



RC Mandurah City Bulletin F.14.

Bulletin Editor: David Oxley

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 9th October:

Programme: Peel Youth Services

REPORT OF LAST WEEK: Guest Speaker - David Templeman MLA and PHF

WELCOME and TOASTS

Sergeant Gareth called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone and introduced President Sue who, after losing the coin toss, neatly handled the proposal of the Toasts to Australia and Peru. After Rotary Invocation read by President Sue (a copy of which is available in the Rotary case, for use by other members in David Oxley's absence), she introduced and welcomed our Guest Speaker and exchange student Stephanie. Andrew followed by graciously introducing family members Tania and Alex.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Carol announced that Kate's Kitchen is this week. Whilst some items were received there is a dire need for more. Hence Kate's Kitchen is on again next week as well as a request for breakfast items for Peel Passages. Members are urged to be generous. Our club's 4-Way Test speaker's night is 30th October. The winner then enters the Area 4-Way test night with the RC of Mandurah's winner on Monday 11th November.
- Treasurer Mike let it be known that 9 members are still under unspecified threats if they delay their subs much longer 😊. Please pay asap. Mike displayed the "End Polio Now" shirts that members will wear on the Rotary Ramble in Perth. The intention is to have more shirts for the Iron Man Event.
- Gareth reported that ticket sales for the "Night of Intrigue" have been moving well with "9, no 10, no 11" tables sold. He would like the remaining 4 tables to be sold and members are urged to work on achieving that.
- In absentia (thanks to Sue), Pat announced that there are discussions happening with the Mundairing club about having a joint weekend away somewhere with them. There was a good showing of support from this, noted by Sue.
- In absentia (thanks to Sue), Barb announced that Youth Service has 3 students attending RYPEN (1 from Surf Club, 2 from Yirra Djinda Netball Club) + also 3 other Surf Club people are nominate by us to other local clubs, also attending. We have 90 microscopes all going to be presented to 3 local schools.
- Kay Williams is secretary for the "White Ribbon" campaign. 13th October is the Good Guys Madora Bay Fun Run - For White Ribbon ([Link](http://www.whiteribbon.org.au/)). Donations can be made anytime on <http://www.whiteribbon.org.au/>.
- President Sue displayed a Certificate of Appreciation received from the Department of Child Protection and Child Support. Also 23rd October is the joint meeting with other clubs, with the WA Police Commissioner as guest speaker. We have maximum attendance space for 90 people – please offer this to community groups.

ROTARY INFORMATION David's Dissertation



For Rotary Information this week, President Sue took the opportunity to read an email to members recently received from our exchange student in France, Mara O'Grady. The email in its entirety is appended to this Bulletin.

GUEST SPEAKER David Templeman MLA & PHF



David, a long-time supporter of our club, started by acknowledging and giving thanks to us all for Rotary's ongoing good work. He also extended a very warm welcome to Stephanie, in his words all the way from Peru on a truly wonderful program run by Rotary. Well, Australia seems to be the land of elections lately – in 2013 the WA election and very very long Federal election, and now the council elections. This is an important election particularly for Mandurah, with the retirement of a long-term Mayor in Patti Creevy and, in David's words, Mandurah is at a "cross-road" currently – where do we see ourselves and what is our destiny!?

Where have we been? In 1963 with a population of 1,000, Mandurah was a "fishing village". Now the population is nearing 80,000 and we have an identity issue – are we to be "Regional" or "Metropolitan"? David's colleagues often call him a "fringe dweller" because they can't pick it. David and I dare say most of us in Mandurah do not like the idea, but it is unarguable that we are rapidly gravitating slowly towards being "Metropolitan". It's all housing all the way to Perth now; in 2009 we lost our Police district, now absorbed into Rockingham/ Kwinana; in 2010 we lost the Peel Education District and lost our local autonomy; Main Roads in Perth now run the northern parts of Mandurah's roads. The Peel regional is shrinking too – quite soon Serpentine/Jarrahdale's 960 square kilometers and 40,000 residents will soon be absorbed into the Armadale council area.

Is this no good for us or is it ok? Well, we mustn't let others from say Perth tell us that. We need to work it out for ourselves. By way of example, how would you fair if you walked into Geelong and told them that they were part of Melbourne? Geelong is 80 kms from Melbourne with freeway and rail links – sound familiar?

The City of Mandurah is running a campaign strongly to remain regional as a "Gateway City". Did you know that Mandurah is the largest city in WA outside of Perth, not Bunbury? Peel does have its challenges, such as a relatively low socio-economic level, very high incidence of domestic violence, employment challenges, but David asserts that we can turn all that around! David sees us as Regional and would like to see it stay that way. We need to work out our identity. Who are we? What are we? What do we want to be?

