

THE FIRST DISTRICT RECOGNITIONS PRESENTED

The first batch of the new District Recognitions were presented at the District Changeover at Kingston Links on 15 June. The new system of District Recognitions has replaced the old awards. In 2012-13 there are twenty seven recognitions and two Outstanding Club recognitions. The main reason for this change was that it was considered unfair to choose one club project over others in the district as there are many excellent projects that can be recognised in any Rotary year. All clubs who have received District Awards in the past will be listed on the district website so this valuable archive information is not lost over time.

Outstanding Club Recognition recipients

To receive Outstanding Club Recognition a club must receive recognition in the three areas of Club Building, Club Projects and Club PR/Communications. The two Outstanding Clubs for 2012-13 are the Rotary Club of Doncaster and the Rotary Club of Mont Albert and Surrey Hills. Congratulations to both of these clubs on this achievement.

Club Building Recognition:

To be recognised for Club Building a club must:

1. Develop and maintain a club membership plan.
2. Achieve a net increase in membership of 10% from the previous year (July 1 figures) as of 31 March.
3. Document and implement a new members' mentoring program.

Club Building Recognition recipients:

Rotary Clubs of Doncaster, Fern Tree Gully, eClub of Greater Melbourne, Mont Albert & Surrey Hills Monash, Mount Waverley and Wheelers Hill.

Club Projects Recognition:

1. To be recognised for Club Projects a club must:
2. Develop a major new service project.
3. OR expand an existing major service project.
4. Support of projects from two other avenues of service.

Club Projects Recognitions:

Thirteen clubs have been acknowledged in the five Avenues of Service including Community Service (6 recognitions), International Service (5 recognitions), Vocational Service (1 recognition) and Youth Service (1 recognition)

Club Projects Recognition recipients:

Rotary Club of Braeside

(International) – Bairo Pite Hospital rewiring

Rotary Club of Chelsea: (International)

Fuji Truck fundraising project

Rotary Club of Doncaster: (Community)

Domestic Violence App for Smart Phones



Rotary Club of Emerald & District: (Youth)
Cyber Safe Choices Seminar

Rotary Club of Huntingdale: (Community)
Monash Community Forum

Rotary Club of Knox: (Community)
Knox Community Policing Vehicle coordination

Rotary Club of Lilydale: (International)
Nurses support Bairo Pite Clinic East Timor

RC Mont Albert & Surrey Hills: (Community)
First Friday Dinner

Rotary Club of Mordialloc: (Community)
Victorian Gnome Festival

Rotary Club of Ringwood: (International)
Maroondah Mobility Vehicle

Rotary Club of Rowville Lysterfield: (Vocational)
Business Breakfasts and Business Partnering

Rotary Club of Templestowe: (International)
ABCD - Art Building Children's Dreams

Rotary Club of Upper Yarra: (Community)
Upper Yarra Family Festival

Club PR/Communications Recognitions

To be recognised for Club PR/Communications a club must:

1. Publish a well designed, weekly club bulletin and up-to-date website.
2. Promote club activities using Social Media.
3. Promote a major club project, or the club or Rotary in general through a significant local media PR campaign.

Club PR/Communications Recognition recipients:

Rotary Clubs of Chelsea, Croydon, Doncaster, Knox Mont Albert & Surrey Hills, Mordialloc and Mount Waverley.

Rotary International Awards for District 9810 Rotarians

A highlight of the 2013 District Changeover was the presentation of several prestigious Rotary International Awards to Rotarians from District 9810.

Past District Governor John Glenn was awarded *The Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award*. This recognition is an internationally competitive award granted annually to a maximum of fifty Rotarians worldwide who have exhibited exceptional active service to The Rotary Foundation. To qualify, the nominee must demonstrate a broad range of service over an extended period of time, and must include at serving on a district Rotary Foundation committee for a total of five years or more, providing exceptional leadership at district or multidistrict Rotary Foundation training events and giving Rotary Foundation presentations at district or regional events. Congratulations John, you are a most worthy recipient of this most prestigious award!

Past District Governor Dick Garner was presented with the *Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World* in recognition of significant personal service toward the goal of polio eradication. This award is culmination of the fine work Dick

has done as the Zone PR/Public Image Coordinator over a number of years including the illumination of Federation Square with the End Polio logos and the End Polio Education CD project. Congratulations Dick!

The final Rotary International Award recipient was Helen Blunden who was presented with the *Vocational Service Leadership Award* for promoting the advancement of Vocational Service and Rotary's commitment to the highest ethical standards in businesses and professions.

