Well Thailand was once again just too good, particularly mid-winter, sooo warm, great accommodation, fabulous food and such friendly people – as friendly as Heidelberg Rotarians upon my return today. A big thank you to Rodger and Tony for stewarding the club in their inimitable styles, whilst I was hardly thinking about Rotary at all!

Max Campbell and his commitment to Rotary and ONJ Wellness Centre were remembered in a lovely manner at our last meeting. Wayne Dunstan delivered a thoughtful address supported by vision of Max and many others in pursuit of their collective ONJ and Rotary objectives. We were pleased to enjoy this experience in the company of Lyn Campbell, Janine Aitken and Doreen Dunstan. We were also pleased to welcome Jessica from ONJ who recognised Max and RCH recent contribution via the purchase of Blanket Warming Cabinets for the Wellness Centre. (see separate report).

It was also great to have Gordon Chan and Neil Wilson with us and nice to see Brother Harry with a little colour in his cheeks and that old winning smile once again evident. In an effort to ‘curry some favour’ or is that ‘flavour’, Tony Bowlen has organised a fellowship event for Sunday 8th September in Northcote commencing at 6.00PM (see separate report).

Your Board will have met last Tuesday evening to shepherd the Club and its objectives through this new Rotary year. More on this next week.

Banyule Cattle Yards Project is moving forward. A recent meeting involving Russel Fox, BCC and our head stockman Rodger Tice has resulted in the consideration of additional landscaping to enhance the Cattle Yards environment.

Our new District Governor Brian Peters will be visiting us next meeting for this once a year event, and providing an outline as to our District Objectives for this Rotary Year.

It would be good if we could create a warm Heidelberg reception, with a full house attendance. Until then I need to find another warm jumper!

Regards,

Noel
DATES TO REMEMBER
19 Aug – DG Brian Peters Visit
8 September – Curry Down Under

ATTENDANCE 05 AUGUST
Members 16
Apologies 14
Guest Speaker 4

WHERE ARE THEY NOW
Bruce Nichols still languishing in the sun at Mission Beach with mermaids and red wine.

REPORT OF ROTARY CLUB OF HEIDELBERG BOARD
MEETING OF 13 AUGUST 2019

Laurie Rose represented John Walton the chairman of the International Service Committee who was absent. Laurie said that he had met members of a surgical team that plans to go to Myanmar at the end of this year. The team will operate on women with obstetric fistulas. Obstetric fistulas are inconvenient and result in social isolation. (see Obstetric fistula in Wikipedia). The surgery is very successful and the benefits to the women are great but it is difficult to perform. The surgical team is based at the Mercy Hospital for Women in Heidelberg and the members of the team are expected to pay their own airfares to Myanmar. A resolution was passed by the Board that $2000 will be made available to the surgical team to be spent on airfares or medical consumables.

Laurie Rose

DON’T FORGET
6.00 pm
Sunday September 8 at Down Under Curry,
417 high Street Northcote.
A banquet meal costs $31.50 per head.
The restaurant is Nepalese based and is BYO and licensed.

Geoff Cook wins two weeks in a row!

Jessica Davey from the Olivia Newton-John Wellness Centre receives a cheque to cover the cost of two blanket warmers.

SPECIAL REPORT BELOW BY Wayne Dunstan REGARDING THE COMMITMENT BY MAX CAMPBELL TO ONJCWC
AN ADDRESS TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF HEIDELBERG BY WAYNE DUNSTAN ON 12 AUGUST 2019

Welcome Rotarians and Guests.
I was asked by President Noel to speak today as a result of the large donation which was given to the ONJ Centre to acknowledge the work that my good friend Max Campbell had done over the past years to help get the Centre up and running. I went to the Board during my time as President with this idea and it was decided that this would be a larger one-off donation and we wanted some sort of plaque to acknowledge our donation in memory of Max and this has finally come to fruition. The donation has allowed the centre to buy two blanket warmers and they will each be fitted with a plaque acknowledging Heidelberg Rotary Club and Max.
As Noel and others did not get to know Max, I have put together this memory of him in words and pictures so I hope you enjoy this today.
Max was a well-known Business Identity in the Heidelberg area for many years, growing his business from a small accounting firm into a large Financial Planning and Accounting Business. He had many past and present rotary members as his clients and after joining Heidelberg Rotary Club in 1992 he became a dedicated Rotarian becoming President in 2001/2002.

Now the story of how Max got involved in the ONJ Centre.
1992: Max joined Heidelberg Rotary
2001-2002: President of Heidelberg Rotary
2003: Max was asked by Peter Dalton who was a member of Heidelberg Rotary and worked for Austin Health, to be part of a Finance Committee which included Andrew Demetriou (AFL) and Terry Campbell (JB Were) and other prominent business people. Max was an accountant based in Heidelberg so he represented the local community.
The role of this committee, called the Executive Appeal Committee, was to raise money in addition to what was provided by Federal and State Governments.
Over a ten-year period, a total of $200 million was raised and Olivia's dream became a reality.
I've been told that Max was the driving force behind this Committee and he was still working tirelessly away until his death in 2014.
Quote from part of a letter Lyn received from Olivia and her husband John after Max died: “What a lovely man so generous in heart and spirit. John commented that Max was always a steadfast beacon in the journey of the Olivia Newton-John Cancer and Wellness Centre.”

2009: As well as the major fund-raising events that the Appeals Committee organised, Max organised a few fundraisers himself.
The most successful was in May 2009 and involved Heidelberg Rotary Club.
In conjunction with Tom Payne, a dinner was held at the Old England Hotel which was attended by only Rotarians. Olivia and her husband joined us for dinner and she chatted and was happy to have photos taken with everyone there.

From that night a grand total of $250,000 was given to the hospital. A most amazing result and it is still mentioned when fundraising is spoken about at ONJCWC.
Max also instigated a number of dinners at various venues around Melbourne and invited colleagues, friends, associates, in fact anyone who showed a glimmer of interest in the Centre. Olivia would attend and she spoke so passionately about her centre that she inspired many to open their hearts and wallets.

Max was very close friend of ours going back to 1970 and he remained very humble about his involvement with ONJ Centre. He never made a big deal about what he was doing even though we all knew he had much personal involvement with Olivia and her husband over many years.
Unfortunately, as most of us here know Max passed away suddenly in November 2014 and previously in that year Max and Lyn managed to get in a couple of nice holidays, one being a trip to Las Vegas where they went to Olivia’s show. Olivia had such high regard for Max that she found out they were attending and arranged seats in a private box and during the show the lights went up and she told her audience that Max and Lyn were there and asked them to stand and she told the audience of the help she had been given by Max in relation to getting her wellness Centre up and running.
It has been a pleasure for me to stand here today and speak of Max so thank you Noel for the opportunity and I hope like me, all of you as Members of this Club, will get satisfaction that we have been able to give this donation in Max's memory.

WAYNE DUNSTAN PP PHF