



Rotary Club of Melton Valley



The official news of the Rotary Club of Melton Valley

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The Valley News



District Governor's Weekly Message

Date: 20th May 2009

Continuing to Support Bushfire Recovery.

It is important to bring our clubs and members up to date with what has been happening with our involvement in the bushfire recovery program and where we are heading.

Earlier this week, our D9800 Bushfire Recovery Chairman Mev Connell, PP Greg Mathews



of the Rotary Club of North Balwyn and I visited the townships of Marysville and Kinglake and met volunteer organisations in both towns to discuss ways in which our Rotary District may assist with helping the recovery efforts in those two badly affected areas.

The following are extracts of a report written by Mev Connell last week.

"The Rotary Bushfire Recovery Program is now operating on a number of fronts with significant progress although it is really still at the very beginning of the operations phase.

To date the D9800 Bushfire Recovery Fund has accumulated just under \$500,00.

The greatest proportion of the donations has originated from overseas and interstate Rotary Clubs, Rotary Districts and Rotarians.

Other Rotary Districts in Victoria have also raised significant Recovery Funds, but none is presently as large as the D9800 Fund. Our Rotary colleagues from Tasmania have offered an exceptional contribution of more than \$560,000.

Analysis of damage and loss on the fire affected areas shows that D9790 is far by the most seriously affected, with D9820 having also experienced very significant impacts. The following crude comparative assessment by districts is quite illuminating

District	Proportion Damage & Loss
D9790	86.42%
D9820	10.33%
D9800	2.37%
D9780	0.83%
D9810	0.00%

D9790 is adjacent and includes the area between Whittlesea and Kinglake the corridors between Yea and Yarra Glen and Alexandra and Healesville. These are not far from our District's Clubs and Rotarians are encouraged to offer their assistance.

A picture is said to be worth more than a thousand words, but believe me a real life visit to these areas is far more revealing... there is devastation and hardship to be seen all around and as winter approaches the circumstances for the survivors will become more trying.

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Local makeup's

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.



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Work Done

I know that some clubs have been working on relief and recovery projects on their own initiative.

Fence reconstruction, property clean up, and humanitarian has been delivered and well received.

If you are working on projects, please keep me informed of what you are doing so that I can report back on your initiatives through regular updates.

We would like to add the work you might be doing to our data base of projects.

D9800 has provided financial support for the K.I.D.S. Foundation – Burns Survivors' Network, to assist with the activities to be provided to bushfire burns victims and their immediate families. The community of burns victims is one of the most severely impacted by the fires and they need and deserve support during the period of their recovery from injury. That support will take into account both the physical and psychological impacts resulting from burns. The Rotary Club of Southbank submitted the original request from the K.I.D.S. Foundation and has volunteered to continue to work with them, monitoring their activities and assist where possible to deliver a positive outcome.

D9800 has also agreed to provide to Global Care a range of equipment to assist that body to operate more effectively. Global Care is a Christian Organisation that is dedicated to providing assistance wherever it might be needed. It usually operates in developing countries but has now established a base at Kinglake and intends to extend its bushfire recovery operations into Gippsland. Global Care has an abundance of young, fit volunteers and expertise in the form of *occupational health and safety* and *arborist operations* but lacks tools and equipment such as chainsaws, log splitters, and fence construction equipment. D9800 has agreed to purchase and loan to Global Care a kit of chainsaws, log splitters, and a tractor equipped for fence post driving. This equipment is to be used to make safe burnt trees on private property that endanger life, limb, and property (such as caravans, sheds, and surviving houses). Local Government will not do such work and the commercial solution would be prohibitively expensive for the land-owners. Internal fence reconstruction work will also be undertaken. It is desirable that a Rotary Club or Cluster take responsibility for routine liaison with Global Care and the Batman Cluster has been invited to take on that task.

The "Donations In Kind" Store, under the capable direction of Bill Dagg, has been very helpful in sourcing and supplying goods and clothing needed by fire survivors in D9820 (Gippsland) and D9790. The innovative and cooperative approach taken has been very much appreciated by all of the Rotarians who have used this assistance and by the recipients of the goods and clothing.

Clubs in the Goldfields Cluster continue to assist with the Recovery Program in the Eaglehawk and Redesdale areas. They have established very effective operational linkages with funding agencies and other participants in the recovery work. Such networking is very important to maximising success.

Tools of varied description continue to be in demand and are still being supplied by clubs and individual Rotarians.

Where To From Here?

