



# The Valley News

The Official News of the Rotary Club of Melton Valley

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25<sup>th</sup> March, 2009.

Chartered  
29<sup>th</sup> May 1991

## Club Presidents

**1991-1992:**

Ian Read

**1992-1993:**

Genie Long

**1993-1994:**

Greg Plummer

**1994-1995:**

Paul Goodear

**1995-1996:**

Horst Sauer

**1996-1997:**

Ron Russell

**1997-1998:**

Doug McDonald

**1998-1999:**

Graeme Mann

**1999-2000:**

Roger Morgan

**2000-2001:**

Peter Nash

**2001-2002**

Selwyn Hall:

**2002-2003:**

Colin Greene

**2003-2004:**

Colin Corp

**2004-2005**

Ross Butterworth

**2005-2006:**

Graham Dempsey

**2006-2007:**

David Kerruish

**2007-2008:**

Paul Butler

**2008-2009:**

Andrew Mc Cormack

## DG's Weekly Message 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2009

### Thanks and Congratulations

Having been to over 40 District Conferences Past Rotary International President Wilf Wilkinson is somewhat of an expert on them; so when he commented that last week's conference was the 'best ever' I was delighted.

My sincere thanks and congratulations go to Greg Matthews, Conference Chairman (yeah yeah) and the team from North Balwyn. Their hardwork certainly paid off.

Thanks to all of the speakers, each of who gave us further understanding of our world today and what we can expect in the years to come. Bernard Salt helped us understand the demographic challenges facing Australia during the current economic downturn. Robyn Moore, a great communicator who spoke on changing people's perceptions through words and Lena Condos of her passion for humanitarian projects and the wonderful 'Eyes Wide Open' program. While TV Anchor, Amanda Drury impressed with her eloquent story of her Rotary GSE and the doors the Exchange program opened for her in business and personally. She reinforced the impact that her exchange experience had on future opportunities including those allowing her to successfully work around the world.

I hope that you, like Carol and I, were inspired and reinvigorated by the conference. Thanks again to all who attended. We wish the Rotary Club of Werribee a successful conference in 2010.

~Jim Studebaker, District Governor

### Local Make-ups

WILLIAMSTOWN - Mon. 12.45 for 1.00pm, Royal Yacht Club, 120 Nelson Plac

EAST KEILOR - Mon. 6.30 for 6.45pm, Keilor East RSL, Hoffmans Rd. W/Ess

SUNSHINE - Tue. 12.30 for 12.45pm, Deer Park Hotel, Ballarat Rd., Deer Park

MELTON - Tue. 6.00 for 6.30pm, Le Vohn's Rest. Cnr. Smith & High St.

WERRIBEE - Tue. 6.15 for 6.45pm, Chirnside Tavern, 187 Watton St.

GISBORNE - Tue. 6.45 for 7.15pm, Victoria Tavern Hotel 22 Aitken St.

BACCHUS MARSH - Wed. 6.30 for 7.00pm, B/Marsh Motel, 272 Main St.

BRIMBANK CENTRAL - Wed. 6.00 for 6.30pm, Taylors Lake Hotel, Keilor-Melton Rd.

### Paul Harris Fellows

Graham Dempsey

(Sapphire),

Ian Read,

Roger Morgan,

Wal Shand,

Colin Greene,

Paul Butler,

Michael Pepi,

Carlo Veliscek,

Colin Corp,

Stephanie Moskaljuk

Ross Butterworth

Dave Kerruish

Ross Butterworth

(Sapphire)

Barbara Richards

### Royce Abbey Awardees

**2004-2005:**

Paul Butler

**2005-2006:**

Neil Penny

**2006-2007:**

Barb Richards

Renee Jerram

**2007-2008:**

Lorraine Sharman

**2008-2009:**

Annette Butterworth

Chris Mc Cormack

**Our Club meets at  
Melton Valley Golf Club  
12.30 for 12.45pm with  
second Wednesday of  
each month 6.00 for  
6.30pm. Apologies and  
Guests to Margaret on  
9747-8718 and leave a  
message by 4:00pm  
Tuesday for  
Evening Meeting  
apologies by 10am  
Wednesday.**

### District Conference - 2010 - Perth

Book now and see how much you really will enjoy this experience. And if you wish stay a little longer and see a bit more of Perth.

Any Rotary Member wishing to attend a meeting at Bacchus Marsh Rotary, please contact the desk staff at Smith & Gilbert on 5367-3088.

## March Anniversaries & Birthdays

### Anniversaries

Lorraine & David 02/03  
Bernie & Veronica 30/03

### Members Club Anniversaries March

#### Smile

##### **Thoughtful Husband, not many left??**

It is important for men to remember that, as women grow older, it becomes harder for them to maintain the same quality of housekeeping as when they were younger.

When you notice this, try not to yell at them.

