


District Governor's Newsletter

District 9820 DG Ken McDonald & Margaret



NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

DISTRICT CONFERENCE AT ALBURY 20 - 22 MARCH 2009

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The Rotary Foundation was established in 1917 as an Endowment Fund. It was re-named The Rotary Foundation by the 1928 Convention.

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty. Ambassadorial Scholarships, Peace Studies, Group Study Exchange, District Simplified Grants, Matching Grants, 3-H Grants, Polio Plus and Polio Plus Partners are some of the programs approved by the Foundation Trustees.

The Rotary Foundation for District 9820 is administered by the District Committee chaired by Past District Governor David Loudon. At this stage of the Rotary year the Foundation Committee has been dedicating their efforts with all aspects of the programs. There are a number of Matching Grants in place with other applications lodged and waiting approval from Foundation. Our Group Study Exchange team has now completed their Canadian Exchange. An application for a Peace Scholar has been submitted by District for the 2009-2011 period with the Rotary Club of Mornington being the nominated club.

Polio Plus and Polio Plus Partners still remain the Foundation's main aim for the next three years in response to the grant by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Clubs have been asked where possible to make an extra donation to Foundation specifically for Polio Plus. This of course is over and above any donation to the Foundation main fund and is dependant on club funds. Remember that members of the Foundation Committee are available to attend your club as Guest Speakers, their names and contact numbers are in the District Directory.

The period from 1st July to 31st October has flown by. Margaret and I have visited 49 Clubs, travelled over 8,000kms and we have made many new friendships. What I am doing makes me tired but I am never tired of what I am doing. District 9820 is in great shape with many Clubs inducting new members and other Clubs making great efforts running membership nights. We must maintain our efforts to recruit new members so we keep this great volunteer organisation going. Without Rotary the world would be a poorer place and the underprivileged would suffer more.

Yours in Rotary
Ken McDonald

Ken McDonald—District Governor

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FROM THE DISTRICT FOUNDATION CHAIRMAN

The calendar of Rotary International designates November as Foundation month, a time when we focus on the Foundation as an area of service and an opportunity to educate all Rotarians on the wonderful programs that can be supported through the funds of The Rotary Foundation.(TRF)

TRF Vision Plan

In anticipation of the Foundations 100 year anniversary in 2017, the Trustees set out to develop a 10 year vision with a 3 year plan to move the Foundation toward its second century of service.

While this 3 year plan or pilot will not be in place until the 2010 – 2013 Rotary years, the Trustees and the Board of RI approved a new mission for TRF along with a new motto of “ Doing Good in the World”

The new mission for TRF is to – enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

Pilot Districts will be appointed for the period 2010-2013 to trial the Future Vision Plan which will include a pilot grants approval and management program. Following discussions with DG Ken, DGE Brian and DGN David, I have registered District 9820 as having an interest in becoming a pilot district. Further discussion will follow and to proceed to registration by June 2009 will require agreement by 2/3 of District Clubs at the conference resolution session. Only 100 districts from those who register will be selected to be part of the pilot.

While this vision plan is in planning stages at the moment, the DG, DGE, DGN and myself along with other PDG's attending the regional institute in Christchurch this month will attend a special briefing workshop on the future vision for TRF.

The main aim of this plan will be to simplify the programs and processes of TRF and will see the District have a greater sense of ownership, management and decisions on the application of funds and programs.

The District committee will keep all District Rotarians informed as TRF moves forward to ensure the second century of the Foundation keeps pace with the needs of our mission.

Contributions Update

As of 30 September 2008, contributions to The Rotary Foundation totaled US\$27,547,247, an increase of 29.81% over last year at this time. Contributions to the Permanent Fund totalling US\$1,786,596 declined -1.96%. PolioPlus at US\$4,693,522 is showing great returns at 482.80% due to Rotary's US\$100 Million Challenge.

