

10th September 2013

THE GEN

ROTARY
CLUB OF
GLEN EIRA

Our club featured in Rotary Voices, a publication of Rotary International about service projects around the globe, in an article by Past President Adrian Nelson



THE DAY WE BECAME A ROTARY CLUB

The Rotary Club of Glen Eira was showcased with the following article in Rotary Voices last week.

Last year, the wife of our district governor told me during their visit to our club that we had the best chips out of the whole district. She meant it as a compliment! I've been a member of the Rotary Club of Glen Eira for ten years. In the past year, we have celebrated our 25th anniversary with video messages from past youth exchange students and scholars and a look back at how we sent medical equipment to a needy hospital in rural Peru and set up computers for poor students in Brazil. A contingent from our friendship club, the Rotary Club of Ogaki West, Japan, even came over to my home for an Aussie barbecue, meeting my sons, age 5 and 7. We keep busy!

When it became real
But for all that, it wasn't until this year that we really experienced our "light bulb" moment, and finally became a "real" Rotary club.

The sun was shining and there was not a cloud in the sky as our members began showing up at 7:30 a.m. for our inaugural Caulfield Racecourse Run. By the end of the day, 525 runners had made their way around the racecourse and we had raised over \$46,000 for local community groups. Why was it special? For once, our members all had a job to do. Some issued race numbers, others served as marshals helping the runners to and from the track. One of us even had a license to shoot the starting pistol!

We also did what smart Rotary clubs do, we sought help. Members of the Rotary Club of Caulfield parked cars, the Rotaract Club of Monash University (Caulfield) (cont...p2)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 10th September

Guest speaker Jonathan Barnett
"9/11 - Twelve years on"

Tuesday 17th September

Youth of the Year Award

Tuesday 24th September

Working Bee at DIK (Daytime)

Guest speaker Dr Jillian Kavanagh

OCTOBER IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

Tuesday 1st October

Guest speaker Helen Stitt

Saturday 5th October

Fundraising Sausage Sizzle

Tuesday 8th October

Guest speaker Kim Maloney

Tuesday 15th October

Guest speaker Sue Glasser

Thursday 31st October

Business Person's Breakfast

Set your diaries for
Thursday 31st October



2013

Bookings are now open via our website for our **24th Annual Business Person's Breakfast**, once again at Glen Eira Town Hall.

Our special guest speaker, **Mr Chin Tan** is Chairman of the Multicultural Commission and will open our eyes to Business in Multicultural Victoria, showcasing Rotary in Harmony.



DATE	GUEST SPEAKER	CASHIER	TOAST TO AUSTRALIA	TOAST TO OUR CLUB	CHAIRMAN
10th September	Prof Jonathan Barnett "9/11 - 12 years on"	Jan Hill	Marion Lau	Geoff Asher	Alan Samuel
17th September	Youth of the Year Award Night	Geoff Asher	Geoff Sussmann	Debbie Panakos	Jan Hill
24th September	Dr Jillian Kavanagh "The Men's Shed"	Jack Dimand	Sam Binstock	Basil Ornellas	Geoff Sussmann

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND OUR CLUB?

New Look Bulletin

You'll notice some changes to this week's bulletin as we try to adopt some of Rotary International's new Visual Guidelines. I hope you like it better.

Agata's Report

Some words from our Polish Youth Exchange student Agata: "I arrived to Australia on 7th August 2013. I live in Albert Park, Melbourne with Kim Billington. To get to school it takes me around one hour, but I live three minutes from the beach. I spend a lot of time with my host mother, we watch movies together and going out to the city, where I have been couple of times. We going for a walk with her dog Bella. I really enjoy that. I am always trying to help her and not get much trouble. She really helped me at my beginning in Australia and always supported me. I have nice time living with her."

(from page 1) provided young legs and energy, and we engaged local scouts to hand out drinks and keep runners hydrated.

DJ comes on board

Our local member of parliament encouraged community organizations to field teams and lined up the Minister to present the winners' trophy. The Melbourne Racing Club let us use their fantastic facilities.

In the weeks leading up to the run, a young woman who recently moved to our area began attending club meetings, and offered her DJ services for the race. Like

Donations in Kind

Contact John Strong if you can help at the Donations in Kind store at West Footscray on Tuesday 24th September.

Youth of the Year Award Night

September is Rotary's New Generations Month and next week we will present our annual Youth of the Year Award. Once again, our local schools are nominating outstanding students who demonstrate the Rotary ideal of Service Above Self.

Sausage Sizzling

Well done to our intrepid sizzlers who continue to work hard and raise funds at our monthly sausage sizzle outside Prahran Safeway.

most clubs, we have our requisite number of real estate agents, funeral directors, and doctors. But to have a young female DJ involved and active, now that's a positive change. Local schools, churches, and charities sponsored teams and raised funds for their needs. All of this resulted in the single biggest fundraising day in our club's history and we were energized to help the community even more. Our club has had some great moments over the years. But this event took us to a whole new level. We now look forward to becoming the best Rotary club we can be.

ROTARY PROJECT OF THE WEEK

9/11 Blood Drive

What started out as a conversation among friends has turned into an Award Winning 9/11 Memorial Blood Drive that unites the small town of Tulare, California, near Fresno California, and her surrounding communities.

Since 2007, the Rotary Club of Tulare brings together local organisations and businesses.

The drive gives local people a chance to honour victims of the



September 11 attacks, by giving blood for lives that were lost. In the last six years, the Blood Drive has seen more than 6000 pints of blood donated to the Central California Blood Center. In order to make the experience more personal, they associate each pint of blood with an actual person and donors receive a memory badge that bears the name of the person that their pint specifically remembers.

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