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This Week's Meeting

A REMINDER THAT OUR meeting this week is for LUNCH at 12:45 for 1:00pm.

Guest speaker: Br Michael Lynch, who has just arrived back from Fuiloro, East Timor, to update us on the Tractors in Timor project.

Last Week's Meeting

It was great to see Karin Penttila at our meeting, along with Laura Zeeman, our guest speaker.

Fellowship

Cheryle reported on lunch at Greg & Glenyce's with Bob and June and Jack and Betty. Greg warned Rotarians to watch out if Jammo's a guest next year... apparently it's a bit of a laugh.

Dance Into Spring

Most members will on deck for the dance next week... all hands needed!

Hot Air Balloon Weekend

Terry will organise. Pre-Christmas date likely. Idea is to have Saturday night in the Yarra Valley, then very early Sunday balloon ride and a winery visit or two.

Club Christmas Event

Likely morning meeting;



Visit The Ripple Effect's website (www.rippleeffect.org.au) to find out all about the work of the volunteers that were the subject of last week's guest speaker presentation.

plus possibly an event at Greg's place. To confirm in the next few weeks.

Michael Lynch

Adam invited to speak next week, will confirm hopefully on Monday. Michael back from E Timor next week, hopefully can give us a fresh update if possible.

Calabria Club

David E reported that it's a great venue, parking, lighting, and has a room for 60 people. And the Calabria Club only use the room once per week, but it clashes with our meeting! Drats.

Still looking at other venues.

Youth Art Exhibition

Project coming together well. David K will speak to club members over next month to firm up tasks. Still looking to get Sydney Road Community

School involved. Poster Competition underway. Thanks to Dean & Mel for flyers.

Reg Geary

Minute's silence in memory and honour of Reg Geary.

Greg reported on Peter's excellent speech at Reg's funeral, a very commendable speech. We are very lucky to have had Reg as a member for the last 41 years. The club is also hoping later on to compile two eulogies for members to read.

Guest Speaker Laura Zeeman

The Ripple Effect

The Ripple Effect was created at RYLA in 2004, with Laura as one of the co-founders.

The Ripple Effect is based in Thailand and run by young Victorians, with an aim to build up school communities. Volunteers

work as full time English teachers at an orphanage with 850 kids. Some kids at school have AIDS, primarily based on parental drug use but also for other reasons. It can be quite a challenge for volunteers, living and working at the school... working from 7am until 10pm, and having the kids interact with the volunteers all day long. Good cultural exchange.

The Ripple Effect is now expanding into surrounding areas, as well as providing extra resources such as clean water and school books. Now projects focus on:

- » Scholarships: Tertiary education for Year 12 students
- » Education
- » Necessity programs(clean water, first aid, hygiene)
- » Sustainability

EDUCATION projects include computers, teaching tools and equipment and other student resources (library, classroom repairs, sports areas).

NECESSITIES include proper toilet and health facilities, classroom furniture and safety initiatives. Also fencing and classroom repairs. Existing techniques dangerous for the local population without these projects.

SUSTAINABLE projects combine vocational skills,

community benefit and student/school income. Some products are brought back to Australia and sold to earn school income.

Other Ripple Effect projects include a teddy drive: it has already raised enough money for about 750 teddies.

The project has a website, and would love to have links point to:

rippleeffect.org.au

The website was built in just 24 hours as part of Australian "geek challenge" called Full Code.

As a comparison of government support for schools, in Thailand schools receive around \$30 per month per school, whereas here in Australia schools receive around \$6,000 per year per student.

In relation to ways in which we can assist the Ripple Effect, Laura will send us a wish-list of funding.

Dance Into Spring: Final Donation Plea

We are still seeking your assistance by way of any donations of goods which could be utilized as raffle &/or door prizes.

They don't have to be of significant proportions, just something small that can pass on some delight to a worthy recipient.

If you can assist us in this regard, could you please call David Earley on 9374 3555 or 0412 964 614 as soon as possible to arrange collection before Friday night.

Working With Children applications

A reminder to submit your application! This is particularly relevant for any involvement in a Rotarian youth camp (eg MUNA, RYLA). Technically, other volunteer applications for what we do don't have to be submitted until after June 2008, but **NOW** would be a good time to do so as we have the Youth Art Exhibition coming up in November.

District Foundation Seminar & Workshop

This will be held on **Sunday, 23 September** from 9.00am to 12.30pm at International House, Royal Parade, Carlton. Extra details are in Bulletin

Number 2. **The club needs a representative to attend**, as our Foundation Director Mick Leahy is on holidays. There is no cost to attend, but plenty of valuable info, which may assist us with Tractors in Timor or the plans at Bagong Barrio.

Can you volunteer? Let Mick know via email: essendon@harveyworld.com.au

Around The District

Ed: I have decided this week to not wait for the District *Networker*, as it was originally coming out Mondays/Tuesday morning, but is now distributed late Wednesday. We'll re-align our bulletin so that we include things from this week's *Networker* in next week's bulletin!

This Week's Funny

Last summer Ed met a woman while on vacation and fell head over heels in love with her. On the last night of his vacation, the two of them went to dinner and had a serious talk about how they would continue the relationship.

"It's only fair to warn you, I'm a total golf nut," Ed said to his lady friend. "I eat, sleep and breathe golf, so if that's a problem, you'd better say so now."

"Well, if we're being honest with each other, here goes," she replied.

"I'm a hooker."

"I see," Ed replied, and was quiet for a moment.

Then he added, "You know, it's probably because you're not keeping your wrists straight when you tee off."

Upcoming Club Events

Thurs 13 Sept (lunch)

Michael Lynch: Tractors In Timor Update

Friday 14 Sep (evening)

Dance Into Spring at the Brunswick Town Hall

If you don't already know how you'll be helping at the event, keep an eye out for news from Doug.

Thurs 20 Sept (lunch)

Guest speaker: Dr Vinay Rane: Health In The Justice System

Thurs 27 Sep (lunch)

Greg's Grand Final lunch: a most entertaining week! Be prepared for plenty of footy-themed fun, with Greg Sewell as our masterful MC.

Thurs 4 Oct (dinner)

Our guest speaker for this week is Dr Brett Rawlings, speaking on myotherapy and acupuncture.

Thurs 11 Oct (lunch)

Our guest speaker is international internet guru Ed Dale (also president of the Denzil Don Kindergarten): Using The Internet To Create Business

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