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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Our Conference Debrief Meeting was a chance for us to analyse and learn from the successful Shepparton Conference.

The Rotary Conference is the highlight of the Rotary year and particularly in our case, it highlighted the steep learning curve that our Club is to follow. I have no doubt, DGN Tony and his team will make us proud. Every Member of Frankston North will be an important link in the chain.

The preliminary impression and comments from the Peninsula Link people are encouraging. The press and on the ground exposure of Rotary is another step towards our Vision to expose our Club to as many people as possible. Apart from the very real financial benefits of the past five BBQ sausage sizzles, our connection to such a high profile organization can only benefit us in future.

Many thanks to all who helped, Members and friends of Rotary. I for one do not wish to eat another sausageuntil the next Sizzle.

Regards to you all,

Charles.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM



Phillipa Bailey & Robin Clarey
EDITHVALE/SEAFORD WETLANDS

Wednesday 6 April

6.00pm for 6.30pm

Chairperson: John Tame
Guest Rotarian: Michael Goonan
Meet & Greet: Barry Dean
Cashier: Doug Thompson

APRIL — MAGAZINE MONTH



38 Years of Community Service!

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Apologies: Con Demopoulos, David Cox, Russell Cock, Ken Hart, Mike Goonan, Robert Pill, John Tame, David Louden, Graham Wilson, Doug Thompson, & Bob Edgar

Leave of Absence: David Hanlon, Rod Puls, Bob Denham

EXECUTIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Charles:

- ✓ Peninsula Link BBQ's are going well. Also good publicity for Rotary and our Club in Mornington Leader from this work.
- ✓ The Ballan Park Rotunda, which our club assisted to build, is in need of some repair work. Graham Wilson is contacting the council for approval to restore the building.

Treasurer Don:

- ✓ The Educational Trust account has been transferred to the Bank of Bendigo.

DIRECTOR AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

The main meeting then continued under the Chairmanship of Tony Spring. Who commenced with a reminder that we need to urgently finalise the numbers for the joint Inner Wheel meeting and our club for the 4th May.

Maureen Gillham

Thanked Patrick Lee for his assistance on the BBQ's to date. Also thanks to all those that are helping on these days.

Rtn. Linda Tinney

Antennas purchased and sent to Tonga for the College that we have been supporting over the past few years. Well done to Russell Cock and Bob Edgar for notifying the club of this need and organising the antennas.

Community: 9/4/2011 working bee at Abbeyfield in Karingal. Will be mainly gardening. Monterey Secondary, garden beds. Ron Cook and thanks to Barry Graham for his support is measuring and gaining quotes for the materials. These garden beds will be used by the students and if there is an excess of vegetables will be sold at a community stall.

Vocation; A very worthwhile candidate has been notified: night to be organised for presentation of award. Also a vocational visit has been arranged at Peninsula Private Hospital on the 11/5/2011.. A tour of the hospital showcasing the cardiac unit and the cath lab followed by light refreshments and finger food with a talk from a leading interventional cardiologist Dr Rodney Tepperman.

Other Reports:

A number of our emailed reports were read out from various Directors who could not attend the night.

David Hanlon wanted members reminded of the Foundation Dinner on the 4th June and also that David Cahill is now managing this night for the Club.

Con Demopoulos advised we have a Pride of Workmanship nomination.

CONFERENCE DEBRIEF

Wayne Peterson, Mark Sammut, David Cahill, Maureen Gillham, Don MacDonald, and President Charles, all provided the meeting with an overview of the conference. From all accounts it was a good conference with lots of learning's and good fellowship.

With our club running a conference in Tony Springs year, the conference was an opportunity to learn some of the tricks of the trade, note opportunities we can benefit from, and assess our needs going forward.

Its clear that running a conference is a lot of hard work so the pressure is on for our club as everyone expects the next conference to be better than the last one.

District 9820 conference for 2012 has been announced as being held in Ballarat 23-25 March 2012.

Some of the fellowship is shown below.



The GOLDEN hat's





EXCHANGE STUDENT REPORT—MARLEY ANGUS

This month has seen a lot of firsts for me. The first time I've been sick in France, the first time I ever actually was confused by the language I was thinking in and the first time I was ever told I was an American (I insisted I wasn't).

