



# PORTFOLIO

ROTARY DISTRICT 9820 GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

**MAY IS ARHRF MONTH**

**May 2008**

## Greetings fellow Rotarians

This contribution from me is going to be very brief this month as there are so many other additions for the May edition of Portfolio.

The tragic disaster in Burma has made the tsunami a few years ago look very small and we are now in desperate need of financing many Shelterboxes to help with the tragic loss of life, homes, food and clean water in Burma. When I made my official club visits last year I encouraged you to make a commitment to purchase these incredible green boxes. There is an update following from PDG Ray Stewart about how Shelterbox is dealing with this tragic situation so please take the time to read it and talk to your club about what you can do to help. Ray's contact numbers and email address can be found in your District Directory.

District Assembly is being held on Sunday May 25 and I would ask you to promote this at club level. I have heard some Rotarians say that they have been to a District Assembly in the past and think that once is enough. Nothing could be further from the truth, there is always something new to learn, a new contact to meet and a new idea that can be implemented in your club. I know there are clubs who make it a days outing and bus in together so it's an idea to put forward to your club, especially for newer Rotarians.

We have had another Rotary wedding so our hearty congratulations from everyone in District 9820 to Andrew Walsh and his bride Judy, who married recently under the guise of a birthday bash. Guests were asked to walk over to the church where Andrew and Judy surprised everyone by exchanging vows.

Changeovers are looming but there are still a couple of months of this Rotary year left where we can make a difference to lives locally, nationally and internationally.

Till next month its cheers from

**Janet & Grant.**

## ShelterBox update...and an appreciation

### An international project of the Rotary Club of Endeavour Hills

*'Scale of devastation unprecedented and beyond imagination'... 'Worst floods in decades'... '3.5 million people affected'... 'Cyclone leaves hundreds of thousands homeless'... '400 people dead or lost'... 'Coastal villages swept away'... 'Road networks devastated'*

Those reports appear routinely in our world and ShelterBox, the largest Rotary Club project in the world has responded to natural and other disasters in 43 countries since Tom Henderson developed this



DG Janet McCahon and partner Grant Ellers

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humanitarian project and inspired his club, the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard in Cornwall to run with it as its millennium project.

Since 2001, more than 540,000 people have been provided with shelter, comfort, dignity and often survival in conditions of deprivation and distress that few of us can comprehend.

Of more than \$40 million now donated to ShelterBox worldwide, \$3.4 million has been raised within Australia (since 2003). And that translates into some 30,000 people benefitting from the generosity of Australian Rotarians and friends.

A record \$1.14 million in 2006-2007 may be overtaken this year, but such figures are better put in the context of the provision of vital humanitarian assistance, often near to our shores. Papua New Guinea (Rabaul volcanic eruption 2006 and extraordinary post-cyclone flooding in Oro Province near the Kokoda track late last year), Solomon Islands (2007 tsunami), Java and Timor have seen deployments made by volunteer members of ShelterBox Response Teams (SRT). They include Australians such as Darren Mayne from the Rotary Club of Endeavour Hills who spoke at the recent District Conference.

Australian donations just in this year have provided ShelterBoxes to Bangladesh, Ecuador, Kenya, Nepal, Nicaragua, PNG, Somaliland, Uganda and Zambia.

**Burma update**

In an immediate response to the disaster this month in Burma (Myanmar), ShelterBox consigned a total of 844 boxes to the area with their deployment assisted by SRT members from Australia. They were sent from Dubai, Cornwall and Melbourne and will shelter some 12,000 people. More may follow. Donations of more than \$1M purchased those boxes and we now urgently need funds to replenish those stocks here and elsewhere.

**News from Shelterbox Australia**

As a part of its organic growth, ShelterBox Australia opened a small office and storeroom in Doveton (near Dandenong) in early 2007. Now incorporated as a Company (limited by guarantee) ShelterBox Australia, an international project of the Rotary Club of Endeavour Hills is preparing to move to its next phase of development.



The Board recently adopted a strategic plan that will see the appointment of a general manager and other full-time staff in the coming year. It has the full support of the ShelterBox Trust UK, and was endorsed by founder and CEO Tom Henderson during another visit Down Under in March/April.

ShelterBox representatives are now in each of the 23 Australian Rotary Districts and, in a first for ShelterBox, we organised and ran the first Australia District ShelterBox Representatives' Conference (in Dandenong) while Tom was here. It was a huge success; so much so that Tom has taken the concept back to the UK and will be encouraging other affiliated countries to do the same.

