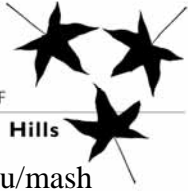




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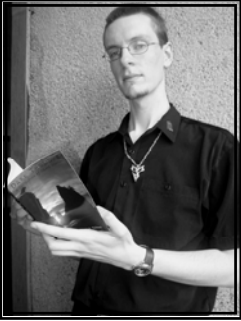


# MASH <sup>Community</sup> ^ NEWS

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## Justin's Scholarship Fantasy Comes True

By Chantal Teague (courtesy of Box Hill Institute of TAFE)



It was no fantasy story when professional writing student Justin McIntosh won a recent scholarship. On 14 December last year, the Diploma of Arts (Professional Writing and Editing) student was awarded a scholarship sponsored by the Rotary Club of Mont Albert and Surrey Hills worth \$700.

Justin said the money funded the purchase of a new computer. "The computer is fantastic. I don't need to share the family computer any more. I've got my own that I can type on whenever I want," he said. Justin said the

Rotary Club of Mont Albert & Surrey Hills had been very supportive in awarding the scholarship.

"I think it's a great thing for Rotary and Box Hill Institute to do for students - especially those struggling financially - it's a great thing to get those extra dollars," he said. "I don't think I know of one student who wouldn't benefit from something like this." Justin said he was very excited when his teachers Euan Mitchell and Helen Milte-Bastow nominated him for the scholarship. "Euan called me and told me he wanted to nominate me for it. I was so rapt I ran around my house telling everyone," he said. "I wasn't expecting to win it. It's going to look great on my resumé. It's not something you get every day as it shows your dedication and commitment to your studies."

## Inala Aged Care Residents Help Out In The Community



Aren't they just gorgeous? These little knitted dolls are the creative endeavours of the residents and staff at Inala Aged Care Centre, Blackburn South. The inspiration came to the folk in the Alawarra Centre at Inala, after

reading about the MASH 'Winter Woollies' Collection, decided that their crochet and knitting group would like to be involved in providing warm blankets for those in need.

Their blankets have since made their way to Mother Therese's Homes for the Elderly in India, Pakistan Earthquake victims and to the local Eastern Emergency Relief Centre and these wonderful little dolls have made their way to children who are having medical attention through Rotary programs such as Operation Cleft and Interplast in third world countries. They are sometimes the first doll children have ever possessed and become their treasured possessions.

The M.A.S.H. Rotarians are proud of the community connection with the residents and staff at Inala who, in partnership with Rotary, are making a difference in our local and international communities.

## NEXT ROTARY BOOK FAIR AND WINTER WOOLIES COLLECTION

13th and 14th OCTOBER 2007

Venue and donation details contact Jenny Coburn 9830 7711

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### VOLUNTEERING – Give it a go!!

Volunteering in our community is a rewarding and personally fulfilling experience. A volunteer gets involved, learns new skills, meets new people, makes new friends and most importantly, makes a difference in the lives of other people. People volunteer for a myriad of reasons.

Have you ever thought that your experience could help someone else, want to put that spare time to good use? Have you ever wondered how you could help but didn't know where to start? There are many opportunities for people of all ages to volunteer in the local community. Challenge yourself to think outside the square and join in the many volunteers already at work in our community.

For the opportunity to volunteer or become a member of the Rotary Club of Mont Albert & Surrey Hills, contact Jenny Coburn 9830 7711 or email [mash@d9810.rotary.org.au](mailto:mash@d9810.rotary.org.au)



### WHITEHORSE ROTARACT CLUB

Rotaract Club of Whitehorse is a group of community minded professionals aged between 18-30 looking to make a difference in the world through a variety of projects and personal development opportunities.

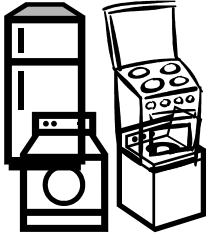
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Rotary Club of Mont Albert and Surrey Hills meets on Tuesdays at the Box Hill Institute, Room G32, Ground Floor, Nelson Campus, Nelson Road, Box Hill 6:45pm for 7:00pm. (Melways 47C8)



## CAN YOU HELP ?

Eastern Emergency Relief Network desperately need donations of White Goods  
Contact: **9874 8433**



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 offstreet parking is available and entry is by a Gold Coin Donation. Next Markets will be: 9th September, 14th October and 11th November 2007.



### ROTARY MEMBER PROFILE

Tony Kuc  
Education, Private Management and Rotarian

#### **Why did I join Rotary?**

I was invited by a local club when I moved to South Australia. I considered that involvement in a community outside of the school environment was a good thing to do. As a former participant in a Rotary Youth Leadership Program, it was good to give something back.

When we arrived back in Melbourne after 5 years away I looked to surrounding Rotary clubs and settled on the Rotary Club of Mont Albert & Surrey Hills. (MASH)

#### **What do I enjoy about Rotary?**

Like many (if not all) of the MASH members I enjoy the collegiality, the spirit of giving to the extent that one is able (without pressure to give beyond), the range of worthwhile community endeavours involved in, and the broadening of one's horizons through listening to the various speakers.

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

I am in a service industry so the ideas of contributing, facilitating, helping and caring are all part of my professional persona. Not hard to apply the same to one's personal persona.

#### **What do I get out of Rotary?**

Thankfully I get back in equal proportion to what I am able to put in, and often far more. Hence if I am able to help out on the sausage sizzle as a fundraiser, I get back an equal amount of satisfaction that the funds raised are going to be put to good use and that the face of Rotary is in the public eye as a caring body with friendly members.

## ALKIRA Recognised At National Shine On Awards

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On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May the Southern Districts Shine on Awards were held in Morwell. The Shine on Awards are an Australian wide Rotary program designed to celebrate the abilities and achievements of people with disabilities, people who have contributed in a voluntary capacity to the quality of life in the community. This year the Rotary Club of MASH nominated Peter and John both from Alkira.

Peter has over come a physical disability in his infancy to now actively participate in the Special Olympics. He has also made the transition from school to Alkira's adult training and support service very well. Peter has developed good advocacy skills and participates on the Alkira client committee. He contributes well in any activity he undertakes making life happier for those around him through his thoughtfulness.

John has been with Alkira for nearly forty years. He is a softly spoken person with beautiful manners who continues to challenge himself. Recently John joined the founding committee establishing Alkira's radio program. John delivers for Meals On Wheels in the Box Hill area and volunteers every week at Box Hill Hospital. He also supports a young man assisting him in his travel home from Alkira; at times this can be a challenge as the young man loves to hang around with his friends and needs encouragement to go home. John supports both his fellow clients and the Alkira staff to ensure their community is a happy one.

Congratulations to both Peter and John who received Certificate of Commendation at the event in recognition of their contribution to the community.



*Ern Hermeler (Immediate Past President) with Peter and John and District Governor Bob Richards.*



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