

The Mindarie Bulletin



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Rotary Club of Mindarie Inc. WA
District 9455 Club 83520
Chartered 11/2010

www.rotarymindarie.com

Meets every second Wednesday
At Quinns Mindarie Community Centre.
5:30pm for 6:00pm



It has been the way of Rotary to focus thought upon matters in which members are in agreement, rather than upon matters in which they are in disagreement.

Paul Harris



**ROTARY
HAS
HEART**

"Our success or failure will not depend upon the machinery of Rotary or its physical growth, but upon the extent to which Rotary's ideals or objectives are translated into positive, tangible results in personal, business, community, and international life. We shall be known by our works."

- Almon E Roth
RI President 1930-31

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



This Friday, February 23 marks a special occasion for Rotary in our region as we celebrate our 113th Birthday.

That's right, Rotary has been

serving the global community for 113 years.

That day is also called **World Understanding and Peace Day**. On February 23, 1905, little did Paul Harris and his three friends realise what they were starting when they met in room 711 of the Unity Building in Chicago.

This is a remarkable achievement and credit must be given to the millions of Rotarians worldwide who have dedicated their time and energy to Making a Difference to humanity.

I may be biased, but I think Rotarians in our area must be the hardest working volunteers in our large Rotary family.

From helping students to improve their literacy and numeracy skills, to building communities, providing clean water and good sanitation across south-east Asia, and fighting Polio, Rotarians are committed to making our world a better place to live.

If you want to help celebrate our birthday, then a perfect gift would be to consider joining the Rotary family.

With Clubs located right across our region (some towns even have two), there are plenty of like-minded people in your neighbourhood who want to ensure everyone – locally, nationally or internationally – has the opportunity to live a safe, healthy and fulfilling life.

For 113 years Rotarians have been helping build our communities into better places to live.

Now is your chance to join the campaign.

It's the best birthday present we could receive!

FEBRUARY 23rd IS

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL'S ANNIVERSARY

"Rotary has satisfactorily demonstrated the fact that friendship can easily hurdle national and religious boundary lines."
Paul Harris, Founder, 1935

Rotary  www.rotary.org

**END
POLIO
NOW**



CLUB MEETING NOTES

Second AGM 21st February 2018 Quinns Mindarie Community Centre

The meeting opened at 1840.

President Ralph welcomed those attending and advised that the purpose of this meeting was to continue on from the previous inconclusive AGM held in November 2017.

With the good attendance, we have the required quorum.

Progressing to the order or business:

- The Minutes of the first AGM held on 22nd November 2017 were accepted by the members.
- The "standard" Rotary Club Constitution, circulated by PDG Colin Thorniley, was adopted.
- The Rotary Club of Mindarie By Laws version 5 2018 were adopted by the Club.
- The meeting then progressed to the election of Club Officers.
 - At the last AGM, there had been three nominees for the role of President for 2018/19 – Dave Duvall, Jessica Andersen and current President Ralph Sirmulis.
 - Dave had declined and Jessica wished to consider it further and gain a better understanding of the role.
 - The meeting Chair asked if there were any other nominees for the role and there were none.
 - Jessica confirmed her intention to stand for the role of President.
 - At this point, President Ralph stated that he would not stand.
 - Jessica Andersen was elected as President Elect for 2018/19.
 - The only nominee for Secretary was President Ralph who stated that he had performed the role for the past two and a half years and would therefore decline the nomination.
 - As to the role of Treasurer, Fiona Congreve was elected.
 - PP Darren Meakins suggested that this meeting need not decide on the other Director/Board roles and perhaps consideration should be given to merging roles as the Club did not strictly adhere to the 5 Avenues of Service.
 - However, President Ralph indicated that Brian Butterworth had nominated for Vocational Service Director . He was elected to this role.
 - PP Sally Farr indicated that she was prepared to take on the role of Youth Services Director as she was involved in Rypen. She was elected to the role.
 - The roles of Secretary, Director Club Service, Director Community Service and Director International Service remain vacant. President Ralph advised that these roles can be appointed by the Board in the future.

Congratulations were offered to Jessica on her appointment as the next RCM President and appreciation given to President Ralph on his efforts over the year so far.

There being no other business the meeting concluded at 7:20pm.

