

The Wello Hello

Rotary Club Wellington Point ~ Weekly Newsletter

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From the President

Greetings fellow Rotarians

The weeks seem to go by very fast and the faster they go, the quicker Christmas approaches!

Talking of Christmas - it is not too late for you to get behind our Christmas present wrapping service that we will be undertaking in conjunction with Redlands Sunrise at the Capalaba Central Shopping Centre. Policy Legacy will be our beneficiary from this fundraiser and we will be helped along with members of our Club, the Police, and Probus Clubs. If you would like to volunteer and help us wrap up this project which runs from the 30th November up until Christmas eve, give Peter your name and I'm sure he will find place for you on the roster.

Preparations are now well underway for the Vanuatu Sportsman's Dinner to be held at Pacific Resort Cleveland - this promises to be another successful event and Gordon is project managing this on our behalf. Again; not too late to volunteer your services for this one. Final preparations for our participation will be put into effect at next week's meeting.

I had the pleasure during the week of helping Redlands Bayside celebrate 10 years of Rotary achievements - it was a most enjoyable evening



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Directors

Effective Services: Julie Clarke

Foundation: Terry Ryan

Administration: Matty McKenna

PR/Publicity: Gordon Lawrence

Membership: Kenn Van Noort

New Generations: Glen Brown

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and a pleasure to attend. Thanks to John who also came along to share in the festivities. When one looks back at 10 years of a Rotary Club, it is indeed humbling : friendships made - moneys raised - lives changed. Thank you Rotary Redlands Bayside - and best wishes for the next 10 years.

From our Board meeting we have allocated another \$1,000 towards the RAWCS project 'Helping Hands' --- you'll remember last year when we assembled prosthetic hands for land mind victims in Cambodia. We partnered last time with Redlands Sunrise and the Redlands Rotaractors - looks like we are full steam ahead to go to round two of this great life-changing project sometime in the New Year. The price of these life-changing hands has increased so I will be bringing another recommendation to the Board in this regard.

We've set a date for our Christmas party - 16th December at a local Wellington Point Restaurant - this will be our last 'meeting' for this year and we can take just a little break until we resume again on the 13th January.

The Board also approved the induction of Sandra Racine and Mike Gilchrist as members of our Club - these inductions will be held shortly along with Jan Gilchrist as a Friend of Rotary. Welcome aboard - we are delighted to have you all join us. This week we received another application for membership that is awaiting Board approval. The family table is increasing in size!

Whilst talking of new members and our growing Club, our Membership Director Kenn will be updating the Buddy System soon so you will all have a new Rotary buddy - someone who picks up the phone to see how you are - cares about you and is there as an extension to your Rotary membership of our Club.

Our meeting on the 9th December will see us make the presentations to the winners of our recent raffle so it will be good to see them all along.

Our meeting where Maybanke's Valda presented was most interesting and we commend the work that Maybanke do within our local community.

This week we had John Paskin visit again from RAWCS and I felt this time we gained a deeper insight into all things Rotary Australia World Community Service Ltd. There is an opportunity each Thursday to help with Donations in Kind - sorting and general upkeep of the store out at Freeman Road, Durack commencing at 8am - again, your presence would be welcomed with open arms.

This weekend I am heading to a training weekend in Toowoomba for the District Leadership Team - I am looking forward to this and to the opportunities it presents and to growing the Rotary journey further for the betterment of all.

Please remember that our AGM is held at our first meeting in December where all Board positions are declared vacant and you have the opportunity to nominate and/or be nominated for a position on our Board of Directors. These positions are not restricted to members who have been Rotarians for a number of years - it is a great way to learn more about Rotary and we welcome all nominations for any of the different roles - I will talk about these further on in the Newsletter.

In the meantime - thank you for your friendships - we have a busy time in the lead up to Christmas - we are all volunteers and as such we appreciate all that each and every one of you gives to Rotary - whether immediately it is to help with the Vanuatu Dinner - Coolnwynpin Carols night - Christmas Wrapping project - Cleaning up the Point under the Adopt a Road Scheme - and the list goes on.

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That just about 'wraps' it up for this edition - Mitch is currently enjoying a well earned break from the Newsletter as he enjoys a European holiday and I thank John for stepping in to compile this Newsletter.

Yours in Rotary Service

President Lorraine

Annual General Meeting

Mainly for our newer Rotarians, the following are the positions on our Board of Directors –these positions are declared vacant and elections for such will take place at our AGM in December. They take effect in June following our Rotary changeover dinner:

President - President Elect - President Nominee - Secretary - Treasurer - Directors of Publicity, Effective Services, Administration, Foundation, and New Generations. We also require a Newsletter Editor and a Sergeant!

