



# 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
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Lotus Children's Centre – Geoff Taylor	Jean Cochrane	Jim Cochrane	John Drosis
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Meeting moved to the 29 <sup>th</sup> March at Mulgrave Country Club – GSE welcome dinner.	N/R	N/R	N/R
4 <sup>th</sup> April	TBA	Jim Cochrane	John Drosis	Warren Fricke

### Presidents Report

Some say its Doomsday approaching, others say it is because we humans have been meddling too much with the earth or sinning, but the reality is that earthquakes, volcanoes and Tsunamis are above all of that and have been occurring since this earth formed. People have long habituated areas known to be unstable because of rich soil or lack of alternative and raised successive generations there and even stupidly built very sensitive items like nuclear power stations in these unstable areas. When the inevitable happens, the potential for human tragedy is very high. In recent times we have seen one beautiful old city close to home almost destroyed (Christchurch) a third world country utterly devastated (Haiti) and whole modern towns eliminated with an ongoing risk of widespread nuclear fallout (Japan). Now can we help? The damage in each is so great Rotary can at best be a mere drop in the ocean but we can give meaningful help with local support and continue long after the rest of the world has forgotten. We have seen in recent weeks Rotary still working on the Victorian bushfires and working at Christchurch on the first earthquake damages. Rotary media is a good place to find out ways in which we can personally help and it has systems in place eg the Disaster Aid house we had at the Clayton Festival. Rotary Foundation often matches funds donated and taxation credits are possible with some Rotary funds. Because the donations are handled within Rotary by volunteers we know they are go to people who need them and are not stripped by overheads. Give consideration to helping beyond just what this club does, details can be found on the web, RDU and by asking our club's leaders.

Bill Sides

Website - <http://rotarnet.com.au/users/9/98110/index.htm>

## 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?"

## Last Meeting & Notes

### Last Meeting (07/03):

This week our guest speaker was Georges Ah-Tye who is a member of the Rotary Club of Clayton. Georges spoke to the club about the country he was born in, Mauritius.

Mauritius, officially the Republic of Mauritius is an island nation off the southeast coast of the African continent in the southwest Indian Ocean, about 900 kilometres (560 mi) east of Madagascar. In addition to the island of Mauritius, the Republic includes the islands of Cargados Carajos, Rodrigues and the Agalega Islands. Mauritius Island is part of the Mascarene Islands, with the French island of Réunion 200 km (120 mi) to the southwest and the island of Rodrigues 570 km (350 mi) to the northeast.

The British took control during the Napoleonic Wars and Mauritius became independent from the UK in 1968. Mauritius's area is 2040 km<sup>2</sup> with Port Louis for capital. It is a parliamentary republic and is a member of the Southern African Development Community, the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa, the African Union, La Francophonie and the Commonwealth of Nations. Mauritius has an upper middle income economy.

The main languages spoken in Mauritius are Mauritian Creole, French and English. English is the only official language but the lingua franca is Mauritian Creole and the newspapers and television programmes are usually in French. Rodriguan Creole is a minority language and is spoken in certain parts of the country only. The country is composed of several ethnicities, including Asian, African, Chinese and French. The first European explorers found no indigenous people living on the island.



The island of Mauritius is renowned for having been the only known home of the dodo. This bird was an easy prey to settlers due to its weight and inability to fly, and became extinct less than eighty years after the initial European colonization. Discovered 1598, extinct by 1681.

Together with Réunion and Rodrigues, Mauritius is part of the Mascarene Islands. This archipelago was formed in a series of undersea volcanic eruptions

## 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.

8-10 million years ago, as the African plate drifted over the Réunion hotspot. They are no longer volcanically active, and the hotspot now rests under Réunion. The island of Mauritius itself is formed around a central plateau, with its highest peak in the southwest, Piton de la Petite Rivière Noire at 828 metres (2,717 ft). Around the plateau, the original crater can still be distinguished from several mountains.

The island's capital and largest city is Port Louis, in the northwest. Other important towns are Rose-Hill and Beau-Bassin, Curepipe, Vacoas, Phoenix, Quatre Bornes.



