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Bulletin

Breakfast Meeting 13 March 2025

Guest Speaker

The Guest Speaker this week 20th March 2025 is to be Doctor Tony Friend who is a retired research scientist specializing in threatened marsupials (so watch out!). Dr Tony'

Duty Roster

Duty Role	20 th March	One Week Look Ahead
Host	John van Vliet	Arthur Blaquiere
Welcome	Arthur Blaquiere	Peter Blockley
Toast	Peter Blockley	Corrin Caine
Thanks	Corrin Caine	Tim Dawe
Bulletin	Tim Dawe	Pat Emery
2 Minute Noodles	Par Emery	Bernie Foley

Please find a substitute if you cannot fulfill your duty

Apologies for the blandness of this Bulletin, John Tick's Word 2013 could not accept photos.

Breakfast Meeting 20 March 2025

Guest Speaker

Our Guest Speaker last week was Past President John van Vliet. John delivered a very interesting and informative presentation on His and Gisela's luxury cruise to Iceland and Greenland.

Clearly John's possible Viking/Dutch ancestry (He does have fair hair and blue eyes; and, is a seafaring gentleman!) came through in his enthusiasm for things Iceland and Greenland.

Some of John's pics of his holiday are attached.

Some interesting facts about Iceland and Greenland are:

Iceland (courtesy Wikipedia)

Iceland is a Nordic island country between the North Atlantic and Arctic Oceans, on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge between North America and Europe. It is culturally and politically linked with Europe and is the region's westernmost and most sparsely populated country.[12] Its capital and largest city is Reykjavík, which is home to about 36% of the country's roughly 380,000 residents (excluding nearby towns/suburbs, which are separate municipalities). The official language of the country is Icelandic. Iceland's interior consists of a volcanic plateau with sand and lava fields, mountains and glaciers, and many glacial rivers flow to the sea through the lowlands.

Iceland is warmed by the Gulf Stream and has a temperate climate, despite being a latitude just south of the Arctic Circle. Its latitude and marine influence keep summers chilly, and most of its islands have a polar climate.

The island is almost devoid of trees because of logging for house construction and ship building. Some years ago the island was about 40% forested but agricultural pursuits do not encourage reforestation.

Iceland hosts a large USA airbase that has been used for reconnaissance flights over Russia since the 1940's using U2, SR71 and other aircraft.

John and Gisela's escapades involved walking around population centres, enjoying hot thermal springs and no doubt the local liquor made from fermented moss – known to lift the lid and cause massive hangovers!

See pictures at end.

Greenland (courtesy Wikipedia)

(Greenlandic: Kalaallit

Nunaat, pronounced [kala:ʔ:it nʉna:t]; Danish: Grønland, pronounced [ˈkʁɔ̃nˀ,lænʔ]) is an autonomous territory[e] in the Kingdom of Denmark. It is by far the largest of three constituent parts of the kingdom; the other two are metropolitan Denmark and the Faroe Islands.

The citizens of all territories are full citizens of Denmark. Greenland is one of the Overseas Countries and Territories of the European Union and is part of the Council of Europe.[17] The capital and largest city of Greenland is Nuuk.[17]

Greenland lies between the Arctic and Atlantic oceans, east of the Canadian Arctic Archipelago. It is the world's largest island,[f] and is the location of the northernmost point of land in the world—Kaffeklubben Island off the northern coast is the world's northernmost undisputed point of land;[g] Cape Morris Jesup on the mainland was thought to be so until the 1960s.

Economically, Greenland is heavily reliant on aid from Denmark, amounting to nearly half of the territory's total public revenue.

Though a part of the continent of North America, Greenland has been politically and culturally associated with the European kingdoms of Norway and Denmark for more than a millennium, beginning in 986.[19] Greenland has been inhabited at intervals over at least the last 4,500 years by circumpolar peoples whose forebears migrated there from what is now Canada.[20][21] Norsemen from Norway settled the uninhabited southern part of Greenland beginning in the 10th century (having previously settled Iceland), and their descendants lived in Greenland for 400 years until disappearing in the late 15th century. The 13th century saw the arrival of Inuit.

Greenland also hosts the American Early Warning Station of "Thule" – now renamed. It also has an American base hidden under the ice-shelf – maybe these are why Mr Trump wants Greenland.

Gisela and John enjoyed a number of adventurous activities rugged up in orange survival suits for boat trips; they also went hiking and visited various interesting locations unique to Iceland.

There were many questions on the practicalities of the holiday particularly on a small cruise ship that could access remote parts of both islands far better than large cruise ships. John thoroughly recommended the tour.

Greenland has massive reserves of minerals especially rare earths and so is a tempting acquisition target for Imperial USA under Donald Trump.

See pictures at end.

Past President Tony Delich gave a well-earned vote of thanks and presented John with a Certificate of Thanks demonstrating Rotary International's worldwide mission to eradicate Polio.

Note: Corrin Caine is working up a project for execution in the NW Frontier of India where there are still cases of Polio.