INTRO by Gareth Talbot; THANKS by Mike Kirke.

SERGEANT'S \$E\$SION



- Anyone not at meeting by 6:45pm - ouch!
- Andrew – fixed bell crooked!?
- Vernon – “hello gorgeous” to Kay, not to the Sergeant
- Rob – engineer’s emotions - where!?



- Sue – coin toss for making the toast – huh?
- Steph – for raising her ire when Chile was mentioned.
- Freo supporters – you lost! – always costly
- Eagles supporters – don’t say you didn’t cheer for Freo!
- Guest Speaker David – just for being here (Vernon paid)

After a couple of happy/sad dollars the session was closed to a hearty cheer!

COME IN SPINNER;

Alex Ralph did a fine job of spinning tonight – beginnings of mis-spent youth? For the first round Steph won but could not find the joker with the \$80 and for the second round Carol took home a bottle of red wine – the Sergeant made sure it was available this week (we think?).

CLOSURE

Members were reminded that next week’s speakers are from Peel Youth Services. Kate’s Kitchen and Peel Passages for breakfast items will be open again – please all bring some items along to the meeting.

Note: Darren has agreed to take over attendance from 9th November. President Sue again asked for a volunteer to be Bulletin Editor while David Oxley is away -that is until Wednesday 4th December. President Sue closed the meeting at 8.33pm as we all sang the National Anthem.

NEW DATE NEW DATE

FRIDAY 18th OCTOBER

7.30pm for 8.00pm

A NIGHT OF INTRIQUE

at the Mandurah Rugby Club, Oakmont Ave.

Tickets are \$50. We are looking for every member to try and organise a table of eight



DUTIES FOR THE NEXT THREE WEEKS

Coming Weeks ~			
	WEDNESDAY 9th October	WEDNESDAY 16th October	WEDNESDAY 16th October
Host.	Frank Wheel	Gareth Talbot	?
Intro	Mike Kirke	Pat Schraven	?
Thanks	Mike Job	Jean Campbell	?
Attendance	David Oxley	Darren Carter	?
Bulletin Editor	David Oxley	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Corporal	Kay Williams	Andrew Ralph	?
Raffle- Heads and Tails	Darren Carter	Darren Carter	?
GUEST SPEAKER	Peel Youth Services Belinda	NBN Co	?
Rotary Theme for the Month	October: Vocational Service Month	October: Vocational Service Month	October: Vocational Service Month

FACTS AND FIGURES

Meeting Statistics (?.00%)			Upcoming Celebrations	
Total Members	21	20 for %age calculation	Birthdays OCTOBER	6 th Jean Campbell
Present Rotarians	?			
Make-ups	?			
Total Attendance	??		Partner's Birthdays OCTOBER	10 th Lee West
Apologies and Excused Attendance	?	LOA: John, Rule 85: Colin, Di		
Visiting Rotarians			Wedding Anniversaries OCTOBER	NIL
Exch. Student	1	Stephanie		
Guests				

2013/14 CLUB DETAILS

~ Mandurah City Rotary Club ~

Meeting Place	RAAFA Club Meadow Springs	Apologies to	ATTENDANCE OFFICER David Oxley (Acting) 9582 5202 davelox@msvillage.com.au
Time	Wednesdays 6.30 for 700pm		
Postal Address	P.O.Box 1135, Mandurah 6210		

Positions for 2013/14

<i>President</i>	Sue Kirke	<i>Secretary</i>	Jean Campbell
<i>Vice President</i>	Colin Gilbert	<i>Treasurer</i>	Mike Kirke
<i>President Elect</i> <i>Club/Membership/Publicity</i>	Pat Schraven	<i>Sergeant</i>	Gareth Talbot
<i>Community/Vocational</i>	Carol Sawyer	<i>Corporal</i>	As Rostered
<i>International</i> <i>-Foundation</i>	Gareth Talbot	<i>Rotary Information and</i> <i>Bulletin Editor</i>	David Oxley
<i>New Generations</i>	Barbara Rowe	<i>Fundraising</i>	Frank Wheel
<i>Web Master</i>	Colin Gilbert	<i>Raffle Master</i>	Darren Carter
<i>Attendance Officer</i>		<i>Programs</i>	Andrew Ralph

MAKE-UP VENUES

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<u>Mandurah</u> Mandurah O F and S Club 6.15 for 6.45 pm <u>Rockingham</u> Ocean Clipper Inn 20-30 Patterson Road 6.00 for 6.30 pm	<u>Mandurah Districts</u> Mandurah Country Club Marsh Place Halls Head .00 for 6.30 pm	<u>Palm Beach</u> Ocean Clipper Inn 20-30 Patterson Road 6.00 for 6.30 pm	<u>Pinjarra</u> Pinjarra Golf Club Pinjarra Road 6.15 for 6.45 pm

Appendix – Email from Mara O’Grady

From: Mara O <maragrady@hotmail.com>

Date: 30 September 2013 4:01:15 AWST

To:

Subject: September

Bonjour!