### The Flag of Mauritius

**Red** - represents the blood shed for independence

**Blue** - the Indian Ocean surrounding the island

**Yellow** - has been interpreted as the new light of independence, golden sunshine, or the bright future.

**Green** - can symbolize either agriculture or the lush vegetation of the island.

Explored at first by the Portuguese in the 16th century and subsequently settled by the Dutch -who named it in honour of Prince Mauritsvan NASSAU -in the 17th century. The French assumed control in 1715 developed an important naval base overseeing Indian Ocean trade. The British captured the island in 1810, during the Napoleonic Wars. Mauritius remained a strategically important British naval base, and later an air station, playing an important role during World War II for anti-submarine and convoy operations, as well as the collection of signals intelligence.

Since independence in 1968, Mauritius has developed from a low-income, agriculturally based economy to a middle-income diversified economy with growing industrial, financial, and tourist sector. Mauritius deals in commerce with India, South Africa, and China. Investment in the banking sector alone has reached over \$1 billion and Has a strong tourist and textile sector.

### Mauritius and the Segga

As far back as 1768, travellers to Mauritius were bringing back tales of slaves' singing and dancing which seemed to their entranced eyes so different and special. Bernardinde St Pierre then, spoke of the slaves' passion for music and of the soft harmony of unknown instruments to match songs with every present love themes. Milber, in 1803, spoke of sensual dance steps that clearly show their warm intentions, and Rousselin, in 1860, was one of the many to be inspired to attempt the capture of the atmosphere of slave dancing in drawings. They had all witnessed the magic of the black shegadance or music, or as it soon came to be known; the segga. They had all heard the music born of African

## Special Announcements

**22<sup>nd</sup> March – Bill Sides Birthday.**

souls soothed in their lost homelands on rapid drumbeats and pounding rhythms. African souls now caught in an island's fragrance and soft beauty. From this unison came the sega.

The dancing the travellers had marvelled at, is the body language of slaves forgetting, leaving pain and sorrow behind at the end of a hard day's work. Le Mornebeach, on the south west of the island is linked to the history of sega. In its legend, the beach is moonlit and cool, a fire burns glowing over the faces, hiding the flaws of the shacks nearby. The dancers wait and watch as the musician's heat theravane. Maybe some landlords have brought over a few friends from overseas. They too wait to watch. They may even, if they have thought to bring and offer a few rhumcaskets, hear their praises being sung in Creole, raucous French cooked in African spices. The songs come straight from the singer's heart. They were in these days, hardly ever rehearsed.

Stimulated and inspired by local rum, the fishing folks gather around a camp fire and give full vent to their emotions. Very often they dance without any music at all and are accompanied only by the sound of the Ravane, the tinkling of spoons, the rattling of seeds in a tin, and the triangle, and the clapping of hands of spectators who eventually join in the meele. The dance itself is the rhythmic swaying of the hips to the pulsating rhythm of the Ravane. It starts with a gentle swaying, to a slow and solemn tune, which gradually rises, consuming the dancers and setting their bodies jerking, stretching and swaying with animated movements to keep pace with the ever-increasing tempo.



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## Meeting Notes:

- Jon Breisch gave a report on the President Elect training day which was also attended by Lesley Zuccaro. Jon explained how this year the training was across three Rotary Districts. The RI President was also in attendance on the day.
- Glenys informed the club that the launch of the "Strengthening Clayton & Clarinda Project" will be on the 17<sup>th</sup> March at the Clayton Community Centre.
- Jon Breisch gave a report on his visit to the Monash Rotaract Club. Elections were also held for next years board positions. The current Rotaract president is Jake Leopold.
- Conference bookings are now required and need to be completed as soon as possible. Bill Sides urged that new members should attend the conference.
- The meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> March has been moved to Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March for the GSE welcome dinner at the Mulgrave Country Club, \$30 per head. See details attached to this bulletin.

**Apologies** = John Goldspink, Bill Sides, Dianne Sides, John Barnes, Tom Portelli, Craig Merson & Katherine Merson.

**Make Ups** = John Barnes, Bill & Dianne Sides (RI President visit – Moonee Valley). Jim & Jean Cochrane (Foodbank).

**Leave of Absence** = None.

**Visitors** = Mark Hoffman (Guest of Jon Breisch).

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## Strengthening Clayton & Clarinda Project

I attended the official launch of the Strengthening Clayton and Clarinda Project. It commenced with the Cook Islanders doing a presentation which was great to watch. Colin Bostock opened the evening with the mayor from Kingston and the Mayor from Monash both welcoming every one and saying how proud they were of the members of the community that have put in time to get this project off the ground.

