

# ROTARY CLUB OF SALE INC.

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**August is Membership and Extension Month**

## PRESIDENTS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

- President Grant spoke at length about the face of Rotary in the community and indicated some ways in which the Club is already promoting Rotary and can further improve awareness of the organisation and its work. Some suggestions put forward were ensuring signs are displayed at key entry points to the town advising travellers of the presence of Rotary in Sale and donating magazines such as Rotary Down Under to doctor and dental surgeries, hairdressing salons, etc., once the owners have finished reading them.
- Grant passed around a number of publications for members to examine. These included the Shelter Box magazine and Rotary World that describe the many programs in which Rotary is involved and Frank Talk, a motivational book.
- An initiative of District 9820 is the wine corks for wheelchairs program. Grant asked all members to save their corks and bring them to Rotary where they can help provide wheelchairs.
- Further to the announcement he made last week, Grant urged members to visit RYDA's website <http://www.ryda.org.au/> to see how our Club may be able to get involved in Rotary Youth Driver Awareness. See below for a summary of the details.
- Grant invited Lyndon to speak about the developments in the Skate Park Project. Lyndon summarised the events to date and indicated that the Gippsland Times would be running a story explaining the two Rotary Clubs' involvement as well as Council's. This was expected to address the concerns raised by the committee for building the skate park

**Guest Speaker:** Col Counsell - Membership

Past President Col spoke on the important topic of Membership and asked members for comments and criticism of a draft procedure he had prepared. The following protocol is the result of the amended draft and Col is urging all members to take immediate steps towards bringing potential Rotarians as guests to

## PROCEDURES FOR INTRODUCING NEW MEMBERS

1. Identify potential member as someone with relevant qualities to make a good Rotarian,. Viz.,
  - Achievers in any field of endeavour or occupation
  - High ethical standards of behaviour
  - Interest in offering service for the benefit of others.
  - Good social skills would be an asset but not necessarily a prerequisite.
2. Enquire as to whether candidate would be interested in joining Rotary.
3. Submit potential member's name to Membership director (email: [colcounsell@eftel.net.au](mailto:colcounsell@eftel.net.au)) for circulation to members of board for response.

4. Director will email back green light to go ahead within a few days.
5. Invite candidate to a Rotary Dinner to meet other Rotarians and learn a little about the operations of the Club. If necessary enlist the services of another experienced Rotarian to assist you by sitting nearby during dinner.
6. At the conclusion of Dinner it may be appropriate to pursue the possibility of joining the Club or it may be better to make a call a few days later to determine feelings re membership. Either way the candidate should be provided with a copy of the club's Prospectus for perusal (obtainable from Membership Director).
7. If appropriate arrange a meeting in a few days or ask candidate to help you to fill out their details on the Membership Proposal Form. This completed form is then submitted to the Membership Director who will ensure that it is circulated throughout the membership to allow for any objections to be raised. This process usually takes about two weeks after which the new member will be inducted into the club on any suitable night.
8. Members who object to the acceptance of any new member will be expected to explain their objections to the board.
9. The new member will be issued with an Invoice for pro-rata fees within a few weeks of being inducted.

NB: THE CLUB'S MEETING ON 28<sup>th</sup> AUGUST WILL BE AT HARRY'S AND WILL FEATURE GUEST SPEAKER, JOHN DUNCAN. THIS WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT NIGHT TO INTRODUCE POTENTIAL MEMBERS.

**Sergeants-at-Arms:** Mike Smith

- Mike conducted his research far and wide to impose his fines, starting with Tania whose reputation as a fine restaurateur spread to the northern corner of Victoria.
- In his position at the dining table, David C. inevitably has his back to the guest speaker so inevitably this attracted a fine.
- Keith was nominated by the President to look after the wine corks for wheelchairs because of his reputation as a connoisseur of fine reds. This made Keith the target for a fine.
- Col, tonight's speaker, copped one for not paying attention.
- Neil has been retired from teaching for several years now but amazed the sergeant for still seeking out Rod to talk shop.
- When Sale Golf course is extended to 72 holes, Noel is not expected to be home before 7pm so Mike got an early fine in on him for being late.
- Peter is planning an overseas trip and was asked to contribute an exit fee to the sergeant's collection box.
- Leo knew the answer to the question Mike drew from the Rotary information article in the last Bulletin and paid up for being a know all.
- Rod paid up for apparently joining the staff of the Richmond FC