This month, I spent a lot of time getting to know my friends and I met the other exchange students as well. Towards the start, I was visited by a boy from New Zealand and a boy from Australia who live in Saint-Nazaire and Nantes respectively. They had visited Cholet the first time all of us exchangers from the coolest hemisphere (the southern, of course) had met and decided to return. One thing I have noticed is that, in the rare times I am speaking English, people around me tend to watch. As we walked around Cholet, people would openly look at us and after a while I realised it was because we were speaking English. At the start of the month, I thought this was weird, but now I see their point. For example, today a friend asked me to say something in English. It was a very strange moment and I surprised myself when I asked him why and hesitated because I found it so strange. The more I am understanding and embracing this language, the more I am finding it utterly bizarre to speak in good ol' English.

The other night when we were watching the news and my host father turned to the BBC channel, it took me a second to realise why my French-programmed brain wasn't understanding, and then I realised, it was in English! I was pretty excited by the fact that I couldn't recognise my native tongue, I know it's strange but it means I'm grasping more of the language. There have been many exciting developments like that this month. I am able to understand the television (and not just those episodes of Friends or the Simpsons which I already know of by heart and would understand even if they were in Chinese), I have dreamt many times in French, always with a really great accent which fails to be as awesome in real life and I'm now thinking in French too! When I say thinking, I mean I think the basic, everyday things such as: "Oh no, I've lost my phone, again" or "maybe I should get out of bed now...school is in twenty minutes". But needless to say, when I do think in French, or even in *franglais* which I am superbly fluent in, I feel pretty happy. It means that I'm making progress each day and I'm improving. The only downside is, when I'm typing in English I often use French words without thinking. My other exchange friends don't mind as they can relate, but my friends back home are probably thinking I've hit my head a few too many times...

This month I tried to get more involved in sport as well. I played (well, let's be honest, I watched and tried to play) tennis with my host sister and host mother, I went ice skating for the first time since I was little and **didn't** fall over, exciting! I went sailing, which I loved, and I even worked up the motivation to go running mainly because a) I actually like being fit and b) I'm worried the chocolate and bread might be catching up and I don't think insurance will cover the price of two seats on the way home in ten months time...I also improved my mediocre skills in badminton, enough so to win three out of three games. Yes, in the lowest skill group, but it still counts.

Unfortunately, I did spend a rather horribly week being sick this month. It started after I went to the movies with my friends (it was a good film though, *Rien a Declarer*) and lasted for the last 4 days of holidays and into the week. After I didn't improve, my host mother insisted I go to the doctors, my

first time in France. There were no problems with this visit, the doctor didn't speak English but I understood her French and I'm becoming pretty ace at charades so we had no problems. After a week of recovery, I was as good as new! I did miss two days of school but I had a warm welcome when I returned-my friends are so sweet! They're big fans of using the phrases I taught them as greetings, such as "Oii!", "G'day" and "Wassup!"

I think this has been the most multi-cultural month of my life. I am in France, so of course I am experiencing multiculturalism every day, what with me being a foreigner and all, however this month I met the other thirty-two exchange students in my district. 38 is an enormous number to me, however I was told that in a district which expands from Vancouver to Portland, Oregon in American they can have as many as 58 or more exchange students at one time, so it kind of dulled in retrospect.

Last Saturday, the 20th of March, District 1510 had their district conference in Sable-sur-Sarthe. At the not-so-leisurely hour of 7 am, I was driven up to Sable by some Rotarians from my club who were attending the district conference. It was only an hour and a half or so drive, though if we were driving at the legal speed limit of 110 km/h and not 140 km/h maybe it would've taken longer...I'm kind of happy "No Driving" is an exchange rule, I'm not sure I would want to anyway!

Wearing my beautiful green blazer, which has quite a fine collection of badges already, I met my friends there and made so many on the day, I still can't remember all of their names. There are students from Brazil, Chile, Argentina, Peru, Mexico, Canada, America, New Zealand, Norfolk Island, India, Indonesia, Taiwan, Estonia, Sweden, a girl from Spain who was born in Ecuador and of course Australia-hence why this has been an incredibly multicultural month! I've found exchange students (or "exchangers" as we say) get along instantly. I think maybe it's because we've all got that something in common or maybe it's because we all recognise something in one another that we see in ourselves, but irrespective today was no exception. The poor Committee members who oversaw us had trouble managing to get us to be quiet and remarked that we hadn't stopped speaking for six hours, what could we possibly have left to say to one another? Well the answer is: we had everything to talk about. We talked about families, friends, language differences and a million other things. They, as they've already been here for 6 or 7 months, gave us tips and advice and we were eager to listen. Remarkably, there were no language barriers with most of the conversations being in English or French and a few in Spanish or Portuguese. Needless to say, it was a great day and I am immensely excited for the Rotary Weekend at Arville, near Paris, at the start of April. It's going to be amazing!