	<u>September 2008</u>	<u>September 2007</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>
Annual Programs Fund	US\$16,634,644	US\$14,735,989	12.88%
PolioPlus	US\$ 4,693,522	US\$ 805,334	482.80%
Permanent Fund	US\$ 1,786,596	US\$ 1,822,242	(1.96)%
Restricted Giving	US\$ 3,490,618	<u>US\$ 3,857,446</u>	<u>25.37%</u>
<u>Unrestricted Other</u>	<u>US\$ 941,867</u>		
TOTALS	US\$27,547,247	US\$21,221,011	29.81%

Foundation month is a good time for all Clubs to contribute their goal amount to the Annual programs fund (APF) and of course to consider making an extra contribution to the Polio Challenge over and above the APF goal as we continue the eradication of polio.

On behalf of TRF and the District committee I thank all Rotarians and clubs for your contributions to TRF.

PDG David Loudon
DRFC -9820

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ADVOCACY PAYING OFF IN INDIA'S POLIO FIGHT

If strong gains continue against polio in Uttar Pradesh, the northern Indian state may not have to bear the stigma of being the poliovirus capital of the world much longer.

In 2007, India's most populous state not only accounted for almost 40 percent of the country's 864 polio cases but also more than a quarter of all cases worldwide.

Eighty percent of Uttar Pradesh's 339 cases that year occurred in the Muslim community. But a Rotary led initiative helped drop that rate to 16 percent of 48 cases during the first four and a half months of 2008.

Overseeing Uttar Pradesh's effort to end the disease is the Ulema Committee for Polio Eradication, established by Rotary International in 2007. (Ulema are leading Muslim experts in Islamic law). Ulema Committee members have visited districts in Uttar Pradesh with large numbers of polio cases, to convince parents that the vaccine is safe and consistent with Islam.

"When we went to the slums, Rotary went with us. Rotary tried to understand the background of the resistance," says Nita Chowdhury, principle health secretary of Uttar Pradesh, explaining that Rotarians worked with other non governmental organisations to create an advocacy plan for the area. " Rotary is able to do this work because of the conviction people feel flowing from their actions."

Kel Hobby
Rotary Club of Sorrento
Rotary Foundation Committee

NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM

It is pleasing to be able to confirm that the process to select Students from our District to attend the 2009 National Youth Science Forum has been completed. We have 12 excellent students who will travel to Canberra in January. Nationally there will be 282 students in total attending, split into two groups of 141. The District should be proud of the quality of the students selected as they are really top class candidates.

I can now announce an exciting development in the NYSF program to start in 2010. The program has been expanded by 50% so that 420 students will be able enjoy and profit from the NYSF experience. The new group will be travelling to Perth where some of Australia's biggest Companies will be among the sponsors.

The result is that the District Team will be seeking an increased number of student applicants from which to select representatives with our quota increasing from 12 to 18.

Each Club is asked to support this excellent program as the benefit the students receive (even if they do not finally achieve selection) is of great value, both for their studies in Year12, and in their ongoing career. We urge you to speak with the Science Coordinator of the Secondary Schools in your catchment area and enlist their support in encouraging their students to apply.

If you would like more details or a speaker to visit your Club and talk about NYSF please contact me.

Adrian Davis, Rotary Club of Mount Martha
Chairman National Youth Science Forum
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THE ROTARY FOUNDATION
 Rotary International District 9820
 Victoria Australia



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 Administration
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HOSTING GSE TEAM FROM DISTRICT 7080 CANADA

Dear President,

Date: 15 October 2008

As you are aware, District 9820 currently has a GSE Team visiting District 7080 in Southern Ontario, Canada. This team is having a great time and the Canadians have prepared a very comprehensive itinerary for our Team lead by PP Garry Broughton. In February/March 2009 District 9820 will be hosting a Team from District 7080. The Team is:

Team Leader: Chris Byrnes – Media Consultant (Owns 104.7 Heart FM)

Team Members:

- Jenna Vaicius – Marketing & Communications Manager – Ad Flow Networks (Digital Media Company)
- Carolyn Hurd – Head of English as a Second Language (ESL) Department – John F Ross School (Secondary)
- Shelly Walker – Occupational Therapist – Therapy Partners Inc
- Dolf DeJong – Parks & Education Manager – Conservation Halton

The Team will arrive on Saturday 28 February and will depart on Saturday 28 March 2009. They will be travelling all over our District and will be attending our Conference, along with our returned Team, in Albury from 20-22 March.

