



# ROTARY CLUB of CLAYTON Inc.

District 9810 Victoria, Australia

## Weekly Bulletin 2010-2011

Meets every Monday from 6:30pm at L'unico Restaurant  
319 Clayton Road, Clayton (Melways 79C2)  
(No meeting on public holidays)



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### Upcoming Club Program

Date	Speaker	Chairperson	Desk	Visitors
31 <sup>st</sup> January	Robbie Burns Night with Craig Merson	Lesley Zuccaro	Ralph Zuccaro	Georges Ah-Tye
7 <sup>th</sup> February	Strengthening Clayton & Clarinda - Colin Bostock, Place Manager	Ralph Zuccaro	Georges Ah-Tye	Ed Allchin
14 <sup>th</sup> February	Indian Wedding highlights - Reddy Kandadi	Georges Ah-Tye	Ed Allchin	John Barnes

### Presidents Report

After the disruptions of the Christmas break, we dive straight into fundraising next week with the Ladies Golf parking. The rosters have been mailed out so please check them.

The Adelaide Conference is fast approaching, it is recommended especially for the newer members. Have you booked yet? Details have been in our bulletin, we are holding top accommodation that is right opposite the venue.

Last Monday we looked at Australia Day, its history, what it stands for and how people would be celebrating it.

Next Monday we look at a slightly older celebration, this time for a person who, 251 years after his birth has dinners in his honour still being held worldwide. His birthday on Jan 25<sup>th</sup> is celebrated in an astonishingly large number of countries and our Scottish members Craig and Katherine will explain how and why. We refer to the birth of Robbie Burns, a Scottish Poet and song writer whose work drew deeply from Scottish lore. Almost everybody in the world knows at least some of his work. Our meeting will celebrate his birth and work so we suggest that it might be appropriate to wear or bring some kind of Tartan or Scottish item just to round out the evening.

Bill Sides

## Rotary Four Way Test

"Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the Truth?
2. Is it Fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?"

## Who is Robbie Burns?

Born in Alloway, Ayrshire, in 1759 to William Burness, a poor tenant farmer, and Agnes Broun, Robert Burns was the eldest of seven. He spent his youth working his father's farm, but in spite of his poverty he was extremely well read - at the insistence of his father, who employed a tutor for Robert and younger brother Gilbert. At 15 Robert was the principal worker on the farm and this prompted him to start writing in an attempt to find "some kind of counterpoise for his circumstances." It was at this tender age that Burns penned his first verse, "My Handsome Nell", which was an ode to the other subjects that dominated his life, namely scotch and women.



When his father died in 1784, Robert and his brother became partners in the farm. However, Robert was more interested in the romantic nature of poetry than the arduous graft of ploughing and, having had some misadventures with the ladies (resulting in several illegitimate children, including twins to the woman who would become his wife, Jean Armour), he planned to escape to the safer, sunnier climes of the West Indies.

However, at the point of abandoning farming, his first collection "Poems- Chiefly in the Scottish Dialect - Kilmarnock Edition" (a set of poems essentially based on a broken love affair), was published and received much critical acclaim. This, together with pride of parenthood, made him stay in Scotland. He moved around the country, eventually arriving in Edinburgh, where he mingled in the illustrious circles of the artists and writers who were agog at the "Ploughman Poet."

In a matter of weeks he was transformed from local hero to a national celebrity, fussed over by the Edinburgh literati of the day, and Jean Armour's father allowed her to marry him, now that he was no longer a lowly wordsmith. Alas, the trappings of fame did not bring fortune and he took up a job as an exciseman to supplement the meagre income. Whilst collecting taxes he continued to write, contributing songs to the likes of James Johnston's "Scot's Musical Museum" and George Thomson's "Select Collection of Original Scottish Airs." In all, more than 400 of Burns' songs are still in existence.

The last years of Burns' life were devoted to penning great poetic masterpieces such as The Lea Rig, Tam O'Shanter and a Red, Red Rose. He died aged 37 of heart disease exacerbated by the hard manual work he undertook when he was young. His death occurred on the same day as his wife Jean gave birth to his last son, Maxwell.

