

# The Wello Hello

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**President:** John Chirio  
**Vice President:** Lorraine Hooker  
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**President Nominee:** Vacant  
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**Treasurer:** Barry Melgaard  
**Sergeant:** Steven Knight  
**Editor:** Mitchell Parsons

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**Effective services:** Tracey Deane  
**Foundation:** Peter Moody  
**Administration:** Matty McKenna  
**PR/Publicity:** Matthew Knight  
**Membership:** Lorraine Hooker  
**New generations:** Glen Brown

## PRESIDENT'S JOURNAL

Fellow Rotarians

This is my last newsletter contribution as President; in a fortnight, when the next is due, we will just have completed Change-over and Lorraine will be President ☺

Now for a quick wrap up of events;

The last Bunnings BBQ raised \$478 which was great considering that drink sales were so low. Our next BBQ is Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> and this should make a profit in the region of \$1000. For this event I will be looking for members to volunteer that are not able to do the Wednesday event!

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The Classic Bike Ride was finally wrapped up with the presentation of cheques at the Hog's Café. A fun night and a break from the routine of regular meetings. Hopefully our club can continue with this event in the future and the public comes back in numbers to make it more profitable. It is a pity that it takes so many marshals! Now if everyone had a mobile phone and associated GPS function fitted to their bikes ....

Coming up on the 17th June we have the African hearts film night which I recommend to you all. Not only will it be

a good film it will be helping a charity we support. Refer to the emails sent to you for online ticket purchase.

RYDA is on the 20th June and Barry is the coordinator.

Our change over diner is almost upon us and preparations are in place, so check your outfits or use the opportunity to get something

new. I checked that my trousers would still fit just to be on the safe side: Luckily a crash diet is not required - just!

The effervescent Lorraine is brightening up the streets on Atlanta and she has been able to send in a contribution to this newsletter from the far side of the world.

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enjoyable time due to the support of a great group of people. We have enjoyed numerous excellent speakers, worked on a variety of projects so giving everyone a chance to

contribute and had some good social events. We have raised a good sum of money and supported community organisations, Rotary programs and international projects. Many thanks to Gordon for dragging us into the Vanuatu experience which has widened our horizons and allowed us to bask in the sunshine of his achievement with Mele Village. Looking forward, a successful visit to Vanuatu in August by several

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club members will also lead to further successful outcomes for us.

Unfortunately, membership is now down to nineteen so we must remain ever alert and proactive to find those little gems of people which make a Rotarian. I think we are doing the right things to make meetings attractive and project work accessible but we could probably do better, especially in actively asking people to come to a meeting and to consider being a Rotarian.

In terms of improvements, now is the time for you all to reflect on how the club runs and if you want to change anything as Lorraine will begin her President's year with a club assembly. In this you will have the opportunity to make suggestions and discuss options for change and innovation.

The new Board members will be the key to another great year. Their energy, leadership and inspiration is the engine room that drives a club along. My best wishes to them and if any of them feel lacking in confidence I recommend to them to 'fake it till you make it'. You all have the skills you need even if they

need a little sharpening up and this will quickly happen as effort brings its own reward.

And that's all from me:

See you all on Wednesday night.  
Keep on Rotating  
John Chirio  
President

## LOGGING IN WITH LORRAINE

I'm in Atlanta gearing up for the opening Session of the 2017 Rotary International Convention - and what a privilege it is going to be.

We arrived a few days earlier - and on reflection, what a grand idea that was. It has given us a bit of time to acclimatize to lovely warm sunny days, familiarize ourselves with the complex yet efficient transportation system and to view some of the offerings that are special to Atlanta.

We've observed local customs and I'll expand more on those on my return home. People in the street are mostly friendly - many are up for a 'chat'!

