
Incoming Speakers

The editor will be checking in with the Program Directors - updates will be posted shortly!

Forthcoming Events

- 03.08.2008 Tree Planting – Come one! Come all! Let Graeme Newton know if you are coming on the bus!!
- 28.09.2008 2008 Australian University Games – Volunteer help is required now. Refer Peter Angwin and Geoff Heeps for details.
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	<u>14.07.2008</u>	<u>21.07.2008</u>	<u>28.07.2008</u>	<u>04.08.2008</u>
Reception:	L Woolf P Angwin	A Walton E Cohen	P Peters J Mahon	C Southall H Robbins
Cashiers:	P Betros J Plowright	D Crittenden R Hardham	J Plowright G Newton	E Cohen M Morrison
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Bulletin

Rotary Club of Prahran



Meets Monday
Mt Erica Hotel
Corner High Street and Williams
Prahran
12.45 for 1PM Luncheon

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Prahran Chartered 27th December 1955

President	Peter Schneider
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Secretary	Helen Robbins
Treasurer	John Harris
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No. 2321 Monday 14th July 2008

Speaker to be announced

Mount Erica Hotel

12.45pm for 1.00 pm

Reception: Lewis Woolf, Peter Angwin

Cashiers: Peter Betros, John Plowright

Previous Meeting

Sheryn Anderson – Consumer Affairs

Apologies: Michael Morrison, Graeme Newton, & Peter Angwin.

Make-ups:- Peter Angwin - Mitchell River
Peter Schneider - Malvern.
Peter Schneider, Graeme Newton, Pike Peters & John Plowright – Benalla visit for **Stonnington Cares**

Visiting Rotarians:- Nil

Guest of Club:- Sheryn Anderson, Department of Justice, Consumer Affairs Victoria - Guest Speaker.

Sheryn Anderson – Consumer Affairs

Sheryn Anderson from Consumer Affairs Victoria created an instant stir of interest amongst our members on Monday.

Sheryn started by handing out products, from toys to candles, and asked us all what they have in common. The answer:

All were banned goods!

The goods and their reasons for being banned included:

'Rave' party dummy	Small parts – baby wouldn't know the difference
Hot water bottle	Thin rubber – risk of rupture
Candle with coffee beans	Moisture in beans may explode when hot
Expanding toy in egg	Dangerous when swallowed
Rubber yo-yo toys	Strap can get wrapped around children's necks
Wooden train	Small parts that look like lollies

Consumer Affairs covers all products and safety from 'cradle to grave' and protects people from toys to retirement villages and even covers prostitution.

Pam Buxton raised the idea that all of this may be a bit over the top. Sheryn enjoyed the debate and admitted that Victoria has the most stringent laws – noting that there is a push to unify laws in Australia – but the organizations are at the 'hug in' stage – no hard decisions have been made!\

John Morey raised the fact that banned toys are back on the shelves – how does consumer affairs enforce their laws? Sheryn noted the random inspections and consumer complaints are the mainstay of the enforcement regime – noting that only 10% of all imported goods are inspected beyond the shipping manifest.

Sheryn then asked if the 'No Refunds' and 'No return or refund on Sales items' signs in shops were legal? The answer in short is 'no'. Consumers are entitled to get their money back. The criteria for refunds are based on:

- Faulty or defective goods
- Product not fit for intended purpose
- Product doesn't match description (particularly applicable to internet and catalogue sales).

Sheryn also discussed internet scams – noting that people feel so silly that 75% go unreported. We were treated to lots of information and some helpful stickers that stop people from soliciting door to door.

Thanks to Sheryn and a great start with thanks to Program Director John Plowright!

Consumer affairs number: 1300 55 8181.

DABYMINGA PLANTING DAY – Sunday 3rd AUGUST 2008

AGENDA

8:30 Registration at **DPI/DSE office in Broadford**. All to register and be grouped for morning planting. Tea and coffee will be available.

