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GUEST SPEAKER TUESDAY 16th SEPTEMBER



Mr David Perrin

The Aboriginal Literacy Foundation ["ALF"] : Literacy Support Through Partnerships

Since 2003 the ALF has been partnering with communities to provide foundation for Australia's indigenous children to pursue and enjoy quality education – ensuring that all our kids have the basics of literacy and numeracy.

The ALF hopes to work in partnership with groups such as Rotary to improve children's lives. The ALF's vision is for a future where all Aboriginal people can pursue quality education, reach their full potential and contribute to their communities and country in a meaningful way.

Literacy = Empowerment = Escape from Poverty = Positive Life Outcomes.

David is the CEO of the ALF. He has a varied professional background from retail investment banking to not for profit management. David is committed to Aboriginal reconciliation and the improvement of the rates of literacy among all Australian especially indigenous children.

DUTY ROSTER 16th SEPTEMBER 2014

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| Chair | Frank O'Brien |
| Sergeant | Bernie Gerlinger |
| Greeter | Greg Cuthbert |
| Reporter | Stella Avaramopoulos |
| Photographer | Roger Thornton |
| Door | Rob Hines |
| Director Report - Foundation | Doug Robertson |

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| Bulletin Editor | David Jones |
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A SATURDAY MORNING EFFORT TO ASSIST 'DIK'

Posted by Herb GREENWOOD

The team comprising Yanpu, Frank, Peter, Rob, Leonie and Herb got stuck in around 9am

Yanpu and Leonie commenced packing sheets and blankets into boxes for shipping. They were from several hotels around Melbourne. The girls slaved on and packed nearly six boxes each approximately 15kgs both catching up on the talk of the day.

The boys also slaved on, driven by the enthusiasm of Rob (my how he can lift) and achieved the miraculous packing of some 6.5 tonnes of assorted furniture rubbish into rather large mountainous bin. Hard, high and dangerous work (see photos).

This great effort was only interrupted for a few minutes to enjoy a cuppa and a general chat about the world's problems. Then back at full steam to complete about 1.30pm. The BBQ was abandoned by unanimous decision to allow us all to revert to our regular weekend routines.

Laurie at 'DIK' expressed his grateful thanks for such a massive and effective effort. We promised to return

The Workers



Leonie and Yanpu Wow, what a productive morning.



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MEETING REPORT 9th SEPTEMBER 2014

Posted by Marjorie

Today's meeting was chaired by Peter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tom Callander – announced the last chance to sponsor Justine for the ult marathon and followed this up with advice that he would start collecting th sponsorship money next Tuesday as Justine was competing in the event over th weekend.

ANNUAL AWARDS [2013-14] – Held over from Changeover evening owing to absence overseas.

- The **Family of Rotary** award was jointly presented to:

Margaret Thomas

For her initiative in pricing and purchasing in bulk, items for Xmas Hampers. These were then weighed and individually bagged and made available to members for inclusion. This bulked up and significantly improved hampers for needy asylum seekers.

and

Pippa Thornton

For her involvement in a number of activities included providing significant help with the BBQ at the Meehan's, taking part in the working bee at Royal Talbot and helping prepare the friendship banners for digitising.

- **Presidents Rotarian of the Year** Award was presented to:

Roger Thornton

for his inability to say no to any requests for help including: Chairing the

Membership Project Team, support of the BBQ at the Meehan's, taking on the Chair of the Community Service Committee and involvement in many volunteer activities.