On the day of his burial more than 10,000 people came to watch and pay their respects. However, his popularity then was nothing compared to the heights it has reached since.

On the anniversary of his birth, Scots both at home and abroad celebrate Robert Burns with a supper, where they address the haggis, the ladies and whisky. A celebration which would undoubtedly make him proud.

## THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

1. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
2. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
3. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
4. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

## Last Meeting & Notes

### Last Meeting (24/01):

This week we had an Australia Day Theme meeting back at Lunicos. Bill Sides started the meeting with a special toast to our country Australia and Rotary International. Bill then spoke briefly about the history of Australia Day and what are the many celebrations performed on the day. (See last weeks bulletin for the history of Australia Day).

Bill then handed the meeting over to Glenys Pattison who spoke about the history of the lyrics to Advance Australia Fair. The lyrics for Advance Australia Fair were composed by Peter Dodds McCormick in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century and it was first performed by Andrew Fairfax at a Highland Society function in Sydney on St Andrews Day, 30<sup>th</sup> November 1878. The song did not gain its status as the official anthem until 1984. Until then, the song was sung in Australia as a patriotic song. The original lyrics published in 1879 were as follows:

#### Verse 1

Australia's sons 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 hist'ry's page, let ev'ry stage  
Advance Australia fair.  
In joyful strains then let us sing,  
Advance Australia fair.

#### Verse 2

When gallant Cook from Albion sailed,  
To trace wide oceans o'er,  
True British courage bore him on,  
Til he landed on our shore.  
Then here he raised Old England's flag,  
The standard of the brave;  
"With all her faults we love her still"  
"Britannia rules the wave."  
In joyful strains then let us sing  
Advance Australia fair.

#### Verse 3

While other nations of the globe  
Behold us from afar,  
We'll rise to high renown and shine  
Like our glorious southern star;  
From England soil and Fatherland,  
Scotia and Erin fair,  
Let all combine with heart and hand  
To advance Australia fair.  
In joyful strains then let us sing  
Advance Australia fair.

#### Verse 4

Should foreign foe e'er sight our coast,  
Or dare a foot to land,  
We'll rouse to arms like sires of yore,  
To guard our native strand;  
Britannia then shall surely know,  
Though oceans roll between,  
Her sons in fair Australia's land

## Special Announcements

**15<sup>th</sup> February – Michael  
Ellinger Birthday.**

**24<sup>th</sup> February – Jim  
Cochrane Birthday.**

Still keep their courage green.  
In joyful strains then let us sing  
Advance Australia fair.\*

The 1901 Federation version of the third verse was originally sung as:

Third verse

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross,  
We'll toil with hearts and hands;  
To make our youthful Commonwealth  
Renowned of all the lands;  
For loyal sons beyond the seas  
We've boundless plains to share;  
With courage let us all combine  
To advance Australia fair.  
In joyful strains then let us sing  
Advance Australia fair!\*

Glenys then got the club members and visitors to stand up and we all sang the current version of Advance Australia Fair.



After the singing Bill Sides asked each member to speak briefly on what they will be doing on Australia Day.

### Meeting Notes:

- John Barnes gave an update on our involvement in the car parking for the Australian Women's Open Golf at the Commonwealth Golf Club. The date for the golf is from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> February 2011. The car parking this time will be at the Mavis Hutter reserve in Oakleigh South. The cost for the car parking will be \$8 per car. The roster has been put together to cover the four days and this will be broken up into two shifts, 6:00 am – 10:00 am & 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Two people will be required at the Golf Course & five parking the cars. John & Jim will meet with Golf Australia on the 29<sup>th</sup> January to finalise all the details. The roster for the four days is now complete and a copy will be sent to all members by John.
- Craig Merson sent an e-mail to all members with regards to a Food Hygiene Course on the 12<sup>th</sup> February at Holmesglen Moorabbin from 9:00 am until 3:30 pm. The cost of the course is \$190, but if a big

crowded attends there will be a discount to \$165. If you are interested please let Craig know as soon as possible.

