

# ROTARY CLUB of SOUTH BUNBURY(INC)



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## THE BULLY

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March is Literacy Month



### Quote of the week:

We can never see ourselves as others see us; even the mirror shows us in reverse. PK. Shaw

### Dinner Bookings & Makeup's

#### South Bunbury:

Rose Hotel  
Wednesday  
6.15 for 6.45pm start,  
0413 743 601 before 10 am

#### Bunbury:

Parade Hotel  
Monday  
6.00 for 6.30pm start  
97212933

#### Bunbury Leschenault:

Lighthouse Beach Resort  
Wednesday  
12.00 for 12.30pm start  
0427 192828

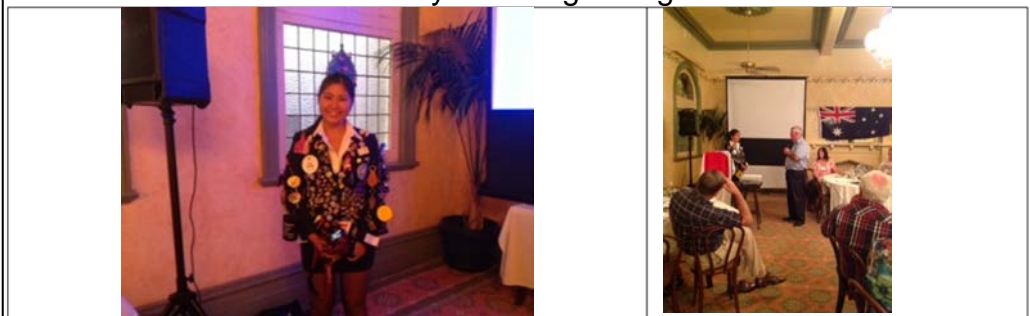
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### Exchange Student: Coming of Age

Japanese exchange student, Risa Takahe dropped in to tonight's meeting to tell us about her journey over the past year. Robyn Yates PE of Collie/Harvey club introduced Risa, who has been in Australia for 11 months. Risa had an impressive Rotary Jacket that was covered in trinkets and pins from all her travels. She explained that when she arrived in Australia she had very little English, however she now has a good command of the language. Risa explained some of her more unusual experiences that were very different from Japan. This included: a NW Safari- where she learnt about outdoor toilets: attending and open air school; a sports carnival that was extremely colourful with face painting; a birthday party; Christmas and the stocking and gingerbread house and lots of potatoes and chips! Risa thanked her host families and Rotary for a wonderful cultural experience. Trevor Wilson thanked Risa for an entertaining talk and hoped she would be an ambassador for the Rotary Exchange Program.



**NEXT MEETING: Friday, 22 March, 2013**

**Combined Rotary Clubs GSE meeting at  
Koombana Bay Sail Club, 6.30 start**

**\$40 pp: partners welcome RSVP 15/3**



## CELEBRATIONS

13- 20 March 2013

### BIRTHDAYS

16<sup>th</sup> Trevor Wilson

### PARTNERS' Birthdays

16<sup>th</sup> Sue Cornwell

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

13<sup>th</sup> Naru & Saswati Pal 24yrs

### INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

N/A

## ***SPECIAL GUESTS***



*Keith and Libby Hopkins, chair and secretary, respectively, of the District Youth Exchange Committee.*



*Also tonight we hosted a number of members of the Collie/ Harvey Rotary Club; President Elect, Robyn Yates; Catherine Van Delft and Neil Martin*



*Gerald Shaw and Faye Wake, from the Model Train Engineer's Association, came to tea and presented SBRC with proceeds from the Children's Fair. Thank you Gerald and Faye for a cheque for \$1035.*



*Jenaya Bell, Dalyellup Surf Lifesaving, also was a guest and received a cheque for \$1400. DSL have loaned us Gazebo for a number of years.*



*Janet Stokes, from Bunbury Education Support centre was on hand to receive a cheque for \$1400 to assist in the purchase of iPads. This has the potential to make non-linguistic students have a means for communication*



## ***COMMITTEE REPORTS***

**Peter Hill; International;** As indicated above, Peter gave cheques of \$1400 to Dalyellup Surf lifesaving and SB Education Support centre. He will also send the same amount to the Clown Doctors. Whilst the Children's Fair is a not-for-profit function,, there was money over and above the running costs of the fair and thus the funds go to worthy recipients.

