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OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK - October 10th

TAD NSW DISABILITY SERVICES

GUEST SPEAKER: DAVID GORDON

CHAIRMAN: ADRIAN BELL REPORTER: DAVID FIRTH

TAD Disability Services changes lives of people living with a disability by providing personalised equipment, technology and services.

It all began in 1975. A small group of engineers led by George Winston AM decided to use their skills to profoundly change the lives of people with disabilities.

Today, TAD's core workforce consists of close to 100 skilled volunteers who donate thousands of hours to designing, building and modifying more than 1,000 diverse items in NSW every year.

The NSW Volunteer of the Year is an annual awards program launched in 2007 by The Centre for Volunteering to recognise the outstanding efforts of the 2 million+ volunteers in NSW, and to promote the importance of volunteering to the community.

The 10th Annual NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards are wrapping up and ceremonies all over Sydney and regional NSW are being held.



Congratulations to Geoff Milton who won Senior and overall Volunteer of the Year in the Hornsby/North West region and John Brumby who won Senior and overall Volunteer of the Year in the Mid North Coast region.

NEXT WEEK - October 17th

AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH HAT DAY MEETING

SPEAKER: PP IAN CHAPPEL

PARTNERS' NIGHT - everyone to wear a special hat!

Chairman: Adrian Bell Reporter: David Firth

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ARH HAT DAY

PP Ian Chappel arranged for our club to set up and collect for the Australian Rotary Health Hat Day last Friday 7th October at Bunnings at Thornleigh. We collected in 2 shifts - 9am to Noon and Noon to 3pm. The morning shift comprised Julia Bradley, John Ellis and Alex Thomas, while the afternoon team was Claude Rigney, Jim Fraser, Theo Glockemann and David Firth. We set up in the area usually assigned to their weekend sausage sizzles, so we were outside and exposed to the sun and the wind. Nevertheless, our crews carried on with John Ellis and Julia Bradley sporting notable headwear, and Claude Rigney taking the prize for the best at engaging all comers in conversation, even to carrying parcels to cars for anyone who looked like they needed assistance. He could get a job at Bunnings showing them what real customer service is! Of course, when Theo G arrived, the customers had trouble avoiding him, both physically and verbally. We gave out plenty of literature about ARH and also managed to interest 2 or 3 people in Rotary and our club.



We managed to collect \$120.00 on the day.



SPECIAL CUSTOMER SERVICE

Theo G related the following experience on his return from Timor Leste.

He and Georgia, on arrival at Sydney Airport, took the train home to Penrith Hills. On arrival around 9pm, they found there were no taxis. They phoned for a taxi, and waited...and waited. After several follow up calls and over 30 minutes had passed, they walked up to the WILD CAKTUS restaurant in Yarrara Road opposite the station to get something for a belated dinner.

They were made very welcome and while their dinner was cooked the owner made further attempts to secure a taxi for them. When these attempts failed, the owner drove them home in his own vehicle. Now that's CUSTOMER SERVICE!



Melbourne Cup

Luncheon 12:30

Goodbye Winter Hello Spring Racing - Think Bright, Colourful and Sophisticated, Prizes for Best Hat and Best Tie



Tuesday 1st November 2016
\$65 per person Bubbles & Canapes on the Terrace
2 Course Meal Tea, Coffee & Chocolates
Big Screens for the Race that stops a Nation



Sweeps
Dress: Smart Casual
Prepayment Essential
Bookings on the Website or via the Office 8860 5800

Report of the Meeting held on 26th September, 2016

PP Ian Chappel sat in for Pam as president, as Pam was not in attendance. The first topic of the night was Pat Parker outlining the times for the upcoming Christmas Trailer Raffle followed by Ian discussing the Hat Day at Bunnings for Australian Rotary Health on October 7th. The research projects started with Sudden Infant Death research but has since moved on to include Mental Health as well as veterans suffering from PTSD.

Terry was in his element once again fining people for things that should have been celebrated such as their birthdays, anniversaries or just going on holidays. He expanded his range to John for not assisting with his knowledge of Geography at a recent quiz as well as for not wanting to be president on the night.

David Firth introduced Robyn Waite who is the daughter of Past President Peter. She has a background in community affairs, school teaching and assisting the church with children. She is now the Deputy Chair and Community Engagement Officer of the Castle Hill Domestic Violence Prevention centre.



