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December is Family Month

PRESIDENTS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Noel and Betty's Breakfast There is a list going around to indicate attendance at Noel and Betty's place next Monday for breakfast. Starting time is 7:00, yes that's AM Harry!

Ride to Conference. Emu (Ian Jones) has the application forms for anyone interested in participating in the ride itself, please see him.

Conference 2007 I'd like to go over a few of the highlights for the District Conference (23-25 March 2007 remember!). In addition to the purely Rotary flavour of the conference, there are a lot of other activities associated with the conference as well as lots of things to see around the Phillip Island area. It isn't essential that you attend all of these nor would you have time to, the variety is to ensure that all interests are catered for. Once again, it is virtually essential that if you haven't attended a conference in very recent times, then you should be going. I take the point that it will be easy for newer Rotarians if they went along knowing other Club members are going.

An Inconvenient Truth. Thanks to Col for the follow-up information on the Al Gore doco. I am still pontificating the consequences that might follow on from the scenarios outlined in the film and haven't yet fully grasped what might happen and what we can do about it.

River Heritage Trail Signs. Alan and Daniel were unable to complete the signs due to the seriously hot weather and the subsequent fire hazard of using an angle grinder to complete the work. (Alan has advised that the work should be done next Saturday, 16th December. Photographers are required for our records and Gippy Times.

Sailability. Many thanks to Laurie, Alan and Bob for assisting Rossi with Sailability last week.

Guest Speaker: Bishop John McIntyre

Chairman Brian Introduced our guest speaker, Bishop John McIntyre, who prior to his appointment as the Bishop of Gippsland, had spent 15 years as the Parish Priest in Redfern.

John commenced his talk by continuing the story of his time in Redfern. He used to play Christmas carols on his guitar in the pub across the road from the parish church and claimed that this is where he had his biggest congregation. In response to an interjection by one of the members about the Offertory collection, John said that a collection box known as the Rev's tin was kept in the pub and netted about \$2,000 per year.

John went on to explain the origin of Santa Claus and Father Christmas. Santa Claus comes from a European Saint





who did kind deeds and donated to the needy whereas Father Christmas used to wear a blue suit and is believed to have derived from early pagan practices. The red and white suit came about when Coca Cola introduced it in the 1940s to help sell its product. The jolliness of Father Christmas had more to do with the state of inebriation.

The Christmas message continued with an account of the deaths of three young men in Redfern leading up to Christmas three years ago and the anguish it caused in the community. Christmas is also a time of increased suicides because people are confronted by their inability to do what is expected from them. For Christians, Christmas symbolises a spark of hope in the depths of winter.



Following his address, John did not need a lot of coaxing to accompany the Sale Rotary Club choir and everyone joined in to sing a number of carols, starting with 'Oh Come All Ye Faithful'. When the singing was done, David C. recited John O'Brien's poem, Tangmalangmaloo.



Tangmalangmaloo

John O'Brien

The bishop sat in lordly state and purple cap sublime,
 And galvanized the old bush church at Confirmation time;
 And all the kids were mustered up from fifty miles around,
 With Sunday clothes, and staring eyes, and ignorance profound.
 Now was it fate, or was it grace, whereby they yarded too
 An overgrown two-storey lad from Tangmalangmaloo?

A hefty son of virgin soil, where nature has had her fling,
 And grows the trefoil three feet high and mats it in the spring;
 Where mighty hills uplift their heads to pierce the welkin's rim,
 And trees sprout up a hundred feet before they shoot a limb;
 There everything is big and grand, and men are giants too –
 But Christian knowledge wilts, alas, at Tangmalangmaloo.

