



President....Jeremy Brennan



This Thursday we are going to hear about

Re-Building Nepal by David & Dianne Waterhouse

During the Fourteen years with Rotary, David and Dianne have made numerous trips overseas with **RAWCS** (Rotary Australia World Community Service), the overseas arm of Australian Rotary. These trips have been made to renovate hospitals in third world countries, Help conduct eye camps, dispensing second hand glasses and more recently, dismantling Cath-Lab machines in hospitals around Australia and reinstalling them overseas.

They have also been involved with the eradication of polio in India.

Most recently they were involved in relief work during and after the Earthquake in Nepal.

(2015 Nepal Earthquake Relief ,Kavre and Sindhupalchok Districts)



The April 2015 Nepal earthquake (also known as the Gorkha earthquake) killed nearly 9,000 people and injured nearly 22,000.



Don't miss this interesting talk

Last Weeks Guest Speaker Major Debbie Hindle

Our Guest Speaker this week is Major Debbie Hindle, Red Shield Appeal North Sydney Zone Director. She is well known to members of the Club as she has worked with us in previous years on the Appeal in Sydney.

At our meeting, she will be accompanied by Major Colin Young. He commenced this appointment in January this year and comes to us from church work in Grafton, NSW.

They both look forward to working with our Rotary Club in the North Sydney Zone once again this year on Red Shield Appeal Day.





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APPEAL**

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Red Shield Appeal 2017

28th May Doorknock



DG Bruce and DGE Peter warmly invite you to

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6.00pm for 6.30pm**

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Calendar

25th May David & Dianne Waterhouse Re-Building Nepal after the 2015 Earthquake

28 May Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal; 2017

1st June Tony Irwin Tech Director SMR Nuclear Technology P/L
How did NSW electricity system survive Feb 10th 2017.

8th June Peter Watson 57 Marthons in 57 days across
New Zealand

22nd July Christmas in July—Crows Nest Centre

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25th May Philip Brook & John Taylor
1st June Ken Pratt & Tony d'Arbon
8th June Silvio Gmur & Jeff McDougall
15th June Peter Lulic & Tammy Chu
22nd June Philip Brook & John Taylor

Humour by Geoff Prichard

AUSTRALIAN LETTER

This is an actual letter sent to the DFAT (Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade) Immigration Minister. The Government tried desperately to censure the author, but got nowhere because every legal person who read it couldn't stop laughing !

Dear Mr. Minister,

I'm in the process of renewing my passport, and still cannot believe this.

How is it that K-Mart has my address and telephone number, and knows that I bought a television set and golf clubs and condoms from them back in 1997, and yet the Federal Government is still asking me where I was born and on what date ?

For goodness sake, do you guys do this by hand ?

My birth date you have in my Medicare information, and it is on all the income tax forms I've filed for the past 40 years.

It is also on my driver's license, on the last eight passports I've ever had, on all those stupid customs declaration forms I've had to fill out before being allowed off planes over the past 30 years.

It's also on all those insufferable census forms that I've filled out every 5 years since 1966.

Also... would somebody please take note, once and for all, that my mother's name is Audrey, my father's name is Jack, and I'd be absolutely bloody astounded if that ever changed between now and when I drop dead !!!

SXXT! What do you people do with all this information we keep having to provide?

I apologise, Mr. Minister. But I'm really pxxxed off this morning.

Between you and me, I've had enough of all this bullsxxt!

You send the application to my house, then you ask me for my bloody address!

What the hell is going on with your mob? Have you got a gang of mindless Neanderthal xxxholes working there?

And another thing, look at my damn picture. Do I look like Osama Bin Laden? I can't even grow a beard for God's sakes. I just want to go to New Zealand and see my new granddaughter. (Yes, my son interbred with a Kiwi girl). And would someone please tell me, why would you give a sxxt whether or not I plan on visiting a farm in the next 15 days? In the unlikely event I ever got the urge to do something weird to a sheep or a horse, believe you me, I'd sure as hell not want to tell anyone!

Well, I have to go now, cause I have to go to the other side of Sydney , and get another bloody copy of my birth certificate - and to part with another \$80 for the privilege of accessing MY OWN INFORMATION!

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Humour by Geoff Prichard

AUSTRALIAN LETTER continued.....

Would it be so complicated to have all the services in the same spot, to assist in the issuance of a new passport on the same day?

Nooooo...that'd be too bloody easy and make far too much sense.

You would much prefer to have us running all over the bloody place like chickens with our heads cut off, and then having to find some overseas born doctor to confirm that it's really me in the goddamn photo! You know the photo... the one where we're not allowed to smile?...you bloody morons.

Signed - An Irate Australian Citizen..

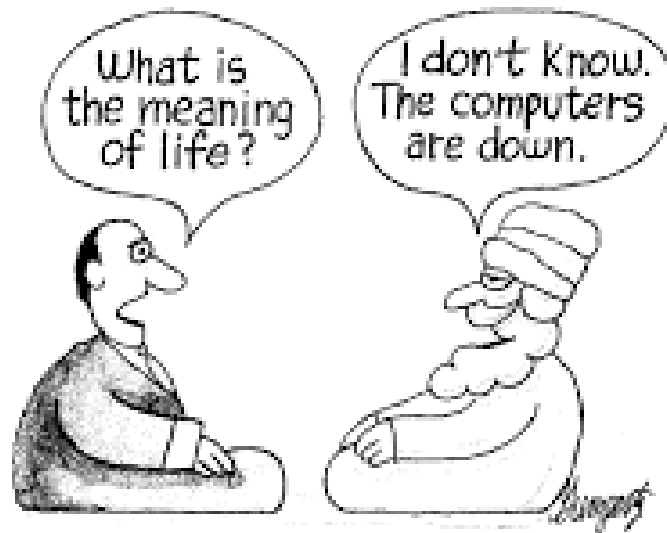
P.S. Remember what I said above about the picture, and getting some overseas born doctor to confirm that *it's me*.

Well, my family has been in this country since before 1820! In 1856, one of my forefathers took up arms with Peter Lalor. (You do remember the Eureka Stockade!)

I have also served in both the CMF and regular Army for something over 30 years (I went to Vietnam in 1967), and still have high security clearances. I'm also a personal friend of the president of the RSL...Lt General Peter Cosgrove, currently the Governor-General, sends me a Christmas card each year.

However, your rules require that I have to get someone "important" to verify who I am; you know...someone like my doctor - WHO WAS BORN AND RAISED IN BLOODY XXXXXXXX!...a country where they either assassinate or hang their ex-Prime Ministers - and are suspended from the Commonwealth and United Nations for not having the "right sort of government"..

You are all pen-pushing paper-shuffling bloody idiots!



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Birthdays

4th May Jiji Lee
5th May Jeff McDougall

Anniversaries

10TH May David & Toni Field
30th May Jeff & Trish McDougall

Rotary Attendance 18th May 2017**VISITORS:**

Debbie Hindle - Guest Speaker Salvation Army
Colin Young - Guest Speaker Salvation Army

APOLOGIES:

Jeremy Brennan
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Leave of Absence:

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