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A word from the President

Last Tuesday, Laurie Rose and I went to Government House where our Governor, Linda Dessau welcomed the President of Rotary International, Ian Riseley from the Rotary Club of Sandringham. Fortunately the speeches were short. There were over 600 Rotarians present and we sampled cucumber sandwiches and cups of tea and took the opportunity to explore part of the magnificent building and gardens. We also met many familiar Rotarians.

The week before was of course annual Golf Day. Our guest speaker David Mackay pulled out at the last moment. Luckily, Smokey Dawson came off the bench and regaled us with sport stories from his long career in the media. Thank you once again, Smokey. Our golf Day was a great success, although we could do with more golfers and more sponsors. On behalf of the club I would like to thank Gordon Chan and Geoff Cook for their tireless work and effort in the organisation and management of the day.

President Tony

Joke for the Week

Why do golfers carry two pairs of trousers with them?

Just in case they had a hole in one.
Now to this week’s story, actually a “Letter to the Editor” called “Age-old deficiency”

It’s about time the authorities did something about older drivers on our roads.

For far too long older drivers have caused havoc as they hog the left lane, stick to the speed limits (even the road work limits) and stop at stop signs, causing great inconvenience and often preventing others from doing what they like.

Another major concern is that by avoiding fines and demerit points they are not doing their bit for the revenue of our state and therefore placing a further burden on younger drivers.

Until older drivers can prove that they are proficient at weaving in and out of traffic, driving while texting, tailgating, using drugs or doing burnouts, they should be banned from holding a licence.

Signed: Doug Money. Oak Park

Members may care to note that we now approach the 10th Anniversary of the passing of our esteemed former President, Elwyn Davies AM on 24th March 2008

Elwyn was at one time Acting Vice Chancellor, at La Trobe University.

Our Richard Luke Chaired this most honourable Memorial Service, which was held at the Menzies College, at La Trobe University.

It was my privilege to be Elwyn’s Vice President during his term of office.

Regards

Max Chester OAM

Another successful Charity Golf Day was held at Rosanna Golf Club on March 5th at which 13 teams competed in the Ambrose event.

Thanks especially to Gordon Chan and Geoff Cook for organising the day and to Smokey Dawson who was MC and guest speaker in the absence of David “Swan” McKay.

Due to the support of all the teams competing and the ever generous sponsors, somewhere in the vicinity of $6000 will be available to support our worthy community causes
The winning team from Bendigo Bank

Greg Arnot accepting the Geoff Matthews trophy
Last Tuesday morning the Rotary International President was interviewed by Jon Faine on the ABC Morning Program.

The Rotary International President, of course, is our own Ian Riseley from the Rotary Club of Sandringham. He noted under “cross examination” that Rotary was established in over 200 countries with widespread involvement in local, National and International projects.

Rotary in Australia is about to celebrate, a Centenary – The First Rotary Club in Australia was the Rotary Club of Melbourne in 1921; we note that Sir John Monash was the 2nd President of the Club.

A copy of an article I wrote for our National Magazine on Sir John Monash is shown above.

Max Chester OAM