



# The Western Port Channel



## The Rotary Club of Hastings Western Port

Celebrating over **40** years of service to the community

Meeting information:	Monday Evenings 6.00 for 6.30 pm.	Hastings Club, Marine Pde, Hastings
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Club President of Rotary Club Hastings Western Port:	Kim Kirk



### Message from the President

23rd September 2013

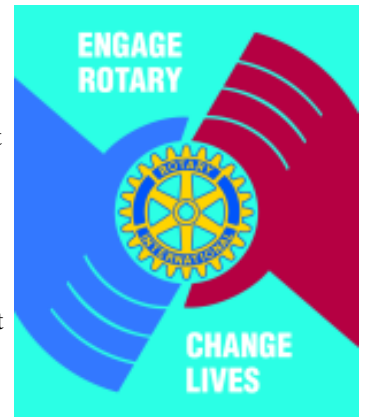
Rotarians,

Wow what a week it's been with all the highs and lows, highs including presenting a Paul Harris fellow to Hannah Lewis (assistant principal at Western Port Secondary College). Then the low of Peter Cole resigning from our club. I want to thank Paddy for stepping into the secretary position for the interim.

This week we have a club night, this will be a night that we can discuss club matters. I ask that you all come and if you have something to share please do so.

This week also marks the start of the school holidays which means that I have about 1000 things that I should do around the house but will try to find every excuse not to do them. I am sure that I have a talent for procrastination. I am just thankful that within our club I am surrounded by doers which motivate me. So I thank God for each one of you (including those that have left the club and still want to help out where ever they can.

I hope to see you all on Monday night.



*Kim*

### This Week's Celebrations

**Anniversaries**  
Derryck and Margaret Rees 30th Sept



**Birthdays**



### Quote of the Week:

*"We are in Rotary for one simple reason: to change the world."*

RI President 2011-12 Kalyan Banerjee.

### Program and Events

#### This Week's Meeting

Speaker (s):	TBA
Subject:	TBA
Chairperson:	TBA

#### Important Dates:

**Dates:**  
 21st September—Rotary Warragul 75th  
 6<sup>th</sup> October—Avenues of Service  
 30th October—Port Authority—Marina

# Minutes from last meeting. Date: 16th September 2013

## Minutes from meeting

**Apologies:** Eric, Gordon, Marcia,

**President Kim:** welcomed Hannah Lewis to the meeting.

**President: Kim** -Kim, Bill and Jeff attended Westernport College this evening, 16<sup>th</sup> September and gave awards and presentations to students. Vice Principal Hannah Lewis was awarded the Paul Harris Fellow.

**Operation Christmas Child** Kim also spoke about the Operation Christmas Child filling a box with 6 items. Items can be something to love, a cuddly toy, something to learn with, pencils, practical items such as hair brushes. Toys with batteries should not be included.

## Around the Table:

**Roy** – Had just called in to see Gordon. It all looks very positive and sends his regards

**International Jenny** – Has been following up on how we can pay the Solar charity as the funds may be needed in English currency.

**Community service Doug-** Thanks to all who manned the Junior Football gates. The club made \$3,000

**Treasurer Faye-**Noted accounts to be paid

**Programs Alan-**Alan advised that Kim has some plans for the next couple of weeks and in October we will have Ray Martin and Tom Shanahan (RAMS) as speakers.

**Tinkering Group** -Alan also spoke about the successful Tinkers group at St Mary's Primary School .Eight Grade 6 children will be presented with certificates - Kim and Jeff were asked to present. Alan stressed how much the school appreciates this program and that Rotary have provided the tools and they are well looked after.

**Westernport Secondary and 2 stroke engines** -Discussion about Westernport Secondary College wanting to provide course, Alan confirmed that Rotary has 2 motors they could lend to the school.

**Youth Jeff-**Jeff spoke about the assembly at the Westernport College and outlined the presentations made to staff including Jenny Schembri , Arts Teacher who organised the painting of the mural at the BBQ shelter and Helen Smith who has been involved in the wheelchair project at the school. The guest of honour Hannah Lewis, received the Paul Harris Fellow for her amazing 21 year involvement with the school and community .

