

| Visiting Rotarians | Janet Sinclair – RC CC, Ross Craig – RC MV | |
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| Guests | Tony McIlhinney, Rens Traets, John Elder | |
| Next meetings | 16 August, 2016 | 16 August, 2016 |
| Location | Highlands Golf Club | Highlands Golf Club |
| Program | DG Visit | CLUB ASSEMBLY |
| Speaker | DG Steve Hill | Linda Knight |
| Intro/Vote of Thanks | Linda Knight | NA |
| Dinner Fees | Rose Conley | Stan Cornwall |
| Journalist | Trevor Fair | Trevor Fair |
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| Regalia | Ray Coulton | Ian Cropper |

President Linda welcomed all, with special emphasis on the returned Vanuatu workers being Jacinta S, Tony G, Will E, Ian C.

Also welcomed were guest speaker Tony McIlhinney, Rens and John Elder, a guest of Stan's.

A toast to RI was led by Linda followed by the International Toast.

International Toast - Jo Chalmers

Members may have noticed that there is a sporting event on in South America at the moment in a small town called Rio.

Actually the town is not so small - the population of the city and metropolitan area is over 13 million in formal and informal settlements.

There are 2,380 Rotary Clubs in 38 Districts with over 56,000 Rotarians in Brazil.

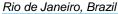
18 of them are Members of the Rotary Club of Rio de Janeiro Maracaña which is based near the city centre and the Maracaña Stadium where the Opening Ceremony of the Olympic Games was held last Friday night.

It is also close to several of the infamous favelas (slum).

The Club was Chartered in 2002 in District 4570.

Under the leadership of President Aldo Miranda all Members are certain to be very busy for the next month running a very profitable Rotary Barbecue.

The Club actively provides support for the favela communities.





Reports

Rod A - welcome back to the first party on return from Vanuatu. Birthing centre has been repainted. Awaiting on the second wave for a full report.

Walls nearing completion – beautiful mortar work Jacinta!



Robert de Jongh - Tulip Time roster - seeking clarification on availability to allow roster to commence to be prepared.

Mark Wallace - District Conference 27 Oct 30 October. Theme Rotary and Recreation. Morning plenary sessions only with recreation activities in the afternoons. Look at website for speakers. \$110 = 3 lunches, 1 dinner also day registrations. Dinner only \$35.

Open Mike (Where any member can talk about an unusual event)

David Rees - threw out 18 mths of insulin because of incorrect wording.

Sue Adams - working in Gen Store last week - cleaned the cooktop and ignited her hair. The keratin smell stayed for several days.

Robert de Jongh - Chemistry story with Na and H2O

Linda K - packing up possessions and found son's school leaving shirt - with an old flame's name on it. Recently the old flame re-appeared on the scene.

Rod A - Min is travelling across the Yorkshire moors.

Guest Speaker

Tony McIlhinney, GM of Challenge SH introduced by Rod Aistrope.

Tony first met with Rotary in 2003 when invited to speak. Have had a good relationship since.

Joined Challenge in 2002, with one focus – looking after the welfare of the disadvantaged.

Challenge is always looking for new opportunities. Currently delivers 14k Southern Highland Posts each week. As well as the nursery they provide a document destruction service. Now have a portfolio of 150 bins month.

The GFC caused sales to drop from \$1m to \$500k. Struggled on and picked up a contract with Joy greasing bearings. Also picked up a Dux contract. Will soon commence manufacturing pallets.

There are currently 42 supported staff plus supervisors with ratio of 3:1. Wages cost \$1m pa. Need revenue of \$2m to sustain the enterprise.

In 2006 Challenge wrote to council seeking land or a house for hostel accommodation. WSC agreed to provide land and \$390k to assist. Challenge was also able to attract a grant of \$900k from Infrastructure NSW to allow transition into independence.

Currently Challenge is seeking from support community to assist transition into community.

Joker Draw

John Elder drew the Jack of Hearts - shame!

President Linda set a new record with the meeting closing well before 8:00. Consistently bettering previous President's benchmarks.

Vanuatu Photo Gallery



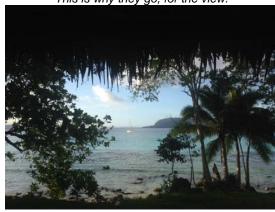
Why is everyone happy in the tropics?



On the job training – photographer must be on a tilt?



This is why they go, for the view!



Timor Leste – Learning Centre for Youth and Community Update

"SENTRU FORMASAUN BA JUVENTUDE" 6 June – 1 July, 2016 PROJECT NO 33/2014-15

Teresa Beck attended 13-23 June

• We have been conducting English classes for over 10 weeks now with 148 students currently enrolled (aged between 7-52 years). At present the classes are run from 8am-10am; 2pm-4pm; 4pm-6pm Monday to Thursday. We have 8 Timorese Rotaract members/university students who have completed (or are in their last year) a Bachelor of Education – as our volunteer teachers. I still write the curriculum and mentor the teachers and assist whilst I am in Timor.



• In June we purchased a 2007 Mazda 2 Hatchback for \$6000 USD. The vehicle is utilised for transporting volunteer teachers, buying equipment and everyday use (it would cost us \$80 USD a day to hire a small car).







