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**ROTARY DISTRICT 9800
CONFERENCE
ALBURY ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE
14 – 16 MARCH 2013
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Foundation Breakfast Speaker, Charles Allen



Charles is Local Area Commander for the Transit Safety Division of Victoria Police. His impressive 31-year career includes experience as police manager, supervisor and detective.

As a Rotary Peace Fellow alumni, Charles has applied his learning in his professional life, including conflict resolution, dealing with racially motivated crimes and being involved in refugee leadership development programs. He promotes the Rotary Peace Fellowship at many national and international conferences in a UN promotion for human rights education.

Rotary Market Place

Great Opportunity: you can show 'Rotary in action' and connect with hundreds of District Rotarians, clubs, partners and friends of Rotary.

Rotary D9800 extends an exciting invitation to not only all our clubs but also to all our special project teams, friends and partners in Rotary projects. Be seen, recognised and remembered in the Rotary Market Place.

For all the Who? What? Where? How?

Contact: Gerry Cantwell M: 0418 100 136

Very Small Print

Register Now for the time of your life.

Warning: It is highly likely that you will 'engage, learn, laugh, be amazed, entertained and relax in one of Australia's most picturesque gourmet regions. **REGISTER NOW**

Golf: Don't Miss Out On The Fun!

'a superbly presented course which features a set of consistently wonderful greens regarded as the **best** in country NSW and is at least the equal of the majority of metropolitan clubs in Melbourne or Sydney'.

Registration: at the Commercial Golf Resort Albury, 530 North St Albury, 11:00am

Cost: \$50 **Late entries:** Please pay on the day.

Complimentary BBQ: between 11am and 12 noon (drinks to be purchased).

Shot Gun Start: at approximately 12 noon to 12:30 (finishing time: approximately 4.30 pm).

Presentations: in lounge, 5:00 pm, by DG Dennis Shore. **Catering:** Finger food supplied (drinks purchased by players).

Hey Hey!! the **MC** will be **John Blackman** (one of Australia's most successful radio and TV personalities)

Contact: Simon O'Donoghue M: 0407 315 049

SPEAKERS, INTERVIEWS:

Peace Through Service In Cambodia



Peter Gray and Rithy Ann were introduced via a D9800 'World of Difference' tour when Peter was the representative of Cambodian Children Against Starvation and Violence (CCASVA) and Rithy the tour guide. Peter was a Rotarian in Echuca but is now President of the Phnom Penh club in Cambodia, of which Rithy is a member. Rithy is Khmer, his parents were killed by the Khmer Rouge and he was raised and educated by Buddhist monks before his university years. These two men of very different backgrounds work together to improve the conditions of the very poor people of Cambodia, whether slum children, impoverished farmers or communities who have been forcibly evicted from their homes.

Tania Militec



Tania was D9800's first selected Rotary World Peace Fellow (2002 - 2004). She has worked for the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, an Asia region peace-building organisation, on many projects and has co-ordinated international research studies in conflict resolution, peace-building, monitoring, development, and refugee and immigrant health. Tania has also taught postgraduate courses in peace and conflict studies at leading Australian and international universities, including in China and Cambodia. She has twice been selected as an 'emerging leader' in the Asia Pacific region for her research and activism.

Tamara Cannon



In 2008 Tamara Cannon left corporate law on a journey that took her via base camp at Mt Everest to climbing the perfect mountain peaks in northern India. Now CEO of Lille Fro, an Australian not-for-profit charity, Tamara is committed to making a difference in these remote regions by sponsoring children to school and building solar powered greenhouses. She is reputed to be the first foreigner to have visited many of the isolated communities living in restricted parts of India - home to some of the world's poorest nomadic people.

ENTERTAINMENT

Soul Mystique', the world's slickest dance and magical costume transformation artists

Saturday Night Country Casual Dinner Dance

With Fantastic Band and **SPECIAL** guest tribute show: **The Johnny Cash Tribute Show**

Rotary's Got Talent!:

Not To Be Missed

Go to the Rotary District 9800 Conference website for full details:

www.rotary9800conference.org

Who Else?? (please see previous Updates)

The Rotary District 9800 Albury Conference MC, John Blackman is one of the most visible and successful personalities in Australian radio and television.

