



In Your Hands

District 9820 News

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From the DG's Desk

Welcome to the first edition of your District Newsletter for the 2009-10 Rotary year.

Thank you first to past District Governor Ken and Margaret McDonald for a great year. Ken faced a number of challenges in the year not the least of which was the bushfire emergency early this year. I believe he has led us very well and left a great foundation on which we can all build. PDG Ken of course continues as part of the 2009-10 leadership team.

My next thank you is to you, the members of District 9820. I regard it as an honour to be appointed as District Governor and I look forward to working with you this Rotary year. Kerrie and I have appreciated your friendship, encouragement and support over the years and in particular these last few years as I prepared for this year in

office. We are looking forward to sharing in your club activities and programs.

My sense is that we will be spending the year reflecting and thinking about the future of Rotary in our clubs and in the District motivated by RI President John Kenny's theme "*the Future of Rotary is in Your Hands*". In launching the 2009-10 theme President John said:

"Everything begins and ends with our clubs..... clubs can and do work together, they work through their own [and other] districts and in cooperation with other clubsat the end of the day, everything that we accomplish is done through the strength of our Clubs...and so each club must have autonomy to serve where and how it can serve best".

My challenge and that of the Leadership team is to support you in this

Rotary year and beyond. To that end, the leadership team have and will continue to offer training for new members and committee members in key areas – Membership, Public Relations and the Foundation. I would encourage clubs that are not operating under the Club Leadership Plan to consider doing so and to participate in the Club Visioning process so ably run by PDG Peter Newman and his team. There will also be workshops to assist in the four Avenues of Service which I commend to you. Details of these are included in the District Directory and will be outlined in more detail on the new District website as nearer the time.

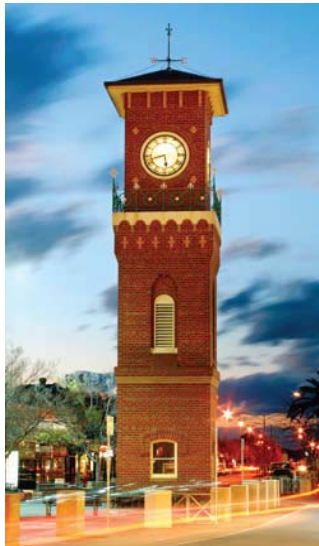
I wish you well in your planning for a great year.



District Governor Brian Norris

Conference Corner

On behalf of the Rotary clubs of Sale Central, Maffra, Sale and Yarram we invite you to come to Sale in the Wellington Shire for the 52nd Annual District Conference over the weekend of 26 to 28 February 2010.



The Clock Tower, Sale.

The conference will have a strong country flavour

with the theme “from the Mountains to the Sea”.

The committee is working very hard to deliver an informative and varied conference with the major emphasis on the environment, Rotary education and fellowship.

The conference sessions will be held in the excellent facilities of the Gippsland Grammar School with a gala dinner on the Saturday night. The dinner will showcase the produce from the area and will have a country bush theme. Dress for the evening will be bush Australian – jeans, akubra, and open neck shirt – casual country clobber.

The official opening on the Friday evening will include the Youth Exchange presentation and concert before “Rotary goes to the Dogs”. There will be the golf, bowls and partner’s tours on Friday and a huge community welcome at midday in the city centre will mark the official conference start with the arrival of the Ride to Conference participants.

Please note your diaries now and keep an eye on future newsletters for updates and plans for the conference weekend.

COME TO GIPPSLAND FOR A GREAT ROTARY WEEKEND

Conference Chair

Michael Page (OAM)

Vision Facilitation

There seems to be some confusion reference the status of the Club Vision Facilitation program within the District. I am happy to advise that the program is alive and well with clubs booking to participate.

To clear up this matter

some confusion may have arisen in reference to our Districts unsuccessful application to be a participant in the Future Vision Plan for the Rotary Foundation. This has nothing to do with the Club Vision Facilitation.

If your club is interesting in

participating please do not hesitate to contact me.

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FACILITATION
VISION

District Website

As those who attended the district assembly will know we have a new website at



The District 9820 Website

www.district9820.org.

