

Bulletin 20 – 8th Nov. 2018

Speaker tonite was Steve Merritt, District 9670 Chair of RAM



This week's guest speaker was Steve Merritt, District Chair of RAM and President of the Raymond Terrace Rotary Club.

His presentation on RAM (Rotarians Against Malaria) a volunteer-run organisation working to eliminate malaria.

Some malaria facts:

216mio cases of malaria per annum causing 445,000 deaths, 80% children only the female Anopheles mosquito carries the deadly parasite and is capable of killing within 24hours.

She has a life cycle of 2 – 4 weeks and to transmit must first bite a malaria infected person. The parasite takes 10 days to mature inside the mosquito after which she is then **deadly**.

Some precautions such as

- Removal of stagnant water
- Fog Spraying of habitat
- Insecticidal net
- Education



In 2015 Steve Carol of RC Williamstown embarked on a motorcycle ride around Australia [RRAAM](#) and covered 20,000km spoke at 50 functions at over 60 Rotary & RSL clubs to make people aware of malaria as being the 2nd largest killer of mankind and raised \$28,500.

His personal story is that he lost his daughter to malaria in 1990, age 19, after an adventure trip to Sabah Malaysia. A week later he and she got struck down with malaria, despite having taken the prescribed prophylaxis Chloroquine.

The Plasmodium & Falciparum (deadliest) parasite has developed a resistance to Chloroquine.

After evacuation by air ambulance to ICU in Singapore and treatment Steve was out of danger but Michelle was in a bad way and eventually the \$1mio insurance cover was gone and the \$10k p/d hospital bill was mounting.

Finally the Emergency Assist had arranged to fly them home.

Unfortunately Michelle passed away a month after getting back home.

Now the good news:

The Griffith University Institute for Glycomics has developed a vaccine PlasProtecT a novel malaria vaccine consisting of the whole malaria parasites grown under strictly controlled conditions and treated so they no longer cause infection.

The vaccine causes an immune response without causing the disease.

\$500,000 is required of which \$400,000 have already raised to complete field trials and prove the vaccine works.

Thank you Steve for an excellent presentation.

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Birthdays this week:

9th Nov. W. Mathieson

11th Nov. J. Mitchel

Anniversaries :

18th Nov. E&J Clarke

19th Nov. L&M Nicol

Heads & Tails

Vern Mutton (as so very often our visitors win H&T)

Member Duties

15th Nov. 2018

Door:

R & J Mitchell

Meet/Greet:

J.Booth

Loyal Toast:

Richard Turner

Grace:

M.Williams

Intro Guest speaker:

Ian McIver

Thank Guest Speaker:

Tricia Parnell

Bulletin:

Chris Bartlett

Photos:

Phill Smith

Binos:

John Crump & Valerie

Dinner Menu next meeting: Roast of the Day

Apologies/Extras to John Crump phone or text b4 noon on Wednesday! 0401 450 239

THIS WEEK



It's the Centenary Armistice or Remembrance Day as I write this Bulletin.

Here are some facts about WWI:

It was to be 'The war to end all wars'

5mio was the Australian population at that time

416,000 enlisted (40% of the male population)

330,000 were deployed

60,000 died; 150,000 wounded and many more

returned with PTSD

A total of 9mio combatants and 7mio civilians died in this war.

It all started after a Serb National assassinated the Austro-Hungarian heir Franz-Ferdinand and wife Sophie in Sarajevo/Yugoslavia.

A network of alliances enlarged the crisis from a bilateral issue to a full-fledged world war.

Unresolved rivalries at the end of the conflict contributed to the start of WWII twenty years later.

The Rotary connection to this is [Sir John Monash](#) that stood out as a commander and is considered one of the best Allied generals of WWI and the most famous commander in Australian history.

Sir John Monash was a founding member of the Rotary Club of Melbourne, the first Rotary Club in Australia, and became its 2nd president from 1922-23

Warwick reports from the Variety Club Postie Bike Bash.



The Taree Rotary Club is cooking breakfast for the 63 riders. They travelled so far 1100 km and it's raining today.



The Taree Rotary Club collects, sells and sends **DIK** books. They have over 100,000 books.

Donations in Kind (DIK) is a program supported by Rotary Clubs in Australia which grew out of the compassion and concern of returning overseas volunteers.

