



# The Western Port Channel Rotary Club of Hastings Western Port



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23rd June 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,

Trying to think of something interesting to say each week is a little challenging so this week I thought that I would share a little of what we are being taught at church at the moment. Now before you all think that I am going to preach at you relax I am not. At this stage our church is going through a series on transformation and the other week they talked about mental health. We had a doctor explain to us the physical side of it and explain how many times it is the chemical imbalances in our brain that cause it and especially things like depression you can't 'just snap out of it' as some people think. We then had a lady share what it was like for her (she suffered depression and OCD (obsessive compulsive disorder)) and although she knew that God could heal her she still found that she had to take medication to balance the imbalance in her brain. I found that this talk helped me change a little of what I believed about mental illness especially, depression and OCD.

Then to top it off a friend (on the same day sent through this on Facebook) and it is about a character that I am sure that we all know and love. "One awesome thing about Eeyore is that even though he is basically clinically depressed, he is still gets invited to participate in adventures and shenanigans with all of his friends. And they never expect him to pretend to feel happy, they just love him anyway, and they never leave him behind or ask him to change. I thought it summed it up perfectly."



I think as we meet in a community that has many people struggling with mental health issues that this might help you as it did help me.

We'll look forward to seeing you all at tonight's meeting.  
Kim

Next week: Stroke Foundation

Speaker:

Subject:

Chair:



Important Dates:

6th July - Change over

28th July - Chralie Spears

# *Last weeks update*

Minutes from meeting

Date 16th June, 2014.

Apologies:, Don, Marcia, Doug, Heather ,Jim

Secretary: Paddy-

Letters received -

Letter from Bunning's inviting us to attend the Bunnings Hastings Community Recognition information Night on the 24th June 6.30-8.00pm RSVP by 19/6.

Paddy also advised that Brian Staals wife is very ill.

Paddy also took the opportunity to explain Play on Program. Play on was set up approximately 5 years ago aiming to assist children from low socioeconomic families participate in sport and the arts. Rosie Buchanan helped set up with \$20,000 grant from the Victorian Government. Established as compliant with tax office to accept donations and give official tax receipts. We have received grants from the Bennalong Foundation and Murdoch Family Trusts. Faye added that we have received \$16,500 for the early reading program from the Catholic diocese and \$5,000 from RACV foundation for the train learner driver program called Keys for Life. Money has also be donated by the Coast Real estate specifically for the reading for Life program

President Kim:-opened the Club Night.

Jenny:-

Reported that the Toothbrush girls are travelling at the moment but will soon be available to speak to the club about the project. She also mentioned Slum Handcraft. She is also helping with the Somers inter Market for the Kindergarten and asked if they could borrow the walkie- talkies and borrow the orange safety jackets.

Those who have jackets at home can they bring them next week.

Linda: -

Mentioned that at the conference they showed pictures of jackets with Rotarian at work printed on the back This was a great idea we could use if we have to replace any jackets in the future.

Malcolm: -

Suggested Golf Day date was Wednesday 19th March but not suiting the golf club. The club caterers are offering BBQ dinner for \$25 with porterhouse steak and salads and wine for the table at \$2.00 per head up to 80 people and need 7 days' notice for final numbers. Malcolm said we have a template to follow for the organisation of the golf day program and will need to organise a committee. Jeff Alan and Bill will be involved in finding sponsors.

Jeff:-

Told the meeting that he and Bill were invited to Hastings Primary school for a student principal for the day attended by the Commissioner for Children in Victorian and enjoyed a breakfast thank you.

Westernport Secondary news included that Acting Principal Michael Devine was successful in obtaining the principal role. Well Done!!And the school is opening the Café on the 26th June at 11.30 if anyone would like to attend.

Mark: -

Advised that after speaking to Jim Mapstead from Rypen at the conference in Sydney.( Mark is most interest in the program, given his connection with Secondary students), he was surprised that 2 Students from Westernport were sponsored by Rotaract Mornington. He wondered why we didn't know. Jeff was surprised as we had no indication from the school that this had occurred.

Eric: -

Our Red Shield Appeal results for Hastings were down a great deal from previous successful years we raised \$1090.50 and the Westernport Secondary raised \$700.Many factors including less cash being carried, harder times and bad press about Salvation army all contribute to 40% drop in collections. Eric also spoke of his experience as a volunteer for the International Conference. It was lots of fun .Meeting up with Tony Collis from the U.S. who had extended a hand of friendship to Jim and Rosemary when they toured America. Eric also said it was hard on the feet standing directing from Darling Harbour. Also big thing was exchange of the club badges from all over the world.

