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Lets Get Back Into It!

Where has everyone been over the January Break?

This may be a could starting point for our first meeting back at the **Abruzzo Club** this **Thursday February 2nd. At 12-45p.m for 1p.m.** President Doug hasn't been sighted and he has been too far away to be contacted. Rumour has it that he has been over in Perth and Adelaide, but what has he really been up to. Find out at the meeting on Thursday. He assured us all he will be there refreshed and ready for the second half of the Rotary Year. Those other members who have been away what have you been up to. Spare a thought for all those who have worked and kept the economy going for the rest of us. What ideas have emerged from the Hotel lunches? Mal tells me he turned up last Wednesday to find he was the only one.

What lies ahead for the second part of the Rotary Year?

At Christmas time we all left with great enthusiasm and was thrilled that we had some new members in the Club. The Brunswick Festival will be coming up soon and we are all set to launch our Major Raffle for the year. Weekends in the Shopping Centres. What fun we had last year. Thanks to Greg's early Fund Raising we will be able to make a good start to our Projects. Michael and Doug hope to visit Brunswick Secondary College to present our Community Award for 2005. I'm sure Mal and Cheryl will want us to start preparing for the Dance into Autumn by looking for people to invite. Peter J and Doug have a small group taking part in the Commonwealth Games Rotary program at the Commonwealth Games. We believe it is a contribution we can make that will not be too difficult for our Club to achieve and will allow us to assist Rotary Victoria in doing a fine job during the Games. Laurie know doubt will be reminding us that we need to have Our Club well represented at **Geelong 31st. March to April 2nd.** For the District Conference. It has been a wonderful occasion for us as Rotarians and for our Partners.

Preparing for the new Rotary year.

Adam has already announced his in coming Board for 2006 – 2007. We have a **Board Meeting coming up on Tuesday February 14th.** We can still use our regular place at B.I.A thanks to the new C.E.O. Darrell. It is up to all of us to mentor our new members and continue to assist our great Club grow. Be there on Thursday and as is our custom a bring a friend along.

The following notes are relevant for all of us and we should bear in mind the comments as we move forward.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

The club adopted a Constitution and By-Laws at the Annual General Meeting in November 2004.

There appear to be some anomalies in The Constitution that need to be explained, investigated or rectified and at least one ruling by R.I. that has not been clearly adopted by our club.

Honorary Membership There has been some mention at Board level that Honorary Membership is for one year only. That needs to be discussed further. If it is an R.I. ruling where is it? Why is it not in our Constitution (Section 6)? If it is not an R.I. ruling it does not matter as the By-Laws can accommodate our needs!

Annual Meeting There must be a ruling somewhere that the Annual General meeting be before the end of November as we seemed anxious to hold ours by that date, but our constitution states that it should be by at the end of December!

Membership Our Constitution states and is accord with The R.I. 2001 Council on Legislation that there are now only two forms of membership namely Active Membership and Honorary Membership. Terms such as Senior Active no longer apply and we should replace them wheresoever they may occur, e.g. the club directory.

That the club may now have no more than five members from one classification is interesting but will not worry us.

I would like to discuss at the next Board meeting that these matters and any others raised by members be clarified or rectified and a motion to amend the Constitution if necessary be put before the next Club Assembly or a Special General Meeting if necessary.

By-Laws

It has worried me that for some time a Board will introduce a worthy matter or way of doing things, which is not known about by subsequent Boards but could have been helpful in maintaining continuity.

If we used the By-Laws effectively it might give a useful continuity, accepting that the Board or the Club can change things as they wish.

There are also those special Brunswick ways of doing things or getting things done, perhaps they could be stated:

1. To my knowledge we have always appointed a President Elect who becomes the President and nominates his/her own Board. Having been trusted to do a job that person is then left he/she to do the best they can for us. We might need to change the election procedure, or rather, so things are clear we should perhaps state our current operating methods in the By-Laws
2. We need to clarify the fees and dues section so that which we decided on the Board this year becomes more clearly defined and on-going.
3. Each Section could more clearly define our purpose.

Once the Constitution is refined it would be desirable to restate the By-Laws. Rules and regulations can end up being a lot of nonsense, but a couple of simply defined methods of operating (which can always be changed any way) would make it easier for new office bearers.

Mal Dubock 25.1.2006