This month I was lucky enough to visit some of the Chateaus de la Loire. It was breathtakingly beautiful and my host family took me to visit their cousin's house just outside of Tours which I think is the single most unique house I have ever been in. The house is a troglodyte house which means it is built into a cave. It's a little difficult to explain but only the facade is a real house so once you enter the roof and walls are rock with lights randomly placed throughout and lots of vents due to dampness. Although I couldn't live in a troglodyte house, I did find it fascinating, especially when I learn that I was built under a house which was built into the top of the cliff face. The

MARLEY CONTINUES

neighbourhood was so beautiful, with a lot of other troglodytes and amazing images of windows randomly interrupting the sheer rock faces.

As aforementioned, I visited some Chateaus this day as well. I think I achieved every little girl's dream by actually seeing the castle of Sleeping Beauty! Once I translated the name I actually may have jumped for joy (shameful, I know) terrifying my host sister. It was so beautiful, as was the Chateau de Langleais which has 1000 year old ruins in the gardens and was the site of a secret marriage between the King and Queen of France back in the 1000's. I cannot get over how amazing these towns and chateaus are and how just about every town has this long-stretching history! The very house I live was around before the Napoleonic Wars. The Chateaus of the Loire really were amazing and whilst I didn't visit every one I did take lots of photos however it's difficult to capture the amazing architectural designs and how intricate the details are in the buildings.

In closing, this month has been incredibly busy. It's getting warmer outside, flowers are blooming and the clothes stores are bringing out summer dresses and skirts (its 16 degrees...I will stick to my jeans, thank you!). I am so excited for spring and every day in general. I love going to school and seeing my friends and I love walking slowly through town and through the parks in the sun.

Oh just before I sign off I feel the need to inform you all that I just made my third batch of ANZACs and they are perfect, if I do say so myself! I also translated the recipe, even using the insanely complicated subjunctive tense!

Thanks for sticking with this essay; I hope you enjoyed reading this as much as I've enjoyed living it.

A great report - Well done Marley and keep enjoying the year.

THE AUSSIE BBQ

Our week of BBQ'ing reminded a member to submit the following on this very important secret men's business.

Griff was at the barbecue and Joel was at the barbecue and I was at the barbecue; three men standing around a barbecue, sipping beer, staring at sausages, rolling them backwards and forwards, never leaving them alone.

We didn't know why we were at the barbecue, we were just drawn there like moths to a flame. The barbecue was a powerful gravitational force, a man-magnet.

Joel said the thin ones could use a turn, I said yeah I reckon the thin ones could use a turn, Griff said yeah they really need a turn -it was a unanimous turning decision. Griff was the Tong-master, a true artist, he gave a couple of practice snaps of his long silver tongs, SNAP SNAP, before moving in, prodding, teasing, and with an elegant flick of his wrist, rolling them onto their little backs. A lesser tong-man would've flicked too hard; the sausages would've gone full circle, back to where they started.

Nice, I said. The others went yeah.

Kevin was passing us, he heard the siren-song- sizzle of the snags, the barbecue was calling, beckoning, Kevinnnnn ...come. He stuck his head in and said any room? We said yeah and began the barbecue shuffle; Griff shuffled to the left, Joel shuffled to the left, I shuffled to the left, Kevin slipped in beside me, we sipped our beer. Now there were four of us staring at sausages, and Griff gave me the nod, my cue. I was second-in-command, and I had to take the raw sausages out of the plastic bag and lay them on the barbecue; not too close together, not too far apart, curl them into each other's bodies like lovers -fat ones, thin ones, herbed and continental.

The chipolatas were tiny, they could easily slip down between the grill, falling into the molten hot- bead-netherworld below. Carefully I laid them sideways ACROSS the grill, clever thinking. Griff snapped his tongs with approval, there was no greater barbecue honour.