GROUP 1

9:15 **Stephen's planting site** for the morning. Group 1 will have morning tea on site. After morning tea, group will head to Wilmot's planting site.

Stephen's site is a priority for salinity and biodiversity. Site is located on a gradual slope and will need manual holes dug for planting. Lovely views of Mt Piper.

11:00 **Wilmot's planting site** until lunch.

Site is a priority for biodiversity and adjoins the Tallarook State Forest. Site is located on a gradual to steep slope and will need manual holes dug for planting. Great views across the Glenaroua/Seymour valley.

1:00 – 1:30 **Morris's planting site and lunch**. Group 1 and Group 2 will meet up at this planting site with a BBQ lunch waiting.

Site is a priority for biodiversity. Site is located on a gradual slope and will need manual holes dug for planting. Site is along a seasonal waterway hidden within the Tallarook valley.

GROUP 2

9:30 **Robert's planting site** for the morning until lunch. Morning tea will be held on site.

Sites are a priority for biodiversity. Sites are located on gradual slopes and some manual digging will be needed. Sites are located on the flood plains of the Goulburn River with many iconic large old River Red Gums standing proud.

11:00 Morning tea

12:30 – 1:30 **Morris's planting site and lunch**. Group 1 and Group 2 will meet up at this planting site with a BBQ lunch waiting.

Site is a priority for biodiversity. Site is located on a gradual slope and will need manual holes dug for planting. Site is along a seasonal waterway hidden within the Tallarook valley.

1:30 **BBQ lunch at Morris's**. Sausages, rissoles and veggie burgers plus salads, fruit and cake.

2:30 **Departure**

Please let Kim Wilson 5784 0623 know of any special dietary requirements.

WHAT TO BRING

Yourself, personality and big smiles.

On a serious note - Dress appropriately for tree planting. You will need to prepare for all weather types, both wet and dry. So please bring gardening gloves, rain/wind coat, wet weather sturdy footwear, sun hat, sunscreen and drinking water for out in the field. If weather is wet, it is a good idea to bring along a clean (and dry) change of clothes for the trip home.

Also if you would like to bring your own planting equipment such as a pick or mallet, please bring it along for a swing.

Stonnington Cares Helping Benalla with Drought Assistance.



Benalla Bowls Club – community spirit alive and well



Following a very productive meeting a very pleasing meal with our new friends from Benalla Rotary and Rural City

First Meeting 6th July 2008

Bernie Walshe	RC Hawthorn - PDG	Margaret Walshe	RC Hawthorn
Pike Peters	RC Prahran – P Pres	Peter Schneider	RC Prahran - Pres
Philipa Berman-Hill	RC St Kilda - Pres	Penny Broome - Pres	RC Malvern
John Plowright	RC Prahran	Christina Sicilaino	RC St Kilda
Graeme Newton	RC Prahran – V Pres	Neil Smith	RC Benalla – Pres
Bruce McIntyre	RC Benalla P Pres	Tony McIlroy	Benalla Rural City – CEO
Liz Hillenaar	Benalla Rural City	Bill Hill	Benalla Rural City

The Benalla attendees gave us some indication of projects that would be very helpful particularly to the farmers in the district. Benalla Rural City have been very proactive and have great resources at their disposal – including Kim Scanlon who is the Drought Relief Coordinator for the council.

Some initiatives suggested include:

- Support for Drought Outreach worker – Ivan
- Movie and transport at Benalla Cultural Center
- Respite weekends in Melbourne for couples
- Family camp at Rotary's Portsea Camp
- Sending school kids on a Puffing Billy Outing
- Getting the story out in the Metropolitan area – with schools, Rotary Clubs and media
- Supporting sporting clubs through purchase of uniforms and equipment through local sporting goods store

The drought situation means that:

- Many farmers are down from 100% equity to 40%
- Very little cash leads to isolation particularly with fuel prices
- Families have not gone out together for 3 to 4 years
- Family and social breakdowns increase

There is great strength in the fantastic community of Benalla and the district – they just need a hand, and need to know that somebody cares!