



All members of the Rotary Club of Wetherill Park are invited to attend the weekly meetings to share some fellowship and enjoy the pleasure of each others company.

Apologies were received from Vicki, Jim B, Brian & June, Peter

Please reply to this email with apologies, so we can order the right amount for the Tuesday buffet breakfast. Many Thanks

So sad too bad – **Chris missed out on scoring the joker & jackpot, when her ticket was drawn. Jackpot now stands at \$85.00**

15th Charity Golf Day – Supporting the Western Sydney School for Children with Autism

In the last Interlink, Stewart laid down a challenge to all members. I have reprinted his challenge: -

The Wetherill Park Rotary supports many causes and none is more deserving than the Western Sydney School for Children with Autism. After much promotion the numbers are down on last year's participant

As a proud Rotarian, Stewart has put his charitable hat on and is offering up a \$20 donation for each Wetherill Park Rotary member that comes along on Friday 16th May for a few hours of fun and memorable community spirit.

As there are 36 registered members of the Wetherill Park Rotary so that is a possible extra \$720 donation for the Western Sydney School for children with Autism, so lets all take up Stewart's challenge

Eligibility criteria for Golf Day

- If you are really bad at golf we want you
- If you're ok but don't like to brag, we want you
- If you're a legend and you know it, we want you

You will be paired up or down on the day, so it will be great fun

Main Reasons to come

- Helping the Western Sydney School for Children with Autism
- Awesome BBQ
- Great fellowship
- Only a few hours out of your day
- Lightening Stewart's wallet by \$720 all for a great cause

Lastly – If you cannot make it, but can get someone to fill in for you Stewart will still honour the \$20 donation

To participate in the Charitable Golf Day please fax your entry form to Ashley Thomas on (02) 9729 4190. See link below for entry form.

Flyers and Registration forms are now available for the Golf Day. **Don't forget Friday 16th MAY new shotgun start of 10.30am.**

You can download an entry form here http://www.wprotary.com.au/files/pdf/golf_day/isri_golf_brochure.pdf

Video of last year's Golf Day – <http://www.navsports.com/club.php?id=13321&sport=1> duration 2min 54sec
Watch it right to the end and you will see why no one is as bad as Stewart golf. But he still had an awesome

Travelogue by Brian & June– extracts from tantalising e-mails

“Could you publish a greeting from us in Interlink please. If I can find a suitable computer I will send you a photo. Sorry, I cant send any photos as yet as the hotel computer (in London) and the Internet cafe did not have a USB Port.

June & I are having a good time. We are meeting a number of Rotarians as well. One from Belgian , some from USA and of course some from Oz. Did you happen to catch the ABC broadcast from Villiers Brettoneaux. It was a very moving ceremony and we have it on good authority that June was identified in the ANZAC day March in Villiers.

(June's mobile phone is not charging so we have lost that type of communication and we have had difficulty getting away from the tour schedule to find internet time & resources.)

Greeting you from Pitlochry in The Scottish Highlands. Have just finished a tour of the smallest whiskey distillery in Scotland - we had a wee dram to taste. Very nice indeed.

We are having a good time but get little time to ourselves to explore etc as we are in a tour group that sometimes appears to be timed to the minute. We visited the Royal & Ancient St Andrews golf course this morning but we only had 20 minutes to look around.

Sorry to hear about the golf numbers but hope the Golf Day will go well. June & I will be thinking of you all.

Looking forward to sharing some stories.”

What is RESRA?

RESRA is literally Rotary Emergency Services Recognition Awards and has been run by Wetherill Park Rotary for some five years. It is a more complete version of the Policeman Of The Year Award and will be taken up as a District program in the coming Rotary year.

Invitations are sent to the local branches of all emergency services with a request for each to nominate a member of their organisation worthy of an award. Nominated personnel are invited to attend the award night and encouraged to bring colleagues and friends. Citations are read out and a plaque awarded.

Services included are St John Ambulance, Police, NSW Fire, State Emergency Service, NSW Ambulance and Rural Fire Service

The District Emergency Management Officer, Graham Tomkinson, will be guest speaker at our 2008 RESRA dinner, which will be held at Smithfield RSL on

(Please note the new date)

Monday 16th June under the guidance of vocational director PP Bill Robb.

