

# ROTARACT

This past year has been a very eventful one for us at the Rotaract Club of Tullamarine. We've held and participated in a number of worthwhile projects throughout the year with a few more up our sleeves to arrange for this year.

One of our most successful and enjoying events was the Roaring Twenties night that we held to raise funds for the Ptea Teuk Dong (PTD) Street Family Centre in Cambodia. This was a great night for all, filled with feather boas, gambling, 1920's dance moves and a lot of gangster slang! We were able to raise over \$2,000 for the PTD Centre that will go towards helping them provide housing, schooling and vocational training for families.

We have also started our monthly Bake-Offs for the kids at the Ronald McDonald House. One weekend a month a group of Rotaractors head off to the kitchens for the Ronald McDonald House and cook up some scrumptious treats for both the kids and their parents. During our last Bake-Off, for instance, we cooked up some yummy chocolate-chip biscuits, fluffy cup-cakes, delicious gluten-free raspberry and lemon friands and mouth-watering banana bread.

Sometimes we may get young helpers in the kitchen who love getting messy! Other times we may have some kids come in to critique our baking. This will usually entail them sneaking a cookie or two while we're not

**"The young do not know enough to be prudent, and therefore they attempt the impossible -- and achieve it, generation after generation."**

**– Pearl S. Buck – American Novelist  
(1804-1881)**

looking! This is an ongoing project for us and we hope to eventually be able to put on a weekend dinner down the track.

Another ongoing project that we have involved ourselves in is RYPEN. It stands for Rotary Youth Program for Enrichment and is a specialised youth program in the form of a 3 day weekend camp for young people aged between 14 and 16 years old. These teenagers are not picked for their outstanding achievements or because they're in the principal's office too often, but rather for those who can be seen to benefit being able to develop their own personal skills and qualities.

We attend these camps as Leaders for the kids. Our goal is to provide support and encourage them all to try something new, step out of their comfort zones and to embrace different aspects of themselves and each other.

The weekends are physically, mentally and emotionally eventful for everyone involved. There is canoeing, navigating the ropes course, figuring out puzzles in the Amazing Race, working out how to save ... 10

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Egbert in The Great “Eggscape” from falling to his death, the infamous Trivia Night and the disco straight afterwards among many other activities. We also get them involved in discussing dreams and goals, what their values are and how they can change, teams and communication and working on ways and activities to stress-less.

There have also been events that we have offered our help and assistance in, such as the National Volunteer Expo held last May at the Broadmeadows Global Learning Centre where we held a BBQ out the front, encouraging people to have a look in the expo by receiving a free sausage for every entry ticket. We also gave a hand in the Heart Kids night for Rotary Club of Tullamarine, for those of you who attended, we were the people happily enjoying ourselves by handing out the balloon raffles and rounding up people for their winnings in the silent auction! This night was held to raise funding and awareness for families of children suffering heart disease.

The Annual Keilor Car Show was another event that we gave our time towards, for the Rotary Club of Keilor East. A very fun day (especially for all the rev-heads!) where we helped out with the BBQ out the back of the Keilor Hotel.

We have managed to help start up the Interact Club at Aitken College with the help of Rotary Club of Tullamarine. This club was important for us to help get started to get younger people interested in both their community and also in international issues. This is also a good way for us to introduce Rotaract to them for when the time comes that they leave school and go out into the big wide world!

Our club already has some projects underway for this year, including the Winter Warming Appeal where we are providing the Salvation Army with good quality second-hand clothing for those less fortunate in the current weather conditions. We also have another RYPEN camp coming up in October which we will be sending a number of our members to.

Currently, the final games for the Western Region Football Clubs are being held and so we’ve been asked to help out the Rotary Club of Footscray to take money at the gate of all football games on Saturday and Sunday mornings and afternoons. Despite some less than wonderful weather, this has been going very well and further connections have been made with more Rotary Clubs in our area.

The next big event for this Rotary year will be the Good Friday Appeal Ball we will be holding in April. This will be a formal event filled with fun and prizes with all proceeds going towards the Good Friday Appeal.

There are definite plans going ahead for 4 of our club members to travel over to Cambodia in January to visit and help out at the PTD Centre, where we will be helping to teach English as well as provide gifts of writing books, stationery and anything else we can possibly bring along in a luggage bag. Located in the Battambang Province of Cambodia, the centre takes families off the streets and teaches them the necessary skills to take back to their village that will ultimately end up helping the whole village to survive. The centre has the capacity to help about 140 people per year, but due to lack of funding can only currently help about 20 people. The civil war in Cambodia is still having a drastic effect on its people today and they require our help and compassion.

