



Presidential Chain

Adam is pleased to report the presidential chain has been returned!

Dance Into Spring

The dance was fantastic! Ryan Diehl was there helping to setup. He then went home, got changed, came back for the whole dance, then went to the pub afterwards for a beer with Dave and Cheryle!

Tractors in Timor

Michael from Salesian attended the board meeting on Tuesday. He is responsible for funding of the Don Bosco College and has committed \$4000 US. Adam is aiming to get to \$10,000 US, and a request has been made for 5 members to commit \$500 AUD each. So far 2 members have paid \$500 each, Adam will also pay \$500. This donation is tax deductible and a receipt will be supplied.

To date we have received \$1000 AUD from RC of Collingwood. Echuca/Moama are sending a cheque, and want to build an ongoing relationship with us. They have done work previously in East Timor, and also run a steam tractor rally.

Coming weeks

Next week Peter Hollingworth will be our guest speaker, and extra guests will be invited. Members are encouraged to bring extra guests to make it a good showing.

The following week is grand final week. Greg says to dress up in footy colours, and he may bring his video!

Our meeting on Thursday October 26th will be at 6:00pm for 6:30. This is so that members like Sally and Alice can come. Once again, we'll be aiming for a big meeting, and members are encouraged to bring guests. The 4th Thursday of each month will be a dinner meeting.

Laptop donation

Today the laptop was presented to Brunswick Secondary College. It was accepted with much appreciation!



Oops! Seems I caught Adam with a funny look on his face!



Art Show

An art show was proposed at the board meeting, about which Cheryle will provide information.

Guest speaker

Friends of the Zoo or FOTZ

Yvonne, a volunteer for FOTZ, spoke to us today. Yvonne has been a volunteer worker for 15 years, and for 11 years has been explaining the workings and animals to zoo visitors. She has been on the speaking panel for 4 years, and her husband Roy chickened out in speaking today! Yvonne and Roy have 3 children and 5 grandchildren. Occasionally the zoo lets her out, she says!

Yvonne is a vision impaired zoo guide, and also trains these guides. Rough terrain, drains, turns, what's coming up ahead, for example, bitumen becoming grass, gravel etc., poses a challenge to vision impaired people. The vision impaired guides "be the eyes" of these visitors with special needs. Vision impaired visitors gain pleasure from smells, which they have fun with. Yvonne tells them everything that is happening in an enclosure, for example, the gorilla laying down, a young one jumps on him, or that the female gorilla has good, which apparently she always does!

Yvonne also talks about the foliage, toys etc that the animals have. The explanation of some enclosures make them sound like a junkyard, with ropes, cardboard boxes, and pine cones. These items keep the animal doing things during the day.

Keepers drag meat with boal on a a rope around a trail in the big cats' enclosures, and put them around a tree branch etc, or place it high in the tree so that the tiger and leopard will climb the tree for the meat, drag it down (breaking the rope) and eat it. They follow the scent of the meat trail around their enclosure, the hope that more meat will come through the day. This keeps the animals active.

The meerkats are always active – they always have one on lookout, while others search for food. If there's a danger, they give an alarm call and they race into their nest. Helicopter and propeller planes tend to make them run for cover.

The giraffe has 7 bones in its neck, just like humans, although much longer! Its tongue is 15 inches long and a blue/black colour, due to being exposed to heat for much of day, while they eat.

The new elephant trail is a mini walk through Thailand. The Thai community of Melbourne provided a lot of input.

Possoms have ruined well established plants and trees in the Japanese Garden, when tin and plastic protection didn't work, and would jump from overhanging branches. The zoo can't use poison but can use traps. Owls eat possums, and an owl comes in sometimes. Yvonne wanted to put a vacant sign for owls up!

Bats were "removed" from the zoo by moving less and less food gradually toward the outside of the zoo. It took 5 months to move the bats, and the volunteers cut up the food every day.

Keepers create the list of jobs for volunteers, which they try to roster. Volunteers check the enclosures and the animals in new enclosures.

There are 157 guides and 300+ volunteers. Guides work the days they prefer, have 3 months

training, and must work 2 days. Volunteers have exams, and must be a FOTZ member before they can volunteer.

