



ROTARY CLUB OF BOX HILL



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A Message from the President

I know that I speak for all the club members when I say how sad we were to hear of the passing of Peta Iles' mother last week. To Peta, Geoff and their family we extend our sincere sympathy.

The Rotary year is slipping away very quickly. We are already at the time when we need to be seeking new Office Bearers and Directors for next year. Nominations are being called for two positions on the nominating committee so please give this some serious thought.

There is no excuse to be idle when you are a Rotarian. Apart from the activities of our own club, each week in the District Diary there are functions and activities organised by other clubs and the District right throughout the year and to which we are all invited. One such activity organised by the Interplast District 9810 Committee in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Nunawading is a night of "Healing Hands". Visiting doctors Nakarmi and Dongal from Nepal will speak on "The story of microsurgery (free flaps) in our hospital which was possible only with the help of Interplast".

The wonderful organization of Interplast was established in 1983 and is now a joint initiative between Rotary and the Royal Australian College of Surgeons. Rotary funds one third of the thirty programs Interplast coordinates each year. Interplast sends teams of volunteer surgeons and allied medical staff to developing countries of the Asia Pacific Region to provide free medical treatment and training.

The evening is in the form of a dinner which will be held at the Golden Sands Restaurant, East Burwood, on Wednesday, 28th October. This is yet another opportunity to find out more about what Rotary is all about. Please let me know if you are interested in attending.

The weekend of the 17th and 18th October will be an especially busy weekend for our club. The annual Whitehorse Spring Festival will take place on Sunday, 18th and our Cluster clubs will have a display of Rotary information where we will be needed to take our turn on duty. Sunday morning of the 18th will be the Rotary Foundation Seminar at Deakin University from 9 a.m. until 12.30 p.m. This will be a particularly interesting and informative seminar and again all members are invited to attend. This seminar is another opportunity for members, especially our newer members, to learn more about Rotary and the Foundation.

Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th our club will see the garden of Geoff and Peta Iles open for inspection as part of the Victorian Open Gardens scheme and our club will be required for various duties during the opening times. More information will be available from Geoff and his committee nearer the date. This particular weekend will be busy for our club and naturally it will not be possible to do everything but with the number of members we have in our club I am quite sure we will be able to do justice to these activities.

The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands,

Yours in Rotary,

Tom Thorpe

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Sergeant Kath opened proceedings by calling on George McLean to recite the Rotary Grace and Loyal Toast.

President Tom resumed the chair, and issued a welcome to all present, with a special welcome to our Guest Speaker – Mr Tim Adam. A warm welcome was also extended to Jan McLeod-Dryden for joining us this evening. Welcome Back greetings were extended to Geoff Weeks.



Welcome to Geoff Weeks

President Tom also issued a late invitation to any member who was wishing to attend the New Generations Seminar being conducted next Sunday in Croydon. At this stage we have 6 attendees, but more are welcome, he said. The seminar is of 2 hours duration, and will be a great opportunity to hear from participants in a selection of the Youth programs. Tom asked any additional members wishing to attend to see him after the meeting.

Tom also expressed condolences to Peta and Geoff Iles on the loss of Peta's mother. All members joined with Tom in expressing their condolences.

David Tolstrup was asked to assume the chair for the evening and in so doing called for the Secretary's announcements.

SECRETARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS – Acting Secretary David Tolstrup

David drew attention to the correspondence folder being circulated, and in particular the flyer featuring the Australian Army Band in concert on October 15, as arranged by The Rotary Club of Croydon. Make-ups were registered – see details later in this bulletin.

COMMUNITY SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT – Greg Paine

Greg spoke on behalf of chairman Carol Pawsey seeking volunteers for a sausage sizzle at Bunnings on October 24. Interested members were asked to see Greg after the meeting.

FUN NIGHT OUT – Lloyd Cranwell

Lloyd reminded those members who had booked for the South Pacific theatre night, need pay for their bookings on TUESDAY NIGHT – SEPTEMBER 24. The price is \$40 per ticket. Members should see Joe Mardjetko on Tuesday night with their money.

OP-SHOP – Clem Joyce

Over the next few weeks, there are vacancies in the Op-Shop rosters, as staff take leave. Clem has provided details of the immediate vacancies (October 1 through October 19) later in this bulletin. All members were asked to assist to ensure all vacancies were covered. Please see Clem on TUESDAY NIGHT – September 29, and let him know which shifts YOU can cover.

