



Meeting Thursdays 12.30 for 12.50pm at North Leagues Club, Abbot St Cammeray. ISSUE NO 3912 Thursday 4th May 2017

President....Jeremy Brennan



This Thursday we are going to hear from those members who have undertaken Club Activities and also the Annual AGM.

I would encourage all to attend as this will give us all an understanding of projects and activities that have taken place throughout the year.

Those that have been involved have offered large amounts of their own time to help bring these projects and activities to a completion.

Rotary membership provides the opportunity to:

- Become more connected to your community
- Work with others to help the community
- Interact with other professionals in your community
- Assist with Rotary International's humanitarian efforts around the world
- Meet new people and establish contacts with an international network of members
- Develop leadership skills
- Be part of a global service network that is inclusive of ALL people in this world



Last Weeks Speakers

Christa Silvia from the SEAT Project gave us an interesting discussion on her project, which stands for Sustainability, Education, Art and Teamwork. The history of the project began when a young University of NSW student was told to create something useful. Christa showed us the result – a bamboo stool made without nails just dowels which can be dismantled and which contains a hidden compartment.

The Project now manufactures the stools in Vietnam and they are sold in kit form along with an inspirational children's book. Teams of three pupils assemble the stools in class under instruction from their teacher who is provided with a lesson plan. The money raised supports the Vietnamese stool makers. As the name of the Project describes, each team learns teamwork, is educated in an artistic way while working on a sustainable project.

Christa spoke inspirationally and enthusiastically and it just shows that from little things big things grow.





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Calendar

4th May	Club Activities Update Discussing Club affairs. Also holding official AGM
11th May	Helen Peters Barefoot Nurses
18th May	Red Shield Appeal Presentation
25th May	Tony Irwin Tech Director SMR Nuclear Technology P/L How did NSW electricity system survive Feb 10th 2017.

28 May Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal; 2017

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Front Desk & Room Set Up Attendance Required from 12:00pm

4th May	Ken Pratt & Tony d'Arbon
11th May	Silvio Gmur & Jeff McDougall
18th May	Peter Lulic & Tammy Chu
25th May	Philip Brook & John Taylor

Humour by Geoff Prichard

Checking out at the store, the young cashier suggested to the much older lady that she should bring her own grocery bags, because plastic bags are not good for the environment.

The woman apologized to the young girl and explained, "We didn't have this 'green thing' back in my earlier days."

The young clerk responded, "That's our problem today. Your generation did not care enough to save our environment for future generations."

The older lady said that she was right -- our generation didn't have the "green thing" in its day. The older lady went on to explain:

Back then, we returned milk bottles, soda bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilized and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. So they really were recycled. But we didn't have the "green thing" back in our day.

Grocery stores bagged our groceries in brown paper bags that we reused for numerous things. Most memorable besides household garbage bags was the use of brown paper bags as book covers for our school books. This was to ensure that public property (the books provided for our use by the school) was not defaced by our scribbles. Then we were able to personalize our books on the brown paper bags. But, too bad we didn't do the "green thing" back then.

We walked up stairs because we didn't have an escalator in every store and office building. We walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time we had to go two blocks.

But she was right. We didn't have the "green thing" in our day.

Back then we washed the baby's nappies because we didn't have the throw away kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy-gobbling machine burning up 220 volts. Wind and solar power really did dry our clothes back in our early days. Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing.

But that young lady is right; we didn't have the "green thing" back in our day.

Back then we had one TV, or radio, in the house -- not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a handkerchief (remember them?), not a screen the size of the state of Queensland. In the kitchen we blended and stirred by hand because we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us. When we packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, we used wadded up old newspapers to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap. Back then, we didn't fire up an engine and burn gasoline just to cut the lawn. We used a push mower that ran on human power. We exercised by working so we didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity.

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We drank from a fountain when we were thirsty instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time we had a drink of water. We refilled writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and we replaced the razor blade in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull.

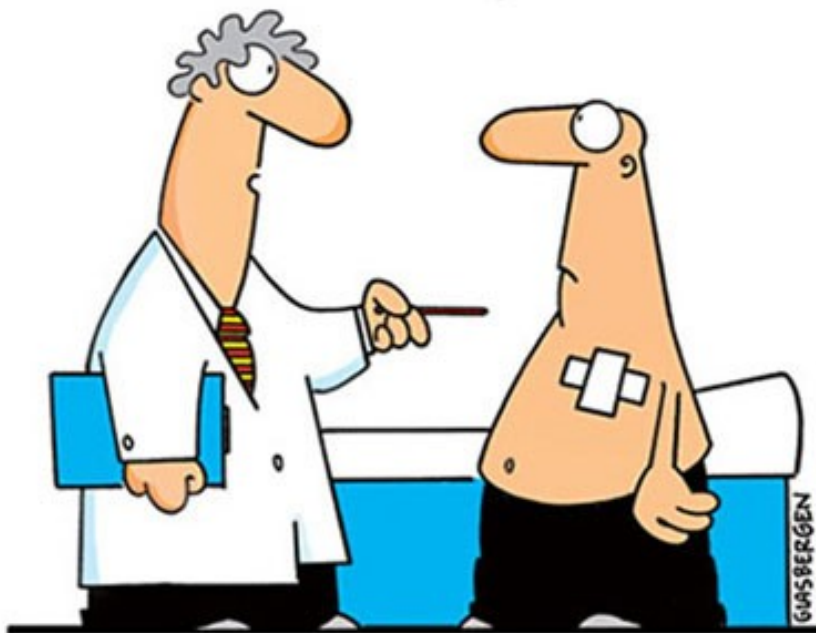
But we didn't have the "green thing" back then.

Back then, people took the tram or a bus and kids rode their bikes to school or walked instead of turning their mums into a 24-hour taxi service in the family's \$45,000 SUV or van, which cost what a whole house did before the "green thing." We had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And we didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 23,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest burger joint.

But isn't it sad the current generation laments how wasteful we old folks were just because we didn't have the "green thing" back then?

Please forward this on to another selfish old person who needs a lesson in conservation from a smart ass young person.

We don't like being old in the first place, so it doesn't take much to piss us off... Especially from a tattooed, multiple pierced smartass who can't make change without the cash register telling them how much.



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Birthdays**Anniversaries**

4 th May	Jiji Lee	10 TH May	David & Toni Field
5 th May	Jeff McDougall	30 th May	Jeff & Trish McDougall

Rotary Attendance 27th April 2017**Visitors & Guests:**

Christa Silvia Guest Speaker

APOLOGIES

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