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Tom's Chapel Project

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Fierce Natives perform war dance

Birthdays 1/10 – 7/10

Oct 7 John Cropley

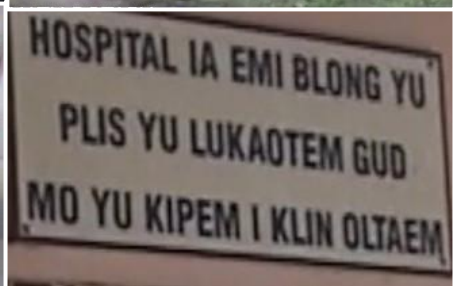
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In Council mode: 2 workers, 3 advisers, 1 checking the lunch schedule.

Rough translation:
Give blood
Want “number one” healthy donors

Hospital belongs to you.
Please you look after good and keep it clean always

The term numbawan - “number one” was often used in the names of establishments or goods, meaning “best”; “premiere”. e.g. numbarwan bar, numbarwan coffee, numbarwan bread

Next meeting – 7th October

Zoom again - same time - your place

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At our Zoom meeting this week we looked back at the 2006 “RAWCS” trip to Vanuatu with Don Whatham providing a video pictorial of the trip. Initiated by former member Len Curry and friend of Rotary Steve Cox the trip saw members head to Vanuatu to work at the hospital in Port Vila.

Boasting 12 tradesmen (two of which actually held trade certificates), the team moved the kitchen from one section to another in order to make the kitchen more efficient in operation. Work included, electrical, plumbing, gas-fitting, carpentry, painting, concreting, tiling and anything else that was necessary. In our spare time we helped with the construction of a chapel. There were some fun times had and we joined the Rotary Club of Port Vila for lunch on the second last day.

An enjoyable and rewarding experience for all.

For anyone who would like to view the video click [HERE](#)

It was nice to have Bill Michel and Mary, as well as Sonja, join us for the meeting.

Also joining us for the meeting was Area Governor Christine Walmsley and Assistant Pam Whelam.

As well as congratulating us on the Vanuatu project and the Clubs continuing with Zoom meetings, AG Christine mentioned two matters for consideration:

- appointment of a Club Environmental Chair in line with RI’s commitment to the environment as an “Area of Focus”. (Members might recall that our last meeting when speaker John McCaskill spoke on “Rotary for Bees” - a project his Club has initiated as an environmental project)
and
- the news that a new system for websites is to be implemented to replace Clubrunner. Known as DACdb it will commence when the District merge is completed.



Centenary tree planting. President Doug reported that Helen Ryan has approached Council (and is confident of receiving) a \$1265 contribution towards providing a bench seat and plaque at Tom O’Dwyer Oval where we recently cleared noxious weeds and planted Koala friendly trees. Nelson Bay and Salamander Bay Rotary Clubs have each set aside \$500 for the project. This was one of our Centenary projects.



End Trachoma

Pres Doug also advised that the money raised for the “End Trachoma” Centenary project spearheaded by Helen Ryan and Richard Turner has been converted to toiletry kits that have now been sent and received by schools at Tenant Creek for distribution to students.

Other Matters:

SES Emergency Support Plan will be finalised and members will be introduced to SES Members once Covid restrictions ease. In the meantime, we will be able to “turn out” should the need occur.

Hat Day will be celebrated on October 10.

World Polio Day will be held 24th October.

Our Christmas Party will be held on 20th November at the CWA rooms in Gowrie Street Nelson Bay.

Nelson Bay Bowling Club has informed us that they will be re-opening on Monday 11th October. It is likely that we will not reconvene at the Club for a week or two after that.

The Yacaaba Centre has again received meals from Soldiers Point Bowling - transported to by Milton Williams.

Don Whatham and Chris Bartlett spent some time at **the Yacaaba Centre** cleaning chairs.

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Global Citizen Live generates \$1.1 b to fight extreme poverty

NEW YORK Global Citizen Live, a 24-hour concert that featured performances from Stevie Wonder, Jennifer Lopez, BTS, Elton John and dozens of other stars has raised more than \$1.1 billion in commitments and pledges to fight extreme poverty. Broadcasting from sites on six continents, including Central Park and in front of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, Global Citizen also received pledges from France for 60 million Covid vaccine doses for developing countries and corporate pledges for planting 157 million trees around the world.

Vaccine pledges which also came from the countries of Croatia and Ireland followed numerous pleas from Prince Harry and Meghan, on stage at Central Park over the weekend. “This year the world is expected to produce enough doses to meet the target of vaccinating 70% of people in every single country” Meghan said to cheers from the Central Park crowd. “But it is wrong that so much of the vaccine supply has gone to just 10 wealthy nations so far.”

Major philanthropic commitments came from the Lego Foundation which pledged \$150 million to support UNICEF and other partners working with children and **Rotary International pledging \$98 million in grant funding in 2022.....**

..... Global Citizen Chief Executive Hugh Evans said that Covid 19 had erased decades of gains, resulting in 150 million more people in extreme poverty this year and 41 million people in Africa facing starvation

How True!

