



A SPOKE IN THE WHEEL

Rotary club of Taieri PO Box 195 Mosgiel

Meeting: Mosgiel Railway station Wednesday 5.45pm

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From David's Desk

It was good to see a good turnout for the Club Assembly tonight. As a consequence there was no guest speaker this week. With only 12 apologies it was a great effort. At the table where I was seated we were intrigued by a story from Sin about a research project that he and a team of scientists have been working on for four years. This project required the breeding of hundreds of specially selected sheep and then tracking certain DNA traits. After four years of breeding the results were inconclusive and the whole thing might have to be repeated. At least Sin has a freezer full of prime lamb.

Rotarian Anniversaries -.

Hanging is too good for a man who makes puns; he should be drawn and quoted.

Wedding anniversaries-

If you're not living life on the edge, you're taking up too much space.

♪Happy Birthday♪-

Linz, I hope that you have remembered Jenny's birthday on the 17th

Hartler Meder on the 22nd followed by Russell Heckler on the 23rd

From Robert the Robber. A title he strongly denies, he claims he is only doing the Sheriffs job

It was noticed that the President now wears a tie, Hank is involved with leaky homes, Graeme Brown to get a 15% pay increase with an additional 3% inflation adjustment. John Whitaker was accused of selling off the family jewels. Drew, it's nice to see CRT had a record profit and the seed division EXCELLED. Well done. Lew for sending out the minutes for tonight's meeting in Chinese.

A rumor has it that at 13,000 feet up a mountain side it dawned on one of our mountain climbing colloques that he was at just over 2 miles high. What a club to join!! With all the snow and ice recently Mel had nothing to report.

An immigrant goes to apply for a driver's license and is asked to do an eyesight test. The examiner shows him a card with the letters: CZJWIXNOSTACZ. "Can you read this?" The examiner asks. "Read it? I know the guy!"

3 minute talk. –Tonight we were addressed by the new Assistant DG Robbie Burnside. He explained why for geographical reasons Balclutha was now under his wing and Alex had gone to central. He also told us that he was a farmer and had a long involvement with Rotary.

Our Guest Speaker :

This week there was no-one as we had Club Assembly. Each committee reported on their activities for the last 12 months, the highlights as follows.

Vocational: Sent a student to Hands On Science Week, Manned a site for the Otago Rally and received \$350.0 for our efforts. Organized the sightseeing activities for the incoming GSE Team from New Jersey and assisted them at Conference. Competed in and won the EJ Trophy grassrama challenge then organized and ran the next EJ Trophy challenge. Supported the Heritage Homes Project

Youth: This year our annual museum visit did not eventuate due to staffing problems at the museum. Sponsored Rachel Patrick as a RYLA exchange student to Germany. Selected two for Ryla. JR McKenzie Trust, approached schools in our area but no takers. Assistance was offered to the Circle of Courage cycle tour as it passed through Mosgiel. Supported the Heritage Homes project

International: Supported the Shelter Box program by purchasing a box. Supported the Cook Island dental care program with a \$1500.0 donation and then encouraged other clubs to participate raising a total in excess of \$12,000. Ran a very successful Rotary Auction night which raised over \$7300.0. We have two couples going to Spokane, Washington USA in September on a Rotary Friendship exchange.

Community: Ran the chocolate wheel at the market day. A very successful outing. Organised and ran the Heritage Homes Tour. This huge event raised over \$10,000 which was spent on fluoro vests for all the primary school children on the Taieri. Organised the refurbishment of one of the huts at the Tirohanga Camp site. Did the Chapel Bed Pushing at the Dunedin hospital on two occasions during the year.

Club Service; without this group of dedicated members the club could not survive. We had home hosting, venues, bar, secretary, treasurer, programs, guest speakers, sergeants, etc etc. Thanks guys.

EXTRAS; These were the extra activities that took off simply because the opportunity arose and the job needed to be done. First off was the "Baldies" fundraiser which although started a year earlier was kept going and continues to raise money for the Children's Cancer ward at CHCH Hospital.

The second major event that required the full support of the club and a lot of extra effort by the organizing committee was RYLA. Our club took on this challenge and made it a huge success. I am sure it had a major impact on the lives of those that attended.

The Black Tie Ball; rather than see it not happen this year a dedicated group got together and organised and ran this successful event. There was even a profit of \$2500 which was donated to the new playground in Mosgiel.

Talk about going beyond the call of duty, Congratulations and thanks to all those members for all their hard work and keeping the name of Rotary alive in the community.

General Business;

Subs are on the rise for the first time in 6 years. The new rate will be \$210.00 reduced to \$200.00 if paid within 30 days of invoice date.

Club Auction to be held again this year

Bed pushing to be scrapped. We have been doing it for 4 years

Main Community project is to be the upgrade of some of the facilities at the Berwick Camp.

Chocolate wheel, Black tie ball (maybe), Heritage Homes Tour.

Duties - If you are unable to do your duty please arrange a swap and let Lew know before the meeting

Many people who attend the meetings are forgetting to check for their commitments and are being covered by other folk even though they are there.

Date	18th July	25th July	1st August
Speakers	Jack Harrison General Manager Otago Prison	Margaret Gillanders Restorative Justice	TBA
Badges	Ross Gold	Russell Heckler	Shaun Horton
Host	Roger Nicolson	Ross Gold	Russell Heckler
Vote of thanks	Ian Spencer	Jimmy Suttie	John Briesmen
Grace	Ant Wither	David Rudd	Bill Botting
3 Minute Talk	Geoff Kloogh	Graeme Brown	Graeme Tikey
Thought for the week	Gail Williams	Geoff Kloogh	Graeme Brown
Bar Duty	Alan Brieseman	John Briesmen	Colin Brown

On the horizon

July 18th Jack Harrison – General Manager Otago Prison

August 22nd Jody Tahuna – Silver Fern (Partners Night)

Thought of the week

WEEKLY Joke

Jesus, Moses, and another guy were standing on the tee of a water hazard. Jesus hits the ball and hooks it into the water. Next, Moses tees up and also hooks it into the water. The third guy comes up to the tee and as he hits a big gust of wind comes up and blows his ball into the water as well.

All three walk up to the water together, Moses walks up to the water and strikes it with his sand wedge. The water parts and he hits his ball onto the fairway.

Next Jesus walks onto the water, the ball rises to the top of the water and Jesus pulls out his 5 iron and hits onto the green.

The third guy just stands there a moment, all of a sudden a fish eagle dives from the sky, grabs the ball out of the water and carries it to the green and drops it into the hole. Moses turns to Jesus and says "that's the last time we play with your dad".

Reminder : If you are not coming to a meeting and you do not put in an apology on time you will be invoiced for the meal.