The areas of the project to be followed are:-

- Theme 1 Communicating and Learning from Each Other
- Theme 2 Community Wellbeing
- Theme 3 The Built and Natural Environment
- Theme 4 Recreation and Leisure

MS Inga Peulich MLC, Member for South Eastern Metropolitan spoke about the times she bought her son to the old Clayton pool and what a pleasure it was to attend the new (to her) centre and how proud she is to be part of the launch. She spoke about Clayton being the most diversely challenged electorate in Victoria and how good it was to see so many from different ethnic backgrounds in attendance. She congratulated everyone for the work put in so far and was excited about the funding that had been allocated for the project put forward by the people.

Hong Lim MP Member for Clayton spoke of how proud he was of all those who had taken part in the processes to get to this stage, he thanked Kingston and Monash councils for coming together as often councils appear to be in competition against each other, he was emotional as he talked about times he had been in debates previously with both councils then commented on how they can work together now.

Gail Mizzi and Helen Springall residents of Clayton and Clarinda both spoke. Gael of how proud she is to be part of the community working for the community. Gael and her husband Charlie have a table in a coffee shop in Clayton where they sit and meet people each day, they talk with everyone they can exposing the benefits of living in the surrounding area. Helen moves around in a motorised wheel chair and she spoke of the need for more access to shops and on the footpaths for people with disabilities.

Colin Bostock gave a short presentation of actions that have commenced in Clayton from this project first being street signage and air art. He then welcomed everyone to the meeting rooms adjacent to the theatre for a multicultural buffet.

I met and spoke with Jennifer North from Ronald McDonald house who could not speak more highly of Clayton Rotary, she has handed be a brochure of the new Family Room which is currently under completion in the Centre Court Yard and Monash Clayton. This is part of Ronald McDonald House for families to have space to share time together. She also advised without Rotary assistance this could not have been done. She spoke of our Golf Day and was looking forward to our next. Jennifer has again asked if we would like to meet at Ronald McDonald House one night. I will follow this up.

Inga Peulich who spoke highly of Rotary and of the residents of Clayton and Clarinda and also the times she has spent shopping in Clayton where you buy the best fish.

Hong Lim was excited to speak with me being a member of Rotary, his excitement was really bubbling over due to the project getting off the ground and now being in process, he spoke of his love of Clayton.

Loretta from the Office of Planning and Community Victoria, she very excited in being invited along as she does not usually meet the people where money is being allocated.

Aside from Strengthening Clayton and Clarinda I have spoken with Anne Mennon Operations Manager, Monash Heart advising her we have purchased a TV and DVD player for the Children's Heart Ward. She was very excited, we are in the process of arranging an evening for her and three other staff to attend and have them presented. They will be doing a presentation on the work their unit does, this will probably be in April.

Glenys Pattison.

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## Think Foundation Thoughts

### **March: Literacy Month**

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

**Foundation programs.** —Never forget that charitable giving is an emotional response. Emotion is evident when we are telling the polio eradication story. Telling the Annual Programs Fund story can be equally emotional when we emphasize how lives have been changed through The Rotary Foundation's Ambassadorial Scholarships program, Matching Grants, District Simplified Grants, and Group Study Exchange. Real-life examples are critical to success.  
— *Past RRFC Joe LaGuess*

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## Important Club Dates

**Saturday 26/03/11** – Monash Farmers Market. See Craig Merson for details and if you wish to be put on the roster.

**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/>

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## District 9810 News

### Flood Relief Fundraiser

**The Rotary Club of Wheelers Hill extends an open invitation to a brilliant night of stunning images and true stories by country people who have experienced the highest floods in history after enduring a decade of drought.**

Proceeds will go to a Loddon River community asset damaged by floods, as determined by the local community, which has refused to accept defeat in the face of isolation and terrible damage.

In association with the Rotary Club is the Mulgrave Country Club, generous sponsor for flood relief.

**When:** Friday 25 March—6:30 for 7pm

**Where:** Mulgrave Country Club  
Cnr Wellington / Jells Rds  
Wheelers Hill.

**Cost:** Moderate—tba—to cover excellent buffet meal

**Master of Ceremonies Peter Hitchener, Newsreader, Channel 9 will also give an insight into how the media handle disasters on-air.**

**For further details please contact PP Geoff Haw at [geoff@sagacityservices.com.au](mailto:geoff@sagacityservices.com.au)**

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### Books! Glorious Books!

