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R.I. President

Dong Kurn Lee

District Governor

Ken McDonald

Chairman Col welcomed the 17 Rotarians and the 78 guests present to the "Cops & Robbers" night, including the four guest speakers, retired Superintendent Lindsay Florence past member of our club, retired Chief Superintendent Ken McDonald District Governor, Senior Sergeant David Carey, Superintendent Jeff Tulloch, and asked Don to pronounce the Invocation, Laurie the Loyal Toast, and then invited guests to be seated.

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board meeting at Daniel's 5pm Wednesday 13 May
Charity Auction 13th June Letter circulated this week members to commence follow up
Bowell Scan Kits available from Findlay and Weymouths Chemist for \$6

We express our sincere sympathy to Leo and family on the passing of his little nephew Finn



Chris & Paul checking in



It's only money Leo

Thanks to Adrian for being the scribe ;

Each speaker was introduced by Col with two speakers after the main meal and two following dessert. Superintendent Lindsay Florence was in the Victoria Police from 1965 - 2007 and earned himself a number of honours and medals. Most of his time in the force was as a detective. Lindsay was a former member of the RC of Sale and was able to relate an incident about his time in Sale. He was regularly given a lift by John Friedrichs, Managing Director of the National Safety Council of Australia, Victoria Division, until it was pointed out to him that John was unlicensed. Other stories Lindsay shared included:

- His experience as a hoon driver when he skittled his future father-in-law's two dogs on the first night he picked up Karen for a date;
- The time he was sent to watch the house of abortionist Bertam Wainer and found he was at the wrong

address;

- His dealings with Garry Webb who was a self-mutilator and was the first to commit 'suicide by cop';
- The video cranial superimposition technique used in his days in the homicide squad;
- The time he identified a skeleton as that of an aboriginal accident victim and then, on further investigation, found the man living in Sydney.

Lindsay's work occasionally took him interstate and overseas and he paid tribute to Karen for bringing up their three sons often singlehandedly. Despite that the three of them still became coppers.

Chief Superintendent Ken McDonald was in the Police Force from 1955 till 1990 when he retired as Officer in Charge of the Major Squads (Homicide and Armed Robbery). Ken started his career in the lead up to the Melbourne Olympic Games and was one of 30 successful candidates from 208 applicants to join the Victoria Police. He too told of some of his experiences:

- He was involved in the case where Freddie "the Frog" Harrison, a standover man of the Painters and Dockers, had half his head blown off in February 1958. Of the 30 men in the area and 12 potential witnesses, nobody saw anything and the murder is still officially unsolved.
- Ken related incidents from the time he was stationed in Bairnsdale where he dealt with unruly aborigines;
- He told of the dead man in Bruthen he had to help the undertaker put into a coffin. He had been dead for much longer than initially thought and efforts to lift the corpse into the coffin in one piece was unsuccessful. The following morning the morgue was covered in flies.
- Ken also told of the man who had torched four police cars before he was caught;
- The best excuse he heard was from a lady who was pulled over and told to get out of her car. She said she couldn't because when they sounded the siren she wet herself.

When Ken retired from the Police he was a member of the Internal Investigations Department, now the Ethical Standards. Ken is currently the District Governor of Rotary district 9820.



Liz bringing order to the house



DG Ken reminiscence

Senior Sergeant David Carey joined the police force in 1965 with Lindsay Florence but chose to stay in Traffic Management and is currently the divisional traffic co-ordinator based in Bairnsdale. Dave was awarded the Australian Police Medal in 2005 for services to the community and the police force, in particular for the contributions he made to reductions in the road toll. Dave made his entrance in full uniform and on a police pushbike. He told us the following tales:

- He reminisced about his application to join the Force and 'Passing Out' which meant that when they had completed their training they marched out through the gates of the St Kilda Rd complex and then back again.
- One of his first duties as a policeman was in escorting the new decimal currency during its distribution by train to rural destinations. He related the story of the three girls that shared the guards van on the train with himself, another constable and three bags of old currency notes. Two of the girls got to cuddle the

constables whilst the third girl had to do with one of the money bags. The constables were red-faced when one of the bags was missing and they were covered in mohair.