Helen developed the district's Business Networking program that formed the basis for the "Getting Back to Business" district theme that was used in the 2012-13 Rotary year. Helen's program was also taken up by Rotary districts overseas.

Used Stamps Collections

The grand total of \$6,280.80 was raised in the District through the collection of used stamps in 2012-13. Congratulations to Carrol and Eric Farmer for this superb effort. The funds will be donated to the Cathy Freeman Foundation.

Rotary International Awards for District 9810 clubs

Presidential Citation

The Presidential Citation is a Rotary International recognition that has been developed by the world President Sakuji Tanaka. The Presidential Citation recognises Rotary clubs for achieving an array of undertakings that help them become stronger, deliver more effective service, and enhance their public image. A special feature of this year's Presidential Citation was that to qualify clubs had to complete or plan to complete a peace project or event to celebrate the 2012-13 Rotary theme of "Peace Through Service".

2012-13 Presidential Citation club recipients: Croydon, Dingley Village, Doncaster, Forest Hill, Glen Waverley, Hampton, Lilydale, Manningham, Monash Mont Albert & Surrey Hills, Mordialloc, Ringwood and Templestowe.

Cambodian Children's Fund

On behalf of CCF and the families of Cambodia please accept my grateful thanks for the wonderful support shown for my Partner's Project in 2012-13. The overwhelming acceptance and generous donations received from all the clubs of District 9810 have resulted in an amazing amount of \$20,793.35.

This cheque will be forwarded on to Scott Neeson and The Cambodia Children's Fund to be used in its quest to provide education, food and an opportunity for the children of Cambodia to achieve a happy and more rewarding future.

Thank you to everyone for helping to change lives.

Sue Martin

District Acknowledgements

In addition to the Rotarians acknowledged at Changeover I would like to thank the following district committee chairs. Our Club Our Future (Brian Tyedin), Ron Brooks (PRLS), Bob Richards (RLI), Robert Leach (Australian Rotary Health), Liz Guiver (Indigenous Support), Robert Renshaw (PROBUS), Tony Haining (CR&A), Pat Armstrong (Sustainability), Carrol Farmer (Used Stamps), Mick Willis (RAWCS), Jackie Gleeson (RAM), Jeff Gouldson (Rotary Project Volunteers), Bill Chapman (Water & Sanitation), all the Country & Liaison Coordinators, Keith Corbett (Interplast), all the Rotary Fellowship coordinators, Aidan Wright (Rotary Friendship Exchange, Gaynor Schols (ROMAC), Jackie Gleeson (Student Awards & Scholarships), Claire Parsons (Literacy), Joe & Gillian Somers (Drug and Alcohol Use Handbook), Andrew Forgas (Shine on Awards), Model United Nations Assembly (Carol Lawton), National Youth Science Forum & Summer Science School (Paul Taranto), Don Kerley (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards), Diane Fisher (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment), Marlene Sinclair (Speech Competitions) The Rotary Foundation: David Mair (Giving), Ian Donald (Centurion Club), Graeme Woolacott (Paul Harris Society), Denis Hyland (Polio Eradication), Graham Richardson (Matching Grants), Alma Reynolds (Simplified Grants), Peter Murie (Scholarships). I would also like to acknowledge Assistant Governor David Bremner who passed away very early in the Rotary year.

Thanks

Thanks to Alan Bamford and the Rotary Club of Monash for organising the Changeover Dinner so efficiently. The venue was great, the food excellent and the table decorations set the scene for a very enjoyable night and a smooth Changeover.

Changeover Speech by outgoing District Governor, Brian Martin

I don't plan to present a detailed summary of the 2012-13 Rotary year tonight. As I mentioned before the DG's April Newsletter achieved that very well. But there is one project that I would like to bring you up to date with. The team from Box Hill Institute plus some teachers and parents are now in East Timor building the family home for young girls who are at risk. This project has attracted a wide range of partners and supporters including Yooralla Overseas Development Fund (NSW), Casa Vida (a local NGO that operates in East Timor), Box Hill Institute, Rotary District 9810 and private and industry donors. Thanks to PDG David Alexander for coordinating this project which has a budget of \$215,000.

I would like to say how proud I have been of Sue in the way she has conducted herself as a DG's partner. It's been great to see how she has developed in the role and she has played an important part in the club visits and at district events.

In summary I would just like to make the following brief observations.

