

The Wello Hello

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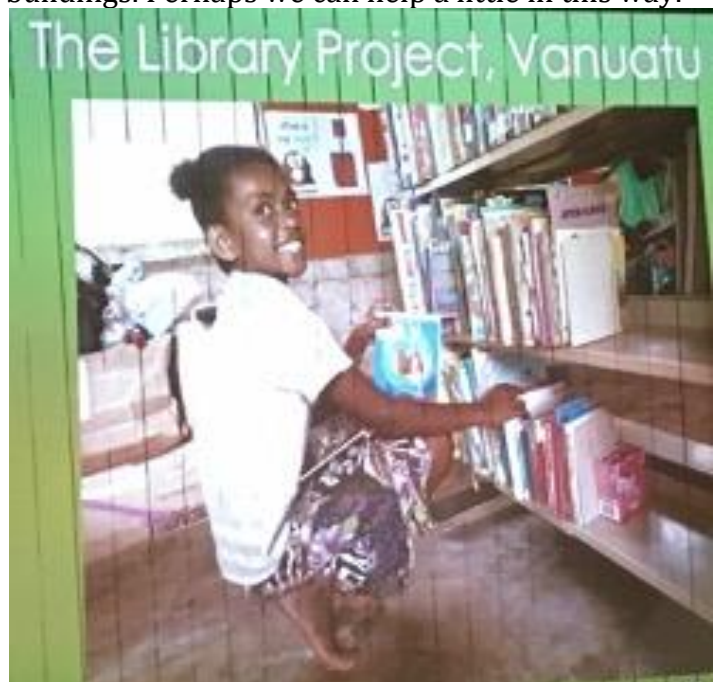
New Generations: Glen Brown



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President Journal

If you can read this, it is because you had a primary school and a teacher and books. Neil Collier's presentation on the shortages of all of these things in the little nation of Vanuatu makes us all realise how lucky we are. His campaign to take books to Vanuatu and to build libraries is a noble goal, but one which rests on the need to have secure buildings. Perhaps we can help a little in this way.



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The three schoolroom rebuild in Mele Village continues and should be finished in a couple of months due to the persistent efforts of Gordon. Hopefully then there is sufficient money to build a small classroom in the Takara village in Northern Efate.

Our other speaker, Christine Fletcher, informed us of the other extreme in education – continuing education through the later years of life and for those suffering isolation through the University of the Third Age. This volunteer organisation provides opportunities for those with an enduring curiosity and a love of learning to continue to learn in a social situation without the pressure of measured achievement. It is a great way for people to keep their minds active and to make new friends.

So we have two extremes; a poor country that cannot give their children reading lessons and a rich country that can educate even the elderly....

We also had the pleasure of celebrating Jan's birthday and Mike's soon to be with the traditional cake, 'candle' and song - congratulations Jan on reaching a milestone. May there be many more. Also I had the pleasure of presenting Catherine Smith with a certificate for completing the RYLA programme.



We have made our first steps to obtaining electricity for the shed by contacting council officers with the assistance of Wendy. First we need agreement from adjacent organisations to allow us to take a supply connection from their switch boards. Hopefully one of them will help us out.

Now the good news is that I will be away for the next meeting having a short holiday in Coolangatta and back in time for the shed party on the 25th.



John
The Penrith Papers

There were many 'cheers' in Penrith last week - and they weren't always 'sport' related but it did give me more than a 'sporting chance' to experience Rotary at a different level whilst partnering DGN Chris at this forum. For this I am grateful and appreciative.

What a privilege to be with 300 Rotary leaders from New Zealand and Australia and to sing the National Anthems of both countries with such enthusiasm!

There was a lot of bonding - a lot of learning - a lot of sharing - all of which can only strengthen the Rotary resolve to move positively forward as priceless resources for the enabling of the journey were both reinforced and gathered.

There were many inspiring speakers and there were three I would like to make mention of : Sarah Brown's impact with her work done in the northern remote areas of our country with Purple buses, providing a service for kidney

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patients needing to have dialysis treatment. Her getting down and getting dirty and relating to indigenous and non-indigenous through her passion for art certainly indicates the value of appropriate communication.