Please have a look, there is a lot to be done but we are in the process of upgrading each area as information is

provided to us. Rotarians will have access (after applying for a login) and be able to access their records and more as time goes on. Committee heads, Presidents and the DG will be able to update their own areas and update the website directly. Data has been imported from Rotary International's own database of member details. If your club provided correct details then our website will be correct too!

Over the next months I will provide some basic instruction for members on using the website I hope you will enjoy and take the time to regularly visit. Further training will take place later in the year. Your feedback is welcome.

Tim Moore

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Member Access

After logging on to the system, members may update their personal profile and change their password. Logging in allows you to register online for district and club events, book yourself and others for volunteer positions, use the discussion forum, access the password-protected documents, and download the district directory.

Logging In

Login to access the features of ClubRunner.

- [Get my username and password](#)
- [How to login](#)
- [Change my password](#)

The District Directory

Find contact information of others in your District.

- [Access the district directory](#)

My Personal Profile

Keeping your personal profile current and up to date is important, especially when it comes to your email address.

- [Update my personal profile](#)

Old District Email Addresses

Previously all clubs had a district email address @district9820.org These have always been problematic as clubs didn't clear them and didn't advise of changes to recipients and more and more were using a

central email address within their own club for correspondence. Most of the old email addresses mail boxes were full and bounced back. PDG Ken, district secretaries and committee members have all corresponded with

club presidents and secretaries etc directly. With apologies to those few still using the old system we would ask you to move to a club based email.

Meet The Governor

For those that have yet to meet District Governor Brian you will discover he is a man of his word. You will also discover he is a person that enjoys a challenge. Soon after his selection as Governor for the 2009-10 Rotary year it became apparent that he would push some boundaries, challenge some traditions and work to support not only Rotary International but the ordinary Rotarians and the clubs in this District. With the assistance and support of Immediate Past District Governor Ken McDonald and District Governor Elect David Piper, a new District Website is being constructed, pre-PETS seminars were re-introduced, the Assembly format was changed and the directory was released in a dif-

ferent format. According to Brian, "There is still room for improvement!"

Brian strongly believes that the best way to lead is to empower a team and seek advice. He does this in his profession as Registrar for the Anglican Diocese of Gippsland and as a member of the various professional Boards and Associations with which he is involved. These include the Gippsland Grammar School at Sale, the Gippsland Anglican Aged Care and the National Executive of the Anglican Church of Australia. Within the constraints of a large volunteer organization, Brian also takes a "bottom up" approach which is why RI President John Kenny's theme "*The Future of Rotary is in your Hands*" sits

well with him.

In his spare time Brian is an avid reader, keen cook, family and local historian and a garden railway enthusiast. Brian is passionate about club bulletins and will assume the role of club bulletin editor for his own club, Sale Central this year. Both Brian and Kerrie enjoy meeting people and sharing ideas on just about any subject.

Brian and Kerrie will commence their official club visits on 13 July and hope to visit each club at least twice this Rotary year. If your club has a special event that you would like DG Brian to attend, even as a helper, please let District Secretary Peter White, Brian or Kerrie know as soon as possible.

District Directory

Corrections

Page 33: Don Ripper's wife is "Jude". Apologies to Jude.

Page 54: Adrian Davis's contact details are as follows:

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The Future

Contact lists will be uploaded to the new District website periodically and the Directory itself will appear as a PDF document and kept up to date. Perhaps in the long term we will no longer have a paper directory!

District Visioning

An Australian First?

According to PDG Peter Newman a number of clubs have either participated or have registered for Club Visioning. Those that have held workshops have found the session worthwhile in that it has helped to provide clarity about the projects the club & members undertake and what they can and want to undertake going forward. The process has also assisted with the identification of member skill gaps and streamlining club operating procedures.



To ensure that District 9820 has a strategic plan that fits with RI and Club plans, DG Brian has asked his leadership team to commit to a District Visioning Day on 9 August 2009. From what PDG Peter has been able to ascertain, D9820 is the first Australian District to take this step in formulating a strategic plan that

will reflect and support clubs.

For clubs wanting to know more about Club Visioning, keep an eye on the website or contact PDG Peter Newman on ptnewman@bigpond.net.au or phone 0408 377 491.