Apart from attending the usual district events, Sue and I have been to many special events during this Rotary year including the 40th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Doncaster, the chartering of the Interact Club of Doncaster, (and there is another one just about ready to go at Koonung), the 50th Anniversary of the RC Fern Tree Gully (attended on my behalf by Sue, Merv and Kay due to me having the flu), the RC Croydon's Charity Auction with David Smorgon as guest speaker, the Glen Waverley Wine Auction.

We also attended the Cyber Safe Choices seminar ran by the RC Emerald & District, the Victorian Gnome Festival run by RC Mordialloc, the Upper Yarra Family Festival, run by the RC of Upper Yarra.

Other highlights included the Rowville Business Breakfasts, the Group Study Exchange to Malaysia, the Partners trip to India and the many peace projects that were developed in 2012-13.

And of course we had the district conference (and Jonathan Usher!) The Saturday night and the experience of the

Wangaratta Wombat Band would have to be a highlight for me personally. I did get a number of requests for the band to perform again at this changeover but I declined because it was designed as a truly "one night stand band" and I'm working on the theory that "as the memory of the performance dims so will the legend grow".

I would also like to thank my own club the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central for the support and cooperation offered to Sue and myself during 2012-13. They hit the ground running with the organisation of last year's Changeover and continued this effort with the assistance in organising and running of the 2013 District Conference whether by being on the committee or just helping out on the actual conference weekend. Thank you Box Hill Central!

So in conclusion I would like to recount a story from the night that Sue and I attended the 40th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Mordialloc in November 2011. It was one of those magic nights because John Bertrand was the guest speaker. John of course was the skipper of Australia II that won the America's Cup in 1983.

At the end of his presentation the audience were invited to ask questions. I asked him what it felt like when Australia II was in full sail on the water.

He replied that it was like soaring like an eagle, with all the sails and equipment working in harmony with John only requiring finger tip control of the wheel.

So fellow Rotarians I can safely say that I've only required a finger tip control of the wheel of District 9810 in 2012-13 and through all your efforts you have soared like eagles in the work you have done to improve the life of others.

It has been a privilege for us both to serve the district in 2012-13. We wish Merv and Kay all the best for the new Rotary year.

Thank you

Brian & Sue

Induction Speech by incoming District Governor, Merv Ericson

Good evening fellow Rotarians and friends. I would like to commence with a few personal comments. But first, can I ask that you indicate, by a show of hands, if you attended the District Assembly at Deakin University, in May? Thanks- the response to that question dictates which jokes I should omit.

I would like to express my everlasting gratitude to District 9810 Rotarians and District for giving me the opportunity to lead the District. Our training has been extensive with the trip to San Diego, to attend the International Assembly in Jan 2013, a highlight-but it was also a sobering event. It certainly demonstrated to Kay & I the true internationality of Rotary. It also demonstrated Rotary's diversity but I would like to describe my "sobering" experience.

Even though I haven't commenced my year as District Governor, I would like to acknowledge a few people.

President Elect of the Rotary Club of Oakleigh, Peter Norman, who was recognised in the Queen's Honours list with a Medal of the Order of Australia - Congratulations and well done Peter, possibly also the first PE to achieve such an honour.

My wife Kay and I have been married for 43 years and it is great tonight to have our two sons, Mathew & David and our two Daughters in Law Celine and Rachael present tonight.

Also on our table tonight are two of our longest standing and dearest friends, Jeanette & Ray Bernet, and last, but by no means, least I would like to acknowledge and thank our personal Rotary advisors, PDG Bob & Jill Richards. (who are off to Lisbon tomorrow.)

I would also like to acknowledge DGE of District 9810, Ross Butterworth- Ross and I plus 3 other Vic DGEs have enjoyed each other's company for the past 2 years in training for the DG role and I appreciate your effort in attending tonight.

Induction Speech by incoming District Governor, Merv Ericson (continued)

Just whilst on the subject of D9800, I should mention when I was initially invited to join Rotary it was from the Rotary Club of Richmond where I spent my first 10 years of Rotary. I also resigned from that club twice so I am especially pleased to see a table of Richmond colleagues have made the effort to attend tonight-much appreciated.

The second time I resigned from Richmond was in 2003 when I joined the Rotary Club of Monash on moving to Mt Waverley to join the Pinewood Community Bank. I'm extremely appreciative of the opportunities the Monash Club has presented including my selection as Group Study Exchange team leader to Central London, in 2007.

I am also thrilled that one of my GSE team members, in Roger Short, is attending this changeover event tonight - thanks Roger.

I would like to sincerely thank the Monash Club members for their on going assistance with my role, including Dist Assembly, District Changeover and District Conference.