Entrance fees wouldn't cover wages and animal costs (food bills are very high and then there's the vet bills too, plus someone who cleans the elephants for when they're walked around. Therefore the zoo relies heavily on government grants and sponsorships.

The zoo holds sleep overs where elephants used to be (which explains why this bulletin editor spotted a BBQ in the old elephant enclosure on Wednesday!), which includes a meal, a behind the scenes look-see, and listening to the animal's night and morning sounds.

The baboons' enclosure is the only one left with a concrete floor. As baboons are used to hard ground, this is probably not a problem for the animals. However, it's a bad look for visitors, so the zoo covers some of the enclosures with straw or dirt, and the baboons have plenty of things to play with.

"Poo packing" with rhino poo used to be done, where the manure was sold. This had to be stopped as there were too many weeds in the poo. The seals tend to get eczema from pollens, so the zoo is putting sails up. A new seal and penguin area is in the pipeline, with a wave machine so they can surf!

Yvonne showed us a gorilla skull, and one of the elephant's (bong su) giant reebok! Bong Su's toe splits, and urine etc gets in, so he has to wear a big boot to protect his foot. The circumference of an elephant's foot print x 3 equals the elephant's height to his shoulder.

This week's joke

Morris and his wife Gladys went to the state fair every year. Every year, Morris would say, "Gladys, I'd like to ride in that helicopter." Gladys always replied, "I know Morris, but that helicopter ride is \$50 dollars, and \$50 dollars is \$50 dollars."

A few years later, Gladys and Morris went to the fair. Morris said, "Gladys, I'm 85 years old. If I don't ride that helicopter now, I might never get another chance." Gladys replied, "Morris, that helicopter ride is \$50 dollars and \$50 dollars is \$50 dollars."

The pilot overheard the couple. He said, "Folks, I'll make you a deal. I'll take the both of you for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and not say a word, I won't charge you. But if you say one word, it's \$50 dollars."

Morris and Gladys agreed - and up they went. The pilot did all kinds of fancy manoeuvres, but not a word was heard. He did his daredevil tricks over and over again, but still not a word.

When they landed, the pilot turned to Morris. He said, "By golly, I did everything I could to get you to yell out, but you didn't. I'm impressed!"

Morris replied, "Well, I was going to say something when Gladys fell out, but \$50 dollars is \$50 dollars."

Attachments

- Portsea Camp working bee information
- Marshall Event Calendar – great fundraising opportunity

Weekly Program

September 21 st	Thursday lunchtime	Rev Dr Peter Hollingworth – will discuss the PACE project
September 28th	Thursday lunchtime	Grand final lunch
October 5 th	Thursday lunchtime	District Governor Bernie Walshe's visit



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23rd August 2006

Dear Club Secretary

The Portsea Camp / Rotary working bee is on again this year on the first weekend in October. We have enjoyed tremendous support from many clubs over recent years and hope to see large numbers of Rotarians here again this year. As usual there will be a range of tasks on offer from the large scale to the small. The attached sheet gives an indication of what is available - we make sure there is plenty for everyone.

This year, like last, we will be offering up a fine dinner on the Saturday night and the opportunity for you to loosen up tired limbs on the dance floor to the sounds of the 70s, 80s and 90s from a fired up 8-piece band – The Usual Suspects. The band is donating their time for free so this working bee if you want to bring the loved ones all the better.

Also on offer will be a bit of a card game or two organized by our recreation team so be prepared!

Please give me a call on 5984 2333 to let me know if people will be attending - how many, for what part of the weekend, what task preference you have, whether your club can contribute funds towards material costs and what nights people would like to stay over.

My regards to all who have been in recent years. Hoping to see you down here for what all who attend typically say is one of the highlights of their Rotary year.

Kind regards,

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Accommodation

- Dormitory Style
- Ensuite facilities
- Self contained Units

Activities on site

- Dolphin watching
- Ropes Course
- Beach walks

Activities off site

- Golf
- Cycling
- Fishing

Facilities

- Multifunction centre
- Meeting rooms
- Kitchens

Environment

- Scenic Views
- Historic Sites
- Beach frontage
- National Park

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- Rotary
- Apex
- R.S.L

Formerly known as the
Lord Mayor's Children's Camp





WORKING BEE

Friday night, October 6th to Sunday 8th

Catch up with old friends, meet some new and lend the camp a hand.

