

The Rotary Club of Brunswick

SPECIAL EDITION BULLETIN



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As the regular Bulletin editor was not able to attend today due to work commitments, I am happy to present this special edition Bulletin.

Firstly for those who weren't able to make it today, we heard from Kevin that Bev had a stroke Monday evening, but appears to be coming good. She is in the Royal Melbourne Hospital and the Club has sent our best wishes with Kevin, and flowers via the Secretary.

Today's guest speaker was Peter Johnstone and it was a real treat for those of us who haven't been around that long. Interestingly the questions flowed from Cheryle, Michael and Maurice. A bit of a job talk and a bit of a history lesson. Thank you so much Peter.

A couple of things that came out of the talk were that the club has been built on friendships as well as the Rotary principles, and also that once a project is put forward, the Rotary Club of Brunswick "fights well beyond its weight" when it comes to making things happen.

The memories of the Sydney walk, the exchange students and the club actually doing things was inspiring and those that couldn't make it really missed out. Peter is proudly a 100% attendee and make-ups around the world have been a highlight on numerous occasions. That puts a lot of us to shame, as well as giving food for thought.

Peter acknowledged the input of Judy into his Rotary life so we should all thank Judy for that too. His stories of dining next to Prince Phillip in Windsor Castle were amazing, and the positive impact Rotary has had on his business life showed me that there is lots to learn in Rotary.

I also have to thank Peter for passing on the news to some Friends of Brunswick Rotary that we have been able to get 3 tractors working in Timor. We have received a contribution from at least one, which is fantastic news. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire club for supporting this project. I am not sure when Rebecca finished her talk if any of us thought we could make a difference, but we certainly have. WELL DONE!

Next week, the 26th October is our Night Meeting and as the Spring Carnival takes off we thank Cheryle for arranging Father Joe Giacobbe as the guest speaker. Father Joe is responsible for the racing guide "The Winning Post" so I am sure he will have some hot tips for the coming weeks.

Father Joe will also be discussing DOXA, a brief of which is at the end of the Bulletin.

The idea of the evening meeting is so that some of our less regular members, such as John H, Sally, Alice and Tony might be more likely to make an appearance. We certainly hope to see all of you there.

We are also trying to make the night a special occasion and hope that if any of you have a potential member you would like to invite, you bring them along for this night meeting when we will be less constrained by the lunch timetable.

For catering and organizational purposes it would be great if you could let me know if you are coming or not via email adam@mbrgroup.com.au or phone 0418 142 562 and also advise if you are bringing any guests. Peter is also planning to bring along Judy, so we can make it a partners evening too.

We have been asked by Brunswick Industries to put together a working bee team. I have not committed a date, but Sunday 9th November or Sunday 18th November are two possible dates. Can

you please let me know (adam@mbrgroup.com.au or 0418 142 562) if you could make either of those dates for 8am-11am. If I don't get 10 people for a date this week, I will have to apologise to BIA.

We are actively pursuing the possibility of setting up a Youth Art Exhibition in Brunswick and this is a project that has the potential to make us all proud from the benefits it will provide to the community'

I have also been in touch with the outdoor architectural department for Moreland City Council. They are re-working the recreational area in Temple Park and will be relaying the Rotary Club of Brunswick Plaque from the 1960's. In these dealings I put forward our thoughts about the benefit of a Skate Park in Brunswick. The council acknowledges the site of the Coburg Skate Park is not readily accessible for the youth of Brunswick but struggled to dedicate any site in Moreland during the community consultation 4 years ago.

I have suggested the consider a different approach with "stations" placed around an area similar to exercise stations around a running track. Each of the stations would not overly dominate an area and the setup would encourage increased physical activity between the stations. Council have allocated the busget for the current year, but the seed has been planted.

That's all for now. I really hope we can make next week a significant evening for our club, and ask you all to get behind the initiative and bring along a potential new member if you possibly can.

Next week back to Mel for the bulletin.

Adam Ramage
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The Doxa Youth Foundation (Doxa) is a philanthropic organisation formed in 1972 by Fr Joe Giacobbe with the support of a group of Melbourne business and professional people who shared a concern for disadvantaged young people.

Doxa is a Greek word meaning GREATNESS, which recognises that each individual is important and that the community has a responsibility to ensure that every young person is given an opportunity to develop their full potential.

Doxa's programs are targeted at giving special attention to the needs of disadvantaged young people where they are denied the opportunity for full participation in the community.

Doxa receives no direct Government funding and funds its programs through:

- financial contributions from the Doxa Social Club; and
- donations, bequests and sponsorships from Trusts, organisations and individuals.

Doxa's Mission

To create opportunities for disadvantaged young people by investing in programs that help them achieve their potential and meaningfully participate in the social and economic life of the community.