**The need exists ... The need persists**

That enduring epithet underscores the stark reality that ShelterBox can never meet the demand for its product. And that sentiment has been endorsed by the United Nations, especially in Africa where they work together closely.

**Can you help us deliver humanitarian aid worldwide?**

As this Rotary year draws to a close, your Club may have some available funds. As mentioned earlier, the need for donations to replace the 844 ShelterBoxes now in Burma is a high priority. To replace stock in Australia will cost \$250,000 – we intend to have at least two storage depots in Australia so the need becomes even more pressing

A ShelterBox still costs just \$1,200.00 and that amount can provide a family (up to 10 people) with basic survival needs immediately after a disaster.

Donors can track their donation on the websites and ultimately see where 'their' ShelterBox was deployed – [www.shelterbox.org](http://www.shelterbox.org) and [www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au](http://www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au). It is a unique feature of a program that ensures that at least 90% of donated funds directly benefit those in need in our world.

**Donations**

Cheques payable to 'ShelterBox Australia' should be sent to:

ShelterBox Australia PO Box 790 Endeavour Hills Vic 3802

Contact us at [shelterboxaust@westnet.com.au](mailto:shelterboxaust@westnet.com.au) and phone 1300 881 913 or 0417 567 027

On behalf of the Board of ShelterBox Australia, and the President and members of the Rotary Club of Endeavour Hills, I extend appreciation to Clubs and Rotarians in District 9820 for your ongoing support for this remarkable Rotary Club project.

**PDG Ray Stewart**

Administrator ShelterBox Australia

**Rye Rotary Clock**

After years of planning and setbacks on Sunday 4th May 2008 The Rotary Club of Rye unveiled their Centenary clock in the presence of over 100 people including members of the Rye Rotary Club, District Governor Janet McCahon, Past District Governors David Loudon and Peter Newman, Shire Councilor David Gibbs, state and federal parliamentarians and members of the Rye Community.

The design of the clock celebrates the history of Rye, being situated on the cross roads of Point Nepean Rd and Napier Street where lime and timber were transported along a railway line to the Rye Pier.

The Stone buttresses represent the limestone industry while the igloo shaped void defines the shape of the limekilns.

The clockface is mounted on wooden timber posts which represent the timber burnt in the limekilns and the timber industry of the area.

It is set on a circle of engraved pavers purchased by people interested in Rye History.

The clock tower is a gift to the Rye Community to Celebrate 100 yrs of Rotary service to worldwide and local communities by Rotary International.

**Lorraine Williams**

RC Rye



## New vegetable beds for Sorrento Lodge

The residents of Sorrento Lodge, a residential aged care facility in Ocean Beach Road, were presented with two vegetable garden plots on Thursday March 20. The raised vegetable beds were donated and built by the Rotary Club of Sorrento under the guidance of Rotarian Ron Scheele who led this project in both procurement of materials and erection.

President Elect Grahame Boulter said at the handover “It is always rewarding to be able to respond to local community needs and the provision of these beds will provide additional worthwhile activities so important to the well-being of residents”

Residents who are physically able will be involved in planting, growing and attending to plants. The residents would enjoy any vegetables grown.

The Rotary Club would also like to acknowledge the support from local businesses Rattray & Walker and Clarrie Jennings & Sons.

### Marilyn Cunnington

RC Sorrento



(Left to right) - Residents Kevin Simpson and Thelma Smallercomb, Rotarian Ron Scheele.

## Million dollars given away

### Donations In Kind Rotary District 9820

This project continues to go from strength to strength with the amount of goods received into our store and the amount of containers being sent overseas increasing each year. Conservatively over a million dollars worth of donated goods have been sent from our district alone to needed countries. Our main focus now is the collection of education and hospital equipment, which there seems to be an endless supply of at the moment. For example in the month of may we have over 400 hospital beds coming into our

possession and 80 cartons of special medical books and journals. The month hasn't even started as I am writing this report.

So far this Rotary year, six containers of goods have been sent overseas to the following places:

- 40ft container of school desks, chairs and books to PNG in July 2007
- 20ft container of hospital beds to war veteran's hospital in Sri Lanka in August 2007
- 40ft container of special hospital equipment worth hundreds of thousands of dollars to Sri Lanka in November (project of the Nepean group of Rotary Clubs)
- 20ft container of hospital beds to Sri Lanka was also sent in November with funding supplied by the Australian Sri Lanka Council.
- 20ft container of disaster relief goods sent to PNG in January with the assistance of the Rotary Club of Somerville.
- 20ft container of hospital beds sent to Sri Lanka in March.
- In May 4 x 40ft containers of hospital beds will be sent to Sri Lanka were the local Rotary club and health authorities will distribute them to public hospitals.



