

From the President Alick Osborne

Brian Ashworth gave a very interesting presentation on the work done by Disaster Aid Australia in many countries including the Philippines and Bhutan.



We learnt about the inner workings of the Sky-Hydrant which can provide up to 10,000 litres of clean drinking water per day. The total cost of installation for two tanks and the filter is around \$5,000 which is

pretty good value for the volume of water and the number of people that can support.

This week we will have Mark Willis from RAWCS – Rotary Australia World Community Service. We will take the opportunity to work on getting Progress Pikinini registered with RAWCS to receive DGR status.

It was a sausage smorgasbord at the weekend with BBQ's at Henley on the Yarra and Bunnings. Well done to everyone who turned out to help, with special thanks to Tania's niece Amy who manned the till for most of the day.



The crew at Henley – also present Chris “shutterbug” Don and Dawn “I’m shy” Paynter.

We cleared \$1,400 beside the Yarra but it was a slow day with a change of location at Bunnings for a total of \$1,600 in Fundraising over the weekend. Thanks to Dawn and Lyle who fronted up for both BBQ's and Rod “I feel like I ran a whole marathon” Kenafacke, plus James & Emily, Tawanda, and Rosemary.

Speaking of fundraising we are now under a month away from our Taste of France event on Sunday 24th March.

Taste of France
Family Fun Day

Sunday 24th March 11am – 4pm

Fabulous French Food & Snacks

- Quiche Lorraine & Baguettes
- Pomme Frites & Chien Chauds
- Fromage Boxes & Biscuits
- French BBQ Burgers
- Andouillette BBQ Sausages
- Cold Drinks, Coffee & French Cakes
- Preserves & French Pancakes
- Pre Loved Books

See a wonderful range of French vintage cars
Featuring - Renault, Citroen, Simca & Peugeot

Silent Auction, Hampers, Cake Stall, Rides & Jumping Castles,
Honey, Popcorn, Shaved Ice & Fabulous French Music

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Chris has been working very hard to bring all of the logistics together for our annual event. We have a planning meeting early this week and will provide an update this Wednesday and again on Wednesday 20th March immediately before the big day.

Paul has put the call out for people who can seek out items for the Silent Auction as has Tania for hampers. Please lend a hand getting the items we need to make these stalls great earners. Similarly Rod has put out the call for books ...

Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday 27th February

Speaker: Mark Willis – RAWCS

Rotary Australia World Community Service Ltd. (RAWCS) was formed to enable Australian Rotarians, Rotary Districts and Rotary Clubs to assist disadvantaged communities and individuals through humanitarian aid projects.

RAWCS could be likened to a trust account, where funds are held and then directed to registered projects. RAWCS assists with project planning and handles regulatory requirements thereby minimising the risks associated with fundraising and the management of funds.

Welcome: David & Christina

Chair: Alick Osborne

Sergeant: Chris Don

Wednesday 6th March

Cluster Meeting hosted by Prahran Rotary at Matthew Flinders.

Speaker: Jason Ball – “Free to be Me.” Jason is the 2017 Young Australian of the Year for Victoria, a member of Prahran Rotary and speaker at the recent Multi-District Conference. Jason’s experience at the Yarra Glen Football & Netball Club led to the creation of the Pride Cup.



Pride Cup began as a powerful gesture of mateship in a country footy club and has grown into a national movement for change that unites communities.

Wednesday 13th March

This meeting will be a little different – we will be going to meet our speaker.

Rotary Chadstone/East Malvern

GOT BOOKS YOU WANT TO GET RID OF? WE CAN HELP EACH OTHER!

Rotary Chadstone/East Malvern needs stock for the books stall at our upcoming "Taste of France – Family Fun Day"

Do you have:

- Books you've already read taking up space?
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- Books you got as gifts that you'll never read?
- Books that you've been given twice?
- Books the kids/grandkids have grown out of?

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Get in touch with Rod Kerzack (rod.rotary@rotond.com) to arrange delivery/pickup or pass them along to your favourite Rotarian.

Please NO: Text Books, Encyclopedias, Magazines, or Jig-Saw Puzzles

Taste of France Family Fun Day

Sunday 24th March 11am – 4pm

Fabulous French Food & Snacks

See a wonderful range of French clothing items including: Sweater, Cottons, Shirts & Pringel

Gift Auction, Raffle, Cake Sale, Wine & Amping Contest, Quiz, Photo, Award etc & Fabulous French Music

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Dean Stewart is a passionate Wemba Wemba-Wergaia man of Victoria, with over 25 years’ experience creating, co-ordinating and conducting Cultural Education, tourism, conservation and interpretation programs.