Some are over-sensitive, and there's nothing worse than an over-sensitive woman.

My name is Jim..

Let me relate how I handled the situation with my wife, Christine.

When I retired a few years ago, it became necessary for Christine to get a full-time job along with her part-time job, both for extra income and for the health benefits that we needed.

Shortly after she started working, I noticed she was beginning to show her age. I usually get home from the golf club about the same time she gets home from work and although she knows how hungry I am, she almost always says she has to rest for half an hour or so before she starts dinner.

I don't yell at her.

Instead, I tell her to take her time and just wake me when she gets dinner on the table.

I generally have lunch in the Men's Grill at the club so eating out twice is not reasonable. I'm ready for some home-cooked grub when I hit that door.

She used to do the dishes as soon as we finished eating.

But now it's not unusual for them to sit on the table for several hours after dinner.

I do what I can by diplomatically reminding her several times each evening that they won't clean themselves.

I know she really appreciates this, as it does seem to motivate her to get them done before she goes to bed.

Another symptom of aging is complaining, I think.

For example she will say that it is difficult for her to find time to pay the monthly bills during her lunch hour.

But, boys, we take 'em for better or worse, so I just smile and offer encouragement.

I tell her to stretch it out over two or even three days.

That way she won't have to rush so much. I also remind her that missing lunch completely now and then wouldn't hurt her any (if you know what I mean).

I like to think tact is one of my strong points .

When doing simple jobs, she seems to think she needs more rest periods.

She had to take a break when she was only half finished mowing the lawn.

I try not to make a scene. I'm a fair man.

reshly squeezed lemonade and just sit for a while.

And, as long as she is making one for herself, she may as well make one for me too.

I know that I probably look like a saint in the way I support Christine.

I'm not saying that showing this much consideration is easy.

Many men will find it difficult. Some will even find it impossible!

Nobody knows better than I do how frustrating women get as they get older.

However, guys, even if you just use a little more tact and less criticism of your aging wife because of this article, I will consider that writing it was well worthwhile.

After all, we are put on this earth to help each other.

Signed,

JIM

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Jim died suddenly on May 27 of a perforated rectum. The police report says he was found with a Calloway extra long 50-inch Big Bertha Driver II golf club jammed up his rear end, with barely 5 inches of grip showing and a sledge hammer laying nearby.

His wife Christine was arrested and charged with murder.

The all-woman jury took only 15 minutes to find her Not Guilty, accepting her defense that Jim somehow, without looking, accidentally sat down on his golf club

#### Quote of the Week

Q: Why is Life so strange?

A: Because if we knew what was going on, we wouldn't put up with it.

#### Murphy's law

Teamwork is essential.

It allows you to blame someone else.

#### Entertainment Books

The club has a limited number of Entertainment Discount Books again available at \$65.00 each. The book is great value and raises funds for the community at the same time as saving you money on a large range of services. Contact Ross if you want a book. Ph. 9747 0475

#### Almoner's Report

Get well to Lorraine's sister Trish who unfortunately suffered a heart attack , she is well on her way to recovery. Margaret has also been in hospital with a reoccurring complaint. Don Cullen has had a pacemaker inserted and is home recovering.

Our very best wishes goes to all.

#### Ed's Corner

Please feel free to submit any notices into the Bulletin at any time but please beware the DEADLINE is FIRM. All material must be submitted by email by Monday 12noon.

Hard copy by arrangements with Ed. Christine McCormack will be assisting the Club as Bulletin Editor.

Please assist Chris and the Club by forwarding any copy or stories for the Bulletin to the email on the front page Heading.

#### Let's all Remember

**Rotary Shares**

## Members' Contact Details

Butler	Paul	Buttels	0400661630
Butterworth	Ross	Forgetmenot	0411228311
Butterworth	Annette	Woofa	0401031917
Dempsey	Graham	Godfather	0412367044
Dempsey	Pauline	Numbers	0412299117
Grogan	Kevin	Dad	0427552245
Kerruish	David	GT	0408266855
McCormack	Andrew	Sherlock	0419323011
McCormack	Christine	Gopha	0419889594
Moskaljuk	Stephanie	Sumo	0415227143
O'Farrell	Bernie	Old Fart	0409254785
Richards	Barbara	Needles	0407556178
Sharman	Lorraine	Fish	0402050796
Shelley	Catherine	Lone Ranger	0418581880
Walker	Margaret	Johnny	9747-8718
Wayside	David	Gadget	9743-1233
Willan	Tony	Fingers	0401367793
Honory			
Penny	Neil	Leghorn	0427505291

### Save the Date! - DGs Change Over

This year's Change Over dinner will be held on Saturday, 27 June from 7pm at the Melbourne Park Function Centre beside the Rod Laver Stadium.

The Rotary Club of Hawthorn will be hosting the event. Please contact David Pisterman on 0418 345 607 for further information.

