



RC Mandurah City Bulletin F. 23.

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**ENGAGE ROTARY, CHANGE LIVES.** *“When Rotarians get involved, when they get engaged, then lives change and the life they change most will be their own”* RI President Ron Burton

**NEXT MEETING: Wed 22nd January - Dion Bloomfield - Hyundai**  
**REPORT OF LAST WEEK: Rotarian Wendy Pollock: House of Hope, Uganda**  
**WELCOME and TOASTS**

Sergeant Gareth called the meeting to order and introduced President Sue who proposed the toasts to Australia and to Peru, the home nation of our Exchange student Stephanie (that is when the flags could be found). After Rotary Invocation, President Sue welcomed members and guests to the first meeting of 2014. Our visitors were our guest speaker Wendy from the R C of Palm Beach; President Alf Lawrie from the RC of Laurencekirk and District, Aberdeen, Scotland; Rotarian Amir from RC Mandurah; Exchange student Stephanie and visitor Brenda Broad.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Secretary Jean reminded members of the piggy bank going round the tables towards the Egg Project that now replaces Kate’s Kitchen collection. Peel Youth Services have invested in some hens and are selling eggs at \$5.00 a dozen. Our Club is purchasing 10 dozen a month (\$50) and Peel Youth Services are delivering 5 dozen each per month to Peel Passages and the Peel Community Kitchen
- Gareth reminded members that our dates for being responsible for the Sail into Life programme are Sundays 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb, 16th Feb and 2<sup>nd</sup> March and he circulated a list for those who will help.
- President Sue mentioned recent Board decisions included \$1000 for equipment for the Bowling Club for the Blind; a second Shelter Box; and there is still \$2000 to be distributed from the funds raised by the Iron Man event and the Night of Intrigue.
- Sue also reported on the visit to Burswood Open Air Films for information about how the Meadow Springs Quarry Films will be organised. Her other announcements were for members to get their registrations in for the District Conference in March being held here in Mandurah and for the Rotary International Conference in Sydney in June.
- In regard to the Rotary Exchange programme Sue indicated that our outgoing student Mara O Grady has now returned from France and arrangements will be made for her to come and speak to our Club ; and sadly we are about to lose Stephanie who will be returning home to Peru on the 27<sup>th</sup> January.
- Andrew in regard to the Quarry Films asked members to check emails this weekend for their rostered night at the films **and to reply back to him**. There is a 6.00pm start for volunteers and the films begin at 7.30pm

- Mike announced that the Duck Race plans are in hand and tickets could be on sale by the end of next week. Members will be needed to sell at various locations. The number of Corporate Ducks has been increased from 200 to 400 so please encourage businesses to enter. The next Committee meeting will be 16<sup>th</sup> January.
- Jean mentioned that the Bowling Club for the Blind located at Peel Bowling Club would like us to have a night with them. Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February was agreed so note there will be no meeting at RAAFA that night.
- AND FINALLY: Frank requested the return of any unused brochures about Rotary that were distributed last year, so that they might be used in publicity for Rotary at the Quarry Film Night.

## **GUEST SPEAKER**

Rob introduced our guest speaker Wendy who, with a power point presentation, brought us up to date with the charity House of Hope that she founded in 2010 after a visit to Uganda. Now assistance is given to three projects.

First is the House of Hope Orphanage and Globalize Action Junior School. It now is home to 50 children and educates 316 children from the orphanage and remote local villages. In the beginning in 2010 from personal funding a bore was established but when the charity was officially set up in 2011 work was begun on the building. In 2012 the water situation was tackled and water was piped to most areas of the project and a latrine block built. 2013 saw the installation of solar lighting that now lights 4 class rooms, dormitories, kitchen and three security lights. Her project for 2014 is to have cupboards built in the class rooms to enable a library to be set up.

