FOCUS 10

With many members travelling – Cook Islands; Glen Innes; the Nullarbor; Russia – our last meeting had the potential to be just a little underdone – WELL that was not to be!

The combination of a very adept and informed presenter, Cameron Glover – Deputy CEO of The Australasian College of Surgeons who updated us on Interplast, when added together with a couple of guests accompanying Bruce Nichols – Anna, Bruce’s oldest daughter and Anousha Yazdabadi a potential new member, plus the return of Marcia, resulted in a very warm and lively environment for all. (see separate report on Interplast presentation)

Our next meeting is a Club Forum aimed at discussing our future challenges in an open meeting format. Short but stimulating addresses will be provided to promote not only immediate discussion but material for consideration by each member.

The proud record of this club must be acknowledged, as evidenced by its lead in District roles our current contributions to our community and our past promotion and creation of new clubs in our area.

However, in recent years the positions of Presidents Elect and beyond, have not had a clearly defined progression list but rather filled at the last minute.

At least two things need to be considered: Continued page 2 ……
A key one is the role itself - Please consider what is holding you back from volunteering to be a next president and then contrast these reasons against obligations as, and desire to be, a participating Rotarian. The role must and will be provided with support, so the office holder has a realistic balance of Rotary and non-Rotary obligations/pursuits/holidays during the year.

There are no limitations to the person who fills the role. Subject to a certain base of experience and knowledge it could be an old hand (who else is up for a second term), or newer person seeking to polish their management, networking and social skills. The aspects of personal development and fulfillment which can be experienced in a term as president should not be underestimated. All achieved among and with the support of our Rotary Heidelberg friends. Please consider what is holding you back from volunteering to be a next president and then contrast these reasons against obligations as, and desire to be, a participating Rotarian.

A second and perhaps more challenging consideration is what concepts could be developed aimed at revitalizing the membership type and numbers. The challenge is how to attract business people to lunch time clubs, or even breakfast meetings and seminars. Plus - how can we benefit from the change in society with people now interacting by social media rather than attending a “gathering”.

Also, what do you as a member wish to see our club focus on in terms of international and community service; what community charities or disadvantaged groups interest you.

Just bring energy and an open mind.

Thanks,

Noel

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**DATE TO REMEMBER**

**Sept 10 - 6pm Board Meeting**

**ATTENDANCE 02 September**

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Apologies 15

**WHERE ARE THEY NOW**

*Peter and Helen - Cook Islands*

*Laurie and Jane – Across the Nullarbor*

*Gordon – In Russia when I last heard*

*Rodger and Aileen – Birdsville then Wilpena Pound*

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Aileen and “Clint Eastwood”

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Noel, Cynthia and Dr Anousha Yazdabadi
GUEST SPEAKER - CAMERON GLOVER

Cameron Glover, Deputy Chief Executive officer of Interplast came to visit the Club on the 2nd September and did not disappoint. He had the club captured with his informative and interesting talk about Interplast and the work they do there.

His professional experience started at a primary school teacher before establishing a specialist consultancy business working exclusively with non-profit clients. Today in his capacity of deputy CEO of Interplast, Cameron spends time focused on the strategic delivery of programs across the Asia Pacific region whilst raising the profile and much needed funding for the organization.

Interplast started back in 1983 in partnership with Rotary, Interplast now sends teams of volunteer plastic and reconstructive surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses and allied health professionals to provide life-changing surgery and medical training in 17 countries across the Asia Pacific region. Sending over 400 volunteers per annum to help perform these surgeries. Training general surgeons to become plastic surgeons is a large part of their success.

Travelling with over 400kg’s of equipment every time they travel you don’t want to get stuck in the check in queue behind them.

23% of their funding comes from Rotary

Their mission is to ‘repair bodies and rebuild lives’ and they do this through providing surgical services to those who could not otherwise afford or access these, and by building the capacity of local medical systems through their training and mentoring programs.

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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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The Rapt audience (Bruce was only blinking)

Jenny, Anousha, and Anna McIntosh

Cynthia wins the raffle


On behalf of the Club we offer our deepest sympathy and condolences to Lorna, Richard and the entire family.

Editor