DATE	CHAIRPERSON	MEETER/GREETER	CASHIER
25/03/2009	DAVID K	TONY	LORRAINE
1/04/2009	DAVID K	KEVIN	CHRIS
8/04/2009	MEETING AT	TABCORP	
15/04/2009	DAVID K	DAVID W	MARGARET

If you are unable to attend a meeting for which you are rostered for a duty, please arrange for a swap with someone and let Andrew know on tel: 0419-323011.

Member	December	January	Annual
Paul Butler	100	100	100
Annette Butterworth	100	100	100
Ross Butterworth	100	100	100
Graham Dempsey	100	100	100
Pauline Dempsey	100	100	100
Kevin Grogan	100	100	100
David Kerruish	100	100	100
Andrew McCormack	100	100	100
Christine McCormack	100	100	100
Stephanie Moskaljuk	100	100	100
Bernie O'Farrell	33	100	62
Barbara Richards	100	100	89
Lorraine Sharman	100	100	93
Catherine Shelley	0	33	51
Margaret Walker	100	100	100
David Wayside	100	100	75
Tony Willan	100	100	96

**Members please assist the Club to return accurate reports to Rotary International by ensuring your make ups are recorded on the make up form and passed on to the Attendance Officer, Margaret Walker as soon as possible after the make up is completed.**

### District Assembly - Reminder To All Incoming Club Officers And New Members

This year's District Assembly will be held at Wilson Hall, Melbourne University commencing at 9:30AM on Sunday the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2009.

Heritage Cluster will be the host Club and any Rotarian seeking further information should contact AG Chris Wang at [cwi@labyrinth.net.au](mailto:cwi@labyrinth.net.au) or President Victor Sullivan of RC Carlton at [V.Sullivan@unicol.unimelb.edu.au](mailto:V.Sullivan@unicol.unimelb.edu.au) or watch 'Networker' for details.

## **APOLOGIES**

Just a reminder, your meal for the meeting is automatically ordered.  
If you are unable to attend, please let Margaret know.  
If not, you will be invoiced for the fee.

## **Pres's Report**

Thank you to all members and their families who have been involved in putting together the yellow ribbons and sashes , it has been a mammoth task for all.

I would like for all Members and Friends of Rotary to get behind this project and sell to all that you know as all monies raised goes to Bushire relief. Order forms will be given out at the meeting so members can purchase.

Our guest speaker this week is Don Jago to talk about the Polio Plus program, of which we are involved by selling our Fruit Cakes.

Coming up on the 8<sup>th</sup> April we have an evening with Athol Guy. To be held at the new premises of Tabcorp. Hope all will be able to attend, should be a great night.

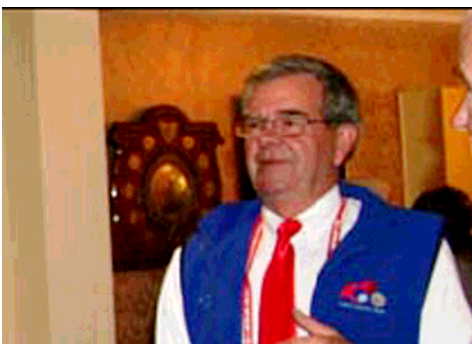
### ***A message from Conference Chairman, Greg Matthews***

*A big thank you to all Rotarians and Partners who attended conference and made it the success it was. Your enthusiasm, sense of fun and passion for Rotary was clearly evident. Thanks for making our conference a huge success.*

*Also a big thank you to the members of the Rotary Club of North Balwyn who put in an outstanding effort. You looked sensational and everyone has been talking about the excellent customer service that you delivered (at times under arduous weather conditions).*

*To our MC, Tony Wells, you were outstanding, a true professional. Well done.*

*The Conference Committee wishes the Rotary Club of Werribee every success for the Perth conference. We know you will do a great job for District 9800.*



MELTON VALLEY



ROTARY CLUB

**PRESENTS**  
**AN EVENING WITH**  
**ATHOL GUY**  
**A TRIBUTE TO THE SEEKERS**  
(WITH HISTORIC MUSIC & VIDEO FOOTAGE)

**WHERE:** **TABCORP PARK**  
**(MELTON HARNESS RACING CLUB)**  
**FERRIS ROAD, MELTON**

**WHEN:** **WEDNESDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2009**  
**6.30PM FOR PRE DINNER CANAPES**  
**7.00PM START**

**COST:** **\$55.00 PER HEAD.**  
**TWO COURSE MEAL, TEA AND COFFEE**  
**DRINKS AT BAR PRICES**

**PRE BOOKING A MUST**

**YOU CAN PURCHASE TICKETS AT:**

**MELTON ELECTRONICS**  
**BAKERY SQUARE, MELTON.**

**OR**

**MELTON VISITORS INFORMATION CENTRE**  
**HIGH STREET. MELTON**

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