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Meet Monday 6.00pm for 6.30pm  
**Gateway Park  
Kangaroo Flat**

**CHARTERED 16<sup>th</sup> May 1983  
SPONSOR CLUB BENDIGO SOUTH**

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# The Rotunda

**Rotary Club of Kangaroo Flat. Inc  
Volume 26 - Number 27  
For 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2009**



## *Message from the President*

For Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2009

### About our meeting

#### **Hole in One Preparation Night:**

During (and prior to) the meeting we had our working bee on our golf balls in preparation for the Hole in One competition. Many golf balls were painted in brilliant colours (a mix of 10). A lot of design and effort was put into this arduous task. Thank you to all members involved and especially to those who came along early.

A roster is being distributed for helpers over the four days of the Hole in One competition. Please indicate your availability which will be greatly appreciated. This will be on a roster sheet that will be put out soon. Family, friends and work colleagues may appreciate the opportunity to contribute to a worthy fundraising project. Phil Symons, Roger McKellar and Jill Barker have been working along with many others making sure that our sponsors, Hole in One equipment and arrangements are in order. Another working bee is being arranged.

Our Hole in One competition will be our major club fundraiser for the year.

During our evening we heard from Rotarian Charlie Bovalino regarding an opportunity for a working bee. This would be assisting cleaning up the area after the fires that exposed rubbish that was concealed within the bush. We are looking forward to further information and date(s) for this opportunity to serve.

Yours in Rotary,

Glenn Ludeman for  
*Kaylyn Journeaux*  
President

**February is World Understanding Month**

**THE FOUR WAY  
TEST OF THE  
THINGS WE THINK,  
SAY OR DO**

*Is it the truth?*

*Is it fair to all  
concerned?*

*Will it build goodwill  
and better  
friendships?*

*Will it be beneficial  
to all concerned?*

## What's on at Gateway Park



<b>COMING PROGRAM</b>	<i>23<sup>rd</sup> February</i>	<i>(Saturday evening) 28<sup>th</sup> February</i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> March</i>	<i>9<sup>th</sup> March</i>
<i>Activity</i>	TBC	Rotary Club of Bendigo South Italian Dinner All welcome to attend. Names to President Kaylyn	Pam Luxford Bendigo History Slideshow	Bendigo Community Telco
<i>Chair</i>	Jill Barker	President Kaylyn	Ian Doak	Ian Doak
<i>Response</i>	Phil Symons		David Rathbone	David Rathbone
<i>Sergeant</i>	Hugh Austin		Hugh Austin	Hugh Austin
<i>Corporals</i>	Tony Plant / Peter Cashen		Sharn Donnison / Annette Ramage	Sharn Donnison / Annette Ramage
<i>Cashier</i>	Bruce McClure		Margaret Lane	Margaret Lane
<i>Setup Tables and lectern</i>	Judy Kidman		Daryl Rowe	Daryl Rowe
<i>Grace</i>	Ian Doak		Peter Taylor	Peter Taylor

- **Apologies to Tony Plant by midday before each meeting – for catering purposes. Phone – 54416882.**

**February Birthdays:** Charlie Bovalino 5<sup>th</sup>, Bob Mathrick 9<sup>th</sup>, Judy Kidman 23<sup>rd</sup> February, Terry McManus 24<sup>th</sup>, Armin Durr 19<sup>th</sup>, Lesley Haughton 19<sup>th</sup>, Don McArthur 12<sup>th</sup>

**Members Children's Birthday:** Charlie Bovalino's son Adam 24<sup>th</sup>, Bob Mathrick's daughter Sally 09<sup>th</sup>, David Rathbone's son Anthony 16<sup>th</sup>