P.J. came along, he said looking good, looking good -the irresistible lure of the barbecue had pulled him in too. We said yeah and did the shuffle, left, left, left, left, he slipped in beside Kevin, we sipped our beer. Five men, lots of sausages. Joel was the Fork-pronger; he had the fork that pronged the tough hides of the Bavarian bratwursts and he showed lots of promise. Stabbing away eagerly, leaving perfect little vampire holes up and down the casing. P.J. was shaking his head, he said "I reckon they cook better if you don't poke them". There was a long silence, you could have heard a chipolata drop; this new-comer was a rabble-rouser, bringing in his crazy ideas from outside. He didn't understand the hierarchy; first the Tong-master, then the Sausage-layer, then the Fork-pronger - and everyone below was just a watcher. Maybe eventually they'll move up the ladder, but for now - don't rock the Weber.

Dianne popped her head in; "hmmm, smells good", she said. She was trying to jostle into the circle; we closed ranks, pulling our heads down and our shoulders in, mumbling yeah yeah yeah, but making no room for her. She was keen, going round to the far side of the barbecue, heading for the only available space. . . . the gap in the circle where all the smoke and ashes blew. Nobody could survive the gap; Dianne was going to try.

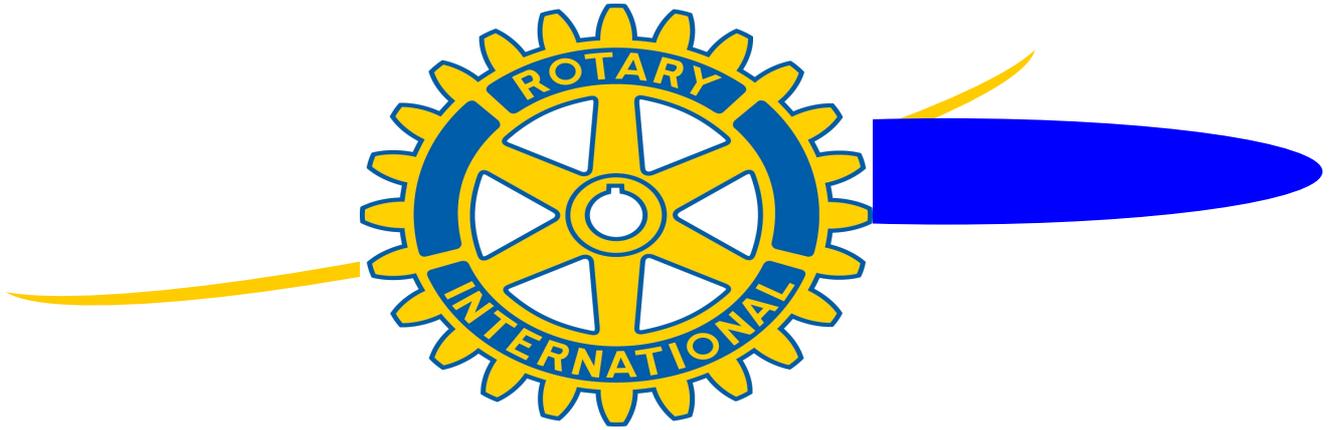
She stood there stubbornly, smoke blinding her eyes, ashes filling her nostrils, sausage fat spattering all over her arms and face. Until she couldn't take it anymore, she gave up, backed off. Kevin waited till she was gone and sipped his beer. We sipped our beer; yeah.

Griff handed me his tongs. I looked at him and he nodded. I knew what was happening, I'd waited a long time for this moment - the abdication. The tongs weighed heavy in my hands, firm in my grip- was I ready for the responsibility? Yes, I was. I held them up high and they glinted in the sun.

Don't forget to turn the thin ones Griff said as he walked away from the barbecue, disappearing toward the house. Yeah I called back, I will, I will.

I snapped them twice, SNAP SNAP, before moving in, prodding, teasing, and with an elegant flick of my wrist, rolling them back onto their little bellies. I was a natural, I was the TONG-MASTER.

Until Griff got back from the toilet.



4th June

The Rotary Club of Frankston North is holding it's Annual Foundation Dinner.

Venues To Be Announced

Cost \$20.00 per Head BYO Drinks

ANNIVERSARIES

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

John Tame—6th April.
Jim Baker—7th April.

