

# REFLECTIONS

As we wind down for the Christmas break I thought I would reflect on our club activities and achievements this year.

We started the new Rotary year with lots of planning and enthusiasm. The club survey gave us good direction and we identified 3 key focus areas:

- Build up the Swap Mart
- Improve communication
- Grow our membership.

### Swap mart:

We have now progressed the swap mart to a weekly event and we are starting to see growth in numbers of sellers and buyers. We are unable to trade in December unfortunately, but look forward to a steady pick up in numbers as we implement new marketing ideas next year.

This continues to be our clubs bread and butter and we will continue to focus on growing this event. We are already seeing the benefits of a steady income being generated.

### Improved communication:

The website and Facebook have been substantially improved and we are seeing an increased number of visitors to these sites. Ralph has done an amazing job with the website and newsletter and we will continue to build on these forms of communication. Raylene has attended a Facebook Marketing course and will be focusing her efforts in this area to maximise our presence.

We introduced an internal communication tool called "slack." Some of us are enjoying this tool and others have not embraced it. We will continue to trial it for a few more months and then make a decision on its future. Tools like it are revolutionising communications in organizations so it may be worth sticking with it a little longer.

#### Member numbers:

Our decision to move our meeting venue and week night from Wednesday to Tuesday resulted in a clash of interests for a few members.

We said goodbye to Anil Weeratunge, Rani Dogra, David Hutton and Lisa Byfield and wish them well with their future plans.

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Club meetings will resume after the Christmas break on 12th January 2016 at Mindarie Senior College

If I have learned one thing since joining

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it's that I am not nearly as messed up as I thought I was!

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### Be a gift to the world

RI President K.R. Ravindran chose *Be a Gift to the World* as his theme for 2015-16.
Ravindran urges Rotary members to give the gifts of time, talent, and knowledge to improve lives in communities across the globe.

"Through Rotary, we can take these gifts and make a genuine difference in the lives of others and in our world."



To all Mindarie Rotarians and friends, a very happy Christmas and New Year to you all!





# REFLECTIONS (continued)

We also gained new members Sharon Kinraid, Raylene Quinn and Tina Burain, and currently have a few people interested in joining.

It is with great sadness that we also say goodbye to Tiffany who is joining Aaron in his photography business and we wish them both well in their exciting global adventure over the next few years. We will be watching with interest and expect lots of updates and pictures! Tiffany, your contribution to the club and to the Rypen program in particular has been exemplary and we hope you have enjoyed helping so many teens grow into adults.

Anil, Rani, David, Lisa and Tiffany, you are all always welcome to pop in to our meetings and stay in touch. Thank you for your contributions and service to rotary and our club over the years.

### So how have we helped others so far this year?

From an International perspective, we have our PNG project which is based upon providing Ampan Primary School in PNG with donations in kind.

Margaret and Ralph have done a good deal of planning and have built a good relationship with Mindarie Primary on this project. The joint approach will see this project grow into something substantial I am sure.

We have a container full of stuff to sort and resolve. Margaret is also taking a few bags of light "education material" up to PNG in the next few weeks, as a first "delivery" on our promise to help. She will also be scouting for input on their needs and looking at practical solutions to some of the logistical challenges we face with this project.

We also contributed funds to the Port Klang Special School in Malaysia and these funds would be used towards self sustainability as regards foodstuff.

### From a **local** perspective:

- We continue to support HAND and have collected a huge hamper of items thanks to everyone, especially Mike and Kath for your generous donations at the Xmas party.
  - We will also be making a financial donation prior to Christmas to assist them.
- Delivered to microscopes to Lancelin Primary School and Yanchep District School within the last 6 months.
- We have sponsored 5 students to participate in the Conoco Phillips Science Experience
- We continued to build our relationship with Mindarie Primary School, and assisted them with their Movie Night last weekend. In true RCM style, every outdoor event we are involved in seems to attract big dark rain clouds and this was no exception. Thanks to the rugged determination of Kath Gilbert and her team they stuck with it and put on a successful event
- We assisted the Rotary Club of Wanneroo by manning gate 1 for the weekend of the Show. It was great to collaborate with our neighbour clubs and we will continue to build on this relationship.



### So what is in store for the next 6 months?



Thanks to Pete and his diligent treasury work we have cash in the bank, a good idea of where we are headed financially, and will be planning and executing on projects and donations on an ongoing basis.

Sandy is back from her trip around the world and will be continuing with the Community Service portfolio. Thank you Margaret for stepping in and care-taking this role over the past 6 months - you did a great job and kept the wheel turning in challenging times.

Darren has stepped into the gap left by Lisa and will be heading up Club Service. We look forward to some informative and interesting guest speakers coming up. As you all know Sandy is President-Elect and we will start working on building continuity to ensure a seamless changeover at the end of June.

Mike and the Youth team will be extremely busy with RYPEN and we wish you guys a successful event. I encourage all members to get down there and help out for a few hours at some stage over the weekend - you will be amazed at the buzz and energy and will feel humbled by what we can achieve by serving others.

Our focus remains on Swap Mart, Membership and Communication. If our club is better off in these 3 key areas in 6 months time I will be delighted.

In the background the 4 presidents of Mindarie, Hillarys, Joondalup and Wanneroo have also been meeting, planning, and discussing issues and events with our Assistant District Governor Lindsay McLeod. We plan to build on this relationship for a greater presence of Rotary in our "Zone" and to share learnings and provide feedback to our District and Rotary International as appropriate.

