

ROTARY CLUB of WARRNAMBOOL



DISTRICT 9780 CHARTER No: 3237

Meets TUESDAYS 6:15pm

WARRNAMBOOL CLUB

96 KEPLER STREET

SERVICE Above Self

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TUESDAY 21st March 2006 - Polio Eradication Month

VALE to GLADYS REID

The wife of PP and current Honorary member John Reid (PHF) sadly passed away last Tuesday evening after a short time of illness but in the company of John and family.

Gladys was a very strong supporter of Rotary, not only in full support of Johns commitment but also to the wives of Rotarians who meet from time to time, even during these more recent years as her health and well being were declining. Gladys always made that extra effort to attend. Her life's celebration will be held this coming Thursday (2pm). It is an expressed wish of John's that following the service, Rotarians and partners are asked to form a guard of honor. RIP

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ACTING PRESIDENT MESSAGE : BRIAN TRENERY**Acting Presidents Meeting summary: Tuesday 21st March 06**

The three Club speakers this evening all had interesting stories to tell and I'm sure most other Rotarians have as well. It is surprising what interesting people we have in our Club. Thanks to John, Alan and Ted for their stories.

It is with great sadness we mourn the passing of Gladys Reid. Gladys was a great supporter of Rotary and of P.P. John's work. With almost 50 years of Rotary involvement, not only John but also all members of our Club both past and present will sadly miss Gladys. Our deepest of sympathies are extended to John and family.

Also we note the passing of P.P. Bob McKenzie of the Rotary Club of Mortlake. A happy fellow with a passion for Rotary's work especially environmental issues. Our sympathies are also extended to Gladys for her loss.

Thanks to John and Margaret Stuckey for their donation of a portable screen on which to project images from a slide or data projector. This will be of great benefit when we meet in places away from our home. To John and Margaret, our grateful thanks.

Please watch the bulletin for your chance to be involved, BBQ's, Golf Days, Rural Urban night, District Assembly coming up soon and more.



Rotary Club of
Warrnambool Acting
President
Brian Trenery

ROBERT CUZENS:

Members were invited to attend a Trivia night at the Woolsthorpe Hall on 31st March, proceeds for the Hospital Auxiliary. Robert would like to see at least one table of Rotarians.

District Governors view of the District Conference:

Highlights of the program included Peter Kenyon who talked about the opportunity that change can offer rural communities.

Mervyn Edwards came out from the UK and talked at length about his life as a policeman in charge of Thames Valley Armed Response Unit (SWAT equivalent) which looked after security for the Royal Family and the last 6 Prime Ministers in the UK and his life as a Rotarian.

Sophie Morell talked about her life with cancer and her recovery and sporting achievements at the Saturday night dinner and then danced the night away along with everyone else it seems.

Arron Wood who talked about youth and the environment. Pres Ron Cockell from Corio and Pres Robert Rowe (Malley) from Maryborough had everyone in stitches while delivering the best ever information session this district has ever done.

(Taken from the March 06 District Governors Newsletter page 1.)

ATTENDANCE: Members Present: 43
PERCENTAGE : 75%

Congratulations

BIRTHDAYS: ???

DUNCAN STALKER (31st March)
MARGARET SADLER (31st March)
KEN SHEPPARD (2ND April)

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

GRAEME & MARGARET ROSS (2nd April)
MALCOLM & JENNY PRICE (3rd April)
ROBERT & SUE McNALLY (4th April)
RON & VAL RAUERT (4th April)

INDUCTIONS:

DON OWEN (3rd April 2001)
ROBERT CUZENS (4th April 1995)

Guest of Rotarian:

Taylia Miller (Elisa Miller)

Visiting Rotarians: Nil

Make Ups:

Chris Booth (Central)
Brian Trenery (District Conference)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

29th March OS Students BBQ Flagstaff Hill plus Stuckey Farewell @ Geoff and Kate Williams

4th April Rural Urban Night Nullewarre

9th April District Governors Golf Day

28th/30th April Halls Gap Getaway

**ROSTERED BUT CANNOT ATTEND?
PLEASE ARRANGE A REPLACEMENT.**

Date: TUESDAY 28th March Time: 6:15PM

WARRNAMBOOL CLUB

Attendance: BELL & BISHOP
Fellowship: E WILLIAMS & WALSGOTT
Properties: BOYD & BOOTH
Invocation: RON RAUERT
Loyal Toast: IAN CAIRNS
Fines: JAMES DUNBAR

