

ROTARY CLUB OF SALE INC.

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WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF SALE.

24th April 2006

Chairman: Grant Ellers

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- President Alan encouraged Rotarians to consider using the Ritchies Community Benefits Card when they shop at an IGA supermarket as a percentage of whatever is spent by the cardholders is donated to the community organisation they nominate to receive it.
- There is another working bee at McArdle's Gap on Sunday 30 April to complete the clean up.
- The Club is looking for 12 sponsors prepared to pay \$1,000 each for having their name displayed on the frames for the 12 signs to be erected at noteworthy points along the Heritage Trail.
- Peter is finalising the Heritage Trail brochure.
- David C. will be working at the Sale Specialist School on Monday.
- The first distribution of \$1,000 from the Jennings Trust is due to be made. Ben is applying for tax-free status for donations to the Club from this Trust and other sources.
- Grant announced that donations for the dinner auction are to be left at Daniel's workplace during business hours.

Guest Speaker: Group Captain Chris (Noddy) Sawade

Grant introduced the guest speaker who is the current Officer Commanding the RAAF Base East Sale. Noddy graduated in 1975 from the Pilot Course, was a flying instructor in the mid 80s and is presently Director of Air Force Flying Safety. Grant informed the Club that Noddy has been awarded the Conspicuous Service Cross. Noddy indicated that he would speak about the values of the RAAF and then what is happening at the Base in East Sale. The RAAF was formed to defend Australia, a task with significant risks not only in times of war but also in peacetime. Values such as OH&S, political correctness, education, the environment, etc. have changed over recent years. This resulted from the realisation the ill health suffered by 1,000 people was caused by the conditions they were expected to work under in maintaining aircraft fuel tanks.

In 2001 an adaptive leadership program was started in the RAAF which recognises the importance of being fair and respecting the rights of others. It also recognises the value of its people. This program gave rise to the Senior Leadership Team, a group that meets twice a year to evaluate the safety of procedures and recommend improvements. Noddy pointed out that a change in culture does not happen overnight but takes a generation. He explained that a generation in the RAAF is 6 to 8 years, the time for new recruits to undergo training and move into positions of responsibility.

He went on to say that the Army and Navy are looking to learn from the experience of the RAAF and added that the RAAF learnt from private industry which has been much quicker to address OH&S issues and adopt better values. Noddy continued his address to the Club by stating that as a base, East Sale was different from the other RAAF bases. He sees the RAAF as part of the community and that the community values the presence of the RAAF in the region. The Officer Training School will be operational in two years. This follows a temporary delay when asbestos was found on the proposed building site. The site has since been released as safe so building can proceed. Noddy also predicted that the Pilot Training School would be moved to East Sale in 2012 or 2013.

The interest shown by the local people in the FA18s deployed to East Sale from Williamstown during the Commonwealth Games has prompted a decision to organise future deployments of two weeks every year and an open day for the next

occasion such as the Commonwealth Games.

Noddy concluded his talk by informing members that he expected to be at the base in East Sale until the end of next year. He then answered questions.

Alan asked if the development of staff is inhibited through the restrictions of OH&S. Noddy said no but that they need tools and rules for behaviour and that it is necessary to ensure risks are as low as possible. Harry asked if Noddy is responsible for accidents. Noddy replied that everyone is responsible but that the most senior person is accountable as well.

Alan commended Noddy on his work and thanked him for his talk. Grant then closed the meeting

Sergeants-at-Arms: Mike Smith

- Adrian was the first to be fined for drawing the sergeant's attention to an incorrect date in last week's Bulletin.
- David C. was fined because he was in the fortunate situation of having a wife much younger than himself.
- Emu paid for the rush of testosterone he displayed when he led the peloton of the Sale Early Morning Crew and left Adrian far behind on his own.
- Harry's good intentions of running a presentation night at the Grammar School got him into hot water for organising it on the night of the dinner auction.
- Grant's confusion about what features his new car has and does not have inspired Mike to fine him.
- Neil's persistence to sail in all sorts of weather conditions on Lake Guthridge earned him a fine.
- Rod paid up as a supporter of Richmond which defeated the mighty Brisbane Lions.
- Mike found that Tania is very ambitious in running two businesses as well as tending to all her other interests and commitments and fined her accordingly
- Keith paid up because he is about to leave the state of Victoria for 10 days.
- Alan's extravagant \$1,000 liquor bill also incurred a penalty
- Ben paid up for collecting funds for the swimming pool that is not yet open raising the question, is he the head of the department of shiftiness.
- Lyndon has copped it again for paying bills the long way round.
- Bob, newly retired, is finding that even at this stage in life, time flies and is worth money. Mike had no hesitation in catching the money flying in his direction.
- Mike then proceeded to fine the guest speaker and suggested that he could donate to the dinner auction, on behalf of the government, a Roulette with some aerobatics thrown in.
- The sergeant had observed Graeme drooling over the truck in the mail run on the Birdsville Track and extracted a fine from him.
- Other members who were fined were Brenda, Laurie and Col.
- In fines from the floor, David C. got Noel for always being on holidays and Graeme got pay-back on Mike for suggesting to the police to call on Graeme for a job they initially asked Mike to do.

Keep Smiling

During a visit to the mental hospital, a visitor asked the Director what are the criteria that determine if a patient is to be institutionalized.

"Well," said the Director, "in one test we fill up a bathtub, offer a teaspoon, a teacup, and a bucket to the patient and ask the patient to empty the bathtub. The patient is then assessed on how he or she empties the bath."

"Oh, I understand," said the visitor. "A normal person would choose the bucket as it is larger than the spoon or the cup."

"Noooooo," answered the Director. "A normal person would pull the plug."

A man was 'batching' and when his clean clothes ran out it was time to tackle the washing. Next day at work, he complained it had taken just about the whole day to get his washing done. When asked why it had taken him so long, he replied that when he checked the labels they had said, "wash separately!"

NEXT MEETING Monday 1st May

Guest Speaker: Tania Jones: Job Talk

Chair: Harry Hua

Sergeant: Leo O'Brien

Attendance: Noel Langley

Set up: Chris Harrington

Venue: Relish

Meeting Monday 8th May

Club Night

Chair: Alan Lewis

Sergeant: Emu Jones

Attendance: Noel Langley

Set up: Chris Harrington

Venue: Relish

ON THE RADAR

Fri 12th May - ☆☆Dinner Auction☆☆

Mon 15th May - No meeting

Mon 22nd May - Don Ripper: Youth Exchange

Mon 29th May - Wellington Mayor: Malcolm Hole

Mon 5th Jun - Rowan Salerman: Athletics

Mon 26 Jun - Change over night

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 if you'll be absent by 12:00 midday on the Monday of the meeting.

NOTICES

Attendance: 21 Rotarians.
Visiting Rotarians: None
Guests: None
Make – Ups: Noel Langley: 3 at Pambula
Raffle: Adrian took home the bottle of red

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

21-Day Tour of New Zealand in April /May 2007

Several places still remain in the above tour – a 21-day tour of both islands of New Zealand from April 13th to May 3rd, 2007.

It's a tour designed especially for Rotarians and Friends of District 9820 and will be conducted along similar lines to the seven 'Australian Outback' tours enjoyed by many fellow Rotarians and their friends over the last twelve years.

The cost of the tour will be around \$4,095 per person. This fee covers travel to and from NZ, all travel within NZ (coach and boat), all meals, all accommodation (twin-share in motels) plus standard travel insurance.

Further details on the tour can be obtained from Bob and Barbara Pitman, RC of Maffra (tel 5145 1569), Geoff and Lindy Gilsenan, RC of Mornington (tel 5974 2077) or Geoff and Judy Kaye, RC of Mt. Martha (5974 4687), or through email on bpitman@wideband.net.au

Bookings, with deposits, are to be made with Lindy Gilsenan (tel 5974 2077) as soon as possible. With the tour now two-thirds booked, we are anxious to fill the last places so that we can secure 'best prices' for air fares.

Give us a call if you're interested.

Bob Pitman, Rotary Club of Maffra.

East Coast Bike Ride



WANTED FOR JOHN NELSON BIKE RIDE

The committee supporting the John Nelson East Coast Bike Ride are attempting to obtain a motor type home to be used on the bike ride.

If you can assist either by having contacts with people who can assist our cause and are able to loan such a vehicle, please contact John Butler – 51569 342 or ajejbutler@wideband.net.au

The unit would be required from 1st July to 7th November 2006.