



# The Western Port Channel Rotary Club of Hastings Western Port



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14th April 2014



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District 9820

President:

Kim Kirk

Secretary:

Paddy Fincham

Treasurer:

Faye Hester

Rotary International President

Ron Burton

District Governor:

Tim Moore

Meeting information:

Monday Evenings 6.00 for 6.30 pm  
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## Message from the President

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

It was nice to wake up this morning and see the sun shining, I know that the rain last week was needed but having so many wet days in a row was a challenge. I finally was able to get some washing out on the line yesterday and bring it in dry. The one negative of the rain and sun is how fast your lawns grow, they seem to grow inches overnight.

Last week we heard from a parent that has a child involved in the Somers Bush Kinder. It is a great program where children learn by doing and trying things. They go to Coolart in all weather conditions (except extreme heat and storms). They are allowed to climb trees and learn by seeing, trying, doing and playing. (A little like what we all did when we were children).

Tonight is a club night so it will be a good night to catch up on everything that our club is doing. A reminder that there is no meeting next week (Easter Monday). Then the following week (28th April) we are meeting at Western Port Secondary College. Look forward to seeing you tonight.

Kim

**NO MEETING  
Easter Monday 21st**

Next week: 31st March 2014

Speaker:

Subject:

Chair:



Important Dates:

12th - 13th Training @ Traralgon

1st-4th June - RI Conference

# *Last weeks update*

Date 7th April, 2014.

**Apologies:** Don, Jim, Marcia, Malcolm, Eric

**President:** Kim - opened the meeting

**Chairperson:** - Jenny

## **Secretary:**

Paddy - requested a club decision on the amount set aside for the annual donation to R.I. motion to propose \$3,000 to go to the board for ratification. The donation must be sent by this Friday. New rules require the club to confirm the amount to be set aside for the incoming President. It was thought a minimum of \$10,000 would be appropriate.

Paddy also spoke about meeting up with Gillian was from from NAB and now Manager with St Vincent's de Paul. She was interested in a joint project with the club. She will be invited to speak at the club. Apparently she was concerned about homeless youth. She may have information on numbers in the Westernport area

Mail - Cheque for \$1,500 from Coast Real Estate discussed inviting Jackie to the school dinner meeting

A letter received as a request for specific targeted donation from Salvation Army.

## **Youth:**

Jeff: - Advised the funding from Coast is specifically earmarked to the Reading for life Program. She has been involved at the schools and has been a presenter of certificates at school functions.

## **International:**

Jenny - The solar light donation confirmed they received the \$1,000 and were delighted to advise that our donation help to purchase the 1 millionth lights. Solar lights – light of Rotary.

Jenny also spoke about the Toothbrush project – we will have a speaker in July.

Jenny recently was in Bali and saw a Seeds of hope project run by Club Med.

## **Hastings Market update:**

The Hastings market is growing with 20 stalls last week. We made \$1,300 last month.

## **Balnarring Market:**

Derryk - advised the last market for the Year at Balnarring is this Easter Saturday. We need names for parking duties.

Linda – asked about the Toy Library donation for their banners. Faye confirmed they were sent a cheque for \$450.00 in February.

## **Foundation:**

Don – Sent a message that he is on the mend and he still wants to collect stamps and he doing community service such as driving and visiting elderly.

Faye - Mark, Linda and Faye will be attending the District training at Traralgon on the weekend.

Allan - Spoke about the tinkering group at St Mary's Primary. It will be operating in the second term and encouraged people to pop along to see it in action.

# Last weeks update

Jenny - introduced the Speaker from the Somers Bush Kinder. Lizzie explained the program and how it involves unstructured play in a woodland environment at Coolart. They explore and play with supervision so it is very safe. All weather so they kit the kids up in puddle suits and they are allowed to explore and have small challenges and may even climb a special tree. They also involve Indigenous education which is very important to understand the connection to the land. They are passionate and pioneering the future of kinder education. They are trying to raise a shortfall of \$2,200.

The club offered to give the Kinder a stall for free at the Hastings market to help sell raffle tickets.

Roy - suggested that it was wonderful project and should be supported

The club will consider how we can assist at the following board meeting



[http://www.somerspreschool.org.au/Kindergarten/Bush\\_Kinder.html](http://www.somerspreschool.org.au/Kindergarten/Bush_Kinder.html)



**Somers Pre-School is located in beautiful coastal village on the Westernport Bay, close to Balnarring, Merricks, Shoreham and Red Hill.**

The community of Somers enjoy an amazing natural environment and the Pre-School location boasts all of these beautiful characteristics.

In a peaceful and protected area, the Somers Pre-School is situated approximately 100 metres from the Somers beach and provides ample parking for parents. An enormous outdoor play area is protected by large gum trees which frequently play home to our local koalas. How many Australian children can boast having a koala in their kinder playground?

In 2011 Mornington Peninsula Shire Council totally refurbished the kindergarten centre. Currently the kindergarten community is excited by future plans to restructure the outdoor play space. Stage 1 will commence in 2013.

