

ROTARY CLUB OF MALVERN Inc.



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Meeting: 12.30pm for 1.00pm at Giorgio's,
Corner High Street and Glenferrie Roads, Malvern.

This Week : **Member Behind the Badge – Andrew Smith**
Chairperson : **Peter Selover**
Next Meeting : **Garden Party – See change of venue announcement**
Chairperson : **Look out for next weeks newsletter for details**

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Last Meetings Attendance – 4th February 2009

Members 30

Visiting Rotarians

Make-ups

Guests 2

Apologies

(Gareth Martin, Cheryl Cohan, Clive Elliott, Peter Milburn, Jo Quinlivan, Philip
Cooper)

*The Welcoming Committee requests members to contact Brian Banks on 9836 4987 or
bbanks@bigpond.net.au with apologies.*

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

President's Message for 11th February 2009

I was lying in bed last night thinking about what to say to all of you in the light of the horrific bush fire devastation close to Melbourne and throughout Victoria. I am sure that we all know or have heard of someone who has suffered in some way as a result of these events.

I think we can all take heart in the fact that being Rotarians we are in an excellent position to assist in a real and meaningful way. The strength of Rotary is in the depth of our reach and the number of clubs located throughout the state where help is needed. We have the immediate resources to put in effect a relief plan very quickly. Things are much harder to achieve on one's own but with our collected effort so much more can be done.

When this message goes to print you can be assured that our District is working on a Bushfire Recovery Plan. I am sure it will be in place by the time you read this and I will keep you informed.

Many of our members have contacted me wanting to assist. Arthur Ford is already at Kinglake assisting and Carole Pemberton tried to offer help at the Diamond Creek Centre but they were swamped with volunteers. As I said in my email to everyone on Monday, we will be able to help and will have something in place shortly.

These are troubled times, but As Rotarians we are strong. We are able to think positively and offer comfort and practical help where and when we can.

There is strength in numbers and we have the numbers.

"Never to suffer would have been never to have been blessed ' (Edgar Allan Poe)

Yours in Rotary,

President Penny

MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR JIM STUDEBAKER

Along with all Rotarians throughout Australia, I am deeply saddened by the extreme loss of life and property that has occurred in the bushfires over the last week. As I am sure you will realise, I have been inundated with enquires about what our Rotary District is doing to help. I have taken advice from a senior emergency management professional in our District and have implemented our District Emergency Recovery Plan.

We have established a Trust Fund with all the necessary approvals and encourage any fundraising efforts to be directed to this fund.

Recognising that there are many Government and Non-Government Organisations already working in the affected areas, we intend to use these funds on medium to long-term assistance with a primary emphasis on community rebuilding.

Donations of goods are specifically not sought through Rotary due to difficulties with their distribution.

We simply don't have the resources to warehouse and distribute goods.

The attached document (below) to this email will give you more details about how to help our District's efforts.

Kind regards

Jim Studebaker

District Governor D9800

Rotary to Play Vital Part in Bushfire Recovery

As with all Victorians, Rotarians from District 9800 have been profoundly saddened and touched by the tragedy of the Victorian Bushfires over the weekend.

Rotary International is renowned for its volunteer response to natural disasters throughout the world, lending a hand wherever possible. As such, Rotarians from District 9800 will join with other Rotary Districts from throughout Victoria and Australia in once again contributing to the relief effort confronting the regions hit by the fires. Recognizing that many agencies are already providing immediate assistance, Rotary's aim is to help community rebuilding in the medium to long term.

Rotary Clubs will individually provide services and assistance to affected communities, with city-based clubs joining those clubs in the affected areas to provide assistance. Rotary District 9800 will also liaise with the State Recovery Coordinator, emergency services and aid organisations to assist with the delivery of services required by local municipalities through their emergency response and recovery plans.

Our Response

All clubs in District 9800 are strongly urged to lend a hand and do what they can to assist communities in fire affected areas. While Clubs will want to operate autonomously, it is important that we develop a coordinated response. Clubs should contact Mev Connell, Community Service Chairman on 0407 059 514 or (03) 5998 2469 or email community@rotarydistrict9800.org.au. If you require any information or have any information to share related to your efforts, please email bushfirehelp@rotarydistrict9800.org.au – this email address will also reach Mev Connell and Philip Archer.

Rotary's responses are possible at three levels:

- Personal
- Rotary Club
- District/State/National

The aim is to find responses that can be coordinated across all three levels to maximize the effectiveness. The Rotary Club is the key entity in all efforts because it is the means of enabling individual efforts to fit within a coordinated overall plan.

Rotary's focus will be on collecting cash (not goods) that can be spent by affected people in their local communities to provide material support in the areas affected.

