



BULLETIN 24th July 2008

Where we meet

Meets Thursdays 12.15 for 12.30
Southern Cross Yacht Club, Mariner
Place, Lotus Bay, Yarralumla

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Apologies

Please contact Pres Bill before 12
noon Thursday of the meeting or
earlier

Last meeting details

Members Present – 17
Attendance – 60%

International Toast

July 24 – Peter Dawson
July 31 – Phil Hawke
August 7 – Chris Gray

Meeting Co-ordinator

July - Mike Purvis
August – Jenny Swanson

Vocational Update

24th July – Juris Jakovics

Riding a Motorcycle Around Australia for Shelter?!

Des Watts, Member and Past President of the Rotary Club of Berri (and a charter member of the International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians) rode into Canberra on his BMW motorcycle to join us for lunch last week. Des left Melbourne 3 days before joining us, on a 69 day 20,000 km ride around Australia to raise awareness and funds for Shelterbox. Des is hoping to raise \$60,000 and speak to approx. 50 Rotary Clubs. He did a similar ride in 2003 for Mental Health Awareness.

Shelterbox is a global Rotary Club humanitarian program that provides shelter, comfort and dignity to people affected by natural and other disasters. The Shelterboxes have room and equipment to sleep and feed 10 people. The Shelterbox was thought of and designed by Tom Henderson, a search and rescue diver and a Rotarian from Cornwell, England. Since it's inception in 2003 \$3.5 million worth of Shelterboxes have been dispersed around the world and this is prior to the most recent disasters in Burma and China. In the last 8 weeks (as a response to the Burma and China disasters) another \$2.1 million worth have been dispersed. Australia was 2nd on the list of highest donations after England.

We wish Des all the best for his journey and thank him for his Service Above Self on behalf of all Rotarians.



Door Roster

Thursday 24th July – Vera Lipton and John Little
Thursday 31st July – Graeme Howieson and Peter Holley
Thursday 7th August – Tony Brickwood and Sharon Green

If you can't do the door duties please arrange your own replacement.

Rotary Grace

For good food, good fellowship, and the privilege to serve, through Rotary we give thanks.

Coming Events and Speakers

Thursday 24th July – George Wilson and Lynette Liddle on the Angus Downs Project

Thursday 31st July – Club Assembly

Thursday 7th August – Keith Gray “A Pictorial Tour of West Timor” Our Project

Friday 8th August – Jumptown Ball FUNDRAISING

Thursday 14th August – Nina Hicks from the Public Trustee ACT Office

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The Rotary 4-Way Test

"Of the things we think, say or do:

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"

International Toast

Chris Gray gave our International Toast last week out to the Rotary Club of Seoul Hangang, Korea to celebrate the arrival in Australia of the first Korean president of Rotary International, Dong Kurn Lee. Chris informed us that when Dong Kurn (DK) Lee was District Governor, one of his club Presidents is the current head of Korea. DK has already generated widespread enthusiasm for his choice of RI theme “Make Dreams Real” and high expectations for his focus on decreasing child mortality and building membership.

RYPEN Attendee Returns (a few inches taller in confidence!)

Clinton Lough was introduced to the club a month ago and returned last week to tell us about his RYPEN adventure. Clinton firstly thanks the club for the opportunity to have this experience. He had an inspiring 3 days at Mogo where he found confidence in leading people and in accepting leadership. These traits will be very important to Clinton as he has almost finished the Defence Force acceptance procedure.

The highlight of the first day for Clinton was watching the movie “Pay It Forward” which changed his impacted him immediately. If you haven’t already seen this movie it is thoroughly recommended. He was then elected as leader of his group and through this he learned that to be a good leader does not mean telling people what to do. Everyone can come up with good ideas and Clinton learned that a leadership role means guiding and supporting your team, not tyranny!

The 3 days kept attendees mentally and physically fit and ended with them having to organise and conduct a Rotary meeting. All got dressed up and made speeches etc. Clinton had a couple of tips for us to put to the organisers too. The main thing Clinton stressed was that we need to get the RYPEN message out to people, perhaps promoting it more in schools. He has noticed since his return that there is a definite lack of confidence in his peers and believes everyone could do with a dose of RYPEN. Ross Brown thanked Clinton on behalf of the club for coming back from Wagga Wagga (with his father) to talk to us.



This Week – Angus Downs Project with George Wilson and Lynette Liddle

Please ensure you are with us this week and bring your friends and family. This will be a great talk about a wonderful project in a beautiful place.