I request that Clubs interested in hosting the Team from Canada prepare an itinerary for the Team and submit their plan to the GSE Committee for us to select the Clubs to host. If your Club would like to host this Team but does not think they could organise it themselves, please consider sharing the hosting with another Club in your region. Depending on the number of Clubs wishing to host, the length of time will probably be 5-6 days. It is my desire to have them visit the whole of the District to get a good feel for D9820 and the wonderful features of our part of Victoria. As such I would like every Club to consider hosting. I can guarantee that you will get as much out of their visit as they will.

Please remember that there should be five Vocational days planned for the 4 weeks they are here which means that every five days or so there will have to be a whole day set aside for Vocational visits. You should plan for one Vocational day in your proposed itinerary. Note that the proposal should be an outline of what you plan to do with the Team (not just an expression of interest) as I need to ensure that there is no duplication of activities throughout the four weeks.

Please send your proposals to Tony Spring, 90 Lyppards Road, Langwarrin, 3910 or email them to waandcspring@aapt.net.au

Closing date for the proposals is Sunday 23 November 2008.

Yours in Rotary,

Tony Spring
 GSE Chairman

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**MARG'S MUSINGS**

Question: What do old bras, used stamps and corks have in common?

That's right, they are all being recycled in District 9820!

With a sensational contribution of 520 bras from Orbest our September total to Operation Uplift was well over 1000. We have had every size, style, colour and brand name and I'm sure the PNG ladies will be delighted.

My supply of stamps is dwindling a bit and my team of stamp trimmers are becoming idle. Let's keep them snipping. If you have any, it doesn't matter

how few, please forward them. My mother's motto for most things in life was 'a little and often', so I'm applying that to the stamps.

No doubt with all the cork popping that goes on during the Racing Carnival cork numbers will swell. Motor Neurone appreciate as many as we can give them.

A big thanks once again for the generous donations that have been forwarded for the Gazebo Project at Rotary Centenary House. To compliment the construction when it is finished we require a large metal Rotary sign to adorn the east facing fascia - that would be "the cherry on the top"!

Who said this? "Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint"?

a.Mark Twain; b.Woody Allen; c.Jackie Mason — Answer next month

Cheers

Marg McDonald

FOUNDATION MONTH – A GREAT TIME TO MAKE YOUR CENTURION COMMITMENT

November is the month when Rotarians around the world celebrate OUR FOUNDATION. So what better time is there to make a new commitment or renew your Centurion membership. In this way you are making a personal contribution towards the great work being undertaken under the umbrella of The Rotary Foundation.

Your Club Secretary will have a Centurion contribution form, or you can access one on the Rotary District 9820 website, under "District Services – Rotary Foundation – Centurion Program – Here". Otherwise contact District Centurion co-ordinator, PP Kel Hobby on Tel: 5988 9003.

TO ALL SHELTERBOX SUPPORTERS

On behalf of the Board, I am pleased to advise that we have appointed Ms Jenni Heenan to the newly created position of General Manager of ShelterBox Australia. Jenni starts on Wednesday the 12th of November, I know you will all make Jenni welcome.

The position of Administrator that has been occupied by PDG Ray Stewart since January 2007 is now redundant as a consequence. Ray is on leave until 24 November 2008 and on his return will be in discussions with the Board and Jenni about an ongoing role in specialised areas with the company. I look forward to providing more details about Jenni, her background and especially her plans for ShelterBox Australia in this next phase of its development shortly.

The Board is most appreciative of Ray's work during his term as Administrator. We look forward to working with him and new General Manager of ShelterBox Australia, Jenni Heenan as it continues to make a significant contribution to this global Rotary Club humanitarian project.

