

The Wello Hello

Rotary Club Wellington Point ~ Fortnightly Newsletter

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President Journal

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I am writing this newsletter contribution on Stay Inside Thursday imposed on us by Cyclone Debbie trailing down to the south east along with skirts full of water. Outside it is raining and will continue raining on into the night. I hope you all come through safe and dry. It certainly reminds me of an old poem called **Said Hanrahan by John O'Brien** and just for fun, here is an excerpt.

*"The crops are done; ye'll have your work
To save one bag of grain;
From here way out to Back-o'-Bourke
They're singin' out for rain.*

*"They're singin' out for rain," he said,
"And all the tanks are dry."
The congregation scratched its head,
And gazed around the sky.*

*"There won't be grass, in any case,
Enough to feed an ass;
There's not a blade on Casey's place
As I came down to Mass."*

*"If rain don't come this month," said Dan,
And cleared his throat to speak -
"We'll all be rooned," said Hanrahan,
"If rain don't come this week."*

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*A heavy silence seemed to steal
On all at this remark;
And each man squatted on his heel,
And chewed a piece of bark.*

*"We want an inch of rain, we do,"
O'Neil observed at last;
But Croke "maintained" we wanted two
To put the danger past.*

*"If we don't get three inches, man,
Or four to break this drought,
We'll all be rooned," said Hanrahan,
"Before the year is out."*

*In God's good time down came the rain;
And all the afternoon
On iron roof and window-pane
It drummed a homely tune.*

*And through the night it pattered still,
And lightsome, gladsome elves
On dripping spout and window-sill
Kept talking to themselves.*

*It pelted, pelted all day long,
A-singing at its work,
Till every heart took up the song
Way out to Back-o'-Bourke.*

*And every creek a banker ran,
And dams filled overtop;
"We'll all be rooned," said Hanrahan,
"If this rain doesn't stop."*

Well we weren't 'rooned' because we had our Bunnings Bar-B-Q yesterday and suffered hot humid conditions and a few showers while collecting a good return for effort making a profit of \$521.38. The blokes with today's BBQ have been 'rooned'.

Many thanks to Peter, Barry, Tracey and Michelle Smith (Catherine's back up and support team) for a good day under trying conditions. We also took the opportunity to promote the Bike Ride (see photo). Next Bar-B-Q? Next week!



Our last meeting was a quite one with a lot of apologies and absentees, including unfortunately, our speaker from Smart Pups. So without a speaker we all relaxed, cruised through our general business, had TAC (tea and coffee) and a birthday song and cake for Glen. The sergeant was armed with lots of tales tall and partly true to levy fines and so to boost his retirement fund. All good fun. There is plenty happening so here is a summary.

On the Bike Ride we have Kenn volunteering to manage the water stations and associated logistics. Also Terry has stepped up to manage the food and drinks. A list of tasks was circulated for people to volunteer for one of their choice and this will be again circulated by email. The marketing effort has been ramped up and team sizes have been cut to six and a corporate challenge category added. Please keep promoting it and pushing information out as you can.

Our last social event was deemed a success and a vote of thanks by acclamation was pounded out for our organiser Tracey. The people at the art gallery put on a good show with great hospitality and a willingness to talk about the art and their journey to final development of their little artist's facilities. I think this is a place suitable for another visit, perhaps for a lunch time outing with a bit of exploration of the island or a game of barefoot bowls.

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Our next social event could be our change over dinner and for this we now have a committee of John, Lorraine, Tracey and Terry. I think we can do it! We will meet at Lorraine's place on a date to be nominated.

Matty has set us up to again purchase and to market the Entertainment Book. For every one purchased via our dedicated club link we will earn a donation. Books are available in a book or electronically via a free phone app (easier than carrying about a book). But to be of value to us you must use the Link in the email Matty has issued or the Link on our web site. The email can be forwarded to family and friends and if they purchase by the Link we get our donation – happy days. And you can purchase a book specific to the area you are interested in: Brisbane, Sunshine Coast, Gold Coast and basically many areas around Australia.

I have continued to work in the Community Partnership program and tabled a sample of logos for consideration. I will email this to all members for consideration and comment. It is still a work in progress.

Fancy a trip to Vanuatu? Would you just go to Vanuatu by yourself or on the spur of the moment? What if you could go and share the experience with other club members? Well plans are underway to organise a group visit to Port Vila and surrounds. The indicative date is somewhere in July or August and so far six or seven people have indicated interest. The visit would include a meeting with Port Vila Rotary Club, a visit to Mele and Takara and also out to one of the more isolated and undeveloped islands serviced only by Peace Fellows or missionaries. So please consider this and pencil yourself in so we can obtain costs and plan a schedule.

Enough from me. Catherine will have the challenge of extending the newsletter to six pages. I will go and watch the rain fall...

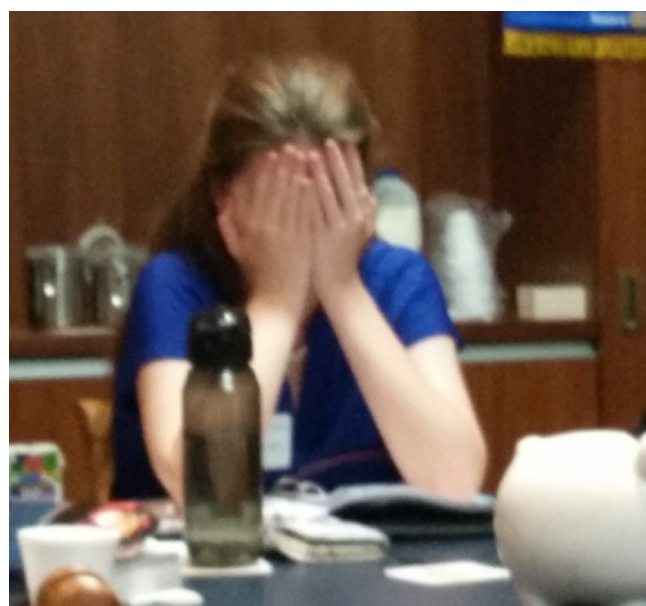
Stay safe and keep on Rotating

John

Log in with Lorraine ----

* Celebrating a birthday this week : **Glen** -----
HAPPY BIRTHDAY GLEN! Hope you have a great day.