Meeting Reporter: DAVID RICHARDS

PROGRAM: Polio Eradication
Rotary Foundation
CHAIR : David Richards
Geoff Williams

Date: TUESDAY 4th April Time: 6:15PM

NULLEWARRE

Attendance: SMART & BOWES
Fellowship: STALKER & G WILLIAMS
Properties: ARMSTRONG & BEKS
Invocation: JAMES DUNBAR
Loyal Toast: TERRY O'NEILL
Service Reports : Service Directors

Meeting Reporter: GORDON CURRAN

PROGRAM: RURAL URBAN NIGHT
CHAIR : DOUG MACLEAN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IAN SHARMAN:

(a) Fiona Setchell, Area Manager, Camp Quality, will be the guest speaker at the meeting to be held on 9 May. In a recent letter she had this to say - "It's been a fantastic summer - our Warrnambool Cabin has been an absolute hit with our families since the warmer weather started. We've even had one family decide to stay on for an extra week so their children could play with another family arriving the following week. The support this gives each family is wonderful and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Warrnambool Rotary Club for their support in continuing to provide this great service".

(b) "The Rotary Club of Kerang will be holding its 4th Annual easter Art Show on Good Friday 14th, Easter Saturday 15th, and Easter Sunday 16th April, 2006. The members of the Rotary Club of Kerang would welcome our friends from the other Rotary Clubs in the District as we extend an invitation to all to come and share in the fellowship and the opportunity to view and maybe make a purchase over Easter in Kerang".

KEITH McLEOD:

Reminder of the Deakin University overseas students BBQ on the 29th March 6-7pm. We will be catering for approximately 100 at Flagstaff Hill after a Civic Reception. Several members indicated that they would be available to attend on that night.

On Sunday April 9 the **District Governor's Golf Day** will be held at Terang Golf Club. 8.30 am for a 9.00 am shotgun start. \$25 per player – includes Green Fees and BBQ lunch. See Keith if you would like to make up a team. Open to all with or without a handicap.

BOB BOWMAN:

There are 15 spare seats available on the Halls Gap bus trip. It is open to 'other' that is, family or friends that might like to attend. please contact Bob as soon as possible even if they be 'maybe's'.

SUE DAWSON:

Sue Dawson, *inbound* student counsellor for July 2006 – 2007 would be very pleased to hear from anyone prepared to host a student.

MARY FITZGERALD:

The RYLA Committee is still seeking bright energetic, articulate 18 – 25 year olds to participate in the next leadership program Kangarooobie : Sunday 25 to Friday 30 June, 2006. If you know some suitable candidates, please pass on details to Mary. Applications close on 20th May 2006.

Chris Booth has advised Mary that our selected student for outbound exchange has decided to withdraw. She is not yet 15 years and my well try again next year.

JOHN STUCKEY:

John and Margaret have donated a screen to the club for use when we are not at the Warrnambool Club. (An item that was taking space in the garage)

GEOFF WILLIAMS:

Polo Tops will be available at the next meeting, please pay Treasurer Terry and collect your top.

Next Wednesday 29th April there will be farewell drinks at 14 Angela court for John and Margaret Stuckey. 7:30 onwards.

DOUG McLEAN:

This year's Rural Urban night will be held on the 4th April at the Nullawarre Hall. The cost of the meal will be \$18, and drinks will be available. Starting time is 6.15 – 6.30. This is a partner's night and you need to confirm numbers next week.

**Inside every older lady is a younger lady -
- wondering what the hell happened.**

Cora Harvey Armstrong

GUEST SPEAKERS: 3 club members, all with different stories to tell.



The first was John Karasinski.

John told us that this was his 3rd Rotary club and was interested in the differences between the other clubs and ours. He suggested that ours was a very active club.. John likes to participant in the community.

His first club was in Calgoolie where summer can range from 35 – 48 degrees and then because of the desert winter can be very cold. Fresh food was a 6 ½ CD drive to Perth, on this particular day John drove to Esperance and was looking forward to the Rotary meeting at the local fish restaurant only to find that rotary no longer met at that restaurant and he had unwittingly become part of a wedding party.

John has a mixed family background with his Father being Polish and his Mother Dutch. In 1954 his parents moved to Fremantle with the Post War refugee immigration scheme. They spent some time living in tents in the wheat belt.

