



This week's meeting was the Brunswick Industries Association Business Breakfast function, which replaced our regular Thursday lunchtime meeting.

Around the club...

Repeated from last bulletin...

Change to meeting venue

Cheryle has finally managed to get hold of the Sporting Club Hotel, and the scope of renovations is now greater than expected. They have to conform further to meet Council requirements and will not be a viable venue in the short to medium term. Cheryle has spoken with the caterer who has the contract for Carlton Football Club. We have booked their other venue "The Treacy Conference Centre" at 126 The Avenue (on the corner of Walker Street and The Avenue) for all relevant meetings until the end of June (except for the meeting at BIA – see our upcoming program below).

Bagong Barrio Update

From Mal Dubock

I spoke to Cheryle for some time last night (Thursday) and following are a few impressions. Perhaps (Dean or Adam) if there is a Bulletin being put out the following could be included if not perhaps a circular could be sent

She and Doug met up with Warren Maloney and Glenda from the Daylesford Club. Warren has possibly joined that club.

They went out to "The Barrio" and all stood with tears in their eyes as they saw one of Doug's Marist brothers bring in some street kids to feed them. She mentioned a six year old boy who had no idea who his mother and father were. They also saw a man who had just had his legs cut off and was slowly dying as he had diabetes and insulin, which would have saved him and his legs, is not available.

They have made valuable contact with three Rotary clubs, all of which want to have sister club status with us and want to do a return visit to us next year. Cheryle who David appointed International Director next year thinks we could go to Manila again next year. They already have at least two make ups doing a lunch and a dinner meeting yesterday. Each club has its own culture, one has something like 17 to 19 doctors in it, which might turn out to be very valuable if something can be done about insulin and other medical supplies.

Daylesford are already putting a water purification system into the original building. I hope with all these other Rotary Clubs (and they are most welcome) putting their plaques up on our original building that we put one there when it was originally opened.

They are also having a look at the the new tip to see if anything is being done or can be done for the rag pickers there.

Our club was dying from lack of activity now with this marvellous group of young people on our Board, let's trust that it will not drown for lack of members. There are great things to be achieved over there and here with the right people. "Make Brunswick Great again" promote membership.

David K., Greg and I fly out rather early Saturday morning.

Mal Dubock



President's change over

A reminder to add to your diaries that President's Change Over will be a **lunchtime event on Sunday July 6th**, venue TBA.

BIA Business Breakfast

Eleven Brunswick Rotarians attended to hear Mr Jeff Oughton, Head of Economics Australia and Industry for the National Australia Bank speak on the present world economic situation and how he sees it impacting on Australia's future. He covered topics including our "red gold" -- iron ore -- and "black gold" -- no, not oil, but coal. Without making set predictions, he agreed the Aussie dollar could get up to perhaps USD\$1.10 to \$1.20, and that crude oil would come back to \$60 to \$80 per barrel not too far down the track -- keeping in mind it was only around six years ago that oil was down as low as US\$25 per barrel in equivalent dollars. We had a good explanation of how interest rates affect the economy: and the delay between rate increases and when the impacts take place. The 6 to 8 rises in rates since late last year are not expected to have an effect on the economy for about 9 months -- which on that timeline will mean we ****start**** witnessing an impact from August. He also talked about upcoming technology such as silicone tyres that could reduce fuel consumption by 20 percent.

BIA's Industrial Relations consultant Emma Watt also gave a brief presentation on "what might be" with the Federal IR system, although no data really exists yet other than election promises to know what will change or be introduced.

Much to Mick's delight, he won the day's raffle prize of a break at Cape Schanck -- needless to say I'm sure he'll be taking his golf clubs with him!

Upcoming Club Program

Thursday 5 June	Night meeting 6:15 for 6:30pm	Treacy Conference Centre (see location and map below)
Thursday 12 June	Lunchtime 12:45 for 1:00pm	Meeting at Brunswick Industries 3-7 Syme Street, Brunswick
Thursday 19 June	Lunchtime 12:45 for 1:00pm	Treacy Conference Centre
Thursday 26 June	Lunchtime 12:45 for 1:00pm	Treacy Conference Centre

Treacy Conference Centre is at 126 The Avenue (corner Walker Street), Parkville, behind Wool House. Parking is on the street or at the zoo.

