



# ROTARY CLUB OF BOX HILL



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## A Message from the President

By now October is well under way and with October comes Vocational Service month. Each of these designated months gives us an opportunity to look at ourselves in the light of that particular service. Vocational Service encourages Rotarians to serve others through their vocations and practice high ethical standards.

Vocational Service is Rotary's second of the four of Avenues of Service and a very important one. Even so Vocational Service does not appear as glamorous as the other Rotary activities and instead of being second top service it tends to get shunted to the bottom of the pile which is a pity because it forms part of the basis for the formation of Rotary.

"Each Rotarian is a connecting link between the idealism of Rotary and his (or her) trade or profession". So wrote Paul Harris in his autobiography "My Road to Rotary". In our busy life today and with the changes occurring in technology, work practices and training, Vocational Service is as important and probably more so than ever before.

As in the other Avenues of Service there are many activities involved in Vocational Service – activities such as Literacy Programs, Rotary Volunteer programs, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), Shine On Awards, which are for people with disabilities who have overcome that disability and given service to the community, Apprenticeship and Citizenship Awards and Careers advice and possibly more. As well as these there are several Rotary Fellowships such as Cycling, Music and many more. Please refer to page 23 in the District Handbook for a list of these Fellowships and contacts.

This Rotary year our Cluster Clubs will be hosts to the "Shine On Awards" and hopefully we at Box Hill will once again be able to find a suitable entrant for one of these inspiring awards. More about "Shine On Awards" at a later date. Our club has also participated in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) and we should again make every effort to find a suitable participant.

In the area of Apprenticeship Awards we have our own prestigious Alan Broadhead Award named after one of our former Presidents and established some years ago. The award is made to the best 1<sup>st</sup> year and best 2<sup>nd</sup> year apprentice and the best vocational student studying under difficulties at the Box Hill Institute of TAFE

Vocational visits are of great value particularly if one can be arranged to a member's place of business such as we have had occasionally. It is beneficial to all club members to see first hand how fellow members occupy their working hours. I am sure our Vocational Director, Geoff Iles, would like to hear from you. Charles Dickens wrote as far back as 1857 in his story "Little Dorrit": 'It is well for a man to respect his own vocation, whatever it is and to think himself bound to uphold it and to claim for it the respect it deserves'. In 2009 'him' can also read as 'her'. Think about your vocation and its connection to Rotary. There is an excellent message from International President John Kenny on page 5 of the October Rotary Down Under magazine referring to Vocational Service.

Yours in Rotary,

*Tom Thorpe*

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Sergeant Kath called the meeting to order and asked Greg Paine to lead with the Rotary Grace and the Loyal Toast.

Sergeant Kath then handed the meeting to President Tom for his opening remarks. President Tom welcomed our Guest Speaker – Brian Tyedin – Assistant Governor, from the Templestowe Club, as well as Roger Wilson from the Nunawading Club, and partners Judy Joyce and Jenny Leach. A welcome back was also extended to Treasurer Trevor Donegan. President Tom presented International Service Chairman, Vincent Li with a certificate of appreciation from Australian Rotary Health for the recently conducted Mental Health Forum. Both Ray McLeod-Dryden and Vincent Li were instrumental in organizing the event, which was considered to be very successful.



**Ray McLeod-Dryden and Vincent Li with the Certificate of Appreciation from Australian Rotary Health for the Mental Health Forum.**

President Tom also reminded Members of the Whitehorse Spring Festival being held on Sunday October 18, and asked for two volunteers to staff the Rotary Stand from 10.00am to 11.00am.

President Tom then handed the conduct of the meeting to Chairman Bruce McKenzie, who called for the secretary's announcements, together with committee reports.