BIRTHDAYS

Graham Wilson—7th April.
Marina Neill—8th April.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Kay & Jim Baker—6th April



CLUB MISSION STATEMENT

“Grow the community presence of the Rotary Club of Frankston North by exploring relevant service and collaboration opportunities in order to shape the future direction of our service delivery. This is achieved through membership empowerment to support activities addressing the service avenues of Rotary International as stated through our Club goals.”

REMINDER OF COMING EVENTS

9/04/2011	Sat	Abbeyfield working bee
17/04/2011	Wed	Sports Night - Centenary Park
4/05/2011	Wed	Joint night with Inner Wheel
11/05/2011	Wed	Vocational Visit -Peninsula Hospital
21/05/2011	4 days	2011 RI Convention New Orleans
4/06/2011	Sat	Guess Who is coming to Dinner Night.

ROTARY

THE INVOCATION

“For good food, good fellowship and the opportunity to serve through Rotary we give thanks”

THE LOYAL TOAST

“To Her Majesty the Queen, and the People of Australia”

THE FOUR WAY TEST

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 and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

THE CLUB VISION

“The Rotary Club of Frankston North is a caring group of people who apply their time and talents in providing humanitarian support to local and overseas communities and individuals, while also caring for and involving their own members and families”

FUTURE GUEST ROTARIANS

30/03/2011	Glenn Ellam
6/04/2011	Michael Goonan
13/04/2011	David Louden
20/04/2011	David Cahill
27/04/2011	Brian Capon
4/05/2011	Tony Spring
11/05/2011	Wayne Peterson

MAKE-UP VENUES

ROTARY CLUB	VENUE	DAY	TIME
Frankston	International Motel	Thursday	6pm for 6.30pm
Frankston/Long Island	Frankston Life Saving Club	1st & 3rd Thursday	7am for 7.15am
Frankston Sunrise	Davey's Bar	Wednesday	6.45am for 7am
Langwarrin	Baxter Tavern	Monday	6.30pm for 7pm
Mt Eliza	Toorak College	Tuesday	6pm for 6.30pm
Seaford/Carrum Downs	The Sands Hotel	Tuesday	6.30pm for 7pm

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

<p>GAMES NIGHT CENTENARY PARK GOLF CLUB Wednesday 13 April 6.00pm for 6.30pm</p> <p>Chairperson: Glenn Ellam Guest Rotarian: David Louden Meet & Greet: Barry Dean Cashier: Doug Thompson</p>	<p>Col David Jamison ANZAC ADDRESS Wednesday 20 April 6.00pm for 6.30pm</p> <p>Chairperson: Peter Newman Guest Rotarian: David Cahill Meet & Greet: Barry Dean Cashier: Doug Thompson</p>	<p>MEMBERSHIP NIGHT Wednesday 27 April 6.00pm for 6.30pm</p> <p>Chairperson: Judi McKee Guest Rotarian: Brian Capon Meet & Greet: Barry Dean Cashier: Doug Thompson</p>
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BERWICK 50TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Please detach and send this completed form to:

50th Birthday Celebration
Rotary Club of Berwick Inc.
P.O.Box 30
Berwick, 3806



I/we wish to make reservation for the Rotary Club of Berwick Inc.
50th Birthday Celebration on Saturday 7th May, 2011
at Berwick Springs Hotel, Clyde road Berwick.

If past member Classification: _____
Rotary Club: _____

Name: _____

Contact Number(s): (h) _____ (Mob) _____

Names of Guests: _____

No. attending: _____ @ \$40 per person = \$ _____

Payment Method

Cheque. Please make out to "The Rotary Club of Berwick"

Visa Mastercard Bankcard

Card No. _____

Cardholders Name: _____

Expiry Date: _____

Signature: _____

Contact Address: _____

Special Dietary Requirements: _____

Please Note:

Your response by Wednesday 20th April 2011 will
help ensure a place for you and your guest.
For further information contact:
Laurens Gordyn on 0419 503 146



The Rotary Club
of
Berwick Inc.

Your Invitation
to our
50th Birthday
Celebration

1961 - 2011

Join us in celebrating our rich
50 year history

1960's Theme

Saturday 7th of May 2011
6:30 for 7:00 starting with
pre-dinner drinks
at the
Berwick Springs Hotel
Clyde Road Berwick.

