



Rotary Notes

Red Shield Appeal

The Red Shield Appeal is here again and Rotarians supported by many other groups in the community have been out rattling buckets. In the near future Bob Millar, the local coordinator, will be able to indicate the success of the local collection

Great Australian Bike Ride

Despite this correspondent joking about "on your bike Mike" (Mike Campbell) and "give us a push Geoff" (Geoff Voigt), these two did get to Nambour in their section of The Great Australian Bike Ride. This was a creditable achievement but unfortunately there is no photographic record of this occurrence: well it was 3.37am.

Now the truth about this bike ride is that it will raise a great deal of money for Australian Rotary Health.

The ride by Mike and Geoff from New Farm to Nambour raised the magnificent sum of \$12,755. The generosity of friends, family and members of the community cannot be praised enough.

In each section of the ride there are approximately 30 riders and consequently by the time the ride goes around Australia, the Australian Rotary Health fund will be greatly benefited.

We do not know exactly where Rotary



Geoff Voigt and Mike Campbell about to commence in The Great Australian Bike Ride.

Health will spend the funds raised by Mike and Geoff but it could be a substantial contribution to a research grant, it could help train an indigenous health worker or it could be used to run another forum on increasing community awareness regarding the issues surrounding mental health. Samford Valley Rotary would like to thank Mike Campbell and Geoff Voigt for their commitment to others. Thank you to those who made the donations.

Wal Ronan

Wal Ronan really loved living in Samford and he had a host of friends here. In a few years his contribution in this area was outstanding. However, Wal was a Victorian with strong links to the town of Tallangatta. I was pleased to hear that our friend's urn was accompanied to his old home town by family members. Being with friends was special but to travel in your Brisbane Lions football bag was without doubt "the way to go".

Pancakes Punch Polio

Samford Valley Rotary Club with the support of the Samford Homestead Restaurant and the local IGA will be holding pancake breakfasts on Saturday morning August 8th.

Despite the global economic problems, make sure you save \$10 for that morning even if it is just to see local Rotarians wait on tables and do the washing up. Funds raised will be used to give polio a smack in the teeth.