



Jerraganda

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The Newsletter of Jerrabomberra Rotary
RI District 9710

Committee Meeting

This week's meeting was an opportunity for club members to break into their respective committees and reflect on the relevance of the visioning done some time ago, and then make some plans for the new Rotary year that will help each committee achieve the goals they want to achieve.

Anyway more on that later under committee reports!

Charge to Australia - Expertly delivered off by heart by Mez!

Apologies - Carolyn, Chris H, Veena, Wendy, John T.

Guests - Noa and Emele

Attendance - 79.3%

Reports -

1. President's Report - Anton informed members that a Committee meeting had been held the previous night. He reminded members of the purpose of the evening's meeting before members broke off into their individual committees.

2. Treasurer's Report - David S informed members the finances were in the process of being transitioned from an Exel format into Quick Books. In the Interim Davis requested members collecting funds from any source, should just give him the cash for banking.

3. Club Service - Dave P reported his committee still believed the visioning done previously remained relevant. His committee wanted to keep meetings fun and informative and hope to achieve this with a balance of interesting guest speakers, me talks and some off-site meetings for themed nights and other activities such as bare foot bowling. Additionally, the club service committee wants to develop a weekend social event such as a casino night and foster interclub relationships by inviting other clubs in our cluster to participate. Finally, the committee decided it was important new members be mentored for a few weeks when they join. They felt this would assist newbies to navigate the world of acronyms that is the Rotary environment and give them the opportunity to ease into the activities we do as a club.

4. International Service - Chilly welcomed Noah and Emele back to Australia. Noa is back for his second operation, (more on that later). Chilly and his committee were pumped to be continuing the work already underway with RAWCS, ROMAC, RYLA and Abundant Water. To that



Dear Everyone,

PLEASE Don't forget! I Would love **market reports** to be sent to me by Sunday afternoon so I can complete the Jerraganda by Monday each week.

Also any photos or interesting content you would like to share with the club will help me create an interesting weekly read and would be greatly appreciated— just email to me on:

david.parkinson@cordelta.com

Enjoy,
David Parkinson
Club Service Director

end we look forward to our Guest Speaker next week from Abundant Water. The committee felt the visioning previously done remained relevant and they were super keen to finish current projects and scope out new opportunities.

5. Youth Committee - Ian and his committee were very focussed on growing projects in their space with a view to helping disenchanted youth get back on the rails. They are working on expanding the Juniors on Watch program. They want to involve schools in the area in their programs. Ian told members suicide prevention was a major focus in his committee's work this year and he wanted to work with police and other agencies to support the kids who were slipping under the radar and often overlooked.

6. Community Service - Peter J and his committee examined the visioning done previously and acknowledged whilst the projected numbers hadn't been achieved, our major community activities were growing every year as our profile increased and new events were added to the list. Peter and his group suggested a fun run up the mountain, Bunnings BBQs, and tree planting activities to supplement the usual, Australia day and ANZAC Day BBQs, Markets etc. Peter thought we should remain involved in the MS Mega Swim.

7. Other Business - Bruce M mentioned the ongoing work on the fitness trail. Three dates remained (16, 18, and 25 July) volunteers needed. Read on in this addition to see how the work went on the weekend just gone!

Peter Jervis reminded members about the Clubs participation in the upcoming Xmas in July (30/7/2017) Volunteers urgently required to assist in parking. Peter also for-shadowed possible participation in running a BBQ or similar at the 4WD show.

8. Sergeant Session - John A then ran the sergeant session where a short quiz about the magnificent performance of the Qld Rugby League team was conducted.

9. Weekly Joke - Dave told us an amusing joke which reflected upon the lateral thinking of the younger generation!

10. Joker - The Joker remains in the pack (Phew) despite Anton's ticket winning on the night. For a consolation, Anton received a nice bottle of wine donated by himself! The joker raised \$40.00 for the night and the total builds.

Presentation of Paul Harris Fellowship

At the recent Changeover Dinner Past President (then current President) Liz informed the gathering She intended awarding Paul Roger a PHF. However with Paul and Sue being overseas, Liz intended presenting the award on Paul's return.

Well tonight was the night. Much to Paul's surprise (and the surprise of Liz that Paul didn't find out), the award was presented. Liz told members that Paul was being recognised for his tireless work in all things Rotary, describing Paul as an absolute Rotary Tragic. Paul is always amongst the first to volunteer for anything and is an absolute backbone of



our club. Liz told us despite Paul and Sue often talking about moving back to sunny Qld, she would be surprised if he could ever tear himself away from Jerra! Congrats Paul and huge honour to a very deserving recipient!

Market Report



Rosemary, Eleanor, Bruce - This week's farmer's market was a cornucopia of fresh local and seasonal produce direct from the farm. There is nothing more satisfying than knowing your paddock-to-plate produce comes from local farmers who always provide the best quality which delights customers tastes and makes eating seasonally fun and delicious.

Today's information booth was crewed by Rosemary, Eric and Bruce. Each member of the team brought enthusiasm and expertise that reflected their own personal journey in life. During the morning, there were two moments of joy when we assist little members of our society to be reunited with their lost parents.

I would like to leave you with a quote from my friend Carrie Ann Inaba, "I love fresh fruit and vegetables. I'm not a strict dieter. I don't think that anything in life should be so regimented that you're not having fun or can't enjoy like everybody else. Just know that fresh food is always going to be better for you." Income - **Green bags \$62, Red bag \$5, Water \$16, Tables \$55, Donations \$6.....Total \$144**

Regards Bruce

Fitness Trail



Lake Jerra fitness trail refurbishment project took a big jump forward today (16 July 17) when members of the Rotary Club of Jerrabomberra went to work on station 4 & 5. Not sure if you can call it work since we all had a good time. Lots of members of the community came out to cheers us on. The day was fresh and sunny a perfect day for this type of community project. Don't feel like you missed out if you did not make it today we have two more days planned July 18 and 25, everyone is welcome to participate.