John was fortunate to attend school in Perth (at one of the better schools) and then after taking a couple of years off for work to pay his way through university attended the University of Western Australia. At first as a part time student, and then later on a full time basis. After graduating he was offered a contract position where he taught for several years.

He then applied and was accepted to attend a post graduate course in Economics in the US.

Our second speaker was Allan Tampion.



Alan was born in Terang and spent the post war years growing up in Terang, which he considered was great. Everyone and everything was by horse and cart.

Alan attended school in Terang and on the 3rd August – his 14 birthday he left to start work.

Alan spent much time wandering from job to job until the middle of the 60's when he worked for National Tyre Service as a tyre fitter and on road person.

He later purchased the Timor Street Milk Bar opposite the Court House. He has three children and 9 Grandchildren.

In 1987 he purchased the Savoy Restaurant in Liebig street were he is currently working, he is however hoping to retire next year.

Our Third and final speaker was Ted King.



Ted took us back on a journey to his life as a 16 year old youngster trying to become a pilot in the RAAF. Ted completed a recruiting course over 2 years, and at the age of 18 went to Russell Street to join the Air Force only to be told by the Doctor that he had flat feet. This did not deter Ted and he obtained a position on the ground staff. It was suggested that he join the Armoury so he applied and was sent to Hamilton to complete the course. He was then posted to Point Cook, He was only there a week when he volunteered to show a trainee how to use gas guns.

Ted then told us about his experiences with mustard gas and some of its not so finer qualities. Bordon was a big problem for the men and to help with this Ted started a garden patch on some land near the river. In no time he was growing enough fresh vegetables to feed 50.

BOARD REPORT:

At the recent Board meeting, a few items were discussed:

- (a) The City Council has indicated that it is amenable to the idea of making a small area of land available for a storage shed for the 4 Rotary Clubs for storage of records, paraphernalia and equipment. It will now be a matter for the 4 Club Presidents to discuss.
- (b) 70 bike riders from the Rotary Club of Boronia will be in Warrnambool from 5.00pm on Sunday 2 April, 2006. They are conducting the bike ride as a means of raising funds for Rotary health research and will be on their way to their Rotary District Conference. Our Club has organized for a meal to be provided at the Warrnambool Golf Club at 6.30pm at a cost of \$20 per head and will be presenting a small donation towards their fund-raising efforts. If you would like to share fellowship with this group of visiting Rotarians, please let Geoff Williams know, as he will be representing our Club.
- (c) The Board has approved a request from Kate and Geoff Williams for leave of absence from 11 to 25 April, and they will be traveling to India on Rotary business and will be visiting our sister Rotary Club of Udaipur Meera amongst other things.
- (d) The Board has renewed the Club's membership of the Melbourne to Warrnambool Society which organizes the Melbourne to Warrnambool Cycling Classic.
- (e) An idea that the Board supports is taking your name badge home with you when a Club meeting is held at a place other than our normal meeting venue, for example the Rural/Urban Night, so that there would be one less properties item to be transported.
- (f) At the request of the District Organ Donor Awareness Sub-Committee, the Club has donated \$100 towards the cost of purchase of lanyards for the National transplant games to be held in Geelong in September.
- (g) There was a disappointing small number of Club members willing to volunteer to go to Stawell to help those affected by the recent Grampians fires, and this was no doubt due in large part to the expected departure time of 5.30am. There are other people who have been affected by the bushfires who are closer to Warrnambool, and we will be seeing if it may be possible to organize a day during April to travel to a designated farm to help with such things as repairing fences.
- (h) Over the years our Club has completed a large number of projects in the community, and as time goes by, these projects tend to get forgotten and some of them also need ongoing maintenance. At some of our meetings in the near future, blank forms will be circulated and we will be encouraging Club members to recall any such projects and record them, so that we can create a register. The projects will then be regularly checked to see if additional work is needed. The completed projects will also be noted at Club meetings on their anniversaries as a means of remembering Club contributions.
- (i) At the suggestion of District 9780, most Clubs in the District, including our Club will be contributing \$178 towards a Matching Grant to assist four remote rural schools in Mexico.

BOARD REPORT: Continued

- (j) Whilst in India, Geoff and Kate Williams will be looking at the possibility of a future Matching Grant from our Club to support a project involving poverty stricken areas in Mumbai.
- (k) Mary Fitzgerald is seeking suitable young people to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Seminar and the Rotary Youth program of Enrichment Seminar.
- (l) As mentioned at a recent meeting, Keith McLeod will be seeking assistance from Club members to help him provide a barbeque for international students, which is to be held at 6.00pm at Flagstaff Hill Maritime Museum on Thursday 30 March, 2006.