BUSHFIRE RELIEF UP-DATE – Sue Bishop

Sue reported on her visit to Healesville on Saturday September 12, where a number of initiatives were being publically recognized by Christine Nixon, and awards made for the work undertaken in this devastated community. Sue told us of the re-vegetation programs, the construction of the Bluescope Steel shed and the furniture supplied by IKEA – both initiatives developed by the Rotary Clubs of Alexandra and Healesville. A playground had been built, and new dwellings were under construction. Things are happening, but Sue said there was a long, long way to go before the township could consider to be any near what it was, if ever.

Sue also drew members attention to the planned fellowship week-end being scheduled for November, by Geoff Iles, and sought further support for the township of Healesville.

SERGEANT – Kath Binns

Sergeant Kath opened with a fine on those members with tickets to the Grand Final, and then perhaps the follow-up fine for those who didn't have tickets. A fine too for those NOT

attending the NEW GENERATIONS Seminar on Sunday (27/9). Any member who had not listened to the Clun broadcast on 94.1 FM, on a Friday evening. A fine (avoided) by the bulletin editor for his use of an alternative thesaurus when compiling the bulletin. Geoff Weeks paid his Welcome Back fine. Robert Leach for keeping ducklings in his back yard. Clem paid for Judy's birthday fine. Steve Dardamanis- late fine. And as a cross fine, Vincent Li wanted to fine all doctors (John Booth) for wanting late scripts filled.

LAST WEEK'S GUEST SPEAKER

In introducing our Guest Speaker – Tim Adam, chairman David Tolstrup provided an insight into Tim's 'real job' as a Partner at Moores Legal (prominent Legal Practice in Box Hill).

But as well as Tim does in his legal pursuits, he was this evening going to discuss his passion for sport, and more particularly The Footy Almanac – an annual publication, to which Tim is one of the authors.

Tim has a general passion for sport, having played football and cricket for Hawthorn, and has travelled the world pursuing his sports interests – one of which is Test Cricket.

But tonight Tim wanted to talk about the Footy Almanac, which as he said was originally conceived by its writers (John Harmes and Paul Daffey) as THE AFL version of the famous Wisden Cricketers Almanac- a text which would be consulted to settle the many and varied arguments (usually held in Bars), about the finer points of the game.

The AFL Footy Almanac contains match reports – and in the time honoured tradition – 'one week at a time' has been adopted as the format of the book. It is an annual publication, with the 2009 'year-book' being published around the end of November, to allow for the compilation of the Grand Final detail.

Tim regaled us with his experiences one of which concerned his 'payout' on Darren Goldspink – a VFL umpire who was noted for his critical comments to players. It was alleged that the Hawks has missed the Grand Final due to umpiring decisions made by Darren.

The next week, the passionate Tim was at the footy, and noticed the emergency umpire was none other than Darren Goldspink, who was

standing in the players race and was within earshot of the baying public to wit Tim Adam. After an exchange of not so pleasant comments (see ya mug, ya decisions cost you \$20,000!- [for not being elected to the Grand Final Umpires Panel] Darren Goldspink reacted rather angrily. It was later learned that Darren Goldspink had in the previous week received Death Threats, and was justifiably nervous when verbally attacked from the crowd.

But all is not bad with footy, said Tim. He has managed to introduce the finer points of football to his wife, and has enjoyed taking his siblings to the footy. Tim's wife was introduced to the game, when she and Tim went on an exploratory trip to the [non-existent] antique shops in the vicinity of Princes Park, and having *tried* unsuccessfully to locate these non existent antique shops he suggested to his wife that "*as they were in the vicinity of Princes Park, they might as well go to the footy*". Such was the devious [but successful] way Tim's wife was introduced to footy.

Tim has travelled the world to attend sporting events – the latest being the Ashes Series in England, but he has also watched the World Cup Soccer and told us of his experience in having to buy a scalped ticket to the game, with the first victory being to get into the game undetected by the electronic scanners at the ground, but secondly to take in the atmosphere and excitement and experiencing the very real passion, emotion and delight that Australia won.

Kathy Freeman's win at the Sydney Olympics too was another very exciting moment charged with emotion and joy.

Harking back to the Ashes series, one observation Tim made about TEAM and how important that sentiment is in a cohesive combination of members of the same squad, was drawn home to Tim when he noticed the Australian Cricket Team board one coach, wives and girl-friends on the second coach, and then he noticed Michael Clarke and Lara Bingle drive off in a sports car.....TEAM.....hardly cohesive.

