



# ROTARY CLUB of CLAYTON Inc.

District 9810 Victoria, Australia

## Weekly Bulletin 2009-2010

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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### Vice-Presidents Report

Hello All,

Usually this spot is reserved for the Bob Millen Presidents report, but I have decided to give him a week off. I know that Bob has been flat out over the last few months and he deserves this breather.

Even as I write this report, Bob is down in Clayton with four other members of the club cooking sausages at the Clayton Football Club event, "Clayton on the Green". I hope it did not get too washed out and I am sure we will get a full report at our meeting this week.

I would like to put my Bulletin Editors hat on quickly and remind you all on a two important events coming up over the next couple of weeks. First of all we have the AGM next Monday (30/11) and we would like to see attendance by all members if possible. A copy of the official report and agenda will be sent out this week prior to the AGM. Secondly I would like to remind you all about our annual Christmas Function on the 13<sup>th</sup> December at the home of Reddy & Padma Kandadi. Can you please RSVP to Reddy before the 1<sup>st</sup> December. Thank you to Reddy & Padma for offering their home to us.

Anyway enough from me for now and I will see you all at the meeting. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the club to thank Bob Millen for all the effort he has put in over the last few months to keep the club running strong and hope that the next seven are just as good.

Have a good week.

Michael Ellinger(Vice-President)

### Important Club Dates

**Monday 30/11/09** – Club Annual General Meeting (AGM).

**Sunday 13/12/09** – Club Christmas Party at the home of Reddy & Padma Kandadi. 1:00 pm start for lunch. RSVP to Reddy before 1<sup>st</sup> December.

## 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?"

**Wednesday 16/12/09** – Board Meeting starting at 6:00 pm (Heather Norling's Home)

**Sunday 14/02/10** – Clayton Community Festival.

**Friday 26/02/10 to Sunday 28/02/10** – District 9810 Conference. Venue is Deakin University Waterfront Campus, Corner Western Beach & Gheringhap Street, Geelong.

**Monday 03/05/10** – Annual Charity Golf Day at Spring Valley Golf course. Further details (TBA).

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## Golf Day Sponsors

A list of all our 2009 Annual Charity Golf Day sponsors can now be found on the Rotary Club of Clayton web page. To see the sponsors you can follow the following link:-

[http://www.rotarnet.com.au/users/9/98110/golf\\_day\\_sponsors.htm](http://www.rotarnet.com.au/users/9/98110/golf_day_sponsors.htm)

All proceeds raised at the 2010 Golf Day will support the programs run by Ronald McDonald House.

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## Last Week & Upcoming Club Program

### Last Meeting (16/11):

This week our guest speaker was Leonie Moran who is a member and the past president from the Rotary Club Mont Albert & Surrey Hills (MASH). Leonie gave us a rundown on some of the methods the RC of MASH has used or is doing to improve membership and the everyday running of the club. The club currently has 45 members which includes 10 couples. The breakdown of the club is evenly spread with 50% female & 50% male members. The average age in the club is 50.

Following are some of the main points shared by Leonie during her presentation:-

- Focus is on Community Projects which also helps membership into the club.
- Keep a good profile in the community (regular BBQ once a week).
- Produce a community newsletter 3 times a year to highlight what the club is doing. 8,000 copies are printed and distributed around the neighbourhood.
- Provide show bags during the community festival which includes information about the club and Rotary.
- The club has strong leadership and planning programs.
- There is a rule in the club that no past presidents can be presidents again.
- Participate as much as possible in District Events.
- Have a membership and information night once a year.
- Weekly meetings are run for 45 minutes, and then followed by a meal

## 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.

for those members who wish to stay.

Leonie also promoted the Mince Pies, which are currently being sold by the RC of MASH. Money raised from the selling of the Mince pies is going towards the eradication of polio around the world. The costs of the pies are \$7.50 for 6 and \$15.00 for 12. If our club buys the pies, \$3.00 per dozen will be sent to Rotary International in the clubs name.

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### Meeting Notes:

- Ralph gave an update about on our fellowship / fundraising event "Prawns on the Lawn" which was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> November at 6 Acres Winery. 30 people turned up and all money raised will go towards a charity decided by the club. Also a big thank you to Ralph & Lesley for organising the day and letting us use their property.
- The club Christmas lunch this year will be on the 13<sup>th</sup> December at the home of Reddy & Padma Kandadi. The day will start at 1:00 pm for lunch. BYO Drinks & Chair. RSVP to Reddy by the 1<sup>st</sup> December.
- Jim gave a report on the Australian Women's Open Golf which will be held from the 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> March 2010. He is currently looking for volunteers who can help with the parking of cars over the 4 days. The event will be held at the Commonwealth Golf Club. See Jim for further details.
- Conference forms need to be filled in and passed on to John Goldspink as soon as possible.
- Bob gave an update on the club helping and supporting the "Clayton on the Green" day with the Westpac Bank on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November by cooking a sausage sizzle. We have 5 members involved on the day.

