

# ROTARY CLUB OF SALE INC.

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**December is Family Month**

## PRESIDENTS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Conference 2007** It's time again to remind members about the district conference. 23-25 March 2007. Laurie has the registration forms and it's important that you get your registration in early and book your accommodation. If you're asking yourself why you should be going to the conference then you obviously therefore need to be going to expand your Rotary knowledge and horizons. The conference is virtually compulsory for all new members and probably some longer serving members should also consider going to learn about all the new stuff that comes along.

**Relay for Life.** Unfortunately, the Relay for Life walk is on a the same weekend as the conference. I have discussed this with the Sale Central President and we believe that those not attending the conference should form a combined Rotary team for the Relay. Julie Hollands is putting a team together and is the liaison for the Central Club. Dave Hollands is stuck between a rock and a hard place, being the Pres Elect for Central he should attend the conference but Julie is also a cancer survivor and wants to go with the Relay.

**Ride to Conference.** Please remember that we have committed to assisting the ride to conference participants in the week leading up to the conference. They will be in Sale for two nights. They will require billet accommodation for one of these nights and will source their own for the other night (Caravan park I suspect). Emu and Adrian are our liaison persons for this.

**Working with Children - blue cards.** A new system of accreditation for working with children has been approved in Victoria (and is similar to legislation in other states) which replaces the "old" system of police checks which was project specific. RI has dictated that all Rotarians will need to have this accreditation and will require percentage returns from Clubs from 2007. The process is free and requires that individuals collect a form from their post office, fill in the form and then make an appointment for an interview taking the necessary documentation with them (photo plus 100 point check, much the same as getting a passport). Pretty simple. I'm aware that some members already have their cards.

**Dinner Auction.** It's now six months away from our traditional date for the Charity dinner auction (Friday prior to Mother's Day). I'm assuming that the core group committee from last year (gathered together at the end of the table) will be starters again this year to help me with the event.

**Rotary Club of Bloxwich Pheonix** I will pass around this lovely post card from the Rotary Club of Bloxwich Pheonix who it seems have toasted our health at their recent dinner meeting. A very nice guesture and I will respond in the appropriate manner.

**Board Meeting.** Next week, Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December.

Following his announcements, President Grant conducted the AGM in which the Acting Treasurer, Bob Davis, read out the audited report. The motion to accept the report was moved, seconded and passed by the members present. Grant then moved that the members accept Laurie Smyth as the incoming President and Leo O'Brien as the President-elect. This was seconded and passed by a vote of the members. Because Laurie will cease being Secretary when he becomes President, Grant indicated he is looking for someone to fill this position.

Before the announcements concluded, Daniel reminded members to bring their wine corks so that they can be used in the wheelchairs program.

**Guest Speaker: David Tulloch and Col Counsell**

Chairman Don introduced the subject that Club members David Tulloch and Col Counsell were speaking about, viz. building a house in the remote village of Pormpuraaw on the western side of Cape York Peninsula. The project was funded by RAWCS and the Federal Government through the Balkanu Cape York Development Corporation.

David showed a DVD made by Rotarian Bob Pitman at the time of the construction and then he and Colin answered questions about their experience. There were 5 in the crew that set off for Pormpuraaw, three Rotarians David Tulloch,



Col Counsell and David Scrase (RC Phillip Island), a volunteer nurse (Denise Schimana) and a volunteer carpenter (Andy McPhee). The project was organised by the Rotary Club of Geelong.

Col and David were camped on the beach front about 3km from the town. They worked from 6:30am to 7:30pm with a break during the hottest part of the day. The team had two weeks to complete the construction. After this the time the crocodile breeding season started. David



Camping ground at Pormpuraaw

counted 60 crocs at one time but because it was not breeding season the builders were safe. The project was delayed at one point by high winds.

Pormpuraaw is 660km from Cairns on the central west coast of the Cape York Peninsula. The drive from Cairns is about 8 - 10 hours and the second half requires a reliable 4-wheel drive vehicle. Sometimes it is inaccessible by road for



Community Hall

up to 6 months. The community has a coast watch to guard against illegal landings. There is a crocodile farm in the area which was established in the 1970s when crocodiles were becoming endangered.

During question time Col informed us that he found his time in Pormpuraaw very draining, very tiring and that he was



Community Justice Centre

looking for somewhere to sit down. He also admitted that David taught him how to camp.

David told us of his plans to organise a 'bring clothing night' for the Rotary Clubs in Sale and Maffra so that he could supply the women's refuge centre with desperately needed clothing.

**Sergeant-at-Arms: Mike**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sergeant Mike made no bones about fining David T for breaking his ankle</li> <li>• Somehow Mike also knew that Alan was feeling guilty, something about killing a Chinaman, so he extracted a dollar from Alan.</li> <li>• Col took the wrong bottle of wine last week so he paid up.</li> <li>• There was no dirt on David C so he was fined for being clean.</li> <li>• Grant copped a fine for his state of health, a result of changing from drinking beer to wine.</li> <li>• Sue attracted a fine for being the newest member.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daniel was spotted in Mallacoota and naturally he had to pay for this.</li> <li>• Bob's financial report also earned him the opportunity to contribute to the sergeant's collection.</li> <li>• Leo's absence from seeing An Inconvenient Truth because he had to attend his son's cricket training was the reason for his fine.</li> <li>• Brian paid up so that he will remember to make sure the bishop turns up for the Christmas message next week.</li> <li>• Ben contributed to the cause because he brought Nadine along to the film night.</li> <li>• Harry, Graeme and Rod were also fined.</li> </ul> |
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## Just for Fun

A young ventriloquist is touring the clubs and one night he's doing a show in a small club in a small town in Arkansas. With his dummy on his knee, he's going through his usual dumb blonde jokes when a blonde woman in the fourth row stands on her chair and starts shouting:

"I've heard enough of your stupid blonde jokes. What makes you think you can stereotype women that way? What does the colour of a person's hair have to do with her worth as a human being? It's guys like you who keep women like me from being respected at work and in the community and from reaching our full potential as a person, because you and your kind continue to perpetuate discrimination against, not only blondes, but women in general...and all in the name of humour!"

The ventriloquist is embarrassed and begins to apologise, when the blonde yells, "You stay out of this, mister! I'm talking to that little jerk on your knee!"

### **NEXT MEETING Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec**

**Guest Speaker:** Bishop John McIntyre's Christmas Message;

#### **Partners night**

**Chair:** Brian Turner

**Sergeant:** Leo

**Attendance:** Noel Langley

**Set up:** David Crouch

**Venue:** Relish

### **Meeting Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec**

**Breakfast with the Langleys from 7am**

**Chair:** Noel

**Sergeant:** No sergeant

**Attendance:** Noel

**Set up:** Noel

**Venue:** Noel's place

### **ON THE RADAR**

Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Jan – Working bee at Ashleigh House

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Jan – Social night of Lawn Bowls

Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Jan – Sale Turf Club – partners night

### **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 or let Noel know the week before.

### **NOTICES**

Attendance: 19 Rotarians.

Visiting Rotarians: None

Guests: Jannie & Grahame Giles, Alida Dyer, Colin Iversen, Christine Crouch.

Make-Ups: None reported

Raffle: Sue drew David T's ticket for the wine.

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

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>