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The newsletter of Rotary Club of Wetherill Park



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**Jim chaired his last meeting for six weeks (holidays) receiving apologies from Bill, Brian, June, Chris, Renzo & Tina.**

**Alan took on the role of Sargent & delighted in extracting fines from us all.**

**The Joker draw didn't pay its dividend this week so come along and help pick the winning ticket.**

**Chris is still desperately looking for volunteers to help her man the food stall for the Cancer Relay for Life. Lunch & dinner on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> & breakfast on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Unfortunately a number of members who would normally be able to assist her are away so she is keen to hear from anyone who can give her a couple of hours over the 24 hrs so if you can assist please advise her asap.**

**Of our 35 members some have not yet paid their 2008-2009 fees. Payment of \$330 is required **by 31/8/08**. Payment can be made by BPay (please let me know if this is how you paid), cheque or C/Card. Contact June on 0418 633 653 with any queries.**

| 2008                             |  <b>Dates At A Glance</b> |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Friday 22 August                 | Wallacia-Mulgoa Dinner meeting (Guest speaker from Cancer Council NSW)   |
| Thursday 28 August               | ROYA Presentation Dinner – Club Marconi  |
| Friday 29 August                 | Applications close for Group Study Exchange (GSE)  |
| Sept 1 - Sept 11                 | Rotary Club of Inverell – Tag along bash - Car Rally   |
| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September | RAWCS Walk – Kokoda Track PNG  |
| Tuesday 2 September              | Carols committee meeting – Roy Hilton's place  |
| Sat/Sun 27/28 September          | Relay for Life – Cancer Council- Brennan Park, Smithfield – Contact Chris urgently if you can assist please    |
| Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November  | District 9690 Christmas Pantomime at Club Marconi  |
| Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November | District Governor's visit (better all be there)  |
| Friday 21 November               | Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) Program   |



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**More BABY NEWS !!!!!**

**Telstra Shop Baby**

**Keiran Atai** has arrived home where he is getting settled in nicely in his new room.

Tina advises that alls well and the healing process is well on the way. Stay turned for the baby details and photo in next weeks interlink.....

**Important Information**

**The Centurion Club**

For \$100 a year you can get a tax deduction, have the money count towards a Paul Harris Fellow for yourself and your contribution counts towards the money our Club has to pay to Rotary International for dues etc.

*Here's a chance for you to make a difference to the world. Just by forgoing one cup of coffee each week you could help change the lives of a number of people.*

If you have any queries please contact either Lyn Tester (District Registrar) on 4774 0737 or June Bragg on 0418 633 653.

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We are looking for a Volunteer to be Editor for **September**.

In Pres Jim's absence, please let Roy know if you're interested. It doesn't take long. Your fellow Rotarian's send you bits and pieces and all you need to do it copy, paste, copy, paste.

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**Group Study Exchange (GSE)**

The GSE team is yet to be finalised with applications closing on 29/8/08. The team consists of four non Rotarian students and a Rotarian team leader being fully hosted by an overseas Rotary district for one month. This year the team is going to Brazil so please spread the word to ensure applications come rolling in. What a lot of fun!



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*From the August 2008 'Rotarian'*

*An extract from The Organisation of Rotary article:*

What Rotarians get out of Rotary depends largely on what they put in. Many membership requirements are designed to help members more fully participate in and enjoy their Rotary experience.

Attendance: Attending weekly club meetings allows members to enjoy their club's fellowship, enrich their professional and personal knowledge, and meet other business leaders in their community. If members miss their club's meetings they are encouraged to attend meetings of other Rotary clubs around the world – a make-up.

Service: All Rotary clubs share a key mission: to serve their community and those in need throughout the world. By participating in club service projects, members learn about their club's involvement in local and international projects and can volunteer their time and talents where they are needed.

## **SPECIAL DINNER**

The Rotary Club of Wallacia Mulgoa cordially invites you to a special dinner meeting featuring guest speaker courtesy of the Cancer Council of NSW on Friday 22 August 2008 at the Wallacia Hotel, corner Mulgoa & Parks road, Wallacia 7pm for 7.30pm start.

RSVP BY 15/8/08 to Mrs Jan Bradley 0421 335 017 or  
[swoonash@iprimus.com.au](mailto:swoonash@iprimus.com.au)



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*A vampire bat came flapping in from the night covered in fresh blood and parked himself on the roof of the cave to get some sleep.*

*Pretty soon all the other bats smelt the blood and began hassling him about where he got it. He told them to go away and let him get some sleep. However, the bats persisted until finally he gave in.*

*"OK, follow me," he said and flew out of the cave with hundreds of bats behind him. Down through a valley they went, across a river and into a forest full of trees. Finally he slowed down and all the other bats excitedly milled around him.*

*"Now, do you see that tree over there?" he asked.*

*"Yes, yes, yes!" the bats all screamed in a hungry frenzy.*

*"Good," said the first bat tiredly, "Because I didn't!"*

## **ShelterBox Australia**

ShelterBox delivers humanitarian aid and relief on a worldwide basis in the form of material and equipment that provides shelter, warmth and comfort to people displaced by natural and other disasters. Donations are welcomed. See attached brochure.

For further information please contact Helen Syrmalis (me) on 0402-665 105 or [helensyr50@yahoo.com](mailto:helensyr50@yahoo.com) for a demonstration.

## **RYDA**

The 2008 Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) Program for students is confirmed for **Friday November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008**. Should you wish to partake in this program please contact **Tony LeBreton**, Penrith RYDA coordinator 0412 416 727 ( [ale38564@bigpond.net.au](mailto:ale38564@bigpond.net.au) ).

## **CAROLS UPDATE**

Planning is well under way for this years Carols In The Park to be held on Saturday 13th December. (Members are asked to mark this into their diaries)

We thank Dianna and Darren Oakes of **WIZARD HOME LOANS (Wetherill Park)** for their generous support once more in being our Naming Rights Sponsor.

Proceeds for the evening will be split between The Salvation Army, Horsley Park RFS, and our own club project account.

Our MC Pete Graham is confirmed along with the Green Valley Youth Choir (fresh from a world tour), and both schools.

We are hoping that our "visiting singers spot" this year will be filled by a performer from a local talent show - The Bigg Rigg... more on this later.

If any member has a contact with a business which would benefit from being part of the Carols In The Park, please let a committee member know.

Your Carols Committee is - Rotarians: Bill Robb (Chair), Chris Hunter, Helen Syrmalis, Roy Hilton, and local community: BJ Graham, Joe Viglione, John Flood and Romeo Menagazzi.



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## Rotary Funds Research Grant

A \$27,000 research grant into Prostate Cancer has been approved by the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund.

The money was raised at our Spring Ball in September last year (under the direction of Vicki, Helen and Tina) and added to by a matching grant. A similar sum is being offered for research into Breast Cancer but at the time of this column had not been awarded.

Recipient of the grant is Dr Angela Finch (see picture) at the University of NSW, who will hope to provide proof that growth of certain types of prostate cancer can be inhibited by use of specific receptor blockers.

Prostate cancer accounts for around 30% of all cancers in NSW, so research into its causes and treatment is vital.



Dr Angela Finch

I hope you've enjoyed the second Interlink August issue.

Please submit anything you would like me to include in next weeks edition to ([helensyr50@yahoo.com](mailto:helensyr50@yahoo.com))

Thanks to everyone who has sent me pieces of information to this weeks interlink.

Helen Syrmalis

(August Editor)