

ROTARY CLUB OF SALE INC

80 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE SALE REGION
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Club President
Leo O'Brien
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LITERACY MONTH

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R.I. President
Dong Kurn Lee
District Governor
Ken McDonald

Chairman Harry welcomed the 22 Rotarians present and two guests. Guest speaker Dr Ali Kahn CEO of Ramahyuck and IT specialist Peter Turner

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leo & David reported District Conference at Albury (Leo, Debbie, David C, Christine, Rod, Laurie)

Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th March Relay For Life see attached roster

4th & 5th April Dragon Boat weekend opportunity to Sponsor a Boat for \$500

Sunday 19th April Working Bee River Heritage & Wetlands Trail

Interpretive Signs sponsorship available for \$1,000 each if you wish to be a sponsor or can nominate one contact Alan

Club Members agreed to President elect Rod's proposal for hosting an overseas student in 2010

Note Change of Date Cops & Robbers now Saturday 9th May tickets from Margaret @\$35/head



Grant motivating the crowd



The over the top (Dargo High Plains) attendee's

David C. report on conference

Another District Conference has come and gone, attended by a small group from our Club. Leo and Debbie, Rod, Laurie, Grant and Christine and I had a most enjoyable weekend. Christine and I travelled by XPT train, a splendid experience, while others experienced the Dargo High Plains route to Albury. I had excellent reports of the welcome session on the Friday night. Unfortunately, Christine and I, who had had a number of late nights and early mornings, lay down for a quick snooze and missed it. Well-known raconteur, Max Walker, MC for the weekend, gave a wonderful introductory talk on Friday night – nothing to do with Rotary, which is perhaps why it was so good. By Saturday morning I realised that I had a throat infection and was finding it unbearably hot almost everywhere. Despite this we attended most of the morning sessions of addresses, including a report on our District's response to the bushfires, by Janet McCahon. An overwhelming desire to be outdoors eventually took us to the Botanical Gardens for a lunch that sounded better than that provided by Rotary. The theme for the Saturday night dinner was to wear pink and black, something that Rod and Laurie avoided. There were prizes for the well dressed but winning seemed it to be about who you knew rather than what you were. Our meal was beautiful and Leo made the best of an opportunity presented when Grant left our table to sit next to somebody he preferred over us (who was that?). Leo invented a phantom diner which meant an extra

serve at our table, a blessing for the very hungry (not very presidential of you Leo). Despite finding it hard to settle during the day I had no trouble sitting through two hours of a “Las Vegas” style floorshow after dinner. An impersonator, named Mark Andrew, with a seven-piece band and three beautiful, female accomplices, entertained as Dean Martin, Buddy Holly, Tom Jones, Austin Powers, Elvis and with scenes from Grease. My enjoyment was slightly marred because I had to check Laurie’s pulse each time the dancing girls came on stage in about eight or so different outfits. Given the appearance of the girls, it is perfectly reasonable that Laurie may have had a bad turn but unkind that Leo and Rod had said if this happened, they would not give him mouth to mouth. Laurie survived and all was well. Laurie and Rod seemed to be sparring over most of the weekend; Rod trying desperately to keep Laurie away from Post Offices and Laurie being constantly puzzled by Rod’s ability to see almost everything through the eyes of a mathematician. The conference was undoubtedly a success with a range of fine speakers who informed us, inspired us, made us proud to be Rotarians and who humbled us by their extraordinary efforts as Rotarians. Whether the weekend was really enhanced by having an expensive MC and floorshow is debatable; perhaps not. Apart from what I am supposed to remember about the conference, I will remember Leo’s phantom diner, Rod’s mathematics – I am sure he knows the exact number of outfits those dancers wore, and Laurie’s regret that “Elvis” failed to sing “Return to Sender”.



Christine and David enjoying the Dinner



Leo & Deb caught by Laurie on the spy camera

Sergeant at Arms Rod discussed the foibles of fellow conference attendee’s

- Laurie for undertaking two hours of postal history research namely at Dargo and Harrietville
- Alan for the engineering (or lack thereof) of the Dargo High Plains road Leo was quick to point out that the worst section was in the Alpine Shire
- David for his conference report
- Leo in accepting the Highly Commended award for the Clubs Bulletin from the DG



Leo presenting the award to the editor



Dr Ali Khan answering question chairman Harry lounging



Rod eloquently put the case for an exchange student

Harry welcomed Dr Ali Kahn **Chief Executive Officer**, Ramahyuck District Aboriginal Corporation. Central and West Gippsland Aboriginal Health Services since 2001 and introduced him by indicating his vast experience within remote local administration in Queensland, Northern Territory and South Australia after similar experience in Islamabad. He has a PhD from Latrobe University and a qualified audiologist. Ali commenced his presentation by explaining the history of Ramahyuck as an Aboriginal mission station 1863- 1902 till its recent incorporation in 1992. The name is composed of the biblical word RAMAH meaning *Home of Samuel* and YUCK, a GUNAI word meaning *Mother or Own*. The emblem comprising of two Swans symbolising the Aboriginal and European people of Australia and the message Boon-Ya-Bur-Werna means ‘to join us’. Circles represent the coming together of the two races using the colours of the Aboriginal Flag. Black swan has spiritual significance in the traditional histories of many Australian Aboriginal peoples and is also the emblem of the city of Sale. The areas of operation are at Sale and Loch Sport Gippsland Family Practice, Longford farm and Homestead, Whiz Kids after school program, Clive Hood Multipurpose Centre at Morwell, Nidendana Quarenook Aboriginal Health Services. Guni Lidge childcare, Wandina ledge family services at Drouin and Warragul Best start and parenting program, Social and emotional services, Stolen Generation Program. The main program areas are Family Practice Clinic and Central Gippsland GP Clinic, Outreach Clinics, Allied Health Program, Aboriginal Health

