Last Monday night I met with the Assistant District Governor, Bruce Anderson, and the Presidents of our local Clubs at our regular meeting. We discussed various issues and projects and the issues affecting each Club. The primary concern for all is of course membership.

One suggestion which was raised which I think may be worth examining is the erection of Rotary advertisements at various entrances to the former City of Heidelberg. There is a board at the intersection of Heidelberg Road and the Boulevard advertising various service clubs, but what was proposed was a larger board aimed at attracting potential members. This could be done in conjunction with the Rotary Clubs of Ivanhoe and Rosanna. We shall discuss this at the next board meeting.

Also last week I attended the annual meeting of the Heidelberg School of Art Foundation, once again generously hosted by Tom Payne. Some of the newer members may be unaware of the existence of this very worthwhile project which has been ongoing for more than 10 years. The aim is to establish a Gallery and Museum complex dedicated to the Heidelberg School artists and would include a permanent display of original works. We have successfully applied for a grant of land in the Yarra Flats near Banksia Street and have the backing of the National Gallery and support from the council and state government. More details are attached.
WHERE ARE THEY NOW

- Ray: Taipei, Taiwan
- Laurie: Home again (briefly)
- Giuseppe: Cruising in the South Pacific

DATES TO REMEMBER

- December 18: Christmas Gathering
- March 5, 2018: Annual Golf Day
- March 22 – 25: District Conference Yarrawonga/Mulwala

ATTENDANCE 20 NOVEMBER

- MEMBERS: 16
- APOLOGIES: 8

BLAST FROM THE PAST

GEOFF SNELL
FORMER PRESIDENT OF OUR CLUB

By chance, his granddaughter Laura Snell, now works next door, to my office in St James Road, Heidelberg: she made contact with Max this week. Geoff lives in Eltham with his partner Judith Jessup, and enjoys good health. Members may recall Geoff, was previously a Dentist in Yarra Street, Heidelberg where his son Chris now works.

Geoff also has two other sons, Geoffrey and Stephen, and 7 grandchildren. Geoff still enjoys gold and is also a very keen photographer. Geoff celebrated his 84th birthday in August this year.

Some members of the Club may recall that Geoff’s wife Jane died, when Geoff and Jane were on holidays in the North of Wales, England in 1968.

Kel Carr, father of our Peter Carr, and District Governor elect at the time made contact with the local Rotary Club in Wales, and they gave Geoff great moral support; Geoff is still very thankful for their support.

Geoff has indicated that he will visit the Club early in 2018; we shall certainly make him welcome.

Regards
Max Chester OAM

The Club Website
www.rotaryheidelberg.org

If you haven’t done so already, make sure that you “bookmark” this page or record it as one of your “favorites” for easy access.

The new website will only work if we get suggestions for its use and design, plus regular contributions, from organisers, directors and club members. Otherwise it will quickly become stale and unused.

Peter Carr, Webmaster

Leigh Wallace looking forward to the prospect of a retirement project; restoring another MGB if his trip to Portland proves successful.

Is that a “lightsaber” he is wielding with his right arm?
Ahmed ready to go home after an action packed week at RYLA

Barbara with Ahmed and his brother Abdi proudly displaying their certificates on completion of the RYLA program

STILL WANTED

Webmaster Peter Carr would like “soft” copies of previous Club Annual reports to upload to the “new” Club webpage. These might be in your possession if you were President in the years in question, as these reports were usually printed and available at the Changeover meeting.

Needed are 2016, 2011 plus 2008 and earlier. Please check for files on your computer or USB stick etc. I do have some hard copies in my possession and in the worst case these could be scanned.

Editor Bruce

David looking happy because he won a “LIV ON” CD by Olivia Newton-John, Beth Nielsen Chapman and Amy Sky, as well as the wine.
Guest speaker Geoff Cook looking relaxed after his “presentation” with Sergeant Smokey (Graham) in the background

Some of the brilliant photography from Geoff’s recent “Kimberley Crocs” (or was it Crock?) adventure

Tony about to head back to the office

Two PDGs, a PP and a PAG