**Apologies** = John Barnes, Gaye Barnes, Jon Breisch, Glenys Pattison, John Goldspink & Lesley Zuccaro.

**Make Ups** = John Barnes, Lesley Zuccaro, Jon Breisch & Glenys Pattison.

**Leave of Absence** = Dianne Day

**Visitors** = PP Leonie Moran (RC of MASH).

### This weeks Roster (23/11):

Guest Speaker = Reddy Kandadi (Man behind the badge)

Chairperson = Ralph Zuccaro

Desk = Lesley Zuccaro

Visitors = Ed Allchin

### Roster for 30/11:

Guest Speaker = AGM

Chairperson = Lesley Zuccaro

Desk = Ed Allchin

Visitors = John Barnes

## Special Announcements

**21<sup>st</sup> November –  
Wedding Anniversary  
for Warren & Heather  
Fricke.**

### **Roster for 7/12:**

Guest Speaker = (TBA)  
Chairperson = Ed Allchin  
Desk = John Barnes  
Visitors = Jon Breisch

**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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## **District 9810 News**

### **District 9810 Australian Rotary Health 2009 Seminar**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November  
9:00 am to 11:00 am**

Waverley RSL, Coleman Parade, Glen Waverley

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### **Christmas Mince Pies**

A Project of the Rotary Club of Mont Albert & Surrey Hills.  
\$3 will be donated to The Rotary Foundation Polio Eradication Program in  
your clubs name for every dozen pies sold!

#### **To Place Orders:**

Fax to: 9836 7458  
Post to PO Box 47 Surrey Hills 3127  
**Email to:** [leoniegreg@ozemail.com.au](mailto:leoniegreg@ozemail.com.au)  
[bph@bigpond.net.au](mailto:bph@bigpond.net.au)

#### **Enquiries:**

Leonie on 9899 5836 or Jenny on 0407 689 777

### **\$15 per dozen**

Orders to be placed by 27th November  
You select date for delivery!

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## **Upcoming Events in Monash**

### **Christmas Decorations at the Civic Centre**

**Friday, 4 December 2009**

Each year in December the City of Monash Civic Centre Foyer gets in the  
festive spirit with an enormous Christmas Tree!

A group of local ladies from the Probus Club of Glen Waverley participate in this annual tradition by adorning the tree with decorations they have made.

Residents who visit the Civic Centre and Council staff enjoy the atmosphere the tree creates during the festive season.

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## 2009 Monash Carols by Candlelight

**Sunday, 20 December 2009**

Jells Park, Wheelers Hill

**8pm - 10pm**

- **4 pm** - Kids activities (jumping castle and animal farm)
- **7.15 pm** - Kids pre show entertainment
- **8.00 pm** - Main concert
- **10.00 pm** - Fireworks finale

The magic of Christmas is captured under the stars each December at Jells Park, where the community comes together to enjoy the Monash Carols By Candlelight Concert.

The Monash Carols by Candlelight has grown over the years to become a major community celebration, consistently attracting an average of 18,000 people from the City of Monash and surrounding areas.

Hosted by well-known TV and radio personality, Pete Smith and featuring talented local performers and musicians. This event is entirely community focused with an impressive choreographed fireworks and music spectacular.

Now in its 21st year, the Monash Carols by Candlelight will be held on Sunday the 20th December. The City's most prestigious event fosters a strong sense of community and involves the valuable work of volunteers within the city.

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## Upcoming Events in Kingston

### Kingston Farmers' Market

**Saturday, 5 December 2009**

**8:00 AM - 12:30 PM**

Buy direct from the growers and producers. Our market offers quality seasonal fruit and vegetables and a unique variety of gourmet local products such as top shelf olive oil, gourmet breads, cheeses and dips, delicious chocolate truffles, licorice and nougat, organic meat and

chicken, buffalo sausages, beef, lamb and pork, artisan pasta and sauces and an excellent range of gluten-free products.

**LOCATION:** Sir William Fry Reserve, Nepean Highway, Highett (Mel 77 G11)

**CONTACT NAME:** Mandy Baigel **PHONE:** 9581 4746

**EMAIL:** [mandy.baigel@kingston.vic.gov.au](mailto:mandy.baigel@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 **Heather Norling** on 9544 4220 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.

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## Joke of the Week

A woman walked into the kitchen to find her husband stalking around with a fly swatter. "What are you doing?" she asked.

"Hunting flies," he answered.

"Oh, killing any?" she asked.

"Yep, three males and two females."

"How could you tell?" she asked.

"Three were on a beer can, two were on the phone."

A little girl asked her mother, "Can I go outside and play with the boys?" Her mother replied, "No, you can't play with the boys, they're too rough."

