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Water crisis



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Rotary Club of Glen Eira



GLEN EIRA

Date	22nd May	29th May	5th June	12th June
Speaker	Brendan Gulliver	Caulfield General Medical Centre	TBA	GSE Welcome Home Dinner
Topic	Author Australian History	Mobility Garden Update	TBA	Hosted by Rotary Club of Altona
Chair	Joe Aarons	Jan Hill	PP John Leske	Price to be confirmed
Toast to Australia	Marilyn Faiman	Sue Aarons	Veronika Martens	More details soon
Toast to Club	Syd Travitz	Robert Alford	PP John Strong	Confirm booking with President Ian by 5th June
3 Minute Talk	Vocational	Community		
Cashier \$\$\$	PP Geoff Asher	PP John Strong	Robert Alford	
Other meetings				

Mark your Diaries

Changeover Night

Tuesday 26th June. President Elect David takes the chains of office. More information to follow closer to the date

Dinner with Rotary International President Bill Boyd

Saturday 2nd June. 6.30 for 7pm at Moonlight Receptions, 622 Nicholson Street, North Fitzroy. \$60 per person. For further information contact Jan Douglas, RC Altona City (see District Directory)

EDITOR'S CORNER

Send articles, photos, information to the Editor at adrian@nelsonbros.com.au. Deadline is Sunday night for Tuesday publication.



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Editorial.

The GSE Team took a break this weekend in the sleepy Northern Holland town of Bergen. It is next to a kilometre of sand-dunes. The locals refer to Bergen as a HoReCa town (Hotels, Restaurants and Cafes). It's a nice place to relax. Next week the team heads to Zaandstad, an industrial centre near Amsterdam. We also drive south to see the Delta Works, a major engineering project that essentially prevents the whole nation from being underwater. There's still plenty of cheese, windmills and museums to keep us amused.

CHURCH SERVICE Sun 24 June 9.30am at St. Silas and St Anselm, 384 Ferrars Street, Albert Park. Hear Father Ray and the Archbishop of Melbourne Philip Freier talk then join Ray and Glenys for a cuppa afterwards. Talk to John Strong for further details.

About the GEN this month

This month's Glen Eira News is coming from Holland where the editor is on tour with our District's Group Study Exchange Team.

Please e-mail anything you would like to feature in the GEN by the previous Thursday. With the time difference and occasional lack of internet access, it can be tricky!

Thank you to David Heuberger for printing the GEN this month. It will return to colour for the month of June, where we will highlight the best and worst of the GEN this year.

You can follow the GSE Team at its website: www.d9800gse.blogspot.com. It now features videos as well as photos of the adventures in District 1580.

E-mail your Rotary etiquette questions to the editor to pass onto Auntie Etiquette.

DIK (Donations in Kind)

Our District's DIK (Donation in Kind) needs your help. Every Tuesday and Thursday between 9.30 and 3, Rotary volunteers are helping at our DIK warehouse located at the rear of Woolshed 37, 400 Sommerville Road, West Footscray (Melway Map 41-E7).

Call Bill Dagg if you are able to help out at any time (Tel:-03-93185313 or 0425741045). Since January 2001, D.I.K has shipped 200 Containers, with requested goods valued at A\$9.7 Million to 7 countries on your behalf. Your hands-on assistance is very much appreciated.

**Water problems in Holland**

Everywhere the GSE Team travels in Holland, we speak about our water problems in Australia: the fact we haven't got enough. The Dutch are very interested to hear about this and have very different problems of their own.

Essentially they have too much of it and historically have fought against it invading their country. At least of a third of the nation should really be underwater (either sea or lakes that have been reclaimed). Whilst they are fearful of global warming and rising sea levels wiping out towns, they are also confident that their technical and historical know-how will just mean they will build bigger dykes and get through it. The Dutch are very determined.

They are also proud of their drinking water, some claiming it's the best in the world. You can imagine their shock when in the middle of last week, the entire part of North Holland was banned from drinking tap water because it had been contaminated with some bacteria. It has taken the best part of the week to be drinkable. None of the Dutch can remember this happening before in their lifetime.

Don't forget Frank!

Frank Jacobs has recently been in hospital again with pneumonia. Most parts of his body seem to be packing up except

his feet so he is still driving!!

He would really appreciate a phone call and chat (9528 3597). He lives behind the Balaclava Road/Hawthorn Road Junction shops so if anyone has the time, he might appreciate walking (very slowly on his walking frame) down to a coffee shop just to get away from the house for a while. The address is 34 Cromwell Street, Caulfield North. I'm sure he'd enjoy a beer or two as well....