In June the Rotary Clubs of Langwarrin and Berwick through Donations in Kind will be sending a 20ft container of much needed medical supplies to the island of Nauru. In the same month a 40ft container of school desks and chairs will be sent to PNG.

Goods have also been supplied free of charge to organizations and individuals in need within our district (electric hospital beds, wheel chairs, play equipment etc).

Assistance is also given to our fellow Rotary Districts of manpower and goods when called upon. Our only cost is the freighting of the goods overseas, which is funded by the generous support of Rotary Clubs within our district.

I would like to thank the people on my committee for their tireless efforts day after day and the Rotarians that have come to our regular working bees or have given contacts/ supplied goods to Donations in Kind. It is through your ongoing support, financially and physically, that this district project has been able to achieve what it has to date.

Please keep us in mind when you are allocating funding because as you can see a small amount of money can have a huge impact on the lives of many. Plus we are running out of room in our storage sheds and we hate to see good equipment go to landfill or the metal recyclers.

If you require any further information please don't hesitate to call me or one of my committee members.

**Andrew Walsh**  
Donations in Kind chairman

## District Cork Collection

Thankyou to all clubs who are contributing to the 'It's a Corker' program by collecting corks for recycling – which in turn goes to the equipment fund for the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

Those who attended the conference at Mornington will remember the wheelchair handed over to the Motor Neurone Disease Association as a result of cork collected. (The association was also delighted with a cheque for \$1000.00 from the Rotary Club of Rosebud for an additional wheelchair).

Clubs who have corks stored can have them collected at no cost by Anderson's Removals from Langwarrin. Where ever your club is located throughout District 9820 – if you fax "Kevin" at Anderson's (fax number 9775 1062) with your pick up details he will arrange for the corks to be collected.

Thankyou to Rotarian Steve Cernotta (owner of Anderson's Removals and member of Rotary Club of

Frankston – Long Island) for the generous contribution of freight costs.

**Mavis Gallienne**

## Use Rotary to implement the HECS idea

Australia's Rotary International Director-elect John Lawrence has called on the Federal Government to use organisations such as Rotary to implement one of the big ideas to emerge from the 2020 Summit in Canberra.

Mr Lawrence, who assumes his role as a director of Rotary International in July, said Rotary Clubs all over Australia would be happy to take on students wishing to reduce their Higher Education Contributions Scheme debt by doing volunteer work.

"Rotary has volunteer projects being managed by volunteers all over Australia and all over the world, Mr Lawrence said.

"We've got plenty of avenues from hands-on construction work and supporting people in need to fundraising, to logistical exercises such as shipping Shelter Boxes to developing nations for disaster relief.

"Students participating in such projects would not only gain valuable experience in their chosen field, they would make friends for life, learn leadership skills under mentors and make a sizeable contribution to their community.

"Prime Minister Rudd said he wanted one big cost-neutral idea to emerge from the 2020 summit last weekend and this is it – the money that is spent in reducing HECS debt would be more than offset by the value of the work to the community."

Mr Lawrence was speaking ahead of the Rotary International Presidential Membership Conference to be held in Canberra from July 11-13 at Rydges Lakeside Hotel.

The newly installed Rotary International President, Dong Kurn Lee, of South Korea, will be a key participant in the conference, the first of its kind to be held in Australia and one of a series of similar conferences to be held around the world in 2008-09.

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## Rotary Foundation news

### From the Chairman

The following letter was received from The Rotary Foundation, One Rotary Center, Evanston, Illinois, USA.

Dear District PolioPlus Partners,

Thank you for your District Designated Funds (DDF) donation to the PolioPlus Partners program. Your district's donation was matched US\$0.50 for every \$1.00 contributed! Funding needs for PolioPlus Partners projects in 2007-08 will exceed US\$5 million and your district's support has contributed to our progress towards meeting this need.

In November of 2007, The Rotary Foundation received a US\$ 100 million grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Over the next three years, we are challenged to match the Gates Foundation's gift. Your district's 2007-08 DDF donation to PolioPlus Partners will be counted towards matching the Gates Foundation Challenge Grant.

