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# **OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK**

# PLANS FOR 2018-19 & BOARD MEETING SPEAKERS: PRESIDENT ADRIAN & BOARD MEMBERS CHAIRMAN: PRESIDENT ADRIAN REPORTER: SECRETARY JIM FRASER

THIS FIRST MEETING OF THE ROTARY YEAR HAS TRADI-TIONALLY GIVEN THE NEW PRESIDENT AND BOARD THE OP-PORTUNITY TO TALK ABOUT THE PROGRAM OF PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEW YEAR. IT ALSO GIVES ALL MEMBERS, REGARDLESS OF THEIR ROLE, THE CHANCE TO COMMENT ON THE CLUB'S ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS. SO COME READY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DISCUSSIONS.

# NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM - JULY 9th THE KONA IRONMAN

# **SPEAKER: BRETT BLAKE**

Chairman: David Firth Reporter: Ian Chappel

Brett is coming to talk about his experience at the KONA Ironman World Championship held in Hawaii on October 14th 2017. <u>Partners and guests are very welcome at this meeting</u>.

# **REPORT ON LAST WEEK'S CHANGEOVER MEETING**

A good crowd were on hand to farewell outgoing President Alex and to welcome our new President Adrian. This was despite the absence of 3 of our directors - Phil Stanton (overseas), Pam Hudson (overseas), and Ian Chappel whose father-in-law is very ill.

President Alex was in fine form, no doubt buoyed by the arrival the previous day of wife Elizabeth, back from Malaysia. Likewise, incoming President Adrian was in superlative form, flanked by his wife Wendy and daughters Caitlin and Alexis. Adrian boosted our numbers further with 4 of his friends, Alan and Sally Monsted and Brendan and Shara Gleeson. Other guests were District Governor Nominee Kalma McLellan, Hornsby Hospital CEO Lee Gregory, Bev Young, and Dawn Callaway. Unfortunately Peter and Margaret Waite were unable to attend due to illness.

MC for the evening, Pat Parker, resplendent in dinner suit, did a great job as always. After the regular opening and welcomes, we had a Loyal Toast followed by Theo Glockemann's toast to Rotary International in which he reflected on the local club's role in both the local community and in overseas communities. The toast was responded to by DGN Kalma in a most appropriate manner. The dinner was then served allowing more fellowship and discussion around the tables.

Terry Pankhurst was then called on to propose the toast to the ladies - as he pointed out, a long time tradition in our club as is our faithful team of Rotaryannes. The ever resourceful Terry then recited a poem dedicated to the ladies, one he claim to have found on the internet and had customised for the toast. Georgia Glockemann was then called upon to respond on behalf of the ladies, she having organised their get togethers during the year. A presentation of flowers was made to her by Elizabeth Thomas to thank her for her efforts throughout the year.

The formal part of the evening followed with President Alex invited to give his report. This he did by giving a summary of the year, emphasising the privilege he considered the presidency of our club had been. He highlighted some of the events and thanked both members and their partners for their support both of him and of the projects and activities of the club. He then proceeded to make individual presentations to the 5 board members present, namely Pat Parker, Jim Fraser, Theo Glockemann, John Ellis, and David Firth. The 3 absent members, Phil Stanton, Pam Hudson and Ian

Chappel will receive their presentations on their return. At this point, Alex invited Bev Young to join him in presenting the John Young Service Above Self Award to Theo Glockemann 'in recognition of your 31 years of dedicated Rotary service, particularly as President twice, and leading the RET Project in Timor Leste'. The big fellow was somewhat taken aback. Indeed, he was almost lost for words! He expressed his surprise and thanks ad the presentation was endorsed by all present.

Alex then invited Lee Gregory, General Manager of Hornsby Hospital, to come forward to receive a cheque for \$3,500, their share of the proceeds of our Christmas Trailer Raffle. Lee responded by thanking the club for the invitation to our dinner at which he had learned a lot about Rotary. He went on to thank us for the donation and stated that there are many areas in which it could be used to improve the delivery of service to patients.

The final task for Alex was to invite Adrian to come forward and receive the 'trappings' of the presidency, followed by Adrian conferring on Alex the past president's badge, award and certificate. At which point, President Adrian, once again robed in the chains of office, delivered his presidential address. He had obviously spent much time in researching and reflecting on what his friend Barry, i.e. RI President Barry Rassin, has in his plans for the Rotary world in 2018-19. Adrian provided an edited version of Barry's Vision Statement (see on page 3), and then went on as follows—







'The key elements of his message are right on -

There <u>is</u> a disconnect between Rotary International and Rotary Clubs & RI needs to rebuild relationships with the clubs. Yay to that, Brother. We <u>expect</u> RI to spend appropriately on programs & marketing and to assist in finding new sources of revenue Our public image <u>is</u> weak We <u>must</u> grow our youth programs.