The second project is the Nakateete Sustainable water and food Project in the village of Buyingu. A bore has been established but plans include a rain harvesting project with roof guttering and a tank and repairs to another corroded bore. For this the Palm Beach RC have received a District Grant of \$4000

The third project is EDYAC –Empowering Disadvantaged Youth And Children. This is a registered NGO established by Dr Isaac Osire who is a veterinary doctor who has facilitated medical treatment for children with disabling medical conditions. Wendy told three stories- the stories of Alistra, Loyce and Ibrahim – to show the work being done at the Healing House, Tororo. Plans this year include an antenatal clinic and a physiotherapy clinic.

Wendy is seeking individual donations; sponsorships of \$35 per month, membership of the Association at \$26 pa, fundraising; volunteering and she encouraged members to like their Facebook page and share with friends. Facebook: House of Hope Uganda inc.

[www.houseofhopeuganda.org.au](http://www.houseofhopeuganda.org.au)

Frank expressed the meetings thanks to Wendy for coming again to visit us and for her talk and presented Wendy with one of our Rotary Mugs.

## ROTARY INFORMATION: David's Dissertation for Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January



To start this New Year I have a controversy for you. At least I think it's controversial and I have some evidence to that effect.

You may remember (or you may not) how in January last year I spoke to you about Comely Bank, the home that our founder Paul Harris bought in 1912 in Chicago and where he lived with his wife Jean until his death in 1947.

Last January, 12 months ago, I mentioned that an appeal had been launched by the Paul and Jean Harris Foundation to restore the house and make it a sort of interpretative centre for Rotary. That appeal is now underway with Rotary International's support. You may have read about it in the December/January edition of Rotary Down Under. RI has agreed to loan \$500,000 to the Appeal Foundation that has set a goal of \$5million to not only complete restoration but also to provide an endowment fund to allow the property to operate as a museum and historic site. RI President Ron Burton has said he is committed to the project and commends the appeal to Rotarians. But this is where the controversy comes in.

Over the last 25 years on my return visits to the UK to my family I have regularly visited the Denby Dale Rotary Club in District 1040 and I have a number of friends there. The Club meets in a small hamlet called Thunderbridge which is just a mile from my sister's home in the Yorkshire village where I grew up. The Rotarians meet in a quaint traditional British pub called The Woodman. On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November I attended their regular meeting at which the Club secretary read out their District Governor's request to donate to this appeal. After some initial clarification that this \$500,000 loan had not come from the Rotary Foundation but from RI funds themselves, there was nevertheless a unanimous decision not to support the appeal and indeed to raise their criticism with their DG. Earlier in their meeting they had approved payment for another Shelter Box to be sent to meet the refugee situation resulting from the Syrian civil war. One Rotarian said "We could better use our money sending a second Shelter Box."

I do not know if we have received any request from our DG to support the Paul and Jean Harris Foundation appeal but I believe it poses a real question of Rotary priorities.

### EXCHANGE OF BANNERS

It was a pleasure to welcome President Alf Lawrie of the Rotary Club of Laurencekirk and District, Aberdeen, Scotland to our meeting. Laurencekirk is about a 30 minutes' drive south of Aberdeen and is in Rotary District 1010. Alf is visiting his daughter Gi Wood who lives locally.

President Sue and President Alf exchanged Club banners



### 2014/15 CLUB POSITIONS

Last week in my listing of the Club positions for the next Rotary Year 2014/15 there was one omission. Barbara will be continuing to serve as Youth Service Director.

## **MEADOW SPRINGS QUARRY AMPITHEATRE OPEN AIR CINEMA**

Open Air Cinema is here – starting this week.

We are involved in this project **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January** (in lieu of our normal meeting), **through to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January**. Andrew has indicated that we have a reasonable turnout of volunteers from our three Rotary Clubs and asks members to check their emails this weekend for their rostered night at the films **and to reply back to him**. There is a 6.00pm start for volunteers and the films begin at 7.30pm

Any queries please call/email Andrew.

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If you are publishing the event to your family and friends, please note that the entry cost is \$12 per family (2 adults and 2 children) or \$5 per adult and \$3 per child. The Quarry Amphitheatre is on the corner of Windcrest Way and Pebble Beach Boulevard, Meadow Springs and the gates will open at 6.15pm for a 7.30pm start.