**February Club Joining Anniversaries:** Hugh Austin 1<sup>st</sup>, Rob Haughton 14<sup>th</sup>

**Wedding Anniversary:** David Rathbone 23<sup>rd</sup> January

<b>CALENDAR</b>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>EVENT</i>	<i>ORGANISER</i>
<i>Please provide dates of events well in advance to President Kaylyn Journeaux and Jill Barker</i>	23 <sup>rd</sup> February 09	TBC	Liz Durr
	(Saturday evening) 28 <sup>th</sup> February 09	Rotary Club of Bendigo South Italian Dinner All welcome to attend. Names to President Kaylyn	President Kaylyn
	(Sunday) 1 <sup>st</sup> March 09 10:00am-4:00pm	BBQ and Espresso Machine operators at the Olive Fiesta. Names to President Kaylyn.	President Kaylyn
	2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Pam Luxford Bendigo History Slideshow	Ian Doak
	9 <sup>th</sup> March	Bendigo Community Telco	
	<b>For planning</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> April 09	<b>Hole in One Fundraiser</b> 100% Sponsorship funds from Hole in One goes to Fire Disaster Relief to aid the Bendigo and surrounding district.	Phil Symons: Sponsorship Jill Barker: Event coordination Roger McKellar: Setup / Packup
	<b>For planning</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> June 09	<b>Rotary Club of Kangaroo Flat Changeover Dinner</b>	President Kaylyn and President Elect Liz Durr



### WANT TO DO A MAKE-UP ?

Bendigo Tues. 12.45 for 1pm Bendigo Club,

22 Park Street, Bendigo. 5443 0780

Bendigo Sandhurst Wed, 7am for 7.30.

BRIT Restaurant, 136 McCrae St, 5434 1402

Bendigo South Thurs. 6pm for 6.30,  
Leadlight Café, 25 Queen Street, 5443 3877

Bendigo Strathdale Tues. 6pm for 6.30,  
All Seasons, McIvor Hwy 5443 8166

Eaglehawk, Wed. 6.15 for 6.30,  
California Gully Mechanics Institute, School Street, Cal. Gully 3556.

Castlemaine, Wed. 6:15 for 6:30pm  
Cumberland Hotel Ph 5472 1052

### Ball Painting Working bee for the upcoming Easter Hole in One Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February Meeting





# CHANGE OVER DATES FOR GOLDFIELDS CLUSTER 2009-2010

1. Rotary Club of Rochester.            Sunday        14<sup>th</sup> June
2. Rotary Club of Kangaroo Flat        Friday        19<sup>th</sup> June
3. Rotary Club of Bendigo                Saturday     20<sup>th</sup> June
4. Rotary Club of Eaglehawk            Wednesday   24<sup>th</sup> June
  
- DISTRICT 9800 Change Over.        Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June. Lunch.
  
5. Rotary Club of Bendigo South        Thursday     25<sup>th</sup> June
6. Rotary Club of Bendigo Strathdale Tuesday        30<sup>th</sup> June
7. Rotary Club of Echuca/Moama        Wednesday   1<sup>st</sup> July
8. Rotary Club of Bendigo Sandhurst Friday        3<sup>rd</sup> July



**Up-to-date information about the 2009 District 9800 Conference in  
Launceston is available now.**

**Click here: <http://www.rotarynthbalwyn.org/conference/>**

## **A Message Regarding The Victorian Bushfires From Rotary D9800 District Governor, Jim Studebaker.**

Jim and Carol Studebaker



Along with all Rotarians throughout Australia, I am deeply saddened by the extreme loss of life and property that has occurred in the bushfires over the last week.

As I am sure you will realise, I have been inundated with enquires about what our Rotary District is doing to help. I have taken advice from a senior emergency management professional in our District and have implemented our District Emergency Recovery Plan.

We have established a Trust Fund with all the necessary approvals and encourage any fundraising efforts to be directed to this fund. Recognising that there are many Government and Non-Government Organisations already working in the affected areas, we intend to use these funds on medium to long-term assistance with a primary emphasis on community rebuilding.

Donations of goods are specifically not sought through Rotary due to difficulties with their distribution. We simply don't have the resources to warehouse and distribute goods.

The attached document to this email will give you more details about how to help our District's efforts.