## True at a Global level. True at a Local level.'

Adrian went on to assert that RI needs to do the hard yards on Membership and Public Relations with the clubs supporting their efforts in their local communities.

The final part of his address was to introduce his board members, and to thank everyone for attending. All in all, a great night of Rotary and a fitting climax to 2017-18 and a telling introduction to 2018-19!

## **Reporter: David Firth**

## Adrian's Version of the Vision Statement of RI President Barry Rassin

I believe now is the time to understand who and what we are and where we should be going. Rotary International is a formidable and complex organization that is at a crossroads and needs to broadly consult the Rotary world for guidance and rebuild relationships with the clubs.

I feel strongly that we must focus on strengthening clubs, including with efficient digital tools, as there is a disconnect between Rotary International and Rotary Clubs.

Clubs expect us to spend appropriately and find new sources of revenue so we must continue that effort.

Our Humanitarian Service is exemplary but we will have a void once we have eradicated Polio. That must be addressed.

We should continue to explore beneficial partnerships and we must grow our youth programs.

Our public image is still weak and I believe we must address how we bring our mission into households around the world. Those who know what good Rotary Clubs do will want to be a part of it and we must find new models for membership that allow all interested in our mission to participate.

With Rotary more in the public eye we will attract more individuals who want to be part of and support a membership organization that accomplishes so much good around the world.

Fellows, this is a joint meeting with Norwest Sunrise Club on Monday 13th August to learn about their Peruvian Project



DATE AND TIME

Mon. 13 August 2018 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm AEST

# Be the Inspiration -Celebrating Service Above Self - Rotary Sydney

LOCATION

Pennant Hills Golf Club Burns Road South Beecroft, NSW 2119

# **RI President Barry RASSIN**

Barry is a member of the Rotary Club of East Nassau, Bahamas. His commitment to continuity, communication, and amplifying the good work of Rotary is clear. His strategy includes fostering stronger connections between Rotary International and Rotary Clubs. His commitment to continuity, communication, and amplifying the good work of Rotary is clear. His strategy includes fostering stronger connections between Rotary ry International and Rotary Clubs.



# THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
July 7th	DISTRICT CHANGEOVER	DG PETER WARD & DGE SUSAN WAKEFIELD	6.00 for 6.30PM	HORNSBY RSL CLUB
July 9th	The KONA Ironman	Brett Blake	David Firth	Ian Chappel
July 16th	The Fathering Project	Jamie Davidson	David Firth	Theo
July 23rd	Our Latest European Adventure	Phil Stanton	President	John Ellis
July 30th	"So They Can"	Kerri Chittenden	Phil Stanton	Pat Parker
Aug 13th	Joint Meeting with Norwest Sunrise Club	Dr Ian Nicholson	6.30pm	David Firth

#### ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING

#### Member Attendance: 81.25%

Apologies: Ian Chappel, Pam Hudson, Phil Stanton, Visiting Rotarian: DGN Kalma McLellan

Visitors: Alexis Bell, Caitlin Bell, Wendy Bell, Heather Firth, Georgia Glockemann, Maureen Pankhurst, Ruth Reid, Elizabeth Thomas, Dawn Callaway, Bev Young, Lee Gregory, Alan & Sally Monsted, Brendan & Shara Gleeson

Leave of Absence: Nil

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES BIRTHDAYS

Margaret Ashdown - July 4th

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Pam & Peter Hudson - July 3rd Lyn & Phil Stanton - July 6th

**INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES** 

Nil

A couple of weeks ago, I was contacted by Oatlands Public School. They wanted to donate a quantity of books surplus to their needs from their library. They have done this from time to time over the years. Their one request is that the books should go overseas as many have been donated by school families over past years and they wouldn't want books with acknowledgements to be sold locally. In past years we have sent them to pacific island countries through the Ranfurly Book project, however this is now closed.

I have been able to contact the Rotary Club of South Wagga Wagga who have the following RAWCS project.

67-2017-18: Sindhuli Primary Schools Fund (RAOAF) To assist with the primary school education of the children of the lower castes in the Sindhuli district of Nepal. The schooling will be provided via the public school system of Nepal. The assistance will be in the form of providing school uniforms, books and those items required for junior schooling. The assistance will also include the provision of one meal per school day. I shall be delivering the books to them in mid July. David Firth

# QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot

change anything. - George Bernard Shaw