Peter FitzSimons: one of Australia's most prominent and successful media and publishing identities. Peter's latest book is 'Eureka Stockade - The Unfinished Revolution.'

Carolyn Creswell: 2012 the Telstra Victorian Business Woman of the Year. Melbourne entrepreneur Carolyn Creswell, founder and managing director of Carman's Fine Foods.

Robert Pennicott is a Tasmanian Rotarian and founder of the award-winning tourism business, Pennicott Wilderness Journeys. In 2011, Robert circumnavigated Australia in a 5.4m rubber dinghy and raised over \$290,000 for conservation and to help Rotary's *End Polio Now* campaign.

Marilynne Paspaley,AM, Founder & Managing Director, Pinctada Hotel & Resorts, a Director and shareholder of the Paspaley Pearls Group of companies and actress (e.g. 'Dr Tessa Korkidas' in 'GP').

Indira Naidoo is one of Australian television's best-known broadcasters and journalists. She's passionate about growing her own produce and creating delicious meals. . Indira's first book is about urban food farming: *The Edible Balcony*.

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FANTASTIC SPEAKERS, ENTERTAINING, ENGAGING, RELAXING, LEARNING, RENEWING, FRIENDSHIP, FUN, MEMORABLE, VALUE FOR MONEY.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (F.A.Q.'S)

THE LOCATION

Why choose Albury as the Conference destination?

Albury is a stunning rural city with all the facilities that you could want, with excellent accommodation and appealing, affordable dining options. It's an easy trip to Albury by train, plane or automobile....easily accessible at low cost to the whole District 9800.

'Home to around 90,000 people, Albury-Wodonga is large enough to provide varied attractions and entertainment but small enough for you to enjoy exploring on foot.

And that is certainly the best way to appreciate its distinctive character, with grand old buildings, richly established gardens and broad tree-lined streets.

Watch for the welcoming cafes that are often hidden up little lanes and alleys.

There are also serious shopping precincts, and you will find no less than five large shopping centres with dozens of retail outlets in Albury Wodonga'.

Did you know?

It's been said that Albury 'is recognised as one of Australia's leading regional destinations for conference, business, sporting and recreational events. It has a huge range of quality facilities, shopping, entertainment, and cultural and nature-based activities. It's strategic location and our proximity to the Murray River, snowfields and food and wine regions further strengthen its appeal'.

FORMAT

When does the Conference officially start and finish?

We are opening our conference at 11am on the Friday Morning and closing on the Saturday night (dinner dance).

This allows people to arrive on Friday morning and leave on Sunday morning (therefore they may require only 2 night's accommodation).

But.....do I *have* to arrive on the Thursday evening?

No, you can arrive on the Friday morning, in time for the official opening.

What's there to do on Thursday?

If you do decide to arrive on Thursday, you have several options.

(or you could just relax around Albury or explore, by yourself, Australia's iconic, and historic, food and wine areas, around 20 minutes away).

OR/.

You put your feet up and take a half day bus tour to Yackandandah – Beechworth, or a half – day tour to Rutherglen wineries. Details were sent out in the Conference package (or you can phone us for more details: 0418 310 007).

OR/.

You may fancy a round of golf at a magnificent country club, with a bbq lunch, hosted by the very friendly Simon O'Donoghue (RC of Hawthorn).

Telephone: 0407 315 049 to book, the cost is \$50 per person.

And Thursday evening?

Join us for a bbq, drinks and jazz by the river (this is available for a very reasonable \$20).

OR/.

You are welcome to explore Albury's dining establishments.

CLUB DINNERS

Does the District organise club dinners on the Friday night?

No, each club needs to organise their own dinner. It would be wise to book asap.

For a listing of restaurants, you may like to contact the Albury Information Centre. Telephone: 1300 796 222

DRESS CODE

What is the dress code for the Conference?

The day dress code is 'country casual'.

The dinner dance is 'Smart Country Casual' for the Saturday night dinner.

Yes, but what does this really *mean* for the Saturday night dinner dance?

