



ROTARY CLUB OF CLAYTON

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Tonight: La Casetta Restaurant, 6.15pm for 6.30pm

International Service Month

Upcoming Meetings

Date	Speaker	Chairperson	Desk	Visitors
28 th May - La Casetta Restaurant, 1066 Centre Road (cnr Eskay Rd), South Oakleigh, 3167 Time 6:15 for 6:30pm	TBA	Bob Millen	Michael Ellinger	Richard Simmons
4th June	TBA			
11 th June	TBA			

Please organise a replacement if you are unable to attend on rostered days above.
APOLOGIES: Please phone apologies to John Barnes – 9544 2866 by Monday 4pm.

Coming Events

Fellowship functions will occur around once every 6 week

Rotaract Roster

Date

28th May

Rotarian to Visit

Bill Sides

Previous meeting

Last Meeting: Dixon House BBQ

22nd May 07

Apologies:

Make Ups:

Guests:

Birthdays:

Wedding Anniversaries

General Business

Last meeting the 22 of May, was the Dixon House BBQ which ran very smoothly

The Rotary Club has Adopted Village from RAMS is (HURIS) – New Ireland.

Poowong Dairy Farm day will now be around September.

Board Meetings are held every 3rd Monday of the Month.

Rotaract club of Clayton Needs help with numbers of people aged 18 to 30 years.

ROTARY CLUB OF CLAYTON

Meets most Monday 6.15 for 6.30pm at Clayton RSL
163 Carinish Rd, Clayton (Mel 79 D3)

President: Glenda Rose

Secretary: Bill Sides

Hi Gang,
Dean Calder from Clayton has put a call out to anyone who might be available for any amount of time during the long weekend.

He is looking for volunteers for the National titles of Goal Ball (a blind sport). The National Titles will be held at Wesley College in Parhan and anyone who is interested will be required for any amount of time between 9am and 5pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Tasks could vary from scoring to catering. Spectators are also highly encouraged.

For anyone who is interested, or would like some more information, please contact Dean on deanoc1@optusnet.com.au.

Thanks
Kylie McMillan on behalf of Dean

Upcoming District events.

Further down the track...

9/6/2007 (Sat) [Chelsea Art Show](#)

10/6/2007 (Sun) [Chelsea Art Show](#)

11/6/2007 (Mon) [Chelsea Art Show](#)

The Four Way Test

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?

Advance Australian 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.

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross,
We'll toil with hearts and hands,

To make this Commonwealth of ours
Renowned of all the lands,
For those who've come across 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.

Thought for the week.

*Think left and think right and think low and think high.
Oh, the thinks you can think up if only you try!"*
Dr Seuss

JOKE FOR THE WEEK

The family of tomatoes

A family of three tomatoes were walking downtown one day when the little baby tomato started lagging behind. The big father tomato walks back to the baby tomato, stomps on her, squashing her into a red paste, and says, "Ketchup!"

Meeting Closed on the 22nd of May at 7.00pm

Relevant Rotary Web sites.

<http://www.rotary.org/>

<http://www.9810.rotary.org.au/>

www.rotarnet.com.au

Other club websites of interest.

<http://www.rotary-belleville.org/index.htm>

<http://www.rotaryclubofbrisbanemidcity.org/contents/home.asp?>

<http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/rotaryworld/index.html>

Ra Ra's Ramblings – Week 47 2006-07

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DISTRICT GOVERNORS CHANGEOVER – Saturday 30 JUNE 2007

Jill and I together with DGE Dick and Sue, invite you to join us at the Caulfield Racecourse on Saturday 30th June 2007 to celebrate the District Governor's Changeover, from **LEAD THE WAY** to **ROTARY SHARES**. The evening will commence at 7:00 PM for 7:30PM and will cost \$52.00 per person for a 2 Course dinner with soft drinks provided, and all other drinks at reasonable bar prices. The Rotary Club of Hampton is hosting the occasion and will shortly distribute a flyer and Booking Form. In the meantime, make up a table or two and join us for a great night.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT BILL BOYD AND LORNA to VISIT AUSTRALIA

RI President Bill Boyd and Lorna will be guests of honor at two functions in Australia in June.

In Melbourne, a dinner will be held at Moonlight Receptions, 622 Nicholson Street, North Fitzroy on 2 June at a cost of \$60 per head.