Kind regards

**Jim Studebaker**

**District Governor D9800**

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# Rotarians working together - What we are doing.

## Rotary Districts 9780, 9790, 9800, 9810, 9820

A joint response from the Districts in Victoria.

An article by Rotarian PP Philip Archer, Marketing and Membership Director, District 9800



As with all Victorians, Rotarians in our region have been profoundly saddened and touched by the tragedy of the Victorian Bushfires. With the fires destroying homes and claiming lives throughout the heart of our region the Districts in Victoria have been overwhelmed by the response of Rotarians around the nation and indeed the world.

What is particularly heartening is the willingness of The Family of Rotary from far and wide to ask “What can we do to help?”. In response, we wanted to share with you some ideas on how Rotarians could assist those dealing with the consequences and challenges of the bushfires.

### Donate

On behalf of the joint Districts, Rotary District 9800 has opened a trust fund account to provide assistance to affected communities. Rotarians, corporate supporters, Friends of Rotary and members of the public can make donations to the **“Rotary International D 9800 Bushfire Recovery Fund”, BSB Number 013 345, Account Number 2521 12703 (Swift code ANZBAU3M)**

at any ANZ Bank. Cash donations enable Rotary to support the changing needs of bushfire victims as time goes on. They allow Rotary the flexibility to appropriately adapt our response to local needs, which will no doubt change as the focus of communities switch from short-term survival and shelter requirements to the rebuilding of community infrastructure. Recognising that there are already many Non-Government Organisations already working in affected areas, this medium to long-term period will be the main focus of Rotary’s efforts.

For more information on the fund, which has been authorised for official fundraising, please contact [bushfirehelp@rotaryvictoria.org.au](mailto:bushfirehelp@rotaryvictoria.org.au).

### Current Projects

The two Districts in the thick of things are District 9790 and District 9820. District Governor Ken McDonald from District 9820 advises that Rotarians from within his District have immediately got involved with numerous hands on projects in support of the recovery. They are manning many barbeques and community shelters in support of the volunteers and those affected. District 9820’s Centenary House in Traralgon has been offered by their Committee of Management as an accommodation venue for the displaced. The Rotary Club of Bairnsdale through its President Elect, Peter Saul has made his Alpaca Farm available for agistment purposes. Members in the area are supporting the farming community with fodder for animals from their properties. The Eco Lodge on Phillip Island has also offered their accommodation facilities to District 9820, free of charge, to those displaced in this catastrophe. DG Ken also advises that their own emergency fund has been established and is being well supported by the District’s Rotary Clubs, local businesses and friends of Rotary.

### Promote the Recovery Fund

The rebuilding and recovery phase is a long-term one and will require ongoing promotion and support around the country. Simple forms of promotion such as adding a short message promoting the Bushfire Recovery Fund to your email signature provide a visible and tangible means for people to help us help others.

For example:



As with other major disasters, Rotarian volunteers from Victorian Districts will be there helping extensively in the rebuilding and recovery of communities affected by the Victorian bushfires. You can help Rotary help them by making a donation to the **“Rotary International D 9800 Bushfire Recovery Fund”, BSB Number 013 345, Account Number 2521 12703 (Swift code ANZBAU3M)** at any ANZ Bank. 100% of monies donated will go to helping these communities. Or for more information, simply email [bushfirehelp@rotaryvictoria.org.au](mailto:bushfirehelp@rotaryvictoria.org.au).

## Plan a Project

Rotary clubs should begin preparing a response immediately - we encourage city clubs to get in touch with local country clubs to partner in their efforts. To avoid unnecessary duplication, we suggest you contact [bushfirehelp@rotaryvictoria.org.au](mailto:bushfirehelp@rotaryvictoria.org.au) to advise of your likely contribution prior to your undertakings – we will endeavour to let you know of similar efforts and opportunities to partner with other clubs. Below are further proposed aid projects for your consideration which would provide tangible assistance to affected communities.

