

# ROTARY CLUB OF SALE INC

80 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE SALE REGION  
1928 -- 2008



## **Weekly Bulletin** **the Rotary Club of Sale** **Chartered 19th September 1928**

### Club President

Leo O'Brien

### Secretary

Laurie Smyth

### **NEW GENERATIONS MONTH**

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### R.I. President

Dong Kurn Lee

### District Governor

Ken McDonald

**Chairman Daniel welcomed** 23 Rotarians present and guest speaker Leah Mether from Gippsland Water

#### **PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Leo thanked members for their support during the past two weeks when he was away as a consequence of a family bereavement

Congratulated Club members on the successful 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary function and thanked the Organiser Committee chaired by Adrian and Lyndon for standing in as MC

Circulated the sheet for the Boat Trip on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October

#### **The BBQ to launch the 5 Star Project HAS BEEN DEFERRED**

Alan reported that the Cultural Heritage Management Plan for Stage 2 of the Heritage walk has been approved and a planning permit issued, documentation for works is now being completed and quotes will be called within the next few weeks.

Rod has completed the Roster for Chairman, Sergeant & Set up to June 2009 if you are not available to complete your turn please notify Rod

Keith reminded Rotarians to review the Show Roster and if they cannot do the nominated shift advise him ASAP



The wheel chair access ramp at Seaspray nearly complete as a consequence of the Club's \$10,000 contribution



Good to see Leo back and Paul completed his first "Set Up"

**Sergeant – at – Arms Mike**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Geelong supporters Paul &amp; Don to pay for opportunity lost (no one owned up as been a Hawthorn supporter)</li> <li>• Adrian left late got back early</li> <li>• Col for the video (copies available)</li> <li>• Laurie a vegetarian?</li> <li>• Julie for the hamper</li> <li>• Noel in Rotary 49.5 years and 100% attendance</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carmel for being Lyndon's prompt as MC</li> <li>• Marg &amp; Mark excellent bar services and table mats</li> <li>• Royce for demonstrating technical abilities with screen</li> <li>• Graeme not aged in 20 years</li> <li>• David T wife Judy dancing alone</li> <li>• Daniel still creating dust</li> </ul> |
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Keith proposing the toast to Rotary International & Australia



The serious Sergeant



Col dobbing in Rossi

**Daniel introduce** Leah a former journalist with the Latrobe Valley Express and communications officer for the Gippsland Water Factory for the past eighteen months and has lived at Willow Grove all her life. Leah explained that she applied for this position because she believes that the project is of considerable benefit to Gippsland it is a new wastewater treatment system under construction adjacent to the Morwell Golf Club that will address a serious local environmental issue, while also incorporating recycling into the solution.

The first of its kind in Australia, it is primarily new wastewater treatment infrastructure that will service a population base of 48,000 and replace the existing 50-year-old system that has been deemed environmentally unsuitable by the Environment Protection Authority. This existing system includes more than 40km of open channel sewer, which has carried raw sewage since the mid 1950s. The key driver for project is to remove raw sewage flows from this regional outfall sewer in order to address the significant odour it generates. The treatment plant is under construction at Maryvale near Morwell and will use innovative technology to treat up to 35 million litres of Gippsland's domestic and industrial wastewater each day. This wastewater will come from more than 15,000 homes and businesses in nine Gippsland towns, and Australian Paper's Maryvale mill. The nine towns are: Traralgon, Morwell, Yallourn North, Boolarra, Toongabbie, Glengarry, Rosedale, Yinnar and Churchill. When operational, the plant will treat the domestic wastewater to an extra high standard and produce about eight million litres of high quality recycled water each day. This recycled water will be sold to Australian Paper's Maryvale mill for use in its industrial processes.

