



# INTERLINK

The newsletter of Rotary Club of Wetherill Park



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**– Editor: June Bragg**

With Jim and Sandra Kyan overseas Roy continues to chair the meetings.

Apologies were received from Peter, Pres Jim K, Jim B, Keiran, Alan, Catherine  
Please notify Roy if you will not be attending as it assists with catering.

We had a special visitor at the meeting – Robert Guthleben from Orangevale Club in California USA. Robert advised that they now have 53 members ( 4 new this year) & they raised \$45,000 at their BBQ & Auction. Robert also gave a run down on the Tanzanian Water Project that we are involved with them & with RI. He said that there had been a small misunderstanding which has now been settled so the project should proceed. Robert also told us about MicroCredit which he feels will be the next project that Rotary International will tackle once Polio is eradicated. Robert gave us an example where a woman was lent \$5 from which she bought a comb & a pair of scissors and set her husband up on the street as a barber. After a year they had saved enough money to buy a house and send their children to school. Robert also recommended a book “Three Cups of Tea” one of the top New York Times best sellers. It is the story of Greg Mortenson’s mission to promote peace in Pakistan & Afghanistan and how he has built 78 schools and educated young girls.

Another pleasant surprise was that Joe Viglione attended our meeting and told us a few true stories.

Joker jackpot \$70 – Jes’ ticket was selected by Robert G but he took the wrong card by choosing the top card - 6 hearts instead of the bottom card which was the joker.

Robert & his lovely wife Mairy are travelling with Rotarians from Orangevale & we have organised a dinner at the Star of Thailand, Gladesville (Thai) for Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm. It would be really great if we could have a number of fellow Rotarians to make them feel welcome in our country. I have booked for 20 so if you are able to attend please let me know so the booking can be adjusted accordingly. BYO beer & wine – no corkage & very reasonably priced. Phone me on 96323144 (8am-5pm) or 0418 633 653.

## Charity Ball

President Elect Brian Bragg is still looking for a chairperson and volunteers for the September 26<sup>th</sup> 2009 Rotary Club of Wetherill Park Charity Ball Committee. There’s plenty of time to do it, if we start now, but if we leave it –time left behind is irretrievable.

Members willing to lend a hand should contact President Elect Brian Bragg on 0434 357 517 or email [brianwbragg@optusnet.com.au](mailto:brianwbragg@optusnet.com.au).

## Club Dues now over due

There are still 8 members who have not paid their 2008-2009 fees. If you are one of the delinquent members please make payment of \$330 **urgently**.

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



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## Fund Raiser

Please put 8 Feb 2009 in your diaries for the Dodge Ball Competition - start organising your teams of 5 players now - Stewart will provide more details in future weeks.


## Around the Clubs

### Holroyd Rotary Club

Golf Day 24 October Cost: \$100 - golf, breakfast, lunch & drinks

Brian is looking at getting names for a team from Wetherill Park to complete in the Rotary Club Challenge which was won by Holroyd last year. Please contact him if interested

Doll & Bear expo - Merrylands RSL - 19 October

2008	 <b>Dates At A Glance</b>
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>NO</b> morning Meeting
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Family & Friends Evening Meeting – special guest speaker – Dr Angela Finch – recipient of our Research donation to ARHRF
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Dinner at Star of Thailand with Rotarians from Orangevale USA
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) Program
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	District 9690 Christmas Pantomime at Club Marconi
Wednesday 5 November	Pride of Workmanship – Smithfield RSL
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	District Governor's visit (please make arrangements to be there)
Friday 21 November	Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) Program
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 09	Rotary Club of Wetherill Parl Charity Ball

## 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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Re: Shelterbox

**To all International Directors... thank you for your clubs donation. You have sheltered 760 people and on their behalf we say thank you from seven countries in disaster Phil Smith District Rep. 9690**

When in Hobart recently I attended the Rotary Club of Sullivan's Cove Meeting. Their guest speaker was PP Des Watts of the Rotary Club of Berri who had ridden his motor bike around Australia & Tasmania for approx 60 days doing 20,000 klms, visiting Clubs and getting donations of Shelterboxes. In his travelling he raised 60 shelterboxes. Well done Des.

## **District Conference 2009**

**The conference is going to be held in the Hunter Valley in 2009.**

**If you are interested in attending could you let me know as we should start looking at accommodation & completing the application forms.**

## International Banking Report

Following the problems in the sub-prime lending market in America and the run on Northern Rock in the UK, uncertainty has now hit Japan.

In the last 7 days Origami Bank has folded, Sumo Bank has gone belly up and Bonsai Bank announced plans to cut some of its branches.

Yesterday, it was announced that Karaoke Bank is up for sale and will likely go for a song, while today shares in Kamikaze Bank were suspended after they nose-dived.

While Samurai Bank fell on its sword, Ninja Bank is reported to have taken a hit, but they remain in the black.

Furthermore, 500 staff at Karate Bank got the chop and analysts report that there is something fishy going on at Sushi Bank where it is feared that staff may get a raw deal.

## Seeing Joe reminded me of this "True story"

Brian & I were having a major fight as he had found out I had had an affair.

"Who is it?" he demanded "Roy Hilton" "No" I replied, "Jim Kyan" "No" I replied, "Keiran Slattery" again "No" I replied.

"Well" exasperated he said "Aren't any of my friends good enough for you???"

**Did Joe tell you about his dog Minton that loved chasing shuttlecocks? When the family was trying to play a game Minton caught & ate the shuttlecock. Bad Minton.**

I have offered to do Interlink for October but we are looking for a Volunteer to be editor for **NOVEMBER.**

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 showed us last month sending Interlink out from the ACT.



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## **2009 Tournament Programme**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

*All at Windsor Country Golf Club*

*3pm to 6pm player registrations*

*Medley competition, AGFR members and guests welcome, tee bookings essential*

*4.30pm AGFR Delegates Meeting*

*6pm AGFR AGM*

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

*First round Rotarians and Guests competitions at Windsor Country Golf Club*

*7pm Cocktail Party at Richmond Club*

*Non golfers morning tea at Windsor Country Golf Club*

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

*Second round Rotarians and Guests competitions at Richmond Golf Club*

*7pm for 7.30pm Rotary make-up Dinner at Richmond Club*

*Non golfers bus tour to Blue Mountains*

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

*Free day*

*Optional bus tour to Hunter Valley Gardens*

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

*Third round Rotarians and Guests competitions at Richmond Golf Club*

*Non golfers morning tea on Paddle Wheeler*

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

*Final round Rotarians competition at Windsor Country Golf Club*

*7pm for 7.30pm Presentation Dinner at Hawkesbury Race Club*