



Notice of a General Meeting

Notice is hereby given of a General Meeting on Thursday 5th March 2009, an evening meeting to approve the new Constitution and Bylaws. Details are attached

Board Meeting

The Board meeting has been changed this month from the third to the fourth Wednesday and is now on Wednesday 25th Feb at 6 p.m.

Bush Fire Appeal

President David has produced a plan to raise funds for the Bush Fire Appeal. It appears that this will be part of a great plan by District Governor Jim Studebaker who is currently organising a significant Aid Plan from the District. We are pleased to support this initiative.

\$10,000. - 10 x \$1,000

We seek ten Brunswick Rotarians to put in \$1,000 each to raise an initial \$10,000 so far there are six

John Higgins

Kevin Dale

Max Fremder

Peter Johnstone

Greg Sewell

Mal Dubock

Peter Johnstone will be ringing you shortly to make up the numbers

\$5,000 from a Greg Sewell Raffle

Greg Sewell will run a raffle 100 tickets at \$100 each = \$10,000 with \$5,000 in prizes members will encouraged to give it maximum support.

\$2,000 from David Earley's Sydney Road Street Raffle and a four approach plan

David Earley will run a raffle in conjunction with The Sydney Road Street Party. This will not only raise some money but will promote Rotary in Action. The Plan has been circularised separately

Taxation – don't send it to Trevor

Donations for the Bush Fire Appeal should be sent to Adam Ramage our Treasurer for on forwarding to District so that a proper record of our Club's contribution is kept.

Evening Meetings

Years ago when the business where I worked moved to Coburg I briefly considered transferring to the Pascoe Vale Club where I had a number of friends and acquaintances. But I didn't. It is an evening meeting and they can go on and on which does not suit me.

We instituted an evening meeting once a month a year or so ago for those who had great difficulty attending our regular lunchtime meeting. In that sense it is a failure, it is the regulars who attend at lunchtime who attend in the evening, none of those for whom it was designed have availed themselves of the opportunity.

I quite like the once a month evening meeting with its good fellowship. In addition there were some reports this month.

What did impress me from the reports is that I've heard good ideas all my life, which come to nothing because the idea is not followed up. It's most gratifying to see that the proposers themselves are taking Rotary steps to make it happen



The Next Bulletin

The next Bulletin Bulletin No 28 will be issued on 9th March 2009

Fred Mills - Coburg

As we all know our Club was initially the Brunswick – Coburg Club for a couple of years until Coburg Chartered their own Club.

We did for a long time have a strong rapport with Coburg, it was the first port of call for make-ups for many of us, even though we separated into two different Districts.

In the Chart in the front of the District Directory we are not credited with any daughter clubs, but in fact Coburg, Pascoe Vale, Moreland and Broadmeadows descend from Brunswick.

Fred a great Rotarian from the Rotary Club of Coburg and a friend of many of us older member, together with many past members died this week. We offer our deepest sympathy to his family. His daughter Dorothy Forster is a member at Coburg

Fire Fighting

In January 1968 a big bush fire ran off the railway line near Benalla towards the hills. I was the company commander of one of three training companies of a training Battalion in Benalla at the time. We were asked to help the C.F.A.

My Company of 132 men was the first army company to go in and after some hours another company relieved us. We dropped back to clear up spot fires whilst they “leap frogged” us to work on the front with some of the C.F.A. teams. They were great people and we worked very well with them (they were rotating too).

The only problem was that the trucks, which dropped them off weren't told to bring us back so we were left 27/28 kms. out of Benalla. The Sergeant Major and I looked at each other and decided to march the men back at ease – informally but in ranks and in step

We were over half way back to Benalla when a ute. speeding in from Benalla towards the fire came to a screeching halt, it seemed to have five people crammed into the front (and only) seat. A highly irate lady with a big round face and no teeth stuck her head out of the window and said “are they making you boys walk back after all you've done.....etc.etc..

The Sergeant Major marched up to her and saluted then pointing at me and said “yes madam and he's in charge”!

Programme

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| Thursday 12 th February | Lunchtime meeting 12.45 for 1 pm | At Bridie O'Reilly's |
| Thursday 19 th February | Lunchtime Meeting 12.45 for 1 pm | At Bridie O'Reilly's |
| Wednesday 25 th February | Board Meeting 6 pm | President David's Office INLLEN, 29 Sydney Road, Coburg |
| Thursday 26 th February | Lunchtime meeting 12.45 for 1 pm | At Bridie O'Reilly's |
| Saturday 28 th February | Twilight at the Z00 4.30 for 6 pm | Fellowship |
| Sunday 1 st March | Sydney Road Street Party 10.30 am to 7.45 pm | Sydney Road Brunswick |
| Thursday 5 th March and weekly thereafter | Evening Meeting 6 for 6.30 pm | At Bridie O'Reilly's General Meeting and Fellowship |
| 4 th /5 th April | Trivia Night | Polio Eradication initiative |

**NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING (INCORPORATED)**

Date: 5 March 2009

Time: 6.00 pm

Place: Bridie O'Reilly's Irish Pub
29 Sydney Road, Brunswick Vic 3056

Business: To consider the following resolutions as special resolutions:

"That the Club adopt the Rules & Constitution and the Statement of Purposes contained in the Rules & Constitution tabled at this meeting in substitution for the Club's existing Rules and Statement of Purposes:"

Proposed Mal Dubock

Seconded David Kennedy

"That the Club adopt the Bylaws tabled at this meeting in substitution for the Club's existing Bylaws"

Proposed Mal Dubock

Seconded David Kennedy

Karin Penttila
Secretary
Rotary Club of Brunswick