By selling recycled water to industry, the plant will free up an equivalent amount of fresh water - about three billion litres - in the Moondarra/Latrobe system each year for use in Gippsland; be it for environmental flows in our rivers, drinking purposes, or to support future growth in the area. Three billion litres of potable water is enough to service a town of 40,000 people for an entire year. The remaining highly treated wastewater will be sent down the outfall, free of odour causing organics, and discharged to the ocean at Delray Beach. While its salt content makes it unsuitable for irrigation, this water will be of an even higher quality than that currently discharged to the ocean outfall from the Dutson Downs treatment facility. Sale and Fulham's wastewater will be piped separately and directly to Dutson Downs where it will be treated and then re-used for agricultural purposes. This will ensure Sale and Fulham's raw sewage does not mix with the highly treated wastewater in the outfall Leah concluded her remarks by stating that the project will highlight Gippsland as a leader in sustainability and innovation. It will be the first wastewater treatment plant in Australia to incorporate recycling from the start, rather than add it to existing infrastructure. In addition, the technology used to treat pulp and paper wastewater is believed to be a world first that will exceed current world's best practice and set a new standard for treatment of this type of wastewater. Following extensive questions from members Leo made the usual presentation.



Marg asking the difficult question



Leah answering the questions



Leo making the presentation

<b>NEXT MEETING 6<sup>th</sup> October Peter</b> <b>Down on RWANDA</b> <b>Chair; Harry Hua</b> <b>Sergeant: Rod</b> <b>Attendance: Noel Langley</b> <b>Set Up: Mike</b> <b>Venue: Relish</b>	<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>Chair; Col Counsell</b> <b>Sergeant: Daniel</b> <b>Attendance: Noel Langley</b> <b>Set Up: Ian Jones</b> <b>Venue: Relish</b>	<b>On the Radar</b> <b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October Boat Trip</b> <b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December Darren Chester</b>
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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	Mitchell River: Monday 5:45pm Italian Club
Bairnsdale Sunrise: Friday 6:45am Main Hotel	Sale Central: Tuesday 6:00pm Sale Greyhounds
Lakes Entrance: Wednesday 6:00pm Bellevue Motel	Traralgon: Tuesday 6:00pm Traralgon Golf Club
Maffra: Thursday 6:00pm Duart Receptions	Traralgon Central: Monday 6:00pm Latrobe Convention Centre
	Yarram: Wednesday 6:00pm Yarram Club

<b>Relish Contact Details</b> Hosts: Thao Hua Phone/Fax: (03) 5144 5044 E-mail: Rotarians, please remember to notify Relish if you'll be absent by 12:00 midday on the Monday of the meeting.	<b>NOTICES</b> Attendance: 20Rotarians Visiting Rotarians: Guests: Make-Ups: Raffle: Alan won the wine
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For more information about Rotary check the following websites

Rotary Club of Sale: <a href="http://home.vicnet.net.au/~rcsale/">http://home.vicnet.net.au/~rcsale/</a>	Rotary District 9820: <a href="http://www.district9820.org">www.district9820.org</a>	Rotary International: <a href="http://www.rotary.org">http://www.rotary.org</a>
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**JUST FOR FUN**

Keith's Contribution

One day, a man came home and was greeted by his wife dressed in a very Sexy nightie.

'Tie me up,' she purred, 'and you can do anything you want.'

So he tied her up and went golfing.

**CLUB HISTORY Contributed by Laurie a transcript of a address by Peter Jensen a founding member of the Rotary Club of Sale given at the 50<sup>th</sup> celebration on the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1978**

I see many strange faces before me this evening which is not suprising (sic) as I left Sale some 39 years ago. I also feel a bit like the Ancient Mariner because my families association with Sale goes back now over 120 years. In 1858 my father came to Port Albert having been looking for gold without success, he came in the Brigadeer (sic) Shannon, worked there for a couple of years and then came onto Sale in 1860. I think Sale was known as Flooding Creek in those days and he came by bullock team. He was a carpenter and joiner by trade and in 1865 he built two banks in Bairnsdale: the national and the Vic. Which possibly are still there (sic). He then started a timber yard in York St., later built three shops in Raymond St., which became a general store. This is now operated by Foards, then of Bairnsdale only. My father was a good townsman, a Councillor for 23 years and a Mayor three times. He helped the early settlers through many a tough break and amongst some of them if still alive may remember this. He also had a very loyal staff which was a godsend to me about 1926-1927 when I took over the business and their help was priceless to me. My father died peacefully in Sale at the age of 97.

I'd like to make a tribute to Les Leyman at this stage, a Rotarian for some years and president in 1959-60. He was secretary of our Company and was good enough to relieve me during the war years in 1939 and he ran our business very successfully for 5 years and remained Managing Director on my return. When I came back he was fully established and you can't have two bosses so I felt that my time in Sale had been completed and I had to start a new career in Melbourne. Les was vitally interested in civic affairs and in particular in the new civic Centre which is, as you may remember emanated from a very small building in Foster St., to the handsome edifice it now is

He was very able and did a very fine job when we had a tragic fire in our business completely destroying the building and all its contents.

