

The Wello Hello

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WHO WE ARE

Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbours, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who come together to make positive, lasting change in communities at home and abroad.

For more than 110 years, our 35,000+ clubs have worked together to:

- Promote peace
- Fight disease
- Provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene
- Save mothers and children
- Support education
- Grow local economies

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LOGGING IN WITH LORRAINE

Hello Rotarians

Two more feel good meetings - a Bunnings BBQ, a Board meeting, some more members in the pipeline to induct - what more can I say! Rotary is alive and well in Wellington Point.

I'd sincerely like to thank the Club for their enabling of my recent trip to Vanuatu. I came home inspired and enthused and I also came home knowing that what we have done in both Mele and Takara Villages in Vanuatu has been appreciated and all facilities are being fully utilised.

Our trip a year ago realised the need for the re-roofing of Takara School - a school badly hit by Cyclone Pam and in a very sad state. Through RAWCS, and fundraising efforts by our Club, we saw the completion of a two classroom complex and the reinforcement and re-roof of the existing building. We also contributed tables and chairs which were sourced through DIK and co-ordinated the building of a library facility in the main building. Of huge assistance in the project was our team from SHaRM Foundation, keeping us very informed as we went along.

What excitement - what joy on the faces of the children - what singing - and what appreciation for all that had been done - and what a feast to follow as the village mummas all brought food to share for this banquet style occasion which was so special for them.

It was particularly gratifying for me to see the village mummas enjoying the donated sewing

machines which had been sent over - each of them excited to learn new skills, and all done while their little pikininis played happily in the corner. Even the headmaster at Mele Village was keen to get behind the machine!

The 200 basket-blong-titi for the mummas were well received- and these were distributed to the appreciative ladies at several gatherings. Our bra drive is on-going - another 200 have just been sent and we would estimate that there are now probably in excess of 2000 'baskets' in use in Vanuatu. My biggest concern was that should Customs ask me to open my bag to display the contents, there just could be some difficulty in explaining 200 bras for a stay of 6 nights!

The trip was fantastic - and my homecoming came with the firm resolve and empowerment to return and to continue the works begun.

Last week we have the privilege of hearing about Teacher in a Box - a Rotary project of Brisbane Planetarium Rotary Club, with a reminder that where there is a need, there is a solution. In short it comes down to giving a hand up, rather than a hand out - Catherine will be writing more about this presentation, so I won't elaborate. In short though - very inspiring.

Once we have completed relevant paperwork, it is anticipated that we will be welcoming and inducting 5 new members to our Rotary Club plus an Honorary Member and Friend of Rotary.

I can tell you about the Honorary Member because Honorary Membership is different and it comes with no fees payable but also does not have the privilege of voting rights. Nonetheless I have every

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confidence and unreservedly am thrilled that we will soon be welcoming our friend Johaan and Pip Kaa into our Rotary family. Johaan's membership will be an honorary membership and Pip, who is so keen to be involved in our local activities, becomes a Friend of Rotary.

Johaane is known to many of us - we have shared evenings with Johaan and have been inspired by his commitment to inspire others through adversity: no hands, no feet - no excuses. That's Johaan. I know you will make the Kaa family welcome.

Our Bunnings barbecues continue as do the food deliveries each fortnight from Jaiput Palace to the Redland Community Centre. Again this weekend will be the opportunity to sell raffle tickets at the Grand View Hotel - and our Clean Up The Point under the Adopt a Road Scheme continues and a rescheduled date for this will be notified shortly. I'd like to thank our willing Rotarians to have manned all these events - without your help, it just would not happen. Please know you are appreciated.

I'd also like to congratulate our neighbouring Capalaba Rotary Club on their excellent evening recognising the value of our apprentices through the Award Ceremony held recently - and of course our Police Officers who do so much, often above and beyond the call of duty. Thank you for an inspiring evening.

I'll close this time with the thought I shared with you all at the close of last week's meeting: Go as far as you can see - when you get there, you'll be able to see further!

May we always keep our eyes open and continue to 'Be the Inspiration.'

Yours in Rotary Service
President Lorraine



Let the feast begin!



Heads, shoulders, knees and toes...



From our family to yours...

GRAND VIEW RAFFLE

This little guy, Carter, helped Di and Gordon sell the raffle tickets at the Grandview a couple of weeks ago and did a fantastic job. A little Rotarian in the making?



CYRUS UPDATE

The following contains a heartfelt letter from Cyrus and is addressed to the club. A photo of Cyrus' nieces is also attached. How incredible to be reminded of the impact that Rotary has on families and communities.

Dear Rotarian's,

Ladies and gentlemen is take this opportunity to salute you and pass love and warmest regards to wonderful people. I haven't heard an opportunity to meet you all, but through your actions i picture you in my mind and in my heart as grate family I have had and am always overwhelmed by your love and kindness. Divine connection is what i call it. I call you transformers of meaningless life to potential, competitive and meaningful lives. You have brought my life from nothing to something, more to that, even extended to my two nieces.