### ACTING SECRETARY DAVID TOLSTRUP

David advised members that nominations for the Nominating Committee had closed at the

start of the meeting, and the one nominee – Colin Johnson was duly elected. The President and Board will fill the other vacancy on the Nominating Committee. David also told members the Great Rotary Bike Rode was concluding next SATURDAY – October 10. Other details as per the recently circulated Noticeboard. In the absence of Geoff Iles, David reminded members of the vocational trip planned for next Tuesday Night at E & S Trading – 106 Whitehorse Rd, Blackburn. David also issues an invitation, on behalf of The Rotary Club of Ringwood to join with them on SUNDAY, October 25 at the Clarion Hotel (Cnr Canterbury Rd and Springvale Rd), commencing at 12.00 until (say) 3.30pm, for lunch, to celebrate the Club's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Ringwood Club was sponsored by our Club, and George McLean was the Charter President. The cost is \$42 for luncheon with Drinks at Bar Prices. Those members wishing to attend should see David Tolstrup as bookings are essential.

### OP-SHOP CLEM JOYCE

Clem advised members the Op-Shop had responded with 7 bags of clothing which was on forwarded by TAFE on their flight which left earlier today (Oct 6) destination Samoa, following the natural disasters in that area of the Pacific. Clem also thanked members for their assistance in filling the vacancies on the Op-Shop Roster, as result of staff taking leave. Clem needs assistance for Wednesday Oct 14, so if you can help, please give him a call. Clem then presented to President Tom a cheque for \$4000 from September trading which makes the total raised since the shop opened \$343,500.

### MELISSA MARDJETKO

Melissa circulated a list, seeking assistance at the Open Garden Day on Sunday, October 18 at Geoff Iles home. The roster seeks volunteers to take money at the front gate, and to sell coffee and cakes etc.

### COLIN JOHNSON

Colin Johnson also spoke of the Open Gardens day and said he had received an invitation for Club members to visit the home of Alan and Jan Penman (Rotary Club of Ringwood members), at 13 Rodger Rd, Wandin North, also on Sunday October 18.

## **RAY RIEHM – ART SHOW**

Ray advised members that he had this evening circulated to the executive and Art Show committee members several proposals for the conduct of The Art Show next year. The most pressing point concerned a proposal to develop a Calendar, and he asked all recipients to make contact with him by Thursday (Oct 8) regarding this proposal. The other detail could wait until after his return on November 9. Ray will be holidaying in Coolum until then.

## **BRUCE MCKENZIE – ROTARY FOUNDATION SEMINAR**

Bruce reminded members of the up-coming Rotary Foundation Seminar being held on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, arrival at 8.30am at Deakin University – Enter via Gate 1. The program is being held in Lecture Theatre 12. Marshals will guide members to the correct location.

Chairman Bruce then asked Sergeant Kath to conduct the fines session.

## **SERGEANT'S SESSION – KATH BINNS**

All members who went on The Tram Car Restaurant, and particularly Joe Mardjetko (apparently looking at the cooking facilities.....Yeah Joe, and Charlie for nearly missing the tram. Those who ventured back to the Casino after the tram ride had concluded. The bulletin Editor was fined (buy) instead of (by) in last week's bulletin. Footy isn't over, said the Sergeant – a fine for all STORM supporters. Geoff Weeks was fined for his son-in-laws involvement in the possible 70,000 Holdens (Chevrolets) being exported to the USA as Police Cars. Ray Riehm for appearing in last week's bulletin with the Club's cheque for Shelterbox (ED \$11,500 and a timely donation at that!). The Sergeant asked for cross fines and the Bulletin Editor.....with joy(!) fined the Sergeant for failing to pick up the typo in the Birthday list in last week's bulletin.....Ray for Rae.....ED I think that makes the score Sergeant (about) 100 fines on the Bulletin Editor, V's Bulletin Editor on the Sergeant 1.(Not Happy JAN!).

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## **LAST WEEK'S GUEST SPEAKER**

Chairman Bruce then introduced our Guest Speaker – Assistant Governor Brian Tyedin, on his topic – The District Conference.

Brian said to sum up the next District Conference in one word, it will be TERRIFIC.

The conference is being staged in Geelong at Deakin University Waterfront Campus. Being almost local, the venue is an easy 2 hour drive from home, and the venue (COSTA HALL) and surrounding environs are superb.

The Conference officially starts on FRIDAY – FEBRUARY 26 at noon and concludes again on SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 28 at noon. Preceding the opening of the conference is a golf day being conducted on Thursday February 25.