It may be of interest to someone for me to divert just for a minute or two and say more of this occasion. On Saturday when I was in Melbourne I got a message to say that our place was on fire. When I arrived it was completely burnt out – there wasn't a thing standing. Then Saturday night Les and I walked up and down the street wondering just what we would do. We saw the old A.N.A. hall which had been bought by the SEC to be demolished at some later date. It was empty and I thought I wonder could we get this? O Sunday morning I rang the District Superintendent and got him out of the shower in Traralgon and he was good enough to say "Look don't worry about it, I'll make it right, you go right in."

On Monday we got an announcement in the papers to say that we'd (sic) be back in business a week hence, which was rather game at that stage but we had such colossal report from everyone. They offered to loan us fixtures and counters, equipment and stock. Even stores offered to deliver our groceries on the usual round which accounts for which the canvasser would go out on that Monday. The builders left their jobs and came and weighed in, the whole of our staff concentrated on the old building. We were fortunate that our timber yard and transport was still okay and we were able to therefore use that as a base. Our buyers all went for supplies to Melbourne which at that time were rather difficult to get. Now that night the PMG had a three line switchboard in the old building upon which great hammering was going on and believe it or not the whole of that building was transformed and made suitable for a shop premises on Thursday next with the many items of equipment produced by our friends in the town. On Friday morning a goods train arrived from Melbourne completely full of goods for Jensens and the staff worked the whole weekend and believe it or not we opened on Monday as promised.

I would like to pay a special tribute to the people of Sale, who were so generous, and particularly to Les Leyman who organised the whole thing and then proceed to design a new store and to a superintendants building. Les unfortunately had the same job to do some few years later when we had another bad burn out – didn't lose the whole of the new store this time but lost quite a bit. Now that's just a bit of personal background.

Now early in 1928 the Bishop of Gippsland, George Harvard Cranswick talked to Frank Chalmer, a friend of ours, a real estate agent in Sale, about forming a Rotary Club here. Bishop Cranswick had travelled very widely and new quite a deal about it and Frank Chalmer was quite prepared to canvas a few suitable local members and see if we could get a charter basis going. Well he asked me would I become first Secretary and I agreed to do so. We were to be sponsored by the Melbourne Club and Fred Hartnell and James Davies of that Club came to Sale on the 12<sup>th</sup> July to meet with us and the basis of the Club was literally completed. Our first Inaugural meeting was at the Mechanics Institute on the 24<sup>th</sup> August. Now the first Charter president was the Rev. G. H. Cranswick, Anglican Bishop of Gippsland; vice-president R. M. Rolland, Secretary L. P. Jensen, and Sergeant at Arms Lt Colonel D. J. Daly. We had frequent visits from Melbourne during the early stage who came all the way down and all the way back the same evening, something like 7 hours of travelling just to help us and to provide speakers. Our official Charter was given to us by Fred Burkes at the Club Hotel on 29<sup>th</sup> November and we were then afloat. We were still depending heavily on outside visitors for speakers and perhaps were a bit starry-eyed over the situation. You must realize that this being a country town few of our members had seen other clubs, the nearest on the west was Melbourne and on east was Wollongong in N. S. W. I as Secretary was deadly afraid of a loss of interest among the Charter members until we could add new ones which as some time later, and actually some did later on resign. I can well remember Angus Mitchell who paid a visit from Melbourne to our club. A new Rotarian as he then was he expressed some doubts as to whether he'd done the right thing in becoming a member of Rotary when actually he didn't know a great deal. He then went overseas on a trip and saw the big picture and of course he came back the sort of convert you know and finished by being President of Rotary International. At that time there was only one district in Australia, the 65<sup>th</sup> and it was a pretty solid job for a District Governor to carry out.

