

Charitable Activities

IFCR Australia continues to get involved in Rotary Projects. In 2004 our team visited South Africa and through Denis Wesley of the Rotary Club of Hillcrest visited an Orphanage at the Maka Phutu Village. As a result a Matching Grant was arranged through The Rotary Foundation to provide a school bus for the Orphanage. Contributing Clubs were the RC of Armidale AM, RC Horsham, and the RC of Hillcrest.

The 2005 touring team to the UK collected PSTG 330 in fines throughout the tour. This was originally earmarked for Maku Phutu Village in South Africa. However this project was fully funded. The money is now being used as part of a Matching Grant funds through D 3140 and a number of UK clubs to support a project in Mumbai, India, to supply prosthetic limbs, calipers, crutches, and wheelchairs for disabled children in that city. David Askin of IFCR UK is looking after the project and will keep us advised of the outcome.

Online Members Database

A new online Members Database has been established which will enable members to update their personal details themselves when there are changes. This database can be accessed from our main IFCR Website.

It is strongly recommended that all members with Internet access should follow the steps set out below if only to check their existing details and establish their personal password. This most important as there have been several recent incidents of apparent hacking of members details.

These are the steps you should take:

1. Go to the IFCR Website at www.rotarnet.com.au/IFCR.
2. Click on the Australia tab.

3. Click on the Members Database tab.
4. Click on the Create My Password tab.
5. Enter your userid and password as suggested. Example johnsmith and Smith
6. Click the Log In button which will then take you to a Create My Password screen.
7. Enter here your own personal and permanent password which only you will know.
8. Click Create Password.
9. This will take you now to the Member Log In screen where you can enter your user ID (eg johnsmith as above) and the new permanent password which you have just created. You can now view your personal details and make any changes required.

In future when you wish to access your personal information all you will need to do will be to follow steps 1 to 3 above and then click on the Member Log In button as per Step 9 above. If you make any changes in your personal details don't forget to advise the Secretary of the changes.

This new database also has a number of features which assist our National Secretary such as the ability to update personal details for any member, add a new member, delete a past member and view and print details of a variety of groups of members.

There are a number of members for whom we don't have email addresses or whose email addresses are wrong. All members are encouraged to check all their full details and amend where necessary. Don't forget to let the Secretary know of any changes too. This will greatly assist with communication and administrative matters.

Any queries regarding the Members Database should be directed to either Richard Groom at 03 9888 4099 or Graeme Amoore at 03 9598 1902.

Expression of Interest – IFCR Australia – Tours 2007

I am interested in joining the tour to:
1) **Sri Lanka:** Yes/No (12-18 August 2007) 2) **New Zealand:** Yes/No (Early March 2007) (Dates TBC)
3) **Perth:** Yes/No (April/May 2007) (Dates TBC)

My partner.....will/will not accompany me.

Address: Post Code:

Phone: (B) (H): Fax No:

Email: Rotary Club: District:

Current Player: Yes/No Past Player: Yes/No Year Last Played Cricket: Age:

Batsman: Yes/No Order: Opener/Middle Order/Late Order Bowler: Yes/No Type: Fast/Medium/Slow

Wicket Keeper: Yes/No Touring as: Player/Supporter/Manager/Umpire (Circle one)

Financial Member IFCR Australia Inc.: Yes/No

Signed:..... Date:.....

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IFCR President's Message

What a great week we had at Benalla for our biennial IFCR Festival. Thank you Chairman Syd Lewis and your committee for the planning and work that enabled the total programme to flow so smoothly and enjoyably.

Practically all matches were extremely tight affairs. This helps achieve the balance between competitiveness and the overriding sense of fellowship and giving all members a chance to bat and bowl. Our Australian IFCR Festivals have been enhanced by the presence of a New Zealand side for a number of years. Thank you John Dean and your touring party for participating. It is a further example of Rotary being international.

It was a moving moment when the "Test Match" Ruapehu Ashes was renamed the Brian Morgan Trophy (Ruapehu Cup). Brian, foundation President of NZ IFCR, was not well enough to travel to Benalla. Our thoughts and best wishes are with Brian & Val.

One of Don's final jobs as President was to confer Life Membership on Peter Daly. Peter has been pivotal to IFCR Australia since its formation. We all appreciate his past and ongoing commitment, and special thanks to Kate, who continues to be so supportive of her "first husband". Congratulations Peter!

Thank you Don for your leadership and Anne for her assistance over the last 2 years. I have had great presidential precedents. I thank the Board for asking me to follow on and I will give it my best shot. I do believe our Fellowship can grow tremendously. The new Board has plans to bring this about. Our membership is country dominated. It is a challenge to crack the capital cities. If you can help me in Brisbane, please let me know. The prestigious Alan Border Field could be available for an IFCR match! Assuming our membership grows, it is very important that playing of matches also increases. Be mindful that you can organise inter-Club and inter-District matches as well as touring sides. Invite people to play who enjoy cricket and then use this as a lever to Rotary membership where appropriate.

