FOCUS 5

“Christmas in July” was great fun, with people entering into the spirit of the evening. Many thanks to Noel for organising the “Christmas fare” and the impressive table decorations. The raffle for the table decorations was won by Doreen Dunstan and Pat Norman, and it appears that members on one table either did not buy tickets, or paid to “not win”. One member, in the latter category, who shall remain nameless, claimed that he was collecting a toy reindeer for his “granddaughter”.

I can only reiterate Noel’s wishes from last week that all those members, their loved ones and friends who are incapacitated or unwell, make a speedy return to good health. Keppel assured me this morning that he is on the improve from his bout of pneumonia. We trust that the warm and relaxing climate in Koh Samui sees Noel back to his normal good health very soon.

The 23rd July saw a team led by Wayne (and Kent remotely), setup the BBQ near the Moat Theatre at Latrobe University, for Orientation Day. The cold blustery wind proved quite challenging, but Wayne was ably assisted by John Wright, Geoff Cook, Rodger Tice, Ken Norman, Leigh Wallace, Gordon Chan and Richard Luke.

Regards,
Editor
DATES TO REMEMBER
Please ask Sec. Bruce if you require further information on any of these events

04 Aug – RLI Euroa
19 Aug – DG Brian Peters Visit
24/25 Aug – RAM Conference (Tulla)
25 Aug – A Taste of RYLA Wodonga
13 Oct – International Service Workshop Euroa

ATTENDANCE 22 JULY 2019
(Christmas in July)
Members 17
Partners 10
Apologies 12

WHERE ARE THEY NOW
John and Frances Japan
Marcia and Laurie still in Europe
Kent and Sue touring up north; Windorah QLD
Noel and Tracey having a well-earned break in Koh Samui
Smokey and Shelagh in the UK
Peter and Helen in Sydney

Message from Kent
Picked up a couple days work doing deliveries at Windorah 😁 about 300 km from Birdsville.

Thought for the week
Opinion is that exercise of the human will that helps us to make a decision without information.

John Erskine

FOOT:
A device for finding furniture in the dark.

As indicated at the District Assembly in April we have approximately $63,800 available to be used for District Grants in 2019/20. A comprehensive Spending Plan must be submitted before release of any funds by The Rotary Foundation. The Spending Plan lists and provides details of the projects to be undertaken by Clubs. Also, all 2018/19 District Grant projects have to be completed before the Spending Plan for 2019/20 can be considered by The Rotary Foundation.

Whilst we are in the process of finalising 2018/19 Grants we are calling for applications for District grants in the 2019/20 Rotary year. If your Club would like to apply for a District Grant in 2019/20 you have until the end of August 2019 to apply. Copies of the District Grant application form and Memorandum of Understanding are attached for your convenience. These are also available for download from the D9790 website. Please ensure that the completed forms are forwarded to Graeme Lawrie at grants@rotary9790.org.au by the closing date. Those who have used the application form previously, should find the current form (revised by Rodger Tice of the Rotary Club of Heidelberg), to be more user friendly! It should be possible to enter information directly, print, sign, scan and email.

District 9790 Grants are limited to a maximum of $2,500 with no minimum, and the project must be completed within twelve months. Grants are only available to Clubs that had at least one member attend the District Grants Seminar held at the District Assembly. If you are uncertain whether your Club has “qualified”, please contact Graeme for clarification.

If you have an idea for a District Grant but aren’t ready to submit an application, please feel free to send a summary of the details to Graeme so that these can also be included in the Spending Plan: we only have one opportunity to submit the Spending Plan.

Looking forward to receiving your applications,

Graeme Lawrie
Chair
Grants Sub-committee
District 9790

Richard Luke
Chair
The Rotary Foundation
District 9790

For more information and application form see :-