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**Apologies and additional guests to Rolf Gimmel the Tuesday before the meeting on 44762274 or email [rolfs@dodo.com.au](mailto:rolfs@dodo.com.au) OR you will be charged for your meal.**

## “Climbed the Great Wall in the Snow”

Matt Bryant was our most excellent speaker last Thursday night. Matt is based in Bega and travelled to China as a member of a GSE (Group Study Exchange) team, sponsored by Bega Rotary.

China was a fascinating adventure for Matt and the other members of the team who were not only able to visit places that were part of their vocation, but were also given the opportunity to become aware of the challenges faced by Rotarians in the highly regulated modern China.

Rotary had 29 clubs throughout China in 1945, however, this was reduced to zero by 1952 by the Government. Currently there are two clubs operating by ex-pats and friends, but Chinese Nationals are not permitted to join.

Matt also looked at a Hospital which specialises in Acupuncture and the Education System. The image below came from his terrific slide show; a land of a million images, showing a child gathering wood in the snow. The daily journey some children make to receive an education would terrify most western students - no school buses and kilometres on foot to and from school everyday!

Assistant District Governor Eva Taylor also made the journey with Matt. Eva looks after the Clubs to our south. Jack and I sat with Eva in Mittagong the week before.

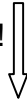
On page 4 - more photos from last week and one from our last Markets.

Currently we are in discussions with some prospective speakers - will keep you informed. Any ideas? - please talk to Jeremy so we can book them in.



**TONIGHT:** Damon Davies

.. thanks to Jack for this!



Since an election is almost upon us I thought we should remember some of the great quotes of George W Bush and be grateful we have compulsory voting:

*"I know how hard it is for you to put food on your family".*

*"The Holocaust was an obscene period in our nation's history. I mean in this century's history. But we all lived in this century. I didn't live in this century."*

*"For every fatal shooting, there were roughly three non-fatal shootings. And folks this is unacceptable in America. It's just unacceptable. And we're going to do something about it."*

*"I think we agree, the past is over."*

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:** We all join with Jack and send our best wishes to Carolyn who is celebrating her Birthday today (15<sup>th</sup>)

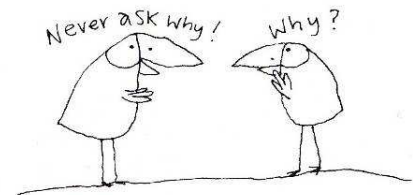
## COMING EVENTS

July 17 <sup>th</sup>	Lions Change Over
July 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Club Assembly, Fellowship & board meeting
July 25 <sup>th</sup>	Markets
July 29 <sup>th</sup>	TBA
5 <sup>th</sup> August	
12 <sup>th</sup> August	
19 <sup>th</sup> August	Club Assembly, Fellowship & board meeting
22 <sup>nd</sup> August	Markets
26 <sup>th</sup> August	
16 <sup>th</sup> September	District Governor visit – Partners night.

TASK	8 <sup>th</sup> July	15 <sup>th</sup> July	22 <sup>nd</sup> July
Cashier	Angie Ulrichsen	Laurelle Pacey	Jeremy Ferguson
3-minute talk	Bob Antill	Terry Irvine	Marilyn Gibson
Wheel	Chris O'Brien	John Messner	Jack Whitman

Welcome and thank you to everyone who emailed or spoke to me about my first meeting as President. A few things caused some problems or at least concern.

In almost a year I have been allocating duties for our small number of members. It is hard, as I often haven't known who will or won't be around on a Thursday night and if not, who will replace them. So I am only allocating a few duties and the rest are by invitation either on the night or the week before. I hope this might work better.



Personally I'm not a big fan of fine sessions and would like to try other things. I would still like a few traditional fine sessions, please see me in advance if you would like to conduct one, or if you have any alternative ideas.

Now that's off my chest... Last week Matt Bryant filled us with his enthusiasm for the experience he had as a GSE team member in China. This is a great program and one that we should support if a suitable candidate comes forward in our area. Also, I'd like to respond to District, and offer us as a 'destination' for the incoming GSE team from Germany. If you would like to be involved or if you think we shouldn't be involved please see me. I'd like to discuss this at the Club Assembly / Board Meeting next week.

The White Elephant stall at the Markets needs GOOD QUALITY stuff to sell. Please, only things you feel are worthy and not junk, It certainly makes George's job a lot easier when it's quality.

Looking forward to catching up this Thursday and remember to let Ian know numbers while Rolf is away. Yours in Rotary Bob Ant.

### INTERNATIONAL TOAST:

Rotary Club of Montreal, Quebec, Canada District 7040

Chartered in 1913, it has 27 members.

The club meets for breakfast on Tuesdays at 7.30am at the St. James club.

*"I'm the happiest when ... I have survived a new challenge"*

*Tara Moss* Crime Writer/ TV Host – *Upfront* – *Good Weekend*, SMH.

## *STOP PRESS....*

On Saturday night the Batemans Bay Club held its change over at the Catalina Golf Club.

Almost 150 people attended including DG Bill Seelis and his wife Mary as well as PDG Michael Pedler with his wife Julia.

John Knight handed over to Vere Gray who will hand over to her husband Garry next year, just to keep it in the family.

The format followed usual Rotary guidelines with lots of introductions. It seemed that a quarter of the room was PDG's.

Following the main meal, John Knight gave his lengthy President's report on the Clubs' journey through 2009-10.

Dessert followed before the raffle draw and the Change-Over ceremony. Vere responded with an outline of the coming year and then presented her new board. See Bob Ant if you would like a copy of the program & report.



Matt Bryant – GSE team member

Next week (22<sup>nd</sup> July) bring with you a \$1 to enter a quick competition of the "Best Bumper Sticker that You Have Seen". Or bring \$2 not to enter ☺. A small prize is on offer.

*"It isn't the pollution that's harming the environment. It's the impurities in the air and the water that are doing it"*

George Bush former President of the USA