Every day we draw closer to reaching our goal of a world free from polio; a world in which no parent or child fears the devastating effect of the poliovirus. In 2006, only four countries still had wild-type poliovirus, limited to small geographic regions of Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan. Until we interrupt the transmission of the wild poliovirus, all children in the world are still at risk by this crippling disease.

Your fellow Rotarians in polio – endemic and high risk countries are actively involved in social mobilisation efforts that are critical to the success of polio immunisation activities. Because of the vital DDF contribution from your district, you have made these social mobilisation efforts possible. It is our hope that you will maintain interest in the PolioPlus Partners program and support other projects through the Open Projects List as the opportunity arises.

Congratulations on making your district a 2007-08 PolioPlus Partner. On behalf of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International and all the children of the world who will never know the ravages of polio, we thank you for your continued advocacy and support.

Sincerely,

**Charles Keller**

Chair PolioPlus Partners Task Force

Past President, Rotary International

**Louis Piconi**

Co-Chair, PolioPlus Partners Task Force

Past Vice – President, Rotary International

It gives me great pleasure to share this letter of recognition with all District 9820 Rotarians and feel sure that it will serve as encouragement to continue

supporting, and thereby furthering, the success of the PolioPlus Partners program.

**P.D.G. David Loudon**

DRFCC 9820

### PolioPlus Partners in action



Rotarians partner together on National Immunisation Day in Moradabad, India

### Foundation Fact File

#### Financial Support

Each year the Rotary Foundation receives contributions totalling approx. \$(US) 115 million, and distributes approx. \$(US) 110 million in support of humanitarian and educational programs implemented by Clubs and Districts. Contributions from Rotarians go into one of three funds:

- ANNUAL PROGRAMS FUND, which provides grants and awards through Foundation programs
- PERMANENT FUND, an endowment from which only a portion of the earnings are spent in support of Foundation programs, ensuring the long – term viability of the Foundation.
- POLIO PLUS FUND which supports Rotary's dream of a polio-free world.

Every dollar contributed by Rotarians funds the humanitarian, educational, and cultural programs and program operations. Clubs and Districts apply for, and receive Foundation grants to carry out many worthy projects worldwide.

We as Rotarians must grasp these opportunities to assist in making the world a better place.

### Matching Grants

#### A frequently – asked question:

“How does my Club find a Matching Grant Partner?”

Marceline Aurelio, South Pacific co-ordinator for the 2007-08 Literacy Resource Group, and Past District Governor of District 3800 ( Philippines ) explains:

“Rotary Foundation Matching Grants support international humanitarian projects, which must involve active Rotarian participation. Rotary clubs or districts in at least 2 countries or geographical areas – a partner outside the project area and a partner within the project area –

*must work together to plan, implement, and complete the effort."*

One of the most important steps of Matching Grants projects is finding international partners. Your District Foundation Committee is a valuable resource for clubs in identifying projects and in assisting in establishing club partnerships.

*"Once a partnership is formed and the Matching Grant application is approved, Rotarians from both partner clubs or districts are responsible for carrying out their project, managing grant funds, and reporting their activities to the Foundation"*

Learn more about Matching Grants and download "The Guide to Matching Grants" at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

### The Centurion Club

Just a reminder that to allow for any delay in processing, and to qualify for 2007-08 tax deductibility, all Centurion Commitments/Renewals should be in my hands **no later than Friday 20th June**.

The Rotary Foundation appreciates your on-going support.

#### P.P. Kel. Hobby

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### District Assembly

The Rotary Foundation will be well represented at our District Assembly and we look forward to seeing you there.

District Foundation Chairman, PDG David Loudon, and Foundation Committee Members will be on hand at our "fantastic" display stand to assist with information and guidance on Foundation matters.

***Please join us in supporting our foundation.***

## Presidential Membership Conference

*"The purpose of these conferences is to explore and introduce: a vision for the future of Rotary International and its membership; how we can best impact membership at the club level; discuss how demographic and generational changes impacts this vision; review pertinent regional changes and the impact on membership; and celebrate best practices at the club level. Additionally, the goal at each of these conferences is for presenters outside of Rotary to discuss volunteering trends and demographic changes within the specific region."*

The Conference website is up and running on <http://rotarnet.com.au/presidential-conferences/canberra/canberra-index.htm> or via <http://www.rotarydownunder.com.au/>

This includes a registration form, short program summary, accommodations options including home hosting.