<u>NEXT MEETING Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Aug</u>	<u>Meeting Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Aug</u>	<u>ON THE RADAR</u>
<b>Guest Speaker:</b> Peter Heilbuth – Manager TAFE Fulham	<b>Guest Speaker:</b> Fiona Barr - Sale Tourist Centre	Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Aug - Social Night - Dinner at the Palace. <b>Partner's night.</b>
<b>Chair:</b> Rod Exton	<b>Chair:</b> Lyndon Webb	Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Sep - Club Night
<b>Sergeant:</b> Leo O'Brien	<b>Sergeant:</b> Rod Exton	Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Sep - A Night at Stratford on Avon
<b>Attendance:</b> Noel Langley	<b>Attendance:</b> Noel Langley	Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct - DG Visit
<b>Set up:</b> Ben Lancaster	<b>Set up:</b> Bob Davis	Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov - Marathon Muster – See below.
<b>Venue:</b> Relish	<b>Venue:</b> Relish	

**Relish Contact Details**  
 Hosts: Tania Jones & Robert Wood  
 Phone/Fax: (03) 5144 5044  
 Rotarians, if you are going to be absent you **must** notify Relish by phone no later than 12:00 midday on the Monday of the meeting.

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

**NOTICES**  
 Attendance: 15 Rotarians.  
 Visiting Rotarians: None  
 Guests: None  
 Make-Ups: None reported  
 Raffle: Leo took the wine to share with Deb.

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

For more information about Rotary check the following websites  
 Rotary Club of Sale: <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~rcsale/>  
 Rotary District 9820: [www.district9820.org](http://www.district9820.org)  
 Rotary International: <http://www.rotary.org>

## About Rotary

Below is the calendar for the Rotary year so you can plan ahead. Please note, it is not an oversight that there is no focus on May 2007. The RI Board designates special observances and they have not designated any theme for the months of July as well as May of the 2006-07 Rotary year.

### July 2006

- New Rotary officers begin their year of service.

### August 2006 – Membership and Extension Month

### September 2006 – New Generations Month

### October 2006 – Vocational Service Month

- 31 October: World Interact Week begins

### November 2006 – Rotary Foundation Month

- 31 October-6 November: World Interact week

### December 2006 – Family Month

### January 2007 – Rotary Awareness Month

- 28-31: International Assembly; San Diego, California, USA

### February 2007 – World Understanding Month

- 1-4: International Assembly; San Diego, California, USA
- 23: Rotary's 102nd Anniversary

### March 2007 – Literacy Month

- 12-18: World Rotaract Week

### April 2007 – Magazine Month

- 22-28: Council on Legislation; Chicago, Illinois, USA

### June 2007 – Rotary Fellowships Month

- 17-20: 2007 Rotary International Convention; Salt Lake City, Utah, USA

## Just for Fun

A bloke's wife goes missing while holidaying on the West Australian coast. He spends a terrible night wondering what could have happened to her. Next morning there's a knock at the door and he is confronted by a couple of policemen, the old Sarge and a younger Constable. The Sarge says, "Mate, we have some news for you, unfortunately some really bad news, but, some good news and maybe some really good news".

"Well," says the bloke, "You'd better let me have it both barrels, what's the bad news?"

The Sarge says, "I'm really sorry pal, but your wife is dead. Young Bill here found her lying at about five fathoms in a little cleft in the reef. He got a line around her and we pulled her up, but she was dead."

The bloke is naturally pretty distressed to hear of this and has a bit of a turn.

After a few minutes he pulls himself together and asks what the good news is.

The Sarge says, "Well when we got your wife up, there were quite a few really good sized crays and a swag of nice crabs attached to her wetsuit, so we've brought you your share," and he hands the bloke a sugar bag with a couple of Nice crays and four or five crabs in it.

