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1st August 2005

Chair: Alan Lewis

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alan welcomed special guest, Bill Jennings, and welcomed back Lyndon and Carmel Webb from their holiday in Darwin and Col Counsell from his trip to Vietnam.

Alan briefly introduced the concept of the wetlands nature trail and suggested that the outcome could be a local icon. He then invited Bill Jennings to address the Club to expound the benefits of such a trail for nature lovers.

Bill made three points: (1) That it's a myth that there are no birds at the boardwalk; (2) It's essential to provide bird guides for the visitors and (3) that birds have interesting features.

He proceeded to illustrate his points by describing the numerous birds he has observed, 48 in the space of 1½ hours including Mistletoe bird, Reed warblers – migratory birds, grass birds, birds of prey, water birds, bush birds and even Nankeen night herons, a nocturnal species. Bill has also observed sea eagles in the wetlands, one of the most endangered birds in Victoria.

Bill believes that illustrated booklets showing both common local birds as well as the less common ones, should be available to casual visitors to the Sale area so that they may identify the birds.

In his concluding remarks, Bill supported the concept of a nature walk to the Latrobe River and back to the swing bridge and also paid tribute to Herby Guyatt for the effort he put into achieving the establishment of the Sale Common.

Peter Synan also supported the concept from the point of view that the wetlands played a significant part in the history of Sale. He described various points where the trail could lead visitors to see features such as remnant piles downstream from the original cargo wharf, McArdeall's Gap - a dock excavated for the construction of the boat "Enterprise", Robinson's Park, Willows Landing, the Swing Bridge and environs and a dock used to land locomotives brought by sea from Melbourne for the construction of the railway and the mouth of Flooding Creek.

Peter elaborated on many of the historical aspects and described the Swing Bridge as the jewel in the crown, pointing out that it was designed by John Grainger who also built Princess Bridge in Melbourne. The swing bridge is the oldest of such bridges in Victoria and the oldest operational swing bridge in Australia. Vic Roads is expected to complete restoration works by the end of this year.

Peter concluded by stating that the concept had good visitor potential and that there is a lot of scope for description and interpretation.

President Alan asked for Club support in tackling this project and indicated that it would be a long-term project with Rotary providing a leadership role as well as active participants. The proposed track is to be 2.8 meters wide and is to be shared between cyclists and walkers. Ian Jones pointed out the 15km length of the track makes it ideal for cycling.

Alan tabled a document outlining the concept and expected outcomes of the project and the role of Rotary in achieving the goals. These include raising funds required for the local component of any grants, preparation and development of interpretive stations along the route and the provision of services (labour, materials and expertise).

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Leo O'Brien

- ◆ True to form, Leo's first fine was on the club guest – for beating his father at golf.
- ◆ Carmel was asked to pay for not being at the meeting last week.
- ◆ Lyndon was fined because he already had his money out to pay.
- ◆ Leo fined David T. for looking resplendent even though he has retired.
- ◆ Laurie paid up because he has only ever given the Sergeant one ride in his taxi.
- ◆ David C paid for looking 45 when he has just turned 53.
- ◆ Ben for his serious lack of hair.
- ◆ Alan for being out of order in the way he carried out his duties as chairman.
- ◆ Adrian for the free publicity he received from the Sergeant.
- ◆ Emu for not being able to provide the screen for the President's presentation.
- ◆ The Sergeant's helpers for being too slow in collecting fines.
- ◆ Colin for his visit to Vietnam.
- ◆ Kevin was let off this week
- ◆ The Bulletin editor was fined from the floor for the good joke he presented two weeks ago.

JUST FOR FUN

From the mouths of babes....

I was driving with my three young children one warm summer evening when a woman in the convertible ahead of us stood up and waved. She was stark naked! As I was recovering from the shock, I heard my 5-year-old shout from the back seat, "Mum! That lady isn't wearing a seat belt!"

A woman was trying hard to get the tomato sauce to come out of the jar. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer the phone. "It's the minister, Mummy," the child said to her mother.

Then she added, "Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's hitting the bottle."

On the first day of school, a first-grader handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read, "The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents."

RELISH CONTACT DETAILS

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 Rotarians, please remember to notify Relish of your intentions before 12.00 midday on the Monday of the meeting.

NOTICES

Attendance: 18 Rotarians
Visiting Rotarians: None
Member's Guests: Bill Jennings
Make – Up: None
Raffle: Laurie Smyth – bottle of red

<u>NEXT MEETING Monday 8th August</u>	<u>COMING UP Monday 15th August</u>	<u>ON THE RADAR</u>
Guest Speaker: Brenda Burditt	Casual Night	Mon 22nd August
Chair: Chris Harrison	Chair:	Wellington Mayor – State of the shire
Sergeant: Ian Jones	Sergeant:	Mon 29th August
Attendance: Noel Langley	Attendance: Noel Langley	Job Talk – Leo O'Brien
Set Up: Neil Ross	Set Up:	Mon 5th September
Venue: Relish	Venue: Relish	Club Night

Preliminary Notice: Rotary Centenary Greyhound Race Meeting
 3rd Saturday in November. Ten-race event with each of the races named after the 10 founding members of the Rotary Club of Sale. This coincides with the rally in Sale of the Victorian Rotary Recreational Vehicle Club. Dinner will be available at the Sale Showground.

If you are away from home you will find friends at all Rotary Clubs. You can make up for missed meetings of the Sale Club with any of the following local Clubs: Bairnsdale: Tuesday 6:00pm Bairnsdale Club Bairnsdale Sunrise: Friday 6:45am Main Hotel Heyfield: Monday 6:30 Railway Hotel Lakes Entrance: Wednesday 6:00pm Glenara Motel	Maffra:	Thursday 6:00pm Duart Receptions
	Mitchell River:	Monday 5:45pm Italian Club
	Sale Central:	Tuesday 6:00pm Princeton
	Traralgon:	Tuesday 6:00pm Traralgon Golf Club
	Traralgon Central:	Monday 6:00pm Latrobe Convention Centre
	Yarram:	Wednesday 6:00pm Yarram Club