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District Governor's Newsletter

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New Generations Month

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"From the Governor's Pen"

Greetings from rainy Jan Juc.

With September being designated New Generations month it is opportune for us to focus upon all those Rotary activities that support the development of young people in our communities, and provide varied forums for these young people to share with us their their hopes , their dreams , their ambitions , and just as important their concerns.

2005/2006 RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammer said "we could just as well call September the month of our future because investing in our youth is investing in our future."



DG Chris with past YE Lucie Dodd at RC of Bordertown 40th Birthday



DG Chris and Christine with Inbound 2009 YE Marie Wolf from Germany at the RC of Bordertown

As Rotarians we have the opportunity and obligation to serve young people and to help them in their education and development. Youth is our greatest treasure and through our commitment and our programs we can help them to find their way to become responsible leaders of the future.

Rotary's structured youth and young adult programs such as Rotaract, Interact, RYLA and Rotary Youth Exchange have tremendous value, not only to the participants, but to our communities as future leaders, and to our Clubs as a new generation of potential Rotarians. In our communities our programs reach families, neighbours, schools, and friends. The service of the Rotary club gets known in the community and creates a positive image. Youth programs strengthen Rotary.

Programs like the Rotary Youth Exchange opens peoples eyes and create wonderful opportunities. Exchange students further their education whilst fostering international understanding, gaining new appreciations of their own homelands, and build bridges to new cultures and lifestyles.

In the course of our Club visits last week Chrissy and I were able attend the 40th birthday of the Rotary Club of Bordertown and enjoyed a wonderful night of memories and celebrations with President David Milton and Rose, and past and present members of that Rotary Club. A special guest was charter member PDG Keith Grimm and Judy who enjoyed the reminiscing.

We also visited the Rotary Club of Kerang who have asked me to pass on to AG Robert Coffey and the Warrnambool Clubs of Group 5 their heartfelt thanks for organising the 'day at the footy' for families from the Kerang area – it is truly appreciated by all of the participants.

On a sombre note I would advise that the Rotary Club of Boort has resolved to cease operations and I collected their Charter last week. The Rotary Club has been an important part of the Boort community and will be sadly missed by that township. It seems to be a common thread in many of the towns that we visit that the communities enjoy having a Rotary Club contributing to their culture, but that they don't want to join the Club.

I wish you well in the forthcoming month and remember "*The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands*"



DG Chris with P David Milton and AG Ken McInerny at the RC of Bordertown



DG Chris and P David Milton of Bordertown and P Carmel Feder from Kaniva presenting their Charter at the RC of Bordertown



PHF's from the RC of Bordertown on their 40th Birthday

Welcome to our New Members

Hamilton: Lorraine Wilson,
Garth Benneyworth

Warrnambool: Mrs Margaret
Dalton

Warrnambool East : Keri-Anne
Robertson

Mt. Gambier : Ian Mc Cubbin,
Dylan Walker

PHF Recognitions

Belmont: PP Laurie Hill, and
his wife Lynne Hill



Grovedale : District Governor Chris
presents PHF to Non Rotarian David
Bradshaw OAM

Ocean Grove: Geoff Ford and
AG Helen Trigg

Warrnambool :

Past President Robert Cuzens:

Ballarat:

PP John Davis: Ruby Level

PDG Ron Pickford: 4th Sapphire

Judy Pickford: 1st Sapphire

PP Rob Munro, PP Peter Deen and Bar-
bara Glass 1st level PHF

Warrnambool:

PP Ron Rauert PH Sapphire

Vale

The Rotary Club of Warrnambool re-
grets to advise of the sudden passing
of Past President Ken Armstrong on
19 July, 2009. As well as being a Past
President of the Club, Ken was also a
Paul Harris Fellow and had been a
member of the Club since 10 August,
1965.

Message from Membership Chairman

Whilst August is identified in the Rotary year as Mem-
bership and Extension month, and is a time for clubs to
reflect on membership strategies, it is important that
membership is a key focus for the entire year. Clubs are
encouraged to take a long term approach to building sus-
tainable and renewable membership so that clubs can
continue delivering on great projects for the benefit of
our local, national and international communities.

It's worth taking some time out to think about how pre-
pared your club is for new members. This was the theme
for the recent Regional Membership; Public Image and
Marketing Seminar conducted in Melbourne by Rotari-
ans Noel Trevaskis and Dick Garner. There are strong
links between how we conduct ourselves at a club level
and through our projects, and how the public and there-
fore "prospective members" view our club and Rotary in
general.

Rotary International recognise that membership is the
critical ingredient to the success of clubs and as such,
have developed a wide range of materials and resources
to assist districts and club membership coordinators plan
for the future.

Clubs and members with questions about membership
should contact John Ruyg, Chair of the District Mem-
bership and Development Committee (j.ruyg@cfa.vic.gov.au)
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Donation to help 3216 youth

The Rotary Club of Belmont

has been a supporter of **Headspace** Barwon in the past. This
relationship was further cemented recently when the Club
made a generous donation to specifically support young peo-
ple in the 3216 postal code.