**Foundation Don-** Don spoke of the avenues of service program that he attended and found very interesting. He also attended the International session and has invited Tony Spring and Tom Shanahan to speak about their respective international projects.

## Minutes from last meeting—Continued

### Welcome to Hannah Lewis- Westernport Secondary - Assistant Principal

Hannah has a long association with our club. With over 21 years in the school she originally liaised with Jim Peddie in 1997. Hannah was surprised and humbled by the award. Hannah gave us an incite into her role and explained the joy she has in being the conduit between the children and the community which her role affords. Many creative opportunities and freedom to move within her role keeps her going. Her passion is the arts and she enjoys creating. The Warringine Precinct started with Jenny McCaffer from the Shire – designed to build community capacity, linking Warringine Park which is one of the best kept secrets on the Mornington Peninsula. It was declared a conservation park in 1994 and came under Mornington Peninsula Shire management in 2006. The park is divided into three sections: a Coastal Wetland, a Creekland and Woodland; all with their own special values. Located at 2230 Frankston-Flinders Road, Bittern (Melway Ref 164 E4) with the Gathering Place 'Willum Warrain' The Mornington Peninsula Aboriginal Gathering Place has been established in Hastings with support from Mornington Peninsula Shire and funding from the Closing the Gap program. The purpose of the Aboriginal Gathering Place on the Peninsula is to provide connection to community and place and enable a one stop shop service of programs and activities to link Aboriginal community members with each other and relevant services in a cultural context. The school has been involved and worked with Shire Rangers and built seats for the areas. All these programs allow for practical skills for life and built resilience.

The special garden funded by a \$5000 grant from the Shire is being created at the moment is located at the school and being built by students. The garden is meditation spiral inspirational labyrinth with formal meditation walk entered via a living arch of jasmine with seats made of reclaimed timber.

Rotary members are invited to help create pavers on the 7<sup>th</sup> October from 4-6.30pm with others from the school council and parents. Mosaics will be created with words of hope and laid as a positive message as you travel through the garden. It is hoped that the garden will be used by the community and that the school will hold formalised school tours next year adding to the education value.

A general discussion on disenfranchised youth and help and support ensued and the value of Chaplaincy at the school was discussed and Rotary member's voiced approval of the work Matt has done over the passed five years.



# Special Event's

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## Avenues of Service

LIMITED PLACES LEFT

Sunday 6th October at Monash University Churchill Campus

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### **Port of Hastings Development Authority**

*6.30pm on 30th October 2013*

*Limited places, booking essential*

*Details below*

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### **District 9820 Conference**

**Bendigo**

**14-16 March 2014**

**BOOK NOW**

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#### **GSE APPLICATIONS**

Applications for Team Leader, and Team Member, together with an explanation sheet on 'What is Group Study Exchange?' as well as Information on District 6600 Ohio, USA and application forms are posted under Rotary Foundation on this page.

Deadline for Team Leader Applications **Friday September 27, 2013**

Deadline for Team member Applications **Friday October 4, 2013**

For further information contact:

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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



**To All Rotarians in District 9820.**

For your information I am pleased to advise that, under the leadership of District Governor Tim Moore, your district has contributed US\$5,000 from its District Designated Fund to the End Polio Now campaign.

This is in recognition of September being End Polio Month and, when the Gates Foundation and World Fund add to our giving, the total amount raised by this district in the fight against Polio is US\$22,500.

These funds will be used to continue towards the eradication of this terrible disease.

For information we are winning the fight, below are some figures:

Statistics as at the 4<sup>th</sup> September:

	Year to date 2013	Year to date 2012
<b>Endemic Countries</b>		
Total cases	76	129
<b>Non-endemic Countries</b>		
Total cases	174	5

From these figures you can see that the battle in Endemic Countries (Afghanistan, Nigeria & Pakistan) are significantly lower whereas the Non-endemic Countries show a considerable growth.

Let us just imagine what the numbers would look like if the programme ceased.

