

The Beacon

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Marilyn's Message

Dear Fellow Rotarians and Friends,

Jeremy has alerted us to the worrying condition of the Rotary rainforest walk at Ringlands Bay. Neville has also been out to have a look and it appears that a working bee is long overdue. So, start oiling those chainsaws and winding those whipper snippers. We will try to arrange a day that suits most people and of course the working bee day will be in lieu of a dinner meeting.



President Elect Laurelle had a great time at PETS last weekend. She found it very worthwhile and has made arrangements with Queanbeyan West to "twin". This is a great move and one of the targets which I have not succeeded with this year. Well done Laurelle! A great start for your presidential year.



Have a great week and look forward to seeing everyone on Thursday. (That includes you Marshall!)

Luv,
Pres. Maz

The Foundation Snippet

A reminder about why we support our Foundation. Each day, Rotary clubs on every continent are working to improve the living conditions and health of their fellow local and global citizens. We share in the pride of the success of our own projects, but also take pride in the work that is done around the world under the Rotary banner. Whether it's a massive project like polio, or something smaller, like providing clean water to an elementary school in the Philippines, we take pride in knowing that our fellow Rotarians are doing everything possible to extend peace throughout the world.

Our contributions to the Annual Programs Fund deliver hope throughout the world.

Some Feedback from RYLA

President Marylyn had a letter from RYLA Committee Chair Michael Brown saying how much the Committee appreciated our Club's sponsorship of Karl Barrett for the 2007 RYLA Program. He said the 35 participants in this year's program in January "were collectively and individually some of the nicest young people you could hope to meet".

Karl certainly gained a lot from the experience, as his presentation to the Club in late February showed. Here's hoping we can continue our support of this very worthwhile program next year.

Laurelle Pacey
Vocational Director

Program

Tonight:

TASK	5 April 2007	12 April 2007	19 April 2007
Greet /welcome/wheel	Kris Elphick	John Messner	Kevin Young
Cashier	John Messner	Kevin Young	Ian Thomlinson
Toast / thanks	Kevin Young	Ian Thomlinson	Bill Hardie
4-way test	Ian Thomlinson	Bill Hardie	Ted Bladwell
3-minute talk	Bill Hardie	Ted Bladwell	Phil Gaffney
FINES	Ted Bladwell	Phil Gaffney	Lin Morey
Introduction	Phil Gaffney	Lin Morey	Chris O'Brien

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.

The Rotarian

Most of us get *The Rotary Down Under* Magazine. There is some information about *The Rotarian* About The Rotarian

The Rotarian addresses the personal and business interests of a selected audience involved in business or one of the professions. The chief purpose of *The Rotarian* is to report Rotary news and general subjects directed to the interests, loyalty, and involvement of its member audience. General articles cover such topics as business, travel, health, education, environment, management and ethics, sciences, sports and adventure.

Rotary's Four Avenues of Service are stressed:

- Club Service focuses on strengthening fellowship and ensuring the effective functioning of the club.
- Vocational Service encourages Rotarians to serve others through their vocations and to practice high ethical standards.
- Community Service covers the projects and activities the club undertakes to improve life in its community.
- International Service encompasses actions taken to expand Rotary's humanitarian reach around the globe and to promote world understanding and peace.

History

The first issue of *The National Rotarian* was published in January 1911. This 12-page tabloid was considered the best way to distribute an essay written by Rotary founder Paul Harris. The essay was titled, "Rational Rotarianism." There was also club news and advertisements. About 2,000 copies were produced by printer Harry Ruggles, one of the first members of the Rotary Club of Chicago. Soon the issue went back to press for another 2,000 copies. Seventeen Nobel Prize winners and 19 Pulitzer Prize winners have written for the magazine. A partial list of eminent contributors includes: Thomas Mann, Edith Wharton, Knute Rockne, Frank Lloyd Wright, Mahatma Gandhi, Winston Churchill, Helen Keller, Eleanor Roosevelt, Norman Vincent Peale, Pearl S. Buck, Lowell Thomas, Betty Friedan, Willy Brandt, Javier Perez de Cuellar, Arthur C. Clarke, Richard Armour, Kurt Vonnegut, Jr., Rabbi Harold Kushner, Isaac Asimov, Cleveland Amory, Octavio Paz, and Jimmy Carter.

Subscribers

There are about 410,000 subscribers in the United States. Canada comes in second, with more than 30,000 subscribers. India is third, with about 10,000 subscribers. There are more than 4,800 subscribers in the Philippines, and 3,800 in Japan. In Nigeria, more than 3,000 club members subscribe to *The Rotarian*. In Australia, there are 1,900 subscribers, and almost 1,300 in New Zealand. In Finland, there are 1,000 subscribers, as well as 1,500 in Hong Kong and 700 in Indonesia. Of the total number of subscriptions, about 20,000 are to non-Rotarians. Most of these are gift subscriptions to schools, libraries, and individuals. The Rotary Club of Rockford, Illinois, USA, has been the world's gift-subscription champion for many years.

Across the Board

A Report from Secretary Ian

Some snippets of interest to members from the Board.

1. Shire Council confirms that roofing of Rotary park BBQ tables will be done by Easter.
2. Duck Race will not go ahead at Easter as planned but now scheduled for the June long weekend... Sunday 10 June.
3. Pride of Workmanship presentation night 17 May.
4. Concerns about state of both Buckridge Lookout and Rotary Ringlands walk. Jeremy has slashed Buckridge, and Nev and Kev will inspect Ringlands to determine work required.
5. Club very keen to ensure continued and increased use of Sport and Leisure Centre and to press Council to retain the Centre in its Management Plan for the future of the precinct, instead of pulling it down.
6. A grant to support Ame Barnbrook has been approved by the Movement Disorder Foundation and will be presented at a meeting in the next few weeks, date to be advised.

The Funny Side

Something to think about

I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.

Garden Rule: When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant.

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

Never take life seriously. Nobody gets out alive anyway.

Have you noticed since everyone has a camcorder these days no one talks about seeing UFOs like they used to?

In the 60's, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird and people take Prozac to make it normal.

How is it? One careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?

Who was the first person to look at a cow and say, "I think I'll squeeze these dangly things here, and drink whatever comes out?"

Who was the first person to say, "See that chicken there? I'm gonna eat the next thing that comes outta its butt."

If Jimmy cracks corn and no one cares, why is there a song about him?

Do illiterate people get the full effect of Alphabet Soup?

Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?

Tonight's international toast

Google Edgbaston and you cannot escape being reminded of "The Greatest Test - England's Victory at Edgbaston 2005" - a two-run victory in the 2nd Test of that series which culminated in an Ashes win for England.

The Rotary Club of Edgbaston in District 1060 was chartered in 1962. The club has 32 members and sponsors a Rotaract club. There is another Rotary club in Edgbaston, also with 32 members.

THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the Ideal of Service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

1. *The development of acquaintances as an opportunity for Service;*
2. *High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of worthiness of all useful occupations and the dignifying by each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;*
3. *The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life;*
4. *The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.*

The 4-Way Test

of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Rotary Grace

O Lord and giver of all good.

We thank Thee for our daily food.

May Rotary friends and Rotary ways.

Help us to serve Thee all our days.

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