

Welcome

To the
Rotary Club of North Launceston Inc.

Dinner Meeting

Tuesday July 22, 2008



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PROGRAMME

This Week
Chairman
Corporal

Theresa Markham (Migrant Resource Centre)
Paul Swiatkowski
Andrew Hayward

Next Week
Chairman
Corporal

Graeme Barlow
Charles Smith

CELEBRATIONS

July 28 Peter Roberts
Club Anniversary 39 years



APOLOGIES

If members are unable to attend meetings and have not been able to advise the Club the week before, they are asked to ring **Peter Stearnes** on **63444392** before **1.00, Tuesday**.

ITEMS FOR THE BULLETIN

Ian Fraser's contact details for Bulletin items are 0400 887224, or ifraser@lcgs.tas.edu.au before 1.00 on Monday please.

CLUB NEWS - MEETING July 15

*** Attendance – 80% and it was good to see Stan Clark again.

*** Raffle winner – Ken Haywood

*** Fines of the Week – another good selection.

- Secretary Ian walking out on the DG just as he began his address.
- Past Sergeant Corporal (don't you lurve that title?) Graeme's sleepless night – and he still has three weeks before he goes overseas. How many things can go wrong in that time?
- Pres Elect Andrew's 'price check' visit to the local greengrocer. Bet Coles' prices dropped within the next hour.

FROM THE COMMITTEES

*** **Club Service**

- Henry Harris has had to return to hospital briefly but is home again and we all hope to see him back at the Club next week.

PETER ROBERTS – 39 YEARS AT RCNL

Peter was nominated by Laurie Wing and joined the Club in 1969.

How many of those have you attended 100%, Peter?

He was Club President in 1975/76 and his service was rewarded with a Paul Harris Fellowship in 1995, alongside Phil Jackson who Peter introduced to the Club in 1973.

And how many years have you been buying the wine for the club raffle Peter? (although the Club History notes that it used to be 3 bottles each week, rather than 2 – wonder where that extra bottle has been going all these years.

CLUB ASSEMBLY

Pres Graeme spoke at length about the need for the Club – the whole Club membership – to take responsibility for its future. MEMBERS ARE NEEDED to ensure it remains independent and viable. The Club is a business and we need to invest in its future.

HOW DO WE DO THIS?

- How can we make the Club more attractive, so it is not just an add-on to work?
 - o add to the Club's social dimension
 - o make meetings less formal
- Be prepared to share the work in all Directorships
- Sell Rotary's achievements

Several members spoke in general support of Graeme, and some specific suggestions were put forward.

A membership drive will be considered by tonight's Board Meeting. Any ideas or suggestions should be passed on to Board members.

(And a PS from the Editor – how many of you read about Queensland's fastest growing District in last week's newsletter? Any comments?)

ROTARY NEWS

SOME MORE SNIPPETS FROM RDU (JULY 08)

I know there are some very sensible people among you who are devout cricket fans. And you will know – you ALL should as loyal Australians – that next year marks the centenary of the birth of one Donald Bradman. To mark this auspicious occasion, the Fellowship of Cricketing Rotarians – be honest now – who didn't know such a branch of Rotary existed? – is planning for all sorts of festivities to take place in Bundaberg on Feb 22, 2009. by the way, in mid-October this year a Carnival of cricket will be held in Bundaberg. Representative teams are expected from India and New Zealand. Anyone for cricket??? (p8)

and in researching the above, did you know that there are other Rotary Fellowships for such diverse activities as scuba diving (motto – Surface Above Self!) flying (Flying High) yachting (We are Sailing) What mottos can you come up with for these? - Golf, Motor Cycling, Music, Caravanning and Computer Users, Travel & Hosting, Stamps, Skiing, Scouts, Retro-Automobiles, Physicians, Cycling, Curling, and Genealogy and Heraldry. Prizes from the Sergeant!!

