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2009**

ENVIROVANDAL TO ADDRESS CLUB

Bruce Macarthur comes from a 1950's background of environmental vandalism!

In rural Victoria in the 50's he was an avid bird egg collector and trader. As such when an uncommon clutch of eggs was found he didn't just take an egg for his collection but he took the lot. Every extra egg was excellent collateral to trade/swap for other eggs.

He also shot thousands of parrots to use as bait to poison the foxes attacking new born lambs.

In that era "if it moved we shot it and if it didn't we knocked it down" without regard to wildlife and birdlife habitat.

Fortunately he got a conservation implant along the way and now is an advocate for the "not for profit " Australian Wildlife Conservancy, (AWC) which manages over 2.5 million acres on about 18 conservation stations in most Australian states.

The AWC has combined scientific and practical conservation with hard work, long hours and youthful

enthusiasm from it's dedicated staff, volunteers and adjoining cattlemen to achieve spectacular results already in about four years.

His club, the Rotary Club of Cobar with 10 members, wants to combine with other Rotary clubs as a joint clubs project to send the DVD he is presenting to us to every Rotary club in Australia.

The price for a club to be part of the project is a donation towards the \$6000 needed to cover over 1400 DVD's, packaging and postage

Bruce's intentions are to keep presenting the DVD until the \$6000 is pledged.



NEXT WEEK:

- Louise Walsh - Funding for the Arts
- 6pm - Rotary Means Business

ROTARY – People like you and me

Bill Gates announces new US\$255 million grant for ending polio

As you are all aware, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation last year challenged Rotary International to match its grant of \$US100m to aid in the eradication of polio worldwide.

Many of our members have responded to this challenge by adding a donation of \$50 to their semi-annual subscriptions specifically for this purpose. Thank you to all of you who have helped in this way, and I would hope that you will all give consideration to adding a further \$50 to your current subscriptions, the invoice for which will be emailed to you shortly.

The good news is that the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has awarded a further \$US255m to Rotary International, with a challenge for Rotary to contribute a further \$US100m by June 2012.

This will bring the combined amount available to \$US355m, hopefully sufficient to eradicate polio entirely from the world.

Yet another story of the wonderful work being done by Rotary International.

Patricia Harrison, President



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BRINGING VISITORS

If you plan to bring visitors to lunch, please email Ann Burleigh with their names on the Monday morning before the Rotary luncheon. annburleigh@ozemail.com.au

Happy Birthday this week to these members:

- Sue Davidson
- Roslyn McLeod



My wife sat down on the couch next to me as I was flipping channels. She asked, 'What's on TV?' I said, 'Dust.'

And that's when the fight started...

My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary. She said, 'I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 150 in about 3 seconds.' I bought her a scale.

And that's when the fight started...



australia day

What's for lunch this week:

Hot: Chicken Cordon Bleu with seasonal vegetables

Dessert: Apple crumble with fresh custard

Salad/Vegetarian: Chicken Caesar salad

'Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands'

The 2009-10 RI theme acknowledges the important role individual Rotary clubs will play in shaping the future of Rotary.



Rotary International President-elect John Kenny unveiled the theme, *The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands*, during the International Assembly in San Diego for incoming district governors.

"The future of Rotary will not be shaped at RI headquarters -- it will be shaped in each and every Rotary club," Kenny said, "because it is for each of us -- as Rotarians -- to do what is necessary to keep Rotary strong."

Kenny acknowledged the foundation established by past Rotary leaders and laid the responsibility for building upon that success on every Rotarian.

"Each one of us is standing on the shoulders of generations of Rotarians past, and it is our responsibility to determine Rotary's future," Kenny said.

Kenny emphasised that every Rotary club is and must be autonomous.

"Everything begins and ends with our clubs," he said. "Our clubs can and do work together; they work through their own districts, in cooperation with other clubs and districts, and with the support of our Foundation."

"But at the end of the day, everything that we accomplish is done through the strength of our clubs. And so each club must have autonomy to serve where and how it can serve best."

Kenny concluded his remarks by sharing a favorite saying from his homeland, Scotland: "We must look beyond our own parish pump."

"It means that we must look beyond our own home and our own community," Kenny said.

"We must look beyond our own needs, and we must be aware that ours is only one community, of one country, of the many communities and countries in this world."

Rotary's 4-Way Test

It asks the following four questions:

"Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?"

Rotary Club of Sydney Trip to Fiji and Tonga

A visit is being planned for Club members and families / friends to Fiji and Tonga in the two weeks commencing Monday 13 April 2009.

Three Club members and families have already expressed interest. We would love to have others join us. If you think you might be interested in joining us can you please let Bruce Edwards know of your interest now!.

Expressing interest now will not commit you, but will help us in planning and allow you to contribute your ideas on the itinerary.



