

Welcome

To the
Rotary Club of North Launceston Inc.

Dinner Meeting

Tuesday August 5, 2008



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PROGRAMME

This Week

Chairman
Corporal

Ian Fraser
Peter Smith

Next Week

Chairman
Corporal

Charles Smith
Peter Stearnes

CELEBRATIONS

August 5
August 8

Paul Swiatkowski – Kathy's birthday
Graeme Barlow – Kay's Birthday



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 29

*** Attendance – 68.4% lowered by flu and interstate travellers.

*** Raffle winner – Peter smith

*** Fines of the Week – a harsh but sympathetic substitute Sergeant Dennis. (which probably means Sergeant Cen won't have his name mis-spelt this week!)

*** And while the new coloured cover for the Newsletter was greatly admired, were the errors picked up – ie, did the Acting Sergeant fine himself? Will we see corrections this week?

FROM THE COMMITTEES

*** **Club Service**

- the Club's Spurr Wing Project will be under the direction and guidance of Barry and Dennis.
- Monika has had a good going-over and is ready to roll (NOT the Editor's words!)

*** **Family of Rotary**

- Good to have Henry back on deck.

*** **From EI Presidente**

- plans for year reiterated.
- Need for ALL members to contribute regardless of specific responsibilities if the Club is to prosper.
- Proposed guest speakers required – names to Andrew please
- PP Lindsay Chilcott's resignation accepted with regret Lindsay will continue to assist with the Art Exhibition.

THE CLUB NEEDS MEMBERS

DO YOU HAVE ANY PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS IN MIND??

BRING HIM OR HER ALONG TO A MEETING SOON

(Editor's thanks to Peter S for his note-taking in my absence.)

DISTRICT NEWS

In the Footsteps of Heroes

District 9830 has responded superbly to the first RAWCS WALK – walking the Kokoda Track from Owens Corner to Kokoda in late August. Seven trekkers from this District are in full training to trace the steps of the Australian Forces through the Owen Stanley Range. The challenging 96 kilometre walk will also be undertaken to raise funds and awareness for the many programs run by RAWCS including Rotarians Against Malaria, Donations in Kind, Project Volunteers and Save Water, Save Lives. Donations can be handed to trekkers or forwarded to the District Treasurer, Lou Johnson at 28 Bettina Avenue, Norwood, TAS 7250. Those undertaking the walk are Kevin Watkins, Mary Johnson, Michael Warren and Lou Johnson (L'ton West) Vanessa Goodwin (Kangaroo Bay) Mike Holland (Ulverstone) and Janet Stel (Hobart)

ROTARY NEWS

The worrying facts:

OFFICIALLY REPORTED POLIO WILD VIRUS CASES ON 1st July 2008

Total global cases in 2008: 714 (compared with 256 for the same period in 2007)

Total in endemic countries: 665 (compared with 217 for the same period in 2007)

Total in non-endemic countries: 49 (compared with 39 for the same period in 2007)

The most-affected countries

India: 287 cases (compared with 90 for the same period in 2007), onset of paralysis of most recent case: 11 Jun 2008

Nigeria: 353 cases (compared with 115 for the same period in 2007), onset of paralysis of most recent case: 09 Jun 2008

Special points of interest:

- *The large increase in the total number of cases*
- *The number of countries (14+) where polio remains a problem*
 - *Details regarding the onset of paralysis*

In District 9830 we have set a target of \$1000 per Rotary Club so we can help the Foundation keep our promise. So I can keep a record of which clubs have contributed their \$1000 it would be much appreciated if Club Secretaries or Treasurers would let me know when they forward a \$1000 cheque to the Rotary Foundation earmarked for Polio Plus.

Contact person • *Roger Hawkes is the 2008/09 District 9830 Polio Plus Coordinator*
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“Help the Hungry” a project of the RC of Devonport North wins accolades as Most Visionary Rotary Health and Hunger Project

The Help the Hungry committee was absolutely delighted to be invited to present at the RI Convention in Los Angeles but even more so by the warm response the project received in LA according to Committee chairman, Buz Green from the Rotary Club of Devonport North.

The invitation was extended by the RI Coordinator for Health and Hunger, Dr Eileen Gentilcore, who said after the convention “Rotary International World Health and Hunger projects over the past few years have realised many wonderful strides toward solutions to world problems. **I find most visionary among these is the ‘Help the Hungry’ project of District 9830.** This project was selected for presentation at the Los Angeles Convention as it offers ‘HOPE’ for many starving nations of the world and a solution toward malnutrition of children, who are dying at the rate of 30,000 daily. Bruce French has dedicated himself to this project of identifying edible, nutritional plants in their existing environments and then educating and providing scientific information that will empower cultures to feed themselves via their natural resources. Not only will food be in abundance, but persons will have the dignity of saving their own and not relying on minimal imported, often times, not sufficient food products from others.” Dr Gentilcore said.

For more information visit www.helpthehungry.net

JOKES PAGE

A plane is on its way to Toronto, when a blonde in economy class gets up, and moves to the first class section and sits down.

The flight attendant watches her do this, and asks to see her ticket. She then tells the blonde that she paid for economy class, and that she will have to sit in the back. The blonde replies, 'I'm blonde, I'm beautiful, I'm going to Toronto and I'm staying right here.'

The flight attendant goes into the cockpit and tells the pilot and the co-pilot that there is a blonde bimbo sitting in first class, who belongs in economy, and won't move back to her seat. The co-pilot goes back to the blonde and tries to explain that because she only paid for economy she will have to leave and return to her seat. The blonde replies, 'I'm blonde, I'm beautiful, I'm going to Toronto! And I'm staying right here.'

The co-pilot tells the pilot that he probably should have the police waiting when they land to arrest this blonde woman who won't listen to reason. The pilot says, 'You say she is a blonde? I'll handle this, I'm married to a blonde. I speak blonde.' He goes back to the blonde and whispers in her ear, and she says, 'Oh, I'm sorry' and gets up and goes back to her seat in economy. The flight attendant and co-pilot are amazed and asked him what he said to make her move without any fuss.

'I told her, 'First class isn't going to Toronto.'

An Australian, a Kiwi and South African are in a bar one night having a beer. All of a sudden the South African drinks his beer, throws his glass in the air, pulls out a gun and shoots the glass to pieces. 'In Seth Efrika our glasses are so cheap that we don't need to drink from the same one twice,' he says.

The Kiwi, obviously impressed by this, drinks his beer, throws his glass into the air, pulls out his gun and shoots the glass to pieces. 'Wull mate, in Noo Zulland we have so much sand to make the glasses that we don't need to drink out the same glass either,' he says.

The Australian, cool as a Koala, picks up his beer and drinks it, throws his glass in the air, pulls out his gun and shoots the South African and the Kiwi. He turns to the astonished barman and says, 'In Strailya mate, we have so many bloody South Africans and Kiwis that we don't need to drink with the same ones twice.'

I walked into a public toilet where I found two cubicles, of which one was already occupied. So I entered the other one, closed the door, dropped my trousers and sat down. A voice came from the cubicle next to me: 'Hello mate, how you going?' I thought it a bit strange but not wanting to be rude I replied 'Yeah, not too bad thanks.'

After a short pause, I heard the voice again 'So, what are you up to mate?' Again I answered, somewhat reluctantly it must be said.

Unsure what to say, I replied 'umm, just having a quick poo... How about you?' I then heard the voice for the third time 'Sorry mate, I'll have to call you back, I've got some `D**khead` in the loo next to me answering everything I say.'