Lots of tasks for the skilled and un-skilled so no-one has to miss out!

Great Saturday night dinner and entertainment
as we rock the hall to the sounds of the

**'usual
suspects'**

a great 8 piece cover band playing all your favourites from the 60s and 70s –
and yes, they are donating their time too

Clubs and individuals all welcome. Great meals. Please contact:

Stephen or Ben to discuss tasks - stephene@theportseacamp.com.au

Alex to book your room - alexc@theportseacamp.com.au

or phone the camp on (03) 5984 2333

The Portsea Camp - supported by Rotary, Apex, the Returned and Services
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2006 Working Bee

Technology

- Relocate fax from CEO room to admin area (2 people, 2 hours)

Paths / paving

- Evacuation route at rear of kitchen to be concreted – need knowledge of levels, plumber on hand to advise, must have experience laying concrete (5 people, 6 hours)
- Path at rear of dorms in Parade Ground to be made to assist water run off. Dig to appropriate depth and put down crushed rock – no skill but lots of energy as this is a wheelbarrow task. Not a big task if done steadily (4 people, 2 hours)
- Rear of office staff area to have pavers laid over sand base – a small area requiring no skill but commonsense, a wheelbarrow and a spade or two, alternatively small wooden deck (4 people, all weekend)

Grounds

- Remove weed trees from bunkers, alongside Parade Ground and adjacent to CEO house – lots of energy, bobcat or similar would help a lot (with bobcat or similar 6 people, all weekend)
- General weeding along main drive – not an overly big task, steady laboring (2 people, 1 hour)
- Fix up all bagged plants – easy walk around task, some carrying (2 people, 2 hours)
- Water and weed around our new plantings

Plumbing

- Run water to oval and basketball court area – requires trench digger, plumber plus assistants (2 people, 4 hours)

Electrical

- Run power to basketball court area – requires electrician and trench digger (2 people, 4 hours)
- Replace fluoro units in Parade Ground dorms – 12 units to be removed and new units put up in their place (electrician plus one person, 4 hours)

Carpentry

- Timber to bottom of Connelly Hall step – basic carpentry skills (2 people, 2 hours)
- Repair gate to Franklin Rd – basic carpentry skills (2 people, 2 hours)

- Fit new doors and drawers to Connelly Hall kitchen – cabinetmaker (one person, 2 hours)
- Fill old doorway on LHS stage with pine lining boards – basic carpentry skills (2 people, 1 hour)
- Complete lining boards to stage area to cover all exposed wiring etc = make good – slightly more challenging so needs good carpentry skills (2 people, 6 hours)

Painting

- Limewash bunkers – no skill or experience, just some enthusiasm (4 people, 6 hours)
- Limewash Parade Ground – same (10 people, all weekend)
- Exterior of Bayside Units – painting skills would be very useful (6 people, all weekend)

Construction

- Shower unit on oval – basic carpentry and construction skills, working to simple plan (2 people, 6 hours)
- Walkway roof between halls – you need to know what you are doing here, working to plan provided, 3m off ground up ladders (8 people, all weekend)
- Build timber wall at southern end of Nautilus Centre decking and fit stove – basic to good carpentry skills (4 people, all weekend)
- Raised herb garden in front of kitchen – basic carpentry skills (2 people, 3 hours)

General clean up

- No skills but we would love to have a small team doing some basic clean up work (2 people, 4 hours)

Plenty of alternative tasks to suit your capabilities and skills.

GREAT FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

Dear RC Brunswick,

I would like to take this opportunity to offer your club this fantastic opportunity to help raise some easy money. With growing running costs and greater competition for sponsorship dollars between clubs, finding new and simple ways of raising much needed funds is so important.

Super Sprint are the event organisers of approximately 20 events per year that include triathlons (Gatorade & Corporate Triathlon Series as well as Victorian & Australian Championships), fun runs (The Herald Sun / Citylink Run For The Kids, which is Victoria's largest mass participation fun run & Sussan Women's Fun Run which is Victoria's largest female only run), cycling races (UCI World Cup Women's Cycling) & other specialty events (Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt which is the world's largest Easter egg hunt). These events have some of Victoria, Australia & the World's leading athletes competing, including National & World Champions.

