



## Bulletin # 34 – 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016



Russia's Federation Tower



Japan's "Cocoon"



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### Birthdays this coming week:

2 Mar Christine Smith

### Anniversaries :

Nil

### Heads and Tails:

Bart Richardson

### Raffle:

Ian Brigden

Abu Dhabi's "Cookie"



Eddie Perrine now living in Fingal Bay has spent much of his life in far off lands following his career as a "Façade Engineer".

I guess most of us would take for granted the glass, aluminium, stone and plastics that form the character of a skyscraper. But, as Eddie explained the Façade whilst not forming part of the structural integrity of the building is in itself an engineering feat. The components forming the structure must be secure from the elements of wind load and pressure, rain and the destructive forces of earthquake so as not to fail.

Many factors need to be considered in designing the façade "curtain" which whilst it needs to be strong also has to be flexible to allow for some movement. Geotechnical considerations such as the foundations (bedrock, reclaimed land), climatic and seismic history. After construction needs such as effective removal of rain and maintenance issues such as cleaning and repairs also need to be addressed.

As well as those above Eddie was involved in many other buildings and the construction of a laboratory to test mock-ups. It is not surprising that Eddie is enthusiastic and talks with pride about his career as a Façade Engineer.

### Member Duties 3<sup>rd</sup>

### March 2016

### Door:

Bart Richardson/Bob Mitchell

### Meet/Greet:

Ian Faulkner/Mike Mobbs

### Loyal Toast:

Tricia Parnall

### Grace:

John Shaw

### Intro Guest speaker:

Judith Mitchell

### Thank Guest Speaker:

Ella Clarke

### Bulletin:

Chris Bartlett



### Visitors:

- Assistant Governor Earl Hickman and Barbara joined us for a social visit.
- Past President Frank Armstrong on his annual visit from Merriwa

**Next meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Lee Christian Cancer Research**

**Apologies/Extras to Ros Cribb by noon on Wednesday!**

**Ph 0401 450 239**



In the absence of President Ann, vice President John Stuhmcke took the reins for the evening. John asked that those attending the conference remember to take their “work” shirts with them.

### Coming up:

- 10/3/16 Information night re Peace Fellowships. Speakers, Peter Raynor, Judy Mitchell, Sam Wills (see below)
- 17/3/16 Club Assembly Venue, Oasis, One Mile Beach. Dinner to be Rotary BBQ.
- 24/3/16 Helen Ryan. Rotary Reading program update.
- 20/4 – 1/5 PETS at Singleton (Presidents Elect Training Seminar)
- 10/5 RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness) at Nelson Bay
- 13-15/5 RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) 14-17 years
- 9/6 Our 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday
- 24-30/6 RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) at Tocal 18-25 years
- 15/5, 29/5 & 19/6 RLI (Rotary Learning/leadership Institute) Training

### PCYC

Chris Bartlett reports on PCYC matters:

Along with Dieter Greiter and Tim Ireland Chris Bartlett attended the recent PCYC committee meeting on which they stand.

The committee are coming to terms with recent changes in the administration of the organisation and things are looking up. A grant of \$214,000 has been applied for.

Following our contribution to the re-sealing of the floor a sign is to be erected in the auditorium acknowledging our donation.

Our Club is also donating new uniforms to the PCYC basketballers.

Once their kitchen is completed the PCYC will be holding courses in food handling and catering and we have been invited to attend. Use of the kitchen has also been offered to us.

### PEACE FELLOWSHIPS

On 10th March at Nelson Bay Bowling Club, starting at 6 for 6.30, we are having an Information Evening about the post graduate Master's degrees and Certificates which are funded by The Rotary Foundation Global Grants.

Six Universities throughout the world have partnered with Rotary to deliver Master's degrees in peace negotiation and conflict resolution, using a variety of pathways and subjects to enable international negotiation. We are actively looking for keen participants.

We invite you to come and hear about this program, especially as you may well know suitable candidates who would be ideal for these scholarships.

The evening will include a brief power point overview, then more information on the subject from our District Foundation Chair and an overview of the role of economics in conflict resolution by Dr Sam Wills.

Dinner will be served, including dessert and tea or coffee with a choc. mint! And the bar will be open.

This is NOT a fundraising evening but dinner is \$20, payable on the night.

We certainly hope you can come and bring your friends. It is really important that we know numbers by Monday 7th March as we have to let the Bowling Club know in advance. Also, tell us about any dietary requirements. Just ring either of the numbers below.

We look forward to your company.

Judy Mitchell Foundation Chair. 0408659605 0417228700

Ladies night – Monthly get together  
Partners and friends will meet in the bistro  
to share a meal and friendship next  
Thursday evening.  
Usual time.



**From Richard Turner in the year of our sixtieth Anniversary.....**

This is too true to be funny.

The next time you hear a politician use the word 'billion' in a casual manner, think about whether you want the 'politicians' spending YOUR tax money.

A billion is a difficult number to comprehend, but one advertising agency did a good job of putting that figure into some perspective in one of its releases.

- A. A billion seconds ago it was 1959.**
- B. A billion minutes ago Jesus was alive.**
- C. A billion hours ago our ancestors were living in the Stone Age.**
- D. A billion days ago no-one walked on the earth on two feet.**
- E. A billion Dollars ago was only 13 hours and 12 minutes, at the rate our government is spending it.**

<b>Stamp Duty</b>	<b>Tobacco Tax</b>	<b>Corporate Income Tax</b>
<b>Income Tax</b>	<b>Council Tax</b>	<b>Unemployment Tax</b>
<b>Fishing Licence Tax</b>	<b>Petrol/Diesel Tax</b>	<b>Inheritance Tax (tax on top of tax)</b>
<b>Alcohol Tax</b>	<b>G.S.T.</b>	<b>Property Tax</b>
<b>Service charge taxes</b>	<b>Social Security Tax</b>	<b>Vehicle Licence / Registration Tax</b>
<b>Vehicle Sales Tax</b>	<b>Workers Compensation Tax</b>	<b>Carbon Dioxide Tax</b>

**STILL THINK THIS IS FUNNY?**

*Not one of these taxes existed 60 years ago and our nation was one of the most prosperous in the world.*

*We had absolutely no national debt.*

*We had the largest middle class in the world. Mum stayed home to raise the kids, Dad and teachers were allowed to discipline kids.*

*A criminals life was uncomfortable.*

*Boat people were kids*

**What the hell happened?**



Rotary members, their families and friends can support Rotary's work by bidding on antiques, artwork, jewelry, and collectibles through eBay Live Auctions events.

Each month, Rotary will promote on its social media outlets a set of upcoming [LiveAuctions](#) events, and eBay, the world's largest auction website, will donate a portion of all sale proceeds from those events to Rotary.

Live Auctions events enable buyers to participate in auctions across the United States -- held at such auction houses as Sotheby's, Swann, and Freeman's -- without leaving home. Under this proceeds-sharing agreement, only U.S. auction sales are eligible.

Check out [upcoming eBay Live Auctions](#) that benefit Rotary.

[Read a blog post by eBay's Linda Campbell](#)