A visit to a Centennial project involving 14 clubs, A River for Everyone, is being arranged along the Maribynong River. The project has the support of the Victorian Government. On the previous night the Boyds will attend a special function in Sydney. The Boyds will attend two functions in their native New Zealand before returning to Evanston Headquarters to prepare for the Salt Lake City RI Convention

(DG Bob - The Rotary Club of Altona City (D9800) is handling the bookings and I have emailed a copy of the dinner booking form to each club. Bookings should be lodged as soon as possible to ensure you don't miss out.)



RYLA is an exciting live-in Leadership Seminar for young adults aged from 18 years old up to 28. This year the seminar is being held from Sunday July 1st to the following Friday at Lake Dewar Lodge, Myrniong (Approximately five minutes north of Bacchus Marsh). Cost \$500 per applicant, sponsored by local Rotary clubs. Applications can be downloaded from the District Website. It is still not too late for your club to participate since the deadline has been extended. For further information please contact PP Alan Wong on 0438 821022 or BH 9758 2943. Applications to: 4 Barmah Drive, Wantirna 3152.

(DG Bob: I urge your full support of RYLA 2007)

URGENT MESSAGE FROM PP PETER MURIE RE: SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

We have a great need for Mentors for female scholars in 2008. One is studying at Deacon for two years and three are studying at Monash for one year. We also need a male Rotarian Mentor for a University Professor for 2008 and a female Rotarian Mentor for an outbound Cultural Ambassadorial Scholar.

Our new inbound Ambassadorial Scholars are:

Junko Ajima Starting 25-Feb-2008 from RC Fujisawa South D2780 Japan studying Psychology (Counselling) @ Monash

Miori Ueda from RC Kawaguchi D 2770 studying Education @ Monash

Cindy Youssef from RC Foothills (North Greenville County) D7750 USA studying Law@ Monash

Yusi Liu, starting 15-Feb-2008 from RC Bangor D 1180 Wales UK studying Master of Cultural Heritage @ Deakin for 2 years

Female Rotarians and female Partners of Rotarians who are interested in a mentor role should contact Chairman Peter Murie or for more information, one of the current Mentors listed in the handbook. The Foundation website formally explains the details of what is expected but to provide a point of Rotary contact and friendship is the most important task. The scholar can be an asset to the club and an interesting addition to the Club program.

The cost to Clubs is small unless the Club wants to cover the cost of the Scholar's attendance at the Rotary Conference.

The closing date for Outgoing Scholar and Professor applications is 31 July and so if Club Members are aware of suitable applicants they should refer them to the website or have them email the District Chairman.

HOST MENTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Each Host Mentor is an important member of the Rotary Foundation team providing support for the scholar in the study district and a contact for the Scholarships Coordinator at World Headquarters. Host Mentor responsibilities begin before the scholar arrives and continue for the duration of the scholarship.

Your responsibilities include the following:

BEFORE THE SCHOLAR'S AWARD PERIOD:

- Correspond with the scholar and introduce yourself, your family and city;
- Assist the scholar in expediting the admission process;
- Assist the scholar in locating appropriate housing, especially when university housing is not available;
- Make arrangements to meet the scholar upon arrival. In your absence, please arrange for another Rotarian to meet the scholar.
- Contact the Scholarships Subcommittee Chair or District Governor to participate in your district's scholar orientation.

WHEN THE SCHOLAR ARRIVES:

- Present the first award payment from The Foundation to the scholar;
- Assist with budgeting and banking needs. Refer to your copy of the scholar's Amount of Award letter, which you will receive before the scholar arrives.

DURING THE AWARD PERIOD

- Work with the scholar to fulfill ambassadorial goals through
 - fulfillment of presentation requirements -10 to 15 visits to Rotary and non-Rotary groups per academic year (Cultural Scholars - 3 to 6 visits);
 - involvement in club and district service projects, or in a local Rotaract club;
- Invite the scholar to your weekly club meetings and to the district conference;
- Contact your Governor to suggest using the district newsletter to advertise the scholar's availability for speaking engagements and to publicize scholar activities;
- Encourage other Rotarians to share in providing home hospitality;
- If counseling a Cultural Scholar, visit the scholar's home stay location and meet the family;
- Remind your Academic-Year or Multi-Year Scholar that the first report should be submitted two months after the start of classes (Academic-Year Scholars also must submit tuition payment receipts). If these documents are not received by the scholar's coordinator in Evanston, the second payment will be sent to the host Mentor and held until this requirement has been met;
- Be available to provide advice to the scholar as questions or problems arise; encourage open communication;
- Remind the scholar who is considering remaining in the study country beyond the validity of the airline tickets that the Foundation should be contacted at least four

months before the end of the scholarship to allow time to provide required documentation and obtain approval.