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## Some Project Ideas

Typical activities for consideration by the Combined Rotary Districts Community Services Group and individual Clubs include the following.

### *Work in ravaged areas:*

#### • **Clean-up work**

Debris resulting from the fires will need to be cleared, transported and disposed of. Shovels, excavation equipment and manpower would be of assistance.

This kind of work needs to be determined by local people and coordinated by them. It needs close management of where, when, equipment, transport, cartage, catering etc.

Those assisting are strongly advised to make sure all those assisting in the clean up are wearing suitable masks.



#### • **Rebuilding work**

Assistance in rebuilding community halls, facilities, monuments, etc., as well as private residences – this will be an extensive task. Building materials, water tanks, fencing, hardware, excavation and clearing equipment, etc will all be required.

Assisting members of the public in rebuilding their homes and assisting in rebuilding infrastructure such as sports grounds, playgrounds, schools, toilets, picnic and/or tourist facilities.

#### • **Emergency Services and Recovery Team Relief**

Drink and food stations, temporary accommodation or shelters, pillows, foam mats and blankets, wash-off stations, etc. Additional tea, coffee and cold drinks are likely to be highly appreciated even if SES and other groups have their own resources. Volunteer relief of workers on existing stations might also be of use.

#### • **Clothing**

Victims will most likely be provided second hand clothing from other aid groups. Vouchers for new clothes may allow victims to begin to purchase their own clothes again.

#### • **Household Supplies and Goods.**

On-site services to assist in shopping, the purchasing of whitegoods and other household essentials as well as the transporting of residents en masse to retail stores may be of some assistance.

#### • **Give Blood**

Giving blood via the Red Cross is a tangible way to provide support that can save lives.

#### • **Assistance With Insurance Paperwork and Administration**

Some residents may not know where to begin or how to fully access benefits available to them or complete insurance paperwork. Those Rotarians particularly familiar with insurance claims may be able to set up an assistance booth in conjunction with major insurers providing the paperwork and resources to get claims underway ASAP.

#### • **Food and Grocery Supplies**

Again vouchers or donations to general funds may be preferable to supplies to enable those affected to purchase what they require.

#### • **Burns Unit Assistance**

Meals, offers of temporary accommodation for family members, pillows, blankets and personal care for family members waiting with patients, offer of showers or amenities, etc. The Alfred Hospital is attending to the bulk of the burns victims.

#### • **Wildlife**

Assisting volunteer veterinarians and veterinarian nurses in their tremendous support and care for our wildlife. We can help these great people to continue their great work by raising funds for necessary medicines and equipment.

- **Livestock**

Purchase of livestock, assistance with fencing, feed and veterinary requirements, etc.



- **Replanting**

Replanting of community and residential gardens. Equipment, seedlings and manpower will be required.

1. Private gardens/vegetable gardens
2. Public street and park planting
3. Farm and rural planting

- **Toys, schoolbooks, school uniforms, etc for children.**

Many children have lost everything – providing them with some small comforts as well as educational means to allow them to continue their studies would be meaningful. Temporary transport to and from school may be required in some instances.

- **Manual Labour Assistance**

Much manual labour is likely to be required. Creation of a centralised volunteer centre at which those willing to volunteer can congregate and be transported to locations requiring labour may be of assistance.

- **Seating**

Many involved will be spending large hours on their feet – seating to allow them to sit down may be beneficial.

- **Counselling**

Those Rotarians who are trained in counselling may want to volunteer their services via Victorian Information Services by phoning 1300 366 356. Doubtlessly those who do volunteer for counselling duties will themselves require debriefing peer support opportunities – those interested in forming an interim Fellowship network can express your interest via [bushfirehelp@rotaryvictoria.org.au](mailto:bushfirehelp@rotaryvictoria.org.au).

*Activities in city areas:*

- **Fundraising**

Please assist our District's Recovery Fund by donating direct to "[Rotary International D 9800 Bushfire Recovery Fund](#)", BSB Number 013 345, Account Number 2521 12703 (Swift code ANZBAU3M).

