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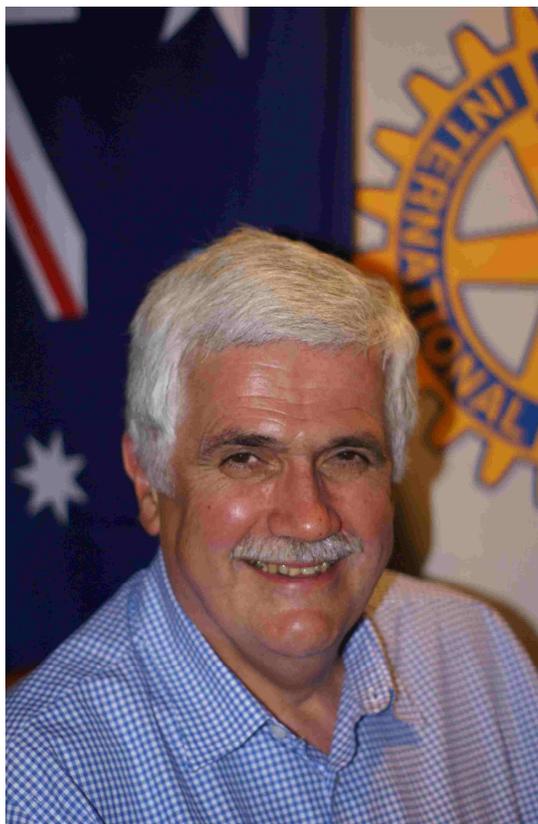
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Apologies and additional guests to Marilyn Gibson the Tuesday before the meeting on 44763805 or email

MarilynGibson@det.nsw.edu.au OR you will be charged for your meal.



\$250 will bring a life time of smiles!!

Sounds simple. The children of Bangladesh are waiting for the chance of a normal life which Rotary is offering in their country.

\$250 will turn a shy, ugly girl with no prospects, into a beautiful young lady with the world at her feet. That's the power of this sponsored project.

Brian Martin (photo left) is the Chair of Operation Cleft and joined us last Thursday to enlighten us on this special program. Brian, with his wife Sue showed a graphic doco that explained why this work is vital.

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Also last Thursday: Lin ran the wheel in his own unique way, John Messner won the port! - George sent out a "may day" for quality saleable items for the white Elephant – Get your name down for the Apex Park tent-o-van. Sign up for one of the shifts between the 28th of December and the 2nd of January (not including Sunday). A shift will be between 10.30 and 2.30.... Let Ted know. See pg 4 for Max's 3 min speech highlights. Thank you to Pam, Colin, Maureen, Max, Olive, Annette and Margaret for visiting us.

TONIGHT:
Chris Kowal exec member for
Clean Energy for Eternity

INTERNATIONAL TOAST: The Rotary Club of Clearwater, British Columbia, Canada Dist. 5060. Chartered in 1993, has 14 members who meet on Wednesdays for brekkie at 7am at Wells Grey Inn.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: Happy Birthday to Bill Hardy on the 7th and Kevin Young on the 10th of December. May you still have room for a Santa visit in the near future!

TASK	3rd December	10th December	17 December
Cashier	Kris Elphick	Angie Ulrichsen	Bob Antill
3-minute talk	STUDENTS		
Wheel	Bob Antill	Terry Irvine	
FINES	Lin Morey	Max Reid	
Introduction	Chris O'Brien		
Thanks	George Barker		

COMING EVENTS

3 rd December	Chris Kowal – Executive member Clean Energy for Eternity
10 th December	Annual Meeting & Board Meeting
17 th December	Christmas Dinner
24 th December	No meeting – Merry Christmas and Holidays (for some)
27 th December	Markets
28 th December	Tent at Apex park (to 2 nd Jan)
31 st December	No meeting – New Year Holiday

- ❖ Raffle tickets for Pam's Hamper to be sold for draw 17th Dec.
The prize includes a BOTTLE of SCOTCH, Christmas cake, pudding, shortbread, biscuits and a box of chocolates to go with THE BOTTLE OF SCOTCH
.... Sold all of your \$2each tickets? See Jack for more!!!!

JACK'S JOURNAL

Although we missed seven members last week (one on leave and six unavoidably, absent), nine guests and visitors were more than were needed to take their places at the table. We welcomed visiting Rotarians Colin Holmes and Ken Maxwell & Olive, Quotarians Annette Wilkins and Margaret Saker, Honorary member Pam and Lin's partner Maureen, and of course guest speaker Brian Martin & Sue. A pleasant evening was had by all, especially as Terry was excused from conducting a fines session.

Brian presented a moving film showing the anguish of some in Bangladesh affected by cleft lips and palates and their relief and gratitude for corrective surgery. We cannot imagine how or why so many are born with this deformity in that country. Operation Cleft is meeting a great need by enabling locally trained medical teams to do this work at no cost the patients. A cleft operation costs about \$250. Individual donations are tax deductible and a club donation is to be considered by the Board.

We're looking ahead and planning for a special market day on 28th February which will feature environmentally friendly businesses amongst the stallholders and energy efficient cyclists biking along the N-K-D shared pathway, all with the object of raising funds for completion of the pathway. For the bike-a-thon we have immense support from the Cycleway Group and prospective assistance from other volunteer groups as well as our own involvement. It will be a great event which could become an annual fixture.

The ETS (Emissions Trading Scheme) is something that has developed some heat in certain quarters lately, even though it is designed to help mitigate global warming. Our guest speaker tonight offers solutions to climate change that can be adopted in or by the local community. Let's warmly welcome Chris Kowal representing Clean Energy for Eternity.

Also welcome the students we sponsored to the Siemens Science Experience recently – Lewis Robertson and Bob Sheidan-Gimmel.

Next week we will be electing the Board of Directors for 2010-11. All except one of the positions are vacant (I expect to be the IPP) and nominations for office are open. It would be good to have a full book of nominations ready for the meeting, so do your best to obtain the nomination of another member or yourself before the election. See Secretary Ted for the paperwork.

Yours in Rotary fellowship,
President Jack.



From pg 1.... Since its' humble beginning Operation Cleft has paid for almost 5,000 operations.

There are nearly 300,000 people in Bangladesh, one of the poorest countries on Earth, with Clefts awaiting help. Their government doesn't consider this a life threatening operation so they look to Rotary to help them.

During the Civil War in Bangladesh in the 70's. Most of the intellectuals had their books etc destroyed. Now superstition and ignorance have branded these children "of the eclipse".

The work of Brian's team has given hope to many and a fresh look at life.

They not only need to be congratulated but if you would like to give a Bangladesh child the gift of a smile this Christmas call Operation Cleft on 03 9898 2952 or email info@operationcleft.org.au or go to www.operationcleft.org.au.

Max gave a very medical three minute talk on COPD!!

Which is common in 1 in 5 men over 40 (He's one) and is the second leading cause of avoidable hospital admissions in this age group.

Smokers, working in dusty situations etc can bring this on. It presents similar to Asthma and leaves suffers with "shortness of breath as their bronchial tubes block up and the muscles do not work well"

He urged everyone with systems to get checked out at the Doc as treatment can make life easier.



"When you speak of adopting a wider perspective, this includes working cooperatively with other people"

By the 14th Dala Lama who is visiting Australia at the moment.