- Remind the scholar to finalize return home travel arrangements with the airline at least two months before planned departure.

AT THE CLOSE OF THE AWARD PERIOD:

Invite the scholar to make a farewell speech to your club.

Meet with scholar to make sure that all necessary closing tasks have been completed (e.g. housing arrangements, bank accounts).

What Makes a Great Host Counsellor?

“Since the day I arrived, my counsellor...was [tireless]. Always dedicated, he called me several times a week, inviting me to participate in many different activities. He introduced me to his relatives, other Rotarians and friends. He was always concerned in making me feel comfortable wherever I was. Gary is my best friend in America and I’ll never forget him.”

--Scholar Marcelo Zardo (Brazil to Texas, USA)

“My host Rotary counsellors...are absolutely superb. The term counsellors is much too cold for our relationship so I always call them my New Zealand parents. From the moment they met me at the airport, Mike and Wendy have absorbed me into their family and are always there for me.”

--Scholar Mary Talbot (Missouri, USA to New Zealand)

MESSAGE FROM RC OF MANNINGHAM – DROUGHT RELIEF INITIATIVE

Drought Relief Support for the Donald Friends & Neighbors Society

The RC Manningham has formed an association with the Donald Friends and Neighbors Society and specifically with local Uniting Church contacts Margaret Russell (Uniting Church Minister) and John Russell who are well respected leaders in the local community.

The RC Manningham initially provided a small emergency grant of \$3,500 to be used at the discretion of the Donald F&NS and followed up with members meeting with Uniting Church and F&NS to determine how the Club could best provide assistance to the community through short and longer term initiatives.

At the suggestion of the Donald community leaders, the following short term initiatives were conducted to raise the spirits of the community affected by three successive years of drought, and to show Rotary cares:

Easter Eggs for 460 primary and secondary students - in conjunction with Templestowe College and Templestowe Heights Primary School who raised funds to cover the purchase of the chocolate eggs and then delivered them to the Donald school children. (School to school friendship). Outcome - joy to the faces of many young children who had never seen the Easter Bunny (Templestowe School Chaplain Julie Ramsay who hired a costume for the occasion).

Toy Appeal - supported by RC Templestowe and Serpell's Primary School plus generous donations from all parts of the community, over 300 toys suitable for the 0 - 6 age groups are ready to be delivered to a newly renovated shop in the main street of Donald to establish a toy lending library for local families. Many Rotarian partners joined in the effort to sort and package the toys.

Mother's Day Gifts - Rotarian partners were again involved in a simple project to prepare 460 chocolate-filled, gift wrapped coffee mugs for school children to give to their mothers. The schools have not been able to run Mother's Day stalls for several years because of the drought.

The major longer term initiative is to use Rotarian professional skills to work with the Donald community leaders on a Community capacity building program centering on youth suggested by John Russell (Uniting Church), which would enhance their resilience to problems faced by adolescents in rural areas such as unemployment, drug and alcohol abuse, and parental conflict and assist them to redefine their self identity in a positive and sustainable way. The project will also work in unison with families enhancing the parent child family relationships.

Probably the most significant and unexpected outcome which has been conveyed to the Manningham Rotary Club by the local Donald community is that our Club's involvement has re-energised local support groups to work even harder to overcome adversity. Having external support, effectively a little extra weight behind the wheel has given everyone involved renewed enthusiasm; and significant personal satisfaction to all Rotarians knowing that their efforts are greatly appreciated by our friends in the country.

John and Margaret Russell will be guest speakers at the RC Manningham meeting on Monday 21st May. Rotarians and visitors welcome. 6.30pm for 7pm at Casavini Restaurant, East Doncaster. Contact Daryl Knight to register your attendance.

(DG Bob: The Rotary Club of Manningham would welcome the opportunity to extend this program of "Adopting a Town" program, may I suggest clubs interested join Jill and I at their meeting or contact PP David Alexander of Manningham for further information)

MESSAGE from RC of OAKLEIGH – DROUGHT RELIEF INITIATIVE

The Rotary Club of Oakleigh – District 9810 – was so concerned at the traumatic effect that the drought and bushfires were having on rural communities in Victoria, the Club Board resolved to provide some small assistance to affected communities.

