

ROTARY CLUB OF SALE INC.

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WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF SALE. 23rd January 2006

Chair: Alan Lewis

Guest Speaker, Peter Ward, demonstrated the new facility available to the Seaspray Club of Life Saving Victoria for conducting surf rescues. A Government grant of \$80,000 has enabled the club to invest in two 180HP jet skis and a vehicle for towing them to locations away from the base. The jet skis can handle rough conditions and reach speeds of up to 100k/h and can operate in water only 6" (15cm) deep. The grant was in response to a critical deficiency in rescue facilities in the Wonthaggi to Mallacoota area. They are no longer just used for servicing the area between the flags but are also intended for rescue work involving boating mishaps offshore. With a range of up to 10km, the skis can operate for 4 hours. Young people are recognised as very suitable for using the equipment but must be at least 18 years old and undergo extensive training before being allowed to operate the skis. Rescuers are in contact with the water police in Paynesville and are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week although they are not expected to carry out night searches.

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- President Alan outlined his plans for the Australia Day celebrations on Thursday: Preparations will commence at 9:30am with Daniel erecting barricades at Desailly Street. The Briagolong Bush Band will commence the celebrations by playing from 11 – 11:45am
Other activities to follow include:
Sale City Band
Baloologist
Face painting
CFA demonstration
Distribution of Australian flags
Sausage Sizzle free to public (Lions Club of Sale)
Other refreshment available for purchase (Provided by RC of Sale drinks, coffee, ice cream)
Address by Councillor Jenny O'Neil "What it means to be Australian"
Drawing of CFA Raffle
Flag Raising arranged by WO Neville Gibbons
- Alan reminded those present of the public meeting at 5pm on Tuesday at the Council chambers to discuss the hand-over of the restored Swing Bridge.
- Grant, who became a grandfather three weeks earlier than he anticipated, informed members that Sale Specialist School recommences next week and that a working bee is tentatively scheduled for one day in the third week of school so that the kids can be involved in spreading the mulch in the garden. He also distributed forms for police checks for those involved with the school project. **Please return the forms to Neil Ross at Monday's meeting.**
- Keith announced that movie producer, Bob Pitman, will be showing a film about the work of Interplast at a meeting to be held on Thursday 2 March at the Princeton.
- Alan concluded his remarks by thanking Peter Ward for explaining the way Seaspray Surf Life Saving Club now operates.

Keep Smiling

An elephant was drinking out of a river one day, when he spotted a turtle asleep on a log. So, he ambled on over and kicked it clear across the river.

"What did you do that for?" Asked a passing giraffe.

"Because I recognized it as the same turtle that took a nip out of my trunk 53 years ago."

"Wow, what a memory" commented the giraffe.

"Yes," said the elephant, I have "turtle recall".

"Recently, while I was on a shopping trip in a department store, I heard a little five-year-old talking to his mother on the down escalator. He said, 'Mummy, what do they do when the basement gets full of steps?'"

Sergeant at Arms:

Because of the totally relaxing occasion, no fines were collected.

RELISH CONTACT DETAILS

Hosts: Tania Jones & Robert Wood

Phone/Fax: (03) 5144 5044

E-mail: relish8@westnet.com.au

Rotarians, please remember to notify Relish of your intentions before 12:00 midday on the Monday of the meeting.

NOTICES

Attendance: 19 Rotarians

Visiting Rotarians: None

Guests: Some spouses

Make - Up: None reported

Raffle:

NEXT MEETING Monday 30th January

Speaker: Ben Lancaster – Job Talk

Chair: Daniel Smolenaars

Sergeant: Emu Jones

Attendance: Noel Langley

Set Up: Brenda Burditt

Venue: Relish

Meeting Monday 6th February

Club Night

Chair: Alan Lewis

Sergeant: Leo O'Brien

Attendance: Noel Langley

Set Up: Tania Jones

Venue: Relish

ON THE RADAR

Mon 13th Feb. – Mike Clapper, Principal Gippsland Grammar

Thu 2nd Mar. – Combined meeting at the Princeton in lieu of the meeting on Mon 6th March. Interplast Movie presented by Bob Pitman. ☆ ☆☆☆☆☆

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

A Chance to Tour NZ with Fellow Rotarians and Friends

Rotarians and friends of District 9820 are being offered a chance to join a group tour of New Zealand in April/May 2007

The tour is being organized jointly by a Rotarian in Hamilton, New Zealand and the group of local Rotarians who have conducted seven 'Outback Tours' for Rotarians and friends of District 9820 over the last twelve years.

In short, the tour on offer is an 18 or 21 day tour of both Islands of New Zealand, starting on April 13 next year. It will begin in Christchurch and finish in Auckland and visit most major tourist attractions in both islands, along with a few places of special interest to those who make up the touring party. The difference between the 18- and 21- day tours is an extra three days visiting the Bay of Islands, north of Auckland.

The total cost for the 21-day tour - including all accommodation, coach travel, meals, return air fare from Melbourne, and a few group items is likely to be close to but less than \$4,000 NZ (around \$3,800 Aus) per person, and a bit less for the 18-day tour.

While bookings for the tour are not yet being sought, we are seeking expressions of interest, so that we can decide whether to proceed with negotiations.

Anyone interested in joining the tour is invited to contact me (Bob Pitman, 5145 1569 or email: bpitman@wideband.net.au) as soon as possible – preferably before Friday February 3rd. – and I'll send you further details.

An expression of interest is not a commitment, but it does tell us whether the tour could be a 'goer' or not. If there is sufficient interest in this tour, we'll ask the Tour Company to firm up its bookings and get back to all who express interest with firm details of costs etc.. After that, we'll call for deposits from those who are still interested.