Meet on Mondays
12.30pm for 1.00pm
Venue: Vasko Restaurant

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A word from the President

SECOND QUARTER V

Ray Thomas has taken a fall and hip surgery is to take place. Ray is in Ward 8 West, Bed 9 – Austin Hospital, for members who would wish to visit Ray or borrow his cruising frame.

It is not often that we can enjoy a regular meeting, combined with a fellowship event which results in a significant fundraiser for our community. Well that is what is likely if we get the full support of our members and their friends/family to attend Meeting 2814 at the Rosanna Bowling Club on Wednesday evening 7th November.

All it takes is committed energetic support and this Meeting / Calcutta event will compete with the golf day as our top fundraiser this Rotary year. Imagine the funds we could drive into our local and international communities if both events matched each other in terms of financial success – outstanding wouldn’t you say!

Attendees at our last meeting enjoyed the company of Jeremy Maxwell and Lauren Stewart from Austin Health/ONJ and to whom we were pleased to present a cheque for $1,500.00 representing the funds raised by the club’s BBQ efforts (sausages courtesy of IGA) at the recent ONJ Walk.

We were very pleased also to welcome Cynthia Balogh to our meeting again, and the return of the noisy Carr, at which Wayne “Propeller Head” Dunstan and Smokey “Gardening Hat” Dawson helped us Lift the Lid in support of Australian Rotary Health / World Mental Health Month when we all put on a hat and helped fight mental illness by supporting research. It seemed that our significant hat awards went to The Wicked ‘Winter’ Witch and Tee-Off Taylor who has recovered well from missing the Brownlower Award due to his missing the pitch once too often. Never the less funds were raised but not hats!

The next meeting will take the form of a Club Forum – the single focus of which will be our 2019 Golf Day.

Following a brief presentation over lunch, breakout groups will be created – each to undertake an “outside the box” review of a specific part of the Golf Day event. Please bring your imagination, creative thinking and a degree of silly-ness.

and remember…. Life isn’t tied with a bow – but it is still a gift!

Noel
**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK**
19 MEMBERS
7 APOLOGIES
3 GUESTS

**DATES TO REMEMBER**
7 November: Oaks Eve Calcutta
18 November: RYLA transportation
20 November: RYLA Dinner
25 November: RYLA transport home
25 March 2019: Annual Golf Day

**WHERE ARE THEY NOW?**
* Graham Openshaw in Brazil
* Giuseppe home with new hip
* Bruce broken fibula now at home, stitches removed
* Ken now in Perth
* Ray Thomas in Ward 8W at Austin with a broken hip.
* Peter Carr back in Australia after 3 months in UK.

**Strange gathering of older people wearing hats.**
Not really true, it was for a good cause raising funds for Australian Rotary Health

Drivers still needed for transporting our RYLA participant...
18 November: Here to Kilmore
20 November: Attend RYLA Dinner
25 November: Bring RYLA student home from Malmsbury

PLEASE SEE BARBARA IF YOU CAN ASSIST

Lauren Stewart and Jeremy Maxwell from ONJ Wellness Centre were very pleased to receive a cheque for $1,500 as a result of the recent BBQ at the Wellness Walk.
50% will go to research and 50% to the Wellness Centre.

When you are dead, you don’t know that you are dead. It is difficult only for the others.
It is the same when you are stupid.
GOM
So, I’ve been a Rotarian for some time and I’ve been thinking……
It’s good being a member of this club, I get to meet with some mates who have become friends over these past years and you get that lovely warm feeling that you are doing good things for youth and your community, although maybe not actually doing as much as we used to when we were a bit younger, but that’s the way of it with ageing I guess, at least sausages don’t weigh much, but that marquee takes some effort I can tell you.
But, I’ve been thinking……
We all talk about helping youth, but aren’t sure we could host a teenager for three or four months and we all talk about fundraising, like standing around a supermarket selling tickets in a trailer raffle for hours on end, in all sorts of weather or setting up a car boot sale site and mollifying the “sellers” in all sorts of weather.
So, I’ve been thinking……
Instead of home hosting RYE for 3-4 months it might be easier to drive our RYLA attendee up north or wherever for 3-4 hours. Alternatively, instead of spending 3-4 hours standing around shopping centres selling raffle tickets it might be a lot easier and smarter to take friends to a comfortable sit-down function for 3-4 hours.
So, I’ve been thinking……
Maybe at this stage of my membership I need to rethink my approach. Maybe I need to really commit to the easier but just as rewarding activities that still support youth and the club and its fundraising and that are a lot less time and energy consuming.
Maybe I need to talk to my mates about doing more and doing it more often and with a little more smartness and doing them together to share the experience and help the time go faster.
So, that’s what I’ve been thinking…… what have you been thinking?
Grumpy Old Member

SEX
Condoms don’t guarantee safe sex anymore ….. A friend of mine was wearing one when he was shot by the woman’s husband.

SENIORS NEED MORE EXERCISE
So, God considered the function of bladders and decided seniors would have additional calls of nature requiring more trips to the bathroom, thus providing more exercise.
God looked down and saw that it was good!
Rotary Club of Heidelberg Invites Rotarians and friends to an

OAKS EVE CALCUTTA DINNER MEETING
Wednesday 7 November 2018
6.00 pm for 6.30 pm
$35 per person

Rosanna Bowling Club
3 Strasbourg Road Rosanna
Plenty of car parking
Short walk from Rosanna Station

- Hot roast meats buffet, salads and sweets
- Drinks at very reasonable bar prices

Bookings essential!!
NO later than Friday 2\textsuperscript{nd} November 2018

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