This significant donation has allowed **Headspace** Barwon to
employ a part time youth outreach worker to work with
schools in the area. **Headspace** Barwon is about identification
and prevention of mental health and drug and alcohol issues.
"I applaud The Rotary Club of Belmont for being active in
helping address youth mental health in the community," Ms
Van Hamond said.

Headspace

RC of Bayside Geelong venue from

25/8/2009 will be at Kirrewur Court, Prospect
Rd., Newtown, Geelong on **Tuesdays 7.30 for 8pm.**

RC of Ballarat South venue from **Thursday 17/9/2009** will be at
Ballarat Golf Club, Sturt St Ballarat. 6.15pm.

Venue Changes

Group Study Exchange

EXCHANGING WITH D 4520 Brazil

During this Rotary year, our District will be hosting a Group Study Exchange team from District 4520 in Brazil. This team is due to be in our District between 27th February 2010 and 26th March 2010.

There have been several changes to the program requirements and with this in mind, thought I would forward to each Rotary Club in our District, early notice that the GSE Sub-committee will, in the very near future, be looking for Clubs to provide an expression of interest in hosting this team and to provide a draft program that they might provide while hosting the team.

This exchange is a "general" exchange and does not have a specific vocational focus as last year. The following is a copy of some of the requirements from an e-mail received from R.I. recently:

Each host district itinerary must contain the following information:

- ✦ Names, street addresses and contact information of each host family
- ✦ Dates of stay with each host family
- ✦ Schedule of all planned activities
- ✦ Specified locations of all planned activities
- ✦ Names and contact information of any Rotarians who will be escorting the team
- ✦ Five (5) vocational days per team member,
- ✦ One or two days of isolated rest after arrival
- ✦ A half day mid-week to rest,
- ✦ One weekend day to rest, and
- ✦ Two days of mid-tour rest.

Approval of the sponsor district
Could I suggest that Clubs think about this now and plan early if they would like to be involved.

Brian Trenery Chairman. District GSE Sub-committee

Youth Exchange in District 9780



2009-10 Inbound Students
with District Governor Chris
and YE Chair Sue Williams.

I am Chair of District 9780's very hard working Youth Exchange Committee. The Committee looks after the selection of Outbound Students, the placement of Inbound Students with Clubs, the presentation of information and training weekends and days for Students and Counsellors. We also provide support to Students, Counsellors and Clubs.

Last Rotary year the Inbound and Outbound Students raised funds for three shelter boxes to be purchased in the name of District 9780 Youth Exchange. Thank you to the Clubs that supported the students in their fundraising schemes. Shelter Boxes will be an ongoing project for the students.

15 Outbound 2009, 15 Inbound 2009 -10 and 18 Outbound in 2010 to and from the following countries:

Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Japan, Sweden, Switzerland and the USA. Hosted and sponsored by the 32 Rotary Clubs of Ballarat East, Ballarat Young Ambition, Bayside Geelong, Belmont, Bordertown, Casterton, Charlton, Cobden, Colac, Dimboola, Drysdale, Geelong West, Grovedale, Hamilton, Hamilton North, Horsham, Horsham East, Highton, Highton Kardinia, Mt. Gambier, Mt. Gambier West, Millicent, Portland Bay, Swan Hill, Terang, Torquay, Warrnambool, Warrnambool Daybreak, Warrnambool Central, Warrnambool East, Wendouree and Wendouree Breakfast.

Sue Williams Chair District 9780
Youth Exchange Committee.

Mega Ad



As an initiative by Geelong District Groups 9 & 10 Rotary Clubs, an ad featuring the Rotary organization, is currently running around the various Benders bus routes in Geelong. The back of the bus ad was paid for by Group 9 & 10 RCs. Benders were so impressed with the work of

Rotary that they have donated a similar ad on the side of another bus. The ads will be running for 6 months. Keep an eye out for the buses carrying the ads.

Out n About with the Governor

District Governor Chris and Christine on Official Visits to Clubs



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Christine addressing RC of Wendouree Breakfast On Chrissy's Care Packs



DG Chris and Christine with DGE Jesse Harman, PP June Driscoll and AG Alan Gay – at RC of Wendouree Breakfast



John Kenny
Rotary International President
Rotary Club of Grangemouth
Scotland



DG Chris and Christine with AG Bob Penny and P Kay Annett and care packs from RC of Casterton



DG Chris and Rob Mc Dougall At RC of Wendouree Breakfast



Desley Russell, YE Mioko Rhonda Scarlett, June Driscoll. at RC of Wendouree breakfast



DG Chris and Christine with R C of Geelong Central P Colin Peel and Rtn. Paul West and his daughter Elly who presented care packs bought with her own pocket money.

DG Chris With YE Kenzie from Canada at R Club of Horsham



DG Chris and Christine with Lawrie and Jan Shaw of R Club of Colac and YE Oskar from Sweden



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DG Chris with R Club of Wendouree's Outbound Student Sally Larkin-Sweet



DG Chris and Christine with P Kevin and Julie Erwin of R C of Stawell



DG Chris with P Colin Peel and AG Helen Trigg at RC of Geelong Central



DG Chris with P Lloyd Paterson and AG Rhonda McKenzie at R.C of Charlton

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