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**February 2007 – World Understanding Month**

**Chairman:** Mike Smith

## PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Acting President Col Counsell advised the members that President Grant will be back next week.
- He thanked David Tulloch for organising the visit to the Turf Club and Judy for preparing the salads.
- At the invitation of Col, Alan Lewis thanked all the Rotarians who helped with the Australia Day celebrations. He said it had been very successful with over 1000 people on the day. Alan also informed the Club that with stage one of the Heritage Trail complete, he would be putting to the Board that there should be an official opening, preferably on the weekend of 21/22 April.
- David Tulloch announced that members of the RC of Dromana would be visiting Sale and that a BBQ tea has been organised at the picnic area of the Sale Tourist Centre. Rotarians are invited to come along. David also informed us of the visit to the Briagolong Mechanics Institute on 5 March. This is a partner's night. He reminded us that Briagolong had a pivotal role in the bushfires last month and this visit would enable members to recognise this.
- In addressing the Club, Daniel advised members that the annual Dinner Auction will be held on 11 May at Legends. This will be a social occasion with table service and the possibility of entertainment. Leo added that the committee is looking at fewer, high value auction lots and has set a target of 200 patrons for the night. There will be a focus on Rotary's work in the community and the support of bush relief activities is being considered.

**Guest Speaker:** Sue Boulter

Chairman Mike Smith introduced the speaker tonight, Club member, Sue Boulter, who works for Mission Australia. Sue started by giving a brief history of Mission Australia which provides services for homeless, disadvantaged and unemployed people. When Benjamin Short arrived in the colony of New South Wales in 1860, he was appalled by the poverty that existed in Sydney at that time.

"I had a burning desire to do something to awaken sufficient interest in the minds of my fellow citizens to commence a purely unsectarian mission on the same lines of the London City Mission," he said.

The outcome of that 'burning desire' was the establishment of Sydney City Mission, with a motion being passed at a public meeting in Sydney on 11 July, 1862.

Following that meeting, four staff were appointed, and each was given a district. The staff visited the homes of 'the poor' and as Sydney City Mission developed, the staff brought relief in the form of food, clothing and sometimes money.

These were the days before there was any such thing as government welfare or unemployment benefits. During these years, unemployment was high, and Sydney City Mission was called upon to save many families from starvation.

During the recession of 1890 and the Great Depression of the 1930s, the Mission Halls were full to overflowing with people in need.

Meanwhile, in 1859, Brisbane City Mission had been independently established, and Adelaide City Mission (which later became Mission SA) followed in 1867.

As the years progressed, so did the approach of these 'City Missions' to their care of the disadvantaged and needy in their communities. Handouts and 'soup lines' were replaced with structures and programs that looked at the causes of problems, and sought to find long term solutions. Attempts were made to provide holistic assistance catering for people's emotional, physical and social needs.

In 1978, Sydney City Mission started providing employment services, through its Vocational Employment Training Scheme (VETS).

These employment services spread throughout other areas of NSW, WA and SA, and when the Federal Government privatised the role of employment services in 1998, Mission Australia won a significant share of those programs, and remains one of the biggest employment providers in Australia today.

Meanwhile, back in 1989, Mission SA had approached Sydney City Mission to find out ways in which they could work together. In response, a separate organisation was created, called Mission Australia.

Over the years that followed, Sydney City Mission, Mission SA, Wollongong City Mission, Perth City Mission, Brisbane City Mission, Mission Australia Northern NSW, Mission Australia Southern NSW, Mission Australia Group Training and Mission Employment all joined forces.

As a result, in 2000, the 'mission family' officially came together as a single, unified organisation to provide an integrated approach to meet Australia's changing social needs.

The organisation was called Mission Australia.

Mission Australia now employs 2800 staff and 2000 volunteers in 326 sites. It is supported by a large number of corporate and community members and its major partners which Sue listed as Albert Music, Key Pharmaceuticals, Macquarie Bank Foundation, Optus, PwC, Qantas, Vodafone Australia, Westpac Bank, Westpac Foundation and Woodside Energy Limited.

In Sale Mission Australia is located at 111 Raymond Street where Sue is in charge of 24 staff who look after a wide range of services including a work for the dole scheme and a Mentor Me program. They have a Community Work Coordinator and are Registered Trainers. Sue indicated that Mission Australia is a very challenging place to work and that she is one of the longest serving members in the organisation.