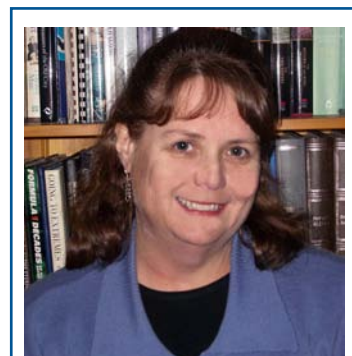
We are still looking for support in helping to send our members over for this cause. There will be BBQ’s running on weekends to raise funds, but we still have a long way to go and could use as much help with this as we can get.

This year we are also looking at working a bit more closely with our 9800 District counterpart – Rotaract Club of North Balwyn. Discussions are underway to look into bringing back the Vic ball which has been missed by all who remember it. We are also planning on doing some more Bake-Offs at the Ronald McDonald House with them from now on.

Our hopes of seeing more Rotaract Clubs within our district may be closer than we all thought with a possible Macedon Ranges Rotaract Club and the Melbourne University Rotaract Club making an appearance in the future.

That details what we have been able to achieve last year and what we hope to achieve within the next year. Our hopes and visions are high, but we’re sure that we can achieve anything we put our minds to!

Tanayah Lippiatt – Past Treasurer of The Rotaract Club of Tullamarine.



**Welcome to our new District Rotaract Chairman, Rosalind McMorrow, RC Chadstone/ East Malvern, a great addition to our leadership team in New Generations.**

On Thursday 12th August, Aitken College Interactors were privileged to attend a breakfast meeting of our sponsor club, The RC of Tullamarine at the Hilton Hotel at Melbourne Airport. At this meeting, Interact members Renee Barrett, Sarah-Jane Donoghue and Elyse Inturrisi were formally inducted into the club by Rotary District 9800 Governor, DG Iven Mackay.

It was an excellent experience for the students who attended. As well as meeting and sharing ideas with Rotary and Community leaders, they drew inspiration from seeing first hand the work and achievements of our sponsor Rotary Club.



Sarah-Jane Donoghue, Renee Barrett, Club President Danni Cami, and Elyse Inturrisi with Rotary District 9800 Governor Iven Mackay and Rotary Club of Tullamarine President Des Malcolm.

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## RYLA (ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD)



RYLA in 2010 will be held from December 5th - 11th at The Oasis Youth Camp in Mount Evelyn. The cost to send a participant to RYLA is \$690. Contact Chairman Wayne Hunter - [wayne.hunter@cvgrp.com](mailto:wayne.hunter@cvgrp.com) for further information.

# NEW GENERATIONS ALUMNI

We are looking for the names, addresses and contact details of the young people (many of whom are not so young now) who were the beneficiaries of our many Rotary District 9800 "Youth" Programs e.g. Youth Exchange, RYLA, RYPEN, NYSF etc over the years.

If you keep contact with your Club's young recipients or have any contacts from your New Generations records over the years please email details to Yvonne Osborn at [osspeak@tpg.com.au](mailto:osspeak@tpg.com.au) or post to District 9800 New Generations Alumni c/- 17 Hammersley Court, Taylors Lakes. 3038 VIC.

Chairman Yvonne Osborn is pictured with Director Vanda enjoying fellowship



Rotary Wired is a newly formed Facebook group which is open to anyone involved in Rotary District 9800's Youth and Foundation Programs. Please spread the word.

## RYDA (ROADSAFE YOUTH DRIVER AWARENESS)



Some members of the RYDA committee discussing implementation details of the project.

Should you have any queries or require further information about this program, please contact **Chairman Paul Tanti (RC Tullamarine pictured second from left):**

[pault@honda.com.au](mailto:pault@honda.com.au). RYDA website - <http://www.ryda.org.au/>

# RYPEN (ROTARY YOUTH PROGRAM OF ENRICHMENT)



Chairman Bronwyn Fanning pictured with her committee at a recent RYPEN meeting at International House.

The Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment or RYPEN is a Rotary sponsored District New Generations program. Year ten and eleven students from schools across District 9800 attend a weekend long camp. It is aimed at developing the potential of average students, through a mixture of lecture style sessions and adventure-based learning.

