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SERVICE Above Self

WELCOME STAVROS

Our rejuvenation program gathered further pace this week with the induction of Stavros Rekaris as the newest member of Brunswick Rotary. Stavros has been known to many of us for about 20 years since he use to come along sometimes with his old man, Henry, back in the days when he (Stavros – that is) was in short pants. Henry was not able to be present because he is currently away in London or some other place warmer than Melbourne. I guess that this little recollection has just guaranteed that Stavros will put down the Bulletin in disgust and vow never to darken our door again.

Our meeting was also graced by the presence of two guests of members namely Russell Smith and Amit Bhardwaj . Amit was warned by the secretary that if he turned up he might get a job with Dance into Spring, so to see him again indicates he isn't afraid of helping out. Make sure we make him welcome when he next arrives, and lets make sure he gets a job for the Dance! It would also be good if we could help Prsident Doug twist Russells arm a little more to get him to join our swelling ranks.

RAFFLE

Greg promoted this serious fund raiser which will be drawn on November 24th at a luncheon to which ticket purchasers will be invited. He also presented a plan whereby customers who do not want to pay \$100 upfront can pay \$10 a week to go into the draw for a ticket. Further specifics are available from Greg and tickets will be ready next week.



Michael Leahy advised that we are expecting an application for a nomination and he will provide further information as it comes to hand. We look forward to seeing the candidate soon.

RYLA is a week long residential personal development program for young people aged 18 to 25, which focuses on self-leadership and community. RYLA provides an opportunity for young people from a diverse range of backgrounds to come together to gain a better understanding of their strengths and the unique qualities and abilities of others.

The program is delivered by young people and is held in December each year. Participants can either nominate themselves to participate, or be nominated by their local Rotary Club. The selection process includes a written application. There is no District selection process and provided the sponsoring Rotary Club recommends an application to attend, they will be offered a place (subject to available places).

D9800 has a goal to establish RYLA experience in Timor Leste. To date, 12 young East Timorese residents have visited Australia to attend RYLA. This is an expanding, multi district objective to have East Timor RYLarians conduct their own RYLA refresher courses in Timor Leste.

DANCE INTO SPRING

Cheryle presented her report and asked the assistance of all of us on September 2nd. We are still somewhat in the dark as to likely numbers as there have been some good indications but not a lot of confirmed bookings at the moment. Cheryle reported that Eric is doing a particularly good job of organizing a table or two.

Cheryle has also organized some free publicity in the Community News.

It appears that we will not have the free use of a bus to transport customers this year so we will be looking to Rotarians to keep themselves sober and do a bit of picking up and delivering.



WORDS OF WISDOM FROM VICE PRESIDENT CROSS

Love is Grand – Divorce is a Hundred Grand.

I am in shape – round is a shape. (too many sweets Mr Cross?)

RAWCS – CAPE YORK PROJECTS

Information on projects to assist aborigine communities on Cape York follows. Volunteers are needed for these projects and I will be grateful if you will alert your members to this great opportunity to assist our aborigines, to learn something of their culture, and to assist in the reconciliation process.

Yours in Rotary Service.
PP John Steven
RC of Camberwell.

Currently we have 2 RAWCS approved projects for Cape York indigenous communities and applications for others are being considered.

The 2 projects are:

1. A community building at Lockhart River Old Site. (OS).
2. Family shelters at various locations. (Balkanu).

Project 1. OS.

The building proposed has a floor area of approximately 200m², and will be supported on large poles. Cladding will be bark in the traditional aboriginal method.

Plans are nearing completion, and a preliminary copy is displayed.

Volunteer teams will need to be mainly people skilled in building or plumbing, but there will be room for others at times. Preferably there will be female(s) in each team.

Locals will work with our teams.

Volunteers can fly direct Cairns to LR, (own expense estim cost \$600), go in their own 4WD transport, or be driven by bus from Cairns. If by bus there will be an early morning start from Cairns and an overnight stay en route (both directions). Work period will normally be 2 to 3 weeks, and volunteers may extend this for R & R before, after or both.

Final dates for teams have not yet been determined, but should be settled shortly.

It is likely that one team will go in Sept/Oct to do some preliminary work.

Further teams will either follow immediately or begin about April 2006 after the wet.

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Project 2. Balkanu.

The shelters are roughly 70m² steel frame buildings with plywood floor, and composite 75mm custom orb roofing.

Plans are nearing completion and preliminary copy displayed.

Teams and transport will be similar to that for OS and it will depend upon the site whether overnight stop will be required from Cairns.

Dates for teams have not yet been determined, but we hope to erect a prototype in Cairns before the wet this year. If time allows we would like to have one or more shelters erected on site this calendar year. The first one is likely to be at Arakun.

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General.

In both cases volunteers pay their own way to Cairns and back. Free transport from Cairns to site and return is available. Directions will be given to those using their own transport. Camping equipment and food will be supplied on site, but it is advised to take a mosquito net. Return fares Melbourne to Cairns vary considerably.

In most cases the sites, including OS, are near the beach, and there is great fishing.

Volunteers will need to submit a RAWCS Volunteer Application Form, provide a medical certificate and sign the Volunteer Agreement.

See RAWCS Website. www.rotary.rawcs.org/forms.html

The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust

The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust (TARFT) is a Deductible Gift Recipient fund, to which Rotarians, friends of Rotary and corporations may make gifts or donations that are fully tax deductible.

All funds received are applied 100% to the educational, humanitarian and cultural programs of the Foundation. The administration costs of the Foundation are met from the investment earnings of the Foundation. The administration costs of the Foundation as a percentage of revenue are amongst the lowest of any similar foundations in the USA.

All contributions to TARFT for the Annual Program Fund or the PolioPlus Fund attract credit for the recognition of Paul Harris Fellows. Fifty percent of the funds received for the Annual Program Fund will be credited to our District Designated Fund (DDF) and in 3 years time it will be available to our District through the SHARE system for allocation to local, national or international educational, humanitarian or cultural programs selected by our District for support.

Clubs should send all moneys payable to the Foundation to:

Rotary International
South Pacific and Philippines Office
PO Box 1415, Parramatta 2124
Cheques should be made payable to:
"The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust"

The Rotary World Peace Scholarship Fund

The Rotary World Peace Scholarship Fund has been established to support students studying for a two years Masters Degree in international studies, peace studies and conflict resolution at one of the Rotary Centres for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution. These Centres have been established in seven of the world's leading universities. The chosen Centre in Australia is at The University of Queensland.

The Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis and consequently D9800 is looking for well-qualified candidates who meet the demanding entry criteria. The candidates should not be recent graduates, but scholars with an appropriate first degree and some years of experience, who are making their careers in this area already. A Club that may be putting forward a candidate for a Peace Scholarship should contact Fr Michael Elligate, (Scholarships Chairperson), about the candidate's credentials before finalising the application.