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The newsletter of Rotary Club of Wetherill Park



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**– Editor: Helen Szymalis**

**Whilst Jim and Sandra Kyan are overseas Roy chairs the meeting. Apologies were received from Chris, Tina, Jim K, June & Keiran. Please notify your club if you will not be attending as it assists with catering.**

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

## **JOKER STATISTICS**

**Peter Reeves Joker statistics - The jackpot has gone off 6 times in the current financial year and there have been only 8 meetings.**

**In the financial year 2007 – 2008 the jackpot went off only 8 times for a total of over 45 meetings.**

**Come to our meetings and you too could become a rich Rotarian.....**

**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.**

**The dues cut off was the 31/8/08 for the 2008-2009 fees. Payment of \$330 was required. If you haven't finalised your fees please make payment by BPay (please let June know if this is how you paid), cheque or C/Card.**

**Contact June on 0418 633 653 or Roy (Secretary) 0418-448544 with any queries.**

## **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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<b>2008</b>	<b>Dates At A Glance</b> 
<b>Sept 1 - Sept 11</b>	<b>Rotary Club of Inverell – Tag along bash - Car Rally</b>
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b>	<b>RAWCS Walk – Kokoda Track PNG</b>
<b>Tuesday 2 September</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>NYSF Student Yvette Gaweda will address the club</b></li> <li>- <b>Guest speaker from the Oaktree Foundation - Australian Youth International Aid Organisation</b></li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 2 September</b>	<b>Carols committee meeting – 7.15 for 7.30 start Roy Hilton’s place</b>
<b>Thursday 4 September</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>
<b>Sat/Sun 27/28 September</b>	<b>Relay for Life – Cancer Council- Brennan Park, Smithfield – Contact Chris urgently if you can assist please</b>
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>District 9690 Christmas Pantomime at Club Marconi</b>
<b>Wednesday 5 November</b>	<b>Pride of Workmanship – Smithfield RSL</b>
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>District Governor’s visit (better all be there)</b>
<b>Friday 21 November</b>	<b>Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) Program</b>

## ROYA PRESENTATION NIGHT

### ROTARY INTERNATIONAL – District 9690 - RECOGNITION OF YOUTH AWARDS 2008

Rotary’s Recognition of Youth Awards seeks to identify and acknowledge involved and concerned young people of all round ability already embarked upon community interests, in his opening address at the awards presentation evening held at the Marconi Club on the 28<sup>th</sup> August, Keith Roffey, Chair of the ROYA Committee paid tribute to youth. “The nominees for these awards represent the majority of youth in our districts, they are enterprising, creative, innovative and resourceful, they are leaders and our future, and our world will continue to be in good hands. I am always amazed at the achievements of our children, how they act and think how they look out for each other and how most of them really do care and appreciate the world we live in, they should never be underestimated and given the credit they deserve”.

There were fifteen applicants, five junior section nominees from Years 9 & 10 and ten senior section nominees from Years 11 & 12.



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(Left to right): Christian Santos, Donal Ramsay, Michael Faccin, Shane Cameron, Preetika Reddy, Emre Mehmet, Sameela Rajpoot, Wendy Abdullah, Sarah Barman, Fred Chaplin, Reema Said, Imara Djumapili, Amy Downs-Tuck, Steffi Khonasti, and Dimity Capps.



Imara responding to her award

## IMARA DJUMAPILI

The overall winner of the junior section is Imara Djumapili; Imara is a Year 9 student at Merrylands High School, she and her family were migrants from the Congo in East Africa and she understands the adjustments people make in embracing different cultures, particularly the children. Imara volunteers at a Homework Centre for multicultural students and helps Congolese students with after school studies, in Imara's words "Many students from non English speaking backgrounds find it hard with their homework; this often causes them to lose interest in their schoolwork and leads to them dropping out of school because they are afraid to ask for help. More Homework Centres and volunteers would assist in students staying at school". Her other contributions and interests are fundraising for Breast Cancer, debating and public speaking, athletics, and a deep love of drama, Imara is inspired by the works of Shakespeare and is the President of the Shakespeare Appreciation Club at her school.

Imara was sponsored for these awards by the Rotary Club of Holroyd and is an inspiring young lady. Being appreciative of her

new country Imara has a deep wish for Australia to remain unique by maintaining its heritage but also by drawing on the richness of other cultures.



