



ROTARY CLUB OF HAWTHORN



Tuesday 01 June 2010

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Notes from the meeting

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Meetings

Hawthorn Receptions
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Tuesdays 12:30pm for
1:00pm (Finish 2.00pm)

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Bulletins etc available from:
<http://groups.google.com/group/hawthorn-rotary/files>
Discussions, correspondence etc available from:
<http://groups.google.com/group/hawthorn-rotary/topics>

People

At the start of our lunch, we stood silently for a minute to mark the passing of **Jim Braden**, whose death was reported in last week's bulletin.

- Welcome back to **Geoffrey Davey** returning from holiday.
- Best wishes to the following members, and anyone else who may be on the sick list, unbeknownst to us:
- **Bruce Smith** is improving following surgery and hopes to be back with us in 2 weeks time.
 - **Ian Stoney** thinks he has a chance of being with us next week.
 - **Russell House** is still fighting pleurisy and an injured Achilles tendon, but (characteristically) wants no fuss!

Resignations

We are very sad to be losing **Jackie Cook** (who has worked so hard on the Ron Carr Awards and other events) and **Sean Curlis** each due to their increasing business commitments; but we hope that maybe they can re-join some time in the future.

Grade 6 Art Show Tues 08 June @ Hawthorn Town Hall.
Features art from a primary school near Durban in South Africa.
Volunteer to Ian Warren to set up from 2pm. Exhibition & Judging 4-6pm.
Awards 6.00-6.30. Exhibition closes 7pm.

Join the Roberts, Roses & Cantwells @ Sumba Eye Program 2010
Wednesday 16 June 6.30 to 9.00pm
Hawthorn Town Hall
Dinner & Charity Auction
By RC Glenferrie & RC Kew
\$45 ph—Drinks at Bar prices
Bookings: Jerry Cantwell.

RC Hawthorn Changeover Night
Thursday 24 June



Green Acres Golf Club
51 Elm Street, East Kew
Bookings: Ngaire Cannon

District Governor's Changeover Lunch

11.30am Sunday 27th June 2010
@ Palladium at Crown \$75 per head
Contact Dennis Shore
to join the Hawthorn tables.



Rideability (formerly Riding for the Disabled)

A talk by **Colin Simpson**
(Vice Chair, and Treasurer, Rideability Victoria)

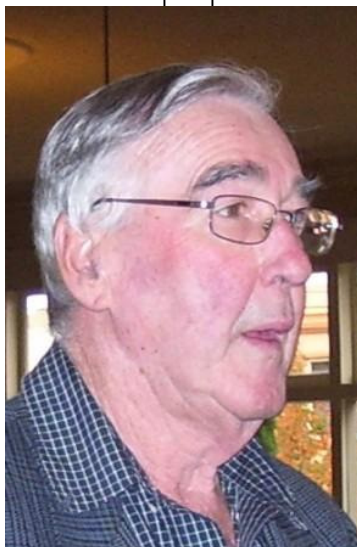
We hear from many charities, and they are all worthy, and sometimes we are asked to give money to them. Today we heard from Rideability, and the good work it does; and we did not get asked directly for money.

In brief, it seems that putting a disabled person onto a horse, and walking the horse around, can be of great assistance to that person. Colin told us of such cases. And this is the simple core activity of the organisation.

We learned how this charity used to be called 'Riding for the Disabled', but now the 'disabled' tag is seen by some to be offensive; and hence the change to 'Rideability'.

So here are some of the facts that Colin told us:

- o 6000 clients in Australia (1300 in Victoria)
- o 5000 volunteers in Australia (1000 in Victoria)
- o Rideability owns some 300 horses
- o \$1.8m p.a. turnover in Australia (\$50,000 from Victorian Government)
- o 38 centres in Victoria (including 8 in Melbourne, such as the Collingwood Children's Farm)



Colin explained that it is very difficult to raise funds for a charity of this type, which provides benefits that are not life saving, and whose positive benefits may not be massively obvious to outsiders – like charitable trusts. In this regard, Rideability commissioned some research, but that work was interrupted by the equine flu epidemic, and the researchers failed to ask the relevant families for their perceptions of the benefits arising from the interaction with horses. So the research output failed to paint the full picture.

The dilemma for donors concerning which charities to support is nothing new; for example: in Australia? or are we now global citizens? Even our own club has to make difficult decisions about which charitable causes to support, and which appeals to leave unanswered.

So, alas, I can see no change ahead to the hard grind of those who serve as volunteers with Rideability Australia. Those good people will, I fear, have to continue with their good work for the love of it, but without much tangible recognition.

(By Lawrence Reddaway)

Editorial

The Club needs a couple more people to stand ready to produce the occasional edition of this august journal. So, please volunteer to me. Or, suggest to me someone else whom you might think could be suitable!

