

President's Word.....

Wow, the last six weeks have just flown by. I must first of all thank Neil, Eli and Dom for acting as my deputies. I couldn't have asked for more qualified past Presidents to take my place.

As most of you know, I was deployed six weeks ago to Canada at short notice, specifically British Columbia to assist managing a number of wildfires during their worst fire season in history. My role was part of a team of incident specialists and we worked in three areas around BC. We managed to contain three wildfires, but one of them got the better of us and is currently still burning, (currently 200,000 Ha). This one will continue to burn until it snows, mainly because of inaccessibility, fuel loads and weather conditions. Come along next Wednesday meeting – I have some stories to tell and some great photos.



Thank you to all of my friends and family for your messages whilst I was away – they meant a lot to me.

Last meeting we had a good turn up and we had Blair McFarlane as guest speaker give us a thought provoking discussion on youth issues and cause and effect. Some of his points had me thinking long after the meeting. What a complex issue with no real solutions at hand. I would like to think we as community members and Rotarians could make a difference – but I wouldn't even know where to start. Maybe we can discuss this further?

Ellie is doing some great work with the "End Trachoma" project and it is my intention to get together with the other club presidents very shortly to formulate some direction and ideas.

I would also be keen to find out if you as Rotarians have some ideas about Foundation Grants. It has been suggested that the Purple House could be a possibility. Instead of just giving money, I would like to maybe look at an item of medical equipment or some physical activity to help "make a difference".

In the next few weeks I would like to conduct a "Club forum" to look at some strategic directions and review my aspirations for this Rotary year.

Look forward to seeing you at our next meeting, Dave

When we seek to discover the best in others – we somehow discover the best in ourselves!

Reminders

Please advise Suellen (by email) if you hold a current Ochre Card. Please include in your email, the card number and expiry date. Many thanks.

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\$240pa or \$120 bi-annually
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From Nick.....

The 2018 Rotary International Convention will be in Toronto, Canada, from June 23rd to the 27th 2018.

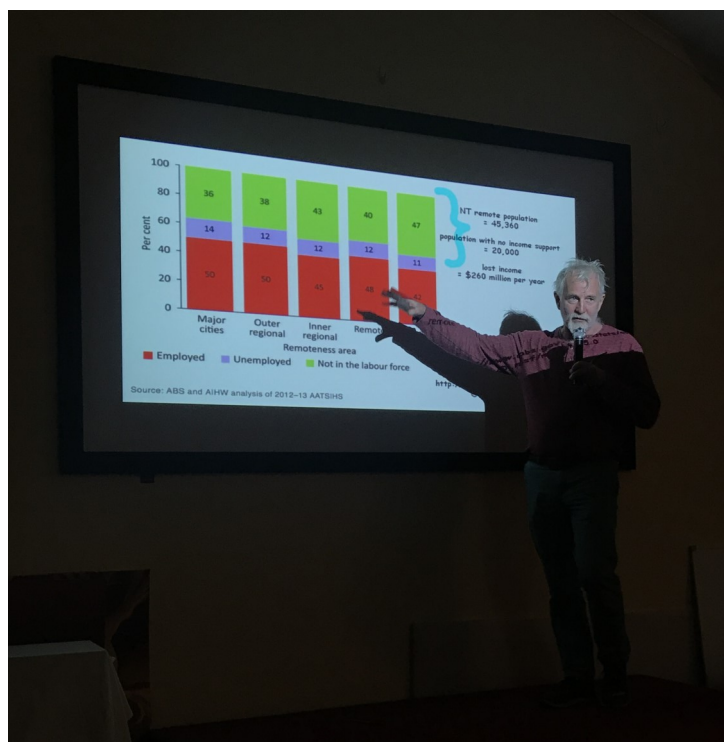
To Register, follow the link www.riconvention.org

There is an early registration discount until December 15, 2017 and a further discount if you register online.



Rotarian Nick, Blair McFarland and Rotarian Erwin

Guest Speaker, Blair McFarland



HIGHLIGHTS FROM LAST MEETING.....

Introductions by Erwin

Blair McFarland
—Guest Speaker

International Toast by Suellen

RC Dallas, Texas,
Chartered in 1911

Sgt. 's Session with Mike P and Corporal Eli

Raffle drawn by Blair,
won by Bruce

Heads and Tails tossed
by Jenni, won by
Suellen



ROSTER

6
September

13
September

20
September

Corporal

**Mike
Smith**

**Peter
Bartholomew**

**Virginia
Loy**

Greeter

**Precy
Taylor**

**Erwin
Chlanda**

**Eli
Melky**

**Attendance
Assistant**

**Greg
Teakle**

**Bruce
Clough**

**Annette
Mikecz**

Introductions

**Nick
Tyllis**

**Mardi
Cotterill**

**Dominic
Miller**

**International
Toast**

**Nicole
Walsh**

**Fran
Kilgariff**

**Nicole
Ogilvie**

Guest Host

**Roger
Ahwah**

**Jenni
Lillis**

**Steve
Peers**

The Roster and what it means

For whatever reason, sometimes it is not possible to attend a meeting so here are the Roster guidelines:

Please Be Responsible - It is the responsibility of each of us to check the bulletin to see when we are on the Roster.

Please Find a Replacement - If you are rostered on for a duty and cannot attend on that night, then it is your responsibility to find a replacement.

Please Tell Secretary Nick or President Dave – You, or your replacement, need to let someone who is going to the meeting know.

Can't make it to a meeting?

PLEASE send an apology to Bruce at:
rbruceclo@bigpond.com or via our website:
www.alicespringsrotary.org before 9am day of meeting.



Every Week

Fines Session

Bring a cross fine. That means
- rat out your friends

Perhaps some down-time?



Rotary 4 Way Test

Of the things we think,
say or do:

Is it the truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build goodwill and better friendships?

Will it be beneficial to all?

Rotary Grace

*For good food,
good fellowship,
and the opportunity to serve
through Rotary,
We give thanks.*



The funniest 'Heads 'n Tails'we couldn't find one of the coins so it was all eyes down (and not for bingo!)

Many thanks to Dave, Nick and Nicole O for their contributions this week.....Ed.

Surrounding Clubs - Websites/ Meetings

Mbantua - Alice Springs: Meets Monday mornings 7:00am, Oasis Hotel, Gap Road

Stuart: Meets Tuesday evening 6:15pm onwards, Todd Tavern, 1 Todd Street
<http://www.stuartrotary.org.au/home>

Tennant Creek: eClub, Contact - (08) 89622 322

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Please forward all information no later than Sunday 3pm.