The little girl thought about it for a few moments and asked,

"If I can find a smooth one, can I play with him?"

# Rotary International News

## Koroipita's Stage II gets the nod

**By Liz McDougall**

After years of documentation and planning the Fiji Rotahomes project team celebrated when NZAID approved the extension of the Koroipita Model Town in July.

NZAID's approval of the first six month budget phase, the first \$750,000 of a \$4 million plus grant, will extend the town, just outside Lautoka, Fiji's second largest city.



The Rotahomes project began in January, 1985 after three severe cyclones ripped through western Fiji, leaving hundreds homeless.

Project manager of the Rotahomes team Peter Drysdale saw the need to provide safe, cyclone-proof housing and has spent nearly 25 years since overseeing the building of around 800 Rotahomes housing 3350 people across a large area from Sigatoka in the south to Rakiraki in the north. This includes 80 homes at Koroipita Stage 1 which houses around 360 residents. The name Koroipita means "Village of Peter".

There is a kindergarten, office, shop and meeting room, playground, counselling room and nursery in the common area at Koroipita.

The village was built by teams of volunteers, mainly Rotarians from Australia and New Zealand, with most of the funds coming from Rotary clubs and Rotary International matching grants.

When word came through that funding had been granted, supporters were elated.

"We are delighted," said Drysdale, whose team includes two fulltime engineers and a team of community development specialists and local staff in training.

"The press of humans here is really cruel to see and it's very hard to turn people away who come to the village for help.

"We have pioneered a model for the legal structures to enable squatters to be resettled in our complex land tenure system.

"This is why we call it the 'model town'."

This is a term also used by government officials who recognise the strengths of the townships and see it as a template for a village on which

all housing for the poor in Fiji should be built.

While the houses are free, residents have to pay \$1 a day in town fees to cover garbage collection, basic maintenance, electricity for the communal areas and land rental.

With unemployment rising it is difficult for many families to come up with the \$7 a week.

The women in the village have a craft cooperative and sell items to an increasing number of tourists who visit the village.

Many of the men work in Lautoka and some will gain jobs building Koroipita Stage 2.

Koroipita Stage 2 will see another 160 homes built on 9.2ha of land adjacent to Koroipita stage 1. The extension is referred to as K2. This will raise the population to around 1100 people.

The first stage will see a huge community hall built. This will initially provide accommodation for volunteers who will start building at K2 next May. After the village is completed its layout will be reconfigured to a hall which will seat 400 people.

Once the drains, roads, sewer lines and other basic infrastructure are installed the first house will be constructed, continuing the work already achieved at Koroipita.

The huge improvement in the lives of the residents is hard for those who haven't visited to comprehend.

Many of their stories are heartbreaking. Some had lived on the rubbish dump, others were victims of unscrupulous landlords, some just never had homes, and were shunted from one squalid squatter settlement to the next.

One of the conditions of living at Koroipita is that the children must attend school, at least to age 14, but they are encouraged to continue longer and many are.

"Living at Koroipita is one-generational," Peter said. "We want to allow the children to be educated so they can gain employment and move out."

Priority at Koroipita Stage 2 will be given to families with young children.

"If we can educate the children it gives them hope," Peter said. "Only parents committed to sending their children to school will be considered and we provide financial and moral support to remove any excuses."

Before these families can be given housing there is a huge amount of work to be done. The initial \$FJ750,000 from NZAID for the first six months phase of the five-year program will establish surveying, town planning, engineering design and the first stage of basic infrastructure and utility installation and construction. The Environmental Impact Assessment is already complete .

Victorian engineer John Yalden and his wife, Emma, moved to Fiji in May to start work on the project, joining Australian Volunteers International

workers Ms Willy Heywood, Colin Schasser and Rebecca Beisler. Local staff provides accounting and support. The Town Clerk from Koroipita is now fulltime on the team.

The announcement of the funding was timely as the final volunteer team for 2009, from the Rotary Club of Brookvale, NSW, had just completed extending a house for one of the original Koroipita families and money had all but run out.

The Rotahome project has been under the umbrella of The Rotary Club of Lautoka. Past President Kamal Kumar said the planning phase of the extension to the Koroipita Model Town had been thorough so the infrastructure would be built to a high standard.

"The people of Lautoka and Koroipita are extremely grateful for this support from the people of New Zealand and for the contributions from Rotary International and the volunteers who have served at Koroipita.

"The city of Lautoka is becoming surrounded by squatter settlements but this model town offers hope for solutions."

New Zealand's Acting Deputy High Commissioner Todd Cleaver said, "Household income and expenditure surveys show that more than one third of informal settlement households live below the official poverty line and another third are at risk of falling below the poverty line in the event of a family crisis or increasing basic living costs."

The need for Stage 2 to be built swiftly is evident by the growing number of people who trek the dusty or muddy road to the village to see if a house is available.