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WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF SALE. 31st October 2005

Chair: Bob Davis

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- President Alan welcomed all present at the meeting including guests, Louise Rys and Harry Hua. He wished Louise a happy birthday and then joined with all the members in singing Happy Birthday.
- Alan advised the Directors that the Board meeting scheduled for 10th November has been postponed to the 14th because of a clash of dates.
- David C and Daniel together with Rob Noble's son, Snow, achieved a significant amount of work last weekend with the help of one of Daniel's excavators in the Sale Special Developmental School sensory garden project.
- 6 Rotarians are needed for a working bee to be held on Saturday 12th November. The work is at the Special Developmental School, will start at 9:00am and will take 3 hours.
- At Alan's invitation Keith reported on the Gippsland Show, Sale, and expressed his delight with the fantastic job that the Rotarians put in on the gates. He also indicated that there was a record attendance.
- Don reminded those present that next Monday's meeting is at the Princeton on the occasion of the visit by the Iraqi Ambassador, his wife and daughter. It will be a combined meeting with Sale Central and is a partner's night. The cost of the evening is \$25 per head and starts at 6:30 for 7:00pm.
Don also asked for volunteers to man the stand when the Rotary Health Safari is in Sale on Friday 11th November between 9:00am and 4:00pm.
- President Alan then proceeded with inducting Harry Hua and asked Col to introduce Harry to the members. Col said that Harry is a well-known identity in Sale with a tremendous personality. Harry arrived in Australia from Vietnam in 1977, met his future wife in Adelaide in 1978 and married her in 1980. He established several restaurants in Sale and is an electrical engineer with Esso. Harry has three sons who were all born in Sale. Alan added to this introduction by saying that Harry's was the first specialty shop to sign up with the Gippsland Centre when tenants were being sought for the complex. He then continued with the ceremony and explained to Harry the basis on which he had been admitted to the Rotary Club of Sale and the Four Way Test by which Rotarians live. Alan heartily welcomed Harry into the Club with the classification, Engineering, and appointed him, in the absence of Daniel, to the fund-raising committee. All members then welcomed Harry and congratulated him.

Guest Speaker – Leo O'Brien – Saleyards Project

The chairman, Bob, had very little introduction to do as Leo had spoken only a few weeks ago.

Leo commenced by stating that the current saleyards were built in 1970 and that since that time standards for Livestock Exchanges, as they are now called (because the cattle are not always sold), have changed. The concrete floors cause foot-soreness and infections in stock which is not the ideal situation for the animals when sometimes they are transported for long distances in B-double trucks.

A proposal put to the Wellington Shire Council by Leo has resulted in the Council taking on the relocation of the saleyards to a greenfield site. The new Livestock Exchange will be under cover, have a soft, woodchip floor and paddocks for holding the stock. This feature is not available in the current facility and will result in better condition of the stock and an increased income for the farmer.

The Exchange will be designed by a Consulting Engineer who is a specialist saleyard designer with extensive experience .

Leo pointed out that in the last three years the saleyards turned over an average of nearly \$50 million a year through the sale of about 160,000 head of cattle and sheep. This provides a significant contribution to the local economy and it is important to ensure that this business stays in the Wellington Shire. He also noted that if the saleyards were not in the area, then there would be no work for him in Sale.

The cost of the project can be funded through fees paid by the users including the farmers and stock agents. An additional benefit is that the transfer will free up 11 acres of valuable land where the current yards are located. Leo summed up the whole project as a positive step for the entire community.

In response to questions from Bob, Neil, Brenda, Graeme and Peter, Leo stated that the proposed site would ideally be in the Fulham area and should be completed in two to three years. There is not expected to be any cost with cleaning the soft floor as gardening businesses provide a ready market for the soiled chips. Rail transport of the stock is very unlikely as loading and unloading of the stock takes a long time. Council owns the land of the current saleyards.

Bob invited President Alan to thank Leo for his talk, which he duly did. He added that he agreed it is necessary to keep up with changing standards and that the saleyards that he designed had served their purpose.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Emu Jones assisted by Keith "Double Trouble" Miller

- Emu fined the President for using the word ascetic . Not an everyday word so to save you looking it up it means severely abstinent, austere; one who practices severe self discipline, one who retired into solitude for this purpose. As if this was not enough, Keith also fined Alan for doing a good job on the show gate.
- Leo paid up for charging the Monster Truck driver entry to the show.
- David C contradicted the story on Kevin Maxfield at the time he was awarded his PHF so paid for this lapse of decorum. Keith collected some more because David was the consummate professional on the show gate.
- David T was spotted dressed for his part in the Agricultural Show and also because he was found in the front seats of the sponsors' tent with his grandchildren
- Keith came in for more than his fair share of fines for providing plenty of instructions for the gate keepers but not program details, failing to provide a pass for Macca, the carrot cake judge, and insisting that gate keepers had to sign on and off duty and then changing his mind because Rotarians are trustworthy.
- Emu fined Adrian for taking Louise to Rotary for her birthday.
- Col, the superman of the show gates was feeling faint and needed breakfast bought for him by Keith.
- Grant, with a nick under his eye that he did not have before his stint on the show gate, paid up for what this implied.
- Keith collected all the remaining fines with Rossi having been observed eating an ice cream and watching the horse events whilst on duty.
- Brian for having the physique of a boucer
- Tanya because she had to be relieved of her duties to locate a lost child.
- Graeme because of the queues that formed at his gate because he was talking to all the patrons.
- Don because he was doing the right things only because the police were watching him.
- Laurie for taking Arthur to the show.
- Rod because even under the pressure of dealing with the show patrons he was as relaxed as ever.
- Carmel did all the hard work whilst Lyndon had it easy in the ticket box collecting the money.

Keep Smiling

A man is feeling really run down and would dearly like to have some time off from work but his boss is really tough. The fellow thinks the only way he can get the time off is to make out that he is crazy. So he goes into work and somehow manages to hang himself from the ceiling by his feet.

His secretary, a blonde I might add, comes in first and exclaims "What are you doing?"

"I'm acting like I'm crazy" the man replies. "I need time off. I am a light bulb".

Just then the boss walks in.

"What on earth are you doing?" he asked.

"I am a light bulb".

The boss says: "You're crazy. Take a few days off."

So the man gets down and makes for the door.

His secretary starts to follow him when the boss says: "Where are YOU going?"

She answered "I am going with him. I can't work in the dark".

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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: 24 Rotarians (including Harry)

Visiting Rotarians: None

Guests: Louise Rys and Harry Hua

Make – Up: Keith Miller at Sale Central

Raffle: Harry drew Noel's ticket for the bottle of red.

NEXT MEETING Monday 7th November

Combined meeting with Sale Central

Guest Speaker: Ambassador of the Republic of Iraq, His Excellency, Ghanim Taha Al-Shibli who will be accompanied by his wife and daughter.

Venue: Princeton Convention Centre

Time: 6:30 for 7:00pm (Be seated early)

Cost: \$25 per head. Partners welcome

No Meeting Monday 14th November

Thu. 17th Nov. - Combined meeting with RC Maffra

Venue: Maffra Memorial Hall

80 members of Rotary RV Fellowship, Victoria Division have registered to attend a joint meeting with the Wellington region Clubs. It's a partners night starting with pre-dinner drinks followed by dinner at 6:30pm. The meeting will be chaired by Rob Noble and entertainment provided by entrepreneur, Darren McCubbin who will present "Discovering New Caledonia – Gippsland"

ON THE RADAR

Mon. 21st Nov - TBA

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: 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