So I have now been in France for nearly 9 months and boy is time flying fast. Since our last update so much has happened, so let me fill you in on a few highlights of my journey!

The 18th of August Mum and Dad arrived in Paris, so I went over to meet them. I was so stoked to see them again! It was strange to hear true Aussie accents again and for them to actually be here was so surreal, but so good! We spent 5 lovely days in Paris together, seeing the sights and enjoying the atmosphere. I particularly enjoyed seeing the Eiffel Tower at night and visiting Versailles Castle. We then came back to Nancy, got our hire car and drove into Germany (after a quick visit to Metz). We stayed in a town called Leiwen for a week and did day trips out and about. We visited Trier, the oldest city in Germany, Luxembourg, and other cities in the region. Was absolutely lovely.

After that my parents dropped me off back in Lorraine, at Madine Lake, where there was an integration weekend for all the new exchange students from the northern hemisphere (the majority of exchange students). I had such a great time! Have now got a whole new bunch of friends from all over the world: America, Canada, Germany, Finland, Mexico, Chile, Brasil, Japan, South Korea, Phillipines, Indonesia.... it was a great time! We did a lot of activities together and had a talent show at the end where I sung "Waltzing Matilda", "Home Among the Gum trees" and "I Come from the Land Down Under" with another Australian girl. From the first day of that 4 day integration camp Mum and Dad headed off by themselves for what looked like a fantastic 2 week holiday around France. They just stayed in the northern half and I got a little bit jealous every now and then when I saw photos on Facebook!

After that, it was back to school for me. I'm actually really loving school now. These days I understand everything so I follow all my classes and don't get completely bored out of my mind! In the second week back at school I went on a school trip to the French Alps with the 90 other students in the scientific section of year 12 for 4 days, and it was absolutely magnificent. The trip was specifically for geology studies so we did a lot of work on the rock formations. We spent one day walking, walking and walking, from 8am to 5pm. I was so tired but it was so worth it! We climbed a mountain up to about 2500m altitude, and I can't even express the feeling of overcoming that and seeing that view. Just incredible. I made lots of new friends over there and became 15 times closer with the friends I already have. I have some fond memories of that trip. Nowadays back at school I enjoy spending time with my friends and making most of the French lifestyle routine I've got going for me.

On the 13th of September my parents came back to Nancy for 5 days. They stayed in a hotel and I slept at the Demoulin's house but we spent almost every one of those days together. We had dinner at the Simon's house (my counsellor), dinner at a restaurant with the Demoulin's (current host family) and lunch at the Henry's (1st host family) with the Lorrain's too (a family who I'm really good friends with). I was so happy to be able to introduce Mum and Dad to the people who have helped me so much and who I have become so fond of. We also spent one day in another region of Lorraine (there are 4), plus a couple of days just in Nancy, I had so much to show them! I'm happy now that they've had the opportunity to see where I've been living for the past several months. The last night they were here we all went to a Rotary meeting. All my families were there and I did a presentation about my time in France so far. It was quite successful and a really special moment for me, especially to be reunited with all my families at once and to have so many people congratulate me!

The day after, Mum and Dad went back home, after a couple of relaxing days in Kuala Lumpur. I'm glad to have had the chance to see my parents over here in France, but now that they are back in Australia I'm looking forward to the next 3 months of adventure I have left.

On Friday the 20th of September I had my first day back at gymnastics, this time at another club as the situation at the one I was at before is a bit complicated. I'm really happy at the new club, everyone is really nice and have welcomed me with open arms. Unfortunately I won't be able to participate in competitions as I am too late coming in without routines or being enrolled in the system. First competition is the 11th of October, if I remember well.

It looks like towards the end of November I'll be moving back to the Henry's, just to spend some more time with them at the end of my exchange, especially with the kids who I haven't seen in so long. I believe they want me back! It's been hard trying to decide how much time I want to spend with each of the 2 families who I love so much, but I figure this way it will mean I can spend 6 months in each house. I'm looking forward to going back to the Henry household, but I think it's going to be strange returning to old routines!

Have been spending good times with my host families, with my friends and with the other exchange students. I'm continuing to enjoy every moment I spend over here and am soaking up every opportunity I can. I have completely fallen in love with French life and is something that now feels so normal to me that I don't know what's going to happen the day that I have to return home!

I will be landing back on Australian soil on the 3rd of January, 2014, in my well covered Rotary blazer and a big smile on my face.

Enjoy the spring time and magpie season! Sad to hear Fremantle Dockers lost the premiership!

Love from afar,

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