Bushfire Recovery Fund

Our District has submitted the relevant applications to enable all District Clubs to operate under the District banner for registered fundraising. Rotary District 9800 have opened a trust fund account to provide assistance to affected communities. Rotarians and members of the public can make donations to the **"Rotary International D 9800 Bushfire Recovery Fund", BSB Number 013 345, Account Number 2521 12703 or mail cheques to District Treasurer Trevor Mackey PO Box 189 East Kew, VIC 3102.** Please use these details for public donations as well.

Rest assured there will be plenty to do in supporting local municipality recovery plans in the coming days, weeks and months ahead. As we receive word from those that Rotary District 9800 has been in touch with, we will be disseminating further information to Clubs about how they can help.

What We Can Do

Donations to the **Rotary International D 9800 Bushfire Recovery Fund** will be of significant assistance. (details above)

Community Service Chairman Mev Connell will be in contact with the State Coordinator and relevant Municipal Recovery Coordinators to identify hands-on projects that may be suitable for Rotary club involvement and will communicate further on this subject.

Jim Studebaker

District Governor D9800

February 2009 – Duty Roster

4th February	Ivan Abbott and Jo Quinlivan
11th February	Fabienne Thewlis and Pam Knoff
18th February	Lucia Cardamone and Ann Elmslie
25th February	John Chartres and Roslyn Vincent

Significant Dates this Month – February 2009

1 February	Lindsay Giffin	Win's Birthday
2 February	Lucia Cardamone	Birthday
3 February	Paul Lom	Birthday
3 February	Carole Pemberton	Tony's Birthday
4 February	Peter Milburn	Induction
5 February	Gary Johnston	Anniversary
6 February	Ray Orr	Induction
10 February	Arthur Ford	Birthday
22 February	Geoff Hayes	Shirley's Birthday
23 February	Peter Selover	Calle's Birthday
24 February	Rob Lawson	Anniversary

Forthcoming Events

Wed	18th	February	Garden Party: Change of venue – see announcement note! Look out for next weeks newsletter for details
	25th	February	TBA Chairperson: TBA
	4th	March	David Spratt - Climate Code Red Chairperson: Ross Wilmoth
	11th	March	Gill Meek - Eastern Local Learning & Employment Network Chairperson: TBA

What are Members Doing?

PETER MILBURN is currently overseas and will be back in a few weeks time.

If you know of any Rotarian who is unwell or is away from the club for another reason, please inform Peter Milburn, Member Liaison Officer, so that he can perform any follow up that may be necessary. Peter will then report to the bulletin editor.

This Week's Meeting

Member behind the Badge – Andrew Smith

Members always look forward to the Member behind the Badge segment!
This will be a good opportunity to get to know Andrew more, what he has been doing, and what his interests are.

Last Week's Meeting

Simon Buckley – Around the World on a Motorcycle

Our members enjoyed this presentation as it is always good to hear about the spirit of adventure.





Simon Buckley speaking about his 12 month Bike Ride around the world, with John Chartres, who was both Chairman and Sergeant.

Announcements

Meeting 18th February

Due to a double booking we can't have our meeting at Georgio's on Feb 18th. It has been decided to hold the meeting as a Garden Party at Pam Baker's.

Same time

Venue: 30 Myrniong St. Glen Iris.

Friends of Baguia – Wine Order Form

Please remember to search for your Wine Order Form, which was emailed to you, and support this good cause.

Dan Murphy BBQ

Please notify Matthew Damman if you are able to assist.

Message from the School of St Jude's

Fighting Poverty through Education

Hi everyone!

Aussie Tour:

Now that our two campuses are back into the swing of the academic year and the 170 new students are settled in to their class routine, I can now focus on the rest of the year and an event I am really excited about – my promotional tour of Australia this coming May.

I really missed not coming home to see you all last year but with the opening of Usa River campus and the boarding houses and the arrival of the great joy of the Sisia family, Isabella, it was a pretty packed year! So, during May I will be dropping in to each capital city and regional centre to catch up with as many old friends as possible and pack in as many speaking engagements as you can organise! The new DVD of the school will be out by then and I'll be looking forward to giving sneak previews and giving them to everyone who comes along.

If you are willing and able to help me by organising an event or joining a committee to run one, I would be grateful if you would let me know as soon as possible so I can start planning the itinerary. I'm really looking forward to telling you about our new students who are on the first rung of the ladder to becoming the future intelligent, ethical and forward thinking leaders of Tanzania, and the great teachers who are giving them the good grounding for this.