The D9800 Bushfire Recovery Committee has certainly not been inundated with proposals for projects. We need to have suggestions as to what might best deserve support such as down to earth tasks / works / projects that are not being addressed properly or at all by others. It also has to be constantly borne in mind that availability of funds is reasonably limited; therefore projects have to be prioritised and some will not be approved, but that is not a reason to refrain from proposing a project.

The humanitarian needs are great and I urge Rotarians and clubs to do whatever they can to demonstrate to the bushfire survivors that Rotarians are continuing to think about their predicament and offer support, particularly as winter sets in. There are many despondent people living out there in the bush in tin sheds, caravans, and even tents. If someone can just talk with them, hold their hands, or socialise with them, that is worth a lot. Some of us have done these things and the benefits are very evident."

By Mev Connell,

Chairman of the *Unified Rotary Districts in Victoria and Tasmania Bushfire Recovery Committee* and the *D9800 Bushfire Recovery Committee*.

Mev and his team are doing a great job ... congratulations Mev! Let's keep supporting them, as there is a job to be done in assisting our fellow Victorians.

~Jim Studebaker, District Governor



**Chartered
29th May 1991**

Club Presidents

1991-1992:

Ian Read

1992-1993:

Genie Long

1993-1994:

Greg Plummer

1994-1995:

Paul Goodyear

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

**Rotary Club
of
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Paul Harris Fellows

Graham Dempsey

(Sapphire),

Ian Read,

Colin Greene,

Paul Butler,

Michael Pepi,

Carlo Veliscek,

Colin Corp,

Stephanie Moskaljuk

Ross Butterworth

Dave Kerruish

Ross Butterworth

(Sapphire)

Barbara Richards

Royce Abbey Awards

2004 – 2005

Paul Butler

2005-2006

Neil Penny

2006- 2007

Barb Richards

Renee Jerram

2007 – 2008

Lorraine Sharman

2008- 2009

Annette Butterworth

Chris McCormack

R.I. President:

DK Lee

District Governor:

Jim Studebaker

Assist Governor:

Ken Vazquez



APOLOGIES

Just a reminder your meal for the meeting is automatically ordered.

If you are unable to attend .

Please let Margaret Walker know - if you don't you will be invoiced for the fee....

Make up reports

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 any reports later than 2 weeks will not be accepted. Thank you..

May Birthdays

Joan Grogan 21/05

May Anniversaries

Members Club Anniversaries

Andrew Mc Cormack 10/05/2000

Bernie O'Farrell 16/05/1991

Neil Penny 16/05/1991

Graham Dempsey 16/05/1991

Paul Butler 21/05/1998

Almoner's Report

If anyone has any information on our family of Rotary please contact Margaret Walker

Our Team

2008 -2009

Board 2008 – 2009

President

Andrew McCormack

President Elect

Barbara Richards

Secretary

Barb Richards

Treasurer

Annette Butterworth

Directors

Community Service

Lorraine Sharman

New Generations

Pauline Dempsey

International

Stephanie Moskaljuk

Vocation

Kevin Grogan

Foundation

Graham Dempsey

Club Officers

Membership

David Kerruish

Fellowship

Tony Willan

Bulletin

Christine McCormack

Almoner

Margaret Walker



Presidents Report



30 more sleeps till changeover, Barb. Just thought I would remind you of that.

Our guest speaker last week was John & Pam Shepherd, for the past 9 years John has been raising funds for Variety by entering the Variety Bush Bash. Pam for 7 years. They have enjoyed every one of them and each with it's own stories.

We welcomed our incoming AG for our cluster Jan Douglas, on a makeup visit. Jan gave a little insight to herself & family.

DG's ChangeOver – Book Now!

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

Hosted by the Rotary Club of Hawthorn it is the "must attend function of 2009. A fond farewell to Jim Studebaker and a big welcome to Colin Muir.

Please contact David Pisterman on 0418 345 607 for further information. Bookings by Club only, \$75.00 per head.



We Care



Our club meets at Melton Valley Golf Club

12.30 for 12.45pmwith second Wednesday of each month 6.00pm for 6.30 pm .

Apologies and guests to **Margaret Walker** on **9747 8718** and leave a message by 4.00 pm for evening meeting apologies by 10 am Wednesday.



Lets all remember
Rotary Shares

Donations in kind need your help!

Can you spare a few hours any Tues, Wed or Thurs between 10- & 2-30pm? Your D9800 DIK has 12 Club International projects loading their containers in the next two months. Whether it be goods for the Bushfire Relief, Samoa, Fiji, PNG, Zambia or even a little one for Collingwood come along and help. There are books and clothes to be sorted & packed.