- Craig Merson gave an update on the Farmers Market on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January. The Market was very quiet this month again and we only broke even with our BBQ. The club feels that more advertising is needed and hopes that the market will pick up next month now that school holidays are finished and the university will start up again. It was also agreed that further discussion with the RC of Monash is required for future planning.
- Tom Portelli gave an update on the progress of the Amended Constitution & the By Laws of Rotary International. He will provide a further update next week.
- Bill Sides reminded the club that the meeting next week will have a Scottish Theme and Craig Merson will be doing a presentation on Robbie Burns (see article in this bulletin) and providing Haggis for all the members to try.
- John (Yiannis) Drosis presented our club with a gift from the Rotary Club of Trikala. This is the club that John was a member of before transferring to Clayton.

**Apologies** = John Goldspink, Jim Cochrane, Jean Cochrane & Glenys Pattison (last week).

**Make Ups** = Heather Norling, Craig & Katherine Merson (Monash Farmers Market).

**Leave of Absence** = None.

**Visitors** = Marie Antoinette & Rita.

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## Think Foundation Thoughts

### January: Rotary Awareness Month

*This week's Foundation Thought is about ...*

**Future Vision.** —You can view the glass as half full or half empty on the topic of Future Vision. However, as we have worked through the steps needed to qualify our clubs and district, smaller clubs have begun to embrace the process and actively seek ways to work with other clubs, both within and outside our district, to create larger, more sustainable projects. Thousands upon thousands of people can be positively impacted by such projects and then we can truly claim that we are living up to our mission of Doing Good in the World. I challenge Rotarians to think big about the Future Vision Plan. — *Rotarian Cecelia Babkirk*

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## Important Club Dates

**Thursday 03/02/11 to Saturday 06/02/11** – Car parking for the Australian Women's Open Golf. See John Barnes or Jim Cochrane for details.

**Saturday 26/02/11** – Monash Farmers Market. See Craig Merson for details.

**Sunday 27/02/11** – Clayton Street Festival.

**Thursday 07/04/11 to Saturday 09/04/11** – 2011 District 9810 Conference. Our club is holding nine rooms at the Oaks Horizon at 104 North Terrace. The Oaks is immediately opposite the convention centre. Bill has asked that members requiring a room should contact the hotel directly. The phone number is 08 8210 8000. Once you have secured a room please let Bill Sides know. For more information visit this web page - <http://www.oakshotelsresorts.com/oaks-horizons/>

## District 9810 News

### Australian Rotary Health District 9810 Seminar

**When:** Friday 11 February 2011

**Time:** 7pm to 9pm

**Where:** Lecture Theatre 2 at Monash Medical Centre Clayton  
Guest Speaker to be advised as soon as possible

**Also:** Rtn Darryl Chambers—ARH in the beginning—I was there!  
Assoc Prof Eoin Killackey, ARH Scholar—Vocational recovery for young people  
PDG, PHF, ARH Director Patrick Hartley Question Time—what are you going to take away from this seminar?

Australian Rotary Health is owned and financed by ALL the Rotary Clubs in Australia. Its survival and future success depends on all of us. Join the seminar to learn more about the importance of ARH to the Australian Community and how your club can help.

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### Celebrating 21 years of Women in Rotary

#### International Women's Day Breakfast

**Tuesday 8 March 2011**

**Hemisphere Conference Centre & Hotel**

**488 South Road**

**Moorabbin**

**\$30.00 per person**

Every year since 1911, International Women's Day commemorates past achievements and highlights current social, economic and political issues facing women throughout the world. It provides an opportunity to develop networks and facilitate partnerships between women, organisations and the broader community.



Join guest speakers **Dr Helen Szoke, Victorian Human Rights & Equal Opportunity Commissioner and Rotary International President Ray Klinginsmith** to hear their perspective on the significant contribution that women have made in society and how Rotary can engage more women to strengthen our communities in the future.

This event is open to Rotarians and guests who want to recognise and celebrate the achievements of women in community service. We encourage you to invite your family, friends, business acquaintances and your club's community service colleagues to share this special day.