The theme of the Conference is PARTNERSHIPS, and the central venue – COSTA HALL can seat some 1500 persons. The District Governor's aim is to fill the hall.

The cost is \$335 per person, Golf – add \$60, and the PHF and Centurions Cocktail Party add \$25. As far as accommodation goes, we have

already booked a number of rooms at The Mecure Hotel, which is some 3 blocks from the venue.

It WILL be a terrific conference, and the following Guest Speakers have been engaged to inform and enlighten.

**Mr Frank Costa** – President of the Geelong Football Club, entrepreneur, and generous benefactor.

**Sally Capp** – CEO Committee for Melbourne, Former solicitor in Commercial Law and first woman elected to the Collingwood Football Club Board.

**Tim Hurson** – a Renowned Professional in Creative Thinking and Leadership, Consultant to Fortune 500 and FTSE 100 organizations in the USA and Canada.

**Ron Denham** – a Rotarian for 40 Years and chairman of the WASRAG (Water and Sanitation Rotary Action Group)

**Christine Nixon** – Chairman of the Victorian Bushfire Restoration and Recovery Authority, and formerly Chief Commissioner, Victoria Police.

**Peter Hitchener** – Present Anchor of Channel 9 News.

**Major General Ian Gordon** – Deputy Chief of The Army (2004-06).

**Terry McCrann** – Leading Business and Financial Analyst and journalist.

What a Program.

The Friday Night will be a Club Night – a great opportunity for Club fellowship.

On Saturday Night – a Gala Ball – the theme – ROTARY ROCKS – open to a wide variety of interpretations, and there will be a great prize for the best presented Club.

The Club can get involved in several ways during the Conference – A Club Photograph for use during the roll call; a 2 minute news reel highlighting details of a Club Project; Assist the District Organizers with finding New Sponsors for the Conference and by Maximizing Club participation at the conference by having as many members attend as possible.

District Conference is a GREAT way to learn about the things Rotary is doing on a world scale, as well as what other Clubs are doing in our District. At this point Judy Joyce rose to reinforce this point, by calling on all new members, and members wives to attend the Conference – it is a WONDERFUL experience, she said, and people will gain so much knowledge and be more confident when speaking about what Rotary IS and what it DOES.

Bruce indicated that prior to this evening he had indications from 10 couples they would attend, with another 10 on the probable list.

Bruce will receive the Registration forms from District within the next few weeks, and ALL members were asked to seriously consider their attendance. Travel time, distance and cost should not be factors in your decision, as the program is being staged at Geelong.

**BE THERE!**



**Chairman PDG Bruce McKenzie thanks Asst Governor Brian Tyedin for his "District Conference" Presentation**

Chairman Bruce then asked the Fundraising Chairman to conduct the weekly raffle. Number 29 held by Greg Paine was the winner.

Chairman Bruce then handed the control of the meeting back to President Tom.

Tom thanked Brian Tyedin for his informative presentation, and he asked all members to seriously consider attending the Conference. Members were asked to make contact with Bruce McKenzie to ensure sufficient accommodation was available. It looks like being a great conference, said Tom.

Tom also thanked Roger Wilson, and Judy Joyce and Jenny Leach for attending the meeting.

Tom then also reminded the members of the following important up-coming events, and these are:

- Whitehorse Farmers Market – **October 11.**
- Vocational Visit to E & S Trading, 106 Whitehorse Rd, Blackburn – **October 13** – arrival at 6.00pm
- Board Meeting at David Tolstrup's home – after Vocational visit – **October 13**
- Rotary Foundation Seminar – Deakin University – **October 18.**
- Whitehorse Spring Festival – **October 18.**
- Open Gardens Day at Geoff Iles home – **October 18.**
- Open Gardens Day at Alan and Jan Penman's home – **October 18.**
- District Governor's Visit – **October 20**

A busy month ahead!

Tom then closed the meeting.

The following article concludes our report on the New Generations Seminar.