2-Minute Noodles

Tim Dawe gave a very precise 2 minute noodles although he was short by at least 2 seconds. His talk was on his adopted elephant now living somewhere near Nairobi Kenya. Apparently they have a "Baby Elephant" show no doubt to give the mother elephants some relief. He did not play the "Baby Elephant Walk" by Henry Mancini – a 1970's favourite of Tim's?

Announcements

John W:

Op-shop Collective

There was a large shuffle with the need to five up the large store-room, that resulted in a loss of storage and products that could be displayed.

Nonetheless March was a reasonable month which raised over \$600, and the return of some of the larger stall holders. Last Sunday there was eight (8) Stallholders

There still is a lot of work needed in the central store to improve and increase the product display.

We now have a student from MLC who wants to undertake some community work to gain additional points within the school. She is planning to prepare an "Instagram" page that she believes will increase our Op-shop following and should attract more sellers and buyers.

Peter Blockley: Peter is still getting that all over radiation tan on some exotic beach lounge, sipping Tequila Sunsets. It has been three weeks now

Bernie Foley – Bernie spoke on the National Youth Science Forum, The brief district report is attached.

Remembrance

Bulletin Vacancy: Deadline 30th June 2025. Elizabeth will be retiring from Bulleting duties so a volunteer is needed to "step up to the plate". John Tick reckons some of you are wearing "Target Tee-shirts"!!!

Speaker Hunting Vacancy: Deadline 30th June 2025. Pat does a great job and you can assist by providing names and contact details of good speakers. Pat also needs a rest so a volunteer to take over or assist in Pat's duties would be welcome.

President's at Home. President's at Home is to be held this year at the home of John and Carmel Tick, 14 Hope Road Ardross 6153; 2.00pm till 6.00pm Saturday 24th May 25. It will be bring a plate function with drinks provided. It's a Docker's game day so maybe Geoff W and Dennis H should record the event. Carmel, John's responsible partner can be reached on Mob: 0488 100 928 for reliable coordination matters.

District Conference: Margaret River 28th-30th March 2025. More below:



DRAFT PROGRAM – PREPARED 22 February 2025 – Subject to Change

FRIDAY 28 MARCH 2025		
10:00	Golf Tournament	
14:00	Bush walk from Rotary Park and visit to Settlers Village.	
16:00	Registration Opens	
16:30	Showcase Opens	
17:00	Welcome drinks Bar open with token for a drink. Includes some Della Fay wine	Della Fay Wines tasting
17.55	Move into hall	
18:00	Conference Opening Evening - MC Barry House	
18:00	PLENARY SESSION 1 The Magic of Youth Focus on Youth Programs	
18:05	Acknowledgement of Country - Isaac Webb a Wadandi Custodian	
18:20	Exchange Students	Youth Exchange Students bring Flags on stage
18:35	Shire President - Julia Meldrum	Welcome to Margaret River
18:45	Jill Hanna and students	Youth Exchange Panel Q & A
19:05	Ian Ball & possibly participants	RYLA and RYPEN video of camp
19:15	David Cumming	Camp Opportunity video
19:25	Steph Stewart	Alternate leavers Project Timor
19:45	Youth Circus	Entertainment
20:15	Close - MC Barry House	

DRAFT PROGRAM

SATURDAY 29 MARCH 2025		
8:00	Registration And Showcase Open	
8.55	Move in	Music bells
9:00	PLENARY SESSION 2 Rotary in our Zone and District	
9.00	Riversong Community Choir	Musical Introduction
9:10	MC Barry House	Introduction

10:20	Morning Tea		
10.50	Move into Theatre	Bells ring music	
10.55	PLENARY SESSION 3 Compassion and Resilience		
10.55	MC Barry House	Introduction	
11:00	Lorraine Finlay	Australian Human Rights Commissioner Human Rights: Everyone, Everywhere, Everyday	
11.30	James Savundra	Interplast	
12.00	Prof Caroline Donovan	Sleep and Mental Health ARH	
12:30	Shelley O'Brien	Shelter Bag project	
12:35	Lunch		
13:25	Move back into Theatre	Bells and music	
13:30	PLENARY SESSION 4 Future WA		
13:30	MC Barry House	Introduction	
13:35	Prof David Caddy -Retired Chair of the WA Planning Commission	Can we Manage Western Australia's Future Growth?	
14:05	Jess Lingard Meteorologist	Shifting Skies: The future of weather in WA	
14:35	Narelle Koppers	Precious Plastic Margaret River Circular Economy -IV out of plastic. (Providing Speakers Gifts)	
14:50	David Tucker	Bicycles for Humanity	
14.55	Afternoon Tea		
15:25	Move back into Theatre	Bells and music	
15:30	PLENARY SESSION 5	Virtual World	
15.30	MC Barry House	Introduction	
15:35	Ross McKillop	How AI is changing our world	
16:05	Trish Blake. Commissioner for Consumer Protection	Scam awareness... stay informed and protect yourself	
16:35	John Stockbridge	RAWCS	
16.40	MC Barry House - Saturday Close		
17:30	Drinks with bar open	Two tokens for drinks for full registration and one for	
17.30- 18.30	Entertainment	Local Acts	
18:00	Dinner	Area in front of sound shell	
18:30	Concert	Band - Silverhare	
21.00	Close		

