

3rd March 2015

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ROTARY
CLUB OF
GLEN EIRA



Maliana Eye Camp
in East Timor

AN EYE FOR ROTARY PROJECTS

A couple of weeks ago we hosted Dr Mark Ellis of the Rotary Club of Glenferrie. He is doing amazing work in East Timor with giving people the gift of sight through surgery.

Rotary Clubs around the world have had a long history of humanitarian projects to help eyesight of the poor and less fortunate.

The Rotary Club of Pasir Gudang in Malaysia created the Rotary Eye Centre in 1995. They finance cataract surgeries, cornea transplants, eye drops and the provision of spectacles in Malaysia.

In 1979, the Rotary Club of Fair Park (Dallas), Texas, organised eye examinations for 7200 local children, in which one in 20 was found to have some sort of eye defect. In the same year, three Rotary clubs in Naples, Italy made possible the construction of a community eye bank, a facility used for storing corneas made available by terminally ill donors.

The United States Blind Golf Association inducted Rotary International into its 2008 Hall of Fame for its work to make a significant difference in the lives of many blind and vision impaired golfers.

The Rotary Club of Sargohda in Pakistan has an eye care unit to serve the approximately 4,000 blind children in their area. They help those in need by doing eye surgeries at free of cost.

The Guildford Eye Project, started by Rotarian Dr Sam Das of the Rotary Club of Guilford, UK in 1998 has the ambitious goal by 2020 of 50 new eye hospitals, 100,000 cataract operations per annum and restoring the sight of 1 million people in India.

So much can be done.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH WORLD LITERACY MONTH

Tuesday 3rd March

Guest raconteur - Adrian Nelson

Thursday 5th March

Women in Rotary Breakfast

Saturday 7th March

Sausage Sizzle in Glen Huntly

Sunday 8th March

Movie Night at Classic Cinema

Tuesday 10th March

Guest speaker - Pancare

Thursday 12th - Saturday 14th March

Rotary District 9800 Conference

Tuesday 17th March

Weekly Meeting

Saturday 21st March

Sausage Sizzle in Glen Huntly

GSE Farewell Luncheon at Point Cook

Tuesday 24th March

Woman of the Year Night

Tuesday 31st March

Rotary's Work in East Timor

APRIL ROTARY MAGAZINE MONTH

Tuesday 7th April

Weekly Meeting at London Tavern

Tuesday 14th April

Weekly Meeting at London Tavern

Saturday 18th April

Sausage Sizzle in Glen Huntly

Sunday 17th May

District Assembly at Tabcorp Park

DATE	GUEST SPEAKER	CASHIER	TOAST TO AUSTRALIA	TOAST TO OUR CLUB	CHAIRMAN
3rd March	Guest speaker Adrian Nelson The Fat Duck	Joan Luscak	Stuart Pert	Sam Binstock	Geoff Asher
10th March	Guest speaker Patrick Deehan Pancare - Pancreatic & Liver Cancers	John Strong	Keith Faiman	Jan Hill	Joan Luscak
17th March	Weekly Meeting at London Tavern	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA

WHAT'S THE ROTARY CLUB OF GLEN EIRA UP TO?

MARCH IS WORLD LITERACY MONTH

Upcoming Movie Night

Book now!! It's only \$20 and includes supper after the movie. On Sunday 8th March, we are holding a movie night at Classic Cinema Elsternwick around 7pm. The film is "The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel". As this is a fundraiser, please invite family & friends. To book, call Sam Binstock on 0425 806 784.

Sausage Sizzle

We are back at Glen Huntly Road Woolworths next week. Make sure you join us!

The Mayor Speaks

It was a pleasure to host the Mayor of the City of Glen Eira, Cr Jim Magee at our weekly meeting last month. Cr Magee spoke about what inspired him to enter public life and the challenges facing the City of Glen Eira. We share common interests in helping support junior sport and recreation in our locality.



GSE Team Welcome

Last week we headed to Milano's in Brighton for our weekly meeting to welcome the arrival of this year's GSE team from Louisiana, USA. 150 Rotarians and friends enjoyed a great time learning about the southern United States.



District Grant to our Club!



We are pleased to announce that the District 9800 Foundation Grants Committee has accepted our application for two additional Rotary Junior Sports Scholarships, valued at \$1000.

At our club's last board meeting, the board agreed on its first 2015 scholarship, to the Caulfield Bears Junior Football Club. Members of the football club will be coming to an upcoming meeting to accept our scholarship and explain who it will go



ROTARY PROJECT OF THE WEEK

Project READ

With March being World Literacy Month, our Project of the Week is one where Rotarians helps children develop a love of reading.

Determined to reverse the region's falling literacy rates, 12 clubs from District 4420, Brazil, worked together to establish Project READ (Reading and Education Center) to set up reading rooms for children in underserved communities. With the assistance of a Rotary district grant, reading rooms have been established in hospitals, community centres, and other public areas to help foster a love for reading and, in turn, increase local literacy rates. "We believe that investing in reading for children will bring a big change in their lives as well as their families" says Marcos Franco, past governor of District 4420 and president of the board of Project READ.

