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WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF SALE.

12th September 2005

Chair: David Crouch

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ President Alan welcomed all present on this night with the stars including spouses, Betty, Christine and Gwen and a special welcome to Tania Jones and guest speaker, Wing Commander Grant Murphy, Base Commander at East Sale RAAF Base.
- ◆ Alan explained that the meeting at Ashleigh House tonight was in recognition of the contributions made by Rotary in the past, in particular the courtyard garden established last year, and the continuing association through Rotarians Keith Miller, Brenda Burdett and Neil Ross who are on the committee of management of Ashleigh House.
- ◆ Alan and several other Rotarians had an interesting meeting with Council last Friday about the Heritage Walking Track. He would like to see the paper work completed for implementing the planned track by Monday 19th September which will be his last meeting before going to hospital. Alan anticipates being absent for at least two weeks but hopes to walk the proposed track next Friday.
- ◆ A letter from Sharon Schofield was received and brought to the attention of members by Alan who reminded us that a significant disbursement had been made by the Club to Youth in Search, an organisation that conducts weekend camps for kids who have suffered trauma. Sharon thanked the Club its support in rebuilding the kids' lives.

Alan then proceeded to induct Tania Jones into the Club. Col Counsell introduced Tania and informed the Club that she was born and bred in Sale, has extensive experience in the hospitality industry and currently runs Relish with her partner Robert Wood. Tania has three children and is a positive, happy person eager to contribute to the community. Christine Harrison presented the 4 Way Test to Tania and was asked to be her mentor.

Col announced that the Grand Finals function will be held at Stratford and will be catered for. He asked that he or Rossi should be advised if there were any changes in plans to attend on the afternoon.

Neil Ross asked directors to indicate what each person in the Club was doing so that all members could be kept busy.

Keith reminded everyone of their role in manning the showgates.

Daniel Smolenaars indicated that the date for the planned River Walk will be announced next Monday.

Guest Speaker – Wing Commander Grant Murphy

Chairman David Crouch introduced the guest speaker, Grant Murphy, as a dedicated amateur astronomer (AA) who by profession is an electronics engineer. David described Grant's hobby as a subject that has inspired musicians, artists, writers and poets and has profoundly influenced our culture since the dawn of time.

Grant commenced by explaining that his interest in astronomy arose because it is such a fascinating science in which the distances between the heavenly bodies are incomprehensible and overwhelming. He endeavoured to illustrate this point by comparing the size of the solar system with the diameter of the earth as 1mm and then comparing the size of a galaxy with the size of the solar system as 1mm. Grant also briefly explained that all the chemicals in a human body come from elements originating in the stars.

Astronomy blends well with other interests and Grant nominated history and making telescopes as subjects that have also captured his attention. Recorded history of astronomy goes back to the ancient Greeks and Egyptians and the contributions of more recent figures such as Galileo kindled Grants passion for making his own telescopes. He also suggested that anyone can contribute to the science of astronomy because there is far too much to investigate for the

professional astronomers. Amateur astronomers in recent times have been known to make discoveries and can even observe asteroids with the basic tools of astronomy whilst many heavenly bodies and phenomena such as the auroras can be observed with the naked eye. Grant said that astronomy is fun to whatever degree you wish to take it and kids in particular are fascinated by the stars.

Studying the night sky makes one realise that our planet is unique and Grant loosely quoted Carl Sagan who suggested that we should look after Earth because it is the only home we have.

Grant explained that you can buy an expensive telescope and not be able to gain the most out of it or buy a cheap one and be disappointed in its limitations. His solution is to use OP's (Other People's) and that the best telescope is the one you are using. He also pointed out that observations through a telescope won't be in colours like the photographs taken through the Hubble telescope but that you'll gain immense personal satisfaction from pointing your own telescope at objects in the night sky.

Grant answered some questions from Adrian, Grant Ellers and Keith before President Alan thanked him for his presentation. Alan indicated that he always appreciates listening to an enthusiast and also commented on how impressed he is with the early astronomers who did all their calculations without any modern computers.

At this point David closed the meeting with a quote from Banjo Patterson:

*And the bush hath friends to meet him, and their kindly voices greet him
In the murmur of the breezes and the river on its bars,
And he sees a vision splendid of the sunlit plains extended,
And at night the wondrous glory of the everlasting stars.*

The gathering then moved outside where a clear sky allowed Venus, various stars and the craters on the moon to be observed through the home-made telescope that Grant had set up.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Leo O'Brien

◆ The Sergeant was not well prepared today but raised a significant bounty for Ashleigh House by fining everyone \$2.

Keep Smiling

Why Parents Drink

The boss of a big company needed to call one of his employees about an urgent problem with one of the main computers, dialed the employee's home phone number and was greeted with a child's whisper.

"Hello." "Is your Daddy home?" he asked.

"Yes," whispered the small voice.

"May I talk with him?"

The child whispered, "No."

Surprised, and wanting to talk with an adult, the boss asked, "Is your Mummy there?"

"Yes."

"May I talk with her?"

Again the small voice whispered, "No."

Hoping there was somebody with whom he could leave a message, the boss asked, "Is anybody else there?"

"Yes," whispered the child, "a policeman."

Wondering what a cop would be doing at his employee's home, the boss asked, "May I speak with the policeman?"

"No, he's busy", whispered the child.

"Busy doing what?"

"Talking to Daddy and Mummy and the Fireman," came the whispered answer.

Growing concerned and even worried as he heard what sounded like a helicopter through the earpiece on the phone the boss asked, "What is that noise?"