Then there was Mitty Chang who started at a very young age building web sites and continues developing websites professionally and continues in a very real way by acknowledging what Rotaract and Rotary have given him by now unreservedly giving back and offering a free service to Rotary Clubs wanting to avail themselves of a very generous offer he has made to them in this area.

Tony Kirwan spoke emotionally about his initial awareness and eventual passion for the establishment of Destiny Rescue which now operates in Thailand, Laos, India and Cambodia. What does it do? It rescues these vulnerable children from the sex trade in many brothels that operate. It brings them to a safe Rescue Home where they are looked after in a safe and loving protective environment, allowing them to grow in a nurturing way.

There were other keynote speakers - each of them passionate with strong deliveries which have made an impact - there isn't room to write here about them all, but am happy to talk to anyone about them if there is a desire.

What a pleasure to sit next to Ian Riseley OAM and his wife Juliet at one of the dinners. Ian, who comes from Melbourne, will be the President of Rotary International in 2017-2018. We are blessed - we are in good hands and he will have a strong supportive team around him.

There was one message however that came through to me - the message of 'Membership' and as a Membership Director this year, I am trusting, that within our Club, we can grow and encourage the simple strategy of 'Each one - reach one'! Noel Trevaskis OAM from Bega, is a Rotary International Director 2016-2018 and the statistical message is quite clear and should be clear to all of us.

I will share more of this as I move around in an AG role and within our Club.

I was extremely privileged to be given the opportunity to attend the Future Leaders Seminar - so what did I take from this? It was an empowering interactive session which provided the opportunity to vocalise the different requirements when it comes to Leadership - we all know that leadership does change, but there are components which are 'enduring' and those within Rotary which are 'changing'.

Let me share very briefly: Both leadership components encompass consistency, fairness, caring, celebrating success, saying thank you, empathy, vision, persistence, decision making, risk management etc so incorporating all this is the need to also embrace the changing face of the digital age, of social media, the availability of knowledge, etc. In short - we are changing but the enduring qualities are at the very base of our operation and can only be enhanced as we embrace change.

So in case you are wondering - in 8 days away - it wasn't all work - there were many dinners : dinners with the DGN counterparts - dinners with District 9630 delegates - a lovely cruise on the Nepean Belle paddleboat and dinners with 'friends' and 'new friends' met along the way! We managed a quick trip into the Rocks Markets to fulfil my retail therapeutic needs and for an extended family catch up with rellies over a Sunday lunch.

In summation : a privilege - a pleasure - and a strong desire to move further forward embracing regard, respect and trust and that Rotary is indeed constructively and thoughtfully serving humanity.

Lorraine Hooker

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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
Saturday 24 th September	Bunnings BBQ	John is coordinating
Sunday 25 th September	WPRC Shed BBQ	Co-ordinators are John and Lorraine
Thursday 29 th Sep- Saturday 1 st Oct	Raffles at Alex Hills Shopping Centre	Tracey is coordinating
Wednesday 12 th October	Joint Redlands Rotary meeting Speaker Jeremy Scott	Lorraine is co-ordinating Redlands Rotary Clubs
Sunday 15 th October	Capalaba Blues Festival	Kenn is co-ordinating

Duty Roster

Date	21 st September	28 th September	5 th October	12 th October
Chairperson	Lorraine Hooker	Louise Broekman	Matty McKenna	Mike Gilchrist
Attendance	Peter Moody	Rosalie Tasker	Sandra Racine	Steven Knight
Wello Fellow	Tracey Deane	Barry Melgaard	Bruce Douglas	Dianne Thompson
Speaker Facilitator	Louise Broekman		Mitchel Parsons	Lorraine Hooker
Speaker	Katrina Beutel		Lanai Carter	Jeremy Scott
Activity/Topic	Redlands Centre for women		Medical Cannabis	Jeremy's adventures
Meeting Location	Front Room of Auditorium	Front Room of Auditorium	Front Room of Auditorium	Front Room of Auditorium
Special Notes		Board meeting		