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Dear fellow Rotarians, our Dinner Meeting at the Crown again exceeded all expectations with enjoyable fellowship pre, during and after at the bar following the meeting. We enjoyed a prawn pasta main (see pic) followed by Rotarian Renee's delightful carrot and coffee cake. We are certainly being spoilt. Again many thanks Renee on behalf of our sweet tooth members !!



Admin Director Neil enlightened us with the depth and scope of Rotary and also proposed a toast to Rotary and to the Bangkok disaster.

Our guest speaker Margaret Warren told us an interesting story about her exciting life and in particular her Canberra days through to her current role catering for the booming retirement sector where she has operated her own business since 2006. Clearly moving forward the Retirement Villages are going to be in boom mode as our generation ages. Margaret was accompanied by Helen who may well become a member. Both ladies enjoyed their night and Margaret is talking about joining Rotary at a club on Brisbane Southside. So maybe a good outcome for Rotary Membership.

Winners are grinners this week's winners were Silver Circle - John Harding \$50.00, Neil Jones won the door raffle and Pauline won the heads and tails, Neil made off with the red wine, leaving the white for Pauline.

Ray Milton the POOTY (Police Officer of the Year) Chair gave us an update on the applications to date with the close of applications for POOTY being the 1st September, so members if you need to chase up any applications now is the time to do it. Great work Ray. Alain Charles is ramping up his Youth portfolio and is going to be very busy during September, which in the Rotary Calendar is Youth Service month, so members Alain will be looking for full support and I thank you in advance for this. The Book Sale Project Chaired by Chris is ramping up to frightening proportions!! The flyers for drops have been ordered for distribution and we will have our first book collection at a date to be advised in September. To all members great work again in the field of fellowship and fund raising. It just gets better!!



On Thursday we had a fellowship working bee at the Hub organised by Noel Hodges, refer to pics and the rissole pattie lunch cooked by Grahame was sumptuous, the beer cold which was supplied by John Curr. Great work and thanks to all hands on deck. This coming Wednesday (26th August) we have District Governor Anne attending our Rotary Hub with Rotary International Director Guiller and his wife Leticia Tumangan. The RI is keen to



look at the Hub which has been a great project for our Club and is also keen to get an understanding of our very rewarding Scooter project which is Chaired by Rotarian Cec McPaul. Cec, I trust you and your team can be the Hub for this special occasion and to answer the various questions etc. Harold Bush will be making a presentation at this get together on behalf of the scooter. So all hands on deck for a great attendance and warm welcome with a time line for afternoon tea from 3 to 3.30 organised by Rotarian Brian. Our Club has also been invited to attend a Special Dinner put on for RI Director Guiller by the Burleigh Heads Rotary Club. The invitation is for Wednesday 6.30 for a 7pm start with a cost of \$25.00 per head. All are welcome but bookings are required. Brian Pearson has agreed to co ordinate our Club bookings so please let Brian know at Rotary on Tuesday night of who will be attending. Thanks Brian.

It is a busy week as this Tuesday is our away meeting for the month with a great night promised as we join the Southport Rotary Club as they celebrate their 70th Year in Rotary. Barb and I will be going and we look forward to an enjoyable fellowship night as we mingle with fellow Rotarians from across the coast. Please book if you have not already on line in the usual manner. Thanks to Pauline for organising this evening.

The Rotary club of Murwillumbah will be hosting an open garden at Brimardon 32 Braemar Place on the 12th and 13th September entry cost \$5 per person with funds raised going to local charities. Maybe some club members might like to create an outing and attend this event.

Our Guest Speaker organiser VP Jim is looking for assistance to fill the space for our 1st September meeting. Please contact Jim with your suggestions.

Until next week

Yours in Rotary

Bill Rex



Our members may not all be aware that three members of our club are also members of District 9640 ROMAC committee (Pauline Armstrong, Harold Busch and Brian Pearson). This past week I attended our quarterly meeting, which is chaired by Jill Ellis. Also in attendance was Northern Region ROMAC Chair PDG Margaret Hayes. It was reported that the first patient had been accepted into the new Lady Cilento Children's Hospital in Brisbane. This hospital replaces the now closed Royal Children's Hospital and the Mater Children's Hospital. Our first patient there is a lovely two and a half year old girl from Nauru, with a cleft palate and lip. Negotiations are taking place with the Gold Coast University hospital to accept ROMAC patients. This would mean that these suffering children from our Oceania Region, will for the first time, be able to receive treatment on the Gold Coast. We need a sponsor club for such a patient—no work involved, just a letter confirming sponsorship, so the child and parent can be covered by Rotary insurance, I have agreed to ask BBRC Board to accept this role.