The Rotary Foundation

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Clubs for your support and contributions to the Rotary Foundation during the 08/09 Rotary Year.

Presidents along with then DG Ken set a District Goal for the Annual Projects Fund of US\$ 101,405.00. I am pleased to say that as of 30 June, 47 of our Clubs had contributed their goal funds resulting in a contribution from District 9820 of US\$100,053.00.

Thank you all.

In addition some US\$40K was contributed to the Polio Challenge by Clubs and an allocation from our DDF.

In the Rotary Year, Rotary Clubs world wide have made great progress towards our goal. To date we, have raised over US\$81.7 million in cash, DDF and pledges towards our goal of US\$200 million.

HBO's Documentary on Polio Eradication

HBO's 38-minute film "The Final Inch," filmed with Rotary's help and nominated for an Academy Award for Best Documentary Short, will be available for purchase at <http://www.thefinalinch.org> (trailers for this film can be viewed on the web site)

The proceeds generated from the sale of the DVD will be donated to Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge.

PDG David Loudon
DRFC -9820

Congratulations and Thanks

Donors of US\$1,000 or more to the Annual Programs Fund, PolioPlus, or the Humanitarian Grants Program, or people who have that amount contributed in their name, can be recognized as Paul Harris Fellows.

In the June / July changeover period, the following citizens and Rotarians were recognised as Paul Harris Fellows to which we extend our congratulations and thanks:

Berwick

PHF - P.P. Lynne Westland, Mike Moreland, Wendy Boon (non-Rotarian), Mike Tyler (non-Rotarian)

Sapphire pins to P.P. Tim Moore, P.P. Rob Taylor, PP Lynne Westland and P.P. Chris Booth
Ruby - PDG Ray Martin

Dandenong

PHF - P.P. John Grennan, Vicki Collier and Nola Dawson
Sapphire Pins - P.D.G. Ken Mc Donald and P.P. Don Thompson
Life Member Paul Harris 711 club - Margaret Mc Donald

Endeavour Hills

PHF - Darrin Mayne
Sapphire Pins - Colin Speirs, Peter Faulkner, David Langworthy, Harry Hornstra, Martin Pater

Leongatha

PHF - Colin McKenzie – McHarg and Ross Pearson

Mitchell River

PHF – Helen Lanigan and Michael Nelson

Pakenham

PHF - Helen Van Diemen

Philip Island & San Remo

PHF - Phil Dressing
Sapphire - Ted Jeffrey, Ray Dickie

Traralgon Central

PHF - Bob Johnson

Sale Central

PHF - Peter Hawkins (non-Rotarian)

Warragul

Wal Christie – Sapphire Pin

PHF - Ian Snape

Yarram

PHF - John Jeffs

Pre PETS 2009

Below is a photo of the attendees at the Philip Island Pre-PETS (Presidents Elect Training seminar) held on 22 February 2009. Two other Pre-PETS were held at Bairnsdale and Frankston.





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Rotary in Action:



Rotarians Leo and Mike of the Rotary Club of Sale organizing wood for the fire victims at Calignee.

Service Avenues Forums

On Sunday the 30th August in Traralgon and Sunday the 6th September in Berwick, Service Avenues Forums will be held for all Service Avenue Directors/Chairman, AG's and interested Rotarians.

The aims of the forums will be to enlarge on the information provided at the District Assembly and to provide the opportunity for all attendees to participate in exchanging ideas and discussing the development of new service projects at Club, inter-Club and District level.

Apart from two limited general sessions the majority of the mornings will be taken in workshops to allow focus on each Service Avenue.

Each Forum will have a 9-30am for a 10-00am start and conclude at 1-00pm. Morning coffee and tea will be provided prior to the start with light refreshments on completion.

An invitation will be forwarded to all Club Presidents and Secretaries shortly requesting numbers of Rotarians inter-

ested in attending to ensure sufficient space is allocated for the workshops.

These forums will be a first for our District and it is hoped all Clubs will attend to not only gain further information on District activities but to also let other Clubs know of their current projects and ideas for future ones.

PP Chris Booth

District Chairman
Service Avenues