Ladies: leave your tiaras in the vault and Men: leave your penguin suits in the wardrobe.

Men: are welcome to leave their ties at home, but are welcome to wear one at the Saturday night dinner dance, if they so desire.

DINNER DANCE

There will be exceptional entertainment (and also the final of 'Rotary's Got Talent').

Plus there are a couple of other BIG surprises.

More details very soon.

REGISTRATION FEE

The registration fee entitles all to attend every session of the Conference including the morning and afternoon teas, lunches and the Saturday night knees-up.

What Does It Include?

Every session of the conference

- 2 days of outstanding speakers
- Satellite interviews with speakers in the U.K. and the US.
- 2 days of exceptional entertainers
- *plus* 2 delicious lunches
- 2 morning teas
- 2 afternoon teas
- all refreshments
- *and* a dinner dance

If you compare the cost and value for money in Rotary conferences you will find that the majority of 2 day conferences with 2 days of outstanding speakers and entertainers plus 2 lunches, all refreshments and a dinner dance will cost between \$1,000 and \$2,000 per head.

Is your aim to make a profit?

No.

We are hoping that it will be a break-even exercise.

That is, it is not and never has been, intended to be a profit-making venture. It is intended to be an educational and entertaining event.

In the 20 months or so to date in the planning process, the concept of having a different rate for partners for this Conference has never been part of the equation

Are you paying for speakers?

We are paying very few, if any, speaker fees, primarily due to the esteem in which Rotary International is held.

We have worked very hard to get a good level of sponsorship to keep costs down. Again this is due to the good will of Rotary in the Community.

How about a separate partner's ticket at a lower cost than a Rotarian's

The problem with a separate partner's ticket for the whole conference, but at a lower cost than the Rotarian, is that the Rotarian subsidises the partner's tickets.

For example, we could have made Rotarian registration \$400 and partners \$300. This however, is "smoke and mirrors" and the average cost is still \$350 each for couples. In addition, for a Rotarian attending on their own it does not satisfy the 4 way test as they are subsidising other people's partners.

Can my partner/spouse/friend/new best friend just attend the dinner dance?

In a word 'yes', but this would be expensive.

Why?

Well, since the committee works hard on getting speakers to waive or reduce their fees and gets external sponsorship, the biggest single cost of the conference is the dinner dance.

For instance, our dinner dance direct cost is \$188 per person plus \$93 in overheads for venue hire, promotion, transport and administration costs. This means that for a partner, the full cost of the dinner dance alone would be \$275. This is crazy for a dinner dance alone and everyone would find this figure unacceptable.

On the other hand, however, \$350 for a 2 day conference with exceptional speakers and entertainment, all lunches, refreshments and a dinner dance is exceptional value.

In summary we have targeted the lowest registration fee in 7 years and made it equitable for Rotarians and Partners. If your partner could even only attend the Saturday of the conference it would be great value and I am sure the theme of "Rotary It's Amazing!" would be reinforced.

Where can I park near the Albury Entertainment Centre (AEC)?

Driving to the AEC? A lot of accommodation is within walking distance of the AEC. However, for those people who would like to drive to the AEC, Albury's multi-deck public car park is F R E E.

Access is available from Wilson and Olive Streets.

The car park has a total of 359 spaces – 116 at street level, 110 on level one and 118 on level two.

There are 15 disabled car parking spaces and some reserved parking spaces.

Lift access is provided for the upper levels.

The Olive Street end includes 60 spaces at street level where there is 'unrestricted height'. The rest of the park has a 2.3 metre height limit.

The park is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

There is direct pedestrian access from the car park, through to Swift Street and the AEC.

ACCOMMODATION

What if I cannot get my preferred accommodation?

There is ample, excellent accommodation for everyone, however, everyone may not get their preferred accommodation.

To balance this, 'nowhere is far to drive'. It's not like Melbourne traffic, for example, and there are some great motels and resort facilities not far away for good club fellowship.

Anything else?

There are also other events for you to get involved, Such as 'Rotary's Got Talent (with a prize valued at \$1,000), plus there is the St Patrick's Day Kayak challenge with a prize).

Enquiries?

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