

ROTARY CLUB OF SALE INC.

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Chair: Ben Lancaster

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- President Alan gave a brief outline of his meeting with Council to seek its commitment to the River Heritage and Wetlands Trail. Alan pointed out that the importance of Sale in the development of Gippsland could have resulted in another Chicago and that the heritage of the Port of Sale, the Sale Canal and the Swing Bridge as well as the Wetlands are significant attributes of Sale that the proposed trail can link and thus promote the area.
- Alan sees the role of the RC of Sale in this project as (1) providing leadership, (2) raising funds, (3) providing professional services, (4) preparation of interpretive stations and (5) providing community support to Council in matters concerning the trail.
- Alan submitted to Council a Community Project Charter between the RC of Sale and the Shire of Wellington that is not a legal agreement but defines each party's commitments.
- Other announcements were that Vic Roads has approved a highway crossing by the trail; the project is budgeted to cost \$60,000; Council has agreed to the concept and has committed \$25,000.
- Alan then conducted the AGM in which the minutes from the previous meeting were moved to be accepted by Keith Miller and seconded by Neil Ross. Bob Davis presented the Club's financial report which has been duly audited. The financial report was moved to be accepted by Brian Turner and seconded by Don Ripper. All the office bearers for the forthcoming year were elected with Grant Ellers as the incoming president.

Guest Speakers – Bianca Bezzutto and Nyeshia Ellis – Anglicare Gambling Task Force – Problem Gambling

Bianca began by explaining that the Anglicare Gambling Task Force is a service that covers the whole of Gippsland with Community Outreach Workers (COWS) stationed in Bairnsdale (1), Leongatha (1), Warragul (1) and Morwell (3). Bianca provided information and statistics that showed the extent of the problem and the causes that contribute to problem gambling.

The venues where Electronic Gaming Machines (EGMs) are installed are designed in such a way as to encourage patrons to stay and continue to feed the machines more money. Games are quick to play with most gamblers playing 13 games per minute. Particularly vulnerable people are those with too much time on their hands because they are off work through injury or other reasons. Up to 15 people can be affected by a problem gambler. The ready accessibility of EGMs is one of the contributing factors to problem gambling.

Bianca indicated that several means of alleviating the situation have been identified. Firstly, there has been a shift in focus from trying to change the problem gambler to changing the problem product. By making the gambler aware of the time he or she has spent playing the EGM or by how much money has been lost, it is hoped to help limit the time and money lost in the venue. It has also been established that public policy that shifts the focus from economic benefit towards the social impact of gambling will reduce the problem. With governments gaining 18% of state revenue from poker machines this is an important step forward. Local Council has also released a responsible gaming policy in 2005. Following the presentation, there were searching questions asked by Alan, Carmel, David C., Emu, Ben, Daniel Brian and Adrian. Bianca Nyeshia indicated that her job as a counsellor, is funded by poker machines. She also revealed there has been some success with older women and men and to a lesser extent with younger men. At the conclusion, Alan thanked Bianca and Nyeshia and Ben closed the meeting.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Emu Jones

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sergeant Emu fined a number of people for having their photos in The Gippsland Times including Daniel. • Keith, publicity officer for the RAAF in East Sale, was fined for the abundance of exposure he always receives in The Gippy. • “Whacker” Lewis not only gained a new name but paid for the “honour”. • Adrian, late as “usual”, paid up and was advised that he should be fined every week unless he mends his ways. • The Sergeant found plenty of dirt on Don who was fined on a number of counts including his sailing accident, a picture show and the fact that Beth was elected to Council. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carmel was fined for being caught drinking lemon, lime and bitters, not red. • Little escapes the attention of the sergeant, even when you keep your mobile office in a taxi, as Laurie discovered. • Keith, in his retirement, finds plenty to keep him occupied, even unlocking the tally room for the Council elections. He managed to scrape together enough to pay for the Sergeant’s second fine on him. • Brian had a slack week with no weddings and no funerals, so was asked to pay for this lack of business. • Neil was fined from the floor for having taught one of the newly elected Councillors, Beth Ripper. |
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Keep Smiling

Some alternative views about exercise...

Walking can add minutes to your life. This enables you at 85 years old to spend an additional 5 months in a nursing home at \$5000 per month.

My grandmother started walking five miles a day when she was 60. Now she's 97 years old and we don't know where she gets to.

The only reason I would take up exercising is so that I could hear heavy breathing again.

I joined a health club last year, spent about 400 bucks. Haven't lost a pound. Apparently you have to go there.

I have to exercise early in the morning before my brain figures out what I'm doing.

I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.

I have flabby thighs, but fortunately my stomach covers them.

The advantage of exercising every day is that you die healthier.

If you are going to try cross-country skiing, start with a small country.

And lastly: I don't exercise because it makes the ice jump right out of my glass.

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: Rotarians
Visiting Rotarians: None
Guests: None
Make – Up: None reported
Raffle: Ben drew his own ticket to win a bottle of red

NEXT MEETING Monday 5th November

Guest Speaker: Tracey Lauria –
 Alternative Health Therapies
Chair: Col Counsell
Sergeant: Leo O'Brien
Attendance: Noel Langley
Set Up: Brenda Burditt
Venue: Relish

Meeting Monday 12th December

Club Christmas Party (Partner's night)
Chair: Brian Turner
Sergeant: Rod Exton
Attendance: Noel Langley
Set Up: Grant Ellers
Venue: Relish

ON THE RADAR

Mon. 19th Dec. Breakfast meeting with Noel and Betty
Mon. 9th Jan. 06 Eastwood Park WB
Mon. 16th Jan Casual night
Mon 23rd Jan Seaspray

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