



## Evening Meeting This Week

Owing to the generous offer by many of our members to take part in the Career Connections Programme at the Darebin Arts Centre being organised by our Vocational director, David Earley, this Thursday (Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>) it was decided to make this week's meeting an evening meeting 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m at Bridie's

Thursday (Oct 30<sup>th</sup>) will be normal lunchtime meeting.

**Oaks Day** Thursday (6<sup>th</sup> Nov.) will be a Breakfast meeting at Poached in accordance with our normal custom.

## The Visit

The visit by the "Excellent Eight" from the R.C. of Marikina was a wonderful experience and all of us who were involved or attended events are extremely grateful to Cheryle for the wonderful way she established dialogue with them initially in Manila and impressed them enough to the point whereby they had enough confidence in us, through her, to trust themselves to our care. They are superb Rotarians and it is a privilege to be associated with them through our new Sister Club Agreement. Let us work with them for a long and fruitful association. Although there are many others who could be mentioned, Karin's work was extremely valuable in supporting Cheryle. Special thanks to the De Simones, Johnstones and Doug for their hosting of visitors. For our part the privilege of hosting George and Roland was more than thanks enough.

The hosts plus David Earley and Mike Landry welcomed them at the airport around midnight on the Thursday/Friday taking them straight home where they welcomed a night's rest after the long tedious flight from Manila.

Although well stocked up for breakfast we quickly found out what they liked then took them to B.I.A. where the C.E.O. Darrell Robinson showed them around, a few of us joined them for morning tea of scones, strawberry jam and cream. Then they went to Don Bosco to witness the work done there for youth and Rotary's part in it. We are currently seeking an update for the Club History as a prominent volunteer there told us that it is unlikely that Don Bosco could have rebuilt the games centre without help from the R.C. of Brunswick.

The visitors then joined some of us for a well-attended lunch meeting (changed from Thursday to Friday) where they were introduced to number of features. The most significant being the signing of the Sister Club Agreement by their President George Ty and Past President Roland Garcia, and our President David Kennedy and Past President Cheryle Landolina. Our old friend Russell Smith played a didgeridoo and someone organised kangaroo steaks (four times during the visit)

After lunch they visited the Royal College of Surgeons to look at plastic surgery and the possibility of treating children. This was followed by a brief tour of the City of Melbourne highlighting some of the sights. Their visit was so well organised they probably didn't get enough time to see the city, shops or walk around it.

They were then invited to attend the opening of The Youth Arts Exhibition and have a look at it before finishing at a Turkish restaurant just round the corner in Sydney Road.

Having spent the day looking at our club's projects – B.I.A., Don Bosco, Youth Arts and having a look through the College of Surgeons, interspaced by social meals and a tour they were ready for bed. Host for the day was David Earley accompanied by Cheryle Landolina

Meeting the coach at Bridie's on the Saturday morning at 10 a.m., they proceeded to Healesville where the excellent R.C. of Healesville entertained us all at a BBQ at one of their members home's just down from the Sanctuary. After a relaxing lunch, during which President David presented the visitors with a (National Storage) show bag of mementos of their visit.



A visit to the Sanctuary was most welcome, particularly as we had organised a volunteer guide to escort us around, which was bonus as we were able target the main features – trained birds in flight (with a boomerang throwing demonstration), platypus, kangaroos and koalas. They needed to go to Mass before dinner, which was at Lilydale

Dinner at the R.A.C.V. club was enjoyed in the evening.

Whilst Mick Leahy and Peter Johnstone played golf, the rest of the party, after a leisurely breakfast took a bus trip to Marysville. A pleasant walk around, a cup of coffee, a Farmers' Market, then on to the Panton Hill winery for a wine tasting and lunch. It was almost too relaxing to leave.

The evening was at The Glass House Hotel, which was reported on in the last issue.

They were farewelled by their hosts, and David Kennedy and Greg Sewell at Tullamarine Airport at 10 a.m. the following day, Monday, as they left for Sydney then Home.

We enjoyed their visit immensely, we are pleased with the prospects of our future relationship with them, they are good friends and outstanding Rotarians

## Bagong Barrio and the Marikina Feeding Project

During the visit a number of discussions took place and as our new Sister Club, the R,C, of Marikina invited us to assist with their Feeding Programme. They will send us a brief with costing and particulars in the 4 to 6 weeks. The programme identifies underweight children in the Marikina area and assists in feeding them for nine months. The project also works with parents to educate them in nutrition and health for their children

President David's policy is that we are primarily committed to the Bagong Barrio Project and need to work out how we can incorporate the Marikina Project into our existing application. At this stage we believe it is possible, although we have not made any decisions on what we can commit to the Marikina project. However, we are interested in supporting it if we can.

## The Youth Arts Exhibition

Our New Generations Director, Jason Cotton organised a brilliant Youth Arts Exhibition this year with the innovative approach of forming a committee of four students to run it under his guidance.

The exhibition itself was very well thought out and organised by the students, with a number of features introduced. Some artwork was sold for the first time. The experience will bring more advances in the future but the only real need is to find a better venue next year.

The organising students themselves gained tremendously from the experience and they will be encouraged to further their leadership training.

## The Programme

Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	<b>Evening 5.45 for 6 p.m.</b>	Board Meeting at INLLEN
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	<b>Darebin Arts Centre</b>	Career Connections - Half day guidance to students on achieving job interview
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	<b>Evening Meeting 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m.</b>	Evening meeting. President's report and social
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Homeless World cup</b>	Roster to be issued separately

## Saturday Lunch BBQ at Healesville



Glenyce & Greg relaxing after lunch



Mal helping president David give the visitors a showbag of momentos



President George ( RC Marikina) talks to President Robert (RC Healesville)  
President David (RC Brunswick) looks on



President Robert Chipindall (RC Healesville) with visitors

## Sunday evening Karaoke at the Glass House Hotel



Pat Corpuz



Jason Cotton



Roland Garcia

# On the Dance Floor



Maria



Maureen & Doug



A quiet chat



Tops & Joe



Yvonne & Maureen



Mel, Jason, Cheryle and David



Roland & Yvonne