

THE BULLETIN

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TONIGHT'S MEETING

- Venue: The Inlet Hotel, Inverloch.
- Chairman: Ian Monro
- Sergeant @ Arms: Bruce Mitchell.
- Program: Gerry Lonergan will talk us through his recent trip to Turkey including ANZAC day at Gallipoli.
- Fellowship: 6:15 for a 6:30 start. Come early for some Fellowship with the Inverloch Rotarians.

LOOKING AHEAD

DATE	PROGRAM	
Wed 4 th June	Inlet hotel, program TBA	
Saturday 7 th June	Trash & Treasure Market	Book your own site now.
Wed 11 th June	Inlet Hotel, Club night then a Board Meeting	
Wed 18 th June	TBA	
Wed 25 th June	Changeover Dinner	Partners & Guests

LAST MEETING: Wednesday 21st May 2008

Venue: Royal Mail Hotel, Archie's Creek.

Sergeant @ Arms Bruce Mitchell

Chairman: Ian Monro.

Program: Family night with partners and guests.

Apologies : Ivan & Fae Fell, Ken & Joan Lehmann,
Bruce & Aileen Mitchell, Ray & Joan Peters

Attendance : 15 out of 19 for a good 79%

Congratulations: 28th of May is Frank Bain's Birthday

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

District Assembly: President elect Ross, Secretary Marcus, Treasurer Ian and Foundation Chairman Marilyn attended District 9820 Assembly at Warragul on Sunday 25th May. This was a great chance to meet face to face with all the incoming District officers for next Rotary year, exchange contact details and hear their plans and aims for the year. We also got to catch up with members of our neighbouring clubs during morning tea break and lunch.

We watched RI World president elect DK Lee from Korea give his introductory speech. His great passion for next year is to reduce the "**preventable death of children**" under 5 years old in developing countries throughout the world. World Health Organisation figures show that 30,000 (not a misprint) children PER DAY die of preventable causes such as malaria, simple diarrhea, starvation, dehydration, measles, chicken pox, viral influenza and many simple things that are treatable and not life threatening in our countries.

DK feels that Rotary can have a big impact on this toll through fairly low cost projects such as:

- ◆ Fresh water for drinking, washing and cooking.
- ◆ Faster food aid when famine / drought strikes.

- ◆ Mosquitor nets in areas where Malaria is a problem.
- ◆ Vaccinations against Polio, Measles, mumps, smallpox etc.
- ◆ Education breaks the “cycle of poverty” for families.
- ◆ Health care: simply through training of district child care nurses.
- ◆ Hydration salts to stop death of babies from **diarrhea**.
- ◆ Anti-Malaria drugs.
- ◆ Cheap vitamins help malnourished children.
- ◆ Cheap broad spectrum anti-biotic drugs.

Considering DK spoke almost no English 12 months ago, his message and his passion was clear. His theme for 2008-2009 is “**MAKE DREAMS REAL**” and we think he just might do that.

Incoming District Governor Ken McDonald from RC of Dandenong brought us up to date with many housekeeping matters that are important to the efficient running of our Clubs and the District. Main points mentioned were:

- ◆ Communication and setting up your Club’s Email reception.
- ◆ Return address on an letters posted.
- ◆ District Conference in March 09 at Albury, Max Walker is the MC.
- ◆ GST: Clubs should register if turnover exceeds \$150,000
- ◆ Managing club assets, Computers, projectors, PA systems. Insure them !!!
- ◆ Government grants available to purchase these assets.
- ◆ Financial software may be available FOC to Rotary clubs. Ask.
- ◆ Convert your Bulletin to a PDF for easy Email to absentees and District.
- ◆ Articles for DG’s newsletter should be in PDF and sent by email.
- ◆ District and Rotary International membership and insurance dues published.
- ◆ Guidance given for a Club Budget and Calculating Members Dues.
- ◆ Club Project Funds by legislation must be distributed at end of year or “Allocated and committed to an ongoing project”.

Million dollars given away. *“Donations In Kind” Rotary District 9820*

This project continues to go from strength to strength with the amount of goods received into our store and the amount of containers being sent overseas increasing each year. Conservatively over a million dollars worth of donated goods have been sent from our district alone to needed countries. Our main focus now is the collection of education and hospital equipment, which there seems to be an endless supply of at the moment. For example in the month of may we have over 400 hospital beds coming into our possession and 80 cartons of special medical books and journals. The month hasn’t even started as I am writing this report.

So far this Rotary year, six containers of goods have been sent overseas to the following places:
– 40ft container of school desks, chairs and books



to PNG in July 2007

– 20ft container of hospital beds to war veteran's hospital in Sri Lanka in August 2007

– 40ft container of special hospital equipment worth hundreds of thousands of dollars to Sri Lanka in November (project of the Nepean group of Rotary Clubs)

– 20ft container of hospital beds to Sri Lanka was also sent in November with funding supplied by the Australian Sri Lanka Council.

– 20ft container of disaster relief goods sent to PNG in January with the assistance of the Rotary Club of Somerville.

– 20ft container of hospital beds sent to Sri Lanka in March.

– In May 4 x 40ft containers of hospital beds will be sent to Sri Lanka where the local Rotary club and health authorities will distribute them to public hospitals.

In June the Rotary Clubs of Langwarrin and Berwick through Donations in Kind will be sending a 20ft container of much needed medical supplies to the island of Nauru. In the same month a 40ft container of school desks and chairs will be sent to PNG. Goods have also been supplied free of charge to organizations and individuals in need within our district (electric hospital beds, wheel chairs, play equipment etc).

Assistance is also given to our fellow Rotary Districts of manpower and goods when called upon. Our only cost is the freighting of the goods overseas, which is funded by the generous support of Rotary Clubs within our district. I would like to thank the people on my committee for their tireless efforts day after day and the Rotarians that have come to our regular working bees or have given contacts/ supplied goods to Donations in Kind. It is through your ongoing support, financially and physically, that this district project has been able to achieve what it has to date. Please keep us in mind when you are allocating funding because as you can see a small amount of money can have a huge impact on the lives of many. Plus we are running out of room in our storage sheds and we hate to see good equipment go to landfill or the metal recyclers. If you require any further information please don't hesitate to call me or one of my committee members.

Andrew Walsh

Donations in Kind chairman D9820



Matching Grants. A frequently – asked question:

“How does my Club find a Matching Grant Partner?” Marceline Aurelio, South Pacific co-ordinator for the 2007–08 Literacy Resource Group, and Past District Governor of District 3800 (Philippines) explains: *“Rotary Foundation Matching Grants support international humanitarian projects, which must involve active Rotarian participation. Rotary clubs or districts in at least 2 countries or geographical areas – a partner outside the project area and a partner within the project area – must work together to plan, implement, and complete the effort.”* One of the most important steps of Matching Grants projects is finding international partners. Your District Foundation Committee is a valuable resource for clubs in identifying projects and in assisting in establishing club partnerships. *“Once a partnership is formed and the Matching Grant application is approved, Rotarians from both partner clubs or districts are responsible for carrying out their project, managing grant funds, and reporting their activities to the Foundation”* Learn more about Matching Grants and download “The Guide to Matching Grants” at www.rotary.org