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Mont Albert & Surrey Hills

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Spring 2007

GET INTO THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT AT HAMILTON ST

The Mont Albert Village Traders and The Rotary Club of Mont Albert & Surrey Hills invite you to come along to their annual Village Fair including the "Feast in the Street" on Friday 30th November. Tickets for "Feast in the Street" are available from participating traders in Mont Albert Village and also from The Rotary Club of Mont Albert & Surrey Hills for \$25.00 per person.

The Village Fair starts at 4 pm with **FREE** rides for the children, a variety market stalls, kids competitions, school choirs, sausage sizzle, gelati van and of course an early visit by Santa! We look forward to seeing you there.

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Are you a young professional, 25 - 40 years old? Group Study Exchange could be for you!

Roger Short of Surrey Hills recently returned from five weeks in Central London where he was hosted by Rotarians. Group Study Exchange (GSE) is an educational, ambassadorial, cultural and vocational Rotary Foundation programme. Roger, who was sponsored by Rotary Club of MASH says, "Walking through Buckingham Palace, looking at inner city history from Roman times, seeing Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament from The London Eye was spectacular. My vocational highlight was visiting a large multi-national company and meeting the entire team to discuss our industry and share experiences".

MASH has two members who have been part of the GSE team. Jenny Coburn who went to Toronto, Canada in 1990 reflects that "GSE developed my commitment to both professional and personal development and encouraged me to extend myself in all aspects of my life. GSE opened my eyes to the power of Rotary as a world wide organisation and what either one person or many linked together can

achieve through this amazing network".

Shia Smart went to Surrey and Sussex, England in 1998 and says "My GSE experience gave me the opportunity to increase my knowledge of world wide business practices, Rotary as an international organisation and further develop a wide range of my personal abilities".

For further information go to <http://www.rotary.d9810.org.au>

and visit Roger's team at <http://www.d9810gse.blogspot.com>

The next GSE team will be visiting Buenos Aires in April 2009. **Interested?** Contact shia.doukas@team.telstra.com



GSE Team Members, Jenny Coburn, Roger Short and Shia Smart

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SURREY HILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL WINS 2007 SPEECH COMPETITION

Tony Kuc

It's always the right time to do what? Why do students have to do homework? Why is the only thing to fear - fear? What power does positive thinking have? What is your proudest moment?

The answers to these questions formed the topics selected by the 12 finalists from 6 of the local primary schools (2 students per school) at the 3rd annual MASH Primary Schools Speech Competition held on August 30th. Parents, Teachers, Friends, Rotarians and Guest Judges from Toastmasters packed out the Chatham Primary School venue for this year's speech finals. The quality of the presentations was excellent and left the adults in the audience amazed at the talents of these Year 6 presenters.

This year's winner was from Surrey Hills Primary School; runner up from Mont Albert Primary School, and 3rd position from Chatham Primary

School. Each winner received a book voucher with the 1st place winner receiving an individual trophy and the perpetual shield for the School. Other schools represented in the competition this year were Our Holy Redeemer Surrey Hills, Our Lady's Wattle Park and Robert McCubbin Box Hill South. Unfortunately Camberwell Girls and Wattle Park Primary School were unable to attend. We thank Chatham Primary School for agreeing to host the finals this year.

The Rotary Club of Mont Albert and Surrey Hills are proud to be the organisers and sponsors of this competition - believed to be the only competition of its kind in Melbourne. Congratulations to all schools on their active participation.



Winners: Haley Harry & Laura with Mick Willis (President) & Marlene (Toastmasters)



Rotary Club of Mont Albert and Surrey Hills meets on Tuesdays at the Box Hill Institute, Room G32, Ground Floor, Nelson Campus, Nelson Road, Box Hill 6:45pm for 7:00pm. (Melways 47C8)

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POLIO – THE STORY OF ZAK

by Jennifer Coburn

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A beaming smiling face greeted me as I opened the door of Zak's room and introduced myself. Thanks to the Rotary network and its commitment to the eradication of Polio throughout the world, our Rotarians have been privileged to meet Zak. He is a special young gentleman who had the misfortune to contract polio whilst visiting his homeland of Pakistan in the middle of this year.

Alone in an isolation room at the hospital with visitors at a minimum due to the nature of his illness; it was imperative naturally that we wanted to help. A spare set of clothes, something to read, the daily newspaper – all things we take for granted. Yes, very small requests and yet so easy to solve.

It is an amazing network in Rotary – a young man falls ill with extreme temperature and terrible leg pain and when taken to hospital, the worst fears of Rotarians throughout Australia are realised. The diagnosis of Poliomyelitis is made. Why? How? We often hear that polio is just a plane ride away – and yes, here it was right here in our hometown. The network began in Pakistan where the message from his worrying mother was relayed to an Australian nurse working with Rotary's Polio Eradication campaign. Through the network of clubs throughout the world and email, a message came through of the need for support and could we please help. We learnt that Zak is a 22 year old young man who was vaccinated in his childhood in Pakistan. He had returned home to Pakistan with the knowledge that he was vaccinated. Fortunately, the affect upon him is minimal with no signs of paralysis. Gaining an insight of the works of Rotary and its polio eradication campaign has been a significant plus to Zak in his journey since July 2. With now only four countries being polio endemic, the journey is almost there. Rotary is making a difference to the lives of the people of the world. He is currently in Pakistan and awaiting the opportunity to return to Australia to recommence his studies in 2008.

ROTARY MEMBER PROFILE



Nicole Osner
Laboratory Management
Chemistry

Why did I join Rotary?

I joined Rotary to contribute to others.

What do I enjoy about Rotary?

Meeting and working with people from all walks of life who want to help others. Listening to speakers who are passionate about their areas of interest/expertise which allows me to expand my knowledge of the world.

How do the ideals of Rotary fit with my personal and business philosophies?

Rotary's ethical standards align with my personal ethical standards.

What do I get out of Rotary?

Having been in Rotary for nearly ten years, (yes there are young Rotarians), the personal development in my communication and public speaking skills would have to be top of the list. But then there are all the people I have met and the friendships that have grown through my involvement in Rotary. Rotary has offered me the opportunity to contribute and be involved with my community which would otherwise not have been possible. Rotary allows me to fulfil my need to give to others and to have fun.



Open from 8am until 1pm at the Whitehorse Civic Centre, 397 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading. (behind the Police Station). The market also provides an opportunity for shoppers to enjoy a coffee, and a bacon and egg sandwich.

The markets are held on the 2nd Sunday of each Month. Easy access and ample off street parking is available and entry is by a Gold Coin Donation. Next Markets will be: 11th November 2007 and 9th December 2007.



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