We are currently seeking expressions of interest from clubs and sporting groups that may be interested in providing us with event marshals for our forthcoming 06/07 season. See our Calendar for Event Details and Dates.

For each marshal that you are able to provide for our events, we will remunerate your club between \$35 - \$45 per marshal depending on the event. Each marshal shall be provided with an event top as well as a show bag containing food & drink refreshments. Marshals must be 15 years or older at the time of the event to work and be paid. Typically, marshals are required at events from approximately 6.00am until 10.30am and may work as course marshals, in registration, at pedestrian crossings, drink stations, at timing and the finish line or handing out athlete show bags.

Your group may decide to work the majority of events and slowly build up your fundraising levels or may target one particular event and try attract a large turn out. **Some of our regular groups supply around 10 marshals per event and by the end of the season have raised up to \$5000 for their club. Other groups that have targeted one event get up to 50 people along and have risen over \$2000 from the one day. So you can see it is a very easy way of making some good money for you club.**

Should you, your club or group be interested in assisting us in this manner, or if you require any further information, please feel free to contact me at any time to discuss.

Alternatively if you would like more information about Super Sprint and the events that we run, please visit our website at www.supersprint.com.au for event photo's and stories.

I look forward to the possibility of working with you and assisting with your fundraising activities.

Yours sincerely,

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Following is the proposed 2006-07 Super Sprint Calendar :

Event	Venue	Date	Start Time	Finish Time	Marshals Required	Pay Per Marshal
Gatorade Triathlon Series - Race 1	Catani Gardens, St Kilda	19/11/06	6:00am	10:30am	130	\$35
Sussan Women's Fun Run	Catani Gardens, St Kilda	03/12/06	6:30am	10:30am	100	\$35
Gatorade Triathlon Series - Race 2	Elwood Reserve, Elwood	10/12/06	6:00am	10:30am	145	\$35
Gatorade Triathlon Series - Race 3	Catani Gardens, St Kilda	14/01/07	6:00am	10:30am	130	\$35
Gatorade Triathlon Series - Race 4	Elwood Reserve, Elwood	18/02/07	6:00am	10:30am	145	\$35
BP/BRW Corporate Triathlon Series Race 1	Elwood Reserve, Melbourne	25/02/07	6:00am	12:00am	190	\$45
Geelong Women's Tour Cycling Stage 1	Portarlington Pier, Portarlington	27/02/07	9:30am	12:00pm	15	\$30
Geelong Women's Tour Cycling Stage 2	Portarlington Pier, Portarlington	27/02/07	1:30pm	3:30pm	5	\$30
Geelong Women's Tour Cycling Stage 3	Lara Sports Club, Lara	28/02/07	9:30am	2:00pm	10	\$35
Geelong Women's Tour Cycling Stage 4	Ocean Grove TBA	01/03/07	9:30am	2:00pm	20	\$35
UCI World Cup Women's Cycling	Brougham St, Geelong	03/03/07	8:30am	1:30pm	130	\$35
Australian Triathlon Championships (Incorporating Gatorade Triathlon - Race 5)	Steam Packet Gardens, Geelong	04/03/07	6:00am	4:00pm	130	\$70
BP/BRW Corporate Triathlon Series Race 2	West Lakes, Adelaide	04/03/07	6:00am	10:30am	60	\$35
BP/BRW Corporate Triathlon Series Race 3	Swan River, Perth	11/03/07	6:00am	10:30am	70	\$35
Gatorade Triathlon Series - Race 6	Portarlington Pier, Portarlington	25/03/07	6:00am	10:30am	125	\$35
Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt	Werribee Mansion, Werribee	06/03/07	8:00am	2:00am	30	\$45
Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt	International College of Management, Manly	06/03/07	8:00am	2:00am	30	\$45
BP/BRW Corporate Triathlon Series Race 4	Mrs Macquaries Point, Sydney	15/04/07	6:00am	12:00am	130	\$45
BP/BRW Corporate Triathlon Series Race 5	Doug Jennings Reserve, Gold Coast	29/04/07	6:00am	10:30am	80	\$45

- Melbourne Region Events
- Geelong Region Events
- Interstate Events