Wetherill Park 2008-2009 Board positions are:

President	–	Jim Kyan PHF
President Elect & Club Service	–	Brian Bragg PHF
Secretary	–	Roy Hilton PHF
Treasurer	–	June Bragg PHF
Community Service	–	Chris Hunter
International Service	–	Peter Reeves PHF
Vocational Service	–	Renzo Valleri
Youth Service	–	Jes James PHF
Public Relations	–	Roy Hilton PHF
Membership	–	TBA
Immediate Past President	–	Keiran Slattery PHF

Reminder - Volunteers are needed for RAWCS Vanuatu project. As a couple of teams have cancelled replacement are being sought. The projects are in receipt of matching grants to do work on a number of schools on Tafea and the only item missing are the volunteers for the following time slots: 6th June to 21st June and 20th June to 5th July

Plenty of others available later in the year also. Cost is about the \$2500 per volunteer. Remember, if you have skill you can apply to be a volunteer and have your airfare paid for. You need to apply quickly if you wish apply

The will be acting Project Coordinator for Eastern Region during that time will be Rob White. His contact details are: Robert White, 2 Casuarina Court, Sandy Beach, NSW 2456 Phone/Fax 02 66561887 Email relde@msn.com.au

Coming up– Something for everyone

Purple – Latest Added

Tuesday 13 March	Meeting & Fellowship
Tuesday 13 March	Wetherill Park TAFE Awards for Certificate in Business Administration. President Elect Jim to attend and make presentation on behalf of the club
Friday 16 March	Wetherill Park Golf Day– Fairfield Golf Course
16 to 18 March	RYPEN contact Brian
Saturday 17 March	Rotary Health Race Day– Rosehill Racecourse
Tuesday 20 March	Board Meeting– Marconi– 7.15pm
Thurs. 5– Wed. 18 June	International Convention– Los Angeles
Monday 16 July	RESRA– 7p for 7.30pm– Guest Speaker TBA, Held at the Smithfield
Tuesday 17 July	Joint Board Meeting– Marconi– 7.15pm
Saturday 28 July	District Changeover
Friday 4 August	Wetherill Park Changeover– Venue: Oscar Room, Marconi Club
Wednesday 16 August	World Youth Day BBC
Sunday 3 August	Clubs Open Day at Fairfield Showground
Friday 10 October	Our Spring Ball has been penciled in for 10th October. Anyone interested in helping on the Ball Committee, please contact Jim K.

NEWS UPDATE – SHELTERBOX RESPONSE TO BURMA DISASTER

In a discussion I had early this morning with Lasse Petersen, ShelterBox UK Operations Manager, he confirmed that the first consignment of ShelterBoxes to Burma is now airborne. It came out of Dubai and will be on the ground in Burma late tomorrow our time accompanied by SRT members from the UK whose visas were obtained earlier this week.

Acclaimed Shelterbox Photographer Mark Pearson will be first in and we can expect a flow of images very soon. When they are available to download, I will do so, reduce the resolution and send with a future *News Update*. More boxes are following from the Cornwall store, and then the stock from Melbourne. Our Australian SRT members will go into Burma ... they are presently negotiating their visas.

We have all heard news reports that suggest the scale of this disaster is assuming the proportions of the 2004 Asian tsunami. In that knowledge, Lasse Petersen told me that Tom Henderson and the ShelterBox team in the UK are now looking at the logistics of providing an even greater response than was first contemplated. Details of that, as well as news and photographs of deployments in Burma will be released in further updates.

THE AUSTRALIAN RESPONSE: I have been receiving calls and emails throughout today and yesterday. The response from Rotarians and others around Australia is remarkable ... but not surprising. There is a great appreciation of the ShelterBox response, including the effective mobilisation of its resources and overcoming operational problems.

And there is a strong awareness amongst our Rotarians that donations are now urgently needed to replenish stocks of ShelterBoxes here and elsewhere. They have already started to flow, with much more promised.

On behalf of the Board, I extend appreciation to all, especially to District Governors and our Australian District ShelterBox Representatives who are working hard promoting awareness and encouraging support in the aftermath of this horrendous disaster in Burma.

PDG Ray Stewart Administrator ShelterBox Australia 8 May 2008

Editors Note: Thanks to the support of the Members of this Club and the Members of the Rotary Club of Holroyd at our joint meeting on 10 March, we have been able purchase a new ShelterBox, which may be utilized in this disaster. Consequently, we should consider other funding projects to establish more ShelterBoxes. Congratulations.

As a Laugh – Keep everything in perspective

The husband was not home at his usual hour, and the wife was fuming as the clock ticked late and later.

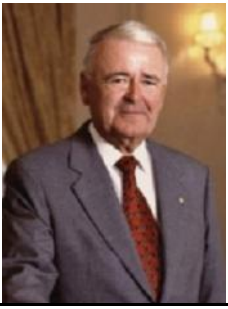
Finally, at about 3:00 a.m., she heard a noise at the front door, and as she stood at the top of the stairs, there was her husband, drunk, trying to navigate the stairs.