If you would like to know more about any of these positions - please talk to any of our current Board members - they will be only too happy I'm sure to enlighten you further.

I would remind our current Directors to have your half-yearly Annual Reports ready for receipt and adoption at the Annual General Meeting - you might care to circulate these for perusal prior to the night.

President Lorraine

Mitch has gone; far, far away, off to Europe in snow to play. He gave me his quill but no ideas on what to say.

So I sit here still, holding the quill and looking at blank pages below like a dill. For blank space is the editors dread – there must be some fill.

So I look through my phone like a dog for a bone and find some pictures to bring the day home.

And it reminds us the year is going apace and so I can fill the dreaded white space.

Stand in Editor John – with apologies to all poets



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Be a Gift to the World – What are your gifts? How are you using them?

Using their talents, expertise, and leadership, Rotary members worldwide are asked *to be gifts to the world* this upcoming 2015-16 Rotary year.

Rotary International President-elect K.R. Ravindran called Sunday's address to incoming district governors the "most significant moment of my life."

"All of you have been given so many gifts. And you have now been given this great gift: one year to take all your talents, all your gifts, everything that you are and can become -- and Be a Gift to the World," said Ravindran. "You have one year to take that potential and turn it into reality. One year to lead the clubs in your district and transform the lives of others. The time is so short, yet there is so much to be done."

Highlighting Rotary's biggest challenge, the eradication of polio, Ravindran said, "A future without polio is a gift that we have promised to the children of the world. And indeed it is a gift that we will give."

Ravindran, a member of the Rotary Club of Colombo, Sri Lanka, used Rotary's successes in the fight to eradicate the disease as an illustration of the impact Rotary members can have in the world. When Rotary set a goal of eradicating polio 25 years ago, it was endemic in 125 countries, and more than 1,000 children were becoming paralyzed each day. Today, polio remains endemic in just three countries, Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. And in all of 2014, only 333 cases were reported. "We will battle on. We will prevail," he said.

Ravindran discussed some of Rotary's other challenges, including membership.

"We have to find a way to bring back the fundamentals that built our organization: the emphasis on high ethical standards in all aspects of our lives, and the classification system that encourages a diversity of expertise in each club," he said. "Too often these ideas are viewed as little more than inconvenient obstacles to increasing our membership. But they have been essential to Rotary's success, and we ignore them at our own peril."

Ravindran told attendees that the focus on branding is essential to helping Rotary grow. "We need to reposition our image, which we recognize has faded in many parts of the world."

Rotary also needs to continue to raise funds for The Rotary Foundation, attract new members, and encourage greater participation from current members.

"There are no easy answers to any of these questions. And yet the answers must somehow be found. We are the ones who must find them," said Ravindran.

The president-elect closed his speech emphasizing that now is the time to make real change.

"You have one year to build monuments that will endure forever, not carved in granite or marble, but in the lives and hearts of generations. This is our time. It will not come again. Let us grasp it."

The year races to a closer – Christmas and the new year are almost upon us. What goals can we set or contributions can we make to be a gift and not a burden to the world? Time to consider....

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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 pasmo@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 18th November	Vanuatu fund raising Sportsman's dinner	Gordon is coordinating
Wednesday 25 th November	RYDA Sheldon College (Terry/Traceu)	Barry is coordinating
Thursday 26 th November	RYDA Cleveland SHS (Barry/John)	Barry is coordinating
Saturday 28th November	Coolwynpin School Carols	Terry is coordinating
Sunday 29 th November	Wellington Point clean up	Matthew is coordinating
Wednesday 2 nd December	Bunnings Bar-B-Q	John is coordinating
Sunday 6 th December	RYTS Camp	Matthew is coordinating
Wednesday 16 th December	Dinner at Punjab Curry Club	Terry is coordinating
Wednesday 30th December	Bunnings Bar-B-Q	John is coordinating

Duty Roster

Date	11 th November	18 th November	25 th November	2 nd December	9 th December
Chairperson	Matty McKenna		Lorraine Hooker	Peter Moody	Bruce Douglas
Attendance	Kenn Van Noort	Peter Moody	Barry Melgaard	Matty McKenna	Terry Ryan
Wello Fellow	Bruce Douglas		Don Baxter	John Chirio	Barry Melgaard
Speaker Facilitator	John Chirio		Mitch Parsons	Glen Brown	Lorraine Hooker
Speaker	Peter Baldwin		Doug Alexander	Nick Marchesi	Julie Clark
Activity/Topic	Alex Hills men's shed		Museum Fundraising	Orange Sky Laundry	Raffle presentations
Meeting Location	Front room of auditorium		Front room of auditorium	Front room of auditorium	Front room of auditorium
Special Notes		Cancelled due to Sportsman's dinner			