CLUB MATTERS

Prior to the AGM, there was general discussion on a number of matters:

- The second semifinal of the 4 Way Test Speech Competition is being held at Portofinos next door next Wednesday. Those wishing to attend need to book now as the venue needs to know the numbers.
- As the Swap mart has not grown to expectations, the Board has been exploring alternatives. A recent option with great potential has surfaced in the last week. A great location at Ridgewood Park, home of the Quinns Senior Football Club, is under consideration and the Football Club is most amenable to a cooperative outdoor market. The Board will be considering this further.
- Easter is approaching and it is proposed that we need to prepare hampers as we did last year. However, perhaps we limit the number to 20-30. There was discussion about how we identified the recipients and Margaret will assist with getting names again this year. President Ralph indicated that some should be given to the Patricia Gilles Centre.
- Ryphen attendees will again be asked to bring Winter backpacks to the Camp for donation to the homeless and needy.
- The business database is still under preparation and we need to determine how we will make effective use of it.
- A suggestion was made that we need to improve the visibility and coverage of our Club Facebook page and this will be addressed at the next meeting.
- Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 7th March. As there is the 4WT Speech Competition next Wednesday, it was agreed that we would not meet on the 7th March.
- Jessica advised that she and her partner David, would be going on the Rotary trip to India at the end of March and that she had been advised that simple gifts go down well with the locals. Perhaps members might consider donations such as tennis balls etc for them to take with them.
- PP Sally advised that she will be a nana shortly. Congratulations!

SOCIAL MEDIA EXPLAINED



« I need to pee »



« I peed »



« This is where I pee »



« Why am I peeing ? »



« Look at this pee ! »



« I'm good at peeing »



The top two reasons people join Rotary are to meet new people and to get involved in their communities. Many of the non-Rotarians you know are looking for the same things. Invite them to help with a service project, attend a networking night, or participate in a club gathering so they can see for themselves how Rotary connects leaders to make positive change.

Consider these potential candidates for membership:

- Friends and family members
- Business and professional acquaintances
- Younger community leaders who are already connected to Rotary through Rotaract, RYLA, peace fellowships, Youth Exchange, and other programs

Gambling addiction hotlines would do so much better if every fifth caller was a winner.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Our Club has a strong Environment focus which is led by David Garnsworthy.

Sunday March 4th is National Clean Up Australia Day and we are returning to Mullaloo Beach to participate in this event. Please register your involvement with David.

Parking- car park North of Mullaloo Beach

Headquarters: 200 metres south of car park- (picnic area)

Start Time: 8AM

End Time: 12 noon

OH&S: Wear closed in shoes, sun-screen and drink lots of water.

Visit

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1>



Second Semi Final

Host Club Mindarie

Home of the 2017 State Winner

Venue: PORTOFINOS Function Centre

2 Quinns Road, Mindarie, WA 6030

Date: 28 February 2018

Time: 6pm for 6.30pm start

2 Course Meal \$45 pp

Book at the following link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?embed&eid=349968>

What is the Product They Want to Buy Every Week?



Value for Their Time and Money

- Interesting Speakers
- Quality Food
- Fun and Fellowship
- Networking
- Personal Development
- Professional Development
- Giving Back
- Making a Difference



Club Service: Ignite Your Prospects

The key to membership is
an active club

Interesting & Informative Meetings
Rotary Minutes
Great Programs
Fellowship
Participation in events



THOUGHTS

Perhaps there are six factors contributing to difficulties for some clubs and districts to recruit members and retain the members they have.

The six difficulties were

- lack of resources,
- lack of time,
- less prestige,
- less professional networking opportunities,
- lack of vitality and size, and
- lack of interest in community service.

Prestige may have mattered a lot a few decades ago, but is professional networking the main driver today?



STAY WITH US - ENJOY THE NEW ROTARY EXPERIENCE

Are you feeling a bit jaded about your Rotary involvement?

Thinking of leaving?

That's not unusual at this time of year as

busy people are faced with decisions about how to allocate their precious discretionary free time or what to spend their recreational budget on.

The big thing that's often overlooked is that spending a bit of your free time volunteering for a good cause is good for your mental health. Yes! A positive Rotary Experience will make you happier and healthier!

Rotary is also offering lots of different ways to participate. These include very time-efficient and low cost club models. So before you decide to go, look at all the options. You may be very pleasantly surprised.

CENTRELINK CALLER QUALIFIES FOR AGED PENSION WHILE ON HOLD



A Brisbane woman who rang Centrelink to enquire about a youth allowance 38 years ago has finally had her phone call answered and is now eligible for the aged person. Akshuali Broke, now aged 60, says she is overjoyed with the news that she's eligible to apply for the \$888 a fortnight aged pension, instead of the \$538 payments she would have received on Newstart when she started her call almost four decades ago.

"That's more than \$30 over the poverty line, so I guess you could say that spending the remainder of my youth navigating phone prompts in search of Centrelink's five remaining staff members has finally paid off," Ms Broke said.

