

The Wello Hello

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WHO WE ARE

Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbours, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who come together to make positive, lasting change in communities at home and abroad.

For more than 110 years, our 35,000+ clubs have worked together to:

- Promote peace
- Fight disease
- Provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene
- Save mothers and children
- Support education
- Grow local economies

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SPECIAL MENTION

A special mention to our wonderful John Chirio, and all of the time, effort and direction that he has invested into our club. Thank you for everything that you have done John – your huge efforts won't be forgotten. We wish you well on the next chapter of your adventure with your family!

PRESIDENT'S JOURNAL

From the desk of Acting President Gordon

The last couple of weeks have been productive, eventful and good I think for our club. As mentioned later in the newsletter we had a great day at the Swimathon which not only was financially good for the coffers but a lot of fun, unless of course you were swimming over 200 laps like me.

The Takara rebuild in Vanuatu is in full swing and the slab is down and the walls will go up this week. Volunteers from Australia should arrive there this coming week and they will focus on building and getting the roof trusses in place and roofing the existing building and the new one with colour bond. This is pretty exciting and we will have pics sent to us on a regular to update us on the progress. Completion of

this project is expected to be early to mid-December.

Last week's meeting had an inspiration theme. Inspiration coming from the people who swam in the swimathon and exceeded their expectations. I always think we as people under estimate what we are capable of and there were quite a few examples of that last Saturday. Our good friend and our and the clubs Paul Harris Fellow, Ainsley Winton and her husband Toby came and talked to our club last Wednesday meeting at Mary McKillop school hall.



Thanks go to Matty and Matt for arranging this great venue. It was great to reconnect with Ainsley and to updated with the wonderful work she is doing. She is having another fundraising dinner in May when Abby and Joel from Uganda come to Brisbane and is keen to have our club involved again. Ainsley inspires me because of her beautiful humility and obvious

passion for her cause and the children she supports. It was great to see her again.

As a bit of a thought bubble, I like the idea of going to other venues from time to time for our meetings, so maybe that is something to consider. Lorraine is back from South Africa so no doubt a lot of news to tell us. So it is back to anonymity for me.

Gordon signing out as your fill in President

SWIMATHON SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

The Swimathon this year was a great success. We had more participating swimmers than ever before and, as a consequence, should raise well in excess of last year's \$14000, once all the pledges have been banked in the weeks to come.

There was strong club involvement with over 12 of our members either swimming to raise funds or supporting the event in other ways, or just popping down to show support which was really appreciated. Di and Tracey were of great assistance in the organisational side of the event and also were the social directors for the fun events that were held on the day, adding another perspective to the success and light hearted feel of the day.

However there was nothing lighthearted about the swimming and it was tough for many of the swimmers, including myself, to achieve our lap quotas. Special mention needs to go to Matty who swam 100 laps with essentially one arm, (inspirational

stuff) Mark the President of Redlands Bayside club, who couldn't swim but still managed to dogpaddle 12 laps with great difficulty and will raise around \$700. Dolphin Deane also should get a mention who smashed her personal best to smithereens. As I said at our meeting this week, these are the displays that inspire me personally and see me coming back each year to swim.

It is worth mentioning that I invited Mick Bentham, who runs the Bentham Foundation and is a charity that offering schooling and support Nepalese kids swimathon with us on the day, which added to atmosphere and social aspect. They raised just under \$9000 from the day for their cause which was great.

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So start training now for next year folks. This event will only get

bigger by more participation and expansive thinking.

Gordy

ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Catherine's perspective

Last weekend I had the pleasure of finishing the third (and last) module of the Rotary Leadership Institute. For those who may not know, the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a leadership program for potential leaders of Rotary clubs. RLI has assisted in training part Rotary International Presidents and Rotary International Directors. The focus of RLI is to encourage leaders to be a good Rotary club leader, so that they know about the evolution of Rotary; the current global

status and activities of Rotary; they have a vision of what Rotary can be; and are enthusiastic to bring this to fruition.

I want to therefore thank you for your support and sponsorship of me as it was an incredibly encouraging experience. I was grateful for the wisdom of Past District Governor Doug St Clair, current District Governor Elwyn and other high profile Rotarians who facilitated the sessions. It was a pleasure to train with Rotarians from a range of clubs, including upcoming District Governor Jitendra and his wife Nim, and to share our experiences and leadership techniques.



Graduating cohort from RLI

I attended the RLI to strengthen my leadership capabilities for Rotary and also for my life in general, and to understand Rotary on a more holistic level. My personal perspective of leadership is a sustainable model where a leader empowers others, so that they can identify within themselves that they are a leader, and their flexible gifts and talents are applicable to any scenario. This should be something where these leaders are proactive and eager to share these strengths for the benefit of humankind.

For me, I can see how this is true as our club wouldn't flourish if it weren't for our individual efforts in fundraising with the raffles, committing to the BBQs, helping behind the scenes, communicating and corresponding with other people, managing people and fostering fellowship. All of your efforts contribute to something great.



Every day, we witness terrible atrocities – however - no matter what lies ahead, I can see opportunities where we can step in as Rotarians to empower those who are vulnerable, and to be a source of hope. The skills and lessons from RLI are comprehensive, but I know the application of them will be fundamental to moving forward as an organisation, and to keep that Rotary wheel turning.

I intend to refine my leadership capabilities through my involvement and vision for Rotary, and in the other realms that I am involved with. I want to build on this foundation given to me by the RLI, so that I can go above and beyond my limitations to continue to inspire and serve others.

Thank you once again for giving me this wonderful opportunity,
Catherine

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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 Di Thompson phone 0408985527 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 Di.

Date	Event	Volunteers or Action required
Saturday 4 th November	Swimathon from 6am	Contact Gordon on 0417 630 532
Saturday 11 th November	Trivia Night at Trinity Uniting Church Marlborough Rd W/Pt	Contact Barry on 0466 748 210
Sunday 26 th Nov and Sunday 3 rd December	Clean Up the Point	Advise at meeting on 22 nd or 29 th November if you can volunteer
4 th Dec – 24 th Dec	Christmas Wrapping	Co-ordinator Terry Ryan 0448 200 401
Wed December 6 th	Bunning BBQ and AGM	BBQ Co-ordinator is Neil on 0491 374 737
Wed 13 th December	Christmas Breakup at Jaipur Palace W/Point	Advise Tracey 0403 502 548 if attending

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Date	8 th November	15 th November	22 nd November	29 th November	6 th December
Chairperson	Sue Reid	Matty McKenna	Matthew Knight	Sandra Racine	Mitch Parsons
Attendance	Tony Mills	Steven Knight	Tracey Deane	Barry Melgaard	Neil Waterer
Wello Fellow	Catherine Smith	Glen Brown	Di Thompson	John Chirio	Peter Moody
Speaker Facilitator	Gordon Lawrence	Di Thompson	N/A	Matty McKenna	N/A
Speaker	Ainsley Winten	Kym & Georgia	N/A	Nigal De Maria	N/A
Activity/Topic	African Hearts Update	Mental Health	Board Meeting	Sycamore School	AGM
Meeting Location	Mary MacKillop Parish Hall	Board Room	Front Room	Front Room	Board Room
Special Notes					

