



## President Pete's Report

How can you possibly call it AUSTERE when you're out enjoying a humble "Sausage Sanger & Salad" with your mates at the "SHACK"! It was just such a great night and so well organised by Stephen Wright and his Team.



The highlight of the night was to both see and hear the SHACK in ACTION! Whilst the local Kids manned the Barbie to cook up a feast! Manager, Jackie Petit, provided us all with an insight and update into what exciting events the SHACK has achieved over the past twelve months to benefit the progression of our local youth's wellbeing and their future career prospects. In recognition of the SHACK's terrific work it was recently awarded a "Business of the Year Award" for "KICKSTART", a program designed to assist youth into genuine employment opportunities. In many a case now the SHACK has been instrumental in breaking that dreaded cycle of a disenfranchised kid, destined for a life of CRIME into a person with a higher degree of personal self esteem and drive to "MAKE A DIFFERENCE" in their community.

### *So what is the SHACK?*

The Shack helps young people to help themselves. Through providing support to the youth of Epping and its districts on issues ranging from child abuse to drug & alcohol addiction and beyond, the aim of the centre is to help young people regain their lives and reach their full potential. The Shack provides counselling and support services to teenagers, free of charge, and where possible works with families to help resolve conflicts and recreate a supportive family environment.

As "Local Rotarian's", we have a clear mission and responsibility to better foster and improve the well being of our local youth. We can easily achieve this goal by continuing to strongly support the SHACK'S PROGRAMS, both financially and in kind to just give all our "**KIDS a DECENT and BETTER KICKSTART IN LIFE**"!

The Rotary theme for September is YOUTH, so please don't miss being at our next meeting to hear from the RYLA Chairman, Bob Erskine, who will give us an organisers perspective on the Rotary Youth Leadership Award.

Cheers

*President Pete*

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The Epping Mission Statement...

*"To improve the well being of our community and foster international understanding through action by Epping club members embracing Rotary ideals"*

## CLUB MEETINGS CALENDAR

**EPPING ROTARY MEETS EACH MONDAY 6.15 FOR 6.30**  
**BORONIA GROVE RAWSON STREET EPPING**  
*Apologies to Neil Anderson 9876 1676 by midday Monday*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Avenue of Service</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> September	RYLA - An organiser's perspective Bob Erskine (RYLA Chairman)	Youth	Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Primary School Debate Final	Youth	
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Monza-Ovest Night	International	Trattoria restaurant <b>Partners Night</b>
Mon 1st October	Labour Day Public Holiday No Meeting	-	-
Mon 8th October			
Mon 15th October	Rotaract Kevin Moloney and Holly Daly	Youth	
Mon 22nd October	CGHS vs EBHS Debate	Youth	At Beecroft Club
Thurs. 1st November	Inaugural Achieve Ball Waterview Restaurant Homebush	Community	Support The Achieve Foundation
Mon 3rd December	AGM and District Governor's Visit - Our own DG Monica	Club	
Mon 10th December	Family Christmas Night	Club	
Mon 17th December	Members Christmas Night	Club	
<b><i>Social &amp; Service</i></b>			
Sat/Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup> September	District Conference Planning weekend at Bathurst	Club	Graham Stevens

## What's on this week?

### RYLA – An Organiser's Perspective

RYLA Chairman Bob Erskine

RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) is a one week leadership training seminar for young adults 18 -26 years. Clubs are asked to select and sponsor participants with leadership potential, to provide transport to and from Vision Valley and to be represented at the official RYLA/Rotary dinner during the week.

# Who is our Club going to send to



## Rotary Youth Leadership Awards?

A professional development seminar  
for young leaders and potential leaders  
aged between 18 and 26 years  
who are given the opportunity  
to be challenged and inspired.

RYLA takes place from 12th - 18th January 2008  
District RYLA/Rotary Dinner is on Tuesday 15 January  
at Vision Valley

Nominations are due by 28 September 2007

Mail nominations to: The RYLA Committee  
Rotary Club of Gladesville  
PO Box 303 Gladesville 1675

"The Rotary Youth Leadership Award is a personal and professional development programme that gives young people the opportunity to shine, recognises the best young leaders of today and empowers them with the tools to create change in their community and world."

*RYLArians don't wait for tomorrow,  
they take the challenge today!"*

RYLA 08 is coordinated by the Rotary Clubs of  
Gladesville, Glenhaven and St Ives

### **CONTACT**

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# Secretary

## BOARD MEETING

At a short meeting of members of the Board present at our Austerity Night meeting, it was unanimously endorsed that, due to Ross Hinton and Roger Dunn having to stand down from the Board, that Stephen Wright (Vocational) and John Payne (Youth) be appointed as Directors for the remainder of the 2007-08 Rotary year.

## CLUB DIRECTORY BOOKLETS

Club Directory Booklets for 2007/08 have been handed out and will be available over the coming weeks. Tony Castley has once again printed the booklets for us.

**Peter Tugwell**  
Secretary

# International Service Report

## GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE (GSE)

The Closing date for applications to be a team member of GSE teams to Michigan and New Jersey has been extended to the 7th of September.

### What can you do?

Nominate someone aged between 25 – 40 who would like to advance their career and meet colleagues sharing similar professions in Michigan or New Jersey USA in April/March 2008.

**Olga Scaramuzzi**  
International Service Director

# Youth Service Report

## PRIMARY SCHOOL DEBATES

The final will be held at Boronia Grove next Monday 17th September at our Rotary Club meeting.

The final will be between Epping Public School and Roselea Public School, who will both be competing for the Roy Sadler Trophy.