DRAFT PROGRAM

SUNDAY 30 MARCH 2025

8:00	Showcase Open		
8:55	Move into Theatre	Bells and Music	
9:00	PLENARY SESSION 6	Helping Others	
9:00	MC Barry House	Introduction	
9.05	Jade Lewis	Turning Pain into Purpose: A story of Triumph over /	

9:35	Cat Levine	Taking care of our mental health and well-being by set us up for life.
10:05	Megan McKrill	The forgotten victims of family & domestic violence
10:35	Wesley Sim	Shelterbox
10:40	Morning Tea	
11:00	Move Back into Theatre	Bells and Music
11:05	PLENARY SESSION 7	Rotary in Action
11:05	MC Barry House	Introduction
11:10	Rajendra Gautam	Revitalizing Rural Communities - A Success Story of
11.45	Vocational Training team from California	The California experience with human trafficking.
12.15	DGE Veronica Lawrence	2026 Conference Promotion
12.20	Jessie Harman and DG Pat	Closing Remarks
12:30	MC Barry House	Formal Close
12.35	Light lunch for those staying	
1pm	Free public movie	Fly From Everest made about 'Ken Hutt's attempt to fly a paraglider from Mt Everest'. Promoting Rotary p
2.35 pm	Cat Levine from New Zealand	Free public presentation on helping children understand mental health and wellbeing
4pm	Close	

DG Executive Assistant Judy Dinnason has shared with us some of the conference keynote speakers who are travelling long distances to join us at this year's conference to share their knowledge with us. "Cut and Paste Judy's contribution is:

Cat Levine from New Zealand and the Vocational Training Team from District 5300, Pasadena, California will be sharing their knowledge their areas of expertise; Cat in how taking care of our mental wellbeing is an excellent tool from our youngest members of communities, right through to our most experienced; and, the VTT team, the California experience with human trafficking.

Time is running out to register your club's entry in Glam Up Your Truck for the Rotary Foundation. You may already be working on your truck and have overlooked registering. We need your entries in ASAP so we know how much space to allow to display them in the venue. Your club could be the winner and acknowledged for a \$2000 donation to the Rotary Foundation.

Attendance:

Members and Guests - 17

Apologies - 10

Summary of Upcoming Meetings

- Thu 20th Mar: Doctor Tony Friend, Retired Research Scientist, Conservation of threatened marsupials-DBCA
- Thu 27th Mar: Mr David Thomas, CEO R2R Services Pty. Ltd, Village Management Specialists
- Thu 3rd Apr: Mr Jason James CEO, Cosmos Alliance, Water and Sanitation Projects in Africa & New Guinea
- Thu 10th Apr: Doctor Brian Collings, The Sinking of the "Achille Lauro"

President's Parting Thought - a Quotation

".... The **POSITIVE THINKER** sees the **INVISIBLE**, feels the **INTANGIBLE**, and achieves the **IMPOSSIBLE..**".

Winston Churchill



13 March, 2025

Dear Rotarians,

On behalf of the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF), I would like to express our gratitude for Rotary's invaluable support and involvement in the 2025 NYSF Year 12 Program. Your support has been instrumental in making this program a resounding success and an unforgettable experience for our program participants.

The NYSF Year 12 Program inspires and empowers the next generation of STEM professionals, securing Australia's future science and technology workforce. We are committed to ensuring as many talented young Australians as possible can participate in our programs and cultivate safe and inclusive pathways for students from historically underrepresented groups in STEM and those experiencing any other forms of disadvantage.

We are proud that 455 students completed the program this year, with representation from every state and territory across Australia. Of our participants, 68% identified as young women or gender diverse, 46% hailed from regional and remote areas, and 3% identified as Indigenous. We acknowledge and are grateful to the Rotary Clubs across Australia, which provided funding to families to help students attend the NYSF Year 12 Program. Thanks to funding from Partners and private donors, the NYSF also awarded 69 NYSF Access and Equity Scholarships to students in need.

The NYSF is also grateful for the invaluable support provided in promoting the program, supporting selections, and providing pastoral care during the program.

Over the two programs, we delivered:

- over 150 STEM visits,
- two keynote presentations,
- 16 specialist lectures,
- two great debates,
- two STEM communications workshops,
- two careers sessions (which included career expos and speed networking sessions), and
- six live crosses to destinations across the globe.

We are still sorting our photos and student feedback, but please visit our social pages to see a range of program highlights: [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

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We thank the Rotary representatives who shared their time, expertise, and enthusiasm, which left a lasting impression on the students who participated. We would be grateful if you could pass on our thanks to the Rotary Clubs and volunteers who were involved.

We deeply value our partnership with Rotary, our founding partner; thank you once again for your generous support. In the coming months, we will contact you with a comprehensive report and to discuss your feedback.

Kind regards,



Dr. Melanie Bagg
Chief Executive Officer