**John Grey, Foundations;** Reminder that next week's meeting is at Koombana Bay Sailing Club to host the GSE visitors. Members are encouraged to attend. Currently we only have 14 members going. There are still some seats available for the musical *Female Transport* on Saturday night and some places available at the Discovery Centre on Sunday.

**Roger Veen: Sail Into Life;** reported he had received a letter from Rose Kerr, RYE student, who is in Brazil. A copy of the letter appears at the back of this edition. Sail into life will still be on this week-end for any member who can assist.



Sail Into Life reported special thanks the Jamie Challis from Challis Builders, who kindly donated six hand-held walkie talkies for use on the sail boats.

Additionally, SIL received a kind donation of \$500 from Lowes, Churchill & Associates – a local engineering firm specializing in the water industry.

### *WEEKLY COMPETITION*



*Over 140 tickets were sold tonight. Jackpot was at \$482. The first ticket was Andy Perrella- but he took a bottle home. Next was Peter Hill, he didn't have the right card. Then up steps guest Robyn Yates and guess what – she got the jackpot with less than 4 cards remaining. With a spare bottle of wine, the last call was Jim Hill.*

*Robyn kindly donated half of her winnings to a charity of SBRC's choice and she will take the remainder to a charity of Harvey/ Collie's choice.*

### *FINES THIS WEEK*

Fine Master was Roger Veen and Neil Sinclair carried the box.

### **Guess who.....**

- Was selling recycled copper for full retail price
- Was being scruffy
- Did not get lost or lose his wife in Antarctica
- Sent out email about an apparatus that plumbers would die for!
- Coming to the meeting with only 20c pieces
- Being chauffeured to the meeting
- Had to pay a departure tax for going on leave
- Disappointed he was not attending the conclave
- Runs an office full of draftsman, but had to ask someone to redesign his office

### **REMINDERS:**

**Rotary Car Stickers are now available for \$1**

Month	Day/Date	Venue	Description
March	15th	Busselton	Rotary Annual Conference
March	Fri 22th	Koombana Bay YC	GSE visit Dinner Meeting

March	Wed 27th	Rose Hotel	Dinner Meeting
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*Responsibilities  
for the next fortnight!*



Duties:	TBA- 22 March	27 March
Host & Grace		
Properties		
Properties		
Reception		
Reception		
Introduction		
Thanks		
Ticket Sales		
Fines		
Raffle Spinner		

## My RYE So Far...

**Rose Kerr**

**Rotary Club of South Bunbury**

**Hosted by Santana de Parnaiba de Centro Historico RC**

Hello to all of the Rotarians back in Bunbury! I cannot believe I have been in Brazil for a month and a half now. It feels like a long time since I got here, but at the same time, it has gone quite quickly.

Flying out at Perth airport was hard, to leave everybody behind, but also very exciting. Having all the other exchange students on the first flight was great, there was about 20 or so of us. When I finally arrived in Sao Paulo, it was a whole 30 hours later. I was so exhausted! Despite a long wait in customs (Brazil's queues are crazy) my first host family were there waiting for me.

My current host family is made up of my host mother, my host father, and my 16 year old host brother. However, a week after I arrived in Brazil, he left for Orange in NSW on exchange. From what I have heard he is having a wonderful time, seeing the Sydney Harbour, and settling in to the Australian way of life. He has seen 5 kangaroos already; unfortunately they have all been hit by cars on the side of the road!