Funds are still needed and clubs are asked to continue to support this worthy programme

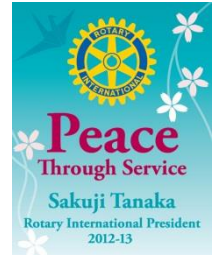
Yours in Rotary service

*Ray Martin*

Chairman  
District 9820 Rotary Foundation Committee



# D. I. K. News



**West Footscray Donations In Kind Report July 2012-June 2013**

## Shipped this year

**30 containers = 46 x 20' units  
and 1 from Bendigo**

**Value shipped 3.2million+  
Volunteers; Rotarians and  
Members of the Public  
contributed 10,898 hours to  
make this happen**

**Freight cost \$166,548  
Store & Van \$59,358**

Cambodia	1	
Chile	1	
Fiji	1	
Indonesia	1	
Kenya	2	
PNG	6	
Philippines	1	
Sri Lanka	1	
Sudan	1	
Tanzania	1	
Timor Leste	11	Bendigo 1
Vanuatu	1	

## 2000 – June 2013

**Containers shipped 367  
Volunteer hours 102,342  
Value of goods\* \$37,754,000  
Freight cost\* \$1,943,000**

\*Current \$

**Regular Store Times**  
Tuesdays & Thursdays  
9.00am - 3.00 PM  
Other times by negotiation

## DIK Contacts

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## Another growth year with shipments for all Victorian Districts

“Due to Club support last year your Donations In Kind Store now provides our new Leaders with the greatest opportunity ever, to help people in need.” *This quote from the last newsletter remains the same.*

**It was a great year with an 18%  
increase in goods shipped from  
the Store.**

**The volume and quality of  
donations increase and we are  
currently overstocked.**



## Education

**The World President has asked Rotarians** to focus on this area and we know how important this area is for children in developing countries.



For many students a desk and chair is still a dream that you can turn into a reality - we have furniture in stock that looks brand new - many students who need our help.

**It only costs \$5.00 to ship a chair and \$20.00 for a desk.**

***Education is an area where every Club can make a difference***

**Branding** This year we promoted DIK as “**Practical Rotary**”. DIK may not have the emotional appeal and photo opportunities of other projects and at times its hard work in trying conditions, but when you look at the results it’s often by far the most cost effective way to help people.

**Contact the Store for details**

**What other project generates a better return on investment?  
\$225,000 to deliver \$3,200,000 worth of goods 1500% return**

**Unprecedented Medical Aid** Shipping medical equipment and supplies has been the highlight this year. Collecting 140 electric beds and other equipment from St Vincent's Hospital and loading three containers on site in two days was a great achievement and it was only possible because terrific support from many volunteers. This year we shipped 400+ beds and other medical equipment went to eleven countries.



**Diversity** As you can see, the spread of the projects is increasing and also Club involvement, with Club containers shipped for all Victorian and Districts and one from interstate. **Computers 4 Kids and Mobility and Home Aids Project** are located at the Store and receive assistance to collect and deliver equipment.

**Partnerships** Allow Clubs to do much more and should be considered. Some Clubs have formed relationships with schools to collect their reusable material, with great results for minimal effort. We also have well research project opportunities with detailed wishlists. Clubs can collect material or fund the shipping costs. *Contact the Store for details*



**Store Funding** It now costs \$50,000+ to run the Store. The Van is a wonderful resource is often working five days a week, but it is also another cost that needs to be funded. Some Clubs are great supporters and we are indebted to them; without their help there would be no Store. It's still an ongoing challenge and we need to spread the net further to get more support. An organization that is **run by Volunteers**, that **Recycles Material that would often become landfill** and **provides great Overseas Aid** is worthy of Community and Government support.

**Have you visited the Store lately?**

The warmer months are an ideal time to visit the Store for a working bee, or a Club visit.



**The Promotional Highlight of the year was our 100,000 Volunteer Hours Celebration. This was very well attended by non-Rotarians and significantly increased our profile.**



**The Building Highlight was to create a Meeting Venue and Showroom.**

You now have a great venue for your meetings and a wonderful opportunity to show Rotary in action. Think about this as the place for your next Membership Meeting, we are yet to find people who are unimpressed when they visit. With the new kitchen the standard of the catering we can provide has also improved. We realise that for some travel is a challenge, but if you talk to the Clubs who have travelled by bus it is an excellent bonding opportunity.