Naturally the nine of us from Bundaberg who travelled to Benalla were thrilled when the Board unanimously selected our great city to host the 2008 Festival. I know you will enjoy Bundaberg, and we will enjoy hosting you!

Ian Petherick
President

Australian Festival - Benalla



Benalla was the setting for a very successful 4th Australian Festival. The Organising Committee, headed by Syd Lewis and assisted by Bruce Pooley (Secretary), Terry Mack, Neil Smith, Jan Crothers and Don McQueen are to be congratulated on arranging a magnificent program that appealed to the cricketers and non-cricketers alike.

Over 120 people participated in the Festival that commenced with a Welcoming Function on Tuesday evening 24 October at the Benalla Art Gallery and concluded on Saturday 28 October with a Farwell Dinner at Rafferty's Café.

In between 3 games per day were played on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. The format for these days consisted of 35 overs per team and games were played over 5 different grounds on excellent wickets and good conditions.

Teams from Australia included D9700, D9790, Queensland/NSW, Western Australia/South Australia and Victoria. Special guests for the Festival was a team of 13 players and several partners from IFCR New Zealand who were home hosted by members of the Rotary Club of Benalla.

On Friday afternoon a Day/Night Test Match between Australia and New Zealand was played under lights at the Benalla Showgrounds for the Brian Morgan Trophy.

The 40 over format was split with both teams batting for 20 overs each before the main break then followed by a further 20 overs each. At the end of play Australia had scored 4/234 and New Zealand all out for 104.

The format for the Saturday games was changed, with all teams mixed up and spread across the 6 teams so that everyone had a chance to get to meet new friends.

Such was the co-operation of the local people, the Benalla and District Cricket Association cancelled their regular competition for that Saturday so we could use their grounds, a great gesture by them.

After each days play everybody returned to the pavilion at the Friendly Societies Oval for an hour of fellowship, including match reports and various match awards. There were many hilarious and entertaining presentations each night.

There was lots of good cricket played in all the games and some very keen players enjoying the unique atmosphere of Rotary Cricket. It was pleasing to see many new members attending plus some current members who attended for the first time. From their reactions we will see them at many more IFCR activities in the future.

The organisers ensured that everybody was catered for with bus tours on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday visiting Lake Mulwala/Yarrowonga, local wineries, the Winton Motor Sports Raceway and Glenrowan. These were well patronised by wives, partners and non-participants.

The Final Dinner was a time for acknowledgement of the efforts to those who made a contribution to the Festival's success. This included the Organising Committee, the Rotary Club of Benalla, The Benalla and District Cricket Association, St Josephs Cricket Club, All Blacks Football Club, The Benalla Rural City, The Umpires and the many people behind the scenes who helped with the many other jobs that made the Festival such a success.

A highlight of the evening was the announcement that Peter Daly had been made a Life Member of IFCR Australia. (See later story). The Final Dinner was also a time for more friendship and fellowship and a chance for members to make plans to catch up in the near future, either at an IFCR activity or on another occasion.

Incoming President Ian Petherick from Bundaberg invited everybody to attend the next Australian Festival in Bundaberg in 2008. If the fun, fellowship and friendship enjoyed at the Benalla Festival are any indication then we are all looking forward to the next Festival in 2008.

Brian Morgan Trophy

The trophy played for between IFCR Australia and IFCR New Zealand will now be called the Brian Morgan Trophy. This is in recognition of the work done by Brian Morgan in establishing IFCR in New Zealand and for fostering relationships between Australia and New Zealand. Brian was a member of the Inaugural IFCR Australian team to the UK in 1994 and was enthused to further the cause of IFCR in New Zealand. The newly named trophy was played for the 1st time at the recent Festival as a day/ night game at Benalla Showgrounds.

On this occasion Australia was the winning team and retain the trophy until the next game. John Dean IFCR NZ phoned Brian at home prior to the game with the news of the naming of the trophy in his honor and reported that Brian was highly delighted but humbled to receive this recognition. Brian, who is not enjoying the best of health at present passed on his best wishes to all his IFCR mates and apologised for not being able to attend.

Well done Brian and Val, our thoughts and best wishes go out to you. Your great efforts are being enjoyed by all of us on both sides of the Tasman.

Board Elections/Election of Office Bearers

Nominations for 5 vacancies were called back in July and as advised in the AGM notice of 5 September, 5 nominations were received, thus an election was not required. The successful candidates elected for a further 4 years are: Ian Petherick, Graeme Amooore, David Horsley, Bruce Pooley and Richard Groom. Welcome to Richard and Bruce as new members of the Board.

