FOURTH QUARTER VII

How impressive were Linh and Caitlin from IGGS, not only their presentation but the content - conveying in just the right amount of detail their experiences whilst attending the National Youth Science Forum earlier this year. (see Barbara’s report later in this edition).

The next day Leigh Wallace and I met with Simon McMillan CEO of Banyule City Council. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss some thoughts we had on Rotary Heidelberg Community Service activities: Banyule Cattle Yards; Banyule Rotary “Cluster”; Banyule Collaborative Committee ; Safe Plates Day; Spectacles Collection; College related activities IGGS/IGS/Macleod; Safe Seats Concept and the Heidelberg West houses renovation project.

The principle purpose of the meeting was to explore the concept of “RCH Gardeneers” whereby with BCC tacit support, our club, perhaps combined with Neighbourhood Watch members, could provide front garden overhang clean-up for those members of our community who are finding it difficult to manage same.

We also took the opportunity to mention the concept of “Safe Seats” a child carseat fitting and checking service that we are currently investigating and which could be run in conjunction with the “Safe Plates” initiative. The CEO provided supportive feedback and detail on Council current and likely initiatives for our consideration. All in all, a very productive meeting.

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Our Board Meeting was held later that day, one of the highlights being Wayne reporting on his success with the ONJ Foundation regarding recognition of the long-term substantial support provided by Max Campbell PHF to the Olivia Newton-John Cancer, Wellness & Research Centre. The donation of two Blanket Warming Cabinets by the Rotary Club of Heidelberg, will attest Max’s contribution, by virtue of the plaques to be attached bearing his name and the Club name and emblem. Another highlight was Barbara advising the number of students from Macleod College and IGGS who are interested in Rotary Youth activities – I think Barbara may need some more assistance this year.

And so to our next meeting ……

Noel

Some notes on Caitlin and Linh’s NYSF presentation

They :-

- Were split into special interest groups
- Went to Parliament House
- Discussed climate change, lasers, engineering, science, and microscopes
- Went to Mt. Stromlo Observatory
- Tested Aspirin
- Attended a Science dinner
- Joined Engineering focus groups
- Made a water filter
- Discussed air traffic control
- Networked with other students

All the staff were marvellous and very helpful

BW
National Youth Science Forum

Over two months ago we (Linh and Caitlin) attended the 12-day residential program called the national youth science forum, or NYSF for short. This program “gives students the opportunity to experience and explore Australia’s leading role and innovations in science” according to their website and having been I’d say that’s 100% correct. One of the most important parts of NYSF is the interest group you get placed with and who you go on most of your science visits with. There’s chemistry, psychology, even environmental sciences so there’s really something for everyone.

We want to say a massive, massive thank you to Rotary for your sponsorship as it made the whole trip possible for both of us. In particular, we’d like to thank Barbara for her support throughout the entire application process.

NYSF was a once in a lifetime opportunity for us. Literally as we could only apply for it in Year 11 and it was a really competitive process. Applications for the 2020 Program have already opened, and I believe that there are again two Year 11 applicants from our school.

NYSF brought a whole bunch of amazing and passionate people together from around the country, even people from America and Germany. For both of us, it has opened up so many doors as well, offering exclusive access to some of Australia’s best scientific facilities, as well as to the world’s best international programs. It’s also opened up our minds to other areas of science that we hadn’t considered; NYSF kickstarted Caitlin’s interest in air traffic control, and for me it solidified the intersection of medicine and global politics where I wanted to work, being international aid.

Honestly, thank you so much from the both of us, because I can definitely say NYSF has been one of the best experiences of our lives.

Linh Nguyen and Caitlin Begg IGGS
ATTENDANCE  13 MAY 2019

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DATES TO REMEMBER

27 May - Evening Meeting 6.00 for 6.30pm
04 June - Board Meeting 6.00pm
10 June - No Meeting (Queen’s Birthday)
24 June - Changeover Meeting (Evening)

WHERE ARE THEY NOW

Giuseppe Hospital
John & Frances Cruising
Geoff Cook Away 2 weeks

BLAZEAI D FIRES UP AGAIN

Blazeaid is a volunteer based organisation that rebuilds farm fences after disasters like cyclones, floods and bush fires. It is currently operating from Bunyip, about an hours drive from Heidelberg.

Rock up any day at 7.45am and they’ll put you to work in the prettiest country you’ll ever find (on a sunny day). More details on www.blazeaid.com

Join Peter Carr in this activity (see below)

Please Note: Ken Norman always seeks to finalize numbers by Monday 10.00am by collating responses about attendance at that day’s meeting. So please try to telephone or email Ken by that time; and, at the same time, forewarn of any guests. (Predicting our numbers as closely as possible helps to minimise our catering costs)

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Ken also collates the attendance information. He needs to know of “make up” events