The Official Opening of the 3.8 hectare Quarry Amphitheatre in February 2012

## **\$\$ THE SERGEANTS SESSION \$\$**

Sergeant Gareth himself issued the fines tonight with Stephanie collecting, and members had a refresher course in filling the fines box. Fines were levied on all -just because we forgot Gareth on our Christmas presents list; Rob (daring to suggest the Sergeant should be fined); Andrew (sitting in his car talking to himself); Bill (strange phone signals); Mike (air-conditioned office); Vernon (half a car); Barbara ( last job as chauffeur); Carol (going to bed before New Year was in); Frank (his Jeep); Mike J (running out of fuel); Gareth ( the missing wine ) and lastly a long story about Sue's altercation with our host at Burswood. Happy/Sad dollars were paid by Marj; David; Sue; Gareth; Di; and Andrew (a birthday payment).

## **COME IN SPINNER;**

Daren spun the coins tonight with the jackpot at \$100. Di I think won the jackpot and Marj won the one and only bottle of white wine.

## **CLOSURE**

President Sue brought the meeting to a close at 8.35pm with the singing of the National Anthem having thanked our visitors for joining us and reminding members that there is no meeting at RAAFA next week.

## DUTIES FOR THE NEXT THREE WEEKS

Coming Weeks ~			
	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 15th January 2014	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 22nd January 2014	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 29th January 2014
Host.		<b>Chris Forward</b>	<b>Darren Carter</b>
Intro	<b>NO MEETING</b>	<b>Darren Carter</b>	<b>Frank Wheel</b>
Thanks	<b>OPEN AIR</b>	<b>Mike Kirke</b>	<b>Pat Schraven</b>
Attendance	<b>CINEMA EVENTS</b>	<b>David Oxley</b>	<b>David Oxley</b>
Bulletin Editor	<b>15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>David Oxley</b>	<b>David Oxley</b>
Corporal ( Fines Master)	<b>MEADOW SPRINGS</b>	<b>Barbara Rowe</b>	<b>Marg Manfield</b>
Raffle- Heads and Tails	<b>Contact Andrew if you have not yet indicated you can help</b>	<b>Darren Carter</b>	<b>Darren Carter</b>
GUEST SPEAKER		<b>Dion Bloomfield</b> <b>Hyundai</b>	<b>Men of the Trees</b> or <b>COMMITTEE MEETINGS</b>
Rotary Theme for the Month	<b>Rotary Awareness Month</b>	<b>Rotary Awareness Month</b>	<b>Rotary Awareness Month</b>

### FACTS AND FIGURES

Meeting Statistics 8 <sup>th</sup> January 95.00% Attendance Percentage for December 65.00%			Upcoming Celebrations	
<b>Total Members</b>	21	20 for %age calculation	<b>Birthdays</b> JANUARY	7 Jan Marg Manfield 25 Jan Jill Coughran
Present Rotarians	19			
Make-ups				
<b>Total Attendance</b>	19		<b>Partner's Birthdays</b> JANUARY	4 Jan Ron Rowe
Apologies and Excused Attendance	2	LOA: John J Chris F		
Visiting Rotarians	3	Rot. Wendy Rot. Amir Pres. Alf	<b>Wedding Anniversaries</b> JANUARY	
Exch. Student	1	Stephanie		
Visitors and Guests	1	Brenda Broad		

### 2013/14 CLUB DETAILS

~ Mandurah City Rotary Club ~

<b>Meeting Place</b>	RAAFA Club Meadow Springs	<b>Apologies to</b>	<b><u>ATTENDANCE OFFICER</u></b> <b>David Oxley</b> <b>9582 5202</b> <b>davelox@msvillage.com.au</b>
<b>Time</b>	Wednesdays 6.30 for 700pm		
<b>Postal Address</b>	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>	David Oxley	<i>Programs</i>	Andrew Ralph

**MAKE-UP VENUES**

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