Following the Board meeting in Benalla the Office Bearers elected for 2006-2008 were:

President: Ian Petherick, Rotary Club of Bundarberg Sunrise

Vice President: David Horsley, Rotary Club of Northam

Treasurer: John Sheldrick, Rotary Club of Belconnen

Secretary: Graeme Amooore, Rotary Club of Moorleigh-Moorabbin

Other Board Members are; David Tomlinson, Bryan Fulcher, Peter McRae, Don McQueen, Bruce Pooley, Richard Groom. Life Members: Gordon Fenwick, Peter Daly (Also World Board Delegate). Ex-officio: David Breusch, Bob Aitken.

Thank you to the 2 retiring Directors, Charles Townsing and John Hamblin for their all their efforts during their terms of office, their contributions are greatly appreciated.

Membership

Current Australian Membership is 225 with several new members signing up for or at the Festival. We still have some unfinancial members so if you have forgotten to renew your subscription it is not too late to do so.

At the Board Meeting in Benalla it was decided that a membership drive would be conducted in Victoria and Tasmania by contacting every club by email and seeking new members.

Any applications received by 15 December will go into a draw for 2 cash prizes to the charitable account of the winner's Club. 1st prize is worth \$750 and 2nd prize \$250.

Membership Application Brochures are available from the Secretary or by using the Membership Application form that is available by downloading from the web site at www.rotarnet.com.au/ifcr under the Australian section and "Application Form."

Membership is available at \$10/year, \$50/5 years or a one of \$100 for a Life Time Membership.

We welcome the following new members who have joined since July 2006: Rex Wiseman, Robert Edgar, Clive Walker, Frank Stephens, Phillip Lusher and Stephen Bennett.

Members are encouraged to look at our web site on a regular basis to keep abreast with the latest developments.

Our master, Richard Groom does a great job in updating information and is always looking for photographs and interesting stories.

Forthcoming Events

World Festival- Sri Lanka

Mike Jackson our World Chairman visited Sri Lanka in September with Phil Stevenson, then President of IFCR GB&I. They met with Nalin Fernando who is organizing the next Festival in Sri Lanka. Nalin advised them that the dates were set for the 12- 18 August 2007 and that arrangements were being confirmed for the grounds, hotel plus transport and other matters. Mike reported that Nalin's plans were well advanced and should meet our requirements. We expect to have final details soon and these will be advised as soon as received. Elsewhere in the Newsletter you will find an "Expression of Interest" form for this and other tours in 2007. If interested please com-

plete the form and return by 20 December 2006. This will help with planning when final details are known. The co ordinator for the Sri Lankan tour is Secretary: Graeme Amooore.

New Zealand

A short tour of New Zealand is planned for early March 2007. Details are still being finalised however it is planned to conclude in Napier for the NZ North Island versus South Island game on 9 to 11 March 2007. A short tour will be taking place before Napier. If interested please complete the form and return by 20 December 2006.

New Zealand have been a major supporter of Australian Festivals and it would be great if we could reciprocate with the aim of these short tours becoming a regular feature on our calendar. The co-ordinator for the New Zealand tour is Roy Powell and all expressions of interest will be passed on to him for follow up action.

Western Australia

Expressions of Interest are being sort for a short trip to Perth in April/May. We get great support for our activities from The West and David Horsley is keen to show what is happening on that side of the country. David tells us the weather is still good in April/May and cricket can still be played. David can arrange matches in Perth then places south of there like Bussellton, Bunbury, and Margaret River. It would be a great chance to support our WA members and see some wonderful places where we could enjoy good food, good wine, great scenery and some wonderful fellowship.

To assist with forward planning, if interested, please complete the form and return by 20 December 2006. The co-ordinators for this tour are David Breusch and David Tomlinson.

All expressions of interest will be passed on to them for follow up action.

Bundaberg

The next Australian Festival is to be held in Bundaberg in 2008. Current President Ian Petherick, who hails from Bundaberg, has promised that everybody will enjoy the sunny climes of Queensland and planning is underway. More details will be provided as they become available.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP PETER DALY

The Board of IFCR Australia has seen fit to award Peter Daly Life Membership of IFCR Australia. The award was announced at the Farewell Dinner at the recent Australian Festival in Benalla. Peter from the Rotary Club of Cessnock along with his wife Kate have made major contributions to the success of IFCR Australia and it is a fitting tribute to them that this award has been made. For those that don't know, amongst the many things Peter has done for IFCR in his 13 years of continuous service are the following:

- Inaugural President IFCR Australia
- Member of Inaugural IFCR Australia touring team to UK in 1994
- Captain of IFCR Australia touring team to Southern UK in 1997
- Organiser and Captain of IFCR Australia touring team to New Zealand 2000
- Member of IFCR Australia touring teams to India and South Africa 2004
- Chairman of IFCR Hunter Valley Festival Organising Committee 2004
- Continuous Service as Australian Delegate on IFCR World Board
- Ongoing organiser/player in various IFCR special games/events including incoming touring teams.

As you can see Peter's contribution has been magnificent and he has been ably supported by his wife Kate and other family members.

Well done Peter on a well deserved award.