Friends of St Jude's:

It's great that so many of you have contacted Alex, our cheery 'Friends' coordinator. The number of people who know of St Jude's is growing all over the world thanks to the help of Alex and our loyal sponsors who are doing an amazing job spreading the word through our Friends of St Jude's initiative. Enjoy the [January Friends](#) newsletter with stories of the latest events!

July Tour:

There are only a few seats left on the [July tour group](#) so get in quickly as bookings are done on a 'first in first served' basis.

Video footage:

If any of you have some clear video footage of the construction of the school or just general footage that you may have taken on your visits we would be grateful if we could use some in the new DVD that is being made of the school. Please let me know as soon as possible.

I look forward to seeing you and your friends in May!

Thanks, Gemma

Rotary Day

This year Rotary Day is on Sunday Feb 22nd. How will our Club celebrate?

From the 20th to 27th February we need to celebrate the birthday of Rotary. Below are some suggestions as to how your club can help to make it a special celebration.

1. Celebrate the success your club has had in the community by writing an article for your local newspaper.
2. Ask your local business to display our District's Rotary brochure for the week.
3. Hold a birthday party for Rotary. Don't forget a cake, candles, streamers and balloons. Invite your family, friends, community and corporate partners and your local media.
4. Invite former RYLA, RYPEN and GSE Team members to a special meeting of your club.
5. Contact your local Community Radio station, can they help you publicise Rotary Day?
6. Organise a fete within your community for Rotary Day, with proceeds going to a local community charity.
7. Write a letter to the editor of your local community newspaper which publicising Rotary Day and the events you have planned to celebrate.
8. Combine with surrounding Clubs and have a joint meeting to celebrate your successes together.
9. Arrange to visit a local school– ask the school choir to sing Happy Birthday to Rotary. Invite a Rotary Exchange student to speak to the students.
10. Get out into the community, hold a stall at your local shopping centre or market – give away balloons.
11. Ask your local council if you can fly the Rotary flag from your townhall.
12. Whatever you do have fun and celebrate the joy of Rotary.

Let's together inspire the community around us!

NISSAN/BRW Triathlon National Series –Elwood – 1st March 2009 Marshal Fundraising Opportunity

Supersprint Events has another Triathlon planned and still require Marshal Groups to help fill the last remaining event positions.

There are still 50 Marshal Positions Available. That's over \$2500 available to your club's fundraising if you are quick.

NISSAN / BRW Corporate Triathlon National Series 09
Head Street Reserve, Head St, Elwood
Sunday 1st March 2009
6:30am - 12:00pm
\$40 - \$50 per marshal (+ \$5 Marshal Bonus for 100% attendance)

Please contact Penny Broome if you are able to spare the time.

Welcoming the D2380 GSE Team

Home hosting visiting GSE teams is without a doubt one of Rotary's most important responsibilities. It is a really wonderful experience for both hosts & visitors.

Our District's & Host Clubs' endorsement of the GSE program is often clearly established by the support at various dinners.

The Welcome Dinner for GSE team Sweden will be held on Tuesday 17 February, 6.30PM for 7.00PM at The Brighton Baths Restaurant. It will be hosted by The Rotary Club of Chadstone / East Malvern.

All Rotary hosts are encouraged to attend with their partners and fellow club members.

A special rate of \$48.00 per head will be charged with a wide range of drinks available at bar prices.

Please come along and welcome our GSE guests.

RSVP: Monday, 9 February.

For further information please contact Michael Bennett on michaelbennett@live.com.au or 0412 636 264

ROTARY CLUB OF KEW - CHARITY GOLF DAY

AT

LATROBE GOLF CLUB.

MONDAY 23RD February, 2009.

12.00 for a 1.00pm tee off.

An invitation is extended to individuals or groups, to compete in an
AMBROSE GOLF COMPETITION.

Cost - **\$80 per player**

INCL. **GAME/donation, 'LUNCH BOX' & PRIZES.**

Bring gold coins for fun events during the day – raffle tickets on sale.

Dress regulations apply

NAME HANDICAP

RSVP TO:

ROTARY CLUB OF KEW, P.O BOX 101 KEW. 3101.

Or

Peter Stewart – (w) 03 98536474 / Vernon Wood – 0419808652

Harry belli – (w) 03 96700155 / Graeme Sheahan - 0408834494

Rotary Conference – Launceston, Tasmania March 2009

Paul Lom has taken on the task of arranging the Malvern Contingent to the Launceston Conference. He is looking at the feasibility of a pre or post conference tour. Should you be interested please contact Paul to register your interest, as deposits need to be paid soon.