No heavy lifting.

BYO sandwich, DIK supply the rest..... Parking & fellowship!

Rear of Shed 40 @ 400 Sommerville Rd, West Footscray.

Melway 41 E7. Enter GATE 1, between Geelong & Paramount Roads Lost-ring Bill on 0425 741 045.



Reminders / Notices



Don't forget...

24th May. Fellowship

31st May. District Assembly

12th June. Fellowship

20th June. Changeover

Quote of the week

Nobody can make you feel inferior without your permission.
-Eleanor Roosevelt-

Murphy's Law

Build a system that even a fool can use and only a fool will want to use it.

Joke of the Week

A man came home from work and found his three children outside, still in their pyjamas, playing in the mud, with empty food boxes and wrappers strewn all around the front yard.

The door of his wife's car was open, as was the front door to the house and there was no sign of the dog. Proceeding into the entry, he found an even bigger mess. A lamp had been knocked over, and the throw rug was wadded against one wall. In the front room the TV was loudly blaring a cartoon channel, and the family room was strewn with toys and various items of clothing.

In the kitchen, dishes filled the sink, breakfast food was spilled on the counter, the fridge door was open wide, dog food was spilled on the floor, a broken glass lay under the table, and a small pile of sand was spread by the back door.

He quickly headed up the stairs, stepping over toys and more piles of clothes, looking for his wife. He was worried she might be ill, or that something serious had happened.

He was met with a small trickle of water as it made its way out the bathroom door. As he peered inside he found wet towels, scummy soap and more toys strewn over the floor. Miles of toilet paper lay in a heap and toothpaste had been smeared over the mirror and walls.

As he rushed to the bedroom, he found his wife still curled up in the bed in her pyjamas, reading a novel. She looked up at him, smiled, and asked how his day went..

He looked at her bewildered and asked, 'What happened here today?'

She again smiled and answered, 'You know every day when you come home from work and you ask me what in the world I do all day?'

'Yes,' was his incredulous reply.

She answered, 'Well, today I didn't do it.'

MEMBERS CONTACT DETAILS

Butler	Paul	Buttels	0400-661630
Butterworth	Ross	Forget me not	0411-228311
Butterworth	Annette	Woofa	0401-031917
Dempsey	Graham	Godfather	0412-367044
Dempsey	Pauline	Numbers	0412-299117
Grogan	Kevin	Dad	0427-552245
Innes	Margaret	Sarge	0419-150641
Kerruish	David	GT	0408-266855
McCormack	Andrew	Sherlock	0419-323011
McCormack	Christine	Gopha	0419-889594
Moskaljuk	Stephanie	Sumo	0415-227143
O'Farrell	Bernie	Old Fart	0409-254785
Richards	Barbara	Needles	0407-556178
Sharman	Lorraine	Fish	0402-050796
Shelley	Catherine	Lone Ranger	0418-581880
Walker	Margaret	Johnny	9747-8718
Wayside	David	Gadget	9743-1233
Willan	Tony	Fingers	0401-367793
Penny (Honory)	Neil	Leghorn	0427-505291

MEMBER	MARCH	APRIL	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	80	95
Margaret Innes			
Andrew McCormack	100	100	100
Christine McCormack	100	100	100
Stephanie Moskaljuk	100	100	100
Bernie O'Farrell	100	100	67
Barbara Richards	100	100	90
Lorraine Sharman	100	40	80
Catherine Shelley	25	60	47
Margaret Walker	100	100	100
David Wayside	100	80	78
Tony Willan	100	80	89

Date	Chairperson	Meet & Greet	Cashier
6/05/09		Ross Butterworth	
13/05/09	Various	David Wayside	Chris
20/05/09	Various	Tony Willan	Pauline
27/05/09	Various	Kevin Grogan	Stephanie

Andrew with John Shepheard, speaking on his experiences on the Variety Bush Bash.





Rotary club of melton valley Fellowship

Middle eastern night

In the plush modern dining room adorned with Middle Eastern touches, the custom continues here at Laziza where authentic dishes are freshly prepared.

Come enjoy the unique dining experience and discover the tremendous ambience, friendly attentive staff and great Middle Eastern dishes.

Our international chef, trained in Lebanon, prepares an authentic cuisine with modern influences to ensure the full robust flavours of the middle east are enjoyed to the fullest.



Friday 12th June 2009 at 7.00 pm

304 Keilor Rd Essendon,
Tel: 9379 9984