Hannah and Margret are so appreciative of your generosity. What makes me even happier is their health, especially Margret being HIV +, her health has gone from worse to better and her immunity is

now strong, and minimal health issues. I owe a lot of that to your support. Academically, they are doing well and i see a bright future for them. Hannah will join grade 1 next year and Margaret will still be in nursery school.

Gordon informed me that donations will end early this month. A journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step. You have helped me make the first steps, and because i managed every coin that you donated well, that is a strong foundation set. My goal is to make sure that in the near future i have settled them in their home, so as to do away with rental costs since they can be overwhelming at times.

I appreciate you more because of the road I've traveled with you. My story brought me to you and I wouldn't revise a word of my past if it led me anywhere but to you generous people. You changed my life and that of my family and I don't think I could ever tell you how much that means to me. I want to thank the entire group for reaching out to me. I will always remember your love, kindness and support.

Best regards

Cyrus xx

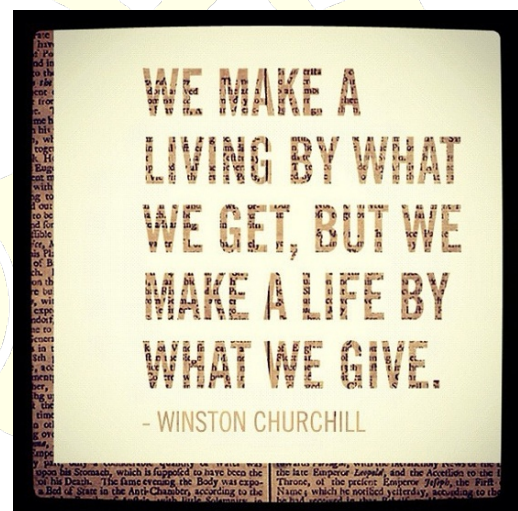
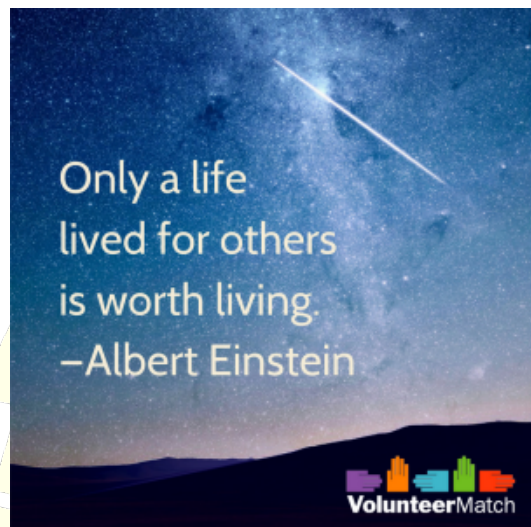
"You have brought my life from nothing to something..."



TEACHER IN A BOX

Last week we had the pleasure of having Jeanette and Rick (RC of Brisbane Planetarium) speak to us about a global initiative called Teacher in a Box (TIB), where people are provided with offline access to free educational and training resources (no internet access is needed). This setup has enabled communities in Timor Leste, the Phillipines, Tanzania, Papua New Guinea amongst other areas to improve the quality of life through education and skill empowerment. TIB is facilitated through the donation of laptop computers, connection cords and fundraising efforts, and the only minimal cost is the router which hosts all of the educational resources and is responsible for transmitting the information to other devices. Through this, whole classrooms are able to access the router and use different resources simultaneously, with the only (small) limitation being that the computer is plugged into a power point. With thousands of videos, ebooks, tutorials and guides, community members can work through emergency situations, build up their agricultural competency, learn foundational skills in numeracy and literacy, and so much more. This project is making substantial headway already, and many more countries will be joining the cause in the near future. TIB is so practical, that it has the potential to be embedded in local, national or international projects –it's certainly something for us to think about for our "next big thing" as a club!

- Catherine



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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 Di Thompson phone 0408985527 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 Di.

Date	Event	Volunteers or Action required
29 th September	Rotaract Trivia night – Gumdale Hall \$20	Contact Mitch on 0448 522 403
6 th October	MS Moonlight Walk - Southbank	See Sue Reid for details 0407 133 240
13 th -14 th October	Capalaba Rotary – Blues Festival	Contact Lorraine 0410 539 303 to volunteer
14 th October	Raffles at Grandview	Contact Mitch on 0448 522 403

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Date	5 th September	12 th September	19 th September	26 th September	3 rd October
Chairperson	Barry Melgaard	Sue Reid	Kenn Van Noort	Di Thompson	Catherine Smith
Attendance	Gordon Lawrence	Terry Ryan	Mona Brammell	Neil Waterer	Steven Knight
Wello Fellow	Matty McKenna	Glen Brown	Tracey Deane	Mitch Parsons	Matthew Knight
Speaker Facilitator	Lorraine Hooker	Sue Reid	Neil Waterer	N/A	Matty McKenna
Speaker	Kenn Van Noort	Kelley	TBA	N/A	TBA
Activity/Topic	FB Marketing W/Shop	Suicide Awareness	TBA	BOARD MEETING	TBA
Meeting Location	Board Room	Front Room	Front Room	Front Room	Front Room
Special Notes					

