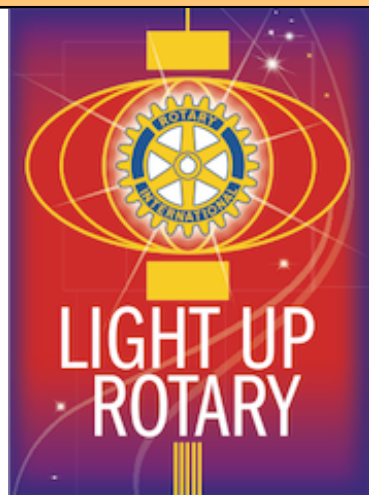


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From the President

Greetings fellow Rotarians

What an amazingly busy couple of weeks in Rotary! As I write this, I keep thinking how privileged we are in being able to Light up Rotary for the benefit of others.

The Vanuatu fundraising dinner was a magnificent effort - 110 people all enjoying a lovely meal with good company, in great surroundings, and knowing that the money raised from this event would go to help those affected by the cyclones in Vanuatu.

Thank you to Gordon and our team who put this event together - many food items generously donated, many person hours, much time donated, many talents donated and many auction items which contributed so handsomely to the success of the night. Mention should also be made of the generosity of people on the night - it couldn't have happened without you.

It wasn't all about food, drinks and auction items - mention should be made of the four Rotarians who actually auctioned their bodies ----- with either shirts on or off, for gardening assistance. I'm sure we'll hear more about the boys after they have given of their time. I have been told that the highest bidder has a very large garden and has thoughts of a bit of work being undertaken!

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Many people from outside our Rotary family also helped. A big thank you to each and every one of you with a special thanks to the Museum who gave of their premises and help. Wasn't it also good to have a 'Vanuatu' presence on the night with lovely singing. As was said on the night, what has got these people through their hardships has been 'singing and prayer' - but we hope our little bit will help to re-build lives and livelihood following their catastrophe of nature.

Whilst accounts have not been fully finalised, it is expected that over **\$9400** will be realised from this dinner.

In the last fortnight we have also moved on to the community gardens with another great team of Rotarians putting in the hard yards and contributing close on 60 hours to this project. I thank each and every one of you and a thank you to Barry for co-ordinating this event.

Then came the 'Davidsons' - the disabled lady with a very sick husband having to sell their home and move to higher care. Their overgrown garden - their cluttered house boasting over 30 years collation of bits and pieces with the question being asked - where to go, when to go, how to go?

I had only to mention it to you - and on the first Saturday, taking an hour to fill one skip, a garden was cleared in readiness for the sale of the house, and the decluttering had begun inside the house - again, 16 people turning up, another near 60 hours of community service, to help this deserving couple make their move to higher care.

This weekend it's been the garage sale. First there was Saturday - a full day of work! Then came Sunday! Now who could give up the experience of a leisurely start to a coolish Sunday morning, a cup of coffee, a relaxing breakfast - the Sunday paper? Quite a few! You turned up again! There were no leisurely breakfasts - and Sunday papers were put on the back bench! The early morning bargain hunters were lined up outside the garage doors - they had already searched the half full skip for 'treasures'.

The garage door went up at 7am and sales were brisk! Concluding at 12 noon we sat down to devour a tasty lunch - tidy up and reminisce! It isn't timely that I announce the sales result in this Newsletter but I will tell you all in person at this week's meeting. What I would like to say is that your work, your kindness and consideration to these frail and lovely people was appreciated - you took community service to a new level - you gave of your time (approximately 75 hours of it this weekend) - and to each of you I say 'thank you'.

In appreciation of our efforts, yesterday Lyn and Bill gave us a very large silver cutlery set for inclusion in our forthcoming raffle or in any fundraising event of our choice. They are indeed so appreciative of the help given.

Our speaker last week, Col Sutcliffe from Capalaba shared the Anzac story with us - Australians and New Zealanders standing side by side at Gallipoli - and we came away fresh in our pledge to those Anzac heroes. Col's slide show reinforced in our minds just how many lives were lost : we learnt a lot and were united in our gratitude to our fallen Diggers. To these Diggers, 'thank you' seems very very inadequate - to Col who shared the Anzac story, we extend our gratitude.