"Geez thanks. They're bloody beaut. I guess it's an ill wind and all that... Now, what's the really good news?"

"Well", the Sarge says, "me and young Bill here get off duty at around 11 o'clock and we're gonna shoot over there and pull her up again!... You fancy comin' with us?"

## Marathon Muster Monday, November 13, '06

Enjoy a rural ramble with social barbeque at "Woolenook" farm's Rock Cottage, Marathon Rd., Briagolong. Optional walk of the Peach Flat Wetlands trail, visit a hidden 1870's settler's original galvanized iron cottage, repose among the red gums or beside the roaring log Cottage fire and hear recitations of early Australian poetry from Ross Noble of the Gippsland Bush Poets' Association.

\* Time and travel: Depart Sale (pool cars) 6:15pm (Allow time for the Marathon Muster Geography Quiz along the way). Arrive "Woolenook" 6:50pm. BYO



## PROGRAM OUTLINE - a Rotary Perspective -

*The RYDA Program* is a one-day program within the school curriculum that is designed to help year 11 students identify risks and encourage them to take a more responsible attitude to motoring. So it is about education and attitude.

### **The Aim of the Program**

The aim is to give schools access to a community of experts to bring road safety awareness to students which will contribute to a reduction in young driver injuries and fatalities.

Young people aged 17-25 years represent 13% of the population that account for 30% of motorists killed or seriously injured in road crashes.

### **Topics include:**

- Safe Stopping Distances
- Safe Celebrating and Fatigue
- Hazard Perception
- Its Your Decision (the consequences of poor choices)
- Accidents do Happen – Personal Histories
- Legal & Financial Responsibilities of Motoring

These sessions are presented by experts in their field, experts who have experience at the "coal face", for example, Police Youth Liaison Officers and Drug and Alcohol Counsellors.

Students are brought face to face with young victims of road accidents. The sessions are highly interactive

The Program assembles a community of experts in professional facilities.

### **How it works:**

Rotary Clubs are grouped together generally in Zone Committees for coordination purposes. These committees work with Councils (who are financial supporters) and schools (who are our 'customers').

### **How to get started:**

Contact the Executive Officer in your area or our Chief Executive Officer, Ian Robertson

### **What Clubs do:**

- Support the Program on a particular day with up to 6 volunteers (you will be fully briefed)
- Provide a donation of \$2000 towards the cost (less for small Clubs – more for large)
- Provide a member from your Club to participate in the Zone Committee

### **What happens next:**

Zone Committee will:

- Liaise with Council in your area (there may be more than one). Councils are charged with a responsibility for road safety – we engage with each Council seeking their support - (their RSO's are keen to assist) - plus a donation based on the number of schools/students participating in their area.
- Liaise with schools –principals are invariably keen to have their students involved.
- Liaise with the Executive Officer responsible for your area who will provide you with full details of the Program – it is crucial that the sessions comprise the road safety messages approved by State government Transport authorities and is supported by State Education Departments (*RYDA* deals with this).

### **Participation of Schools and students**

*RYDA's* Annual Report provides details of participation schools and students and where the Program was conducted in 2005 and where it is planned to conduct the Program next year. For further details contact our Chief Executive Officer, Ian Robertson.

### **Rotary and the Public**

Rotary is proud of it humanitarian work for the communities throughout Australia.

Last year *RYDA* received extensive exposure in the local press. *RYDA* has been featured in the Stateline Program on ABC, radio and in the national press. NSW politicians attended the launch of the Program from both sides of State politics with Federal representation as well.

The Program has contributed to the profile of Rotary in our community. It is a high profile project which encourages interest from the public in our service to the community.

### **Continuity in crucial!**

Rotary is making a difference! Continuity of the Program year on year is crucial. Each year by exposing more year 11 students to the Program we can achieve an increasing proportion of road users who are *RYDA* "graduates".

**"It is hard to imagine a more worthwhile project – protecting the lives of our children"**