District 9800 Rotaractors act as facilitators for the camp, leading groups of students and running the sessions. A Rotary club acts as the host club for the camp and provides the catering for the weekend while enjoying an excellent fellowship opportunity for its members. Camps are held in October and March each year. This year camps will be held on 22-24 October 2010 and 25-27 March 2011. Members of the RYPEN committee would love to come and talk to your club about sponsoring a student or being the host club. Clubs should have received information packs – brochures, letters for schools and student application forms.

Applications are due no later than the 11th of October.

More Information: Contact Chairman Bronwyn Fanning,  
District RYPEN Chair 2010-11

Email: [bronwyn.fanning@gmail.com](mailto:bronwyn.fanning@gmail.com) or Phone: 0431 965 955

## STORM THE STAGE



For further information, contact Co-Chairman Anne Peace and Therese McKenney-Campbell. There are opportunities for you to organise a guest speaker presentation at your club or cluster meeting. Find out how to get involved with this exciting and innovative project and be part of the vision for the future.



# THE PORTSEA CAMP

Chairman Paul Perrottet



Why not sponsor a young child to attend the Summer Camp program? Contact the Portsea Camp Staff for details.

See you at the Working Bee - remember that all meals, accommodation and entertainment are provided free of charge.

## ANNUAL WORKING BEE:

Friday 1st to Sunday 3rd October 2010:

Contact: Stephen and Dale - tasks, information/confirmation and to register numbers: [stephene@theportseacamp.com.au](mailto:stephene@theportseacamp.com.au)

Alex Crawford for room booking and dietary needs: [alexc@theportseacamp.com.au](mailto:alexc@theportseacamp.com.au)

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# AUDI VICTORIA ROTARY YOUTH SQUAD



Contact Chairman Kerry Warner [bronsyboy@bigpond.com](mailto:bronsyboy@bigpond.com) for further information about this exciting program.

Dates for your information:

Australia Day Luncheon January 20th 2011

Passage Race 22nd January 2011

# VICTORIAN AGRICULTURAL SHOWS RURAL AMBASSADOR AWARD

**Chairman: Kevin Nolan**

## **Victorian Agricultural Shows “Rural Ambassador”..... Outstanding young Country Victorians.**

I was involved in this new initiative over the weekend of 17-19 September at the Royal Melbourne Show, where Rotary is an event partner for the very first time this year. This is a joint project of the Victorian Rotary 5 Districts with The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria. I was fortunate to be the DG involved in this event and was one of the 3 judging panel.

For over 150 years the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria (RASV) has been involved in all facets of rural life in Victoria. It is strictly a not-for-profit organisation with enthusiastic members that have helped to establish the RASV as one of Victoria's most cherished organisations. From its early origins in colonial Victoria, which saw its commitment to agricultural excellence by organising the first competitive ploughing match in 1848, through to current day activities, the RASV is also home to Victoria's biggest public event, the Royal Melbourne Show.

The Victorian Rotary Districts (9780, 9790, 9800, 9810, 9820) have agreed to support the co-ordinators of the Awards at Local and Group level; and a seat on the Rural Ambassador Committee.

The objectives of the Rural Ambassador Award are:-

- To highlight the talent, creativity, and ingenuity of young rural Victorians and in doing so, to encourage entrants to be role models across local communities
- To encourage and reward enthusiastic, skilful, and illustrious young people living or having an involvement in rural and local environments

- To assist entrants to develop strong communication And leadership qualities
- Enable applicants to gain greater proficiency in their chosen field and to also develop applicant's stature and reputation in that chosen field.

At the State final, competitors are assessed on their communication skills, community involvement, rural & general knowledge, ambitions & goals, plus grooming and confidence.

## **The 2010 Victorian Agricultural Shows Rural Ambassador Award Finalists (pictured below) were:-**

### **Maida Anderson, Central & South Gippsland Region... RUNNER UP**

Claire Bibby, Midlands Region

Scott Langley, Gippsland Region

Sophie Hester, South Western Region

Ricky Ferris, Port Phillip Region

Kerry Cossignani, North East & Murray Valley Region

Samantha Adams, Central & Upper Goulburn Region

Jessica Davis, Goulburn Valley Riverina Region

### **Benjamin Holmes, Wimmera Region... WINNER**

Congratulations to all these outstanding and inspirational young country Victorians, who are all an absolute credit to their communities. I hope some of them will go on to do RYLA, GSE or Ambassadorial Scholars. I hope they will keep in touch with Rotary Clubs in their area and also find some time for Rotary someday.

As our connections strengthen with the Ag Shows, I hope Clubs will endeavour to connect and assist these fine Australians.

**DG Iven**



# NEW GENERATIONS 2010-2011

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