**BUSH KINDER**  
bush kinder  
4 YEAR OLD PROGRAM

Bush kinder will provide your child with the time and an ideal environment to learn in 3 hours of uninterrupted time in the bush, using what nature has provided as learning materials. Bush kinder will be a special part of your child's Pre-School experience.

They will have the opportunity to play in nature: roll down grassy mounds, balance along fallen logs, get involved in dramatic play, find insects, draw with sticks on the ground, climb trees.... Through play your child will connect with the land in a way that cannot be experienced under a roof or within walls.

Bush kinder site is in the grounds of the Coolart Wetlands and Homestead, and is set in a gorgeous garden with wetlands, bush, woodlands and pasture nearby.

Somers Pre-School is a non-profit kindergarten managed by a parent-committee, providing sessional 3 and 4 year old kindergarten programs to children in the local community.

Our goal is to create a space where all children feel safe, comfortable, confident, inspired, and challenged. We offer a flexible educational program within a homely, warm environment that recognises childhood as a special time. Our curriculum is "emergent", which means the program develops slowly over time providing many varied opportunities to nurture creative expression, critical thinking and environment awareness. Our Centre is a place where children and their families can feel a sense of belonging to the Kindergarten community.

*"...early childhood education is not an exercise or a schedule or a machine. It is young children exploring their world with sensory thoroughness, experimenting with people and places and materials, encouraged by a teacher who respects and uses their ideas and ways of learning to help them discover what has meaning for them in our society." (Law et al 1966 p.12)*



Read more about bush kinder from Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

<https://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/edulibrary/public/inspire/inspirejul2012.pdf>



# International News

## ROTARY BRINGS FREE HEALTH SERVICES INTO UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES

Rotary clubs of South Africa, Swaziland, Lesotho, Nigeria, Uganda, and Ghana team up with NGOs, businesses and governments for Rotary Family Health Days

EVANSTON, Ill. (March 28, 2014) — Rotary Family Health Days – an innovative international campaign providing free health-care services to underserved families -- launches its fourth edition in April 2014, aiming to reach 350,000 people in Uganda, Nigeria, Ghana, South Africa, Swaziland and Lesotho.

Rotary Family Health Days (RFHD) promotes healthy living and disease prevention by providing free, comprehensive health-care services to tens of thousands of people in underprivileged communities. The program, led by Rotary's mobilizing arm - Rotarians for Family Health & AIDS Prevention - addresses Africa's most pressing health challenges, including HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and reproductive health, as well as conditions such as diabetes and hypertension. An important component is immunizing children against polio, measles and other vaccine-preventable diseases.

The Rotary-led program is sponsored by The Coca-Cola Africa Foundation, the South Africa Department of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention CDC, USAID, the SABC and Caxton as primary media partners as well as YFM, Media 24 news and Independent Newspapers in the Western Cape.

RFHD launched in 2011 at 160 sites in Uganda and Kenya and immediately exceeded organizers' expectations by drawing 38,000 people to the one-day event. In 2012, Nigeria signed on and the program expanded to three days. By 2013, RFHD operated 368 sites in Uganda, Nigeria and South Africa, reaching over 275,000 people. More than 5,500 Rotary members from 362 clubs participated.

"We believe we have achieved 'proof of concept' and identified the power of our health campaign," said Marion Bunch, director and managing partner of RFHD and a Rotary club member from Georgia, USA, who became active in the fight against HIV/AIDS in Africa after losing a son to the disease, and has since expanded the scope of her efforts to address other health issues. "We have learned that when a campaign delivers several interventions at once, the benefits rise exponentially for families and communities."

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), every year millions of Africans die from diseases that are preventable and treatable. The region faces many challenges including weak and fragmented health systems, inadequate resources for delivering proven interventions, limited access to health-services and extreme poverty. Rotary Family Health Days addresses these challenges by bringing life-saving health services into the communities most at risk.

Rotary Family Health Days 2014  
South Africa, Swaziland, Lesotho: April 2-4 (160 sites)  
Ghana: April 10-12 (30 sites)  
Uganda: April 10-12 (120 sites)  
Nigeria: April 24-26 (150 sites)



# District 9820 News

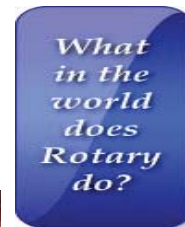


District Governor: Tim Moore  
2013 - 14

Our conference has been and gone, thank you to all those Rotarians and partners that supported our efforts and gave such positive comments and feedback on the recent conference in Bendigo, it would not have been possible if not for the tireless efforts of our conference committee and the Rotary Club of Berwick. I thank all of you for your great work.

April is Magazine Month. Read your Rotary magazine online, on your smartphone or tablet device. The digital edition includes loads of interactive functionality such as video and audio, as well as fully functional hyperlinks. You can share stories online with your colleagues, potential new members, friends and family. The new free Rotary Down Under APP is available in the Apple App Store and Google Play store.

