

The Wello Hello

Rotary Club Wellington Point ~ Fortnightly Newsletter

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President Journal

Fellow Rotarians,

On Wednesday night the 12th we had a long planned event with the visit of Jeremy Scott who told us of his adventures during an epic bike ride from England back to his home country of New Zealand. It was an inspirational story on perseverance, courage, creativity and survival. Jeremy said his greatest attribute is stubbornness but I think he should add endurance and planning. Faced with a daunting challenge he made the sensible choice and broke it down into a set of minor steps – take it a day at a time - and slowly his skill and hence his confidence grew.

He was also inspired to raise funds for the Heart Foundation and continues to do so in his speaking engagements around Australia.

It was a very enjoyable evening with something for everyone who attended.

The following Wednesday we had a talk from Solar Buddies on a project to provide solar lanterns to children in third world countries that have access to light except through the burning of biomass of fossil



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fuels. The smoke from this a significant and potentially fatal health hazard and it is extremely bad for the environment. The solar lights also have their issues in terms of longevity and disposal. With no controlled waste disposal systems let alone recycling options the failed units, including the Nickle Cadmium batteries will be discarded causing a dangerous and very long term pollution problem. Solar does not necessarily mean environmentally friendly.

I think Solar Buddies need to add a replacement programme whereby, if a failed unit is returned complete then the owner gets a new one for a nominal cost, but if they lose it then they have to purchase a replacement at a much higher cost. There is a lot more work to be done in this area of energy poverty before a true solution is found!

Last Sunday we supported the Diabetes walk in Beth Boyd park, Thorneside. Again our marquees and other equipment were used in the community and we gained great public exposure. Thanks go to Barry, Peter and Matty for seeing this morning through.

This Saturday we ran a Bar-B-Q for Totally Workwear which is promoting their Victoria Point Store. This event comes with a guaranteed donation of \$250 as the actual sausage sizzle is free to all shop visitors.

Also happening in the district is Online training for Rotary Foundation Grant Management (Peter, Steve and myself will do this), Capalaba Club is running a Bookfest in Ormiston on 28th to 30th October and the Brisbane Kite Festival is on Sunday 23rd October from 10.30 at the Murrarie Recreation Ground. A fun night really worth going along to is the Nepalese Night on Saturday 12th at the Victoria Point Bowls and Recreation Club. You can buy tickets online at rotaryredlandsbayside.org.

Now more seriously: I have received my first request from District to provide the name of our President Elect. These requests will become more insistent. The concept of having a President Elect

is to allow that person a year to grow into the position, the PE becomes a board member and so starts to learn the details of how a club is organised and managed and of the many programmes Rotary is involved in. The earlier someone accepts this position the more training opportunities they have and the more smoothly they can take the reins. Such a smooth transition is good for the new President and also for the club as a whole. You don't have to have years in Rotary to do this job – many people have the capability and experience from their own personal and business experiences. So like the Little Engine That Could just say: I think I can, I think I can, I think I can; then just do it! I did.

On the more positive side some members have already advised that they will stand for positions at the AGM which is scheduled for the 7th of December.

John

Totally Work Wear Bar-B-Q

Club Members successfully carried out a fundraising Bar-B-Q at Totally Workwear in Victoria Point. This opportunity came to us from Redlands Bayside Club which could not muster the numbers as their priority is now on selling trifecta tickets for the Melbourne Cup.

John, Peter and Barry loaded the trailer on Friday. John and Peter delivered, unloaded and set up from 9am to 10am on Saturday. At 10 am our sales and cooking team of Sandra, Dianne and newbie, potential member Tony Mills.

We were all fired up had the lovely smell of sausages and onion wafting about but where were the customers? I think they all went to the big car race on the Gold Coast for they weren't at Totally Workwear!

So we had a slow time of it and spent it

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chatting and serving the occasional shopper passing by. At 1.30 pm we shut it down, packed up and hit the road at 2pm. For John it was back to the shed where he was met by Peter to unload and to do a stock count.

So a lot of effort was expended for what might be seen as next to nothing where is actual fact we walked away with about \$300 in 'profit', which compares well to a typical \$500 profit for an all-day event at Bunnings on a Wednesday.

So where did the money come from? Totally Work Wear will give us \$250 for the effort and will refund us most of our costs and we made some sales to the public at Bunnings prices.

So though we would have been much happier to be rushed off our feet – the money is (or will be) in the bank – which, in fundraising, is what counts. Many thanks to the team of John, Peter, Barry, Sandra, Dianne and Tony.

John

Vanuatu Mele Village Update

The 3 volunteers made their way to Port Vila on Friday. Unfortunately the flight was delayed and they didn't get there till midnight. They spent the next day going over material needs and building a few trusses following the village welcome with food and floral leis. Sunday is the religious day in Vanuatu and I think the men will spend the time getting to experience Port Vila and what it has to offer. Monday onwards should be full on work to get trusses made and the roof on later in the week. The three volunteers will have 6 volunteers from the village helping them and lunches will be provided to them by the ladies in the Mele village.

I am hoping that all the structural work will be able to be completed prior to their leaving but I think it will be tight. I will forward updates as I get them on how things are progressing.

Gordon

Swimathon

Fundraising is progressing with this event to be held on Sat 12 Nov. at present we have around \$4000 pledged that I know of, with an ultimate goal of around \$10000. Louise is leading the charge with about around \$2300 so I will need to get my finger out this coming week to help swell the fundraising coffers. I also have a young daughter of a workmate swimming and she has raised around \$300. Jesse James who is the principal of Ray White, and who runs the rodeo at Redland Bay, has joined the team and I expect him to raise a bit of serious dollars with his corporate / business contacts.

I hope that the club will join us on the day and help make it a fun day at the Cleveland pool.

Gordon



Speaker Jeremy Scott

Raffles Project

As another raffle project comes to an end we have a lot to be proud of. Over \$4000 raised for community organisations and over \$1000 for our club it's been another worthwhile year. We have helped international projects in Nepal and Uganda as well as local projects in the Redlands and our wonderful Redlands Museum. Thankyou all for your efforts, it is very very appreciated.

Mitch

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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
Sunday 30 th October	Shed working bee	John is co-ordinating
Wednesday 2 nd November	Bunnings BBQ	John is co-ordinating
Sunday 6 th November	Canoe social Thornside	Matty is co-ordinating
Saturday 12 th November	Swimathon @ Cleveland	Gordon is co-ordinating

Duty Roster

Date	26 th October	2 nd November	9 th November	16 th November
Chairperson	Peter Moody	Sandra Racine	Rosalie Tasker	Tracey Deane
Attendance	Tracey Deane	Barry Melgaard	Bruce Douglas	Dianne Thompson
Wello Fellow	Glen Brown	Gordon Lawrence	Jan Gilchrist	Kenn Van Noort
Speaker Facilitator		Lorraine Hooker	Barry Melgaard	Mitchell Parsons
Speaker	Mitchel Parsons	Rosalie Tasker	Catherine Smith	Raffle recipients
Activity/Topic	Raffle Draw	Members corner	Prosthetic ears	Cheque presentations
Meeting Location	Front Room of Auditorium	Front Room of Auditorium	Front Room of Auditorium	Front Room of Auditorium
Special Notes	Board meeting			