A budget of \$ 20,000.00 was allocated - \$ 10,000.00 to assist Country Fire Brigades, and \$10,000.00 for Drought Relief Projects. Four country Clubs in each category were selected, and each was offered \$ 2,500.00 for distribution as each saw fit, with no conditions placed on the Clubs. The Rotary Clubs of Alexandra, Bairnsdale, Maffra & Mansfield – District 9820 – were selected for CFA Funding, and the Rotary Clubs of Hamilton, Horsham, St. Arnaud & Swan Hill – District 9780 – for Drought Relief projects.

At the Rotary Club of Oakleigh we were overwhelmed at the messages of gratitude and appreciation received back from these Clubs – the consistent message was the

gratefulness that someone in the city actually cared enough about what was happening in the country to offer assistance.

It is a stark reminder that in our urbanised environment most support services are situated in the cities, whereas most natural disasters occur in the country, leaving a great imbalance that governments are unwilling to address.

Having made this connection we are intending to continue next year to reinforce the city-country connection, and I would urge all urban clubs to consider such a project.

(**DG Bob:** I am also aware of other clubs communicating directly with rural communities and/or Rotary Clubs and I commend your initiatives. If you have a message to pass along please let me know)

MESSAGE from Carrol Farmer – STAMPS

URGENT- URGENT- URGENT

Please continue to collect the used stamps and get them to Carrol as a matter of Urgency, we have a long way to go to reach \$7,000.00.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK (WWCC):

All Rotarians working with children who are under the age of 18 years, are required by law to have a Working with Children Check card on and from 1 July 2007. To assist clubs, application forms were sent to every President earlier in this rotary year.

So please ensure that every Rotarian and supporters of your club, involved in any of Rotary's Youth Programs (e.g. RYPEN, Camp Awakening, Youth Exchange, Bar-b-ques for schools or scouts) have completed an application form and send it off so they can receive their WWCC card and be able to legally work with children.

To date, over 40 Rotarians in District 9810 who have applied for the Working with Children Check have gained their WWCC card and, as Rotarians are volunteers, there is NO COST to the applicant.

Liz Guiver
District 9810

Child Protection Officer

MESSAGE FROM ROTARY CLUB of ROWVILLE

Rowville Secondary College has started a project called Operation 200-East. The aim of the activity is to plant 200 native Australian trees and shrubs on the school's Eastern Campus site by the end of July 2007. The planting will be conducted by the students.

The school is looking for donations of suitable native trees and shrubs to support the students endeavours. They are also looking for anyone with native flora experience to assist in the design and layout phases.

If you can assist please contact:

Assistant Principal:
Mrs. Daphne Clements
Humphrey's Way, Rowville Victoria, 3178
Telephone: 9755 4555

If you need plants picked up and transported to the school please email your details to Pres Murray Wilson (Rowville) on bj1804@rvahj.org.au and he will ensure your donation reaches the campus.

Regards

Murray Wilson
President
Rotary Club of Rowville

UPDATE - SOLOMON ISLANDS - ASSISTANCE

Since the 2Apr07 earthquake and resulting tsunami in the Solomons, the following avenues for donations have been advised to District Clubs:

1. A RAWCS Project Number AP57/07 has been allocated to channel donations for the reconstruction efforts.
2. Shelter Box donations can be sent to RC of Hampton or to RAWCS Project 31/2005/6.
3. Donations for purchase of goods (not buildings) can also be made to District Rotary Foundation funds but, depending on the availability of District Designated Funds, Matching Grants may not become available from that source for over three years.

The Brisbane Planetarium Rotary Club is acting as the focal point for the reconstruction planning and Charles Guesdon, a civil engineer with experience in disaster recovery planning, is acting as the co-ordinator. John Lawrence who is a member of the Brisbane Planetarium Rotary Club and a RI Director Nominee has suggested that the RAWCS Fund be used for donations rather than the Rotary Foundation

Regular Situation Reports have been obtained from the Solomon Islands Disaster Management Organisation and these reports have been circulated to all District Clubs and to all interested Rotarians in Australia. The SITREPS give the best and most accurate information on relief and recovery operations and should take precedence over any media reports.

At present, there seems little sense in sending clothing, books, medical supplies etc to the Solomons. The supply chain to the Western Province is uncertain and there is a good chance that the items, well meant though they would be, may either be unsuitable or may never arrive.

Aid is flowing in from overseas Agencies and Governments and, from the DMO Sitreps, supplies of goods appear to be starting to flow into local shops. The best way to assist in the short term may therefore be to send money through the local Rotary Club in Gizo but check first by emailing Kerry Kennedy at divegizo@solomon.com.sb.

