



The Western Port Channel Hastings Western Port Rotary



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District 9820

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Message from the Editors

Welcome to our new look newsletter we hope you enjoy it.

Why change?

Well thanks to attending the District 9820 conference at Bendigo we now have knowledge and understanding of why we need to disseminate all aspects of Rotary and that our little newsletter is powerful tool to create a Rotary conversation. That conversation may lead to a new Rotary member that will lead to making a difference in the world that we live in.

Rotary... is the best thing can happen to those that aspire to make the world a better place for everyone.

Mark & Linda

<https://www.facebook.com/District9820Conference>



Next week: 31st March 2014

Speaker:

Subject:

Chair:



Important Dates:

1st-4th June - RI Conference

Last weeks update

Date 17rd March, 2014.

Apologies:, Doug ,Alan, Don, Kim, Jim, Derryck, Malcolm, Jenny

Chairperson:- Paddy

Secretary: Paddy-

Letters received -

Westernport Community support - request for update of details, - Paddy to attend to this, Bowns Footy tipping, Frankston Theatre group, Crib point events and Tourism.

Mark:-Website update. Mark informed the meeting that he had contacted the SLAV about access to our Website. Mark was informed that the website had been closed and money refunded. That if we wanted to reactivate we would need letter authorising access for Mark and also decide if we want them to host or moved to another hosting website. Faye will check for a refund from SLAV and a letter will be required authorising. Mark has some ideas.

Linda:-

Spoke about the Bendigo Conference, value of attending and wealth of information. Noted that as we had appeared to not receive some important information. That we should look at not using private email addresses for official club correspondence. Mark to look at setting up club position emails e.g. President @ westernportrotary.com This will assist in smooth transitions as the personnel in positions change.

Treasurer:

Faye: - Term deposit \$14,402.06 with \$155.44 interest is ready to roll over
Meeting voted to reinvest for 6 months.

Youth-

Jeff: - Advised the archery club will be guest speakers on the last Monday of the Month. Jeff also circulated a photo and thankyou from wheelchair foundation. Was suggested we could supply a frame so WPSC could hang it in foyer? Maybe more people could see the work and association of Rotary with the school. To be considered.

Eric:- was a guest speaker at the Probus club of Hastings and advised that Shirley Prout celebrated 15 years of service as the retiring Treasurer. He also will be seeing Helmut and Heidi on Thursday to organise dinner date.

Heather – Photograph of the WPSC excursion to The International Women’s Day Breakfast were sent to the school to be published in the school newsletter and also may be published in the local newspaper. Heather told the meeting the girls were a credit to the school.

Around the Table

General discussion about Junior Bowls and the popularity of the sport at the Hastings bowls club. Jeff thought it would be a good funding opportunity for the Play on fund to support and then discussions about a memorial Bowls day to the memory of Gordon Gray. Our Golf day in March will this clash with Sorrento Rotary golf day?

Red shield - Eric will lead (Laurelea from Salvation Army will be leaving on maternity leave)

Bowel Scan - Bill will lead

Last weeks update

Faye and Linda: - Spoke about the conference, the value of attending. The many great Rotary projects such as the Mercy ships and Cord blood research. Ways that our club can assist these projects and be part of the bigger rotary picture. Linda and Mark were so inspired they are attending the International conference in Sydney.

Acting President:- Roy inducted Mandy into the club. We are all very pleased to welcome Mandy into the team.

Faye: - Will be attending PSP as incoming President and announced the changeover function will be in July. Paul Harris Fellows are to be considered by a team of fellows and current and past presidents.

Mandy adopt a hot spot paperwork is ready and will invite Katherine West from the shire along to present to the club next week. Paddy was unsure if a board meeting will happen so was decided that we would meet anyway.

Hasting Western Port Rotary Welcomes Mandy





International News

ROTARY HELPS GHANA SURPASS CLEAN WATER GOALS



Find out more

<https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-helps-ghana-surpass-clean-water-goals>

For over 20 years, Michael Anyekase has crisscrossed Ghana drilling boreholes and installing hand pumps on wells to provide clean water. Water for drinking, washing, and flushing toilets.

“There is nothing more satisfying than when fresh water comes out of the well and the children shout, ‘Hey, water! Water!’” says Anyekase, who works for Water in Africa, a nongovernmental organization (NGO).

In partnership with Rotary members from across the globe, Anyekase’s dedication has helped eradicate Guinea worm disease and lessen the cases of dysentery, diarrhea, and other common diseases associated with dirty water. In fact, Rotary has provided more sources of drinking water in Ghana than any other NGO, Anyekase says.

Many water projects in Ghana are being carried out as part of the Rotary International/USAID H2O Collaboration. The effort is providing more than 100 villages with clean water through installation of boreholes with hand pumps, along with sanitation facilities and hygiene training.

According to a review of the partnership by Aguaconsult, an independent contractor, more than 85 percent of Ghanaians now have access to clean water, surpassing the United Nations Millennium Development Goal of 78 percent by 2015.

WATER CURES, EDUCATES

Samuel Obour, assistant governor of District 9102 and a member of the Sunyani Central club, has spearheaded several water projects. Last year, Sunyani and Canadian Rotary members installed latrines at a primary school in Sunyani and a washing station and toilets at a busy rural market, with funding from a global grant.

“We have so many people traveling from villages to the market. There was no [sanitation] facility of convenience,” says Obour. Market-goers would eliminate outdoors and feces entered the water supply, he says, causing dysentery and diseases like Buruli ulcer. If caught early, this flesh-eating disease can usually be treated with antibiotics. But if left untreated, the disease causes irreversible deformity and sometimes life-threatening secondary infections. Obour and other Rotary members have worked with the Ghanaian health service to educate villagers about the importance of early detection and to supply hospitals with necessary treatment tools.