This **recycling and reuse** program involves the collection, sorting, packing, dispatch and distribution of donated items to countries in need of these goods.

Many goods and products, for which organisations in Australia have no further use, are valuable commodities in needy countries overseas and in some regions within Australia.

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**THIS WEEK'S RESULT-
SATURDAY
10th NOVEMBER**



The gross result was \$1388 and after costs a net profit of **\$1025** was realised.

The volunteers for the day: Tony T. (setup), Judi P., John & Val, Arja, Phill, Lesley, John C., Geoff D. & Fluxy. Great fellowship enjoyed by all. Big Thank you to Doug B for the great job he does.



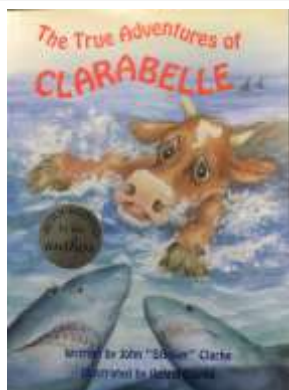
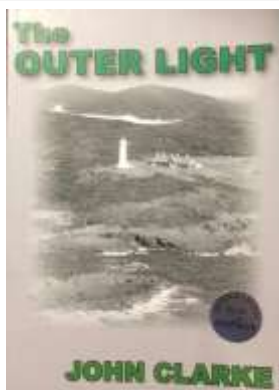
Spotted Rotary sponsor logo on tail of Westpac rescue chopper, during a recent visit at their service facility in Broadmeadow



John 'Stinker' Clarke (PP Ella Clarke's husband) launches his latest books, Clarabelle and The Outer Light (Fingel Is.) both a terrific read and a great record of local history with many photos. Ideal Christmas present for young & old.



Tricia & Jonno selling 'Stinker' Clarke's books at his book launch in Soldiers Point Bowling Club



Visitor Vern Mutton a former member of our club, now a member of Bomaderry Rotary Club exchanges friendship banner with President Kathy. He was able to relive a few stories from the past.

WHAT'S ON THE AGENDA ?

- 14th Nov. Board meeting
- 15th Nov. Club meeting & MUNA participants
- 21st Nov. Project neighbour
- 22nd Nov. Barefoot bowling with 36 visitors from RVFR (Recreational Vehicle Fellowship of Rotary)
- 13th Dec. Club Christmas dinner party

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Xmas is just around the corner

We will be holding the club

Christmas Dinner Party

Thursday 13th December

@ Soldiers Point Bowling Club

Details to follow in separate mail

A woman goes to the Doctor, worried about her husband's temper.

The Doctor asks: "What's the problem?"

The woman says: "Doctor, I don't know what to do . Every day my husband seems to lose his temper for no reason. It scares me."

The Doctor says: "I have a cure for that. When it seems that your husband is getting angry, just take a glass of water and start swishing it in your mouth. Just swish and swish but don't swallow it until he either leaves the room or goes to bed and is asleep."

Two weeks later the woman comes back to the doctor looking fresh and reborn.

The woman says: "Doctor that was a brilliant idea! Every time my husband started losing it, I swished with water. I swished and swished, and he calmed right down! How does a glass of water do that?"

The Doctor says: "The water itself does nothing. It's keeping your mouth shut that does the trick...."

My stomach is FLAT.
The L is just silent.

PP John Stuhmke's joke du jour: *Siamese twins walk into a pub in Sydney and park themselves on a bar stool. One of them says to the barkeeper, 'Don't mind us, we're joined at the hip. I'm John, he's Jim. 'Two schooners of VB please'. The barkeeper, feeling slightly awkward, tries to make polite conversation while pouring the beers. 'Been on holiday yet, lads?' 'Off to Amerika next month,' says John. 'We go to Amerika every year and hire a car and drive for miles & miles, don't we, Jim?' Jim agrees. 'Ah, Amerika!' says the barkeeper. 'Wonderful country... the history, the beer, the countryside...' 'Nah, we don't like that American crap,' says John. 'Hamburgers & VB beer, that's us, eh Jim? And we can't stand the Americans - they're so arrogant and rude.' 'So why keep going to Amerika?' asks the barkeeper. 'It's the only chance Jim gets to drive.'*