



General update

- Brunswick Industries has thanked the club for the cakes and puddings
- Adam has the Rotary International and Rotary Foundation annual reports, if anyone's interested in reading them
- Senior members of the Club will be saddened to hear that George Howat passed away on the morning of Friday 16th February.
- We also heard that Peter Peppard passed away.

Zoo Twilights Fellowship evening

So far we have around 30 people attending the Zoo Twilights fellowship evening to be held on Saturday March 17th.

Mega Raffle

The mega raffle was launched today, tickets are now available, and there are 200 tickets at \$100 each.

The aim is to raise around \$9000, like last year.

Once again this year there is a 10 week lucky draw, and weekly payments are \$10. Each person will be allocated a number, for the weekly draw. Greg would like the names of those participating in the weekly draw by next week.

Sydney Road Festival

The Sydney Road Festival will be held on March 4th, and all members are asked to assist. See information further into this bulletin (repeated from last week!)

CUB Visit

Mick requested a show of hands again this week for interest in a visit to CUB, which involves a tour of the brewery. Tours run twice per day, and it was suggested we take the 10-12 tour, then have lunch together afterwards, in place of a weekly meeting.

Rotary Student Community Involvement Award

Missed from the previous bulletins was the awarding of the Rotary Student Community Involvement Award for 2006, awarded to Georgia Coventry Poole of Brunswick Secondary College, and presented on January 31st. Georgia receives \$100 towards the cost of her books for 2007, a trophy for the year and a certificate.



Moreland Rotary Club

We had two visiting Rotarians today from the Rotary Club of Moreland, which has 7 members, and is very active. The club had 7 members prior to Christmas, and now has 10 members. The club's signature event is an Australia Day BBQ.

Tractors in Timor

Adam has heard from Rebecca Andersen, who is in East Timor. The tractor repairs our club sponsored allowed the cultivation of 400 hectares of crops, assisting 400 families. Photos should come soon.

Corn, maize and casava were the main crops cultivated, thanks also to good rains in their district. Enough crops were produced not only for the families to eat, but also to sell!

Guest speaker

Michael Elligate of the Rotary Club of Carlton spoke to us today about Ambassadorial Scholarships. Michael is the chair of District Ambassadorial Scholarships, and has been a Rotarian for 15 years. Michael said he enjoyed Rotary for its fellowships, making a difference in the community, and for the international work it does.

There are 8 Ambassadorial Scholars, comprising 4 from the US, 2 from Asia and 2 from Europe. One of the Europeans, from Belgium, has been sponsored for work with burns patients. He came out in September with the Asian scholars, to have more time to get used to Australia and the English language. The scholars are sponsored by Rotary International.

Each scholar is assigned a "counsellor" who meets them at the airport, gets them settled into their accommodation etc., takes them on dinners and outings, keeps in touch regularly, and encourages the scholar's visit to Rotary clubs and events. Three years ago the scholarship group ran a fundraiser, which is a very unusual thing for them to do! The raised \$25,000 for a hospital in Africa.

The district has one outgoing Ambassadorial Scholar each year. It receives around 30 serious applications, each of whom is sponsored by a Rotary club, which vets the applicant. Many applicants drop out due to the time frame – the scholarship doesn't commence until the following year after acceptance. Applications close late May and is finalised in June. The applicants are assessed by a member of the academic board of Melbourne Uni, district representatives and a member of International House. Having a degree is preferable to become a scholar, and any age is acceptable.

The selection came down to two applicants last year, a young Italian man who had had some serious eye surgery in his life... and claimed he had a disability, despite being able to drive a fancy sports car! He was from Altona North, and studied at Victoria Uni and wanted to study community law. The female applicant was from Castlemaine, who wanted to do a study in Ghana on why women, despite being allowed, were not in government. She had even received promises from the government that it would take note of her findings! All applicants compete despite any disadvantages.

This week's joke

Courtesy of Mick Leahy.

Batman and Robin are camping in the desert, they set up their tent and are asleep. Some hours later, Batman wakes his faithful friend. "Robin, look up at the sky and tell me what you see?"

Robin replies, "I see millions of stars."

"What does that tell you?" asks Batman. Robin ponders for a minute .

"Astronomically speaking, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, it tells me that Saturn is in Leo. Chronologically, it appears to be approximately a quarter past three. Theologically, it's evident the Lord is all-powerful and we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, it seems we will have a beautiful day tomorrow.

What does it tell you, Batman?"

Batman is silent for a moment, then speaks. "Robin, you idiot, it means someone has stolen our tent."

Weekly Program

February 22 nd	Thursday lunchtime	Mrs Donna McMennemin -- Reflexognosy & Spirituality
March 1 st	Thursday evening	TBA
March 8 th	Thursday lunchtime	Brian McDougall: Walking Kokoda at Aged 70
March 15 th	Thursday lunchtime	Francesca Folk-Scolaro: Brunswick Community History Group

2007 SYDNEY ROAD STREET PARTY

Sunday 4th March 2007 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

1. To have an effective display by the Rotary Club of Brunswick by having a stand at the Moreland City Council's Sydney Road Street Party to be held on Sunday 4th March 2006 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

2. The objectives are:

Primary Objective

To expand our membership,

Other Objectives:

Promote an awareness of Rotary in the Brunswick area;

Demonstrate to the Brunswick public what we Rotarians do in Brunswick and Internationally;

To have an effective display board showing who we are and what we do.

To have suitable pamphlets for general distribution and more specific literature for anyone displaying interest

Follow up sheet for those interested and prepared to leave their names and addresses.

