza	4	51	85.80
Mount Martha	3	32	76.20
Narre Warren	4	22	78.41
Orbost	4	25	77.00
Pakenham			
Phillip Island & San Remo	3	31	72.04
Rosebud	5	20	77.00
Rye			
Sale			
Sale Central	4	29	59.48
Seaford Carrum Downs	4	15	80
Somerville Tyabb			
Sorrento	4	41	77.40
Trafalgar			
Traralgon	2	38	80.00
Traralgon Central	3	22	86.00
Warragul			
Wonthaggi			
Yarram			
TOTALS	101	819	



ROTARY CLUB OF WARRAGUL

2008 ANNUAL BUSINESS PERSONS DINNER

The Rotary Club of Warragul is pleased to invite you to the Annual Business Persons Dinner which is to be held on **Wednesday 7 May 2008 in Warragul**. Join with us in an evening of Rotary hospitality and community service.

Guest of Honour and Speaker is Eddy Groves, CEO, Operations International, ABC Learning Centres

Wednesday 7 May 2008

6.30pm for 7.00pm

'Danny's the Venue', Logan Park, South Road, Warragul

Cost: \$45 per person



Eddy Groves is a co-founder of ABC Learning, the world's largest listed childcare provider.

Under Eddy's leadership, ABC Learning has achieved exceptional growth – from a single centre in 1988 to today having more than 2300 centres worldwide, with 1158 in Australia. Eddy led ABC expansion's into the United States childcare market – which is 15 times the size of Australia's – with the purchase of the Nasdaq-listed Learning Care Group in 2005.

As an Australian business leader, Eddy is renowned for his innovation and is highly sought after as a public speaker. He regularly addresses a range of business and childcare industry forums and events.

Eddy is also involved with Queensland Leaders, a mentoring program aimed at assisting emerging Queensland businesses.

FOR ALL BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES CONTACT:

Rn. Don Cumming on 56236008 or E: doncum@sympac.com.au

Payment with enclosed registration form can be forwarded to:
 Rotary Club of Warragul, PO Box 117, Warragul 3820
 Marked attention: **Don Cumming, Business Persons Dinner**

www.warragulrotary.org.au



Frank Spiteri, President, Rotary Club of Warragul

ROTARY CLUB OF WARRAGUL

2008 ANNUAL BUSINESS PERSONS DINNER

REGISTRATION FORM: registration needs to be returned to Rn. Don Cumming by no later than **Monday 28 April 2008**.

Mail to: Attention: Don Cumming
 Business Persons Dinner
 Rotary Club of Warragul
 PO Box 117
 Warragul 3820

Email: doncum@sympac.com.au

Contact: Rn. Don Cumming on 56236008

Please register the following people to attend the **Rotary Club of Warragul's Annual Business Persons Dinner on 7 May 2008**.

Name	Company

Registration is required and entry is by pre-purchased ticket only. Tickets will only be issued on receipt of payment.

The cost is \$45 per person.

The evening will include a three-course dinner. Drinks will be available at bar prices.

Name.....Organisation.....

Address.....

Phone.....Email.....

Please indicate if you require a tax invoice to be issued Yes/No

Payment by (circle as appropriate) Visa/ Mastercard/ Bankcard/ Cheque *

Total amount paid \$.....

Credit Card No ____ / ____ / ____ / ____ Expiry date __ / __

Name on card..... Signature.....

* If paying by cheque please make it payable to 'Rotary Club of Warragul'