

The Wello Hello

Rotary Club Wellington Point ~ Fortnightly Newsletter

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President Journal

Fellow Rotarians,

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The Christmas season has arrived. I know this because I attended the Christmas wrapping at the Capalaba Central Shopping Centre. Also there we had our hard working coordinator Terry plus Lorraine, two police officers, and crime stoppers President Paul Fitzpatrick. This afternoon Col and Beryl Sutcliff attended.

The morning produced some good customers but this afternoon was very slow as the centre slowly cleared of customers. Monday is not known for a shopping frenzy so I am confident things will pick up. At least it was cool and the wrapping will be our final project for the year – it's easy work!

And the training we received in wrapping really paid off as evidenced by the wonderful packages we presented and the many compliments I received – though some of them might have been in jest!

One particularly odd shape gift did give me and Paul some difficulty but we kept adding paper and sticky

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tape till it worked. The lady was very happy and said her three year old would be very impressed! ☺

We have had a great couple of weeks including a major RYDA event to close out the school year. If it keeps just one of those youngsters from ending up under a truck it is worth it. Many thanks to Barry for his coordination on this and for his attendance at RYDA committee meetings.

Our Bunnings Bar-B-Q on the 30th November was also successful as we raised \$558 for our fundraising. On Wed 7th of December we do it all again and hope to do even better.

On Saturday morning the council put on a thank-you brunch for the volunteers of the Redlands hosted by the mayor Karen Williams. A number of us - myself, Lorraine, Don, Mike, Jan and Wendy attended and enjoyed a pleasant morning under cloud cover and were also given a bottle of Sirromet wine as a gift.

There were about 180 people in attendance and this apparently represents about 10% of the regular volunteers in the Redlands which, we were informed, has the highest volunteer participation percentage of any council region in Queensland.

On Saturday evening Lorraine and I attended the Assistant Governor Chris Reynolds' Christmas dinner for the club Presidents in his AG group. We had a pleasant evening at the Marinara restaurant on Hawthorn Road.

Meanwhile, whilst all this joyful stuff has been going on, Matty has been updating your club's web site with some significant new features. So please go to www.rotaryclubofwellingtonpoint.org.au to check it out. You will also find there, under the News section, many past newsletters and just by having a browse you will see the many and varied things that have occurred, or we have participated in, over the last 6 months. Hopefully the next six months will be just as exciting and interesting.

Being the end of the year, our half way point, it is also time to pay our half yearly dues. Please don't delay in this as we will have to pay our Rotary International dues and shouldn't have to draw from our reserves to do so. If you have any concerns with paying on time please discuss this with Treasurer Barry.

And so yes – the year is nearly done. This is the last newsletter and we have just two more meetings finishing on the 14th December with a celebration at Hogan's in Wellington Point.

Hence I take this opportunity to thank you all for committing to an organisation that believes in service to the community, both local and international and for contributing to the running of meetings and to our projects and events.

I wish you all a safe, joyful and relaxing Christmas season.

John

Youth Protection Officer Training

How privileged are we in Rotary to receive such excellent training - to not only belong to an organisation which 'does good in the world' and embraces helping those less privileged, but to also receive such diligent training along the way in this sphere.

I am convinced more than ever that the more we give to this world - the more this world gives back to us!

Along with 'almost' Wellington Point Rotarian Tony Mills, we were privileged to attend the Youth Protection Officer Training out at Wacol last weekend. In the midst of their already very busy schedules, this training was ably delivered by Sue Mulraney and DG Doug St Clair.

Why the training? Because 'District 9630 strives

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to create and maintain a safe environment for all youth who participate in Rotary activities. To the best of their ability, Rotarians, Rotarians' spouses and partners, and other volunteers must safeguard the children and young people they come into contact with, and protect them from physical, sexual, and emotional abuse.'

We identified 'abuse' and 'harassment' --- as being unwelcome and unwanted physical, written or verbal conduct of a nature which the perpetrator knew or should have known, was offensive to the victim.

We discussed cross-cultural situations - where conduct in one country or social situation for an individual could well be deemed as offensive to another because of differing customs, gestures and etiquettes existing.

Just as importantly we discussed the components of harassment and the need to follow the four 'R's' - Recognise, Respond, Record, Report.

Please consider the merits of ensuring your Blue Card is current and be comfortable knowing there are guidelines to be followed should an unfortunate situation occur.

This is Rotary in action - ensuring there is a safe and protected environment for everyone - I thank DG Doug for championing this training.

Lorraine

Nandeebie Decorating

*Twos Christmas decoration time at the nursing home
Took a couple of pictures with the trusty mobile phone*

Equipped with tinsel and a ladder, John rose to great heights

Lorraine loved chatting to the oldies who were festively bright

Don and John took some decorative matters in hand...

They sorted those decorations out - they had a plan

*Nativity scenes, tinsel, glitter and Christmas trees
They were all secured in order to combat the breeze*

It was our little way of adding some Christmas cheer

Ask us again - and we'll happily be back again next year!

Lorraine

Mele School update

Last week a Group of Australian Schoolies came out with paint and painted the Classroom with a undercoat of paint.

It is unsure who arranged them to paint the Classroom. The Group came to MMP School and the same day the school graduation was on and graduates also participated in the painting.

Looks great and now it is ready for the right colour paint to be painted.



From the editor

Such a wonderful contribution from members this week I'm afraid we ran out of room for photos.

If you get a chance please do check out Ken's christmas lights, they really are spectacular!

Mahalo!

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
Monday 5 th December	Christmas wrapping starts today until 24 th Dec	Terry is co-ordinating the roster
Wednesday 7 th Dec	Bunnings BBQ @ Capalaba	John is co-ordinating
Friday 9 th December	Fairfax Christmas party	Gordon is co-ordinating
Wednesday 14 th Dec	Hogans dinner with partners - meet at 6:45 for 7pm start http://www.hoganswellingtonpoint.com.au/	R.S.V.P. Matty

Duty Roster

Date	7 th December	14 th December	11 th January	18 th January
Chairperson	Barry Melgaard	Barry Melgaard	Bruce Douglas	Dianne Thompson
Attendance	Gordon Lawrence	Gordon Lawrence	Jan Gilchrist	Ken Van Noort
Wello Fellow	Louise Broekman	Louise Broekman	Mike Gilchrist	Mitch Parsons
Speaker Facilitator			Barry Melgaard	Peter Moody
Speaker			Catherine Smith	Rob Clark
Activity/Topic		Christmas function	Prosthetic Ears	Flying Angel
Meeting Location	Front Room of Auditorium	Hogan's Pub	Front Room of Auditorium	Front Room of Auditorium
Special Notes	A.G.M.	Wellington Point		