In closing the presentation, Tim thanked the Club for the invitation to be Guest Speaker this evening.

Any members wanting to know more about the 2009 VFL Almanac should visit the website www.footyalmanac.com.au

David Tolstrup, in thanking Tim for his entertaining and informative discussion on 'matters sporting' and made the usual presentation to Tim as a small memento of his visit with us.



WEEKLY RAFFLE DRAW – Joe Mardjetko

Winning number this week was 34 – winner David Tolstrup.

In closing the meeting, President Tom thanked both chairman David Tolstrup and our Guest Speaker Tim Adam for their contributions, and reminded all members of the NEW GENERATIONS Seminar being held on Sunday September 27 at Croydon.

URGENT HELP PLEASE – OP SHOP VACANCIES !

The OP-Shop needs YOUR HELP.

Op Shop Vacancies needing to be filled in the near future:

Thursday October 1 - PM
Thursday October 8 - PM
Friday October 9 - AM
Monday October 12 - PM
Thursday October 15 - PM
Monday October 19 - PM

Please check your diary and advise Clem Joyce by Tuesday Night, September 29, the times/dates YOU can help – thanks.

NEW GENERATIONS SEMINAR – SUNDAY September 27

The following report contains an overview of the several excellent presentations from the many young speakers who addressed an audience from our District on the composition, benefits, life changing experiences, and awareness of self these young people had engendered as the result of having attended some of Rotary's Youth Programs.

DG David Forster opened the meeting by suggesting that far too often we tend to look at the New Generations programs in isolation, rather than as part of an overall collective suite of events which will bring the young people in touch with Rotary, which is of course the future of our organization.

DG David wanted the seminar participants to discuss openly and factually their experiences with the group, so that members could see some of the very real benefits of involving young people with all Clubs in the District – not by being circulated in District Bulletins, or on Websites, but seeing first hand and listening to those who have been through the programs, the benefits THEY derived from their experiences. It wasn't going to be a Top Down Presentation, but one involving the participants, where each could tell their own story.

First Speaker – Chris (featured at the Hobart Conference earlier this year) spoke of the structure of the **4 Way Test Program**, of which he was the eventual winner. The program, aimed at year 10 students who need deliver a 4 minute speech using the 4 tenants of Rotary to support their argument. Topics are not provided to candidates, and each speaker is judged by a Toastmasters representative, and important feedback given to participants. Chris felt he had benefited enormously from his involvement as it had given him greater self confidence in himself, and as a public speaker. Chris said one of the major aspects for him was that it opened his eyes to Rotary and what we were doing around the world, and he encouraged all clubs to sponsor a year 10 student in the program.

MASH run a simplified version for Primary Schools by involving primary schools in their area, and Toastmasters judging the event, and providing feedback to candidates. In this program the topics are provided to schools, who by a process of elimination deliver up 2 candidates to partake in the finals. Rotary gets

involved in the finals by awarding certificates to all finalists, with the winner receiving a trophy and the runner up a book voucher. The program targets students in years 5 and 6 at the Primary School level.

Mick spoke of his **NYSE** experience, and how he had benefited not only from the networking which was now available to him, but also in being exposed to high caliber persons working in fields in which he had an interest. As one simple example, he said the visit to the Hydro-Electric scheme was conducted by engineers, rather than tour guides, and he was able to learn much about the engineering involved in the project rather than just the number of megalitres of water which passed through the system, or the amount of electricity generated – facts he said he could get from books. Further, in some of the geological labs he saw, and touched one of the oldest rocks in the world (3.9bn years), and in the physics labs being able to openly discuss with the professors the differing outcomes from planets with a high carbon/oxygen mix, as opposed to other systems with a lower carbon make-up. Clearly this young man had some experiences which he said are just not available to High School students, and these have broadened his future objectives. He felt this program offered him a great introduction to University, and also gave him an opportunity to discuss at a higher level science aspects of interest to him – just as a direct result of the people he met on the NYSE.

Brooke spoke of her 1998 experience as a **YEP** participant to Switzerland, as a 17 year old student. She felt the YEP experience had changed her outlook on life, having been deeply immersed in the culture of another country, and meeting so many of the Swiss people. She said she felt one of the major benefits in her exchange was the fact she was isolated in Switzerland – during her stay no other exchange students were nearby, so it enabled her to fully immerse herself in the culture. YEP should not turn into a tourist junket, she said. She believed she gained most from her experience because she was not 'distracted' from this core value. The YEP experience changed her outlook on life, and so delighted was she to have been on the program that she intends to give her daughter (new-born), when she turns 15 – a YEP application form, so that she too can experience the wondrous nature of

the program. Brooke was also selected to participate in the 2007 GSE team to tour Sweden/Latvia, and she said many of the things she had learned on the initial YEP trip had been to her benefit in conquering the tasks on the GSE trip. Both programs had provided an excellent insight into the working of Rotary, and the professional way Rotary conducts its various programs.