Sell tickets in the major raffle,

Sell tickets in the minor raffle,

Sell "History of Brunswick" books and other suitable matter,

3. Ask all available members of the club to participate in two ways:

In preparation where possible,

Be present on the day by having three shifts of four hours each.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

12 noon to 4 p.m. (or 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.)

3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

4. Cheryle to organise a Membership Promotion Team to promote, distribute, collect names of potential attendees, organise a schedule for their attendance at a lunches in an organised and in a properly hosted manner, discuss and implement techniques with the team, have sufficient material. A planning meeting before the event (say 15th Feb) would be helpful.

5. Kevin Dale, Doug (to plan), Mel and 1st shift to get display board there and set up. Mal on site.

PART I - PREPARATION

6. Features include;

Any Club Officer, Director or committee wishing to contribute to the display should negotiate with Doug by 15th February 2007

Display Board to be reviewed and planned by Cheryle, Dean and Mel.

Prominent feature with photos of next year's Board mentioning, ages, classifications; planned projects (e.g. Bagong Barrio, the Youth Art project); recent achievements (e.g. tractors for Timor Leste) and earlier projects
Doug to set it up and get it there. Kevin Dale to help.

Promote Rotary material incl. stacks of stuff from R.I. and Rotary Down Under. Brochures held by Adam, circulars printed by Dean.

Promote the major raffle – Greg Sewell, Dean and Mel

printing the raffle tickets,

promotional posters,

Promoting the minor raffle-Doug, Barry

Organising and displaying the prizes – Doug

Printing – Dean and Mel

Getting the material there – Doug and Kevin Dale

History of Brunswick and other saleable items – Barry Cross, Mick Leahy, John Hardwick to get it there.

Refreshments, water, drinks, – Terry O'Meara, Peter Johnstone.

Rotary Club of Brunswick caps – Cheryle and Mal.

Have available in large numbers invitations from the President Elect to attend a Rotary Lunch – David Kennedy.

Dean and Mel to print discuss with Cheryle and David Kennedy,

Have a briefing before the event

Change (money) – Mal Dubock.

PART II – ON THE DAY

6. Location – Same as last year on the East side of Sydney Road between Union St., and South of Glenlyon Road/Dawson St.,. Area 6m long with 2 x 2m long trestle tables. Bring extra chairs, own comforts, sun protection.

7. Rosters on the day:

All available to attend,

Accounting raffle and other monies Mick Leahy, John Hardwick and Barry Cross

Co-ordinators Doug Walsh, Adam Ramage, Cheryle Landolina Mal Dubock

On the stand with raffle tickets and other items the above plus Tony Cavoli, Barry Cross, Kevin Dale, Joe De Simone, David Earley, Sally Garden, John Hardwick, Peter Johnstone, Alice Nichol, Terry O'Meara and those older Rotarians wishing to help.

The Membership Promotion Team - Cheryle, David Kennedy, Adam, Stavros Rekaris, Mel, Michael Landry and others as required to advise Cheryle of their availability by Thursday 15th February.

All others are please advise Mal of their availability by Thursday 22nd February 2006

Senior Co-ordinator – President Adam Ramage

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Rotary theme for 2007-2008 year

The Rotary theme for the 2007-2008 year is "Rotary shares."

The 2007-08 theme *Rotary Shares* will act as a daily reminder of what ordinary people can accomplish through the extraordinary work of Rotary, said RI President-elect Wilfrid J. Wilkinson at the 2007 International Assembly's opening session on 30 January 2007 in San Diego.



"What makes Rotary great is our expressing the love in our hearts through the work of our hands and our minds," said Wilkinson. "As Rotarians, we don't just sit back and talk about loving other human beings. As Rotarians, we demonstrate that love, and we share that love, through helping each other."

Almost everything Rotary does involves sharing, Wilkinson told the 532 district governors-elect gathered at the meeting in San Diego. "We share our time, we share our talents, and we share our money with others who need our help."

Furthermore, he said, "In Rotary, sharing doesn't mean giving away what you have to spare, what you don't need for yourself. Sharing means giving of yourself, selflessly, for the good of others."

And Rotarians don't need to do this alone. They know that when the need for service in their community can't be met by one club alone, they can call on Rotarians from around the world to help, said Wilkinson.

More than a theme, *Rotary Shares* is a call to action. As the incoming governors begin preparing for the year ahead with the training and inspiration they receive at the International Assembly, Wilkinson asked them to focus on sharing their leadership, skills, and dedication to making clubs and districts stronger.

Sharing Rotary does more than strengthens Rotary; it ensures that Rotary continues a second century of service. *Rotary Shares* means inviting people to join their local Rotary clubs.

"Rotary will only be able to continue sharing if it continues to grow," said Wilkinson. To help Rotary grow, Wilkinson requested that all of the incoming governors ask their club presidents to bring in one new club member during their year in office.

"Without new members, nothing else matters," he said. Without our youth and new members, "it will only take a few decades for Rotary to disappear, and we've already seen that happen in other service clubs."

In addition to the crucial job of welcoming new club members, the president-elect said Rotarians should not forget their past. He asked them to reach out to former club members, including club members' widows and widowers.

Wilkinson reminded the audience that the opportunities they'll have to help may not come their way again.

"This year is your chance to be a district governor, to help your clubs, to guide them, to share your strengths and your love."

In the year ahead, a great deal will be asked of Rotarians, said Wilkinson.

"I ask you all, this year, to share Rotary freely and fully. Work hard, and work with love. And remember that everything you do in service to others is part of the magic of Rotary, the magic that allows ordinary people, like you and me, do absolutely amazing things."