### NEW GENERATIONS SEMINAR SEPTEMBER 27 (Part 3)

The first of final group of speakers at the above seminar were Simon and Sandi and their topic **CAMP AWAKENING** – a program sponsored by The Rotary Club of Aspendale. Camp Awakenings is aimed at school children in Year 9 (14-15 year olds), and the program was described as a junior leaders program, and as an ideal lead in to the RYPEN and RYLA programs at a later date. The program targets 'ordinary everyday' pupils, and the students do not have to have demonstrated a particular leadership style. The candidates need to be somewhat self supporting types, as the program is not designed for students requiring a high level of support. The program strives to make the candidates aware that Now is the time to take control of Your life, and to equip them to start looking forward, and setting their own directional paths. It encourages students to adopting positive attitudes, and to start taking responsibility for their own actions.

The program is held on the Mothers' Day Week-end each year, with the cost per attendee being \$190. The program can handle between 50-60 students for the week-end, and the counselors from Camp Awakening will handle the recruitment of attendees from schools. Rotary Clubs wishing to have students enrolled in the program which is held at Mount Eliza, should in the first instance discuss the program with particular High Schools, and then pass the referral to the Camp Awakenings staff for follow-up.

The next speaker was Jim Sly from **RYPEN**. This program is aimed at the 14-17 year old students and is conducted at Mount Evelyn. As the name suggests it is a program of enrichment and aims to enliven the Team Work aspects of life, adding to the store of personal skills of participants and assist in the development of Leadership skills of the candidates. The program is held in May each year. The program develops self awareness of the students, and provides them with a life vision which can be used in Job Interviews, Job seeking, as well as in everyday life situations. The instructors for each program are drawn from previous participants, and in this way the communication is directed at the level of the students, and not a 'top-down' approach.

In summing up the morning Seminar, DG David Forster said it was obvious from all of the speakers that there was a great deal of enthusiasm which permeated each of the presentations, and all programs were aimed at developing that most important resource – YOUTH. Awareness, Networking, Personal Growth, Confidence in Self, Opportunities available to candidates, and the enthusiasm

which abounded from the participants in the various programs, was obvious to those who attended the seminar. Rotary Clubs need to be fostering the culture within the Club to work with youth in as many ways possible, because Youth ARE our Future, he said.

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#### ATTENDANCE

Total Attendance:	34
Club Members:	25
Partners:	2
Visitors & Visiting Rotarians:	1 Roger Wilson - Nunawading
Guest Speaker:	1 Brian Tyedin - Templestowe
Apologies:	4 Geoff Iles, Clive Nicholson, Carol Pawsey, Geoff Swain
Leave of Absence:	2 Lloyd Cranwell, Tim Lynn
Make ups:	1 Peter Cummins – PE Seminar

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#### Ed's Wisdom !

Since this series started, we have been focusing on what we can do to gain new members for Our Club.

To continue this very worthwhile theme, and this week, we are proposing that you offer a colleague who you believe would make a great member of our Rotary Club, a visit with us to one of our meetings. Your guest, can come as a Guest of the Club, and in arranging these visits, be sure to advise Merv Agnew that you will have a visitor that evening. Ideally, pick an evening where we have a great speaker – one with community interest, and one to which your guest can readily associate. Introduce your guest to the President, and The Secretary, and explain to them the format of the evening.

In business (and we all know this!) – a first impression is a lasting impression, so make your guest feel comfortable in his 'new surroundings' – buy him a drink, and mix easily with your fellow members. Make your guest feel welcome as if he or she was **At Your Place**.

**The big key IS TO ASK SOMEONE.....after all, someone ASKED YOU.**

That's the way membership CAN be increased.

***With the District Conference coming up in February next year, WHY NOT ASK A PROSPECTIVE MEMBER TO THE CONFERENCE – WHAT A GREAT WAY TO PROMOTE ROTARY AND ALL ITS PROGRAMS. Member prices apply, and you will need to make contact with Bruce McKenzie about accommodation requirements.***

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The following message from District Governor David Forster is a timely advice for us all.