Malcolm:-

Bowel Scan finishes next week, chemists said there was a positive interest in the program. Market report, we have raised \$7,800so far to 2nd June, from running the Thursday Hastings Market. Appears to be successful with many happy stall holders and local traders content.

Faye: -

3 advertisements for Bowel Scan invoice for \$726.00 for approval.

Accounts

Bendigo account \$16,603.50

Admin account \$4,627.56 end of May

Project account \$25.495.78

Alan:-

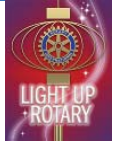
Tinkering Group at St Mary's Primary School has finished for the term after a 6 week course and certificates will be handed out. The group conducts the program in a well-appointed new classroom on Mondays at 9am.

Alan also told the club that after 10 years he will not be continuing as the club speaker organiser and he is happy to relinquish the task after many years.

Paddy:- suggested that the Rotary club of Maryborough may have an interesting project and would be a good guest speaker on the subject of domestic violence and women.

# Mark & Linda brief comment on Rotary Convention 2014

## 13th July for a detail presentation



Linda

If anyone had told me that I would spend my annual leave with 18,000 rotarians, walking for miles to access the olympic stadiums . Getting up early and using public transport. Lining up to get in,out and use toilets. Yes ... we did and we enjoyed concerts by Human Nature, The Ten Tenors and Marina Prior . Met interesting people from all over Australia and the World and really felt part of the International Rotary Family . Yes we really had an amazing time.

Mark

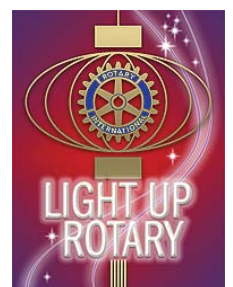
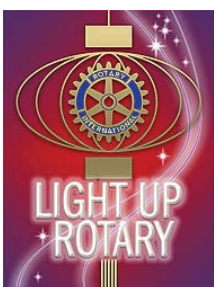
We had lunch with the R.I.President Elect Garry Huang and he spoke at length about the need to build new memberships. He told the story of a small club in Taiwan who asked their wives to join to boost numbers. Soon they had many new members and found out their wives knew many more people than they did. He always asks speakers if they would like to join and takes off his pin and inducts them on the spot. Another interesting fact is the power of Facebook, whether you like it or not the facebook membership equals the population of the 3rd largest country in the world. Attending the conference has inspired, informed and invigorated my interest in Rotary and what we can achieve in our local community and afar.



Last but not least, I want to share with you the wisdom of  
"The Power of One":

One song can spark a moment  
One whisper can wake the dream  
One tree can start a forest  
One bird can herald spring  
One smile can start a friendship  
One hug can lift the soul  
One star can guide a ship at sea  
One word can frame the goal  
One vision can change a nation  
One sunbeam lights a room  
One candle wipes out darkness  
One laugh will win over gloom  
One step starts each journey  
One word starts each prayer  
One hope will raise our spirits  
One touch can show you care  
One voice can speak with wisdom  
One heart can know what's true  
One life can make a difference

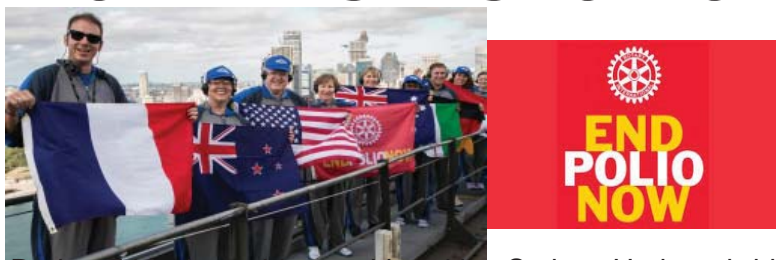
That difference can be you, as you Light Up Rotary.  
Gary Huang





# Rotary International News

## ROTARY'S HISTORIC CLIMB IN SYDNEY



During Friday's world record-breaking Sydney Harbour bridge climb, Rotary members raised enough money to protect 240,000 kids from polio.

Despite the physically grueling four-hour trek up and down the bridge's storied steel arches, the 340 participants kept their good spirits and stood side-by-side waving 278 flags.

"When the helicopters were going around, you just felt like one great big nation," says Graeme Davies, district governor of the Rotary Club of Kincumber in Australia.

The massive turnout eclipsed Oprah Winfrey's world-record climb in 2011 when she summited the bridge alongside 315 of her most ardent fans. But for Rotary members, the record paled in comparison to the experience and the opportunity to take a step closer to ending polio forever. The event raised 110,000 Australian dollars (US\$102,300).

"It made me even prouder to be a Rotarian," said John Avakian from Healdsburg, California, USA. "It was an incredible experience of tremendous camaraderie."