Paddy, who was on holiday from Ireland on Bondi Beach couldn't seem to make an impression with any of the girls. So he asked the local lifeguard for some advice.

"Mate, its obvious," says the lifeguard, "you're wearing them old baggy swimming trunks that make ya look like an old geezer. They're years outta style. Your best bet is to grab yourself a pair of Speedo's - about two sizes too small and drop a fist-sized potato down inside 'em. I'm telling ya mate....you'll have all the babes ya want!"

The following weekend, Paddy hits the beach with his spanking new tight Speedos, and his fist sized potato. Everybody on the beach was disgusted as he walked by, covering their faces, turning away, and laughing, looking sick!

So Paddy went back to the lifeguard again and asked him, "what's wrong now?"

"JAHEESUS!" said the lifeguard, "Mate, the potato goes in front of the speedo's!"

She went into the woods to look for it and found a frog in a trap. The frog said to her, "If you release me from this trap, I will grant you three wishes."

The woman freed the frog, and the frog said, "Thank you, but I failed to mention that there was a condition to your wishes. Whatever you wish for, your husband will get times ten!"

The woman said, "That's okay." For her first wish, she wanted to be the most beautiful woman in the world. The frog warned her, "You do realise that this wish will also make your husband the most handsome man that ever lived, an Adonis whom women will swoon over and flock to".

The woman replied, "That's okay, because I will be the most beautiful Woman and he will have eyes only for me." So, KAZAM !!! - she's the most beautiful Woman in the world!

For her second wish, she wanted to be the richest woman in the world. The frog said, "That will make your husband the richest man in the world by far. And he will be ten times richer than you. " The woman said, "That's okay, because what's mine is his and what's his is mine." So, KAZAM !!! - she's the richest woman in the world!

The frog then inquired about her third wish, and after careful consideration she answered, "I'd like a mild heart attack." BUT WAIT!!

The man had a heart attack ten times milder than his wife!!!

First ROMAC Patient in New Zealand

Little Chloe Rolland from Vanuatu received specialist surgery in Auckland, N.Z., in December, 2005, as the first Reaching Overseas Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC) patient in New Zealand. ROMAC's New Zealand Regional Director, Past District Governor Trish O'Reilly, said Chloe and her mother Helen were hosted by Beverley and Philip Revell of the Rotary Club of West Harbour and returned to Vanuatu on December 22.

The youngster fell into a bath of boiling water as a baby and was first treated five years ago by Doctor Martin Rees, as a result of a special project conducted by then District 9910 Governor Michael Hill. Chloe has extensive scars on her hands and inside her legs and an operation was required to extend the scars to allow greater use of her hands and legs.

The operation was conducted by Martin Rees at the Auckland Surgical Centre, and organized by ROMAC Medical Director Doctor Max Morris. The Harold Thomas Trust paid the airfares for Chloe and Helen. Doctor Jean-Luc Bador, a Rotarian and doctor in Port Vila, Vanuatu, will continue Chloe's treatment.

(the above article is reprinted from the Rotary Down Under magazine)



Look who picked out mums

Just a small sample of the 20 caught!!

Why is mum so happy??

ticket in the swindle!!

When Dion found out he was going to inherit a fortune when his sickly father passed away, he decided he needed a woman to enjoy it with.

So one evening he went to a bar where he spotted the most beautiful woman he had ever seen. Her natural beauty took his breath away, "I may just look loike an ordinary man man," he said as he walked to her, "but in just a week or two my father will die and I will inherent 20 million dollars."

Impressed, the women went home with him that evening. Three day later, she became his step-mother!!??

NEW CENTURIAN CHALLENGE

The response from Rotarians within District 9780 to the Rotary Foundation through the Centurian system has been excellent with just over \$11,000Aus plus \$1000US having been donated by 121 Rotarians including 24 new centurians.

Remember that in 3 years time 50% of what is donated to the Rotary Foundation is returned to our District for use in local projects. There are no administration costs taken out thus making all monies available to improve the life of people throughout the world including Australia. All donations are tax deductible.

An article by Bob Pullen taken from March District 9780 News



Rotary Fellowship