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Located not far from our hotel in Midtown, Atlanta is the wonderful Piedmont Park - 196 acres in the middle of town - absolutely beautiful, and housing so many different facilities. A visit to CNN was an eye-opener as was the 'ride' on the world's tallest freestanding escalator, spanning some 8 storeys. We managed a day at the famous Aquarium and certainly weren't disappointed - another great feature of this city, so well laid out and user-friendly, not to mention the huge array of marine life on offer.

The last couple of days have seen an influx of Rotarians from around the World - registrations for many have been completed, and everyone is identifiable by their lanyard. Many are willing to have a spontaneous chat - I've had some lovely meet-ups with a dynamic lady from Nigeria and dare I say, a few Kiwis along the way!

The programme is vast and varied - in particular I'm looking forward to the Plenary sessions – and to hearing John F Germ, RI President from Chattanooga, Tennessee: James Quincey, President of the Coca Cola

company, Kalyan Banerjee, Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair from Vapi, India, Sam Owori, RI President Nominee from Kampala, Uganda, and of course Ian Risely RI President Elect from Sandringham, Victoria, Jack Nicklaus, Golf Icon and Polio Ambassador, and none the least Bill Gates, to whom we owe a debt of gratitude, who I am sure will receive a standing ovation.

I hear that Changeover preparations are going pretty well and I want to say thank you to all of you involved in ensuring the night will be a happy one for all. Social media has also meant I'm able to keep up to date with the wonderful happenings back 'home'.

My internet connection will probably only go for another couple of days so don't be surprised if you don't hear more until I return.

So - from Midtown Atlanta - this is

This is **Lorraine** - logging out!



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*Above: John Chirio and Lyn Moore from Redlands for Refugees presenting the cheque at Redlands Cycle Ride*



*Above: All beneficiaries from the Redlands Cycle Ride with club presidents*

*Below: Betty Lee in Atlanta with Lorraine Hooker*



*Above: Matty Mckenna and Mitch Parsons at the presentation of cheques to Redland Museum*



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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](mailto: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
Sunday June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Clean up Wellington Point	Matthew is co-ordinating
Wednesday June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Bunnings BBQ @ Capalaba	John is co-ordinating
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Redlands Museum Wine & Cheese Funds Handover 3-5pm	R.S.V.P. Col Sutcliffe <a href="mailto:combocs@tpg.com.au">combocs@tpg.com.au</a>
Saturday June 17 <sup>th</sup>	African Hearts Movie night at Capalaba – Queen of Katwe	R.S.V.P. <a href="mailto:ainsley@eternityfs.com.au">ainsley@eternityfs.com.au</a>
Tuesday June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Rotary Youth Driver Awareness – Faith Lutheran	Barry is co-ordinating
Friday June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Wellington Point Rotary changeover dinner 6:30pm	R.S.V.P. Barry – <a href="mailto:melgaardbd@gmail.com">melgaardbd@gmail.com</a>
Saturday July 1 <sup>st</sup>	District 9630 changeover Rydges, Southbank	R.S.V.P. <a href="mailto:shirleymahon2013@gmail.com">shirleymahon2013@gmail.com</a>

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## FIVE WEEK DUTY ROSTER

Date	7 <sup>th</sup> June	14 <sup>th</sup> June	21 <sup>st</sup> June	28 <sup>th</sup> June	5 <sup>th</sup> July
Chairperson	Bruce Douglas	Dianne Thompson		Glen Brown	Gordon Lawrence
Attendance	Lynn Olivier	Matthew Knight		Peter Moody	Sandra Racine
Wello Fellow	Sandra Racine	Terry Ryan		Tony Mills	Tracey Deane
Speaker Facilitator	Gordon Lawrence	Matthew Knight			
Speaker	Tomy Mills	Eliza Maddon		Lorraine Hooker	t.b.a.
Activity/Topic	Members corner	RYTS		Club Assembly	
Meeting Location	Front Room of Auditorium	Front Room of Auditorium		Front Room of Auditorium	Front Room of Auditorium
Special Notes			No meeting	Board meeting	