So that just about rounds up the last fortnight : thank you one and all for your tremendous efforts.

Next weekend we are down at the Cleveland Showgrounds for Relay for Life but in the meantime I look forward to seeing you all next Wednesday when we'll be hearing from Briget Davis from Rotex.

Yours in Rotary Service

Lorraine Hooker

President - Rotary Club of Wellington Point

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North Redlands Community Hub- Gardens

Construction of the Community Hub garden beds appeared to be a relatively simple task on paper however, in reality it turned out to be a bit of a challenge. The size of the timber, its weight (due to moisture content) and the overall size of the completed project called for some serious brainstorming on day 1.

Thanks to the engineering and life skills of the team, John, Don, Terry, our friend of Rotary Bill Dobias and myself, the job was completed in 2 days with just a few aching shoulders and backs for a day or two. And thanks to Tracey for her great moral support and the lifeblood supply of coffee, lunch and cake which I'm sure got us through the day.

54 treated pine sleepers (2.4m x 200mm x 75mm), 24 posts (cut to 575mm x 100mm x 75mm) and 288 bolts (144 x 8 inch & 144 x 7 inch) were used to build the 6 garden beds. Each garden bed consists of 9 sleepers (3 cut in half), 4 posts, 48 bolts requiring 96 drilled holes (576 holes in all). Who said pine was softwood; wow didn't we hit some oversize knotty knots. I'm sure we would still be completing the task if it hadn't been for Bill's ute (which was the perfect size workbench) his industrial size drill and drop saw. Each bed was constructed on the ute and then ceremoniously placed in position by driving off leaving the bed to drop with a thud to the ground.

There's no doubt that these garden beds will be around for decades and grow many, many crops which will benefit local people in need of a helping hand.

Barry

Stop Press: Team, standby for an invitation to the Uniting church on 24 May where they wish to thank us (Rotary) – details to follow.



Top – Barry and John battle the bolts
Middle – Bill, John and Don drilling, drilling, drilling.... And below is the finished product!



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Top left – part of the items for sale at the Davidsons – how could so much stuff fit into one garage and house?

Lorraine shows her style on the powered tricycle.

Three of the team serving up for the Vanuatu fund raising dinner.

The Vanuatu boys provided their unique style of entertainment.

For more photos see the addendum to this weeks newsletter.

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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 Peter Moody, at pasmoo@bigpond.com or phone 0421 053 568, 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 Peter

DATE	Event	Volunteers or Action required
Wednesday 29 th April	Bunnings BBQ	Peter is coordinating
Saturday 2 nd May	Relay for Life	Terry is coordinating
Wednesday 6 th May	Bunnings BBQ	Peter is coordinating
Saturday 17 th May	District Assembly	Lorraine is coordinating
Thursday 21 st May	Musical Evening for Vanuatu Fundraising	Gordon is coordinating
Friday 22 nd May	Wellington Point State High School Chaplaincy Event	Lorraine is coordinating
Sunday 24 th May	Wellington Point Cleanup	Matthew is coordinating

Duty Roster

Date	29 th April 2015	6 th May 2015	13 th May 2015	20 th May 2015	27 th May 2015
Chairperson	Kenn Van Noort	Matthew Knight	Julie Clarke		Terry Ryan
Attendance	Gordon Lawrence	Barry Melgaard	Steven Knight		Mitch Parsons
Wello Fellow	Terry Ryan	Glen Brown	John Chirio		Gordon Lawrence
Speaker Facilitator	Peter Moody	Lorraine Hooker	Peter Moody		
Speaker	Bridget Davis	Lynne Sutherland	Bob Uhr		
Activity/Topic	ROTEX 9630	Days for Girls	Redland Bay Men's Shed		
Meeting Location	Front Room of Auditorium	Front Room of Auditorium	Board Room		Front Room of Auditorium
Special Notes				Social Outing TBA	Board Meeting