The topic for the final is ...  
"That Technology Has Changed Our Lives for the Worse."



## NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM

*DG Monica Saville reports....*

Sixteen talented senior high school students from District 9680 have been selected to attend the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra in January.

At their recent briefing at the University of Western Sydney District 9680 NYSF Chairman, David O'Connell said "The two week experience will give students an insight into studying science and engineering at university level, an opportunity to learn about future careers in these fields and will introduce them to a network of researchers, industry sponsors and fellow students from around Australia."

In her speech at the briefing which include students from both D9680 and D9690, parents, teachers and Rotarians, DG Monica Saville described to the students what Rotary is, what it does in the world and what are some of Rotary's Youth programs.

Monica was also pleased to host Epping's two candidates, Holstein Wong and Rory Tarno-Mordi at the reception during the evening. Rory and Holstein must have impressed the District interviewing panel as they have been chosen as two of 288 students Australia wide from approximately 2,000 applicants.

Sponsoring D9680 clubs are Baulkham Hills, Belrose, Castle Hill, Chatswood, Epping, Kellyville, Northbridge, North Ryde, Ourimbah / Gosford North, Roseville Chase, Rydalmere, Wahroonga, West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook, and Winston Hills.

**John Payne**  
**Youth Service Director**



## Flash Jack

**SO, THIS IS AUSTERITY!?**

President Pete with Vanessa and Jacki from The Shack

Get a load of Flash Jack with a sausage in his hand,  
A sausage with tomato sauce, with bread and butter too, of course,  
And salad heaped up on his plate, onions, mushies ... Ain't it grand?  
Two plastic cups filled to the brim to which he had recourse  
Before the sweet black forest cake. One sausage doth not dinner make,  
Nor supper, nor in fact, a little nibble on the side.  
My friends, I tell you now, this thing, austerity, is what I can't abide.  
There was he (I'm talking Jack), with all his mates down at *The Shack*  
Which is located, neatly tucked away, in Pembroke Street;  
And there's a church, real big, and those Rotarians were round the back.  
I know those blokes and those girls thought that Monday night was neat.  
And who am I to point the bone at that? But let me ask:  
Where the chunky chicken hot tandoori, or the lasagna in its soggy glory?  
All the extra grouse and cordon bleu that's served up specially for you  
On Monday nights? How can a meagre sausage quite fulfil the task  
Of nurturing the growing lads and lasses? If you grew  
Up on Vegemite or bread and dripping or on lovely tripe,  
How could you, in all fairness, look a sausage in the face?  
My mate, Flash Jack, out back at *The Shack*, must surely have a gripe  
And he'll remember, you can bet, that annual austerity's not in the race  
To fill him with sincerity when called upon for singing Rotary Grace!

Flash Jack

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# Out & About with Paul & Stan

**DG Update.** It was pleasing to meet up with District Governor Monica last Monday evening during our visit to The Shack. We hear that Monica has visited thirty five clubs so far and has another thirty two visits to go. We hear also that in addition she has attended twenty plus changeovers and other club functions. Our reporter was pleased to hear that variety in speechmaking is her order of the day so it is not quite the same speech that she delivers on each occasion to her listeners. And so her busy year continues.

**A Shack and its Work..** It is quite some time since some members of our club have visited The Shack .To be sure we have heard about it ,yet not have visited it in more recent days and what an impressive change is evident. In its past life the accommodation was small and quite confined, compared to the new building which is quite spacious, bright and well equipped and more conducive in assisting about 1500 young people visiting The Shack each year - some seeking help in their daily lives, some needing a place to hang out and enjoy the company of others. Jackie Pettit, manager, during our visit there last Monday evening, explained operational details of the organization, such as financial support, how the centre is giving help to young people and spoke about the facilities and equipment available to make a real contribution to the welfare of those that visit and find solace there. Surely a centre with a new dimension and worthy of our support.

**New Directors.** The announcement by President Peter of the appointment of new directors of the club last Monday evening was greeted with applause by those in attendance. Stephen Wright has been appointed Vocational Director, replacing PP Ross Hinton and PP John Payne has been appointed Youth Director replacing Roger Dunn. Stephen joined the club in June this year and for one so new in Rotary that is an outstanding achievement. His contribution to the arrangements for our function at The Shack was so competently done, augurs well for a successful directorial year for him and also for the club. Now, for PP John what more can we say! His outstanding talents, competencies and glorious past history speaks so loudly we are sure that Youth Service is in the right hands and will result in a successful year also.

**Young People at the Coal Face.**(From Rotaract in Action-RDU September 2007)

Members of Rotaract are contributing in Ghana. The Rotaract Club of Knust, Ghana's Leukaemia Awareness Drive is creating community awareness of leukaemia , raising funds for treatment and research and helping expand an African registry of bone marrow donors. A great effort from a group of 18-30 Year olds. Don't you think?

## Anniversaries and Birthdays

Membership Anniversaries      No birthdays this week

Michael Denham	September	11	12 Years
Peter Slattery	September	13	8 Years

### Advance Australia Fair

*Australians all let us rejoice,  
For we are young and free,  
We've golden soil and wealth for toil,  
Our home is girt by sea.  
Our land abounds in nature's gifts,  
Of beauty rich and rare,  
In history's page, let every stage  
Advance Australia Fair.  
In joyful strains then let us sing,  
Advance Australia Fair.*

### Rotary Grace

*O Lord and giver of all good,  
We thank thee for our daily food,  
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways,  
Help us to serve thee all our days.*

## Notes: