

**ISSUE 37 BOB'S JOTTINGS**

**22 MARCH 2018**

DG Bob and Margaret are starting to relax and enjoy visits now that the Conference is over. They attended the RYLA dinner at Macksville on Wednesday night and enjoyed the entertainment and the relaxed atmosphere and the camaraderie between the attendees and team leaders and the guests – **CONGRATULATIONS – Another Successful RYLA Camp** – expect representatives from every Club in D9650 next year – it is a hidden gem and it is time it sparkled for the benefits, personal growth and achievements of the attendees when they return to their workplaces and move on to amazing achievements into the future.

**Shelterbox is offering an interesting Nepal Trek** for keen mountain climbers / adventurers – consider and make the decision to challenge yourself even as you gain so much from the experience. Will be in early September so people have time to improve their fitness levels – who will accept the challenge?

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**PARTNER'S PROJECT – PLEASE FORWARD CHEQUES MADE OUT TO:**

**PARTNER'S PROJECT 2017 – 2018**

**District Treasurer, (Lisa Eaton) at**

**18 Bishop Crescent**

**ARMIDALE NSW 2350**

**Please forward copy to [ryanmb@westnet.com.au](mailto:ryanmb@westnet.com.au)**

**FOR DIRECT DEPOSITS FOR PARTNER'S PROJECT**

**details as follows**

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**BEES – MAX PACKWOOD**

- Has his own bees (10 boxes) and works for Kevin Brenton (2,500 boxes)
- All Bee Keepers are now required to be registered with rules and regulations which must be followed, or large fines can be incurred.
- Bees only live for 30 days.
- To fill a jar of honey, the bees would have flown around the world up to 4x times.
- Queen Bees live for up to 4 to 5 years.
- They follow the different blossoms which can give different tastes and different prices per kilo. They take boxes all over the state to chase the better blossoms.
- They sell the honey to various companies throughout the country, but also private and small-scale resellers and even exporters.

(courtesy of RC of Kempsey West) – BEES ARE OUR FUTURE – strongly recommend a beekeeper to be a guest speaker

***THE ROTARY CLUB OF GUNNEDAH is celebrating its 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on Monday, 9 April at 6:30pm at the Court House Hotel, Conadilly Street, Gunnedah. Please consider attending and celebrating their birthday and **RSVP to Wendy Marsh on 02 6742 0143 as soon as possible.....*****

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**Two new members for RC of Port Macquarie  
Steve & Debra Kenworthy with CP Gai Nixon**

**Debra Kenworthy** was born in 1960 and grew up in Sydney in the Eastern Suburbs. She has been a teacher for 37 years and has loved every minute of it. After finishing school, she studied Fashion Design and after graduating, taught at TAFE for 14 years at Broken Hill, Goulburn, Wollongong, Sydney and Armidale.

After having four children Debra completed another degree at Armidale to become an Art Teacher in Secondary School and has been teaching Art and Design in private secondary schools ever since at Tamworth, Sydney and now in Port Macquarie. More recently she completed a Masters Degree in Art and Design at UNSW. During her time in Sydney she was a Head teacher of Art, Music and Drama. She is also involved in training teachers who teach Visual Art through online courses. Debra is a passionate educator and hopes that she can use her skills in this area for the better good of the community while involved with Rotary projects.

Debra loves to paint, sew, go fishing, walk on the beach and listen to live music. Some of these interests she shares with husband Steve. They met in Sydney and were married in December 2015. They moved to Port Macquarie in 2016 and have started a new life together here. Debra started working at St Columba in 2017 and enjoys working with the students. Steve and Debra have a little more time on their hands now all the kids are grown-up and away from home. She is looking forward to the fellowship and opportunity to serve whilst working with other Rotarians.

**Steve Kenworthy** grew up and studied for his degree in the UK and at 21 headed off to South Africa in the early 80s. At 30 he became the youngest Chief Surveyor in the country and decided to change his career path and become a mining engineer. He motivated and managed a number of projects internationally, in countries such as Botswana, Fiji and the People's Republic of Mount Isa. He completed his Master's Degree at UNSW and eventually became the lead Mining Engineer for Mitsubishi, based in Sydney.

He met Debra at the same time that Mitsubishi closed the Sydney office and, together, they decided for a fresh start and a "sea change". They asked themselves "where on earth would we like to live?" ...and here they are in Port Macquarie. Steve has been working at TAFE since arriving in Port Macquarie, currently using his experience in a WHS role.

Steve has two sons, both working in manufacturing in the Sydney area and has now, since marrying Debra two years ago, acquired another son, three daughters and a grandson.

Steve enjoys fishing, a game of golf and a leisurely stroll on the beach with Debra and Bogart the dog. Steve has experience with the Round Table organisation, at club and national chairman level in southern Africa. [Round Table branched away from Rotary in the UK in the 1920s]. He enjoys service through fellowship and looks forward to making new friends and contributing to society through the Port Macquarie Rotary Club.

**!!!Congratulations and welcome to both Port Macquarie and the Rotary family!!!**

A SPANISH Teacher was explaining to her class that in Spanish, unlike English, nouns are designated as either masculine or feminine.

'House' for instance, is feminine: 'la Casa.'

'Pencil,' however, is masculine: 'el lapiz.'  
A student asked, 'What gender is 'computer'?'

Instead of giving the answer, the teacher split the class into two groups, male and female, and asked them to decide for themselves whether 'computer' should be a masculine or a feminine noun. Each group was asked to give four reasons for its recommendation.

The men's group decided that 'computer' should definitely be of the feminine gender ('la computadora'), because:

1. No one but their creator understands their internal logic;
2. The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else;
3. Even the smallest mistakes are stored in long term memory for possible later retrieval; and
4. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your paycheck on accessories for it.

(THIS GETS BETTER!)

The women's group, however, concluded that computers should be masculine ('el computador'), because:

1. In order to do anything with them, you have to turn them on;
2. They have a lot of data but still can't think for themselves;
3. They are supposed to help you solve problems, but half the time they ARE the problem; and
4. As soon as you commit to one, you realize that if you had waited a little longer, you could have gotten a better model.

!!!The women won!!!



Join us on the ShelterBox Nepal Trek and help ensure no family goes without shelter following a disaster or humanitarian crisis.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Help ShelterBox rebuild communities after disaster strikes
- Experience the majesty and mysticism of the Himalayas
- Immerse yourself in the spectacular scenery of Nepal's Annapurna region
- Discover bustling Kathmandu, the beating heart of Nepal

Get more information and register:

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info@inspiredadventures.com.au  
www.inspiredadventures.com.au/events/  
ShelterBox-Nepal-Trek-2018

#### FAST FACTS

Dates: 3 – 16 September 2018

Registration fee: \$770  
(non-refundable)

Fundraising target:  
\$3,500 (excludes travel)

Travel quote: \$4,790\*, including taxes

Accommodation: Twin share in 3 star  
hotels, lodges and teahouses

Minimum age: 18 (younger ages  
considered on application)

Visit: inspiredadventures.com.au/  
events/ShelterBox-Nepal-Trek-2018

\*Subject to change

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## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTIAL PEACE BUILDING CONFERENCE HELD AT THE TOWN HALL IN SYDNEY ON SATURDAY, 17 MARCH – St Patricks Day

There were approx 500 attendees predominantly Rotarians and Rotaractors. I am sure that like Patti and I every one of the attendees left the Conference inspired and committed to continue to do all in our power as individuals and as Rotarians to position for Peace.

As far as we know there was only one other Rotarian from our District and that was Bob Cleland from the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie.

The Conference MC was Channel 10 News Presenter and well-respected television journalist and reporter Hugh Riminton.

Each of the Key Note Speakers spoke to the theme of Economic & Community Development and its linkage to Peace.

One definition of Peace that was provided was the "absence of violence or the absence of fear of violence" Steve Killelea AM from the Institute of Economics & Peace reported that 80 countries became more peaceful over the last decade and 83 did not.

It is estimated that the cost of violence in 2016 was \$14.3 trillion which equates to 12.6% of the world's Gross Domestic Product or a staggering \$1953 per person.

A 10% reduction in violence would equate to the economies of Denmark, Switzerland and Belgium combined.

The following slide is the descriptor of Positive Peace

I am sure that you will be able to read more of the great messages in the coming editions of Rotary Down Under as well as on the Rotary.org website.

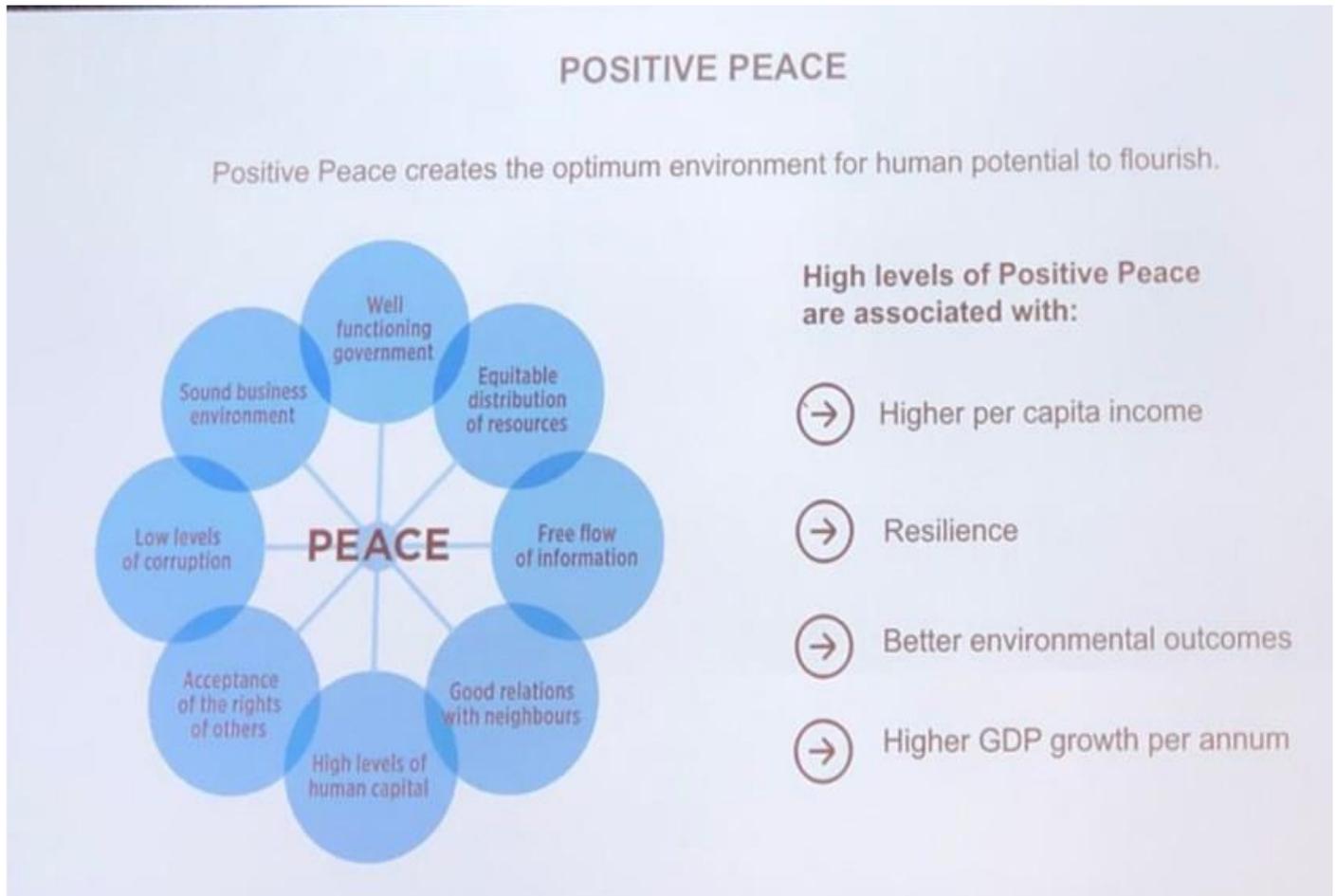


Image below MC Hugh Riminton & Professor Muhammad Yunus discussing Professor Yunus's key themes



Professor Yunus challenged us to ready our youth not to look for jobs but to become entrepreneurs. He also promoted the theme of his new book Triple Zero... Zero Poverty, Zero unemployment and zero carbon emissions.

- Poverty is not created by the poor
- 8 people in the world today have more wealth combined than the bottom 50% of the population representing 4 billion people
- 1% of population have 99% of the populations wealth.

This certainly was an Inspirational and eye-opening Conference.

**Other Key Note Speakers included:**

- Professor Muhammad Yunus the founder of the Grameen Bank in Bangladesh
- Rabbi Zalman Kastel National Director Together for Humanity Foundation
- Rebecca Tolstoy Path of Hope Foundation
- Shane Phillips Redfern & Sydney Aboriginal Communities Tribal Warrior
- Jeremy Blackman from the Allanah & Madeline Foundation
- David McCleary Director of the Rotary Action Group Against Child Slavery and Founder of End Human Trafficking Now
- Stephanie Woollard a Rotary Peace Fellow and founder of "Seven Women"
- Tony Stuart CEO of UNICEF
- Dr Melissa Curley Senior Lecturer in International Relations & Director University of Queensland Rotary Peace Centre

Many great messages and I will share a few more from the slides that I captured during these powerful presentations:

**Thank you – courtesy of PDG Neville Parsons – RC of Wauchope**

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