The bishop summed the youngsters up, as bishops only can;
 He cast a searching glance around, then fixed upon his man.
 But glum and dumb and undismayed through every bout he sat;
 He seemed to think that he was there, but wasn't sure of that.
 The bishop gave a scornful look, as bishops sometimes do,
 And glared right through the pagan in from Tangmalangmaloo.
 'Come, tell me, boy,' his lordship said, in crushing tones severe,
 'Come, tell me why is Christmas Day the greatest of the year?
 'How is it that around the world we celebrate that day

'And send a name upon a card to those who're far away?
 'Why is it wandering ones return with smiles and greetings, too?
 A squall of knowledge hit the lad from Tangmalangmaloo.
 He gave a lurch which set a-shake the vases on the shelf,
 He knocked the benches all askew, up-ending of himself.
 And oh, how pleased his lordship was, and how he smiled to say,
 'That's good, my boy. Come tell me now; and what is Christmas Day?
 The ready answer bared a fact no bishop ever knew –
 'It's the day before the races out at Tangmalangmaloo'

Just for Fun

A blonde walked into an electronics store and told the salesman, "I want that T.V." and she pointed to an item on display. He looked at her and said, "I'm sorry, I'm not allowed to sell that to blondes." So the blonde, all ticked off, walked out of the store.

An hour later, she returned to the same store with a black wig on. She approached the salesman and said, "I want to buy that T.V." and she pointed to the same item.

He looked at her and said, "I'm sorry, but I already told you we can't sell that to blondes." So she walked out of the store, mad again, without a T.V.

A few weeks later, after a makeover, new hair colour, the works, she went back into that electronics store. Again she told the salesman, "I want to buy that T.V." and pointed to the display.

The salesman shook his head and admonished her, "I told you twice already, I can't sell that to blondes." The blonde looked at him and said, "How do you know that I'm a blonde?" He replied, "Because, that's a microwave."

NEXT MEETING Monday 18th Dec

Breakfast with the Langleys from 7am
Chair: Noel
Sergeant: No sergeant
Attendance: Noel
Set up: Noel
Venue: Noel's place

Meeting Monday 8th Jan

Working bee at Ashleigh House
Chair: Keith Miller
Sergeant: No sergeant
Attendance: Noel
Set up: Bring suitable gardening tools
Venue: Ashleigh House

ON THE RADAR

Mon 15th Jan –
 Mon 29th 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: John McIntyre (RC Sale Central), Janet McCahon (RC Long Island Frankston)
Guests: 11 Spouses
Make-Ups: None reported
Raffle: Chris won the special prize with her ticket drawn by Ann.

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	Maffra:	Thursday 6:00pm Duart Receptions
Bairnsdale Sunrise:	Friday 6:45am Main Hotel	Mitchell River:	Monday 5:45pm Italian Club
Heyfield:	Monday 6:30 Railway Hotel	Sale Central:	Tuesday 6:00pm Princeton
Lakes Entrance:	Wednesday 6:00pm Bellevue Motel	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	Rotary International: http://www.rotary.org
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Sergeant-at-Arms: Leo

- Sergeant Leo entered into the Christmas spirit and started by fining himself for failing to welcome visiting Rotarian and DG elect, Janet McCahon.
- Col copped a fine for distributing the green leaflets with the global warming advice.
- Grant didn't get away with the comment he made about the pecking order.
- Harry was next and was asked to pay up for taking Ahn out for dinner.
- Jodie, who is not far off from giving birth, incurred a fine for having a belly as big as Leo.
- Laurie's absence from the last meetings earned him a fine and Jill also attracted a fine for not letting Laurie go
- Guest, Mick Centra, could not escape paying a fine for trying to pour a glass of red from a bottle with a screw cap.
- Sue attracted a fine for offering to pay Mick's fee.
- Noel has been married to Betty for 57 years. In most cases this achievement is rewarded but for Noel this was reward in itself and Leo fined him instead.
- Chris has been away for too long and deserved a fine.
- David and Christine were the most attractive couple present and also won a fine.
- Ann fined her husband for wearing a civilian tie that did not match her dress.
- Sue fined Mike for falling down on the job of selling tickets.