**Your Store provides you with an opportunity to help people that few Rotary Clubs have. It allows you to do things that others can only dream of, grasp the opportunity.**

***Once again thank you on behalf of all of the people who have benefited from your support.***



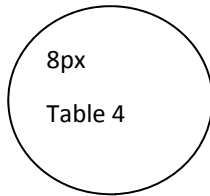
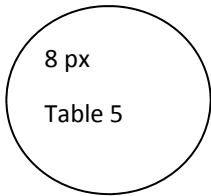
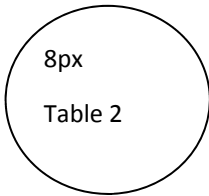
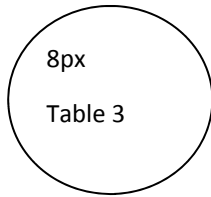
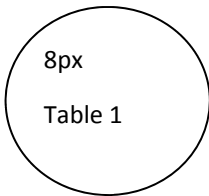
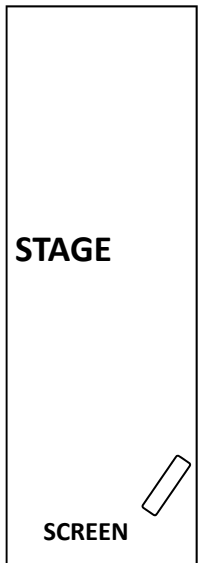
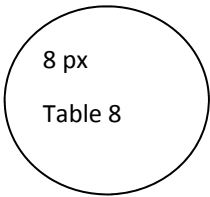
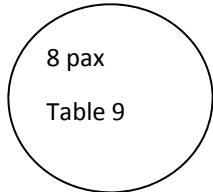
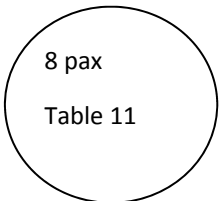
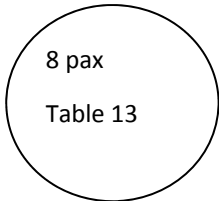
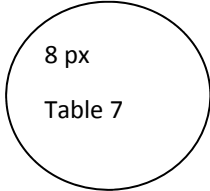
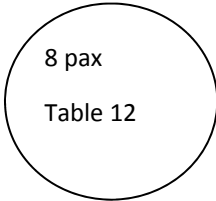
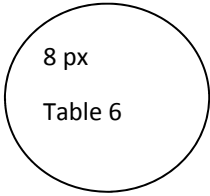
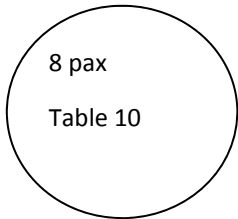


TABLE PLAN 100 PAX



***THE ROTARY CLUBS OF  
SOMERVILLE TYABB AND HASTINGS WESTERN PORT  
TOGETHER WITH THE  
WESTERN PORT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE &  
INDUSTRY***

***INVITE YOU AND YOUR PARTNER TO JOIN THEM FOR  
DINNER TO HEAR THE LATEST NEWS FROM  
CEO MIKE LEAN AND HIS TEAM AT THE  
PORT OF HASTINGS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY***

**WHERE**            *Lady Nelson Room  
Marina Restaurant  
Mullet Street  
Hastings 3915*

**WHEN**            *6.30pm on 30th October 2013*

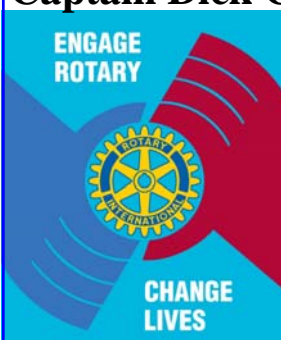
**COST**            *\$38/hd  
Includes entrée, main course and cheese platter, tea & coffee  
Drinks at Bar Prices*

*Seat bookings and payment by 23rd October is essential , places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment through booking agency (small booking fee applies) at:-*

<http://www.trybooking.com/DOSC>            or  
<http://www.trybooking.com/62662>

*(Please advise any special dietary requirements)*

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