The Club has recently obtained a Matching Grant from the Rotary Foundation to fund a scholarship program in Fiji. So one objective of the trip is to check on progress and see what other support may be required.



The program funds will cover tuition fees for secondary school students who are academically capable but whose parents or carers cannot afford the fees.

The program is shared with the Rotary Club of Suva East. Funding has been contributed by both Rotary Clubs, our Rotary District 9750 and the Rotary Foundation.



The program is managed by an informal sub-committee of the International Service Committee consisting of Bruce Edwards, John Rawson and Colin Westman.

We have also recently received approval for a similar scheme in Tonga as a RAWCS project in partnership with the Rotary Club of Nuku'alofa.

So the trip will include visits to both the Rotary Club of Suva East and the Rotary Club of Nuku'alofa.

There should also be lots of time for leisure activities and personal time.

So if you might be interested in joining us please let me know as soon as possible.

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Rotary Means Business returns on Tuesday 3rd Feb

Our first **Rotary Means Business** Networking event of the year falls on International Networking Day™ which celebrates the key role that networking plays in the development and success of businesses across the world.



We will also be celebrating Rotary's 104th Birthday!



Rotary Means Business is a series of regular meetings organised to provide Rotarians and guests with the opportunity to meet for the specific purpose of business networking. This activity was one of the original founding purposes of

Rotary.

As on previous occasions, there will be no charge to attend. Drinks, including coffee/tea, may be purchased from the bar area.



It will be held on the 2nd Floor of the Castlereagh Hotel, 169 Castlereagh Street, Sydney between 6pm and 7:30pm.

For further information about Rotary Means Business or to let us know you will be attending, please contact Tony Benner on 9279 0261.

Rotary Plus

A Programme for Leadership Development
Thursday 29th January, 2009

at Sutherland United Services Club, Sutherland
Start 6.00 p.m. with sandwiches and tea/coffee.
Presentations from 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

Modules presented:

Leadership Styles - Janice Hall
Meeting Procedures - Bruce Farquharson

These are two modules from a series of 12 modules that will be presented throughout the year.

Who should attend? Incoming Club Office Bearers, Current Office Bearers and Rotarians wishing to further their personal development

Cost: \$10.00 per head for catering
Attendance numbers to AG Phil Whyte by 10.00 am. on Tuesday 27th January.

Phil Whyte contact: Mob: 0418 219 118
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Coming Up!

- 27 Jan Bruce McArthur - Australian Wildlife Conservation
3 Feb Louise Walsh - Funding for the Arts
3 Feb **Rotary Means Business - 6pm, Castlereagh Hotel, CBD.**
10 Feb Anne Henderson, author of "Enid Lyons - Leading Lady to a Nation."
17 Feb RYLA Presentation
24 Feb Consular Day
3 March John Brogden - Lifeline and its work on Depression.
10 March David Richmond - Coordinator General, Dept of NSW Premier
17 March Elaine Henry, CEO The Smith Family (Recipient of 2008-09 Community Service Award)
24 March Jim Patrick - Cochlear
31 March Senator Kim Carr
14 April Julian Ledger - The Sydney Harbour YHA Project.
19 May Citizenship Ceremony
16 June Glenn Stevens, Governor of the Reserve Bank

Please transfer these dates to your Diary.

We're Invited!

The UNIFEM (United Nations Development Fund for Women) Sydney Breakfast Committee extends a warm invitation to join them to celebrate International Women's Day on 6 March 2009.

Trading in fresh food markets is the only opportunity for many women in the Pacific to participate in the urban economy. Indeed, 85% of market vendors are women with 75% coming from rural areas.

The proceeds from International Women's Day 2009 will be directed towards the implementation of a project recently piloted in Fiji with great success.

UNIFEM Pacific's 'Market Project' aims to improve conditions in rural marketplaces and increase women's participation in the management of these markets.

Central to the project is the development of new more gender sensitive policies and practices and a reduction in poverty, by increasing household incomes.

The Breakfast will be held in the Bayside Grand Hall, Sydney Convention Centre Darling Harbour commencing at 7am on 6th March.

More information and a booking form may be downloaded from the UNIFEM website at www.unifem.org.au or contact Karen Loblay at karen@sydprop.com.au or Belinda Allen at iwdsydney@unifem.org.au

This event is not restricted to women - all members are most welcome to attend!



MAKE-UPS

If you visit another Rotary Club or related meeting, please make sure you email Membership Director Harry Fox with the details -

harryfox@wilsonlearning.com.au



Make Dreams Real

Please send your news to the Bulletin Editor,

Tony Benner at Tel. 9279 0261.

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The Rotary Club of Sydney meets every Tuesday at 12:30pm, Cello Room, 4th Floor, Castlereagh Hotel, 169 Castlereagh Street, Sydney.

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