

28th January 2014

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ROTARY  
CLUB OF  
GLEN EIRA



The Rotary Club of Lower Blue Mountains hold a Gnome Convention at their Australia Day Family Celebration at Glenbrook, NSW.

## ROTARY AND AUSTRALIA DAY

Rotarians around Australia are getting together to find unique and special ways to celebrate Australia Day this Sunday.

Locally in Brighton, the Rotary Club of Brighton partners with the Brighton Lifesaving Club to hold its annual Great Australia Day Swim this Sunday. It features 650m, 1400m and 5km Open Water Swims and a 200m and 300m Junior Dash for 7-12 year old junior. Celebrity guests compete in the Australia Day Celebrity Relay.

In Glenbrook, NSW, the Rotary Club of Lower Blue Mountains celebrates with a Family Fun Day including children's rides and amusements, and a Gnome Convention. They will be visited by the Governor of NSW Marie Bashir and Australia Day Ambassador (aka everyone's favourite gardener) Don Burke.

The Rotary Club of Ashgrove-The Gap in Queensland, together with the Department of Immigration and

Citizenship, hosts a Citizenship Ceremony, welcoming new citizens to the local community followed by typical Aussie refreshments and a bush band.

In South Australia, the Rotary Club of Hallett Cove holds an Australia Day Breakfast on the Hallett Cove foreshore.

Wherever you are on Sunday, remember Rotary and have a Happy Australia Day!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JANUARY IS ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

**Tuesday 28th January**  
Guest speaker Kim Ross  
Board Meeting

### FEBRUARY IS WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

**Saturday 1st February**  
Fundraising Sausage Sizzle

**Tuesday 4th February**  
School Program Project

**Tuesday 11th February**  
Weekly Meeting

**Tuesday 18th February**  
Guest speaker

Mr Myazoe of the Japanese School  
Board Meeting

**Sunday 23rd February**  
Birthday of Rotary International

**Tuesday 25th February**  
Oakleigh SES

or GSE Welcome at Brighton Beach

### MARCH IS WORLD LITERACY MONTH

**Tuesday 4th March**  
Guest speaker Luz Restrepo

Happy Australia Day!



DATE	GUEST SPEAKER	CASHIER	TOAST TO AUSTRALIA	TOAST TO OUR CLUB	CHAIRMAN
28th January	<b>Guest speaker Kim Ross Strategic Planning</b>	Joan Luscak	Jan Hill	Marian Lau	Basil Ornellas
4th February	<b>Guest speaker School Program Project</b>	Sam Binstock	Basil Ornellas	Max Sherlock	John Strong
11th February	<b>Guest speaker Anne Holland Defibrillators in Action</b>	Jan Hill	John Strong	Geoff Sussmann	Mark Preston

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND OUR CLUB?

### JANUARY IS ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

#### Centenary History of Rotary

Work has commenced on this publication. We have been asked to supply the following information: "What is the most significant project of your club since 1996? What year was it completed?". If you would like to contribute, please contact President Alan.

#### Group Study Exchange from District 1860

The Rotary Club of Brighton Beach is hosting the welcome dinner at Milano's on Tuesday 25th Anniversary. Please contact President Alan if you are interested so we can decide whether to hold our club meeting on the same night or if all of us should go to Brighton.

#### Letter to the Editor - My Sat Nav

Author unknown, believed to be Past President Geoff Asher.

I have a little Satnav  
It sits there in my car  
A Satnav is a driver's friend  
It tells you where you are

It lists the vehicles just in front  
And all those to the rear  
And taking this into account  
It specifies my gear.

I have a little Satnav  
I've had it most my life  
It's better than the normal ones  
My Satnav is my wife

I'm sure no other driver  
Has so helpful a device  
For when we leave and lock the car  
It still gives its advice

It gives me full instructions  
Especially how to drive  
"It's thirty miles an hour", it says  
"You're doing thirty five"

It fills me up with counselling  
Each journey's pretty fraught  
So why don't I exchange it  
And get a quieter sort?

It tells me when to stop and start  
And when to use the brake  
And tells me that it's never ever  
Safe to overtake

Ah well, you see, it cleans the house,  
Makes sure I'm properly fed,  
It washes all my shirts and things  
And sometimes warms the bed!

It tells me when a light is red  
And when it goes to green  
It seems to know instinctively  
Just when to intervene

Despite all these advantages  
And my tendency to scoff,  
I only wish that now and then  
I could switch the bugger off.

### ROTARY PROJECT OF THE WEEK



#### Great Australia Day Swim

This annual charity swim held at Middle Brighton Beach is hosted by the Rotary Club of Brighton. Funds raised go to Rotary programs, Swim Vietnam (a charity that provides free swimming and water safety lessons to children and adults in Vietnam to prevent drowning), BayCISS (to assist disadvantaged children in the Bayside and Kingston areas of Melbourne), and the 20th Man Fund.

The swim is now in its 5th year and attracts nearly 1000 swimmers.

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