Rotary members cheered for each of the 26 groups as they made way through the lobby to the entrance of the bridge climb. Cloud cover hid the sun for most of the morning, but light broke through briefly as the climbers unfurled their flags, which had been tucked into their sleeves during the ascent. Helicopters circled overhead from a variety of local Sydney news stations. Climbers cheered, danced, and even broke into the "Wave" from 400 feet above ground.

"I think that's exactly what Rotary needs," said Nate Harimoto of Thousand Oaks, California, "a show of force from all around the world."

Climbers from Taiwan, Australia, China, Japan, United States, and dozens of other countries and regions supported each other during the event. They watched each other's backs, literally and figuratively, helping to steer climbers' heads away from hanging steel beams. For a day, their commitment to help others also became a commitment to help each other. And in the process, they raised enough money to show the world how committed they are to polio eradication.

For Leilani Ross of Queensland, however, the climb was also about closing an important family chapter. She had long wanted to climb the bridge with her father, but didn't get the chance before he died a few years ago.

"The friendliness is just wonderful," Ross said. "Everyone is very welcoming."

Cheryl Drozdowicz, a former Youth Exchange student from Wisconsin, USA, who stayed with Ross 35 years ago, watched her go up. After the convention, Drozdowicz will travel back to Queensland for the first time since her program all those years ago.

"I always feel like a piece of my heart is still there," Drozdowicz said.

Fondly known as the "Coat Hanger," the bridge officially opened in 1932. The bridge is also referred to as the "Iron Lung" because it employed so many Australians during the Great Depression. Tourists began climbing the bridge in 1998, which is now considered a tourist must with over 3 million visitors from more than 130 countries in that time.

Adam Ross, Rotray News 30 May 2014

# District 9820 News

District Governor: Tim Moore  
2013 - 14



Australia's #1 male vocal group Human Nature, performed a Motown inspired set during the 2014 Rotary International Convention in Sydney, Australia, 1-4 June. Celebrating 25 years together this year, Human Nature have released 10 albums, 5 reaching #1, receiving 24 platinum awards.

Australia's hit quartet, Human Nature performed at Sydney Convention

Brothers Andrew and Mike Tierney, and high school friends Phil Burton and Toby Allen celebrate the impressive milestone of 25 years together this year as Australia's most successful male vocal group, Human Nature. They are one of the great Australian music success stories; releasing 10 albums, 5 of which reached the #1 spot, over 24 platinum awards, 18 Top 40 hits, ARIA Award winners, and with album sales in well excess of 2 million in Australia alone.

For the past 5 years the group have performed 5 nights a week in Las Vegas becoming the first Australian musical group to secure a residency in the entertainment mecca. This year will see



Get ready..... Gary Huang - President 2014-15,  
Rotary Club of Taipei. Light Up Rotary  
Wants us to teach you the HAPPY CLAP ..... start warming up  
those hands

## District Events

District 9820 Changeover Jun 29, 2014

## Upcomming Events

## June 23rd Stroke Foundation

## June 30th Sisterworks

## July 13th Mark and Linda conference report

## 21st July Jeff and the Manager of Bowens on Community Work

28th July District Governor.

## Supporting other clubs functions:

# Dinner with Mark Bouris

Dinner with Mark Bouris has been rescheduled. 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.

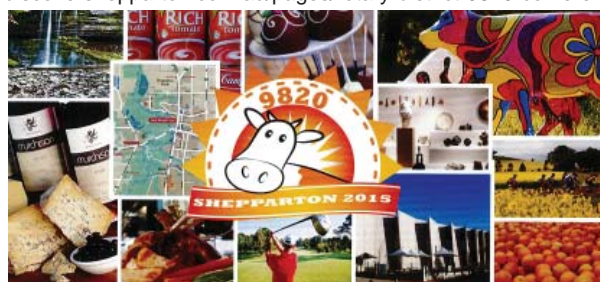
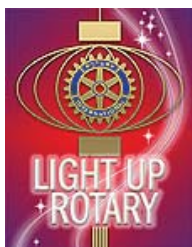


District Conference 26th - 27th March 2015

Watch this space for more details

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

## Rotary 2014-2015





# Notes, Memo's & Other stuff

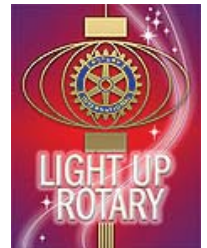
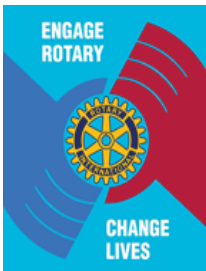
## Usefull Links

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

## Hastings Western Port Change Over July 6th 2014 Visions Restaurant, Bittern

### DISTRICT 9820 CHANGEOVER

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)



#### 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