GSE VISIT TO FINLAND

Greetings Rotarians D9820

If you wish to keep abreast of our journey, visit <http://d9820gsefinland.wikispaces.com/> to view photos and commentary on our exchange experiences. We will be updating the site 2 – 3 times per week.

Regards

Stephen Daly
D9820 GSE Team Leader 2011

POLIO

From: "d piper" <dpiper35@bigpond.com>
Date: Tue, 29 Mar 2011 11:17:07 +1100
To: Piper David <dpiper35@bigpond.com>
Subject: FW: Rotary

This email sent to all Club Presidents

Rotarians,
Whilst the decision is yours, I would appreciate it if you circulated this to your members. I am comfortable with PDG Bernie's request, I do not see this as a party political action, rather the use of broader political persuasion to influence support for the eradication of polio campaign.

Regards,

David Piper
DG 2010/11

From: rogers [mailto:rogers@activ8.net.au]
Sent: Monday, 28 March 2011 2:50 PM
Subject: Rotary

Good day to you all, and I trust you are all looking towards the end of year celebrations. This email has nothing to do with our past relationship, but is with my new hat of Polio Challenge Zone Coordinator. Along with Ken Collins in the west, we will be encouraging you to help get the polio funding challenge onto the agenda for CHOGM in Perth later this year.

I have attached a letter that I would like you to send to your clubs asking all Rotarians to consider sending to our PM Julia Gillard. Time is running out and this is now somewhat urgent as the agenda for CHOGM will be finalised next week. I am sorry for the short notice but much needed to be done.

The following email addresses are for use in this matter:

The contact address is www.pm.gov.au and use the "Contact the Prime Minister" facility.

please also use a cc address gillardpolio@globalpovertyproject.com as this will enable us to know how many responses we send as Rotarians. This is merely a "counter" site.

Of course I acknowledge that you have the final say on this matter and I accept any decision you make. Please may I ask you to acknowledge this email with a reply so that I know you have received it.

Regards

Bernie

Dear Prime Minister

RE: Placing Polio Eradication on the CHOGM agenda

As a Rotarian and Australian citizen, I wish to ask your consideration in placing the Polio Eradication issue on the CHOGM agenda. Rotary has been targeting polio eradication for 30 years and seen the incidence drop by 99%. However, while there are any cases in the world polio remains a threat to our global health.

Of the four countries remaining with endemic polio, three (India, Pakistan and Nigeria are in the Commonwealth, with the fourth (Afghanistan) being a near neighbour and indirectly affected by the common border with India and Pakistan.

As the current chair of CHOGM, Australia is well placed to take a leading role on this issue and can encourage other Commonwealth leaders to commit to the eradication of polio.

It is estimated that the campaign needs some US\$710 million to eradicate polio by 2014. Although Rotary International and the Gates Foundation will raise some US\$450 million by June 2012, the shortfall needs to be met urgently to finally defeat this disease.

If the Commonwealth countries can close this financial gap, polio will become a disease of the past and Australia has a chance to be a leader in this significant world milestone.

Please give this matter your urgent attention.

MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH—HAT DAY



Ambassadors:
 Professor Patrick McGorry
 John Brogden
 Michael Klem
 Danny Green
 Kate Hollywood
 John Konrads
 Lisa Sihalakar



Hat Day Newsletter - April 2011

Raising funds for Mental Health Research through Hat Day

Hat Day, on 20 May 2011, is a friendly Rotary project with great potential for promoting Rotary into the community and raising funds for mental health research.

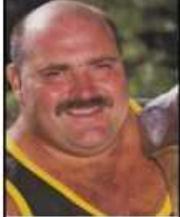
Think of the fun you can have promoting Australian Rotary Health through your club to the community.

A lot of clubs have indicated that they are enthusiastic about "Hat Day – for Mental Health Research", but are not sure what they can do to be involved. The common feature is for the opportunity to wear a hat - each participant should make a donation, big or small.