Yours in Rotary service,
PP David Langworthy, Chairman ShelterBox Australia
Chairman
ShelterBox Australia

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**THE ROTARY CLUB OF SEAFORD-CARRUM DOWNS
District 9820**

*President Natalie Graham invites you to join the
Seaford-Carrum Downs Club Rotary Dinner to hear a presentation
introducing the new:*

***BROTHERHOOD OF ST LAURENCE DEMENTIA
RESPITE CARE FACILITY IN FRANKSTON***

To be held at
The Sands Hotel, Hall Road Carrum Downs
Friday 21st November, 2008, 6.30 for 7.00 pm

Guest Speaker:
Right Revd Dr Peter Hollingworth AC OBE

*Former Governor General and Anglican Archbishop of Brisbane
The Right Revd. Hollingworth AC OBE, representing the Brotherhood of St Laurence,
will provide an overview of the services and facilities currently under construction.*

The inclusive cost for the Dinner is \$25 per person

RSVP 15th November, 2008

***To the Secretary: Jennie Leslie (0418 179 269)
P. O. Box 14 , Seaford. Victoria 3198
Or***

Past President Sam Graham Phone: 97768948 or Samgraham3@optusnet.com.au

Please find enclosed a cheque for ____ persons @ \$25 each = \$ _____.
Cheques payable to: The Rotary Club of Seaford-Carrum Downs.

Name: _____

Email Address _____

Telephone No. _____

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Passing of Rotarian Past District Governor (PDG) Harry Oakes

Harry Oakes was born in 1921 and died in 2008 aged, 86 years.

He and Kathleen were married for many years. They have two sons, Russell and Allan and wives and grandchildren. Harry was the eldest of four boys.

The funeral was held at Tobin Bros in Berwick on Thursday, 11th September at 2 pm. The service was conducted by Berwick Secondary College Chaplain, Peter a member of the Vietnam Vets Bike Group, Gippsland Chapter. Harry's son Russell is President of the Bikers, and led the procession as it left the Chapel.

After the service, whilst having afternoon tea, supplied by the Inner Wheel Club of Narre Warren ladies, Kathleen commented that Harry would have loved all the bikes revving up to lead him to his next life.

Several people were invited to speak about Harry and his various fields of involvement. Ian Pickering (PDG), and current President of the Rotary Club of Narre Warren spoke about Harry's work for Rotary

Warwick Glendenning spoke of his work through the Berwick Agricultural Show Society and his love of the Black Angus cattle.

Member of the Vietnam Bikers Group spoke about his involvement with Harry and the family

A friend from the Vietnam Bikers Group spoke of his connection with Harry and the family.

Les Lucas from RSL spoke of his record and service to the Navy and to the RSL. He was President of the Berwick RSL for a number of years in the late 1970;s Harry was also one of the initiators

A friend, and neighbour from King Island spoke about the knowledge he gained by having Harry as a friend. They shared a common interest in their Black Angus cattle breeding.

ROTARY In his capacity as the current President of the Rotary Club of Narre Warren, Ian spoke of the areas for which Harry is specifically remembered.

Anzac Day Breakfasts at Narre Warren – Harry was part of a group of RSL members and Rotarians who established a breakfast for a number of people each year to attend the Dawn service at Narre Warren. This year was the 25th year of preparing and serving breakfast by our Rotary Club, with the numbers close to 300 people. Attendees ranged from old diggers, Vietnam Veterans and other service personnel, along with their children and grandchildren. Harry's last formal contact with our Club was to attend the breakfast in April of this year, with Kathleen. He was very moved and very proud to be there.

PDG Harry played a role in the establishment of The Australian Rotary Health Research Fund, formed by the Rotary Club of Mornington during his time of higher Rotary office as District Governor in 1980-81. The Fund is Australia's leading Fund for research grants.

Harry enjoyed his role as a Mentor to many people

Honorary member at Narre Warren after he left Victoria in the mid 1980's.

He kept his connection with Narre Warren, having been made an Honorary member. He had a deep love and respect for Rotary and Rotarians, and what they could achieve to make our world a better place for everyone.

Harry did all of these things with tremendous support from Kathleen at all times. They were an impressive team.

They relocated to King Island to live for over 20 years, only returning last year as Harry's health had begun to deteriorate.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF BERWICK REMEMBERS

The Rotary Club of Berwick, over the past three (3) months, have had three (3) senior Rotarians passing to higher service.

PP Fred McCubbin, Charter member PP Harry Fox and Bill Hudson.

All will be sadly missed.