We felt we were too dependant on outside people and we gingerly started arranging our own programmes with our own people. We started vacation talks among the members which gave us 16 speakers and some breathing space, and these were well received. So we gradually started to stand on our own feet. There was as I said a few resignations but by the time we were able to take new members this was well covered and we had some very fine people join the club. The First District Conference in Canberra was quite an event. We had a wonderful turn up from Sale and in fact won the attendance record and later as we went to most of the annual conferences which took place including the Pan-Pacific one which took place in Sydney. I was away as I mentioned from 1939 – 44 in a war service and the club was kind enough to give me leave of absence. When I returned I had to carve out a new career as Les Lehman had Sale well in hand and I really had to finish act of connection with Rotary. I was extremely surprised and grateful to be appointed Honorary which was not deserved but which I say made me very proud. This went on for some time but, not living in Sale it was subsequently discovered that I really didn't rate and I had to sever my connection finally. I went abroad on business in 1950, to U. S. A., England and Europe and it was my desire to visit Rotary Clubs overseas at the time. But I felt as an Honorary Member, as a non-acting member I should say, I didn't have the right to do so, so I rang Angus Mitchell and I asked him and he agreed with me that that was the case. Therefore I have missed a wonderful experience in visiting clubs overseas but that was just one of those things.

*Now I think I would like to give you a brief pen picture of our Charter members.* First of all I've mentioned **Right Rev. Dr. G. H. Cranswick, religion Protestant.** He first thought up the idea of Rotary in Sale and provided us with a lot of inspiration during his association with us. He was a great help to me as Secretary and also gave me some personal help in leaving his holiday hide-out in Lakes Entrance to come all the way down to Melbourne to marry me to Joyce Mackie whose father Sir John Mackie represented Gippsland and was Speaker of the House for several years. **Frank Chalmer, real estate,** gathered together the Charter members and was our first Treasurer and later President for 2 years. **R. M. Roland, Bob Roland was a law solicitor with his classification** was our first Vice-president and our second President for 2 years, was an outstanding sport. He played tennis to Davis Cup standard, was our golf champion, outstanding in community service, was on the City Council for 27 years and mayor in 1934. he was also on the Technical School Council for 48 years and Secretary of the Board of management of the Presbyterian Church for 30 years. He served in France during the 1914-18 war. A very worthy community man.

**Lt Colonel T. J. Daly, Classification Bank Savings** was our first Sergeant at Arms and he served with me on the committee of the Sale club and I got to know him rather well. He had a brilliant son as a soldier through Tom, who went through Duntroon, finished up a Lt. General, Chief of Generals Staff and was ultimately knighted. Now **T. V. Trood, Dentist,** President from 1930-31. Now his widow Gladys is here tonight which gives me great pleasure and it gives me

great pleasure to greet her, as Victor was a very fine Rotarian and a very fine citizen of Sale. Also in his early days a great athlete, he played football for Melbourne University in the Victorian Football League for 4 years, he was President and also at times captain of Sale Football Club, he was also President of the Gippsland and Latrobe Leagues. He played cricket for Sale for 15-20 years and so he was some athlete. He was also a City Councillor for 6 years. Now we turn to **G. A. Hagenaur**. Dr Hagenaur was a hearty fellow known through Gippsland as a brilliant **surgeon** and was well known throughout the whole of the district. **A McDonald, physician**, is the next. He was an unassuming retiring man unflinching in service to his patients, one of the fine old G. P.'s who became during the course of their practice family friends.

**H. C. Gardiner, Principal Technical School**. Howard Gardner saw great growth in his school and was kindly remembered by his many pupils some of whom may be here tonight. G. Walker, **Banking Commercial**. Now George Walker was a friendly man, whose presence was a welcome addition to our small charter group and we were always glad to see him.

Now, I'm grouping two others following this. **R. Harrison and W. J. Chinn**. Rolly Harrison and Billy Chinn, **Harrison farming classification and Chinn grazing**. These were two important members of our rural community, both highly successful land owners who were willing to travel quite a distance to attend our meetings at this early, critical stage in our career. Now the Honourable **G. M. Davis is the next, a Pastoral Agent classification**. Principal of the well known firm of Mathieson and Davis, he later represented for many years Gippsland in the Legislative Council. Despite the handicap of being almost blind he kept close to local affairs and still made the effort to attend our meetings. **S. J. Overend; printing**. Stan Overend owner and Publisher of the Gippsland Times gave much publicity to our community activities and he also had farming interests. **J. J. Braine, Brewing**, a very fine old man and member of the well known brewing family. He operated the Gippsland Brewery for many years and was a pleasant companion at our gatherings.

