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

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A word from the President

THIRD QUARTER III

A nice start to our 2019 Rotary year. Andrew Licciardi of Devon Partners, a Friend of Rotary (previously RCH member) spoke to us on the vagaries of retirement planning and supported accommodation, see Chairman of the Day report below.

I am pleased to advise that last Tuesday evening your Board undertook a thorough review of all service projects: current and/or prospective, including many items that at some time in the past we thought were maybe a good idea but really didn't act on. The initial result of this process is now under final review/simplification and will be communicated to all at our next meeting.

As you are now aware the concept of a regular evening meeting, each month, was unanimously approved by Board. We believe this alternative meeting arrangement will enhance and energize our membership as we continue to deliver service to our community guided by the ideals of Rotary. The feedback received thus far has been most heartening.

Just in case it might have slipped members minds (oh so droll) our major fundraising event “Charity Golf Challenge” is about 34 days away. Please endeavour to support this significant undertaking by approaching any and all contacts you have with the view of obtaining some form of sponsorship and/or participation.

Be aware also that attending the fun “Sports” dinner which follows the golf is available to all members (Meeting No. 2827) and your partners and friends for as little as $65.00 per person. Tables of 10 for $550.00. ……

 CLUB CALENDAR

February is Peace and Conflict Prevention /Resolution Month

Today
18 February
TOPIC: Forum – Golf Day Programme

25 February
Event: Evening Meeting
6.00pm for 6.30pm
Venue: Old England Hotel

4 March
TOPIC: Charitable Giving
SPEAKER: Janet Hay
Chair: Cynthia Balog

Thought for the week…
“If you want something you’ve never had, you have to do something you’ve never done.”

……..Cont.
Meeting 2823 Monday 18th February will be a Club Forum but without the toga’s and knives!
See you then, Noel

And remember…. A conclusion is often the place where one got tired of thinking!
WATCH THIS SPACE
It could be yours for a small fee

HUMOUR
A bank is a place that will lend you money if you can prove that you don't need it.

Bob forgot his wedding anniversary. His wife was mad. She told him “Tomorrow morning, I expect to find a gift in the driveway that goes from 0 to 200 in 6 seconds AND IT BETTER BE THERE!!!” The next morning when his wife woke up, she looked out the window to find a box... gift-wrapped in the middle of the driveway. She opened it and found a brand new bathroom scale... Bob has been missing since Friday!

DATES TO REMEMBER
6 March - 7.30 am – 9am
Destiny Rescue at Veneto Club
11 March – Labour Day (No Meeting)
25 March - Charity Golf Day
22 April - Easter Monday (No Meeting)

DON'T FORGET
that we are looking for a
PRESIDENT
FOR YEAR, 2020-2021
This is an excellent way to help the club if you haven't been helping so far this year!

WHERE ARE THEY NOW
Pleased to report that all those on the Sick List have been able to attend recent meetings, including Ray Thomas and a warm welcome back to “stranger” Brian Overton.

One exception, Giuseppe who is still in the throes.

Gordon, Marcia and Terrie have been overloaded with work, hope to see them soon

Peter Carr - believed to be in Tasmania
Richard Luke - Braved floods in Townsville and Mackay
Smokey Dawson - Port Fairy

ATTENDANCE 11 February 2019
15 Members
1 Visitor
1 Guest Speaker
12 Apologies

ANNUAL LATROBE UNIVERSITY ORIENTATION DAY BBQ
27 February
For new students attending Latrobe for first time

Your help is required putting up and pulling down our gear but its easy work after setting up (10.00am to 4.00pm.)

PLEASE LET KENT GOODWIN KNOW ON 0411 701 229
OR REPLY BY EMAIL TO RODGER naringal@bigpond.com
A few more shots below from the 4th February lunch hosted by President Noel
Guest Speaker – Andrew Licciardi

Last week (11 February) we were addressed by one of our former members **Andrew Licciardi**. Andrew has, until his present position of principal of Devon Partners, been employed by Outlook Financial Services under the guidance and mentorship of two past members Max Campbell and Lynne Rodda. After a difference of philosophy between the purchasers of Outlook (Shadforth Corporation) and Lynne and Andrew, Lynne and Andrew formed Devon Partners. Andrew is now a certified aged care advisor and financial planner and talked to us about the pitfalls of trying to navigate the aged care industry.

The industry provides a variety of levels of accommodation, care, and extra services. As we are all aware from reports over the past few years problems exist in many facilities and before deciding to move a loved one to one, a strenuous exercise in due diligence should be undertaken. There are many government rules and regulations controlling how much government money can be accessed by a particular person going into a facility and for some it may not be too expensive but these will be those who are already on government pensions. This is in contrast to those, who are most likely to be self-funded retirees, who are looking for something special. This type of accommodation may cost something approaching $100,000pa.

The minefield of government regulations and how to negotiate them is the area in which Andrew operates and his ability to prepare a considered plan may save any prospective entrant to these facilities maybe tens of thousands of dollars per annum.

G Cook