THE SANCTUARY

She started her review with a tale of various women who suffered from a wide range of domestic violence types. She spoke of a year 12 girl being refused permission to her formal in an attempt to isolate her from her friends; a lady who, after 25 years of marriage, found herself on her own after being under full control by her partner where she was subjected to a weekly weigh in to see if she would be eligible for her weekly house-keeping money. If she gained weight it was withheld from her as well as the family. She spoke of a woman who was berated in front of friends for taking a second newsletter at church when her husband already had one. Robyn used these examples to show there is quite a range of domestic violence in an attempt by someone to influence power and control over someone else. The result of this psychological abuse can be as serious as any physical abuse as it can result in the inability of the person to use proper logic and reasoning when trying to live a normal life as they have had no experience or confidence in performing the task. She outlined that there are currently 46,000 women impacted by domestic violence and of those 29,000 women are homeless. But there are up to 1 million children impacted by some level of domestic violence. Up to 75% of the homeless are a result of some kind of domestic violence. There have been 49 women killed so far this year as a result of Domestic Violence and there were 80 last year. The most dangerous time for women is the time when they have made up their mind to move on and they are preparing to leave. Many just stay or if they do leave, they tend to return believing things will change. There are a number of government shelters but all are overcrowded. The Castle Hill centre provides shelter for up to 6 women and funding is in place for the next 3 years provided by QIC a specialised investment firm which owns Castle Towers Shopping Centre. Within the shelter there is also specialised support for children. The centre is well secured and the address is not published so contact is made via Castle Hill Police. The women can stay for up to 3 months and while there, are assisted with medical, dental, legal and financial support services. The focus is on providing the full package where they have a safe place and someone on their side to provide advice on the basic skills so they and their children can start the transition into a normal day to day life and gain control of their own situation - something many women have been isolated from for a long time. 11 women have been successful in moving on from the centre. The local community as well as Police have been extremely supportive with a wide range of donations delivered to the Castle Hill Police Station for use at the centre. Robyn had been approached by some of our Rotary members seeking ways they could be of assistance. At the end of the presentation, Robyn answered a number of questions from members on the operation and outcomes.



Last week's Guest Speaker, Robyn Waite, and
PP Ian Chappel after the meeting

David thanked Robyn for her presentation and responding to the questions asked. PP Ian, as acting president, closed the meeting with the National Anthem.

REPORTER: Jim Fraser

THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
OCT 15 To DEC 17	OUR CHRISTMAS TRAILER RAFFLE TICKET SELLING COMMENCING AT	PENNANT HILLS MARKETPLACE	WE WILL BE CIRCULATING A ROSTER SOON	THERE ARE 10 SELLING DAYS - ALL SATURDAYS
OCT 17	AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH 'HAT DAY' PARTNERS' MEETING	PP IAN CHAPPEL JOINT MEETING WITH	PRESIDENT PAM BEECROFT	THEO GLOCKEMANN
OCT 31	BBQ at PRESIDENT PAM'S HOME as the GOLF CLUB is unavailable. Details TBA.			
NOV 7	'THE TIMOR REPORT' JOINT MEETING WITH BEECROFT	THEO GLOCKEMANN	PRESIDENT PAM	ADRIAN B ELL
NOV 21	OPERATION FOUNDATION	PETER SCHULTZ	DAVID FIRTH	ALEX THOMAS

PARKING TICKETS

My wife and I went into town and visited a shop. When we came out, there was a cop writing out a parking ticket. We went up to him and I said, "Come on man, how about giving a senior citizen a break?"

He ignored us and continued writing the ticket.

I called him a rather uncomplimentary name.

He glared at me and started writing another ticket for having worn-out tyres.

So Shirley (my wife), called him another uncomplimentary name.

He finished the second ticket and put it on the windscreen with the first. Then he started writing more tickets.

This went on for about 20 minutes. The more we abused him, the more tickets he wrote. He finally finished, sneered at us and walked away.

Just then our bus arrived, and we got on it and went home.

We always look for cars with a 'Bill Shorten for PM / Vote Labor' stickers.

We try to have a little fun each day now that we're retired.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Member attendance 61.1%

Apologies: David Walsh, Theo Glockemann, Peter Wilson, Ian Huckel, Pam Hudson, Phil Stanton

Guest Speaker: Robyn Waite

Guest: Nil

Leave of Absence: Graeme Ashdown

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS

Alex Thomas - October 10th

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Adrian Bell - October 9th

THE QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"I learned that good judgment comes from experience and that experience grows out of mistakes." – General Omar Bradley