* Why were we all laughing - and why did **Catherine** hide her face? My lips are sealed : - ask her!!!



* RYDA was cancelled - and the rains came tumbling down! My hope is that no-one sustained damage and remained safe!

* Mt Cotton Drama Group's play - '**Guilty Party**'! At Rotary this week I circulated a sheet in regard to attendance and catering for this event! I will keep circulating! As you know, we've bought out the first night of this play on Friday 28th April at Cotton Hall. We need it to be a sell out --- and I'm sure it will be.

Seats reserved for our use, and for occupancy by our friends total 50! I've already got 16 friends coming from outside our Club - so this effectively leaves 34 seats for our Club use - I would be very happy to call Mt Cotton Drama Group and ask them for another block of tickets! I can make this phone call if everyone does their bit!

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Just as important as having a great night out and enjoying the play, is our commitment to provide a supper for 100 people! We only have six people bringing plates to date - so that's a pretty big ask! So - please get behind this event which, last time we ran it, proved to be just a jolly good night out - not to mention the \$1000+ fundraising dollars generated.

Also - if you have something you would like to donate for a raffle prize, we won't say 'no'! My phone line is open!

In summation - don't be the 'guilty party' --- please let me know as soon as possible how many in your group are wishing to attend - and just as important - the food you will bring to feed the multitude on the night!

* I've been at PETS - yes, Presidential Elect Training last weekend in Toowoomba - and again came away with the enthusiasm to not only play an integral part in our Club, but to remain focussed on the bigger picture of the Rotary journey ahead. As we remember the five avenues of Rotary service, may we strive to align to as many as we can.

* I just want to add my thanks to Tracey for championing the trip last week to MacLeay Island - so many laughs - a great catch up with Peter and Michelle as well as great fellowship with our mates from Redlands Bayside. A privilege also to be able to wish well, and say goodbye to **David Coleman and Cathy** (David was the charter President of Redlands Bayside) as they begin a new tree change in country Queensland.

I just love these joint get-togethers which enhance 'building goodwill and better friendships'! To me - these friendships are the 'core' of Rotary - and from little things - big things grow! Thank you for being my Rotary friends!

* And closing on the 'word for the week' --- 'vol-un-told' thank you Sergeant Steven : in simple lingo - 'when you find you get to Rotary and find

yourself unwittingly and unpreparedly allocated to a task' - yes, I've been told before - and probably will get told again! All good!



Til next time -

Logging out - Lorraine

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

The soul's joy lies in doing.
~ Percy Bysshe Shelley

The Swamp

By Catherine Smith

If you venture out at night in the Redland Bay swamp

You better be careful of where you do stomp
Out in this swamp where the tree moss hangs thick

You better step lively you better step quick

You better beware

You better take care

There's more to it than the smell

But you must promise not to tell

You can't trust your brother, you can't trust your friend

You can't trust your family, no not one of them

For out in that swamp lies a mighty curse

It's not like a nightmare - it's much, much worse

For its offensively big, mean and unclean

You wonder if it's derived from a can of baked beans

Much like an apparition it seemingly hovers

It wraps around your neck and gleefully smothers

So don't go out in the silky black night

Your nostrils might not be able to take its great might

For it's far too colossal in its gigantic pong

So you start to wonder, was it the swamp or was it John?



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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 29 th March	Bunnings BBQ @ Capalaba	John is co-ordinating
Thursday 30 th March	R.Y.D.A. Wellington Point S.H.S.	Barry is co-ordinating
Wednesday April 5 th	Bunnings BBQ @ Capalaba	John is co-ordinating
Tuesday April 25 th	ANZAC day	Club representative
Thursday April 27 th	Marshalls briefing Redlands Rotary Ride	All volunteers
Friday April 28 th	Mt Cotton Drama – fundraiser	Lorraine is co-ordinating
Sunday April 30 th	Redlands Rotary Ride	John is co-ordinating

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Five Week Duty Roster

Date	29 th March	5 th April	12 th April	19 th April	26 th April
Chairperson	Matthew Knight	Matty McKenna	Peter Moody	Sandra Racine	Steven Knight
Attendance	Terry Ryan	Tracey Deane	Barry Melgaard	Bruce Douglas	Dianne Thompson
Wello Fellow	Glen Brown	Gordon Lawrence	Jan Gilchrist	Ken Van Naught	Lorraine Hooker
Speaker Facilitator	Barry Melgaard	Wendy Boglary	Louise Broekman	Lorraine Hooker	
Speaker	Brad from Rotaract	Alex	Dr Jeff Yadlosky	Lynn Olivier	
Activity/Topic	Smart Pups	Night Ninjas	Managing Stress	Members corner	
Meeting Location	Board room	Front Room of Auditorium	Front Room of Auditorium	Front Room of Auditorium	Front Room of Auditorium
Special Notes					Board meeting