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Marilyn's Message

Dear Fellow Rotarians, Friends and Family,

Last week our Club Assembly went well, with some lively discussion on a number of issues. Thanks to everyone for their contributions.

I have had discussions with the President of the Queanbeyan Rotary Club with a view to us having a "twin" relationship. The Queanbeyan Rotary Club is much like ours in that it has a relatively small membership that includes a mix of new and very experienced Rotarians. Another thing we have in common with Queanbeyan is a regular monthly market. In addition to their monthly market they also run a weekly farmers' market.

One suggestion of how we can work together is for a couple of our members to travel up to Queanbeyan one Saturday to assist with the farmers' market. As a reciprocal gesture their members would come down to assist us at Easter with the duck race and our Easter markets. Let me know what you think of this idea and if you would be willing to participate in this exchange.

We have had a very good response to this year's Rotary Tertiary Scholarship. I had received thirteen applications by the cut off date of last Friday. Obviously this is far too many students to interview so a short listing process will need to be undertaken. The panel will meet shortly to review the applications and narrow the list down for interview.

The panel will consist of me, Youth Service Director John Messner, Past President Bill Hardie and hopefully ADG Phil Armstrong if he is available.

Tonight I look forward to hearing from Karl Barrett who, I am sure, will inspire us with his youth and enthusiasm. Laurelle will be very disappointed that she is not able to be here for Karl's talk.

I do hope Laurelle is okay and enjoying herself in Fiji. Let's hope she does not have to put her journalist hat on whilst she is over there.

President – Maz

The Foundation Snippet

This is about what our Rotary Foundation does with the money we contribute.

In the Rotary year 2004-05, The Rotary Foundation spent over US\$110 million on program awards and expenses. \$27.8 million was spent on educational programs, including Ambassadorial Scholarships and Group Study Exchange; \$46.1 million was spent on humanitarian projects, such as Matching Grants and District Simplified Grants; and \$36.1 million was spent on Polio eradication efforts.

Our annual contributions are what makes these programs possible. TRF carefully invests our gifts for three years, with the investment earnings going to pay administrative expenses, and the full amount of our contributions going to fund the projects.

Program

Tonight: Karl Barrett – Candidate for RYLA

TASK	7 December	14 December	21 December
Greet /welcome/wheel	Chris O'Brien	Jack Wightman	Laurelle Pacey
Cashier	Marshall Binstock	Ted Bladwell	John Messner
Toast / thanks	Marshall Binstock	Kris Elphick	Bob Aston
4-way test	Marshall Binstock	Kevin Young	Kevin Young
3-minute talk	Bill Hardie	Jack Wightman	Marshall Binstock
FINES	George Barker	Chris O'Brien	Bill Hardie
Introduction	Ian Thomlinson	George Barker	Not Needed

If you can't make it to the next Rotary meeting, please ring our attendance officer Ted Bladwell the day before 4476 4676 or you will be charged for your meal. (R) signifies a Rotary talk, if you can.

Next Week: Mr Ivan Deveson AO – Chairman & President of CEDA (Matt's Dad)

COMING EVENTS:

- 21 December Christmas Party at the Whale
- 24 December **Rotary Markets at NATA Oval**
- 28 December No Meeting – Sit back and relax and enjoy some Thursday night TV
- 3 January A Special evening Rotary Market at NATA Oval – 3.00pm start
- 4 January No Meeting – President Maz has granted all a make up from the market on 3 January.

Last Week

Last week was a relaxed and enjoyable Club Assembly. Bob Aston gave a 3 minute talk on Clare's birth (30 November) and buying a car – the bottom line never give your wife a challenge when in labour!

Some Information on the Family of Rotary (From RI Website)

The RI Board has adopted the following statement on family:

The Board, recognizing that

- the family, which is the basic unit of society in the community, is struggling with a host of complex social and economic problems that are attacking its structure;
- in many parts of the world, this breakdown of the traditional structure is, in turn, threatening the fabric of community life;
- Rotary's long time commitment to Community Service makes it imperative for Rotarians to actively address the crisis in the family today;
- Encourages Rotarians, Rotary clubs, and districts worldwide to:
 - bring their power to bear through existing programs on the most formidable problems facing families today, including but not limited to domestic violence, child abuse and neglect, homelessness, drug and alcohol abuse, gang activities, child-care needs, and underemployment;
 - instil the importance of universal human values in the homes, schools and communities of the world;
 - continue current projects and undertake new ones that strengthen the family structure and make it a secure anchor for the larger community;
 - demonstrate their commitment to family and community through projects, activities, and events in celebration of "Family Month" each year.

Some food for thought!

A New Way to Resolve Consumer Complaints...



Tonight's international toast

Praha (Prague), the capital of the Czech Republic, is the cultural and economic centre of Bohemia. Known as "city of 100 spires", the historic centre of Prague is included on UNESCO's list of World Heritage sites. The Rotary Club of Praha in District 2240 was chartered in 1925. They have 35 members and sponsor a Rotaract club. There are six other Rotary clubs in the city, all formed since 1993.

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