

ROTARY CLUB OF SALE INC.

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WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF SALE.

6th February 2006

Chair: Neil Ross

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- President Alan welcomed all members to tonight's meeting and gave a special welcome to guest, Wilma Tennant, Deputy Base Commander at RAAF East Sale.
- Alan informed the Club that the benches for the Sale Special School have now been constructed. He reminded members to provide the 100 points of personal information to obtain the police clearance necessary to work with the school's students.
- A letter of approval for the River Heritage Walk has been received via Sale Central from Wellington Shire Council.
- A letter of thanks was received from Anita Geitch for the wheelchair donated by the Club to Kiah Respite Home.
- There will be a Board meeting on Thursday 16th February.
- Alan indicated he will be absent for the next meeting but that Graeme will be standing in for him on the night.
- Alan congratulated Neil on behalf of the members for his fine achievement with the Sailability Club
- Sunday 19th February the restored Swing Bridge will be officially opened and 10 people are needed to act as marshals and parking attendants at the point where members of the public will park their cars to be bussed to the bridge. Please indicate at Monday's meeting whether you can assist. Alan recalled that the Swing Bridge has not been open since about 1976 when it required the use of a jackhammer to close it again.
- Grant announced that the date for the Dinner Auction has been set for May 12, the Friday before Mother's Day. The venue has yet to be decided. The fund raising team is made up of Leo, Harry, Keith, Grant and Neil.
- Daniel asked for an up-date on the progress of Centenary House.

Guest Speaker: Laurie Smyth – The History of the Postal Service in Gippsland

The guest speaker, Laurie Smyth, was briefly introduced by chairman Neil.

Laurie indicated that he is a long-time philatelist and has studied postal history for 9 years. He took up history because it was much cheaper than collecting stamps. At the outset, Laurie started with the postal history of the Wellington Shire but found that with the radio segment he conducted he needed to extend the history to the whole of the broadcast area of Gippsland which reaches from Dandenong – Cranbourne to the NSW border.

The projects that Laurie has undertaken are

1. Listing all postal locations in Gippsland
2. Listing all postmasters by post office
3. Collecting photos of all post offices
4. Listing all mail contractors of the 1800s that came into or worked in the Gippsland area.

The first post office in Flooding Creek was where the Caltex service station is now situated and was started on 1st October 1848. It was subsequently replaced and located on the corner of Foster and Raymond streets. This building was originally constructed without the clock tower. This was added later.

Laurie provided some interesting details and showed a number of valuable historical documents and stamps, including one valued at £3000. Among the documents were envelopes for communications between Sale and Melbourne police dated 22-12-1887. This envelope bore the annotation "Received Torn".

Other items Laurie displayed included photographs and marks of Gippsland post offices, airgraphs, 1891 Victorian overprints, paquetbot mail (mail sent by sea), special covers of mail sent by balloon post and a certificate of authenticity.

Laurie also supplied some other dates of interest:

- 1841 The Clonmell sank off Port Albert. It was replaced by the Seahorse Shamrock but this vessel proved to be unreliable
- The Port Albert post office began in 1843 with sea mail and with the initial authority coming from NSW.
- The first overland mail arrived in Flooding Creek on 1st August 1848
- In 1854 Flooding Creek was renamed Sale. At the same time 26 other places in the state changed their name

At the conclusion of Laurie's talk, President Alan thanked him and added that through the study of history we learn where we are going from where we have been. Chairman Neil then closed the meeting and invited members and guest to stay for fellowship.

Keep Smiling

After a trial had been going on for three days, Finley, the man accused of committing the crimes, stood up and approached the judge's bench. "Your Honor, I would like to change my plea from 'innocent' to 'guilty' of the charges." The judge angrily banged his fist on the desk. "If you're guilty, why didn't you say so in the first place and save this court a lot of time and inconvenience?" he demanded.

Finley looked up wide-eyed and stated, "Well, when the trial started I thought I was innocent, but that was before I heard all the evidence against me."

Sergeant at Arms: Leo O'Brien

- Sergeant Leo once again showed his polished style in collecting fines, starting with Grant for the non-functional microphone.
- Harry was asked to contribute to the Sergeant's coffer because it was the Chinese New Year last Sunday.
- Leo extracted some money from Rod because he does not wear his glasses properly.
- Keith's interesting column in the Gippsland Times attracted Leo's attention and Keith a fine.
- Laurie copped a fine for getting the Briagolong Bush Band to ask Leo to sing in public on Australia Day.
- Adrian paid for all the editorial mistakes in the Bulletin.
- Tania put too much garlic in the chicken Kiev for dinner.
- "Past member", Don, paid for his comeback.
- For his part in not being able to close the bridge, Alan was asked to pay up.
- Leo fined David C. for being a nice guy.
- Noel's huge zucchini earned him a fine.
- Last but not least Leo remembered to fine Daniel.
- In fines from the floor, David C. fined Keith for his Vindaloo chicken.
- To conclude the session, modest Leo fined himself for being an ordinary Sergeant.
- Neil's success with Sailability was the reason for his fine.

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

Guests: Wilma Tennant

Make – Up: None reported

Raffle: Tania won the mystery prize, a bottle of red.

NEXT MEETING Monday 13th February

Guest Speaker: Mike Clapper,
Principal Gippsland Grammar

Chair: Don Ripper

Sergeant: Rod Exton

Attendance: Noel Langley

Set Up: Carmel Webb

Venue: Relish

Meeting Monday 20th February

Guest Speaker: David Harrington
in China

Chair: Don Ripper

Sergeant: Rod Exton

Attendance: Noel Langley

Set Up: Carmel Webb

Venue: Relish

ON THE RADAR

Mon 27th Feb - Gary Silgard, Esso (TBC)

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

Mon 20th Mar - Working B Ashleigh House

Mon 27th Mar – Partner's night at Leo's

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