Promotion, Koori Maternity Services, Child and Family Support Program, Gippsland Regional Hearing Program, Oral Health supported by a wide range of health services' all these programs are supported by a wide range of ancillary health services. Ali outlined the significant achievements of the Corporation in the improvement of aboriginal health and lifestyles. Ali provided an overview of his latest program with respect to a kit to control ear infection which will be released Australia wide this year. Leo thanked Ali on behalf of the Club and congratulated him on the work they are undertaking in the region.

Roster so far for Relay For Life based on the members who had nominated a time and asked for volunteers to fill the gaps and to support the cause contact Adrian on arys47@netspace.net.au if you want to change or go on the roster and support the lonely walkers

RELAY FOR LIFE

Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th March

2:00 - 3:00 pm Adrian Rys
 3:00 - 4:00 pm Col Counsell
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 5:00 - 6:00 pm Alan Lewis & Lois McNaughton, Paul & Christine Harrison
 6:00 - 7:00 pm Alan Lewis & Lois McNaughton, Bob & Denise Davis
 7:00 - 8:00 pm Daniel Smolenaars
 8:00 - 9:00 pm Neil Ross
 9:00 - 10:00 pm Brian Turner, Kate Campbell
 10:00 - 11:00 pm Graeme & Alida Dyer
 11:00 - 12:00 pm Don Ripper
 12:00 - 1:00 am Mike Smith & Lynne Hall
 1:00 - 2:00 am Adrian Rys
 2:00 - 3:00 am Leo O'Brien
 3:00 - 4:00 am Laurie Smyth
 4:00 - 5:00 am David & Christine Crouch
 5:00 - 6:00 am Philip & Elizabeth Davis, Rod Exton
 6:00 - 7:00 am Philip & Elizabeth Davis
 7:00 - 8:00 am Harry Hua
 8:00 - 9:00 am Lyndon & Carmel Webb

David T Report on Sewing Machines for Bushfires Victims

Sixteen sewing machines donated to Sale Rotary Club in the past few weeks have been distributed to bushfire victims at Devon North, Traralgon South and Callignee. All have been delivered to families who lost their homes, with the help of Traralgon Central, Traralgon and Yarram Rotary clubs. The machines given by private donors and Gippsland Sewing Centre, Sale, and all were checked and serviced by machine mechanic, Stratford Lions Club member Ron Clancy. Quantities of furniture and household items - plus an excellent ex-builder's car trailer! - donated locally have been delivered to individual families and the Traralgon South victim relief centre.

<p>NEXT MEETING Monday 30th March 2009 Dragon Boat Planning Speaker Laurie Chair: Col Counsell Sergeant: Daniel Attendance: Noel Langley Set Up: Neil Ross</p>	<p>Monday 6th April 2009 Speaker TBC Chair: Rod Exton Sergeant: Mike Smith Attendance: Noel Langley Set Up: Adrian Rijs</p>	<p><u>On the Radar</u> Monday 20th April Saturday 9th May Cops & Robbers Night</p>
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<p>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 Lakes Entrance: Wednesday 6:00pm Bellevue Motel Maffra: Thursday 6:00pm Duart Receptions</p>	<p>Mitchell River: Monday 5:45pm Italian Club Sale Central: Tuesday 6:00pm Sale Greyhounds Traralgon: Tuesday 6:00pm Traralgon Golf Club Traralgon Central: Monday 6:00pm Latrobe Convention Centre Yarram: Wednesday 6:00pm Yarram Club</p>
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<p>Relish Contact Details 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.</p>	<p>NOTICES Attendance: 22 Rotarians Visiting Rotarians: Guests: 2 Make-Ups: Raffle: Harry won the raffle</p>
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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>

JUST FOR FUN

Contributed by Daniel on behalf of the Irish

Two men were sitting next to each other at a bar. After awhile, one guy looks at the other and says, 'I can't help but think, from listening to you, that you're from Ireland.'

The other guy responds proudly, 'Yes, that I am!'

The first guy says, 'So am I! And where about from Ireland might you be?'

The other guy answers, 'I'm from Dublin, I am.'

The first guy responds, 'So am I!'

'Sure and begorra. And what street did you live on in Dublin?'

The other guy says, 'A lovely little area it was. I lived on McCleary Street in the old central part of town.'

The first guy says, 'Faith and it's a small world. So did I! So did I!
And to what school would you have been going?'

The other guy answers, 'Well now, I went to St. Mary's, of course.'

The first guy gets re all y excited and says, 'And so did I. Tell me, what year did you graduate?'

The other guy answers, 'Well, now, let's see. I graduated in 1964.'

The first guy exclaims, 'The Good Lord must be smiling down upon us! I can hardly believe our good luck at winding up in the same bar tonight. Can you believe it? I graduated from St. Mary's in 1964 my own self!'

About this time, Vicky walks into the bar, sits down and orders a beer.

Brian, the bartender, walks over to Vicky, shaking his head and mutters, 'It's going to be a long night tonight.'

Vicky asks, 'Why do you say that, Brian?'

'The Murphy twins are pissed again.'