

The Wello Hello

Rotary Club Wellington Point ~ Fortnightly Newsletter

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From the President

Welcome back to our regular Rotary meetings - I hope each and everyone of you had a great break and are now ready for an exciting year ahead.

I'm writing this having just come home from hearing from Orange Sky Laundry's Nick and Julie - what an inspiration - what great work - what rewarding work - what a vision to just how far and wide this operation is going and can go.

Not only providing a service where needed but the extensions of this service - working alongside other groups - rehabilitating - re-educating - re-channeling tarnished lives into lives embracing positivity and hope. And last but by no means least : getting the washing done!

With such valuable help in the Christmas present wrapping service at Capalaba it will be a pleasure to be able to make a significant financial contribution to the work of Queensland Police Legacy at a meeting in February. Everyone helped - a lot of fun was had - a lot of hours were given - and some interesting presents were wrapped!! Thank you everyone so much everyone for helping when help was needed.



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to the world**

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Throw in a couple of Bunnings barbecues over the Festive Season and we find some Rotarians are now multi-skilled - not only can they wrap presents - but their skills have extended to the culinary department as well. Again - many thanks.

The year has begun with a vengeance and it will be a pleasure for some of our members to attend Cleveland Rotary meeting on 19th January to hear a presentation on Fire Ants - we'll be down at the Museum helping on the 24th January and again at Callisto Park on Australia Day. If you have missed out on putting your name down for any of these events - please contact the Secretary asap for inclusion.

The African Hearts project committee has had its first meeting for the year and I'm happy to say we are well into the planning for the Gala dinner with entertainment at Ormiston College on 19th March. There will be many opportunities for assistance for this event when we hope to raise significant dollars towards building a Village of Hope in Uganda. This is just the beginning for us --- but it is a hugely strong beginning. On the night we will require many hands on deck as 'wait' staff - or if you would prefer to support the event by dining on the night, your moneys will be gratefully received!

While I am thinking about money - have you thought about paying your registrations to attend our District 9630 Conference in Roma in March? I invite you to go onto the District 9630 Conference Website and register today - we already have a small contingent from our Club who have registered - it isn't too far away now!

Soon we can forge ahead with our Helping Hands project - Alex Hills Mens Shed and the Rotaractors will join us and are ready to give both their financial and practical help in this worthwhile project. Soon we'll be sourcing a date and venue for this to take place.

On a little item of housekeeping - remember your \$1 for coffee/tea on Rotary nights and please remember the apology system where apologies are received for Rotary meetings by Matty, our Director of Administration. Should you have a nominated rostered duty and are not going to be in attendance, may we ask you to find a replacement and advise the Chairperson or President accordingly.

Thank you for letting us share your birthday Matty - we were kind enough to hold our first meeting for the year on your birthday and next week when I'm away, ask our stand-in Past President Gordon about his birthday which is on Friday 22nd January - don't let him off the hook!! I think it calls for a song and dance routine!

We have an Extraordinary AGM following our meeting on 27th January - so next week you will hear from some Directors who have performed their Directorships this Rotary Year - the positions at this stage being declared vacant at this meeting will be that of President Elect, Director of Foundation, Director of Effective Services and that of Treasurer. Would you like to share your skill set with us - I'm sure you will find it rewarding.

On that note - again: welcome back - I can't believe I only have a few months left of serving as your President for the last two years - it has been a rewarding experience and the next few months we have so much to look forward to. I'm enthusiastic and looking forward to sharing the journey with you as together we embrace being 'Gifts to the World'.

Lorraine Hooker

President of Wellington Point Rotary

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The Bunnings Bar-B-Q

Over the holiday break we conducted two Bar-B-Q's. One on the 30th December and one on the 6th of January. This is a great time for fundraising as people are out shopping and the children are being entertained.

Wednesday 30th started out slow but the morning crew of John, Lorraine, Gordon and Bruce had many a laugh. The wind was gusting which helped blow the heat out of the marquee and also managed to 'walk it' half a meter. The team decision was that Bruce would act as anchor man and if the marquee threatened to lift he was to grab it and hold on, especially if he found himself floating over the shopping centre. Bruce also managed to let a roll of paper towel escape in the breeze necessitating him to give chase – a club first.

The midday team was Jan, Mike, John and Peter and now things really heated up. I made three trips to get more sausages, onions and drinks and just managed to keep up with demand. For the afternoon crew of John, Peter and Barry sales remained steady and after the final wash up we had a profit of \$1034.26; which is a great outcome for the club as the banking from the 5th Wednesday goes into the club's administration account to help run the club.