Secretary; PP Chris Booth

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BOUND FOR BIRMINGHAM

What you need to know to go to the 2009 RI Convention

HOW TO REGISTER

To register for the 2009 RI Convention and to reserve hotel rooms, go to www.rotary.org/convention. (To book a block of 15 or more rooms, download the group housing form).

Register by 15 December and save US\$100.

WHERE TO STAY.

Choose from 80 hotels in Birmingham and the West Midlands. For convention rates, book by 8 May.

GETTING THERE.

BY AIR. More than 27 airlines offer direct flights to Birmingham International Airport, with connecting flights from 43 cities.

BY TRAIN. A railway hub, Birmingham is 90 minutes from London via Virgin Trains, which hit speeds up to 125 mph.

BY CAR. Drive directly from four major UK motorways. Shuttle buses run regularly from the convention center parking lot.

BY BUS. National Express runs direct routes to Birmingham International Airport from all major UK cities and airports. Book online at www.nationalexpress.com

BY BOAT. The Queen Mary 2 offers special rates, events, and speakers for Rotarians and guests. Sail with the Cunard Line from New York to Southampton, England, from 31 May to 6 June and cruise back from 25 June to 1 July.

BY MOTOR HOME. Rally with the International Caravanning Fellowship of Rotarians, who have booked a site 10 minutes from the convention centre from 19 to 15 June.

HOST EVENTS.

20 June. Raise money for The Rotary Foundation during the 10k fun run; parade around the lake at the convention center with Rotarians in national attire; and hear a Concert of Concerts, featuring the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and Welsh opera star Katherine Jenkins at the National Indoor Arena.

21 June. Medieval Spectacular at Warwick Castle, where Rotarians and guests can tour the castle and enjoy jousting tournaments, jesters, fire-eaters, a trebuchet, and more. Buy a joint ticket with the concert on 20 June by 15 December and save \$10.

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District 9820 Attendance Report for October 2008

Club	number of meetings	number of members	attendance percentage
Bairnsdale	4	29	88.00
Bairnsdale Sunrise			
Berwick	5	61	64.20
Bunyip/Garfield	5	15	82.60
Cranbourne	4	35	71.80
Dandenong	4	30	88.00
Dandenong East			
Dromana	5	37	78.00
Drouin	4	59	81.40
Endeavour Hills	5	25	69.60
Foster	4	41	72.56
Frankston	5	57	93.20
Frankston /Long Island			
Frankston North			
Frankston Sunrise	5	38	65.79
Hallam Valley			
Hastings			
Hazelwood			
Heyfield			
Inverloch	5	20	62.00
Koo Wee Rup/Lang Lang	5	27	78.70
Korumburra			
Lakes Entrance	5	20	72.00
Langwarrin			
Leongatha	4	28	78.00
Maffra	5	39	81.00
Mirboo North	5	17	77.00
Mitchell River			
Moe			
Mornington			
Morwell	5	47	78.38
Mount Eliza	4	55	77.40
Mount Martha			
Narre Warren	5	22	80.00
Orbost	5	25	82.70
Pakenham	4	51	92.00
Phillip Island & San Remo	4	33	69.00
Rosebud			
Rye	5	9	80.40
Sale	4	29	64.60
Sale Central	4	27	74.00
Seaford Carrum Downs	4	13	83.00
Somerville Tyabb			
Sorrento	5	40	66.60
Trafalgar			
Traralgon	2	42	73.00
Traralgon Central	4	18	62.50
Warragul	5	55	72.00
Wonthaggi			
Yarram			
TOTAL	139	1044	

NOMINATIONS FOR DISTRICT GOVERNOR for 2011—2012

Secretaries of all Clubs please announce at Club Meetings that Nominations are now required for the position of District Governor 2011/2012. Nominations must be supported in writing by the Rotary Club of the nominee. Nominations close on January 14th 2009. Clubs to forward nominations to District Secretary. See Manual of Procedure Page 28 and Page 224 Article 13.

Ken McDonald
District Governor

DISTRICT CONFERENCE DVD

Have you had trouble viewing your conference DVD?

When the start menu comes up just double click on the arrow on the top right hand corner of the screen. The DVD should then play.

Conference Committee