**The Rotary Club of Glen Waverley is holding a book sale at the old Black Flat Primary School (on the corner of Springvale & Waverley Roads, Glen Waverley). Proceeds for club projects.**

**When:** Saturday 26 March. 9 am – 5pm  
Sunday 27 March. 9am – 1pm

A wide range of books are available including the following:

Australiana; Biographies; Children's Picture Books; Easy Children's Reading; Fiction (both hard and soft cover); Lifestyle, Health & Fitness; Royals; Sport; Travel; War, etc.

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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:

### Rotaract Roster:

Date	Rotarian to Visit
6 <sup>th</sup> April	John Drosis
20 <sup>th</sup> April	Michael Ellinger

*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

### Mulgrave Fun Day

**Saturday 16 April 2011**

11am - 3pm

Wellington Reserve, Mulgrave

Keep this date free, and come down to Mulgrave with the family for a day of fun with loads of entertainment and activities on offer.

Watch this space for more information.

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## Upcoming Events in Kingston

### The 'Lucky Kids' walk for the Children First Foundation

**Sunday, 27 March 2011**

**9:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

The 'Lucky Kids' walk is based on the premise that luck is created – and all children deserve to be lucky! On Sunday, March 27th, children and families in the Moorabbin and surrounding area are invited to walk around Karkarook Park to raise money for children from disadvantaged countries. There will be face painting, a sausage sizzle, balloons, music, fun, laughter and a chance to marvel at the work of the Children First Foundation.

LOCATION: Karkarook Park Moorabbin, Melbourne Victoria

CONTACT NAME: Brett Tudor PHONE: 0418 118 465

EMAIL: [brett.tudor@three.com.au](mailto:brett.tudor@three.com.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 man feeling unwell went to the doctor. He was checked over, and then the doctor said: "I am so sorry, but it is my melancholy duty to tell you that you have yellow 24, a nasty virus, so called as it turns your blood yellow. "You only have 24 hours to live. There's nothing I can do for you so just go home and enjoy your final precious moments on earth."

So he trudged home to his loving wife and broke the news. Distraught, she asked him to accompany her to bingo that evening so he could experience her idea of a night out. He had never been to bingo previously.

The man got his first card and won four corners. The prize was \$350 and then he got any line and won \$3,200. He then called for a full house and won a grand. The national grid then came up and he won a further \$380,000.

The bingo caller invited him on to the stage and said: "Son, I've never seen you in here in all my life, but you won four corners, any line, full house and the national grid. I've never met anyone so lucky."

"Lucky?" echoed the stricken man. "I'll have you know I've got yellow 24."

"Blow me down!" said the bingo caller. "You've won the raffle as well!"

# Rotary International News

## Foundation sets up disaster fund for Japan

By Ryan Hyland  
Rotary International News -- 15 March 2011



People carry their furniture from their ruined home 15 March in Kesennuma, Miyagi Prefecture, Japan, four days after an earthquake and tsunami devastated Japan's northeast coast towns. *AP Photo/Kyodo News*

In response to the massive earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan on 11 March, The Rotary Foundation has established the Rotary Japan 2011 Disaster Recovery Fund, which will support long-term recovery projects in affected areas.

Rotarians and non-Rotarians can [donate online](#). Clubs and districts can contribute cash and District Designated Fund (DDF) allocations to the fund.

The 9.0-magnitude quake, Japan's largest in history, and the tsunami that followed it caused widespread devastation, paralyzing much of the northern coast. More than 10,000 people have been killed, and thousands are missing. Millions have been left without clean water or power, and at least 550,000 people have been forced from their homes.

A series of explosions at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, 140 miles northeast of Tokyo, damaged reactors and forced the evacuation of tens of thousands. The Japanese government is working to contain the situation. Damage from the earthquake and tsunami is estimated at US\$170 billion.

RI President-nominee Sakuji Tanaka, of the Rotary Club of Yashio, Saitama, was in Lisbon, Portugal, on Rotary business during the disasters. He was able to reach his wife, Kyoko, on the phone to confirm her safety.

"She said it was the most horrifying experience she'd ever had," says Tanaka. "The northern region of Japan is still in chaos. We are unsure when this chaos will end or when things will get better. However, I am most thankful to know that Rotarians around the world care for us."

Japanese RI directors Masaomi Kondo and Masahiro Kuroda, as well as staff at Rotary International's Japan office, are confirmed to be safe.