Where I live is called Alphaville. It's a gated community and is for the richer part of society. There are many residential areas which are set up kind of like American

suburbs, with houses all close together and a small communal area with a pool and bbq area. The security is huge here, to get into the residency you must have a finger print or facial recognition scan. Then, outside of the residences, there is a commercial centre, with shopping centres, restaurants, gyms, and much more. There is a lot to do, its just a matter of finding it!

I attend Escola Morumbi, a school near my home. It is a private school, and I am enrolled with another exchange student from France in the final year. I haven't really settled into school yet, the language barrier makes things difficult, however it is improving my Portuguese. Unlike schools in Bunbury, you have to take about 13 compulsory subjects, ranging from Portuguese to maths, physics, etc. School starts at 7am and goes until 1.20pm, with twice a week students having an hour off at 1.20pm before returning and staying until 6pm. Fortunately I am not required for the extra hours, as this is when the students study for exams. I am hoping to fit into my school better as time goes on and make some friends. I miss the practical classes back at Bunbury Catholic College!

I am enjoying living in Alphaville because, although the houses are close together and this challenges me when I am used to a big property out in Gelorup, I get to become part of the residential community. All the teenagers group together and it means making friends here has been easier, and they live close by. Unfortunately none of these people go to my school but they take me out on weekends with them. One of the unique experiences I have had with them is to go to a 15th birthday party. 15th birthdays in Brazil for girls mark when they go from a child to a woman. So, a huge party is thrown, it is almost like a wedding, with ball gown changes, camera crews, caterers and hundreds of people. In a traditional party, the birthday girl has to dance with her father, and then 15 couples dance around her. The one I went to wasn't as traditional but it was a lot of fun!

Some of the sights I have experienced in Brazil include; a soccer game, a samba restaurant, open markets (I love these, so much fruit and food, handmade art, etc), the line at the federal police (we waited for 3 hours to get my details processed!) and shopping. I love the Brazilian food too, typically lunch is the biggest meal of the day and we eat beans and rice, or pasta. If you go out though, you eat a lot of food. I have been told that when someone says they will "take care of you" they really mean they will feed you a lot of food! Desserts are my favourite here, with the traditional dessert being "brigadeiro" a small ball made of condensed milk, butter, and cocoa powder. It tastes a bit like icing off a cake but more rich. It is very tasty. I was shocked at the international food here, Brazilians love pizza, pasta and especially Japanese food.

I have been to a rotary orientation for inbounds and met about a dozen exchange students who arrived about the same time as me. There were many Australians, but none from WA! There was also a students from New Zealand, South Africa, Timor and Mexico. We all became very fast friends! Especially myself and 2 Australian girls, we bonded very quickly with our stories of eating vegemite on toast for breakfast here! I really enjoyed the orientation, also to get to know the Rotex group, who will help organise events for us over the year. I have learnt now that there are many exchange students in my district here in Brazil, from all over the world. Many meet up regularly, however I live to far away to go very often. However, we are organising an exchange student ball, which everyone will come to.

Telling everyone about Australia is always really fun. The look on people's faces when you tell them you have kangaroos in your backyard is priceless. They are disappointed to hear we don't have koalas in WA but always want to know the strangest things about Australia, like if we are scared of kangaroos or if we are the same as America. There are a lot of things I miss about home, like the smell of the bush, our sense of humour, and my family and friends, but I know the best times are yet to come and I just have to pull through the next few months. I am very excited to be going on a trip to the Amazon in May, so it isn't hard to make myself want to stay for that! To fill the long hours in the day after school when I don't have much to do, I am looking at doing volunteer work. My councillor has found me two opportunities, one working with dogs in a shelter, and the other helping out disabled children. I am really looking forward to starting these, as something to do, to give back to the community, and to make friends.

Thank you so much to the rotary club of South Bunbury, this unique experience would not be possible without your support. I will continue to make the most of opportunities and hopefully do you all proud. I look forward to coming home and sharing my adventures with you all.

Rose Kerr

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That's all folks!