*Registration details will be available soon through District and Club communication channels!*

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## Conference Call

Dear Rotarians

Our District Conference in Adelaide is only 11 weeks away (Thursday 7 - Saturday 9 April 2011). In the lead up to the Conference our e-flyer "Conference Call" will bring you the latest information about special pre conference activities, speakers and of course our conference finale, the gala dinner and entertainment on Saturday night. Don't forget our Garden Party Theme where you can dress up in anything ranging from "top hat and tails" to a "garden gnome". Please take a look at the first edition of Conference Call and don't forget that you can register for the conference on-line at [www.d9810adelaideconference.com](http://www.d9810adelaideconference.com) and look for the "Register Here" button. Or you can fill in the registration form available from your on-to conference Chair and attach your accompanying cheque. Details of where to send your registration are on the form.

Denise and I look forward to seeing you in Adelaide!

Kind regards

David Alexander (Denise)  
Governor District 9810  
Melbourne Victoria Australia

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## Rotaract Club of Monash

### Club Meeting Details:

The Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the Month at 7:30pm  
Mulgrave Neighbourhood House  
36 - 42 Mackie Road, Mulgrave  
(Melways 80C3)

### Upcoming Rotaract Events:

➤ TBA.

### Rotaract Roster:

Date	Rotarian to Visit
2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Georges Ah-Tye
16 <sup>th</sup> February	John Barnes

***If you cannot attend on the night you are rostered, please organise a replacement to take your place.***

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## Upcoming Events in Monash

### Glen Waverley Chinese New Year and Lantern Festival

**Sunday, 13 February 2011  
11am - 8pm**

## Kingsway, Glen Waverley

This festival adds to the celebrations and festivals that happen across the year at the City of Monash. The Lantern Festival is part of many celebrations held over the 15 day's of the Chinese New Year.



The 2011 Glen Waverley Chinese New Year and Lantern Festival held in the bustling Kingsway precinct has over 30,000 visitors and boasts a truly unique artistic program and a wonderful array of Asian food.

Popular highlights include the Cultural Corner, the **Lion Dance** and a great mix of children's entertainment and rides.

The Chinese Consulate has organised for the Wuhan Iron & Steel Co. (WISCO) Art Troupe, also known as Hubei Provincial Youth Art Troupe, China, to be flown out from China to perform at this year's Chinese New Year and Lantern Festival.



**Hubei Provincial Youth Art Troupe** has performed on a number of significant occasions around the world including in Hong Kong for 'Hubei Week' and the Mondial International Art Festival, Canada. The Troupe has won many awards over the years and their performance during the Festival should not be missed!

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## Clayton Street Festival

**Sunday, 27 February 2011**  
**12pm - 6pm**

**Clayton Road, Clayton**

With over 20,000 people attending the 2010 festival, we look forward to bringing the main street alive again in 2011, with cultural performances, vibrant music and an array of market stalls. Come and enjoy this spectacular community celebration.



Watch this space for more information.

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## Upcoming Events in Kingston

### Author Talk: Carolyn Angelin

**Wednesday, 9 February 2011**  
**6:30 PM - 7:30 PM**

Carolyn Angelin is author of "ADHD to the Power of Three", her story of raising triplets with ADHD. Come and find out how she does it. Book by phoning 1300 135 668 or at any Library branch.

**LOCATION:** Chelsea Library, 1 Chelsea Road Chelsea  
**WEB:** <http://library.kingston.vic.gov.au>

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## Where other Clubs Meet

A Rotarian can attend the weekly meeting of any Rotary club around the world. This is a "make-up" and counts as attendance credit when you are not able to attend a meeting of your own club.

Details for all District 9810 clubs can be obtained in the district directory or website [www.rotary9810.org](http://www.rotary9810.org). Details for clubs around the world are available in the RI Directory (held by the club secretary) and on the RI website ([www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org))

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## Reminders

Please ensure that the club is aware if you will be missing a meeting. Contact **Ralph Zuccaro** on **0408 991 741 by 4 pm** on the **day of the meeting**, if you are not going to be present.

Contributions for inclusion into the Bulletin should be passed to [michaele@netspace.net.au](mailto:michaele@netspace.net.au) by Thursday evening of each week.

**Please remember if you cannot perform your rostered job, it is your duty to find a replacement to take your place.**

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## Joke of the Week

A minister decided that a visual demonstration would add emphasis to his Sunday sermon.

Four worms were placed into four jars. The first worm was put into a jar of alcohol, the second into a jar of cigarette smoke, the third into a jar of chocolate syrup and the fourth into a jar of clean soil.

At the end of the sermon, the minister reported the first, second and third worms were dead.

So the minister asked the congregation what they had learnt from this demonstration.

A little old woman in the back quickly raised her hand and said: "As long as you drink, smoke and eat chocolate, you won't get worms."

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## Rotary International News

### International Assembly inspires Rotary leaders to embrace humanity

By Joseph Derr  
Rotary International News -- 24 January 2011

The next class of Rotary district governors emerged from the 2011 International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA, with new ideas, skills, and friendships that will help them lead during the 2011-12 year.

RI President-elect Kalyan Banerjee began the week by inspiring the 530



RI President-elect Kalyan Banerjee and his wife, Binota, greet a guest during the Presidential Welcome Reception at the International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA. *Rotary Images/Alyce Henson*

governors-elect to *Reach Within to Embrace Humanity*.

"In order to achieve anything in this world, a person has to use all the resources he can draw on. And the only place to start is with ourselves and within ourselves," he said.

Later in the week, Banerjee announced plans for the 2011-12 Changemaker Award, which will recognize Rotary clubs that make an extraordinary impact through their work in the Avenues of Service.

Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar shared early success stories of the Foundation's Future Vision Plan. A three-year pilot began on 1 July with 100 districts. All districts will start using the plan's new grant model on 1 July 2013.

In his address to the governors-elect, RI Director John C. Smarge spotlighted one of Rotary's greatest challenges: "Since 2003, we have added 2,552 Rotary clubs yet only increased our overall membership by 226 members."

Smarge encouraged Rotary leaders to strengthen clubs by branding Rotary as the organization of choice for business, professional, and community leaders throughout the world.

Joseph H. Jones, governor-elect of District 6220 (parts of Michigan and Wisconsin, USA), found Smarge's address inspiring. "Everyone is talking about how we need to grow membership. I'm going to focus on retention," said Jones, who plans to use Facebook and YouTube to keep club members engaged and excited about Rotary.

Katie Ischkin, president and founder of the Rotary Club of South Metro Minneapolis Evenings, Minnesota, USA, offered her perspective on a new approach to Rotary during the fifth plenary session. The 27-year-old change management consultant said that minor changes in the format of club meetings can go a long way in attracting busy young professionals to Rotary.

Throughout the week, the incoming district governors took part in training sessions led by past Rotary leaders. Wyn Spiller, one of 40 training leaders, said the discussion groups produced many new ideas, such as forming "buddy clubs" by pairing a club that is strong in member retention with one that is struggling. "We also discussed having a mobile training team of Rotary experts in a district who can come to the clubs," Spiller said.

The incoming district governors also heard from past RI presidents, including Rajendra K. Saboo, who talked about having passion for leadership, and Bhichai Rattakul, who discussed Rotary's core values.

RI President Ray Klinginsmith elaborated on those values during the final plenary session.

"Service, fellowship, integrity, diversity, and leadership are our core values, which I prefer to call our Rotary DNA," Klinginsmith said. "Those traits are what distinguish us from other organizations. There is no doubt that we can help our club leaders to *Reach Within to Embrace Humanity*, and to make the world a better place, because we have been doing it for more than 100 years, and we do it better than anyone else in the world."

At the farewell dinner gala, Rotary leaders met attorney John Hewko, who will take over as RI's general secretary on 1 July with the retirement of General Secretary Ed Futa. Hewko said his new role will "not be so much a job as a

passion" because of his affinity for Rotary's core values.

Those values were evident throughout the week. Incoming district governors and their spouses presented contributions of more than \$330,000 to The Rotary Foundation. Assembly participants also donated 2,154 books in 21 languages to children in the San Diego area and prepared 1,200 literacy kits for communities in New Orleans, Louisiana, site of the 2011 RI Convention.

For Larry Clauberg, governor-elect of District 4650 (Brazil), the event was a turning point. "It was an opportunity to experience how international Rotary really is. We are leaving the meeting as different people than we were when we arrived."