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## **WEEKLY BULLETIN 31, Monday February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

<b>MEETING 3865</b>	
<b>Monday March 6th 2017</b>	<b>MONDAY March 13th 2017</b>
<b>Chair: President Noel Howard</b>	<b>Chair:</b>
<b>Program: Group 1 Combined meeting at Strathdownie.</b>	<b>Program: THERE WILL BE NO ROTARY THIS WEEK, AS IT IS A PUBLIC HOLIDAY.</b>
<b>Cashier: Bob Penny</b>	<b>Cashier:</b>
<b>Bulletin: Kevin Safe</b>	<b>Bulletin</b>
<b>Bar: CASTERTON</b>	<b>Bar:</b>
<b>Fines:</b>	<b>Fines:</b>
<b>Set up:</b>	<b>Set up:</b>
<b>Coming Dates</b>	
<b>Conference: MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup> – APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>.</b>	
<b>Changeover: June 26. Partners' night.</b>	

## **REPORT OF MEETING NO. 3864**

**Chairman Murray Menzel** opened meeting 3864

He proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Kampala in Uganda. The club meets at 12.30 at the Grand Imperial Hotel. The club was chartered on 20th May 1957 but there had been attempts to establish it as early as 1946. The club president is Stephen Lawangh. There are 76 members in the club and all are PHF members. There are 10 Rotary clubs in Kampala. The reason for bringing up this club is that Jenney Clark is in Uganda, at the moment, and will be coming home soon. She needs children's new underpants (all sizes) and also computer mouse cables with USB ends, for projects she has over there.

**President Noel Howard** introduced Marg Millard as our guest speaker.

- Anniversaries: Inductions - Bob Penny our 72nd president and John Addinsall. The 24th Feb was Rotary's 118th birthday.

Reports; Noel noted that there was a rotary appeal for NSW bush fire relief. Nominations are open for our District governor and district conference registrations are open.

Numbers are urgently required for Strathdownie on the 6th - **the bus will leave from the Uniting Church at 5.30pm.**

- Noel has talked with Good Shepherd for assistance with our role in catering at the national Heritage Rally from 21st -23rd April.
- **Lorraine** noted that the service groups had several applicants for RYPEN and they have distributed leadership brochures to the schools. Our 80th birthday will be on 27th May. if anyone has ideas for the guest list please contact Lorraine or Rose.
- **Secretary Bob** highlighted the recent article in Rotary Down Under about membership. Membership must be a top priority or rotary will cease to exist within 5 - 10 years. Our own club position is critical and urgent action is required by all members. Bob also noted that the car raffle

had been successful with the winning ticket sold by the Queenscliff club and \$160,000 raised. It has been a good fund raiser for our club. He thanked Kevin for the work he had done this year in running the raffle and suggested that in future the responsibility for running the raffle should be rotated around the membership.

- Kevin then ran a successful fines session.
- Murray then introduced Marg Millard who is President elect at Portland Bay. She started by saying that she hoped to restructure the club to promote a greater emphasis on membership. Her topics as guest speaker were Beyond the Bell and Passports to Employment.

She had introduced us to Beyond the Bell at a previous meeting, but this was an update and a lot has happened since last year. The program has had very good support and while the focus on a measurable outcome is year 12 attainment, the program has started by getting young children literary ready with more books into homes before school so that these youngsters get a better start at school. There are now 5 working groups (1) little book boxes (2) lets read (3) reading champions (4) key messages to the community and (5) literary educators. So, the program ranges from early childhood through primary to secondary school. They are looking for interested people to come along to meetings to become involved because it is important that the whole community is involved. There are now 25 Little book boxes out in Hamilton (thanks Noel for a number of these). We need more books to go in these boxes. Mulleraterong is acting as the collection and distribution point. If you have any children's books (toddlers to teenagers) they can be taken there. The project has some funding from the Gwen and Edna Jones foundation, Community house and the Southern Grampians shire but they are always looking for more support. They need lots of books but would also like support in the form of membership to some of the committees.

The Passport to Employment {P2E} is a new project that has just started with the first group of 12 students just graduating. This is an 8-week program to support young people with disabilities in the transition to life after school. It aims to keep kids engaged to stay at school. It is a transition action network aimed at (1) maintaining and empowering students (2) providing skills and knowledge and (3) providing opportunities and information for young people with multiple barriers. The first round has dealt with year 10 students from several schools. It is a program over about 10 weeks with about 8 workshops. Workshop 1 was a meet and greet. Workshop 2 was "you've got the look" i.e. how to prepare for an interview. Workshop 3 was "healthy and wealthy" i.e. just starting to build up a healthy independent lifestyle. Workshop 4 was "you've got the skills" i.e. how to work together and communicate. Workshop 5 was about accessing support and transport. This was one of the favourites. It was about using public transport to get around Hamilton and talking to various agencies and businesses and starting to handle money to achieve this. Workshop 6 was an industry tour focusing on potential employers. Workshop 7 was about putting it all together and included giving the students \$100 to spend at Target to purchase clothes suitable for a job interview. The final workshop, number 8, was the graduation ceremony with parents and sponsors and other invited guests and it was a great event. For those of us who have had few problems, it is not always easy to see how much programs such as this helps young people with disabilities arising from all sorts of causes! Marg noted that the P2E program is spreading across the state and needs ongoing funding, however it is being supported very strongly at the local level. Thanks Marg for introducing these projects, they are certainly worthwhile.



President Noel and Margie Millard, showing the insignia for "Passport to Education", and presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation.