



# Rotary Club of Wheelers Hill Inc.

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*We operate under the Rotary Club Leadership Plan.  
Our club is the District 9810 participant in the Meeting Options Pilot Program, 2007 – 2013*

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR:** John Barnes  
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### MEETINGS:

- **Formal Dinner Meetings**  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in month,  
6.30 pm for 7.00 pm
  - **Club Assembly** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday
  - **Social event** 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday;
  - **No meeting** 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday
- NORMAL MEETING VENUE:**  
Mulgrave Country Club  
Cnr. Wellington and Jells Road  
Wheelers Hill 3150 (Melway 80:H1)

### OUR VISION:

Where members enjoy fun, friendship, raising funds and serving the local and international community.

### THE ROTARY 4-WAY TEST:

- Of all the things we think, say or do:
1. Is it the TRUTH?
  2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
  3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
  4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

## HEADS UP: What's on This Week?

**Tuesday 3 February:** This week we have a visit from **PP Brian Martin**, of the RC of Box Hill Central, and also the Chair of **Operation Cleft**, which provides a total care approach to cleft management in Bangladesh incorporating surgical management and follow-up speech therapy. A cleft lip and palate is a debilitating deformity which can lead to difficulties with eating and drinking, talking and even hearing. Operation Cleft provides low-cost cleft surgery and speech therapy services to these disadvantaged children and adults in Bangladesh. The project is administered by the Operation Cleft Australia Foundation Trust, managed by the RC of Box Hill Central, supported by volunteers. **Please try to be there to welcome Brian: it's a great story.**



### ROTARY GRACE:

Rotarians and guests, for good food, good fellowship and the opportunity to serve through Rotary, we give thanks.

I now ask you to raise your glasses and drink a toast with me...

*To Rotary and Australia.*

### SUN 8 FEB 2009 MCG & NATIONAL SPORTS MUSEUM TOUR

**Date:** Sunday 8 FEB 09  
**Time:** 11.00 am sharp  
**Cost:** \$15 - group bookings min 20. Lunch available at own cost.  
Parking available at Tennis Centre/Jolimont Tce, although we may travel by train:  
**Suggested itinerary:-**

11.00am	Tour of MCG (90 mins)
12.30pm	Lunch in the café
1.15pm	NSM tour (self guided - 2 to 3 hours)



## President Ron's Penning

Last week was our Club night and each Director covered the various current projects that are being advanced. The Emergency Medical Books are at break even financially and 2500 have been distributed in the last 12 months. Great effort Kath and all members. We have 29 as confirmed for the visit to the MCG and Sports Museum on Sunday 8 February.

Kath outlined the progress with the Community Raffle where our aim is to significantly increase the level of Club/school involvement. We plan to involve all members in this increase.

This week I've been involved in two meetings; Pull up Banners Committee and a Directors meeting to review the Club's progress for the year. We plan to circulate all Rotary Clubs in Victoria with a brochure and involve members in visiting business and operating premises within Waverley after suitable promotional material has been designed and produced. Our Club would earn a commission from these non-Rotary sales.

The Membership committee is planning a Membership night for either 21 or 28 April at the MCC, Mulgrave room. Depends on what is best for the Guest speaker.

The Directors also reviewed all our projects for this year to assess achievement to our plan. At our Club meeting in April we plan to revisit our Vision to test its appropriateness for the years ahead.

**Enjoy Rotary for the week ahead. Ron**

## Notes from Club Assembly Board Meeting, 27 January 2009

**Chair: Pres. Ron Paice**

**Apologies:** Anton Andrado, Clement Lobo, Alan Bennie, Judy Cox, Peter Cotterell, Rudi and Gaynor Schols (in NZ), Magda Ojong, Dos Olin, Rod Leek, Brian Milnes, Ben Reed.

**Pres. Ron:** Gave a special warm welcome back to traveller Alfred Sung and all members.

Gave an update on the Pull Up Banners (PUB) project – a committee meeting is scheduled for next day.