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Michael with Rotary District 9690 Governor Paul Erickson (left) and Suzanne Erickson (right).

## MICHAEL FACCIN

Senior section overall winner is Michael Faccin; Michael is a Year 11 student, attends and was sponsored by Xavier College, Llandilo. Michael’s school Student Representative Alissa Robson sees in Michael an ethical and inspiring young leader, he is an outstanding role model to his peers and always stands up for what he believes in. Michael has pioneered a Community Service program in his school and and is a strong advocate for young people being involved in this work. Michael enjoys swimming and he combines this enjoyment with assisting others, he is a member of Volunteer Swimming NSW and an assistant instructor with the Disabled Swimming Program. A great believer in youth participating in community initiatives Michael is involved in setting up a consultation

group which encourages teenagers to input their ideas with links to community groups who can offer support and guidance, also he would advocate providing greater support for teenagers with involvement in community events by ensuring safe, affordable, reliable transport options to venues and events. Michael is interested in music, plays the Piano and along with fellow musician Chris Rojo entertained guests playing several pieces on the African Drums. Michael is a young man with insight of future needs for all communities and is a great example of how young people can begin early in their development to prepare for humanity’s needs of the future.



## DIMITY CAPPS

Dimity Capps was awarded a High Commendation Certificate in the junior section, she was sponsored by and is a Year 10 student at East Hills Girls Technology High School.



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Emre with District Governor Paul Erickson

## **EMRE MEHMET**

Emre is a Year 12 student at Homebush Boys High School and was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Silverwater Homebush Bay and received a High Commendation Certificate in the senior section.



Shane with District Governor Paul Erickson

## **SHANE CAMERON**

Shane was awarded a High Commendation Certificate in the senior section; he is a year 12 student at Katoomba High School and was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Upper Blue Mountains Sunrise.

## **A Rotarian in Hospital**

As some of you may be aware Jim Brown is currently in Fairfield hospital with breathing problems.

Brian called in to see him last night & noticed he had his laptop etc all set up in his room.

If you would like to send him an email with a joke or a Joe "true story" I am sure he would love to hear from you.

We hope you have a speedy recovery Jim.



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Peter Reeves has accepted the role as editor for **September** whilst still working from Canberra two days a week. Thank you Peter.

Please send your information to his email address [preeves@rimsconsulting.com.au](mailto:preeves@rimsconsulting.com.au) to support Peter with interlink.

We are looking for a Volunteer to be editor for **October**.

In Pres Jim's absence, please let Roy know if you're interested. It doesn't take long and nothing is an obstacle as Peter is about to show us.



## Group Study Exchange (GSE)

The GSE team is yet to be finalised with applications closing this Friday 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!

## Note from President Jim K and Sandra

Hi Helen

Fantastic to be able to keep up with happenings back at Wetherill Park.

We have completed our tour of Alaska and our cruise. It was fantastic and we met some wonderful people. Currently we are visiting friends in Seattle and tomorrow (30 Aug) we will be going back to Vancouver to start our Rocky Mountains Tour, following which we will travel to Toronto where we will stay with our son and from where I can upload some photos for the Interlink.

Report in soon with pics.

Keep up the great work. Jim K



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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.

"True story" from Brian

June and I were lying in bed watching Who Wants To Be A Millionaire.

I turned to her and said, 'Do you want to have s e x?'

'No!' she answered. I then said, 'Is that your final answer?' 'Yes!' she replied.

Then I said, 'I'd like to phone a friend.' That's the last thing I remember.

(always turn to a friend when in need)

## **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.



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## 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) ).

### V8 Ute Drive day

**Bill Rob is not able to attend the 22nd September V8 Ute Drive day he bought at the Clubs Golf Day, so if someone else is interested, please contact Bill Rob on 0419-402 212 (\$400.00 is what he paid).**

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Paddy met Mick in the street and said, 'Paddy, in future you should draw your bedroom curtains before making love to your wife !'

'And why would I be doing that?' Paddy asked. 'Because,' said Mick, 'all the street was Sniggering when they saw you two making love all yesterday.'

Mick said, 'Nosey buggers, anyway, the laugh's on them. I wasn't even home yesterday.'

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### 4 WAY TEST

"Of 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?"

Thanks to everyone who has supported me in producing the weekly interlink for the month of August and thanks to you all for reading my editions.

Helen Syrmalis  
(August Editor)