Long term reconstruction tasks will be allocated to the various aid agencies by the Solomons Government. There is no sense in sending reconstruction teams over based on a request, no matter how well meaning, from a 'local friend'. To do so will result in chaos and wasteful duplication of effort (even assuming that the materials required can be sourced locally). In the worst case, the team may be asked to leave by the Government. Charles Guesdon has also emphasised that most of the old building sites are heavily contaminated with asbestos and this material will have to be disposed of safely before reconstruction can start.

Peter Thomas, National RAM Coordinator, has suggested that Rotary adopt a 'wait and see' policy until specific reconstruction tasks are allocated by the Solomons Government. We do not expect this to happen until September or October: at the earliest.

This prognosis may seem gloomy or negative, but it is not meant to be. The local population has certainly been devastated by the disaster but assistance (both material and manpower) is being provided in a steady and logical manner. While progress in some areas may seem slow, there is no sense in rushing in with assistance outside the National planning framework. Similarly, there is also no sense in Rotarians impatiently rushing over to the Western Province on 'fact finding missions' as these people would just be another mouth to feed and another bed to find: both commodities being in short supply.

The recommended approach is to think with your head, not your heart and work with the Solomon Islands Government: it is their country.

Mick Willis
RAWCS Chair
D9810

PAUL HARRIS RECOGNITION:

Please could you advise me of any recognition so that they can be included in the DG's Newsletter. Clubs should also advise RDU direct if they would like recognition in Rotary Down Under.

Please also advise the presentation of Paul Harris Sapphires.

Congratulations:

Margaret Riseborough – RC of Glen Waverley (Sapphire)

NEW MEMBERS

Please advise me of the full name of new members, as soon as possible after their induction, for inclusion in Ramblings and the DG Newsletter.

Welcome to:

Maurice Benington – RC of Box Hill Central

Lisa Morton – RC of Braeside

Greg Morton – RC of Braesside

David Healy – RC of Chelsea

Hans Engelhardt – RC of Montrose & District,

John King – RC of Montrose & District

Margie Kelsall – RC of Upper Yarra

Acting Senior Sergeant Wayne McDonald– RC of Wantirna (Associate Member)

The Rotary Club of Clayton – Over 40 years of service in the community

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

MESSAGE from RC of BOX HILL CENTRAL



Are you a SUPER HERO?

Run, or thinking of starting, your own **INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO, SUPERANNUATION or ALLOCATED PENSION FUND?**

If so, why not come to our **Saturday 26th May 2007 (11am-1pm)** seminar at state-of-the-art **Rusden Lecture Theatre, Deakin University, Burwood** to hear investment trends of interest to **DIY Share Investors** (without product sales) in a lively and informative manner from their favourite Melbourne investment commentators: **Alan Kohler, Kevin Bailey, Helen Breier** and hosted by **Dominic Alafaci**.

For more information and/or to book a seat to this unique Rotary fundraiser, go to:

www.diysuperseminar.com



A fundraising project of the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central

See www.rotary.org – 1.2M+ active Rotarians worldwide. 50% of Seminar proceeds to Drought Relief, balance to Rotary projects.
Enquiries: **Ken Rice** (Rotary Club of Box Hill Central) on **9416 1441, 0419 319 619**, fax **9416 4830**, email kenrice@kandl.com.au
To ensure a seat please pre-book – \$29 single, and \$49 per couple. The cost of door tickets on the day of the Seminar will be \$35 single, and \$59 per couple.

MESSAGE from RC OF MONT ALBERT AND SURREY HILLS – Book Fair

Date: 3rd June

Event: RC MASH - BOOK A RAMA

Venue: Melbourne Baseball Club, Surrey Drive, Box Hill

Time: 9 am to 10 am EARLY BIRD SALES \$10 per person entry
From 10 am to 4 pm - Gold Coin Donation

MASSES OF BOOKS FOR SALE, LIGHT REFRESHMENTS.

Book donations and enquiries welcome - contact Jenny or Roger on 9830 7711 or 0407 689 777

INVITATION FROM ROTARY CLUB OF HAMPTON

Rotary Club of Hampton invites you to dinner with Gavan Ryan, Detective Inspector and former head of Purana Task Force to hear his address

The Challenges and Successes of the Purana Task Force

7.00 for 7.15pm, Tuesday 5th June 2007

Sandringham Yacht Club

Jetty Road Sandringham – Mel 76 F8

\$40 per person / Tables of 10 available

Two Course Dinner and Coffee, with drinks at club member prices

... Proceeds will support Rotary Club of Hampton Projects ...