- Bicycles were regularly used for patrol work in night shifts until 1972. One night he and another policeman decided to investigate the activities of a disco and parked their bikes outside. When, sometime later, they emerged from the disco, their bikes had gone. When they reported the loss of their bikes to the duty officer at Russel Street headquarters, he chastised them for losing their bikes and ordered them to fill in a report. When they had completed this they handed it in to their supervisor who then told them to collect their bikes from the yard where the officer who had picked them up in his divi van had put them.
- In the course of his duties, Dave often dealt with stolen cars and domestic disturbances. He said he hated the domestics as he often ended up being abused by both parties in the dispute.
- In the early days of his posting to Gippsland, the area was known as N District. This is now Q District and Dave said that it is also referred to as Far Q.

The final speaker, Superintendent Jeff Tulloch was in Victoria Police from 1956 to 1988 and spent 12 years in uniform, 12 years in criminal investigation and 10 years in police training. Jeff began his presentation by demonstrating various pieces of equipment; hats, helmets, handcuffs and a baton. He asked us to observe how small the old helmet was compared with today's headgear, an indication of how head size has increased. Jeff continued his talk by explaining that he came to be in Bairnsdale by riding a motorbike which has recently been restored. He would like to purchase the bike and donate it to the the Victoria Police museum. Jeff also related some stories from his days as a police officer;

- He remembered the occasion when he pulled over a local councillor for speeding. The councillor couldn't believe that he was the first to be booked in a zone that he had agitated to have speed limited;
- On another occasion Jeff was instructed to find the driver of a semitrailer that had taken the arm off a motorist driving with it protruding from his car window. He found the semitrailer some distance down the highway parked off the road.
- Jeff also was involved in an incident of a stolen car which had reverse steering: when the wheel was turned left, the car would go right and vice versa. The owner was very put out that he could not drive his car in this condition because it had been stolen several times before but he had never needed to walk more than 100yards to retrieve it.
- At a shooting incident Jeff attended in a pub, a patron who had been shot was concerned how he was going to explain this to his boss as he had taken a sickie that day.

All speakers answered written questions submitted by the audience before President Leo thanked them on behalf of the Club. Leo also thanked the current Sale Police and presented them with a cheque for \$1000 for the Blue Ribbon Foundation which helps the families of police who have lost their lives in the course of their duty. After Leo thanked David Tulloch and Col Counsell for organising the evening, Col closed the meeting and acknowledged Don Ripper for his technical assistance.



Leo making the presentations



Mike squaring off



Laurie thanks for taking the photo

NEXT MEETING Monday 18th May
 Speaker :Phil Davis
 Chair: Alan Lewis
 Sergeant: Daniel Smolenaars
 Attendance: Noel Langley
 Set Up: Julie McInnes

Monday 25th May
 Speaker :
 Chair:
 Sergeant:
 Attendance: Noel Langley
 Set Up:

On the Radar
 Monday 1st June Club Night
 Charity Auction Saturday 13th June

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

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

Relish Contact Details

Hosts: Thao Hua

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Rotarians, please remember to notify Relish if you'll be absent by 12:00 midday on the Monday of the meeting.

NOTICES Attendance: 19 Rotarians

Visiting Rotarians:

Guests:

Make-Ups:

Raffle: no Raffle

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

MEDICARE COVERAGE IN A NUTSHELL

The phone rings and the lady of the house answers, "Hello".

"Mrs. Sanders, please."

"Speaking."

"Mrs. Sanders, this is Doctor Jones at Saint Agnes Laboratory. When your husband's doctor sent his biopsy to the lab last week, a biopsy from another Mr. Sanders arrived as well. We are now uncertain which one belongs to your husband. Frankly, either way the results are not too good."

"What do you mean?" Mrs. Sanders asks nervously.

"Well, one of the specimens tested positive for Alzheimer's and the other one tested positive for HIV. We can't tell which is which."

"That's dreadful! Can you do the test again?" questioned Mrs. Sanders.

"Normally we can, but Medicare will only pay for these expensive tests one time."

"Well, what am I supposed to do now?"

"The folks at Medicare recommend that you drop your husband off somewhere in the middle of town. If he finds his way home, don't sleep with him."