"Do you realize what time it is?" she said.

He answered, "Don't get excited, I'm late because I bought something for the house."

Immediately her attitude changed, and as she ran down the stairs to meet him halfway, she said, "What did you buy for the house, dear?"

His answer was, "A round of drinks."



**“Rotary 2020: The Next Generation”
PRESIDENTIAL MEMBERSHIP CONFERENCE
Canberra, ACT, July 11-13 2008**

Welcome to our Conference Web page- providing regularly updated details about the Conference Program and Speakers; with links to register on line; accommodation and ‘home stay’ options in Canberra and nearby attractions. Why not add a few days to look around



Gary Pedicini - CV
Volunteering Australia

Membership growth and retention is the life blood of Rotary accentuated by RIPE Dong Kurn (DK) Lee’s commitment to continue RIP Wilf Wilkinson’s successful RI “Presidential Membership Conference’s” in 2008-09 - with Australia first out of the blocks, convened by RIDE John Lawrence for Canberra 11 to 13 July 2008.

The PMC is an exciting prospect for Australian Rotarians- to host the newly installed RIP DK and set our sights on moving forward with a new model for Rotary in Australia- targeting “ROTARY 2020: The Next Generation”.

Challenging 20 clubs from 20 Districts to be represented - better from all 23 Districts and for some clubs 20 members!



This Conference is for you It’s a one off and a first for Australian Rotarians - targeted, planned and communicated to club level- and those responsible for District membership

It’s not ‘another membership training seminar’ It’s about Rotary’s position in Australia’s next generation society, our preparedness for inter-general membership- and what we do about it!

Well known Australians, some non-Rotarians, will stimulate our thinking for workshops. RIP DK Lee; PRID Ron Beaubien, Chairman RI Retention and Development Committee and our own RII John Lawrence, together with Australian Rotary Membership Zone Coordinators and selected Australian Rotarians, will put the facts about trends and shifts in membership



Plus - there’ll be a pre-PMC session for District and Club Membership Chairs and Directors at 1300 Friday 11th - with a follow-up Sunday morning to action outcomes. All welcome to join in

Check out the Draft Program- and watch as the speaker list unfolds

WHEN DOES IT START ? 1300 Friday 11 July then 1800 for the Reception and Opening.

WHEN DOES IT FINISH ? 1230 Sunday 13 July.

Make *your* Australian PMC an opportunity to create a new model for Rotary

Bridge RIP Wilf Wilkinson’s “Rotary Shares” and RIPE DK Lee’s “Make Dreams Real

Over to you - because “*Real Rotarians Make Dreams Real*”.

Book a flight, arrange a car pool - make Rydges Lakeside, Canberra your target for 11 July

For more details email Conference Organising Chairman Len Goodman PDG a lgoodman@ozemail.com.au



Len Goodman, PDG
Chairman, Organising Committee



Membership attraction and retention is a very important activity for this Club especially in 2008 -2009. Any members wishing to attend this seminar to discover and develop strategies for improving our membership attraction and retention please contact President Elect Jim Kyan

RYPEN Update -

The Club has now received four nominations for the RYPEN Camp on 16th to 18th May

There are two students from Mary McKillop College, Shannon Batjer & Amanda D- Caro and one student from Bass High Jade Bartle (Brian's acquaintance) There is a possibility of one or two extra from Bossley Park High

Kathy Gerwald will represent our Club at the RYPEN Dinner on Sat 17th Ma

Learn about RYPEN – <http://www.rypen9750.org.au/about.html>

Information from PDG Lloyd Roever re:

Polio National Immunisation Day Trip to India – 8 September – 20 September 2008

“Hi Everyone

DG Jennifer back in December told you that I would be in touch about our District's participation in a National Immunisation Day in India. I must apologise for the delay in getting the information to you but have now been able to confirm most of the details. Would you please pass on this info to your members

The team will leave Sydney on September 8th and travel to Agra in India. We will have a few days sightseeing and then help with the Polio immunisation round consisting of 3/4 days with a little more sightseeing. Arriving home on the 20th

The cost of travel to and from Agra (including 1 night in hotel in Delhi and coach to and from Agra) is approx \$2400. This amount is possibly tax deductible.

We hope to have home hosting whilst in Agra or at least for some of the time. The costs for our time in Agra have not been confirmed yet.

If you would like any further information please call me.

Kindest Regards
Lloyd

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Editor's Note:

Any Member interested please contact PDG Lloyd for further information and other arrangements.