"A hello-copper" answered the whispering voice.

"What is going on there?" asked the boss, now truly alarmed.

In an awed whispering voice the child answered, "The search team just landed the hello-copper."

Alarmed, concerned, and even more than just a little frustrated the boss asked, "What are they searching for?"

Still whispering, the young voice replied along with a muffled giggle: "ME."

RELISH CONTACT DETAILS

Hosts: Tania Jones & Robert Wood

Phone/Fax: (03) 5144 5044

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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: 17 Rotarians

Visiting Rotarians: None

Member's Guests: Betty Langley, Christine Crouch, Gwen Miller

Make – Up: None

Raffle: No Raffle

NEXT MEETING Monday 19th September

Guest Speaker: Leo O'Brien – Job Talk

Chair: Ben Lancaster

Sergeant: Rod Exton

Attendance: Noel Langley

Set Up: Christine Harrison

Venue: Relish

COMING UP Monday 26th

September

Visit from DG, Ray Stewart

Chair: Col Counsell

Sergeant: Rod Exton

Attendance: Noel Langley

Set Up: Christine Harrison

Venue: Relish

ON THE RADAR

Mon 3rd October – Vietnam

Experience

Mon 10th October – Paul Borg Sailing

blind

Mon 17th October – John Tatterson

Mon 24th October – Sale Show briefing

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 Bellevue Motel

Maffra:

Mitchell River:

Sale Central:

Traralgon:

Traralgon Central:

Yarram:

Thursday 6:00pm Duart Receptions

Monday 5:45pm Italian Club

Tuesday 6:00pm Princeton

Tuesday 6:00pm Traralgon Golf Club

Monday 6:00pm Latrobe

Convention Centre

Wednesday 6:00pm Yarram Club

Mavis & Bill Jennings Foundation

Advisory Committee – Rotary Club of Sale

Background

The Mavis & Bill Jennings Foundation (Foundation) was established by trust deed as a Prescribed Private Fund by Mavis Muriel Jennings and William Earnest Jennings (Founders and Donors). The Foundation was officially prescribed on 23rd June 2005.

The Foundation has been established in perpetuity for charitable purposes that support the projects, causes and events which were generally for the advancement of the local Sale, community.

The trustees of the Mavis & Bill Jennings Foundation are the Founders and Perpetual Trustees Victoria Limited ABN 40 004 027 258 (Perpetual). It is the intention of the Founders to remain as trustees whilst they are both willing and capable. However, in the event of the incapacitation or death of either Founder, the survivor would continue to act with Perpetual. Once the last survivor was no longer able to act due to incapacity or death, then Perpetual would continue to act as sole trustee in perpetuity.

Whilst the Founders have retained the right to make decisions in relation to the distribution of the income of the Foundation, it was their intention to establish an Advisory Committee (Committee) to assist in the ongoing operation of the Foundation.

It was the intention of the Founders that the Committee would play an initial role whilst they are alive, but once they are no longer in a position to act as trustees, the Committee would have the important task of providing ongoing advice to Perpetual by identifying potential projects, causes and events which fitted established criteria and to provide specific recommendations to the trustees.

Ongoing Role of the Advisory Committee

It was envisaged by the Founders that the Advisory Committee will fulfil the role of identifying potential projects, causes and events for the general advancement of the local Sale community.

The Founders have decided that the role of the Advisory Committee will fall to members of the Rotary Club of Sale (Rotary). The Founders have invited the following five members of Rotary to be the inaugural members of the

Committee:

- Alan Lewis
- David Tulloch
- Keith Miller
- Mike Smith
- Graham Dyer

Clause 12 of the Foundation Trust Deed states:

- (a) The Trustee may establish Advisory Committees and appoint and remove, or make provision for the appointment and removal of, members of Advisory Committees.
- (b) Each Advisory Committee may consist of a single individual or the number of individuals that the Trustee decides.
- (c) The functions of each Advisory Committee will be decided by the Trustee and, subject to the Trustee's decision, will be to advise the Trustee on how payments or applications of income and capital should be made.
- (d) The Trustee may specify:
 - (1) the manner in which proceedings of each Advisory Committee are to be conducted;
 - (2) the matters which the Advisory Committee must have regard to in carrying out its functions; and
 - (3) any other matters concerning the Advisory Committee or its functions that the Trustee decides.

The Trustees have delegated the appointment of any new members of the Committee to Rotary. However, the Trustees must be advised of the names of any new Committee member with the appointment or removal of any individual members. At all times, as detailed above, the trustees retain the right to appoint or remove individual members of the Committee or the Committee itself.

Due to the ongoing role of the Committee, it was the Founders desire that each year, at least three of the members remain as continuing members of the Committee to ensure continuity of membership.

The Committee must provide the Trustees with a written report at least annually. This report would outline the Committee's activities and identify projects it has looked at and either deemed appropriate or inappropriate.

Each six months, the Committee will provide to the Trustees a list of recommended projects or activities which it believes appropriately fit the criteria established by the Trustees. The Trustees will then formally resolve to either fund these activities and projects or to reject the recommendations.

It is important for the Committee to be aware that whilst the terms of the Foundation established by the Founders are quite wide the Trustees are not permitted to fund organisations which do not hold appropriate Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) or tax exempt status.

If projects or activities are to be funded to a non DGR organisation or to a project which has no formal organisational structure, then the Committee must advise the Trustees that these funds are to be paid to the Rotary Foundation or an alternative organisation which does have DGR status and which would then fund these projects ensuring appropriate recognition is given to the Foundation.