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Foundation Seminar – 22nd September – Doug Robertson and Rob Hines attending. Other members are very welcome to attend. [<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.com.au/images/DistrictGrantsSeminar2014.pdf>]
- "Women In Rotary" breakfast will be held in March 2015 with speaker Geraldine Doogue – [www.rotarywomen.org.au]
- "Celebration of Rotary" event will be held at Queen Vic Market in February 2015
- "Light The Night" fundraiser for Leukaemia research will be held at Melbourne Zoo 18th September – [www.lightthenight.org.au]
- RNZWCS Limited. Rotary in New Zealand is collaborating with Rotary Austral World Community Service Ltd who has registered a project in Bo, Sierra Leone to build and extend the Bo Children's Hospital and provide basic health care education. The hospital's desperately needs an isolation ward owing to the Ebola virus. The funding shortfall is NZ \$45,000. Our club is donating \$800 towards this project.
- Ban Houy Thao School – President Roy announced that Kevin and Veronica Love will be representing the Club at the handover ceremony on 5th November and will also be inspecting the site of the new project at Ban Bou Aor.

VOCATIONAL PRESENTATION David Jones, Director Vocational Service.

David summarised recent material received from RI that reiterated the role of Vocational Service in Rotary.

Salient points are;

- Vocation is central to Rotary -
 - the very base from which Rotary commenced
 - the basis of the second objective of Rotary
 - continuing importance through the member classification system
 - the prominence and popularity of 'job talks' and vocational visits within the club

David gave several examples of how our club is applying Vocational Service and how it affects all members, not only the Vocational Service committee.

SERGEANT BERNIE



Bernie started his session by fining Neville Taylor for three years membership and Dou Robertson for six years membership. He then announced that elevator speeches would start next week as the message about them starting this week had got lost. Kev Walklate interjected that they were probably lost in the lift. To keep us all on our toes, Bernie said he would call on members at random but to assist us to prepare our speech template would be sent to everyone.

He then proceeded to collect some easy funds by fining everyone whose team won at the weekend. He followed this by some obscure questions which raised a few laughs as well as dollars.

Finishing with Confucius says: "Silence is a true friend who never betrays"

GUEST SPEAKER



Tom Brunzell, BERRY STREET Education, Training and Employment programme

Tom delivered a polished and passionate talk on the work of the Berry Street School programme.

They strive to:

- maintain the participation of those who are at risk of disengaging from mainstream school;
- re-engage young people who are excluded from education or training;
- promote pathways for young people into employment.

The Berry Street School caters for young people aged 12 to 16 years. The school currently has three campuses - Noble Park as part of the [South Eastern Metro Region](#), Morwell in the [Gippsland Region](#) and the campus in Shepparton, [Hume Region](#). Each campus has an enrolment of approximately 30 students, and delivers a trauma-informed education.

model.

Berry Street also works in partnership with the Pavilion School, a DEECD school in the North & West Metro Region that provides an education setting for young people who are disengaged from education and/or training.

Young people are able to access educational opportunities through a VCAL programme in the Gippsland Region and a range of community based accredited and pre-accredited programmes that are responsive to community needs.

Tom was hopeful that this model could be incorporated into the curriculum of State Government schools to enable students with problems to be kept in the regular school system.

An illustration of a successful case study; 'Barry' dropped out of school when he was Year 8. Although a very capable student, his chaotic home life made it difficult for him to attend regularly. Rather than 'fail', Barry withdrew and started using marijuana regularly.

Three years later, Barry was referred to the Berry Street School in Morwell. He was living with his two siblings in a rundown house on the outskirts of town. "When we could not contact him, we drove to his home and eventually persuaded him to 'give it a go'. Our teachers were impressed by Barry's obvious desire to learn, despite the enormous challenges of his living circumstances and gaps in his education."

Through one to one contact and small group work, Barry started to make up lost ground and his confidence grew. He joined a local football club, found part-time work and successfully completed the Year 11 Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning. Without our reaching out and the skills of our education staff, Barry has acknowledged that his life trajectory would have been very different. He now looks forward to a positive future.

Doug presenting Margaret and Pip with the Family of Rotary award - a deadhead for 2013-14 .



Congratulations Roger



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GALLERY

DIK Working bee 31st August 2014

The 'Old' hands loading up'. The story says Rob was inside doing the heavy lifting, or did he take the photo?



Peter, Chairman for the day



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