

Farm visit: 5 October John Strong for details  
 Site Visit: 21 October Nelson Bros cnr Kooyong/  
 Glenhuntly Roads 6.30pm for 6.45pm

	Sep 23	Sep 30	Oct 7	Oct 14
<b>Speaker</b>	Dr Ronnie Goldberg	Fellowship Get together	YOUTH DINNER	Fred Poli
<b>Topic</b>	Research Funding	Downstairs meal	Youth of the year	Motivation
<b>Chair</b>	PP Kurt Langfelder	Pay as you go	Jan Hill	Ron Sack
<b>Toast to Club</b>	Sam Binstock	Happy New Year	Adrian Nelson	Keith Faiman
<b>Toast to Australia</b>	Marilyn Faiman		Sam Binstock	Larry Blode
<b>Meeting</b>	Board		Breakfast	
<b>Cashier</b>	Max Sherlock		J Mishima	John Strong

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12pm Tuesday

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## Rotary Club of Glen Eira

23 September, 2008 – Week 13

<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~gleneira/>

Meets at: London Tavern, 414 Hawthorn Road, Caulfield



Marvelous Melbourne  
 Enjoy the GRAND FINAL

On to Conference  
 See Iam Marks

Bookings are being made for accommodation  
 \$50 deposit required (refundable till November)

**Tonight:**

We welcome

**Dr Ron  
 Goldberg**

**Dr Goldberg  
 will speak on  
 his passion for  
 research in  
 medical areas**

**NB: The following  
 week there will be a  
 fellowship meeting  
 (30/9)  
 Downstairs London  
 Tavern with a pay as  
 you go**

**The Club wishes  
 members celebrating  
 New Year a very  
 HAPPY NEW YEAR  
 To them and their  
 families.**

## New country added to Rotary map

*Governor Jack Davies of District 9220 presents the Rotary Club of Kiritimati charter certificate to club president Ruta Uatiao.*

KIRIBATI: Members of the first Rotary club in the island nation of Kiribati spent a week in August celebrating its charter.

On 11 August, RI General Secretary Ed Futa, on behalf of the RI Board, approved a charter for the Rotary Club of Kiritimati, Line Islands, Republic of Kiribati, adding another nation to the already 200 countries and geographical areas on the Rotary map. "Rotary will have an important and positive impact on improving the lives of people in Kiritimati (formerly Christmas Island)," says club president Ruta Uatiao. "Rotary represents leadership, something we are excited to adopt here." The 35-member club, along with guest Rotarians from District 9920 and the United States, held its first official club meeting on 23 August, the kickoff to the weeklong festivities. As part of the week's programming, Kiritimati club members visited schools and hospitals to assess potential projects. Participating in the activities were members of the Rotary Club of Commerce City, Colorado, USA, who led multiple World Community Service (WCS) projects on Kiritimati and were instrumental in introducing Rotary to the islands. George Maybee, a member of the Commerce City club, has vacationed with his wife, Sharon, on the island for years. During a trip in 2006, Maybee became convinced his club should get involved with helping people there. A year later, the club launched a multiphase WCS project consisting of improved medical care, water quality, and educational opportunities. The club then joined efforts with Past District 9220 Governor Warwick Pleass, who was already working with RI to get a club chartered in Kiribati. Maybee and members from the Rotary Club of Suva East, Fiji, made several trips to Kiritimati to help a provisional club. Kiribati (pronounced KEER-ah-bhass) consists of 33 islands scattered across 2,400 miles of the Pacific Ocean, with a population of more than 105,000. The three main groupings are the Gilbert Islands, Phoenix Islands, and Line Islands. In 1995, Kiribati drew international attention when it petitioned to change the International Date Line, which divided the nation into two time zones. The entire nation now lies west of the date line, which zigzags around the easternmost islands. Kiribati gets a large portion of its income from overseas, including fishing licenses, development assistance, and tourism. "Our people are used to being on the receiving end of help," says Uatiao. "With the first Rotary club here, our members can now be on the giving end." Projects in the works for the Kiritimati club include completion of upgrades to the Banana Village Medical Clinic; construction of working toilets for all six schools on the island; distribution of dictionaries provided by the Rotary Club of Brighton Early, Colorado; and distribution of toothbrushes and toothpaste. "The future is bright; Rotary can surely look forward to a glowing success with the Kiritimati club, as well as an additional club in Kiribati," says Maybee. "I'm very much looking forward to seeing the Kiribati flag at the Rotary International Convention in Birmingham."



## Australia Rotary Health Fund - The Concept

The concept of the Fund is that the capital of the Fund will be held as a permanent investment and the income earned will be allocated to research projects.

It is anticipated that major projects may be funded by grants over several years to ensure continuity.

Following discussions with a key figure in "Cot Death" research at the Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne, it was decided that after initial and major grants to "Cot Death" projects, the Fund would support a wider concept of health research. There are many aspects of community health that urgently require research and the Rotary Fund was in a position to perform a valuable service to the community by sponsoring research into otherwise neglected areas.

Likewise "Health", as envisaged in the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund, should encompass a wider vision and include all aspects of community health. Our intentions are to be a catalyst for projects that will improve the quality of life for those least able to assist themselves.

It is also hoped that Rotary Research projects will contain a strong element of applied research. Thus, it should be possible to demonstrate practical strategies for the enhancement of community health in a way that individual Rotary Clubs may apply in their own communities. The circle will then be complete - donations from Rotary Clubs funding research projects, the benefit of which can be applied back in the community that provided the initial gifts.

Another worthy Rotary works of good in the world

Rotarians are encouraged to use **THE GEN** as a means of sharing information about Rotary coming events and news. Your item can be emailed to [heubergd@anz.com](mailto:heubergd@anz.com) Preferred deadline Friday 5pm..