Rotary clubs and districts worldwide are mobilizing efforts to bring urgently needed aid to victims.

"I've received many messages from Rotarians all over the world," says Noriko Futagami, the Public Image Resource Group coordinator for Zone 2. "I also have reports that Rotary clubs have begun to start planning projects for immediate help. Unfortunately, there are many Rotarians and families who haven't been able to be contacted. Rotarians in Japan worry for their safety."

### Group Study Exchange team safe

Rotarian Robert Blackburn was leading a Group Study Exchange team in Japan when the earthquake struck. The five team members from Illinois, USA, were in a hotel in Tokyo, getting ready for a farewell dinner with their hosts.

"It was our last night in Japan. I felt the whole building shake," says Blackburn, a member of the Rotary Club of Westmont. "It was not just a mild tremor. My hotel room was shaking from side to side. It felt like forever. I have never been

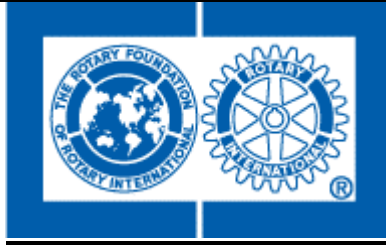
so scared in my life."

Blackburn says the earthquake lasted at least two minutes. He used a laundry cart outside his hotel room for protection. After the tremors stopped, he walked 18 floors down to the lobby, where the rest of the team congregated.

"The airport was temporarily closed, so I told everyone on our team that we might have to be here for a day or two longer," he says. "Thankfully, the airport reopened. Our hosts were incredible and were able to get us to the airport on time for our flight."

Tanaka says he is grateful for the warm support of Rotarians worldwide.

"The great thing about Rotarians is that we share everything, including each other's joy and sadness. They have the ability to put themselves in the position of others and act to help," says Tanaka. "Despite the unthinkable hardship we're experiencing now, the people of Japan will not give up on efforts to rebuild their communities."



**DISTRICT 5240 CALIFORNIA USA  
GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE TEAM  
WELCOME DINNER AND PRESENTATION**

The Inbound GSE Team from District 5240 in California will be hosted at their third major Dinner Meeting by Rotary Club of Boronia with all Clubs of the Monash and Knox Clusters invited to attend

*on*

**TUESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> March**

*at*

**6:30 for 7:00PM**

*at*

**MULGRAVE COUNTRY CLUB**

*( Cnr Wellington and Jells Roads Wheelers Hill 3150 Melways Map 80 H1)*

**All Club Members and Guests are welcome**

**RSVP with Form and Club Cheque – 16<sup>th</sup> March.**

This combined Club meeting provides the opportunity to meet our 2010/2011 Inbound GSE Team and hear about their home District and to learn a little more about this great Rotary Foundation Program promoting goodwill and understanding throughout the World.

**Cost: \$30 per person**

*(2 Course Buffet Dinner, Tea & Coffee Table Service, Cash Bar)*

**Club Representatives are requested to complete and return the following  
Registration Form with Club Cheque**

**by**

**Wednesday 16th March**

**to**

**Rotary Club of Boronia**

**Treasurer Peter Malden**

**11 Clerehan Court Wantirna South Vic 3152**

**Enquiries - Email: [petertmalden@bigpond.com.au](mailto:petertmalden@bigpond.com.au); Tel: 03 98375337**



*The Taste of Gold Farmers market, formerly held at Holmesglen TAFE Waverley Campus, has reopened at a new site and in a new format.*

**Where : Monash University Clayton Campus Car Park  
Enter: Wellington Road main entrance, Melways Ref  
70.F12**

**When : Every 4th Saturday in the month (except December)**

**Next Market: will be on the 26th March 2011**

**Time : 8:30am to 1:00pm**

For those of you who enjoyed the Holmesglen market, many of your favourite stalls from Central Victoria are at the new market.

If you haven't experienced the "Taste of Gold", the range of produce straight from the farm covering seasonal fruit and veggies as well as organic and specialty foods will de-light you.

The "Taste of Gold" Monash Farmers Market is a Community Project where all profits go towards supporting people in need and community projects.

Our all weather site has plenty of parking. Come along for a great community experience and take away a *"Taste of Gold"*.

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For more information visit  
[www.rotarymonash.org](http://www.rotarymonash.org). or  
[www.tasteofgold.com](http://www.tasteofgold.com).

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