In the absence of Secretary Rod, Assistant Secretary Chris Hendry was pressed into service to take full meeting minutes, so the notes for the bulletin are essentially brief.

**Reports:**

**Chris Hendry:** Put proposal for a Membership/Information night planned for 21 or 28 April at the MCC tentatively. Ideas for a high profile guest speakers to Chris, please. This will be widely promoted to the public. More details as plans evolve.

**PE Kath Taylor:** Medical Books – stocks are running down, so please visit and collect stock and cash.

Community Raffle: Plans are behind where they were anticipated – Kath is following this up pending receipt of data base from another club. Geoff was asked to do a media release for the raffle at an appropriate time, and to include the raffle in the Monash Journal Community Notices in March.

**Judy Hasnat:** Reported that the Kerrie Road Pharmacy, great friends of our club, is looking for a community project to which it can contribute in partnership with the club. Ideas were discussed – to be followed up. Judy also reported that she and Abul will be overseas from 18 Feb to 9 March.

**Geoff Haw:** PUB - Advert in RDU Projects page will continue for next two months. We will consider our advertising options, including a direct mailing. Speed of service will be promoted. We have booked a stand at the District Conference House of Friendship.

Membership Night: will be widely promoted e.g. community notice in paper; signage in shops, public buildings, prominent website promotion, etc.

Printed flyer to be letter-box dropped in the Mulgrave/W/Hill/AFL Mirvac areas. We propose that we run a BBO at Safeway to promote the event. Visitors' Information Kit to be prepared to give to anyone who visits our club. Positive publicity will come from the two drought relief project – letter of thanks from a Church in Boort.

**Moss Pellen:** Spoke about conference accommodation, bookings, payments, etc. We can expect letters of advice soon from Groups Tasmania.

**Ian Carter:** Thanked the club for its support of the PNG school, especially Dawn for the great fund-raiser!



### Happy February Birthdays to:

*Andrea Reed – 1<sup>st</sup>  
Barbara Raiskums – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Penny Haw – 13<sup>th</sup>  
Margaret Isaac – 28<sup>th</sup>*

### Very Special Congratulations to:

*Dawn Oliffe – reports of her all-day birthday bash last Sunday were magnificent!*



**TRAVELLERS' NOTES:** Our latest international travellers, Gaynor and Rudi Schols, send their warm greetings from New Zealand. Rudi wrote: Just returned from a make-up meeting at the Rotary Club of Hamilton East (in the grounds of the Waikato University). The club president, Francis Charleton, made us feel very welcome. We swapped banners at the end of the meeting. Please excuse quality of the photos – someone else took them. Their speaker, Brett Smith (see photo below), was very interesting. He has been the research physiologist with the NZ rowing team for the past 10 years. We heard all sorts of stories and secrets about their training schedules and plans leading to London Olympics and were shown photos of their Beijing Olympic triumphs.  
**Regards, Rudi.**

They're having a wonderful time, and you will see photos to prove that on

<http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=55647&l=64e16&id=775683404>. Rudi is regularly updating his photos – go and have a look at this Internet address.

### Pictures from Rudi and Gaynor in New Zealand



*Rudi and Gaynor exchange banners with Pres. Francis Charleton of the RC of Hamilton East, in NZ.*



*Rowing Coach, Brett Smith, at the NZ meeting.*



*Gaynor finds another Rotary Park in NZ*



*Rudi tackles the mighty Kiwi at the Kiwi House in Otorohanga*



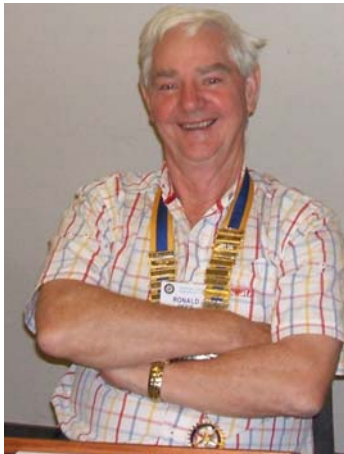
*Hamilton Gardens: India gardens section*