Here are some of the ideas from other clubs:

- **Three Hat Dinner**, wear a different hat for each course. It can also be a progressive dinner.
- **Theatre Hat Night** – all wear hats to the theatre
- **Coffee and Cake Hat Get-to-Together** at the local coffee shop
- **Hat BBQ** – everyone wears a hat for an outdoor BBQ, just charge them for wearing a hat
- **Hat Luncheon** – invite friends home for lunch and of course all wear hats.
- **Hat Morning Tea** – this doesn't take as much organising as a lunch
- **One Hat Dinner** – this can be a formal dinner with all the trimmings, but wearing hats.
- **Hat Ball** – this can be great night out - wear that glamorous gown with a feature hat. Think of the Ascot scene from My Fair Lady.
- **Hat Day at the Office** – this allows everyone to wear a hat while working or at morning tea or at lunchtime
- **Fancy Dress Hat Party** – this allows for everyone to wear a costume that has a hat as part of the outfit.
- **Hat Parade** – everyone parades with their hat and the best hat is awarded a small prize
- **Hard Hats** - focus on mental health safety in the workplace.
- **Hats for Happiness** - Inviting aged care facility residents to wear hats for a day.
- **Chamber Hats** - A Chamber of Commerce joint Hat Day project with your Club and the not-for-profit community.
- **Hear My Hat** - Hat Day radio interviews with your local ABC, community radio and commercial radio. Spread the news!
- **Hats in the Streets** - Asking retailers to show special hats in their windows with counter donation boxes.

MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH—HAT DAY



Race Day Patron:
 Ca Wetherhouse
Ambassadors:
 Craig Hamilton
 Steve Roach
 Mike Bailey
 David Foster
 Glenn Turner
 Miss Helena

- **History Hats** - Feature prominent historical town figures characters in the newspaper for Hat Day.
- **Hats with Heart** - inviting local artists to create works, events, ideas, chalk the pavement.
- **School Hat Day** - Students can find out about great figures in history who have worn hats e.g. Bowler Hat - Churchill.
- **Book Hats** - Characters from books who have worn hats e.g. Cat in a Hat
- **Sports Hat Day** - Wear a hat related to sports e.g. Cricket (Baggy Green), Motor Racing (Holden, Ford), Football (AFL, Rugby, NRL, Soccer)
- **I've HatIT** - Support through Facebook and Twitter to help promote Hat Day.
- **Pass the Hat around** - Collect at all your events for Hat Day. It's surprising how generous people are with their change.

Any moneys raised can be deposited as follows:

	Deposit at any St George Bank	Deposit at any NAB Bank
Account Name: AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH BSB: 112 879 ACCOUNT : 065 433 595		Account Name: AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH BSB: 082 330 ACCOUNT : 027 300 054

Make your Hat Day social!

Are you hosting a public event for Hat Day? If so, make sure you register your event online! Simply [click on this link](#), add your details, and we'll pop your event listing online. You can also have your event included on our Facebook and Twitter pages to show others just what you're doing for mental health research.

Get your (paper) hat on

On Friday, May 20th 2011, Australian Rotary Health will be hosting a Hat Day event in Sydney's Martin Place. Featuring live entertainment and guest appearances from some of our Hat Day Ambassadors, our Hat Day team is also planning on setting a new Guinness World Record[™] for the most people in paper hats in the one place!



If you're a Sydney local, or fancy a trip to be part of our World Record attempt, join us in Martin Place this May to celebrate and raise funds for mental health research. Bring your own hat or make a paper one once you've arrived to be part of this exciting new event!

To help us calculate numbers, please register your interest in attending by emailing info@hatday.com.au or calling 1800 781 878. We look forward to seeing you there.

STOP PRESS:



Got a Hat Day happy snap you'd like to share?

It's often said that a picture is worth a thousand words, but this Hat Day a photo is worthy of the cover of Rotary Down Under magazine!

RDU Editor Bob Aitken has been bitten by the Hat Day bug and is offering one Club the opportunity to have their best Hat Day photo featured on the cover of RDU. So, if you're hosting a Hat Day this May make sure you take plenty of happy snaps and send them to info@hatday.com.au. We'll be choosing our favourite to be used as the cover for an upcoming issue of RDU magazine.

EMAIL CONTRIBUTION

An Obituary claimed to have been printed in the London Times - Interesting and in many cases sadly rather true

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, **Common Sense**, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

- Knowing when to come in out of the rain;
- Why the early bird gets the worm;
- Life isn't always fair;
- and Maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death, by his parents, Truth and Trust, by his wife, Discretion, by his daughter, Responsibility, and by his son, Reason.

He is survived by his 4 stepbrothers;

I Know My Rights
I Want It Now
Someone Else Is To Blame
I'm A Victim

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone. If you still remember him, pass this on. If not, join the majority and do nothing.