1. Direct cash donations - A central fund for both public and Rotary Club and Rotarian donations. Possible dedication of all fines money for the next year to this fund.
2. Develop a specific long term "Rotary" fundraising activity that all Clubs and Rotarians can become part of if they choose.
3. Rotary promotion and/or management of an ad-hoc "blockbuster" activity - \$500,000 outcome aim.
4. Clubs to develop local ad-hoc specific purpose fundraising activities.

- **Donations In Kind (DIK)**

1. Involve and utilise existing DIK centres and expertise.

- **R&R relief for affected people**

1. City holidays.
2. Buying expeditions.
3. Private one-on-one or group activities.
4. Day trips, weekend or extended timeframe.
5. Support for country people needing medical care in the city and/or their relatives who need to be close for visiting.

- **Assistance with business recovery**

1. Mentoring business re-establishment.
2. Community tourism re-establishment support, marketing and promotion.

- **Plant raising**

1. Tree and shrub growing.
2. Seedlings for vegetable gardens.
3. Fruit trees.

It should be noted that rural people are already badly affected by the poor economic conditions. Consequently it is important to make sure that work done by well intentioned volunteers does not take away work opportunities for rural people.

It is suggested that Rotary try to make it a feature of voluntary work done, that local unemployed people are included in some way.

### **Asking What Is Required**

We cannot presume what is required entirely – it is important that we ask how we can be of assistance at all times – while there will be coordinated efforts to provide major services and provisions, it will be the “things between the cracks” that get missed where we may be able to provide the most assistance.

Australians are famous for pulling together in times of need and certainly Rotarians as a whole are again leading the way.

## **Just Some Of The Early Efforts So Far...**

- **The Rotary Club of Brunswick** have already put in place a program to raise \$10,000 through member donations, with additional plans also in place.
- Corporate partners like **GrainCorp** (who have provided a corporate donation of \$25,000), many other Australian businesses have pledged donations to the Bushfire Recovery Fund.
- Many **individual Rotarians** have arranged **pay deductions** with their employers who transfer the donation direct to the Bushfire Recovery Fund.
- **The Rotary Club of Eaglehawk**, its own region and members hit extensively by the fires, has responded to a request from the City of Greater Bendigo to conduct a Community Day BBQ for the public on Wednesday 18th February. They report that another club in their cluster will further assist them with the donation of six vehicles to bushfire victims on this day, while The Rotary Club of Bendigo has organised the Bendigo Youth Choir to present a public concert at the Capitol Theatre with corporate and public support.
- **Rotary District 9600** which covers Brisbane, North of the river, PNG and Solomon Islands have appointed a Bushfire and Flood Victims Coordinator for their district, Paul Fernyhough. Paul has indicated that his intention is to raise at least \$60,000 for this cause and also assist those struck by disaster in the floods affecting North Queensland and and The Solomon Islands.
- **Rotary Camp Getaway** in Axedale, Victoria has been offered as temporary accommodation and a community meeting point for those who have lost their homes and for firefighters requiring respite.
- Our sister clubs overseas have shown their care, with **The Rotary Club of Osaka** contacting us and promising a donation via its sister Club, The Rotary Club of Melbourne.
- From the North to the South, Australians don't stop giving - **The Rotary Club of Darwin Sunrise** has advised that it would be making a donation following its fundraising efforts to help their southern neighbours.
- **Rotary District 9930 Leadership in New Zealand** has thoughtfully passed on details of District 9800's Bushfire Recovery Fund to all members in District 9930, enabling them to channel donations to our efforts.
- **District 9630** have reported back that a public collection is underway, with Toowoomba region Presidents meeting to arrange action through a coordinated assistance program.  
There are many more clubs and districts that have already begun to send through their donations, details of projects, encouragement and offers of assistance – over the coming months your support will no doubt prove invaluable. Thank you ALL for your generosity, thoughts and offers.