ED.....For the sake of brevity, I'll hold the discussion on YSE, MUNA, ROTARACT, RYLA, CAMP AWAKENINGS, and RYPEN until next week's bulletin. In the mean-time if some of these acronyms are NOT familiar to you, please take the time to do some research, so that next week, you will be able to read with understanding, and enthusiasm about these programs.

ATTENDANCE

Total Attendance:	30
Club Members:	28
Partners:	1
Visitors & Visiting Rotarians:	NIL
Guest Speaker:	Tim Adam
Apologies:	David D'Silva, Trevor Donegan, Geoff Iles, Colin Johnson, Carol Pawsey, Geoff Swain, Paul Wheelton
Leave of Absence:	Tim Lynn
Make ups:	Robert Leach, Sue Bishop (2)

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Ed's Wisdom !

OK.....OK, many of us have been thinking about the membership challenge and the thought provoking messages revealed by Ed over recent weeks, BUT.....(the oft question asked in business).....Where to from here?

Having had a discussion with a candidate you think may be interested in becoming a member of OUR Club and having received a favourable response, what do I do now. The answers are simply answered, said Ed. Turn to pages 27, 28 and 29 of your copy of the Club Handbook (its opposite the Budget Ad.....*that should cost you Paul!*) and take a quick read of the procedures and requisites you should follow to take that next step of introducing your colleague to OUR Club.

Feedback from some members has suggested they didn't know what the procedures were for introducing new potential members to OUR Club..... so Now YOU Know, said Ed.

If there are any doubts, or queries you still may have, ask say The President, or The Secretary, they WILL be able to help you.

CLUB REQUIREMENTS FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

All members should read and take appropriate action to ensure the Nominating Committee is formed as outlined below. Discuss any concerns you may have with Acting Secretary David, or President Tom.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee consists of:

- President [Chairman]
- Immediate Past President
- President Elect
- Two [2] other Members. No person who has served on the Nominating Committee twice in the preceding five years is eligible for election to the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee shall deliberate and put forward nominations for:

- President Elect
- Vice President
- Treasurer

An appropriate timetable for this process is:

- Nominations close at 7.45pm on the second meeting Tuesday in September
- Nominations shall be made on the form available from the Secretary.
- A ballot [if required] shall take place on the fourth Tuesday in September
- The Nominating Committee will have its first meeting by October 7th and shall report its nominations to the Club by October 28th.

Election of Office Bearers:

Elections will be held on at the AGM for the positions of:

- President Elect
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Two Directors for two years
- Either an Art Show or Opportunity Shop Director

Nominations for these positions will be called from the Members of the Club at the last meeting in October

The candidates will be those Members selected by the Nominating Committee plus any other candidate duly nominated by two members of the Club.

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**Rotary Club of Box Hill
CLUB PROGRAMME
September / October 2009**



Date	Topic	Speaker	Chair
September			
29 th	Shelterbox	Russell Perry	Rob Fenton
October			
6 th	Rotary Conference	Brian Tyedin	Bruce McKenzie
13 th	Vocational	Geoff Iles	No Chairman
20 th	District Governor Visit	District Governor	Tom Thorpe

**** PLEASE NOTE: If you are unable to fulfil the chair duty on your nominated evening, it would be greatly appreciated if you could arrange a suitable substitute. ****

CLUB DUTY ROSTER

Date	Desk	Greeter	Grace / Toast
September			
29 th	Geoff Weeks Greg Paine	Geoff Swain	Clem Joyce
October			
6 th	Ray Riehm Steve Dardamanis	George McLean	Greg Paine
13 th	Vocational	No Greeter	
20 th	Paul Wheelton Ray McLeod-Dryden	David D'Silva	Ross McPhail

**** PLEASE NOTE: If you are unable to fulfill the allocated duty on the occasion, it would be helpful if you could arrange a "swap" with another person listed.**

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Date	Member	Event
October		
2 nd	Ray Harding	Member's Birthday
3 rd	Merv Agnew	Wedding Anniversary
5 th	David Tolstrup	Induction Anniversary

