

The Wello Hello

Rotary Club Wellington Point ~ Fortnightly Newsletter

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President Journal

Fellow Rotarians

All Districts of Rotary hold an annual convention, the purpose of which is; to connect people who are normally widely dispersed and so reinforce the common cause that binds them all together – service and friendship; to share information, to teach and to inspire: And the conference at Jupiter's certainly did all of that and did it well. You can still get an update by going to

<https://www.facebook.com/9630conference2017.com.au/>

Our club attendees included myself, Lorraine, Matty and Martin, Mitchell and Catherine and all found it a worthwhile and enjoyable experience.

I particularly enjoyed the humour that was injected into the event by the MC, by the opening skit that had DG Doug apparently arriving by beach rescue helicopter and then being 'accidentally' lowered into the surf to be rescued by the life savers and finally being carried in sitting on a surf board. And by the bush poet Don McQueen delivered some cracker humorous bush poetry. Naturally the lifesaver organisation played a great part in the event and their presentation about what they do and the results they achieve was excellent.



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I also was inspired by the story of Bobby Whitfield. It's not often that you hear a positive refugee story. But Bobby Whitfield is an exception to that rule.

Having fled Liberia as a teenager during the 1990 civil war, and spent eleven years raising his five younger siblings in a refugee camp, Bobby is the first Liberian refugee to graduate with a Masters degree from the University of Queensland, having qualified for a Masters of Development Practice.

As President of the Liberian Association of Queensland from 2004-2008, Bobby used his leadership skills and networking abilities to help fellow refugees through the implementation of community programs and projects. He has worked as the centre coordinator for the Annerley Literacy Centre and is presently the senior community development worker at the Multicultural Development Association, where his work involves community engagement, planning, capacity building and empowerment with more than 15 new and emerging communities.

Bobby said, "Australia has provided me the opportunity to transform from a child born behind a hut under the moon light with no birth certificate to becoming a well-educated, informed, knowledgeable and responsible man."

Another inspirational person is Paul Egan, now preparing for his 7th ride in the Tour de Cure, a marathon bike ride to raise funds for cancer prevention, research and patient support.

These are very impressive long distance high speed rides by highly trained and dedicated bike riders. On March 24, a team of 120 Riders, 35 Support Crew and with support from Channel 7 will ride from HOTHAM in the Snowy Mountains to HOBART, a distance of 1,270 km in nine days. Paul's goal is to raise \$12,000 before the ride and so far he is just over \$7,000. You can donate to Paul by going to www.tourdecure.com.au and searching on his name.

Now this week Lorraine will also tell you more about

the great speakers and Rotary Projects being done in the district and also will tell you about the event being planned for next year.

Yours in Rotary Service

John Chirio
President

District Conference 2017 highlights

Hi everyone

With Conference over it's time to reflect on all the good things that come out of such gatherings and keep our wonderful organisation moving ahead in a positive manner. John mentioned some of the key note speakers - and what an inspiration line up there was. We also heard from Catrina Zigeman, a Peace Fellow who grew up in a multiethnic household with immigrant parents in Ontario.

With a passion for strengthening primary-level health care networks, Catrina worked for a while in Kenya addressing the AIDS pandemic - she spent considerable time working in the field of public health and community development around the world, and she's a Rotary Peace Fellow with her research with her research now centered on strengthening health systems and in particular womens empowerment programs. What an inspirational speaker with a life dedicated to serving humanity.

George Hill is the Chief Operating Officer of Surf Life Saving Queensland whose involvement in that organisation started when he was a nipper when he joined Surf Lifesaving many years ago. What a career : he manages the volunteer lifesaving members, the Westpac Lifesaver Rescue helicopter service as well as state-wide communications. In 1991 he was named Qld and Australia's Surf Lifesaver of the Year and has received other awards. The strong message from George -Swim between the

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red and yellow flags!

