

The Bulletin

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RYE FORESHORE MARKET: It's been a busy week leading up to the market with Lee organizing, with the help of volunteer Danny, to bring the van back from its Ride to Conference adventures; Neil and Barry restocking the van; Pat and Shane setting out the market sites, and Pat doing his regular 4am dash on Saturday to get the van to the market and set up in time to have a hot coffee ready to sustain the early stall holders and the 5am gate crew, Claire, Mandy and Libby. Pat, Brian A & Neil, together with Girls Guide team of Bernie and Deb, then do their magic with eggs and bacon and donuts to feed the masses and give strength to the gate crew before they set out to collect the site fees.

Cleaning the cooking gear and van falls to Pat and Neil, then Pat (9 or 10 hours after he set out) re-shackles the van and returns it to the Warehouse. All in all, a fulfilling day and a great team effort. It would be really good if we can get a roster of members or volunteers to help with the return of the van so that Pat does not need to do it every month.

District & Global Grants

The District Governor and his team responded to feedback about numerous meetings and distances to be travelled by many, and organized a series of video conferences to relate information about District and Global Grants. It was much more convenient to spend one hour in front of the computer screen than go to the kitchen to cook dinner, than to travel 2 hours (more for some clubs) there and back, to get the same information. The sessions worked really well. The slides used for the videoconference are available.

Our club was successful in accessing 2 District Grants this year and are very optimistic about the Cambodian "toilet block" project which Brian Allen has patiently worked on over many weeks.

At next week's Board Meeting we will consider opportunities for projects for 2016/7.

Suggestions welcome!!

Neighbour Day Car Parking: Lee, Libby, Doug and Pat and Bob Donaldson from Dromana Rotary assisted with parking at the 8th (or was it the 9th) Neighbour Day last Sunday.

Last Tuesday, Neil, Camilla, Gun, Brian and Libby gave feedback on their view of the conference. Below is Gun's report as a first time attender, along with some photos of the bike ride provided by Camilla. We were particularly impressed with Neil's and Camilla's rendition of the "Biking Chant"!!

Weekly Meeting Roster					
Duty	8 March	15 March	22 March	29 March	5th April
Toast	Libby Wilson	Barbara English	Breakfast Meeting at Blue Mini	5 th Tuesday Social Evening Details below	Judy Phelan
Joke	Brian Davenport	Mandy Clarke			Claire Burns
Reports	Heather Barton: The Beacon Project	All	All		All
Introduce & respond to speaker	Neil Stitt	Lee Stanford	Heather Barton		Brian Davenport
Guest Speaker	Steve Bastoni	Shane Martin	Winston Marsh "The Marketing Guru"		Kate Hulusi and 8 sponsored Chisholm Students
Subject	His career as an actor, evolution of the Film Festival & community activities	A Meaningful Life. Followed by Board Meeting	How to generate people desperate to buy without using social media or spending money!		Vocational aspirations of the students and how we can help them achieve their career goals
Joker's Wild	Lee Stanford	Pat Sansonetti	Pat Sansonetti		Pat Sansonetti
Cashier	Barry Osborne	Judy Phelan	Mandy Clarke		Barbara English
Guest Liaison	Gun Davenport	Barry Osborne	Judy Phelan		Claire Burns

Other Coming Events and Visits

Sunday 13 March: 11am to 6pm: Kite Festival on Rosebud Foreshore
 Tuesday 15th Club meeting and board meeting at Rye Hotel
 Tuesday 22nd March: Breakfast Meeting
 29th March, Social night at Milbri Restaurant 1183 Point Nepean Road

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 We meet at 6 for 6.30pm each Tuesday at the Rosebud Country Club, 207 Boneo Road, Rosebud.
 Melways 170 C6 –alternative venues are used about once a month.
 Please check our website for changes to our meeting venue
 Apologies and visitors. Please email the secretary or call 59866505 by noon on the day of the meeting

Rotary conference 2016

It was my first conference, so I did not know what to expect. I did hope I would get inspired and get a feeling that I, as a member of Rotary Rosebud-Rye, belonged to a big worldwide organisation.

And I am happy to say that's what happened.

I would like to share some of the highlights with you.

- Friday evening when the conference opened there were some formal proceedings and then we were entertained by **Pete Denahy** from Yackandandah. He played guitar and sang his own songs. He was so good. I laughed with my tears running down my face. Afterwards Libby, Neil, Brian and I had a nice dinner together.
- **Leigh Matthews** was one of the speakers. He is probably well known to all of you, but not to me. A former football player and coach. He talked about TEAM and the importance of TEAMwork. His definition of the word TEAM was Together Everyone Achieves More. To be able to be a TEAM in that definition it is important that every member of the TEAM knows their role and what is expected of them. But also knows the role of the others in the TEAM and what is expected of them. The TEAM can only achieve things if you have a clear goal, have plans and strategies and knowledge of what all members in the team are doing or supposed to do. His speech made me reflect about us and our club. It would be nice if we could have one project where every member is involved so we together could achieve the goal.
- **Kylie Butler** talked about how to connect with Gen Y. Kylie works with communication and is doing research especially about Gen Y--that is people under the age of 35. Her message was that Rotarians have to know how to communicate with that generation since our way of communication is so different. She also said that the younger generation have a high priority of wanting to do good, help people in need and be part of making the world a better place. So Rotary should be something for them – but they do not want to belong to a club with formal old fashion structure. So her speech left me with a lot of thoughts.
- **Eric McKenzie**, a Rotarian from Westernport, reminded the audience of the importance of being proud of Rotary and your club. He is invited to clubs to inspire the members to remember why they became a Rotarian, the good things their club is doing and all the good things Rotary does in the world--and to tell people in the community of the good things the club and Rotary is doing. He was very inspiring and gave me reflections of how often do we talk positively to people in the community about what we do in our club or what Rotary is doing worldwide. Do you remember comments we had on our community event? People were so surprised and impressed at what this club with its small membership is doing.
- We were informed about the different programs for the new generations. And it was beautiful to see **Camilla** and the other exchange students perform their act. They illustrated how people from different countries have their own habits and beliefs. But, when you interact with people from other countries and cultures you have to rethink and challenge yourself, your beliefs and your way of doing things. Interaction leads to understanding and acceptance between cultures. It warmed my heart when each one of them thanked their host club for giving them this opportunity to grow and become a person they otherwise would not be. An experience they will never forget.
- The conference gave me an opportunity to talk with people from other clubs, hear about their projects and challenges. I met a lady who been in India and helped to immunize children for Polio.

When she was there they visit some slum areas and noticed that people did not have toilets. So back home they started a toilet project, raised money and partnered with a rotary club in

that area in India. After some time, she went back to find the toilets have been built. As she said to me – when Rotary clubs works together - the money does not disappear on the way.

- I am glad that I went to the conference. It did give me a feeling of belonging to a big worldwide organisation and made me proud of being a Rotarian.
- Finally, I would like to say – I missed you. I would have loved to have your company during this conference and that we as a club could have shared this experience and could have been able to discuss the different ideas, reflections and thoughts that we got from the speakers and by interaction with members from other clubs. So I hope that we will be so many more that go to the next conference in Hobart.

Gun Davenport

Ride to Conference

Camilla and Neil enjoyed the Ride to Conference, helping to raise \$50,000 plus



Clockwise from top left

- Camilla getting into the Harold suit
- Camilla in the suit (sauna)
- About to get on the tandem to ride into a school
- Drinks after a long ride
- The team back at camp
- The team photo