



# The Western Port Channel Rotary Club of Hastings Western Port



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5th May 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,

Here I am sitting on my couch wrapped up in a blanket thinking that we have 5 more months of this cold weather to look forward to. I now can understand why the grey nomads head north at this time of the year. The only problem is that by the time that I am allowed to retire (with the new government's plan), I will be too old to have a licence and drive north.

Last week we had a fantastic night at Western Port Secondary College thanks to Jeff and Bill for organising this for us. The girls that spoke did a great job. I also thought that the idea of getting some of our senior members talking to the girls at the college about women's rights in previous generations is a fantastic idea. I think that it will be a time that the girls can hear directly and ask questions instead of read information from books. Good on you Rosemary Peddie and Elly Spencer. I even think that our food critics gave them a high score for the meal they provided. I think that the only negative was the acoustics of the room. Next time we will need to take along our microphone and speaker.

Remember that next week we are meeting at Mark and Linda's place. We will be donating our dinner money towards Mark's next bike ride.

Yours in Rotary,

Kim **12th May 2014 - Meeting at  
Mark & Linda's**

Next week: Mark & Linda's  
Speaker:  
Subject: Ride to conquer Cancer  
Chair:



Important Dates:  
1st-4th June - RI Conference

# *Last weeks update*

Date 28th April, 2014.

Apologies:, Don, Marcia, Mandy

Chairperson: - Bill

President Kim:-

Welcomed members and guests to the Westernport Secondary College Special Dinner Meeting.

Bill:-

Spoke to the meeting about the 20 year link with the school which grows and blossoms into a rich and positive relationship as members meet regularly with the school. Assisted by the school staff of Matt , Hannah and Michael we inspire and create opportunities such as the Women's International day , Red Shield Appeal and raising money for wheelchair projects.

Maddy Watson

Year 10 student who attended the ConocoPhillips science experience in Sydney addressed the meeting. Maddy thanked the club for sponsoring her. The opportunity to travel to Sydney for a 3 day course and attend Macquarie University lectures and explore Sydney. She especially enjoyed the Bridge walk.

Kesha

Plus her 2 school colleagues who attended the International woman's day breakfast explained that they considered it an experience of a lifetime. That the debate was interesting but the panel were very opinionated and the venue was amazing even though it entailed getting up very early and travelling in very heavy traffic into the city. Heather told the meeting that they were model students and we were very proud to have them with us and hoped to take another group to the next year.

Bill wondered if an experience such as attending an event that highlights opportunities might inspire young women leading them into strong and powerful careers. Hannah discussed how much of the work done by feminists has been taken for granted and that equal pay and opportunity is sometimes taken for granted.

An interesting point made by Roy as in his experience in the world of architects, women are absolutely equal. This was strongly debated by some of the women in the meeting and it was decided that it would be good to have a debate.

Rosemary certainly could give an interesting point of view and recall years when women were expected to leave once the married.

# *Last weeks update*

Donna and Hannah explained VCAL pathways, and how they are funded. Many students still attended the academic stream with 2/3 of students but the pathways to jobs are vital and experience in the workplace is valued by the future employees.

A School Breakfast club currently exists being run 1 day a week from church group but we were asked to seed fund a small scale breakfast club for students who really did need some food to start the day off. \$100.00 to start off a self-funded program run life a cup of kindness. Eric spoke about the red shield appeal and asked for students to help again this year. Last year they raised \$1,200. A wonderful effort.

Kim presented the school with a framed certificate and photo of the recipient of the wheelchair that the school raised funds for recently. We all enjoyed the dinner provided by the hospitality students and indulged in barista coffees to end the meeting. Funds normally collected for the dinner were donated to the school.

## Special Birthday

Congratulations to Shirley Prout who recently turned 80. Shirley has worked tirelessly for our Club and Rotary International for about the last 40 years. May she continue to do so for many more years to come.!!!

Our new website, still needs alot of work. I am no designer, you help appreciated.

Volunteers also sort to help maintain the site. See Mark

New email address have been created for club held positions. eg: newsletter@rotaryhastings.org.au  
secretary@rotaryhastings.org.au

From next week the news letter will be sent our from newsletter@rotaryhastings.org.au. Please configure ensure your spam filter to allow this address.



<http://www.rotaryhastings.org.au>



I have had the unique opportunity of being part of the polio eradication campaign from its very beginnings. Now, more than a quarter century later, we are truly “this close” to the end.

None of us knew back then how long eradication would take, or how many obstacles we’d meet along the way. I’m not sure how we would have felt about taking on the challenge if we had known. But, there is one thing I know for sure; every single day of the past 29 years has been worth it. During that period we helped save millions of children from being paralysed by polio. And there’s no way to put a price tag on that. Today, we are closer than ever before to a world in which no child will be paralysed ever again.

