

# THE BULLETIN

THE ROTARY CLUB OF INVERLOCH Inc.

VOLUME 22, NUMBER 44,  
Wed. 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2008.

## TONIGHT'S MEETING

<u>Venue:</u>	Inlet Hotel 6:30pm
<u>Chairman:</u>	Ian Monro
<u>Sergeant @ Arms:</u>	Bruce Mitchell.
<u>Program:</u>	Club night, discussion of ongoing projects and preparation for Dinner Auction
<u>Fellowship:</u>	6:15 for a 6:30 start. Come early and enjoy fellowship with the Inverloch Rotarians.

## LOOKING AHEAD

DATE	PROGRAM	
Wed. 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Hon. Alastair Nicholson AO, RFD, QC	Partners & Guests
Wed. 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Club night and Board meeting	Ross Wise
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Rotary Dinner Auction, Inlet Hotel, Inverloch	
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> May	TBA	
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Dinner at Royal Mail Hotel, Archies Creek	Partners & Guests

## **LAST MEETING: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2008**

Venue: Inlet Hotel, Inverloch.

Sergeant @ Arms Bruce Mitchell, who always seems to fine us most prolifically after he's had a week or two away.

Chairman: Ian Monro

Program: Dr David Solomon enlightened us all about his involvement in the development and production of the first polymer based banknotes for the Reserve Bank of Australia. David gave us a great introduction to the "*Art of Forgery*" and the need to improve our country's paper notes to prevent forgery and improve people's confidence in our monetary system. He used several examples of large scale and highly skilled counterfeiting schemes:

\* *Operation Bernhard* by the Germans during WW2 to flood Britain with huge quantities of fake English notes hoping to destroy their economy.

\* By the North Koreans recently making and distributing huge quantities of US banknotes for similar reasons.

\* A very successful forging of most of the Japanese Yen notes by criminal gangs. Due to the discovery of a large number of counterfeit Series D banknotes at the end of 2004, all Series D banknotes except ¥2000 were virtually suspended on January 17, 2005. And they were officially suspended on April 2, 2007. According to a news release from the National Police Agency, they seized 11,717 counterfeit Series D banknotes (excluding the ¥2000 denomination) in 2005. However, they seized only 486 counterfeit current issue banknotes, namely Series E ¥1000, ¥5000, ¥10000, and Series D ¥2000.

\* Australia had a fairly small scale attempt to pass counterfeit \$10 notes in 1967 and the gang was promptly caught by police.

Several Governors of the Reserve Bank were very conservative and considered the change away from rag paper stock to "*plastic*" with "*optically variable devices*" as far too drastic a change. They

would only consider minor new security features as these polymer notes were unproven throughout the banks of the world. These Governors were unwilling to take a risk. When David could eventually convince one new Governor that his technology had passed some very punishing wear, handling and security tests (*using millions of David's special \$7.00 notes !*) then the bank wanted to go ahead but also to give away our technology to other world banks for nothing. Needless to say David and his team from CSIRO were a bit upset with that suggestion. All up it took about 21 years from the initial "*think tank*" at Mt. Thredbo to having fully changed to polymer notes in circulation and also we are now printing currency for several other countries.

*Thanks David for an educational and entertaining presentation.*

Apologies : Frank Bain, Gerry Lonergan, Paul Everitt, John Peterson, Robin Warren.

Attendance : 14 out of 19 for a great 74%

Heads and Tails: Won by Ivan, but it took him two rounds.

---

Guests: We enjoyed the company of some family, friends and Wonthaggi Rotarians.

---

Congratulations: 27<sup>th</sup> April was Ray & Joan's anniversary.  
25<sup>th</sup> April was Judy Wise' birthday.

Ongoing Reminders: Ian needs more suggestions for Guest Speakers.

Dinner Auction: Rotarians urgently need to complete their approaches to donors. Auction is on Friday May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Operation "UPLIFT FIJI": All used brassieres can be dropped off at Stockdale & Leggo, The bigger the better !!!!

**Bowelscan: Please complete test kit promptly and deliver to Judy & Graeme's place in Venus Street, Put them in a special container on their front porch.**

### **Youth Exchange 50 year Reunion Dinner:**

**Date: Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May, 7:00 for 7:30 pm.**

**At the Italian- Australian Club, Morwell,**

**Pre- dinner snacks and a 2- course meal for \$35.00 pp.  
Drinks bar prices.**

**Would all members try to locate all past exchange students of our Club and invite them, along with any Host parents, counsellors and Rotarians RSVP 2<sup>nd</sup> May "with payment".**

### **A condensed introduction to next week's speaker**

*The Honorable* **Alastair Nicholson** AO RFD QC

- ◆ **Barrister and Solicitor since 1961**
- ◆ **Appointed Queens Counsel in 1979**
- ◆ **Conducted a public enquiry into Richmond City Council 1981**
- ◆ **Justice of the Supreme Court of Victoria 1982-88**
- ◆ **Deputy then Chairman of Adult Parole Board 1982-88**
- ◆ **Chief Justice of the Family Court of Australia 1988-2004**
- ◆ **Justice of the Federal Court of Australia 1988-2004**
- ◆ **Officer of the Order of Australia (AO)1992**
- ◆ **Reserve Forces Decoration (RFD) 1990**
- ◆ **Air Vice Marshal (retired) RAAF**
- ◆ **Chairman, Patron or Delegate to many Children's Rights, Family Law and Anti-drug associations.**
- ◆ **Delegate to the 20/20 Summit in Canberra 2008.**

**Invite some guests and partners to his interesting presentation.**