While Ms Broke admits being on the phone during critical life events including her children's births and graduations was frustrating, she says the soothing tones of Mozart's Divertimento in F major have helped her through many of life's trials.

"If nothing else, this experience has taught me that there's nothing a continuous loop of one classical song and 23 years of waiting can't fix," she says.

When asked why she didn't just hang up the phone and get a job, Ms Broke replied, "Oh, but the back pay! Think of the back pay!"

There are concerns, however, about whether Ms Broke will see any money within her lifetime, as the Centrelink staffer who took her call said that now she was eligible for the aged pension, she would have to dial another number to lodge a new claim.

- The Shovel

Rita found her husband hanging in his bedroom this morning.

There was a note on his bed which read, "I can't take the criticism anymore."

She quickly cut the rope, brought him down and managed to revive him.

As her husband lay in her arms and slowly opened his eyes, she remarked:

"That's NOT how you spell criticism my dear!"

TRIVIA

- Bubble wrap was originally intended to be used as 3D wallpaper.
- Movie popcorn costs more per ounce than Filet Mignon.
- At the Wife Carrying World Championships in Finland, first prize is the wife's weight in beer.
- Researchers have found that swearing when in pain may release pain-killing endorphins.
- Enzo Ferrari told a man "you may be able to drive a tractor but you will never be able to handle a Ferrari properly." The man was so angry that he vowed to create the perfect car. His name was Ferruccio Lamborghini.
- In the 2011 census for the Czech Republic, over 15 thousand people listed their religion as Jedi.
- Scorpions are incredibly resilient: scientists have frozen scorpions overnight, left them in the sun the following day, and when thawed, the arthropod walked away unscathed.
- Almost all chickens eaten today come from the winner of the 1948 'Chicken of Tomorrow' Contest whose genetics now dominate poultry farms worldwide.
- The sun and moon appear to be the same size in the sky because of an astonishing coincidence: the moon is 400 times smaller but 400 times closer.
- Saint Patrick's Day began as a "feast day". To honor him, Christians could put aside their Lenten restrictions on food and alcohol consumption, which is why excessive drinking has become linked to the celebration.
- One in four Americans thinks that the Sun revolves around the Earth.
- The saying "it's so cold out there it could freeze the balls off a brass monkey" came from when they had old cannons like ones used in the Civil War. The cannon balls were stacked in a pyramid formation, called a brass monkey. When it got extremely cold outside they would crack and break off... Thus the saying.
- The combination "ough" can be pronounced in nine different ways. The following sentence contains them all: "A rough-coated, dough-faced, thoughtful ploughman strode through the streets of Scarborough; after falling into a slough, he coughed and hiccoughed."



*"We have an agreement in principle.
The question is, do we all have the same principles?"*

VOLUNTEERS WE NEED YOU

On **Saturday March 10th**,
ukelele players from groups around WA will be
gathering at Peter Moyes Anglican Community School
for a festival known as UKORAMA.

Last year's festival attracted over 400 ukulele
enthusiasts, including performers, families and friends.
The Festival showcased the talents of many of the
existing independent amateur ukulele groups in the
local community.

Our club has been asked to operate a sausage sizzle for
the attendees.

We need volunteers (5-6) between the hours of 4pm-
6:30pm to cut buns, cook sausages and serve
customers.

Another fundraising opportunity for us!

WHY **Linked in** MATTERS TO ROTARY

The Rotary changeover season is in full swing, as clubs install new leaders and the many significant achievements of Rotarians are recognised and briefly celebrated. With traditional modesty, the achievements of individuals are understated in favour of a more collective (and anonymous) sense that the Rotary club has done well. Again.

And another precious opportunity goes to waste as we fail to share the achievements of those Rotary champions with our communities.

The deeds of those individuals and teams whose work is recognised at changeover comprise the core of the Rotary Experience. The projects that change people's lives through literacy development, disease eradication, provision of clean water, youth development and much more are the essence of Rotary. Their stories describe what makes Rotary great. Celebrate those stories and we promote our Rotary clubs at the same time. The two are inextricably linked.

Social media (LinkedIn in particular) is a good place to tell those stories. Just by providing a single paragraph commendation for a successful Rotarian, we do two important things:

- Recognize an achievement and a job well done; and
- Demonstrate that Rotary clubs provide significant opportunities for personal growth while achieving for our community.

Go to LinkedIn, Facebook or your favourite social media channel and tell those stories now. The world is waiting.

*Kero O'Shea
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Charter President, Rotary E-Club of Western Australia*