The following Wednesday of the 6th of January was less eventful but good sale from lunch time right through to the end of the day realized a profit of \$664.26. Our team for the day was John, Peter, Lorraine, Barry and Steven. Again it was hot!

My thanks to all the workers who volunteered to help and take some of the load off the regulars. If you have the time, it is a good project to volunteer for as it requires no planning on your part nor particular skills and you get a couple of hours on your service record. However, be warned that you will need to wash yourself and all your clothes unless you like smelling like a sausage sizzle and attracting the nosy attention of our canine citizens.

For all of our newer members I wish to confirm how important this fund raiser is to our club: It provides cash flow and adds up to about \$12,000 per year. Since we started this project the club has raised \$46,000. Now that's Sausage Power!



John (the big Sav), Bunnings Bar-B-Q Coordinator

Bunnings BBQ - goodbye 2015 - bring in 2016

Last Bunnings BBQ for the year saw some Rotarians dodging cars in the carpark - some chasing paper towels across the car park : one warranting getting down on his knees as his blackboard skills were put to the test and sausages being cooked by an absolute genius. Womens work is never done : someone had to keep them in line! There was much hilarity from the 'morning crew' - cooking 'special' onions - trying to hold down a gazebo in very strong winds - I can only hope the crews that took over from us had half as much fun as we did.

Lorraine Hooker

Murisia Cruise

On the 6th Feb there is a cruise with canapes leaving Toondah Harbour on the Big Red Cat where the guest artist will be our Redlands very own Murisia (previously toured with Andre Rieu).

Bookings are limited. Is there anyone thinking they would like to enjoy hearing this talented artist aboard The Big Red Cat? I would love to go but looking to share the evening....please contact Lorraine asap if you are a starter!

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Christmas Wrapping Wrap up!

Well December arrived (actually 30 November arrived!) and so commenced with gusto our inaugural Christmas Wrapping project at Capalaba Central Shopping Centre. And weren't the Shopping Centre people great with supplying all that we needed to get the job done. They actually bought out all the stick-on bows that Big W had for sale! They provided great promotional signs throughout the Centre. They also supplied us with those Christmas Brownies (There were only a dozen so sorry to those who missed out!). And how lucky were we to be working in an air conditioned environment on some of those hotter days.

It was 25 fun-filled days of paper, bows, scissors, tape and assorted shaped gifts of all manner of sizes. With club members being assisted in getting the shifts filled with the assistance of the North Redlands Probus Club, our old and new Friends of Rotary and staff from the Queensland Police Service and Police Legacy. I would like to personally acknowledge and thank Peter Moody for the time and effort he put in to getting the roster sorted each week. This year, 2016, that task will be undertaken by a new "roster" clerk.

It was a wonderful opportunity for our new members to work alongside and get acquainted with the "old hands" and from all accounts we have certainly gained in this respect. One of the biggest bonuses for our Club is the promotion that we got from the project. Personally I am aware that many members of the community know more about who we are and what we do. We also stand to gain from growing during 2016 with several people who came to get things wrapped indicating a wish to come along and meet with us at some point early in the year with a view to joining Rotary.

Whilst at the end of the day it is not always about the money, at the end of this project the final tally raised for our beneficiary this year, The Queensland Police Legacy Scheme (QPLS), was \$3796.60. Not bad for beginners and You Tube learners (Thanks Steven!) And we gained much knowledge from this first year.

The Management of the Shopping Centre were very satisfied with our conduct of this event. On the afternoon of Christmas Eve I spoke with the Operations Manager and the Senior Marketing Manager who both expressed that they were extremely happy with how the project was conducted and were looking forward to our involvement with them in the future. They have indicated that when they commence their planning for Christmas 2016 in March (Yes March!) they will be including us in those preparations. I think we have found our signature project.

We will be doing our presentation to the QPLS on 17 February 2016 and we will be asking the Centre Management to come along that night also. I hope that all club members can be in attendance that night. Thanks to all members who took part in this project.

Terry Ryan

Club Assembly

Our next Club Assembly will be held at our meeting on 27th January.

What do we do at these?

Basically - we plan ahead for the next few months of our Rotary year - we think about the various avenues of Service available to us and we put processes in place to undertake and plan for the projects we already have on the drawing board.

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Is there a project that you feel passionate about?
Is there an area of service that you would like to see our Club involved in?
Is there an organisation needing assistance that we could help?
Are we doing things that could be done more effectively?
Do YOU have an idea you would like to share?
You joined our Rotary Club - are we fulfilling your ideals as a Rotarian?

In short - we endeavour to plan our work in order that we can then work our plan!

Lets plan for the future - please bring any ideas that you have to the Rotary table at our Club Assembly on 27th January 2016.