You can check out our progress on our website Jerrarotary.org.au or search #jerrarotary on FB.



Members Travelling

A number of our members are currently or have recently returned from overseas travel!



Veena Who has recently been appointed as the club sergeant seems to have embraced the authority! In addition to her Rotary duties she has recently been promoted to **Queen Veena the Great of Poland!** However, she did find time to send the following message.....

I hope all of you are well and warm in cold Canberra and Sydney. The weather here has been a bit up and down and, in spite of some rain from time to time, it hasn't been too cold. Yesterday the temp was about 22 degrees and today the sun is out and 26 degrees forecast. Am I a happy girl, or what??

I had expected Poland to be beautiful and it has lived up to expectations. The old towns are absolutely charming but what is really staggering is that most of the old buildings were reduced to rubble during WW2. In only ten years, volunteer brigades restored buildings and towns to their former glory re-using the rubble. Those of us familiar with India would know that the rubble would have lain by the side of the road until rain and wind cleared it away!

In the last couple of days, we visited Gdansk home of the Solidarity movement, and Malbork Castle home of the Teutonic Knights. BTW, the castle was also restored after the war. I couldn't resist a little sit down in the Grand Master's chair and take a pic of his loo. The greenish objects on the shelf above the loo are replica cabbage leaves which were used to clean the old botty! In summer, they used straw. No wonder they were always fighting - they probably had botty rash and couldn't sit down for long. The gargoyle was a sign for the loo and has his legs crossed as if he's holding it in. If all the pics can't make it with this email, I'll break them up.

Our tour group only has eleven people and we all get on extremely well. Much better than a big group lumbering around the countryside in a huge bus. Talking about the countryside, it is surprisingly flat and obviously very fertile judging by the fields and fields of lush crops.

Paul and Sue recently returned from Alaska! More on that and some pics next edition!

ROMAC - Noa

Noa is finally back with us ready for his second operation. Chilly sent the following update:

Next few days: having just arrived and already had a doctor's appointment, at which Noa was introduced to a different doctor, they are feeling very overwhelmed!

Since they arrived they have slept 12 hours each night.

Activities – leading a very simple life in Fiji on a remote island, whilst activities/outings are most welcome, suggest keeping them short. They would be very happy to be taken for a drive around the area or visiting the shops in your normal shopping activities or other outings, even a walk to the local park 5 houses from our home ie something to get them out of the house. Now that Noa understands what he has coming again, would be great to plan a fun activity for after his operation, for him to look forward to.



Needs: They have clothes from last visit, including warm clothes and as they will spend every day inside our house, and not venture out by themselves, at this stage they appear to have enough warm cloths. We will assess this over the weekend and report back if different.



Schooling Noa: Whilst he is away, he is missing out on class, so activity books on Canberra, Australia, or general education activities are suggested. Emile has been enjoying magazines – food, gossip, house etc

Food – the food has been great, thank you. All is welcome and much appreciated including fresh fruit and vegs from those that don't cook. **Chilly**

Jerra Rotary and Anytime Fitness



Invite you to

Step Up and Run/Walk

to prevent suicide 28-29 July 2017

Anytime Fitness is holding an Australia wide 24-hour treadmill Run/Walk-a-thon to raise funds to help reduce suicide in Australia. Jerrarotary proudly supports our local club with this event and would like to invite everyone to participate. The event will be held at the Anytime Fitness in Jerrabomberra, Shop 13 at the Jerrabomberra Village Centre, 2 Limestone Drive.

Click here to learn more and Register to Run/Walk

<https://www.anytimefitness.com.au/treadmillrun/>

Anyone can participate, you do not have to be a member.

6PM on July 28th to 6 PM on July 29th.

Meet new friends and support a great cause.

Next Week's Meeting

The meeting next week (20/7/2017) will feature a guest speaker! **Pastor Cris dela Cruz** (Quakers Philippines).

Other guests will include - Ronis Chapman (Quakers CBR) and Sunny Forsyth (Abundant Water & Founder).

Remember meal is served at 6:30pm sharp

Thought for the week

Rather than a thought for the week this week, our faithful leader Anton sent me the following:

This is a quote from **"The Rotarian"** 1912

...The fittest of today is not he who possesses the longest claws or talons.

It is he who has come into the fullness of recognition of the fact that his success is dependent upon the success of other men in the community in which he lives; that the success of his community is dependent upon the success of other communities; that none is sufficient unto himself; that no man can ever succeed alone.

Even today this is true If then we bring this up to 2017 form and relate it to our club then it may read as this:

...The fittest of today's Rotary Club is not one that possesses the inward looking view or the narrowest of minds within the community.

It is the Rotary Club that has come into the fullness of recognition of the fact that its success is dependent upon the success of all the people within the community in which it is based; that the success of this community is dependent upon the success of other communities; that none is sufficient unto itself; that no person within the community can ever succeed alone.

Final Funny

Larry's class was on a field trip to the local police station where there were pictures tacked to a bulletin board of the 10 most wanted criminals.

One of the youngsters pointed to a picture and asked if it really was the photo of a wanted person.

'Yes,' said the policeman. 'The detectives want very badly to capture him.'

Larry asked, 'Why didn't you keep him when you took his picture? '