

Incoming Speakers

Forthcoming Events

16th April – Rebuilding from Tragedy – Gill Hicks – London Terrorist bombing survivor and Christine Nixon Victorian Bushfire recovery

9th May – Café Internationale – International House Melbourne University

27th May – RC Malvern's 50th Anniversary – Malvern Town Hall – official RC Prahran Meeting

31st May – District Assembly -

4th July – Christmas in July - Rotary Foundation dinner at Lynne Wilton's – Book with Andrea Walton!

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	<u>20.04.09</u>	<u>27.04.09</u>	<u>04.05.09</u>	<u>11.05.09</u>
House	NIGHT			
Committee	H Robbins	R Liebmann	M Morrison	J Dethridge
Duty	A Walton	M Morrison	J Dethridge	J Mahon
	12.30 start; 6.00 Night Meetings			
Bulletin:	P Peters	P Peters	P Peters	P Peters

Bridge Club Roster (7PM to 8.30PM)

21.04.09 J Mahon; P Peters

28.04.09 P Peters; D Rosenberg

05.05.09 D Rosenberg; C Southall

12.05.09 C Southall; G Heeps



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
Vice President	Graeme Newton
Secretary	Helen Robbins
Treasurer	John Harris
Bulletin Editor	Pike Peters

No. 2357 Monday 20th April 2009
Fellowship
6.30 for 7.00 PM – Mt Erica Hotel

Reception: E Cohen

Cashier: J Smith

Welcome Jenny Dethridge – our Newest Member!



President Peter inducts Jenny as mentor (and brother) Chris Southall and Husband Brian Dethridge look on...

50th Anniversary – RC Malvern

A Gala Dinner will be held at the Malvern Town Hall, the same venue of their charter meeting 50 years ago on **Wednesday, 27 May** at 7pm for 7.30pm. The tickets are \$70 a head. A four course formal dinner will be served including refreshments. Guest speaker will be Dr. Alan Gregory the Club's first Ambassadorial scholar who attended Bombay University 49 years ago. Bookings and further information, contact Peter Milburn on 9801 6180 or email milburnp@yahoo.com.au

District Assembly - Reminder To All Incoming Club Officers And New Members

This year's District Assembly (originally scheduled for 24 May) will be held at Wilson Hall, Melbourne University commencing at 9:30AM on **Sunday, 31 May**.

Heritage Cluster will be the host Club and any Rotarian seeking further information should contact AG Chris Wang at cwi@labyrinth.net.au or President Victor Sullivan of RC Carlton at V.Sullivan@unicol.unimelb.edu.au or watch 'Networker' for details.

Foundation, Function & Future

I find that one of the great things about Easter is 'quiet time'. Time to reflect and mull over some ideas and thoughts that had had their 'moment in the sun', but had since been 'back burnered'. With emails a mere trickle and phones finally relenting, my thoughts turned to Rotary ... our utterances, our stances and our effects. 'Effects' and 'making a difference' are embodied absolutely in our magnificent Rotary Foundation. Far from being a staid and predictable adjunct, the Foundation continues to assess and redefine its role, in concert with immediate and long term projects, to ensure that communities worldwide will continue to benefit from Rotary's philanthropic stances.

I then took time to re-read a speech delivered to the 2008 International Assembly by RI President Nominee Ray Klinginsmith. Ray was talking about the wonderful initiatives being undertaken by our Foundation ...

initiatives that will simplify its operations and direct much of the decision making on Foundation matters to the District level through the new Future Vision Plan. Current thinking regarding the Foundation has encouraged the introduction of a more streamlined approach in the handling of Foundation programs, particularly the matching Grants program. The **Matching Grants Program** began in 1965. It started so slowly ... it took 35 years to award the first 10,000 Matching Grants. But it took just five years, from 2000 to 2005, to award the next 10,000. Improved communication and greater awareness of the possibilities, saw an explosion of interest that, frankly, the Foundation was underequipped to handle efficiently. Realising that the torrent of Matching Grant applications was not going to suddenly abate, the Trustees moved decisively and established the Future Vision study.

The Future Vision Plan is a three-step process. The **first step** is to simplify the Foundation programs and sharpen the focus on measurable results. The **second step** is to balance the program options between those with global goals and those with local objectives. And the **third step** is to increase the sense of ownership at the District and Club levels by transferring more decisions to the Districts.

Before the Future Vision Plan is fully implemented worldwide, the Foundation is conducting a three-year Future Vision Pilot to test the new grant structure of the Plan. To simplify the process of allocation, the plan offers only two types of grants the **Rotary Foundation District Grants and Rotary Foundation Global Grants**

Together, these grants will allow Clubs and Districts to carry out a broad spectrum of humanitarian and educational projects, both locally and abroad. The Future Vision Plan will be launched worldwide in 2013-2014. From July 2010 to June 2013, approximately 100 Rotary Districts will have the opportunity to participate in the Future Vision Pilot.

When the motion for our District, D9800, was put to Club Presidents at the District Conference last month, those 54 Presidents and delegates who attended the resolutions session voted unanimously to make application to become a Future Vision Pilot District. If our District is selected as a Future Vision Pilot District, I am delighted that IPDG John Davis has accepted District Foundation Director's invitation to implement and manage the program for our District.

These are exciting times for Rotary and our Foundation. If District 9800 is selected to become a Pilot District, we would be among the first to receive the benefits of the Future Vision Plan and to help shape its development before it is introduced to the entire Rotary world. ~**Jim Studebaker, District Governor**



DG Jim Studebaker & Carol