It’s been a long race to the finish line, but that line is now in sight. However, we’ll only cross it if we keep moving forward. And the only way to do that is with the help of every Rotarian across the world.

The first thing we need is your voice, and your advocacy. Think ahead to World Polio Day on October 24. What can your club and District do to raise awareness? Well, actually there’s plenty of options. Your club can write letters to elected officials in your area, hold a purple pinkie fundraiser or plan an event with a local school. If you or someone you know has a story to tell about polio, share it at [www.endpolionow.org/stories](http://www.endpolionow.org/stories). The most important thing is to keep the momentum going. Let your community and the world know that the fight against polio is at its most critical stage yet.

I’m glad to report that the End Polio Now – Make History Today campaign continues to make progress. After meeting the terms of the new agreement with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Rotary received \$US70 million in matching funds in January, which will be fully committed during the calendar year.

The agreement between Rotary and the Foundation runs for another four years, during which the Gates Foundation will match every dollar Rotary spends on polio two-to-one, up to a maximum of \$35 million per year.

I encourage all of you to do what you can to help us make the most of this opportunity. I know that together we can engage Rotary to end polio – and change the world for the better, forever.

Ron D. Burton  
President, Rotary International





# District 9820 News



District Governor: Tim Moore  
2013 - 14

With 2 months of this Rotary year left, have you as a Rotarian, ticked off your 'too do' list? I'm still working on mine, its not too late!

I am pleased to say 15 of our Clubs have met the requirements for a Presidential Citation - I will look forward to distributing these to clubs over the next couple of months. I am pleased to say our Peninsula Rotaract Club qualified too, well done all!

After our District conference many clubs have asked for a copy of some our guest's presentations. Thanks to the work of David Button (the mysterious) we now have a 36 minute video on dvd of Holly Ransom. Soon we will also have Tom Thorfinson's and the Mercy Ships presentations. Please email me if you are interested in a copy.

May is Australian Rotary Health Month,

<http://www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au/>



As winter draws closer and the end of another Financial Year. May is also a time to celebrate the only home grown program recognised by the Australian Rotary Club themed calendar; Australian Rotary Health (ARH).

Of the 1,136 Rotary Clubs in Australia, 95% have supported the work of ARH by:

- Hosting fundraising events such as bike rides, golf days, and other creative initiatives;
- Becoming Funding Partners for Mental Health PhD Scholarships, Indigenous Health Scholarships, or Rural Medical and Nursing Scholarships;
- Making general donations which are pooled together to fund research into the preventions, treatments and cures for mental illness;
- Hosting a Hat Day event in October (save the date in 2014 for Friday October 10)

<http://www.hatday.com.au>

Enjoy your month of Rotary service,  
DG Tim and Jane



# District Events

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

Dinner with Mark Bouris  
Pakenham Rotary

Has been delayed. Will advise new dates when known. At this point in time possible dates will include July / August



# DISTRICT 9820 CHANGEOVER

Rotary 2013-2014 DG Tim and Jane with DGE Charlie and Janne invite you to

PREMIER FUNCTION CENTRE,

29 GREY ST, TRARALGON

ON SUNDAY 29TH JUNE 2014

AT 12.00 PM FOR A 12.30 PM START

COST \$40 PER HEAD, which will include pre-lunch savories,

2 course meal, a free drink (then at bar prices), tea/coffee

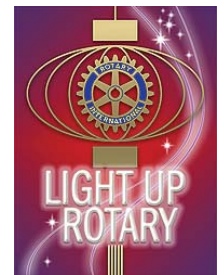
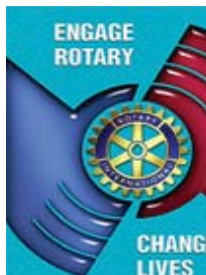
PLEASE RSVP TO SECRETARY 2014 – 15 IAN KEITH

AT [igk9820@gmail.com](mailto:igk9820@gmail.com)

BY MONDAY 23RD JUNE, 2014

(AND ADVISE OF ANY DIETARY REQUIREMENTS)

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/>



## Wanted:

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

1/ Simon McKeon AO @ Rosebud-Rye 13th May

Lets support other clubs in supporting communities  
See Mark or Linda

## Social Night:

12th May at Mark & Linda's  
26 Sandstone Island Circle,  
Bittern, 3918.

All welcome, bring family and  
friends. Everyone welcome.

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

Come for an Italian themed  
meal.... YUM

We need numbers for catering  
PLEASE. Everyone welcome  
and bring a friend

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



## 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