*Hamilton Gardens, Maori gardens*



*Life's tough: The Schols Hamilton home swap.*



*A relaxed President Ron!*



*Ron presides behind his banner from the RC of Poulsbo, Washington*



*Treasure Uldis is elated with Dawn's \$700+ fund raiser for PNG school project!*



*Alred: relaxed from his holiday.*



*It's thumbs up from Paul!*



*PE Kath reports on the raffle plans as Dawn plans the next activity...*



*Moss fines his good friend Alf!*



*Alfred was in FINE form, as Russell's smile*



*Ian waxes lyrical about the PNG school support project.*

*shows!***DUTY ROSTER:**

	GREETER/ ROOM LAYOUT	CASHIER	CHAIR	GRACE	SERGEANT	THANKS	BULLETIN
3 Feb 09	Geoff H	Uldis	Moss	Judy C	Brian	Judy H	Geoff H
10 Feb 09	NO	MEETING	DUE TO	VISIT	TO MCG	ON 8 FEB	
17 Feb 09	Geoff H	Uldis	Moss	Magda	Brian	Ben	Geoff H
24 Feb 09	CLUSTER MEETING	ON	MONDAY	23 FEB:	GOVERNOR OF	VICTORIA	Rudi/ Gaynor
3 March	Chris	Uldis	Judy Cox	Des	Russell	Magda	Rudi/ Gaynor
10 March	Chris	Uldis	Pres. Ron	Rod	Russell		Rudi/ Gaynor
17 March	MONDAY 16 MARCH	OUR CLUB	HOSTS	CLUSTER	GSE TEAM	VISIT	Rudi/ Gaynor
24 March	SOCIAL EVENT +	HOBART	CONFERENCE	BEGINS	THURS 26	TO SUN 29	

**SPEAKERS' PROGRAMME:**

Date	Speaker	Topic
3 Feb 09	Brian Martin, RC of Box Hill Central	Operation Cleft
17 Feb 09	Jackie Gleeson PP, RC Oakleigh: Jeff Gouldson, RC of Glen Waverley:	Rotarians Against Malaria Australian Rotary Health Foundation
3 Mar 09	PP Gonny Rundell, RC Wantirna	Great Australian Bike Ride – Gonny rides for 7 months around Australia, raising funds!
Monday 16 March	GSE Team from Argentina: Special evening for our Cluster on Monday 16 March at Village Green. Our Club is the host for the evening.	Presentations from GSE team members from Argentina and introduction of our own District team outbound for Argentina.

**BULLETIN ARTICLES REQUIRED**

If you have any articles for our bulletin, would you please email Geoff at [geoffhaw@sagacityservices.com.au](mailto:geoffhaw@sagacityservices.com.au) before Friday 11 pm. Will endeavour to get the Bulletin out by Sunday night.

**PLEASE:** If you are not attending a meeting, let Uldis know by email: [uraiskum@bigpond.net.au](mailto:uraiskum@bigpond.net.au) preferably by no later than Monday.

The MCC is very accommodating of our numbers, but it is important that we know who is, or isn't coming. Advise also if bringing a friend and if they have special dietary requirements. **Thank you.**

**WEBSITE WONDERS**

The new bi-monthly webpage is ready to be viewed using the following web address

[http://www.rotarnet.com.au/users/9/98129/rotary\\_wonders.htm](http://www.rotarnet.com.au/users/9/98129/rotary_wonders.htm)

Let Rudi know (email address above) if you wish to highlight any aspects of Rotary.

**ALSO**

Peter Sung's full product range may now be viewed via our website using the following link:

[http://www.rotarnet.com.au/users/9/98129/SUNG\\_INDEX.htm](http://www.rotarnet.com.au/users/9/98129/SUNG_INDEX.htm)

*Have a wonderful week!  
Rudi and Gaynor are in NZ for a few weeks, so this is the relieving editor Geoff wishing you well!*