Lawrence Reddaway

Late News:

Police Cadets with Us at DIK Warehouse

The fencing project at Kinglake is on hold at the moment, BUT we have a chance to take up an offer through Inspector Gillian Wilson, our Club's police mentor liaison, to engage about 10 police recruits in a Rotary project as part of their community service. It is now set up that on Saturday morning, 19th June, there is an opportunity to assist at the DIK Shed in West Footscray. A BBQ will complete the morning's work.

So far, President Neil and Helen, plus Richard Groom, will join the recruits; and Neil is looking for any other Hawthorn members or family who would like to help sorting and packing at the Donations in Kind (DIK) Shed.

Summarising:

DIK hands-on helpers required (sorting & packing) .

Saturday 19th June @ 9.30am – 1.00pm

Also assisting will be Vic Police Recruits.

Great opportunity for fellowship (BBQ lunch).

Contact President Neil – neil.roberts@tpg.com.au

This Week's Meeting:

Attendance: 40 Members + 3 Guest = 43 Total
Guest Speaker: Colin Simpson (Rideability Victoria)
Guests of Members: Robert Ball (David Rush), Gill Wilson (Ian Macfarlane)
Visiting Rotarians: Nil
Other Guests: Nil
Thanks to: Geoff Wright (Chair), Chris Hanson (Sergeant), Geoff Dumayne (Raffle Donor), Kevin Rose (photos).
Congratulations to Meredith Hayes (raffle winner)

Apologies	DRURY Henry	REID Brian
BAINBRIDGE Richard	DUMAYNE Geoff	SCOTT OAM Anne
CHRISTOFFELSZ J	HALFORD Noel	SEAR Jonathan
CORRIGAN David	MOORE Daryl	WEEKS Jill
	PISTERMAN David	

Makeups

G. Dumayne (Board Meeting 25/05, Second Bite 15/05); N. Hall, D. Shore (Second Bite 29/05).

**Around
The
Club**

A Sergeant's task is not an easy one

Fining people for doing something bad is fair enough. Fining people on the basis of some extraneous connection with some obscure date or fact is probably fair enough. But fining someone for helping to save the planet is a bit rough—or so The Shadow's friend **Lawrence Reddaway** said upon being fined for riding a push bike. Ah, well, that's a whinging pom for you!

Rotarians score free publicity

Did we all see p20 of this week's Progress Leader? One has to hand it to our members **Jill Weeks & Simon O'Donoghue**: half a page of free publicity for their respective businesses on the basis of . . . er, what was the news at the heart of the article?

Anyhow, good to see *Where to Retire in Australia* getting another plug. (Mind you, there was no mention of where to buy **Jill & Owen's** book!)

Surprising to see no actual reference to *O'Donoghues First National*. But The Shadow reckons the huge picture of **Simon and Gigi**—surely one of our most glamorous couples—must be worth a fortune as free advertising. (But does Simon really wear a jacket and tie when going off on holiday?)

Would it surprise if next week's Sergeant imposed hefty fines on Jill and Simon for:

- receiving free advertising, both in Progress Leader and here; and
- failing to arrange even a tiny plug for the *Rotary Club of Hawthorn*?

Housekeeping						
(If you cannot perform your duty, please find a replacement. Or call Norman Hall 0401 100 177)						
Date	Setting Up	Badges	Front Desk	Grace	Raffle	Clearing Up
08 June	Geoff Wright	Sean Curlis	David Pisterman	Andrew Donald	Norman Hall	Richard Groom
			Sandy Bennet			Phil Stewart
15 June	Terry Perree	Jim Earle	Gerry Cantwell	Kevin Rose	Anne Scott	Ian Warren
			Sandy Bennet			G. Swinnerton

Forthcoming Speakers					
Date	Topic	Speaker	Organisation	Chair	
June 08	Member Behind the Badge	Colin Crawford	Club Member	John Higgins	
An always-popular part of our program!					
June 15	Sing Australia	Shaun Islip	Sing Australia	David Rush	
The Sing Australia vision is for Australia to be a country where everyone sings. Amongst its aims: to create opportunities for singing and eliminate barriers and to make singing and groups accessible to all people who like to sing.					
June 22	NO MEETING				
Don't forget the CHANGEOVER DINNER on Thursday 24th June					
June 29	Identifying Gang Presence & Overview of Policing in Boroondara	Patrick Boyle APM	Acting Superintendent, Victoria Police	Ian Macfarlane	
Keeping up to date with the local community.					
July 06	Prostate Health and Continence Health	David Schmidt	Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia	Kevin Rose	
Ah—this sounds self explanatory and, sadly, very relevant to our membership average age group!					
July 13	From University to Media	Waleed Aly	Lawyer & Journalist	Richard Groom	
Waleed Aly is one of our more exciting public figures—a meeting not to be missed!					

Leave of Absence		Second Bite Roster			
Noel Halford 16 May—04 July		June	5	No Collection	
		June	12	Kevin Rose	David Owen
		June	19	tba	tba
		June	19	Ian Hamilton	Norman Hall