At the conclusion of her talk, Sue answered questions from Leo, Harry, Alan and Adrian. She confirmed that the Work for the Dole program was working very well and is a service that provides labour, and in some cases materials, through which the participants gain skills and experience. It is funded by Government. It could also work hand in hand with some of Rotary's projects. Sue indicated that the area under her responsibility extends from Bairnsdale to Yarram.

**Sergeant-at-Arms:** Rod Exton

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rod did not waste any time in fining Daniel because nothing has happened with Jodie yet except that she is very big.</li> <li>• David T was congratulated for organising the racing stables event and fined in the same breath.</li> <li>• Leo escaped getting run over but did not escape a fine.</li> <li>• Sue incurred a penalty for residing in Barkly Street.</li> <li>• Noel's shorts caught Rod's eye and earned him a fine.</li> <li>• Alan copped a fine for managing to make a profit from the Australia Day activities.</li> <li>• Col paid up for becoming the owner of a new Calais.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adrian forked out for his part in buying Clarke's Pies.</li> <li>• Rod docked Lyndon for still being on crutches.</li> <li>• Harry's mobile went off during the meeting and paid he paid the penalty.</li> <li>• Following the visit to the stables last week, Carmel backed a winner and contributed some of her proceeds to Rod's fund.</li> <li>• Harry fined Adrian for not tipping him for the hospitality he provided at the Gippsland Palace.</li> <li>• Col fined Rod for not mentioning that Col had bought a motorbike to conserve fuel.</li> </ul> |
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**Just for Fun**

A blonde walked up to the counter and said in a clear loud voice to the attendant "Hello, I'd like to order a French fries, a burger and a milk shake".

There was a moment of stunned silence until the woman behind the counter looked up and pointedly said, "This is a library".

The blonde slowly surveyed the scene around her then turned back to the librarian and whispered, "I'd like to order a French fries, a burger and a milk shake".

<b>NEXT MEETING Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Meeting Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>ON THE RADAR</b>
<b>Guest Speaker:</b> David Oliver – Mind your mind. Partner's night	<b>Guest Speaker:</b> Fred Sunderman Local Inventor.	Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Club Night
<b>Chair:</b> Neil Ross	<b>Chair:</b> Ian Jones	Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar – Mechanics Institute Briagolong, – Margaret Anderson – partners night.
<b>Sergeant:</b> Leo O'Brien	<b>Sergeant:</b> Mike Smith	Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar – No meeting
<b>Attendance:</b> Noel Langley	<b>Attendance:</b> Noel Langley	Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar – Richard Crook – Sale Show
<b>Set up:</b> David Crouch	<b>Set up:</b> Bob Davis	
<b>Venue:</b> Relish	<b>Venue:</b> Relish	

<b>Relish Contact Details</b>	<b>NOTICES</b>
Hosts: Tania Jones & Robert Wood	Attendance: 18 Rotarians.
Phone/Fax: (03) 5144 5044	Visiting Rotarians: None
Rotarians, if you are going to be absent you <b>must</b> notify Relish by phone no later than 12:00 midday on the Monday of the meeting or let Noel know the week before.	Guests: Harry's guest Jason
	Make-Ups: None reported
	Raffle: Sue drew Harry's ticket and won a friend for life

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:	Maffra: Thursday 6:00pm Duart Receptions
Bairnsdale: Tuesday 6:00pm Bairnsdale Club	Mitchell River: Monday 5:45pm Italian Club
Bairnsdale Sunrise: Friday 6:45am Main Hotel	Sale Central: Tuesday 6:00pm Princeton
Heyfield: Monday 6:30 Railway Hotel	Traralgon: Tuesday 6:00pm Traralgon Golf Club
Lakes Entrance: Wednesday 6:00pm Bellevue Motel	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>

**Notice from Assistant Governor Brian Norris.**  
 Adrian Frogatt, the District Membership Officer will be making his membership presentation at Heyfield Club on Monday night 19 Feb. Could you make this known to your club members, especially the membership committee. Maffra will also be represented. I also plan to be there.  
 The meeting is 6.30pm for 7pm and is held at the Railway Hotel.



Rotary breakfast with the Langleys prior to the Christmas recess.