I'm not sure what Foodbank is but I suspect it is a Brisbane-based organisation which collects food then distributes it to the homeless. The RC of Brisbane has added another dimension, buying cattle, fattening them on a member's property then processing them and passing the meat on to Foodbank. Simple idea! Donations of \$1200 purchase a cow which yields 200kg of mince, sausages and roasts. (p20)

the RC of Camden (NSW) is trying a new remedy to the membership problem – a Young Rotarians Club. Young Rotarians are aged between 22 and 32, are not full members and pay a small fee to cover costs. They attend meetings fortnightly rather than weekly, and participate in social events and community projects which may also count as make-ups. After an annual review, those involved may be invited to continue or to become full members of the club. (p27)

Tasmanians recognised among this year's Queen's Birthday honours: (p34)

- Keith Butterworth OAM (RC Howrah)
- Ross Hine OAM (RC Smithton)
- Max Hutchinson OAM (RC East Burnie)
- Darrell Wilson OAM (RC Wynyard)
- Anthony Stacey OAM (RC Howrah)

URGENT REQUEST

Greeting from the District Youth Exchange Committee and welcome to your new roles within your clubs.

Since Rockie Lee sent out the email (a copy below) we have had two clubs agree to take a student coming in this year (Kingston - Brazil and Ulverstone - France) for which we are very grateful.

Unfortunately, we still have one girl from Holland, that we have an application for her to come to this District for 12 months, but to date we do NOT have a club to host her for the year.

If a club is not prepared to take this young lady we will have to contact the District in Holland and let them know that she CANNOT come to Tasmania - what a disappointment it will be for her and what a wonderful experience will be lost.

If a club sees fit to take this student - please contact me by email or by phone.

George Lockwood
Inbound Student Co-ordinator
Youth Exchange Programme
District 9830 - Tasmania

JOKES PAGE THE TOP 8 MORONS OF 2007

1. **WILL THE REAL DUMMY PLEASE STAND UP?** AT&T fired President John Walter after nine months, saying he lacked intellectual leadership. He received a \$26million severance package. Perhaps it's not Walter who's lacking intelligence.
2. **WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS:** Police in Oakland , CA spent two hours attempting to subdue a gunman who had barricaded himself inside his home. After firing ten tear gas canisters, officers discovered that the man was standing beside them in the police line, shouting, 'Please come out and give yourself up.'
3. **WHAT WAS PLAN B???** An Illinois man, pretending to have a gun, kidnapped a motorist and forced him to drive to two different automated teller machines, wherein the kidnapper proceeded to withdraw money from his own bank accounts.
4. **THE GETAWAY!** A man walked into a Topeka, Kansas Kwik Stop and asked for all the money in the cash drawer . Apparently, the take was too small, so he tied up the store clerk and worked the counter himself for three hours until police showed up and grabbed him.
5. **DID I SAY THAT???** Police in Los Angeles had good luck with a robbery suspect who just couldn't control himself during a lineup. When detectives asked each man in the lineup to repeat the words: 'Give me all your money or I'll shoot', the man shouted, 'That's not what I said!' .
6. **ARE WE COMMUNICATING???** A man spoke frantically into the phone: 'My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart'. 'Is this her first child?' the doctor asked. 'No!' the man shouted, 'This is her husband!'
7. **NOT THE SHARPEST TOOL IN THE SHED!** In Modesto , CA , Steven Richard King was arrested for trying to hold up a Bank of America branch without a weapon. King used a thumb and a finger to simulate a gun. Unfortunately, he failed to keep his hand in his pocket. (hellooooooo)!
8. **THE GRAND FINALE!!!** Last summer, down on Lake Isabella, located in the high desert, an hour east of Bakersfield, CA , some folks, new to boating, were having a problem No matter how hard they tried, they couldn't get their brand new 22 foot boat, going. It was very sluggish in almost every manoeuvre, no matter how much power they applied. After about an hour of trying to make it go, they putted into a nearby marina, thinking someone there may be able to tell them what was wrong. A thorough topside check revealed everything in perfect working condition. The engine ran fine, the out-drive went up and down, and the propeller was the correct size and pitch. So, one of the marina guys jumped in the water to check underneath. He came up choking on water, he was laughing so hard. Under the boat, still strapped securely in place, was the trailer!