We will be joining Dean near Flinders Street Station at 6:00 pm. Full details will be confirmed shortly. Guests welcome (but there is a limit of around 35 people).

Wednesday 20th March

Preparation for the Family Fun Day / A Taste of France event.

Chair: Chris Don

Welcome: Tania & Hein

Sergeant: Hein

Clean Up Australia Day – Sunday 3rd March



Time: 10:00 am – 12:30 pm.

Meeting point: Meet at the north Side of Brixton Rise on the Stonnington side of Gardiners Creek. Glenburn Bend Park. Melway Map 59 J8.

We will be helping Friends of Gardiner's Creek with the clean-up and at the conclusion we will be holding a BBQ next to the George Pepperell Gazebo to meet with local people and talk about Rotary and what we do in our community.

Reflections on the Multi-District Conference

The peace conference commenced with an Opening Address by PRIP Ian Riseley. Briefly it did open up the eyes of the audience to really think hard about what peace meant. Steve Killelea gave an economic view of peace and summed up "Peace means wealth and wellbeing to a nation". Kat John talked of how peacefulness of the mind can cure a lot of ills and told her personal story. Bryn Styles took us through how peace means different things to people. How true that is. Tony Stuart, CEO UNICEF Australia showcased Rotary's work with Polio Vaccination. He shocked us by telling us about human traffickers who appeared after a Tsunami telling orphan children they were their uncle.

The Multi-District Conference was attended by 1500 people and the smooth organization was a feat in itself. The flag parade was colourful and our national Anthem was sung by an American and our Michael Lapina did us proud singing the American National Anthem.

There is not room here to go through every speaker but the outstanding ones for me were Lord Mayor Sally Capp who explained to us how every homeless person sleeping in Melbourne is known to one organization or another and progress is continuing to find homes and safe areas for these people. Stephanie Urchick the RI President's Representative told her own story with Rotary and had us all interested. John Soe a man who was rejected by his parents when he was a child contracting polio had us in tears but Rotary took him over and made him feel he belonged and become the man he is today. Dr Edna Adan Ismail showed us how true grit can get you anything and she has a hospital in Somaliland that she built to prove it. Jason Ball told us about his "coming out" as a homosexual in the world of football and we had a lighthearted look at Port Phillip Bay through the eyes of Sheree Marris.

Proudly District 9800 met on the Sunday and we showcased the work we had done throughout the year. This was excellent as it made it personal for our District.

The last session was a talk on Leadership in a male environment by Christine Nixon which was certainly food for thought and Marina Prior managed to uplift us all with her beautiful voice.

Overall the conference made everyone there proud to be a Rotarian, I know it certainly did this for me and looking around from some very old people who had to be helped into their seats to the younger members it was obvious the gathering was overwhelmed and proud too.

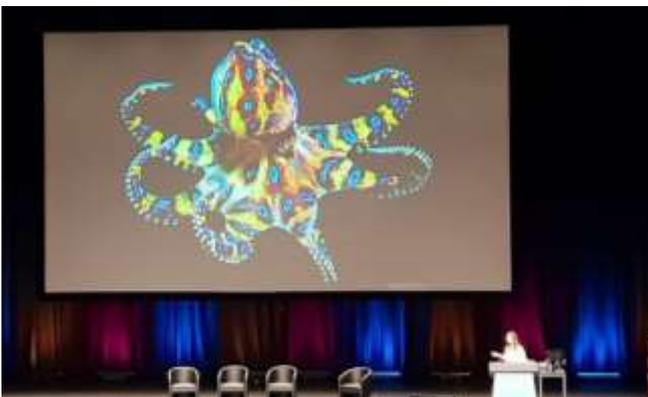
Rosemary Johnston

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Cambodia Garden La'ak



Save the Date – Friday 31 May

2019 GALA DINNER at
THE

International

Brighton - Friday 31 May



The second annual Gala Dinner to raise funds to do **humanitarian work in Cambodia** is on **31 MAY**.

Our 2018 event was a roaring success and our team of 13 volunteers worked in the village of La'ak in January 2018 together with the villagers implemented some amazing changes including clean drinking water and a vegetable garden.

Details for this Special Event

Date: Friday, 31 May 2019 **Time:** 7pm to midnight
Venue: The International – 81 Bay Street Brighton
Purpose: Create awareness and raise funds for humanitarian projects in Cambodia
Cost: Ticket price is \$110 two course meal and drinks (special diets)
Dress Code: Semi-formal
Contact: Reserve a seat through Tania or Janet

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