**W. C. Leslie, classification Department Stores**. Bill Leslie was President for two years. Being also in the store business he and I were able to discuss many common problems. He was keenly interested in the Sale Golf Club which was then, you may remember in the outskirts of the town. I well remember the fight to raise the subs from £2 to £2 12/6 annually – many objections. That also brings me back to the haircut I used to get from Jack Ronchi for 1/-, a bit of a difference from \$4 plus. Our Bill Leslie was keen on community service and among other things underwrote the removal of radio Station 3TR from Traralgon to Sale. One of his sons Jim, was killed during the 39-44 war and after this tragic event he sort solace in his other son, John, who was a great help to his parents and has become a great Rotarian with an outstanding record of community service. He also served as a City Councillor and Mayor. It is a pleasure to see him here tonight. John is also a past president of this Club.

**Finally myself, hardware retailing** my classification, which was later inherited by Rex castles, another ex-president. I had the privilege of being Charter Secretary for 2 years and the third President for 2 years.

I am sorry that time does not permit me to mention the many fine people who came into Rotary after the initial Charter Group. I would very much like to do so and have much pleasure on their company and admire their exploits. I have been fortunate to join the movement at the early age of 24, which is probably the only reason I'm still on my feet here tonight. I wish this Rotary Club of Sale at least as much success in the second fifty years as it has enjoyed in the first.

	<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Sargeant</b>	<b>Set-Up</b>
Oct 6th	Harry Hua	Rod Exton	Mike Smith
Oct 13th	Col Counsell	Daniel Smolenaars	Ian Jones
Oct 20th	Rod Exton	Mike Smith	Adrian Rijs
Oct 27th	Mark Vitlin	Rod Exton	David Tulloch
Nov 3rd	Royce Thompson	Daniel Smolenaars	Lyndon Webb
Nov 10th	Paul Harrison	Mike Smith	Marg Vitlin
Nov 17th	Bob Davis	Rod Exton	Grant Ellers
Nov 24th	Mike Smith	Daniel Smolenaars	Daniel Smolenaars
Dec 1st	Ian Jones	Mike Smith	Julie Mcinnes
Dec 8th	Neil Ross	Rod Exton	David Crouch
Dec 15th	Adrian Rijs	Daniel Smolenaars	Don Ripper
Dec 22nd	David Tulloch	Mike Smith	Carmel Webb
Jan 12th	Lyndon Webb	Rod Exton	Kieth Miller
Jan 19th	Marg Vitlin	Daniel Smolenaars	Harry Hua
Feb 2nd	Grant Ellers	Mike Smith	Col Counsell
Feb 9th	Daniel Smolenaars	Rod Exton	Rod Exton
Feb 16th	Julie Mcinnes	Daniel Smolenaars	Mark Vitlin
Feb 23rd	David Crouch	Mike Smith	Royce Thompson
Mar 2nd	Don Ripper	Rod Exton	Paul Harrison
Mar 9th	Carmel Webb	Daniel Smolenaars	Bob Davis
Mar 16th	Kieth Miller	Mike Smith	Mike Smith
Mar 23rd	Harry Hua	Rod Exton	Ian Jones
Mar 30th	Col Counsell	Daniel Smolenaars	Neil Ross
Apr 6th	Rod Exton	Mike Smith	Adrian Rijs
Apr 13th	Mark Vitlin	Rod Exton	David Tulloch
Apr 20th	Royce Thompson	Daniel Smolenaars	Lyndon Webb
Apr 27th	Paul Harrison	Mike Smith	Marg Vitlin
May 4th	Bob Davis	Rod Exton	Grant Ellers
May 11th	Mike Smith	Daniel Smolenaars	Daniel Smolenaars
May 18th	Ian Jones	Mike Smith	Julie Mcinnes
May 25th	Neil Ross	Rod Exton	David Crouch
June 1st	Adrian Rijs	Daniel Smolenaars	Don Ripper
June 8th	David Tulloch	Mike Smith	Carmel Webb
June 15th	Lyndon Webb	Rod Exton	Kieth Miller
June 22nd	Marg Vitlin	Daniel Smolenaars	Harry Hua
June 29th	Grant Ellers	Mike Smith	Col Counsell