## **Advisory: Fire Action Week**

### **What is Fire Action Week?**

*Fire Action Week was announced by the Premier in August as a whole of state effort to plan and prepare for the coming fire season. Fire Action Week will run from October 11 - 18.*

*Its focus is on raising awareness of the coming fire season and encouraging Victorians to prepare for the season.*

*During Fire Action Week, Victorians are encouraged to identify their fire risk, prepare their fire plans, clear vegetation from their properties and local communities, and get involved in fire safety and/or community fireguard meetings in their local area.*

*Fire Action Week is a call to action for all Victorians, no matter where they live, to:*

- *prepare for the coming fire season*
- *identify their fire risk*
- *prepare their own properties and work with neighbours and communities to be Fire Ready.*

### **Key messages for Fire Action Week**

*The following key messages may be used for Fire Action Week:*

- *All of Victoria is at fire risk this year, and we are facing a potentially worse fire season than last year.*
- *Fire Action Week is the time to start planning and preparing for the fire season, if you haven't already done so.*
- *You should have a written fire plan that details what you and your family will do if threatened by fires.*
- *Your fire plan is a combination of preparation and a plan of action. It must include practical steps to protect all members of the family, including children, the elderly and the vulnerable.*
- *Write down your fire plan, share it with all in your household, and practise it regularly.*
- *Prepare your house or property for fires. Even if you plan to leave, your home must be well prepared. A well-prepared house with defensible space has a greater chance of surviving.*
- *Remove or reduce items near your home that can burn including vegetation. The larger this cleared space, the greater the chance your house will survive a fire. Check with your local council.*
- *CFAs new household self-assessment tool will help you determine if you have enough defensible space around your home. Visit [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au) or call the VBIL on 1800 240 667 to get a copy.*
- *Find out more about planning and preparing for fires from your local fire safety community meetings, CFA Community Fireguard groups, and council. Start by visiting [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au).*

### **How to get involved in Fire Action Week**

*Below is a list of things all Victorians can do to get involved in Fire Action Week. They include taking part in the planned event and activities by referring to the events calendar, getting a copy of the Fire Action Week supplements, and taking part in 'Prepare to be Fire Ready' day on Sunday, October 18.*

## **Activities and Events calendar**

- Events and activities are being organised across the state for Fire Action Week.
- These range from events in schools, in neighbourhoods, at local councils or with the local fire brigade.
- All people in Victoria are encouraged to find out more and take part in these events and activities to get better informed about being Fire Ready.
- An online calendar of events is being developed, and will be ready in coming days. A link to this events calendar will be available on the CFA website: [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au)

## **Fire Action Week supplements**

- Fire Action Week supplements will run in newspapers throughout the state in the week of October 11-18, culminating in a 'Prepare to be Fire Ready' day on Sunday, October 18.
- These supplements will raise awareness across Victoria about the high-risk outlook for the coming fire season and the critical need to prepare for the coming fire season.

Newspapers distributing the Fire Action Week supplements are:

- The Herald Sun
- The Leader group of newspapers
- The Geelong Advertiser
- The Age
- Fairfax Community Newspapers
- The Mighty V Group of newspapers
- The Victorian Country Press Association newspapers

## **Take part in Prepare to be Fire Ready day**

'Prepare to be Fire Ready' day on Sunday, October 18 is a whole-of-state working bee for all Victorians to plan and prepare for the coming fire season. It's simple to get involved in the day:

- Participate in a clean-up activity in your local area.
- Develop your fire plan.
- Start clearing around your home and property. For more information visit [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au) or contact your local council
- Contact your local fire brigade to find out about community meetings in your area

## **For more information**

For more information on how to get fire ready, visit the CFA website at [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au)

As mentioned above, many of you will already have existing relationships with your local CFA and will be aware of their preparations and programs. Please work with them where requested to assist them prepare for the coming season as part of your Community Service.

For those of you well away from Bushfire prone areas, the above is good general community information in any event.

Regards

**David Forster**  
Governor 2009/10



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



Date	Topic	Speaker	Chair
October			
13 <sup>th</sup>	Vocational	E & S Trading	Geoff Iles
20 <sup>th</sup>	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
October			
13 <sup>th</sup>	Vocational	N/A	N/A
20 <sup>th</sup>	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		
13 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Pawsey	Wedding Anniversary
17 <sup>th</sup>	Joe Mardjetko	Induction Anniversary
19 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Leach	Induction Anniversary
19 <sup>th</sup>	Joe Mardjetko	Members Birthday