In particular, Joy Lane for the table decorations, John Hocking for balancing the books and our President Alan Bamford who has done an incredible job handling rsrvps, food allergies table set up and seating allocation. (I am contributing towards his valium prescription.)

The Year Ahead

In March 2011 when I was interviewed for the role of DG, I was required to make a presentation on my vision for Rotary in the year of 2013-2014, which I labelled:

The Challenge of Change

My main focus was the introduction of the Future Vision Plan, which is being introduced as at 1st July 2013, and is the most significant change to occur in Rotary for at least the past 20 years. (more about that shortly).

Little did I know when I made that presentation was the number of other changes that would be introduced, namely:

All 5 Victorian districts joining together to hold a Multi District President Elect Training Seminar - the 1st time ever attempted. (And being repeated in 2014-2015)

New District 9810 Training Assembly and district training regime.

All 22 Australian districts pooling our Public Relations Grant funds to fund a national coordinated Rotary Public relations advertising campaign.)Bev Brock & RACV)

The introduction of Future Vision, which commences on 1st July 2013-the most significant change to Rotary in over 20 years.

The next International Assembly is being held in Sydney, our own backyard, in June 2014. Being preceded by an even more important event with the District Conference in Bendigo in March 2014.)

But the biggest change to be introduced is the world wide Membership campaign.

I first met World President Elect Ron Burton in May 2012 at the International Assembly held in Bangkok where he advised, and I quote: "Your only job in Rotary is to inspire your Rotary members."

If Ronald D Burton was in this room today, I would have to ask him - Is it the Truth? as I have certainly found a lot more to do over the past 12 months!

However World President Elect, Ron Burton, did say, and with this I wholeheartedly agree is - it is a very exciting time to be a rotarian.

Firstly, we can confidently expect the eradication of Polio in the not too distant future.

The second reason why it is exciting to be a rotarian is due to the introduction of The Rotary Foundation's Future Vision program, as at the 1st July 2013. This program has been trialled for the past three years by 100 districts around the world.

It is one of the biggest changes undertaken by The Rotary Foundation in the past 20 years and is a big transition for Rotary Clubs.

In our own District we had undertaken extensive work to be ready for this change including:

John Barnes, Graham Richardson and myself completing approximately 9 hours of training supplied by our colleagues in District 9800, who have been a pilot district for 3 years.

John Barnes traveling to San Diego in January 2013 where all of the District Foundation Chairs joined with the 530 District Governors Elect for two days intensive FV training

On return, undertaking training for approx 75% of our clubs, and qualifying them to partake in the new grant processes.

The 3rd reason to be excited is to accept the "Challenge of Change" associated with our new Membership drive.

For over the past 10 years at least, Rotary membership figures reflect that we attract 100,000 new members every year, but our total membership number has remained static at 1.2 million Rotarians. In other words, we lose the same number that we recruit, effectively "out the back door."

The Rotary International Board of Directors has announced a membership goal of 1.3 million members by 2015.

Prior to announcing this goal, every Rotary Zone worldwide was required to formulate a Membership Development Plan which was submitted to the board for approval.

The 22 Australian districts, plus 6 New Zealand Districts forming Zone 8, compiled such a plan, and in a first for Australian rotary, every one of the 22 districts accepted and endorsed the plan prior to submission to RI.

The plan provides a road map to growth over the 2012-2015 period and its success will depend on the continued commitment and efforts of all Rotarians, as we together implement the plan and steer our course to membership and development growth.

During the many training seminars I have attended since March 2011, which included Brisbane Zone Institute, Canberra Success Conference, Parramatta Director's Briefing weekend, Bangkok International Assembly, Adelaide Zone Institute and the Rotary International Assembly in San Diego, one often repeated quote was : "A definition of Insanity is doing the same old things, and expecting a different result."

Induction Speech by incoming District Governor, Merv Ericson (continued)

A lot of Rotarians are of the opinion, including me, that the definition of Insanity could directly relate to the way we tackle membership acquisition.

I was recently reminded of the need for every Rotarian to all the time be cognizant of the need to attract, and introduce prospective members.

I look forward to working with all of you and your clubs in these 3 most important areas of our strategic plans.

On finishing I would also like to say Kay & I are really looking forward to the club visits which will commence immediately after we have completed 23 club changeover dinners!!!