Enjoy your month of Rotary service.  
DG Tim and Jane



## Rotary - This is what we do

And we are probably around the corner from your place.

Rotary... where people help people and achieve extraordinary things.

For over one hundred years, motivated people around the world have come together as Rotarians to unite the power of one with the power of many to bring about exceptional change in the world. Made up of men and women across all vocations and cultures, Rotary is a non-political, non-religious global organisation focused on improving the wellbeing of local and international communities and bringing about world peace and understanding.

To be a Rotarian is simply to have a desire to do something to help others. To be a Rotarian is to develop your skills, broaden your networks, grow your understanding and knowledge, enjoy the camaraderie of like-minded people and build life-long friendships. With 34,000 Rotarians in 1164 clubs in Australia and 1,228,788 Rotarians in 34,336 clubs overall around the world, that's a powerful lot of people making a difference.

# District Events

Alumni Registration - GSE & Youth Exchange  
Nov 04, 2013 - Jun 30, 2014

Rotary Magazine Month  
Apr 01, 2014 - Apr 30, 2014

Farewell Dinner to District 6600 Ohio GSE Team.  
Apr 03, 2014

President's Elect Training Seminar  
Apr 12, 2014

District Assembly  
Apr 13, 2014

Secretary & Treasurer Training  
Apr 13, 2014

School Term 2 Begins  
Apr 14, 2014

Good Friday  
Apr 18, 2014

Easter Monday  
Apr 21, 2014

Farewell Dinner for District 9820 GSE Team to Ohio  
Apr 24, 2014

Anzac Day  
Apr 25, 2014

District 9820 GSE Team departs for Ohio  
Apr 26, 2014

Malaria Awareness Day  
Apr 30, 2014

Australian Rotary Health Month  
May 01, 2014 - May 31, 2014

Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)  
May 02, 2014 - May 04, 2014

Mother's Day  
May 11, 2014

RYPEN Weekend - Forest Edge, Neerim South.  
Neerim South  
May 16, 2014 - May 18, 2014

TRF Committee Meeting  
May 18, 2014

Rotary Fellowship Month  
Jun 01, 2014 - Jun 30, 2014

Rotary International Convention - Sydney  
Jun 01, 2014 - Jun 04, 2014

District 9820 Changeover  
Jun 29, 2014



2014 Rotary International Convention  
Not to be missed, be inspired

1st—4th June


<http://www.riconvention.org/en/2014/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

Register early and save for the Sydney RI Convention.

## Supporting other clubs functions:




Simon McKeon AO  
Rotary Club of Rosebud-Rye  
13th May 2014



**RoCan**

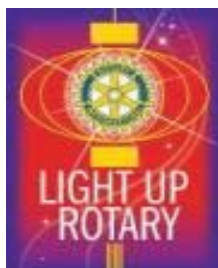
*Rotary Ovarian Cancer Research*



**Dinner with Mark Bouris, Supporting RoCan.**

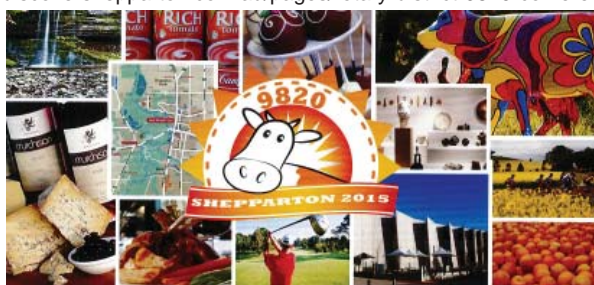
<http://rocan.com.au>

## Rotary 2014-2015



District Conference 26th - 27th March 2015  
Watch this space for more details

<http://www.discovershepparton.com.au/pages/rotary-district-9820-conference-2015>



# Notes, Memo's & Other stuff

## Usefull Links

<https://www.rotary.org/>  
<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/rotary-foundation>  
<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en>  
<http://district9820.org/>  
<http://www.rotaryaustralia.org.au/>  
<https://www.rotary.org/en/give/>

### NOTE:

**Meeting 28th April will be at  
Western Port Secondary College  
Usual Time**

Change Over: 20th July 2014

District Govenor visit: 28th July 2014. Mr Charlie Spears

Last Emu Plains Market for 2014, Easter Saturday 19th April  
Parking volunteers needed. Speak with Max



### Social Night:

12th May at Mark & Linda's

All welcome, bring family and friends. Everyone welcome.

\$20.00 per head, all proceeds to Ride to Conquer Cancer

Come from some Italian themed meal.... YUM

## Wanted:

People 6 - 8, lets make a table of Rotary Club of Hastings Western Port members at;

- 1/ Mark Bouris - Yellow Brick Road @ Pakenham
- 2/ Simon McKeon AO @ Rosebud-Rye 13th May

Lets support other clubs in supporting communities  
See Mark or Linda



### The Rotary Four Way Test Of the things we do....

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned



### Rotary Grace

For Good Food, Good Fellowship,  
and the opportunity to serve through Rotary. We give thanks.

Amen