Reporter—Brian Pearson.

Directors and Committee Chair Reports

(POOTY contd.)

flowing in, with 4 Officers nominated and 4 more in process. We have also received 3 nominations for Stations or Units and 5 nominations for Civilian Support Staff.



Membership Director Harold Busch

reported that having taken over home hosting duty for our Japanese Language student Naasa, she is doing fine in her English studies at Bond University and has graduated from her course. With the others in her Uni group, she has also been able to enjoy many of the delights that the Gold Coast has to offer. Sadly she will only be with us for a total of two weeks—Harold did observe that as the second host, he will have to arise at some ungodly hour to return her to the airport.



Youth Service Director Alain Charles

requested nominations from our members for years 9 & 10 students to attend the annual Conocophillips Science Experience at Griffiths University from 29 Sept. to 1 Oct.

Alain is also looking for nominees to RYTS (Rotary Youth Transition Seminar) to be held from 28 Nov. to 4 Dec.—nominations close 13 Oct. this wonderful course which is held annually is for 16—18 year olds.

January 26th 2016 members are invited to attend the RYLA Dinner, more details later. (Ed. From personal experience, I can recommend attendance at this most uplifting event.)



Police Office of the Year Committee Chair Ray Milton reported, that nominations are now



Chairman of the Hub Committee Noel Hodges

requested members attend a working bee at the Hub from 10:00am on Thursday 20th August equipped with heavy duty gloves and a shovel, to prepare our facility for the VIP visit the following Wednesday. Noel promises his famous rissoles for lunch.



Service Director Brian Pearson

requested that members advise of their intention to attend the VIP visit at the Hub next Wednesday, as afternoon tea will be served and he needs numbers.



Administration Director Neil Baldwin stressed the need for members to register themselves and their guests in the website—this point is raised every year as it is always impossible to accurately determine the number of meals required if members fail to register and then turn up, or register and then don't appear. This is a simple matter and the website is only on click away from the address below, members really need to take more responsibility for their intentions.



Pauline Armstrong gave details of next week's visit to Southport Rotary Club for their 70th Anniversary celebration to be held at Southport Golf Club, Slatyer Avenue, Southport 6:30 for 7:00pm.

Dress code Lounge suits, Cocktail dresses, dinner cost will be \$35 per head. Registration in the normal way on our website is essential.

Members are responsible to keep up to date by viewing the rosters regularly to ensure they do not let their fellows down by not turning up when required.

Members can easily access the web sites by clicking below:

Club website: www.broadbeachrotary.org

District website: www.rotary9640.org

Rotary International website: www.rotary.org



Sergeant David O'Dwyer was in relatively gentle mood this evening, we could even afford the light rail fare home. Guest speaker Margaret Warren entered in to the spirit of Heads and Tails and came a valiant second to Pauline Armstrong, Treasurer, Neil Jones took out the door raffle prize.



Programme

Date	Speaker	Subject	Host
25/8/15	Meeting with Southport Club 70th Anniversary	Venue— Southport Golf Club	Pauline Armstrong
1/9/15	t.b.a		
8/9/15	Karen Prestidge	Lifeline	Chris Thomsen
15/9/15	tba		
21/9/15	Jane O'Reilly	History of O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat	Renee Dillon
Monday 28/9/15		Singing with Blenders & Coasters @ Griffiths	

Attendance

Classification	Number
Members	25
Hon. Members	1(Uwe)
Visiting Rotarians	
Partners	1 Pam Hawkins
Member Guests	
Visitors	
Club Guests	2 Margaret Warren & Helen Wallis-Dunn
Total	29

Club Income

Thursday Bunnings	\$559.30
Friday Bunnings	\$609.80
Car Boot Sale	
Radio Station	
Corporate	
Sunday Bunnings	
Total	\$1,169.10

Meeting Income

Raffle	\$60
Copper Pot	\$19.10
Fines	\$34.10
Misc. (dinner fees)	
Total	\$113.20

Anniversaries

Noel Hodges	Induction 20/8/2002
Frank Adorjan	Induction 20'8'2002
Noel Hodges	Wedding 23/8