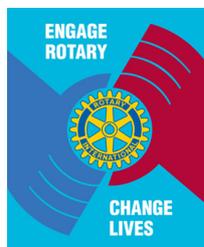
I recently remarked to a Rotarian friend that I was worried I might look like a blimp by the time all the change overs and club visits have been carried out. He told me to forget the food and just concentrate on the drink offered.

I suggested this option to another perhaps wiser Rotary colleague, and he asked:

Aren't you worried by the perception the Rotary members would get if at every visit, you only drank alcohol?

I said no as I plan to wear a Collingwood jumper to all of the visits.

Thank you, *Merv*



*The magnificent
Jonathan Usher*



The Rotary Club of Beaumaris invites you to join us for an evening of fun, fellowship and the magnificent magic and humour of Jonathan Usher -Rotarian, P.P. and DGE.

If you enjoyed Jonathan in Wangaratta you're going to love this memorable night with a great meal in a wonderful venue

Bookings are essential.

Hurry—numbers are limited.

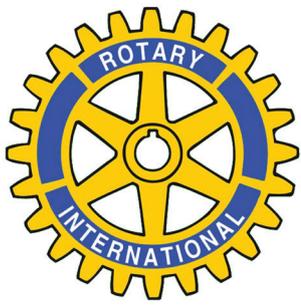
Contact: Megan Glenwright 0418 578 114
Email: glenwright@aapt.net.au
Venue: The Beaumaris, 472 Beach Road, Beaumaris
Date: 7.00pm Tuesday 30th July 2013.
Cost: \$60.00 per head (2 course dinner and coffee)

Drinks available from the bar. Please advise any Dietary requirements when booking

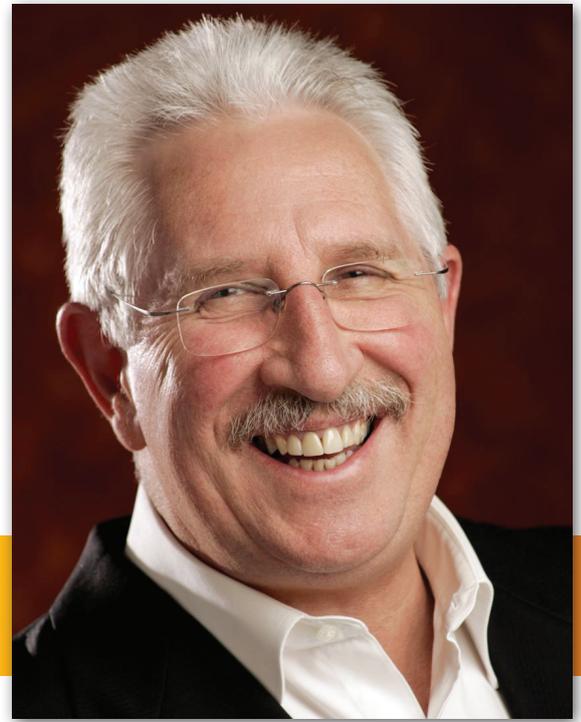
Payment: Must be made prior to 15 July 2013 by cheque or direct credit to BSB 633-000 Account No 121 443 964 Account Name Rotary Club of Beaumaris. Don't forget to include your name.

All proceeds go towards the Reflection Garden at the Sandringham Hospital and the Water and Sanitation project in Sabu.

**AN EVENING WITH
JONATHAN**



ROMAC
Rotary
Oceania Medical
Aid for
Children
A Program of the Rotary Districts
of Australia and New Zealand



Max Walker AM

"If you can you must"

**A night of inspiration, communication and motivation
presented by cricketing great Max Walker AM**

A ROMAC project organised by the Rotary Club of Wandin

Urgent Appeal for Philip Samson

Philip is 15 years old and lives in Samma Village, North Efate, Vanuatu.

Philip broke his leg and the head of his femur has been allowed to heal at right angles to the joint. Philip will be permanently crippled unless he can receive urgent specialised orthopaedic surgery.

We have a pro-bono surgeon and a hospital bed will be arranged - we need to raise approx. \$30,000.

Friday 26th July

DINNER - AUCTIONS - RAFFLES - DRINKS AT BAR PRICES

7.00pm for 7.30pm at

Two Brooke's Bar, Lillydale Estate

45 Davross Court, Seville

Cost \$100 per head. Tables of 8. Dress to impress.

Bookings are essential, tickets can be purchased by:

- Cheques payable to Rotary Club of Wandin mailed to Russell Hayes, Treasurer
PO Box 67, Seville 3139

- Phone 0414 600 721
- Internet banking payments with name ID to Rotary Club of Wandin Inc
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