The whole Conference program runs from 1 pm on Friday 11 July until about 12.30 pm Sunday 13 July. The Saturday program we expect to be inspirational and will allow you to take part in discussion on a new way forward for Rotary in Australia. This program is summarised on the web site and in correspondence you will have received from conference chair PDG Len Goodman.

The Friday afternoon program will have a different emphasis and will complement the rest of the Conference.

- The Friday afternoon session is currently listed on the draft program in one line as "Friday 11 July: 1300-1630 - District Membership Leaders Team: RRIMC's (Open to all)"
- This session is particularly important to District leaders.
- The District Leaders Session is being run by the Australian Regional Rotary International Membership Coordinators (RRIMCs) as a training session for District leaders, including District Membership Chairs and committees (current and future), Governors (current, future, and past), District Extension Chairs and Committee members, Assistant Governors, Club Membership Chairs, Rotarians responsible for public relations and alumni at any level, and all Rotarians who believe they can make a positive contribution to membership.
- Club Rotarians are welcome; we particularly encourage Presidents and Club Membership Directors to attend.
- To attend this session you must tick the registration box marked "District Leaders Session" and pay an extra \$15 on top of your \$150 conference registration.

The Friday afternoon program will include

- Role of the District Membership Team
- Strengthening Clubs
- Marketing and Promotion
- Recruitment and Retention
- Forming New Clubs
- Identifying and helping "At Risk" Clubs

On each topic we plan to include an introductory

presentation followed by discussions in either breakout groups or plenary discussion. Points raised by those attending will be recorded and included in a summary which will be made available to all.

**The Sunday morning Session**

Sunday morning will provide a summing up of the conference and point the way forward for 2008-09 and beyond, this will include a final summing-up session involving your RRIMCs with District leaders.

To Summarise:

- If possible, please arrange your travel so you can attend the whole conference including Friday afternoon and Sunday morning.
- All District leaders and team members should register for the Friday afternoon “District Leaders Session”. Club leaders are also welcome.
- We confidently expect all Australian Districts to be well represented. This is too important a conference for your District not to be involved.
- Please also encourage your clubs to send delegates to the conference, and for all interested Rotarians to attend at either their own expense or with club support.

Please contact me if you require more information.

**Noel Trevaskis**

Regional Rotary International Membership Coordinator 2008-09

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With effect from 12 May 2008, the **Rotary Club of Mitchell River** will meet at the Bairnsdale RSL, Forge Creek Road, Bairnsdale.

There will be no change to the normal meeting times.

**Youth Exchange needs you!**

DGE Ken McDonald is seeking help from any Rotarians who may be interested in assisting with the District 9820 Youth Exchange Program for 2008/09

If that is you then please contact DGE Ken at: [kenmac@dingley.net](mailto:kenmac@dingley.net) or Lynne Westland on [lwestland@tobinbrothers.com.au](mailto:lwestland@tobinbrothers.com.au)

**District 9820 Attendance Report for April 2008**

Club	number of meetings	number of members	attendance percentage
Bairnsdale	5	31	84.00
Bairnsdale Sunrise			
Berwick	4	68	74.58
Bunyip/Garfield	5	15	70.60
Cranbourne	5	35	80.00
Dandenong	4	31	56.50
Dandenong East			
Dromana	4	33	82.00
Drouin	5	58	80.03
Endeavour Hills			
Foster	4	39	85.53
Frankston			
Frankston /Long Island			
Frankston North	5	38	94.00
Frankston Sunrise	5	41	77.07
Hallam Valley			
Hastings			
Hazelwood			
Heyfield			
Inverloch			
Koo Wee Rup/Lang Lang	5	24	79.10
Korumburra			
Lakes Entrance	4	21	71.25
Langwarrin			
Leongatha			
Maffra	4	35	81.10
Mirboo North			
Mitchell River			
Moe	4	32	80.00
Mornington			
Morwell			
Mount Eliza	5	52	83.28
Mount Martha	4	32	84.80
Narre Warren	5	22	77.27
Orbost	4	25	82.00
Pakenham			
Phillip Island & San Remo			
Rosebud	5	19	65.00
Rye			
Sale	3	26	73.00
Sale Central			
Seaford Carrum Downs	5	15	88.00
Somerville Tyabb			
Sorrento	5	41	70.10
Trafalgar	4	20	75.00
Traralgon	3	40	75.00
Traralgon Central	4	19	83.00
Warragul	4	54	63.40
Wonthaggi			
Yarram			
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