Lorraine Hooker

The Old Geezer

An old Doctor Geezer became very bored in retirement and decided to re-open his medical clinic. He put a sign up outside that said: "Dr.Geezer's Clinic. Get your treatment for \$500, if not cured, get back \$1,000."

Doctor "Young," who was positive that this old geezer didn't know beans about medicine, thought this would be a great opportunity to get \$1,000. So he went to Dr.Geezer's clinic. Dr Young: "Dr.Geezer, I have lost all taste in my mouth. Can you please help me?" Dr Geezer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in Dr Young's mouth." Dr Young: Aaagh!! – "This is Gasoline!"

Dr Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your taste back. That will be \$500." Dr Young gets annoyed and goes back after a couple of days figuring to recover his money. Dr Young: "I have lost my memory, I cannot remember anything." Dr Geezer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in the patient's mouth." Dr Young: "Oh, no you don't, - that is Gasoline!" Dr Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your memory back. That will be \$500."

Dr Young (after having lost \$1000) leaves angrily and comes back after several more days. Dr.Young: "My eyesight has become weak - I can hardly see anything!!!" Dr Geezer: "Well, I don't have any medicine for that so, here's your \$1000 back." (giving him a \$10 bill) Dr Young: "But this is only \$10!" Dr Geezer: "Congratulations! You got your vision back! ; That will be \$500."

Moral of story:

Just because you're "Young" doesn't mean that you can outsmart an "old Geezer." Remember: Don't make old people mad. We don't like being old in the first place, so it doesn't take much to tick us off.

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Courtesy of Gordon Lawrence – if he scores low on his joke on Wednesday night I think this amusing story should be taken into account, don't you.

Mitch

From the editor

Well what an action packed first edition for 2016 this has shaped up to be. I've had articles from several members for this edition and I just wanted to say thank you very much for your contributions, please keep it up! I'm delighted to include them.

Congratulations to Terry on the awarding of ANOTHER membership recognition badge, well done Terry.



Also thank you very much to John for stepping in for me while I was on my overseas trip. It was greatly appreciated and I'm sure everyone enjoyed the clever repertoire you bring to your writing.

Mitch

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Bruce the blackboard boy!



Gordon BBQ Genius - apparently



Wrap up of the Wrap



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Links

Wellington Point: <http://www.rotaryclubofwellingtonpoint.org.au/>

Capalaba: <http://www.rotarycapalaba.org/>

Cleveland: <http://www.rotarnet.com.au/users/9/96308/index.htm>

Redland Sunrise: <http://www.redlandsunrise.org.au>

Wynnum-Manly: <http://www.wynnum-manly.rotaryclub.asn.au/>

Redland Bayside: <http://www.redlands.bayside.rotaryclub.asn.au/>

District 9630: <http://www.rotary9630.org/>

Rotary International: <http://www.rotary.org/>

The Four Way Test: Let's all learn it and live by it!

Of all the things we think, say and do...

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and better FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Apology System

If you are unable to attend a meeting, please advise your apologies to Matty McKenna, at matty.mck@gmail.com or phone 0402284289 by 5pm on the Tuesday prior to our Wednesday meeting. If you are rostered for duty and are unable to attend, it is your duty to ensure a replacement is found for that duty, either by direct arrangement or, if there is sufficient time, by rearranging with Matty.

DATE	Event	Volunteers or Action required
Tuesday 19 th January	Fire Ant talk at Cleveland Rotary Club	Mitch is coordinating
Sunday 24 th January	Redlands Museum - Australia Day play	John is coordinating
Tuesday 26 th January	Calisto Park Australia Day Event	Mitch is coordinating
Wednesday 3 rd February	Bunnings BBQ	John is coordinating
Wednesday 2 nd March	Bunnings BBQ	John is coordinating
Saturday 19 th March	African Hearts dinner	Terry is coordinating

Duty Roster

Date	20 th Jan 2016	27 th Jan 2016	3rd February 2016	10th February 2016
Chairperson	Don Baxter	Mike Gilcrest	John Chirio	Terry Ryan
Attendance	Sandra Racine	Bruce Douglas	Dianne Thompson	Mike Gilcrest
Wello Fellow	Kenn Van Noort	Matthew Knight	Matty McKenna	Glen Brown
Speaker Facilitator			Mitch Parsons	Kenn Van Noort
Speaker	Peter Moody	No speaker	Geoff Wilson	Joel
Activity/Topic	Members corner			Richmond Fellowship
Meeting Location	Front Room of Auditorium	Front Room of Auditorium	Front Room of Auditorium	Front Room of Auditorium
Special Notes	Gordon is chair	Board Meeting		