Pets in the Park

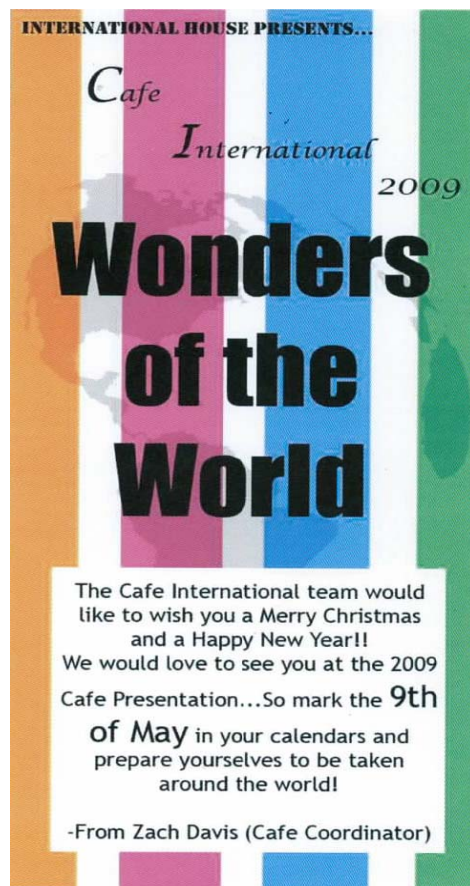
Please remember to put this date into your diary - 4th of April 2009.

STONNINGTON CARES PROJECT

Over the past few months you have heard about the Stonnington Cares Project and the farming families of Benalla. Our fundraising has been targeting to provide a family fun weekend getaway for some of these families.

- When:** 17, 18 and 19 April, 2009
(3 days, two nights – 5pm Friday to 3pm Sunday)
(Last weekend of the school holidays)
- Where:** Lord Somers Camp Portsea
- How Many:** Approx. 70 family guests which is about 15 – 20 families depending on family member numbers
- Activities:** Outdoor Program can include, canoeing, orienteering, raft building, beach activities and much more
Other Program activities could include staging a musical concert, motivational speakers, paid performers for example
- Cost:** \$136 per person – Malvern Rotary is not funding the whole project but also looking for sponsorship. A number of persons have committed sponsorship for this project.*
- What We Need:**
1. At least 10 Rotarian Guests to be on-site through-out the program (members may decide to cover their own costs)
 2. Other Rotarians to participate and with assist meals the daily activities.
- Commitment:** A Commitment Sheet will be circulated and we invite club members and their partners to be involved in this large project.
- Further Details:** Further updates will be circulated by the Committee that is working on this project and we do invite anyone who would like to help on the Committee to talk with President Penny.

Café International



Report on our 50th Anniversary Celebration

Our Club committee have been working hard over the last few months in planning, what we all hope will be a successful function, to be held in the Malvern Town Hall on Wednesday 27th May 2009

We are pleased to pass the following details on to members:-

- The formal sit down evening dinner will be held in the main town hall, the actual venue for our charter meeting 50 years ago.
- We have received a council community grant to cover the entire hire hall costs.
- We are presently discussing with caterers to arrange finger food upon arrival, and a three course dinner.
- We have arranged to purchase bulk wine, and will label it ourselves with a special 50th Anniversary label.
- The Guest speaker will be Dr. Alan Gregory, the club's first Rotary Foundation ambassadorial scholar to India in 1959. Dr. Gregory is a Malvern resident.
- De La Salle College Malvern school orchestra will play on the evening.
- Memorabilia will be displayed within the town hall, and our club historian Clive Elliott is assisting with this task.

- We intend to invite all Past Club Presidents and many former members.
- We intend to also invite organisation and charities that the club has had a partnership with over the last 50 years, such as VSK, The Alfred Hospital, Abbeyfield Association, Salvation Army, Vision Australia, Malvern Harriers, Probus Clubs etc.
- We intend to invite members of the two clubs our club chartered, namely Chadstone/East Malvern & Glen Waverley Rotary clubs.
- David Damman has offered to prepare a database of Past President and former members for the invitation mail out.

The committee will continue to keep members informed.

Peter Milburn
For the 50th anniversary committee

Malvern Rotary Turns 50!

A dinner will be held at the Malvern Town Hall, on Wednesday the 27th of May 2009, to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Malvern Rotary.
Please put this date in your diary now!

Rotary Club of Malvern 2008/09 Board

President	Penny Broome
Vice President	Pam Baker
President Elect	Lucia Cardamone
Immediate Past President	Barry Smith
Secretary	Gary Johnston
Treasurer	Jo Quinlivan
Project Co-ordinators	John McMorrow / Rob Lawson
PR/Membership	Bruce Hall / Fabienne Thewlis
Project	Yvonne Flynn / Sue Ryman Kiernan
Signature Fund Raising will report to the Board on occasion.	