“People who thought Buruli ulcer is caused by spirits will now come to understand that they need to go to hospital for identification,” says Obour.

Access to clean water brings benefits even beyond better health, including boosting children’s chances of receiving a good education, or any education for that matter.

“Children wake up very early, sometimes 4 a.m., to go miles away to fetch water,” says Obour. “Without water, children are not able to attend school [or] some have to go to school late.” With water nearby, the burden is lifted. Children can spend more time being children. Families can spend more time being families. And life can take on a new kind of normalcy. An accomplishment that can only be achieved with a team of dedicated resources.

“Meeting the UN Millennium Development Goals is something that no organization can achieve on its own -- not even Rotary, with its 34,000 clubs and over 1.2 million members,” says Ron Denham, a member of the USAID Steering Committee and the Rotary Club of Toronto Eglinton, Ontario, Canada. “To be successful, we need leverage -- the leverage that comes from collaboration with others who share our goals. The most notable example of this is the international H2O collaboration.”

Support Rotary’s work to provide clean water. Are you going to the RI convention? Consider attending the World Water Summit

Discover how Rotary members are doing good in the world in Rotary’s annual report

By Dan Nixon and Vanessa Glavinskas

Rotary News 14-MAR-2014

District 9820 News



District Governor: Tim Moore
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March is Literacy Month,

How does your club focus on this theme? Some Rotary clubs raise funds for schools and other literacy organisations. Many clubs take part in a reading program called "Rotary Readers," in which a Rotary member spends time in a classroom with a designated student, and reads one-on-one with them. Some Rotary clubs participate in book donations, both locally and internationally.

Literacy is one of the six areas of focus that TRF has identified as essential in helping people not only in developing countries, but right here at home. Without the ability to read and to understand what is written, citizens of the world will always be left behind and taken advantage of.

Enjoy your month of Rotary service, see you in Bendigo!

DG Tim and Jane

Welcome our latest members to District 9820 in February.

Scott Lennox to the Rotary Club of Moe, Diedre Morgan and Elizabeth Paterson to the Rotary Club of Mornington and Deborah Rankin to the Rotary Club of Morwell.

Rotary International President's Monthly Message



Ron D. Burton
R.I. President
2013-14

Presidential Message
MARCH 2014

Growing up in Duncan, Okla., USA, I took it for granted that everyone could read. In my own elementary school, not only were we expected to be reading by the age of seven or eight, we were expected to read upside down. We each took turns reading books to the entire class, and of course, if you want to read out loud to a group while you show them the pictures, you can't do it the right way up. All the way through elementary school, we did that every week, until it didn't really matter to us which way we were holding the book.

Up and Coming Events



2014 Rotary International Convention
Not to be missed, be inspired

1st—4th June

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

Rotary club of
Mount Eliza
Garage Sale April 12

Who is this man? (see next page)



We are expecting a big response for this exceptional speaker..

Seating will be limited and RSVP before 29th April.

This promises to be a very special night and we will not bore you with our Club business. ???????? will have the floor for one hour, including questions.

Partners and friends are especially welcome.

It is also an opportunity for you to invite business people to the event.

When booking places please provide the number attending and the names.


All bookings are to be made through this email address.

Regards, Brian


Brian Davenport

Secretary

Rotary Club of Rosebud-Rye




The Rotary Club of Pakenham is proud to present a dinner with Mark Bouris



Tuesday 6 May 2014
Cardinia Cultural Centre
Lakeside Boulevard, Pakenham
6:00pm
Cost
\$125 per person
All proceeds go to the
Rotary Club of Pakenham
& Rotary Against Cancer
Bookings
Please call 1300 760 189
We're looking forward to seeing you there!

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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

Guest speaker Simon McKeon AO,

We are honoured to have Simon as a guest speaker on 13th May.

Simon will give a talk titled 'My Journey'. This promises to be a highlight of our year. Simon will tell us about his association with the Southern Peninsula, his business and charity interests, time as Australian of the Year and the proposed Arthur's Seat chairlift.

For those of you not familiar with the life of this remarkable man here are a few facts about his journey so far.



Named Australian of the Year 2011, Simon McKeon, born in 1955, is a renowned investment banker and record-breaking yachtsman. However, it is his patronage of many Australian and international charities that has earned him the greatest admiration.

In 1994, he was enjoying a high-flying corporate career when he decided he wanted to use his time to give back to the community. So he transitioned into a part-time role as Executive Chairman of Macquarie Group's Melbourne office, enabling him to support a range of causes and organisations, including joining the board of World Vision Australia.

He has previously served as founding chairman of MS Research Australia, founding president of the Federal Government's Takeover Panel and as Director of VisionFund which is World Vision International's microfinance arm. He remains involved with the Global Poverty Project and Red Dust Role Models, which work with remote Indigenous communities.

Simon is chairman of CSIRO, the incoming chairman of AMP and a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

For most of the last two decades, Simon has held the World Speed Sailing Record together with fellow crewman Tim Daddo.

Simon is the chairman of the organisation planning the new Arthurs Seat Skylift.

We welcome your members, partners and friends to this special evening.

Meeting details

Rosebud Country Club, Boneo Road, Rosebud

Date 13th May 2014

Time 6 for 6.30PM

RSVP date is 29th April 2014. All bookings are to be made through sec.rosebudrye@bigpond.com

Seating is limited, bookings will be required and places will be allocated on a first in first served basis. Cost for the evening is \$30, including the meal.