Door Roster		
Date	1st	2nd
28/8/15		
1/9/15		
8/9/15		



Guest Speaker
Margaret Warren
“inspired Outcomes”

Well Margaret seemed to be a humble housewife, which certainly proves the theory that appearances can be, and in this case certainly are, deceptive. This lady proved to be a human dynamo, she has a Business Administration degree and has been employed in the Public Service in Canberra working in Project Management, typical projects being the construction of the new War Memorial and the new National Museum. She was often involved with the higher echelons of our society, conducting VIP tours of the facilities of such notables as then Prime Minister John Howard and wife Janette (with whom she formed a close relationship). Later Margaret became involved in the Department of Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—one of her many tasks was the searching for and recovery of missing art works—in one raid she conducted 1,780 paintings of significance were recovered.

Moving from Canberra to Queensland Margaret became much involved in housing for indigenous communities, of which there are 73 in the Northern Territories, and Margaret has worked in 56 of them. One issue that became clear to her was that, with the best of intentions, the Government was building housing to Western Standards, which was not suitable for the indigenous people. A report from her to Canberra succeeded in changing the housing design.

Margaret finally retired from Public Service, but soon found that the lack of activity palled, so she decided to try her hand a Real Estate, having completed the required course, she decided she did not enjoy the business. Accordingly she set up her own business designed to assist seniors to sell their homes to down-size. She then discovered a further need in terms of other services these seniors needed in this process. “Inspired Outcomes” is the name of her company which now specializes in a full range of service for downsizing of Seniors homes—arranging sale of current home, new home purchase, de cluttering of excess possessions, packing, removal and unpacking. The company can also arrange introduction to professional advice including lawyers, accountants, and financial advisors.

Margaret’s company works with 74 Retirement Villages, and researches each client’s needs and matches those needs with her company’s services. Her business is growing, the charge for her service is \$900 per client, only collectible once all the needs have been fulfilled.

Past President Harold Busch presented Margaret with our club’s speaker memento—very well deserved.





As a butcher is shoos a dog from his shop, he sees \$10 and a note in his mouth, reading: "10 lamb chops, please."

Amazed, he takes the money, puts a bag of chops in the dog's mouth, and quickly closes the shop. He follows the dog and watches him wait for a green light, look both ways, and trot across the road to a bus-stop.

The dog checks the timetable and sits on the bench.

When a bus arrives, he walks around to the front and looks at the number, then boards the bus.

The butcher follows, dumbstruck. As the bus travels out into the suburbs, After a while he stands on his back paws to push the "stop" bell, and then the butcher follows him off.

The dog runs up to a house and drops his bag on the step. He barks repeatedly.

No answer.

He goes back down the path, takes a big run, and throws himself -Whap!- against the door. He does this again & again.

No answer.

So he jumps on a wall, walks around the garden, barks repeatedly at a window, jumps off, and waits at the front door. Eventually, a small guy opens it and starts cursing and shouting at the dog.

The butcher runs up screams at the guy: "What the hell are you doing? This dog's a genius!"

The owner responds, "Genius, my arse. It's the second time this week he's forgotten his key!"

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There I was sitting at the bar staring at my drink when a large, trouble-making biker steps up next to me, grabs my drink and gulps it down in one swig.

"Well, whatcha' gonna do about it?" he says, menacingly, as I burst into tears.

"Come on, man," the biker says, "I didn't think you'd CRY. I can't stand to see a man crying."

"This is the worst day of my life," I say. "I'm a complete failure. I was late to a meeting and my boss fired me. When I went to the parking lot, I found my car had been stolen and I don't have any insurance. I left my wallet in the cab I took home. I found my wife with another man and then my dog bit me..." "...So I came to this bar to work up the courage to put an end to it all. I buy a drink, I drop a capsule in and sit here watching the poison dissolve; then you show up and drink the whole thing!...

But enough about me, how's your day going?"

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What do you call an Australian who can hold a catch?

A fisherman.

What is the difference between Cinderella and the Aussies Cricket team?

Cinderella knew when to leave the ball.

What does an Australian batsman who is playing in The Ashes have in common with Michael Jackson?

They both wore gloves for no apparent reason.

What's the height of optimism?

An Aussie batsman putting on sunscreen.

What do you call a cricket field full of Australians ?

A vacant lot.