Bookings and further information:
Christine Prendergast,
Telephone: 03 9902 7109 BH; Mobile: 0418 574 446
Email: prendergast@smartchat.net.au
Payments by cheque or money order to:
Treasurer, Rotary Club of Hampton, PO Box 1084, Hampton North 3188.

MESSAGE FROM ROTARACT CLUB OF LILYDALE

The Rotaract club of Lilydale is hosting a Rotary and Rotaract Ten Pin Bowling Challenge at Ed Fleming, Mooroolbark. This is a great opportunity for Rotarians and Rotaractors to meet each other and enjoy a social competition to raise funds for the community.

The cost is \$13 for 2 games and shoe hire plus a \$4 donation to the Rotaract Club's Community projects. The event will be run on Sunday June 17th at 10am.

We are encouraging each club to enter a team in the competition, with each team consisting of a minimum of 1 person to as many people as you can find. At the end of the event, a winning club will be announced, based on an average score for each team for both rounds. A trophy will be award to the winning club.

Please find attached the flier to advertise throughout your Rotary and Rotaract Clubs.

RSVP by 2nd June via email Lilydale_rotaract@yahoo.com.au or to Andrew Axton on 0402098519.

District Governors Newsletter

If you would like to include an item in the District Governors Newsletter, please forward copy to our Editor, PP Glenda Sherwin-Lane (RC o Waverley), by the 3rd of each month. Glenda's email address is: gsl-mail@bigpond.net.au or newsletter@9810.rotary.org.au

MESSAGE from NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM (NYSF) –2008

The National Youth Science Forum in Canberra will be dispatching the following information pack to Rotary Clubs in the next week, the packs contain;

1 Guide
6 Flyers
10 Selection Process Forms
1 Rotary Club Procedures
1 Poster

1 Letter from the Minister
1 DVD
1 Letter from the NYSF (extended closing date advised in letter and has now been updated on our website)

The closing date for students to register on-line has been extended to 31st May 2007; and for Clubs to nominate at District level by 30th June. The changes are due to unforeseen delays in getting the information to all Clubs and Schools

The schools will get also get their packs within the next few days.

If Clubs have any questions and/or would like one of the District NYSF committee to come and talk to their Club about the NYSF please contact PP Paul Taranto via email at paul.taranto@qenos.com.

If there are any Rotarians that have a science/engineering background and would like to join the District committee and assist in providing the NYSF opportunity to the youth in District 9810 please contact PP Paul Taranto at the above email address.

Paul Taranto
Ph 61-3-9258-7526
Fax 61-3-93694819
Email paul.taranto@qenos.com

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Please note that Margaret Riseborough continues as the District attendance officer and your club attendance records should be provided to Margaret by the 15th of Each Month. Margaret's email address is: mrisebor@bigpond.net.au

NB: Margaret's postal address has changed and is now – Unit 18, 18-26 Marlesford Cres, Berwick 3806 – the telephone number is unchanged – 9702 0649

DATA BASE UPDATE

PP Ken Rice, our hard working Database Administrator is about to send to each club an A3 Sheet setting the details currently held on file. When this is received please circulate the list to all members for checking, and to be signed off by the Club Members where possible, as only individuals know 100% of their correct current / preferred details and any impending changes to these details.

DISTRICT SPONSORS

From time to time I will include reference to our valued sponsors who provide much needed support to the District. I encourage Rotarians to make use of the goods and services offered by the sponsors



Forthcoming Events

Saturday 26th May 2007 - 11am-1pm DIY Super Investment Seminar at Rusden Lecture Theatre, Deakin Uni, Burwood featuring Alan Kohler; Kevin Bailey; Helen Breier; MC – Dominic Alafaci. Further details Ken Rice, RC Box Hill Central 0419 319 619, kenrice@kandl.com.au or soon at www.diysuperseminar.com.

Friday 25th – Sunday 27th May 2007. District YEP Committee Assessment Weekend for January 2008 Outbound Students.

Sunday 3rd June 2007 – RC of MASH – Book fair Melbourne Baseball Club, Surrey Drive, Box Hill - 9 am to 10 am EARLY BIRD SALES \$10 per person entry - From 10 am to 4 pm - Gold Coin Donation

Saturday 30th June 2007 – District Governors Changeover – Caulfield Racecourse – 7:00 for 7:30PM – Two Course Dinner and Soft Drinks at \$52.00 per person and other drinks at Bar Prices.

Yours in Rotary

DG Bob Richards