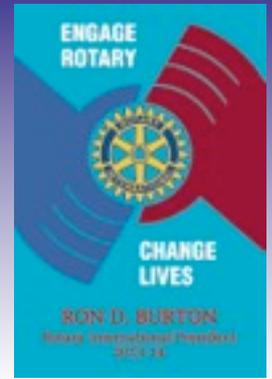


16th July 2013

# THE GEN



## HELPING IN THE FIELD OF DREAMS

**This week's Sunday Age reported that children from wealthy families are almost twice as likely to play sport on the weekend as children from poorer families.**

How can we engage Rotary to change lives for children?

- UPCOMING EVENTS**
- Tuesday 16th July**  
Guest speaker  
Warwick Duncan
- BOARD MEETING**
- Saturday 20th July**  
Sausage Sizzle  
Prahran Safeway
- Tuesday 23rd July**  
Guest speaker  
Prof Andrew Markus
- Tuesday 30th July**  
Guest speaker  
Ray Lewis "Is the Law Changing?"
- AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH**
- Sometime in August**  
Working Bee at St Mary's,  
Caulfield
- Tuesday 6th August**  
Visit to Golden Days Radio
- Tuesday 13th August**  
Guest speaker  
Dr Adam Brown
- Tuesday 20th August**  
Guest speaker Geoff Asher
- Tuesday 10th September**  
Guest speaker  
Jonathan Barnett  
"9/11 - a decade on"

A study on income-related disparities in sport has revealed a disturbing gap in the amount of exercise and sport children from low-income families receive compared with their peers, an article in this week's Sunday Age has revealed.

The study, by South Australian researcher Carol Maher, found sport accounted for about half of the difference in physical exercise across the income groups. It found children from low-income families played half as much sport on weekends (23 minutes against 45 minutes).

The research comes after a Smith Family report released earlier this month found that almost half of the nation's most disadvantaged children did not play sport outside school.

Dr Maher said factors such as club fees and the cost of uniforms were stifling access to sport. Transport and supervision were also factors,

because some clubs required parents to be present at training and games. Dr Maher said this could be difficult for low-income parents, who were more likely to be shift workers or had jobs that had inflexible hours.

The Rotary Club of Fitzroy in our District has for a number of years provided sports scholarships for underprivileged children in their community, mainly for basketball and football. They cover the costs of registration, uniforms, foody boots and other incidentals. They have recently helped set up a basketball team featuring Sudanese immigrants who live at a local housing commission building.

There are many local sporting groups in our local community that do great work. How can we become more involved with them and help those children who might otherwise not be able to play organised sport?

DATE	GUEST SPEAKER	CASHIER	TOAST TO AUSTRALIA	TOAST TO OUR CLUB	CHAIRMAN
16th July	Warwick Duncan "Walking the Kokoda Trail"	Basil Ornellas	Jan Hill	John Strong	Geoff Asher
23rd July	Prof Andrew Markus "Australia's Refugees & Asylum"	Jan Hill	Sam Binstock	Garry Fabian	Larry Blode
30th July	Ray Lewis "Is the Law Changing?"	Mark Preston	Geoff Asher	Max Sherlock	John Leske

Remember the new tasks of setting up and packing up our regalia: the member Toasting Australia does the set up and the member Toasting the Club packs up.

## What's happening around our club at the moment?

### St Mary's Church Playground

OK, so our working bee didn't quite happen as wished last Saturday. We have had a delay on the materials for

building the fence, so the working bee for a few weeks. Max Sherlock will be in touch shortly with the new day and information.

### Vanuatu update

Don & Meg McRaid took a medical team to Vanuatu on behalf of the Vanuatu Society for the Prevention of Blindness. They visit four islands over ten days and saw 1220 clients. Whilst there, they visited Failyne and Mepline in their home village. Failyne's doing great and really growing up!



This year's theme is Engage Rotary Change Lives!

## Caulfield Racecourse Run

Meetings have begun to organise next year's run on Sunday 6th April 2014. If you are interested in joining our committee, please contact Adrian Nelson.

The focus this year will be to include more schools in the run. The date is at the end of a school term, which will enable local schools to have teams of students, parents and teachers. Our goal is to have every local school represented.

Another major improvement will be to build upon the Community Day, enabling groups to have their own stands and make money by selling food and other items. We will discuss this at an upcoming club meeting how this may best be achieved.



## Rotary Project of the Week - Wheels for Learning



Rotary District 7010 in Ontario, Canada provides bicycles to Cambodian Children and hosts bicycle distribution trips to Cambodia. In the last 2 years, they have distributed 2,328 bicycles, 4 tons of rice and 1,231 mosquito nets to needy, rural Cambodian children and their families. Some children travel up to 10km each way to get to school

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