

The Western Port Channel Rotary Club of Hastings Western Port











Message from the President

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Last week we had a fantastic night at the Humphries's home. We shared a lovely meal that scored 10/10 by our resident judges. Even Paddy celebrated as there wasn't a piece of pumpkin in sight. It was also great that Jim and Rosemary were able to attend. Also it was nice that Shirley Prout was also able to accompany Don. By listening to all the chatter being had everyone else had a great night too. We were able to raise \$360 and the club added \$640 so that now Mark has \$1000 towards the \$2500 that he needs.

The budget came out last week and I feel that many of the Hastings residents are going to be hit hard if all the reforms get passed. I know that the treasure said that it will be only a cost of two coffees to go to the Doctor but I think that is fine for those of us that regularly buy coffee, but many people are living paycheque by paycheque and having to pay an extra \$7 to go to the doctor let alone another \$7 for x rays or blood tests. Then if they need medication that's another extra expense. I think that groups like the Salvos will be more relied on for help. So having the Red Shield appeal this weekend might be a timely thing. So if you are able to shake a money tin for a couple of hours please do and talk to Eric.

I look forward to seeing you tonight.

Kim

NO MEETING Easter Monday 21st



Important Dates: 12th - 13th Training @ Traralgon 1st-4th June - RI Conference



District 9820

<u>President:</u> Kim Kirk

<u>Secretary:</u> Paddy Fincham

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Next week: 31st March 2014 Speaker: Subject: Chair:

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Last weeks update

Dinner at the Humphries

Linda & I would like to thank everyone for attending our place on Monday night. It appears that everyone enjoyed themselves. I was most dissapointed at one aspect. You ate everything, left me no lunch left overs! Either Linda is amaizing at gauging quantity of food, or everyone enjoyed the food so much that you just had to eat everything?

I would also like to say a big thank you for your support by donating to my 'Ride to Conquer Cancer', a 200KM bike ride in October. I will keep you informed of my progress.

Next year I might also be lycraring (is that a word?) for the Rotary 'Ride to Conference', who want to join me?

Mark & Linda attended the night at Rosebud Rye Rotary, to listen to Simon McKeon AO. Simon is very passionate about life. What an amazing story he has to tell, staring from how he grew up in Dandenong a multi cultural place to spending time at his grandparents in Sandringham with a beach just across the road. From a small child and still today Simon is passionate about mental health issues. Simon at one point in time thought he was going to be fired from a job as he put a commitment to supporting disadvantaged people before signing off a huge multi-national contract. On the Queens last visit to Australia, Simom was invited to Government House to have lunch with Her Majesty the Queen, Simon again turn down the invitation as he had made a commitment to another organisation. Simon is also part of the consortium that is trying to get the new chair lift at Arthurs Seat up and running. He told us some of the issues that they face from various levels of government and various agencies, 4 years of hard work so far, a plan for a chair lift that will be capable of given everyone who can get in a car or bus, get to Dromana will be able to experience a ride in a gondola.

Simon epitomises 'Service above Self'. Simon was invited to become a Rotarian.

Jeff recieved an email during the week from Matthew Bodley of Western Port SC, stating the the National Schools Chaplancy, program in schools has avoided being hit in the latest budget.

Web site, I have not had much time the last week or so, therefor not much has changed apart from newsletters being uploaded. I need your help to make the site work, I cannot do it alone. I need help and information.

- 1. I need to know what information you want shown
- 2. Can you provide me with photos and a brief story
- 3. Information about some of our activities
- 4. Would you like brief profiles of members?
- 5. Would you like to learn how to upload things to the web site?
- 6. Would you like to moderate a facebook/twitter/Pintrist/LinkedIn page?

Remember this is a communication medium, it is a vehicle to keep incontact with and get in contact with various community groups and people. We can discuss the pro and cons all year about using social media, however, at the end of the day, millions of people use it, we need to communicate, we need to use multiple forms communications mediums.

Rotary International News POLIO UPDATE To All Rotarians

Polio Emergency

The following is taken from the Polio Eradication Web Page: http://www.polioeradication.org/

Polio declared public health emergency of international concern: After several days of consultation with the Emergency Committee which was convened under the International Health Regulations, the World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General has determined that the spread of wild poliovirus (WPV) to three countries – during what is normally the low-transmission season – is an 'extraordinary event' and a public health risk to other countries. Because a coordinated international response is essential to prevent this from worsening at the start of the high season for poliovirus transmission, the Director-General is declaring this to be a public health emergency of international concern. Currently 10 countries have active wild poliovirus outbreaks that could spread to other countries through the movement of people. From January to April this year – that is the low-transmission season for polio – the virus has been carried to three countries: in central Asia (from Pakistan to Afghanistan), in the Middle East (Syria to Iraq) and in Central Africa (Cameroon to Equatorial Guinea) - See more at: http://www.polioeradication.org/Dataandmonitoring/Poliothisweek. aspx#sthash.j44UPg6w.dpuf

This not the greatest news and it would be prudent for all of us to let people we know of this situation and encourage them to have those vulnerable vaccinated.

As I have said in the past Polio is but a plane flight away.

I know you are aware that the war against Polio costs a great deal and I implore you to consider this when making your end of year funds allocations.

Regards

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District Events

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 inspiried

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:

Dinner with Mark Bouris

Dinner with Mark Bouris has been reschedulded. Supporting RoCan. More details to follow.

Lets get a table organised. Let Mark or Linda know ASAP, numbers needed.

http://rocan.com.au Dinner is on. August 5th 2014.

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/

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

 Is it the truth?
Is it fair to all concerned
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