Another inspirational speaker was Holly Ransom - she is the CEO of Emergent, and works across corporations, governments and non-profit organisations to provide solutions to complex problems - she coaches and mentors leaders worldwide. She holds a Law degree and was the youngest person to be named in Australia's 100 Most Influential Women. She also holds the distinguished honour of having been the youngest-ever Rotary President of a Rotary Club. Youth participation and engagement are ideals she holds close to her heart when it comes to community service. She was just amazing - dynamic and focussed.

Once again during Conference it was time to look at the bigger picture of Rotary - where Clubs are going - and where they have been. It would be unfair to single out a particular Club but there was suitable recognition given to the many and varied projects that have been and are continuing to be done by Rotarians in District 9630 - working parties to countries and areas that require that little extra help up - building works, schools revamped, supplies provided, painting done etc etc - the list is endless. Rotarians in action --- and always on these projects remembering to put a little bit of time aside for fun and fellowship.

One local project which stood out was the establishment of Pinaroo Retirement home out in Roma - a project spanning many years of work - providing a wonderfully happy environment for those in senior years - a project which has demonstrated tenacity and commitment to see the job brought to fruition and beyond - recognising that there's always improvements too that can be made beds as well as cottages. It prides itself on a family approach encompassing spiritual and social needs, providing care for young and old (their youngest member is 107!). They recognize that this facility is 'home' for the people who live there : there is frequent laughter and friendship along the way.

The chartering of the newest Rotary club in

District 9630, that of Brisbane International was a special event and I'd like to take this opportunity to wish my friend Jitendra Prasad (and Nim) the best of wishes for the on-going success of this Club. With a strong Fijian membership of some 25 charter members, there are exciting times ahead.

So - are you inspired to come to the next Conference???? I hope you are - the next Conference will be in the Redlands ---- planning has begun and I will share more about this with you at this week's meeting. The committee has been formed - and an exciting and challenging programme is emerging. Again, it will be my pleasure to share more of this with you at our meeting. Help us 'Light up Redlands' ---- would it be too much to have 100% attendance at the 2018 Rotary District 9630 Conference! Can I throw out this challenge to you!?

Let me leave you with a couple of my personal thoughts that I came away from Convention with : 'Diversity' - Diversity stands with us - reach out perhaps to someone different, someone who is perhaps a little outside your normal 'friend set' - invite them to coffee. It was said : 'the hallmark of great leaders is diversity - the diversity of five people you spend most of your time around'. Are these people shaping the person that you are today? How diverse are you - where are you comfortable - are you prepared to step outside your comfort zone to allow you further personal growth? I came away recognizing and opportunity for our Rotary Club to embrace diversity and I will share this vision with you at this week's meeting!

Have a wonderful week - and it's only 51 weeks away when we can all share in the experience of another successful Rotary District 9630 District Conference right here in the Redlands!

Lorraíee Hooker

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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
Wednesday 22nd March	Dinner @ Macleay Island	Gordon is co-ordinating
Wednesday 29 th March	Bunnings BBQ @ Capalaba	John is co-ordinating
Thursday 30 th March	RYDA	Barry is co-ordinating
Wednesday April 5 th	Bunnings BBQ @ Capalaba	John is co-ordinating
Saturday 8 th April	SMART Pups Dinner @ Victoria Park Golf Club	Ask Mitch for details

Duty Roster

Date	8 th March	15 th March	22 nd March	29 th March
Chairperson	Lorraine Hooker	Louise Broekman		Matthew Knight
Attendance	Peter Moody	Sandra Racine	Steven Knight	Terry Ryan
Wello Fellow	Bruce Douglas	Bruce Douglas		Glen Brown
Speaker Facilitator	Lorraine Hooker			Barry Melgaard
Speaker	Various	Paul Stanley		Brad
Activity/Topic	District Conference	Matthew Stanley		Smart Pups
Meeting Location	Front Room of Auditorium	Front Room of Auditorium	Macleay Island	Front Room of Auditorium
Special Notes				