A big thank you to Ralph, Peter, Margaret, Darren, Mike, Sandy and Sally for your unwavering support on the Board, and a huge thank you to everyone for your service to Rotary and all our causes. We are all volunteers doing a little bit to collectively make a difference, whilst having fun and making friends.

I wish you and yours a fantastic holiday break and look forward to a wonderful 2016. - President Nigel



# GET INVOLVED IN ROTARY

Like most members, you probably joined Mindarie Rotary club to help improve the quality of life in our community and make a difference in the world. Perhaps you also joined for the fellowship and contacts.

For more than a century, Rotary clubs have been providing vital service within their local communities throughout

the world. Their achievements are the result of dedicated member action and participation.

Research shows that the more Rotarians involve themselves in Rotary activities, the more committed and connected they become to their club and the association. Act now and volunteer your time and talents in those areas that are important to you and where you can make an impact, large or small.

Here are a few ways to become more active in your club — and in Rotary activities beyond the club level:

- Volunteer to serve on one or more club committees.
- Sit with different people at each meeting so you get a chance to connect with everyone in your club.
- Participate in your club's service projects and, whenever possible, get your family involved, too.
- Recommend a colleague or friend for membership in your club; bringing in new members is a key responsibility of all Rotarians.
- Make up a missed meeting at another club and bring some ideas back to your members.
- Attend your district conference and get to know Rotarians from other clubs.
- Work with one of the youth service programs Rotaract and Interact — sponsored by your club.
- Join one of the many Rotary Fellowships (Rotarians with common recreational interests, hobbies, or vocations) or Rotarian Action Groups (Rotarians with common service interests), and expand your Rotary acquaintance to other countries.
- Volunteer to host a Youth Exchange student or Group Study Exchange team visiting your district.
- Attend the RI Convention and learn just how international and interconnected Rotary service is.
- Get more information for new members at www.rotary.org.

A woman went into a busy cake shop and when it was her turn to be served she commented, "You know, I came into this shop 15 years ago when I was just a girl."

Snapped the harassed shop assistant, "I'm sorry about that but I'm serving as fast as I can."

# MINDARIE PRIMARY SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT

Despite the threat of inclement weather, the rain held off and Mindarie Primary School P & C movie night went ahead being reasonably well attended.

Children and adults alike watched the seasonal Muppets Christmas Carol movie. Mindarie Rotary Club members and Rotary exchange students showed up on force during the afternoon and evening and assisted manning the bouncy castle, refereeing the soccer match, selling drinks, fairy floss and glow sticks and generally supervising the event.

Mindarie Rotary's presence at this event was undoubtedly noticeable, information flyers were handed out and many chats with prospective Rotarians was had.

The event has raised over \$2,000 for the school P & C with raffle, ticket sales and other items being sold, so massive thanks must go out to the following members, guests, friends and the exchange students from many different countries who made the effort to support this event and helped in raising this fabulous amount:

Our thanks go to

- Mike Gilbert
- Sally Farr
- Tiffany Dowling
- Alan Ward
- Sarah Morgan
- Nigel Owen
- Raelene McAllister
- Cheryl Shaw
- Jack Morgan
- Dean Wood
- And Rotary Exchange students:
  - Maud France
  - Gonzalo Spain
  - Lauti Argentina
  - Oliver Denmark
  - Riina Finland

- Mike

A young wife mentions to her husband on her birthday that she has dreamed the previous night that she had been given a nice piece of jewelry.

"What do you think that might have meant?" she asks covly.

"I think you might find that out when I get home from work tonight," he replies with a smile.

That night she opens a lovingly wrapped present from her husband. It is . . . . a book entitled, Dreams *and their meanings*.







"IT LOOKS LIKE EVERYONE WILL BE GETTING WHAT THEY WANT THIS YEAR...SOMEBODY POSTED MY CREDIT CARD NUMBER ON THE INTERNET!"

# **WANNEROO SHOW EFFORT**

Back in August, President Nigel accepted RC Wanneroo's invitation to work with them at the Wanneroo Show. Our role would be to man one of the gates. As details of the task started to unfold in October, I have to admit that my first reaction was that we cannot do what is expected. The Wanneroo Show organisers wanted 5 people per shift for two shifts on Friday and 4 shifts on Saturday. This was a total of 30 people and our Club only has 22 members. However, we had commited and we could not let RC Wanneroo down.

After subsequent meetings with the organisers and RC Wanneroo and frequent communication with Bill "Mother Hen" Kell (RC Wanneroo), the roster was pared down to two shifts Friday and three shifts Saturday. Our role was to sell and collect entry tickets at Gate 1 – a major entry point.

Our thanks really go out to those who contributed their time on this big task:

- David Duvall (not a member yet)
- Sandy Jones
- Mike Gilbert
- Tina Burain and daughter Novella
- Nigel Owen
- Ralph and Myrtle Sirmulis
- Alan Ward
- Maud Fossaert
- Sally Farr
- Peter Andrews
- Raudhah Soffian (our 4 Wat Test entrant last year)
- Margaret Dull
- Brian Butterworth
- Darren Meakins
- Ralph Sirmulis

A very special thanks has to be given to Margaret Dull who was able to find student volunteers

- Fiona Tausem
- Renagi Robo
- Tristan Jones

without whom our task was so much harder.

Likewise, Mike had a Welsh visitor, Dean Wood, who with tireless humour braved the sun collecting tickets and letting vehicle in and out (bugger wouldn't wear his hat!).

By participating in this event, we were receiving \$10 per person per hour, which would net us around \$1100--\$1200 for our Community funds. This represents three Swap Marts.

From my view, the event was fun and I understand that we will be invited back next year.

- Ralph





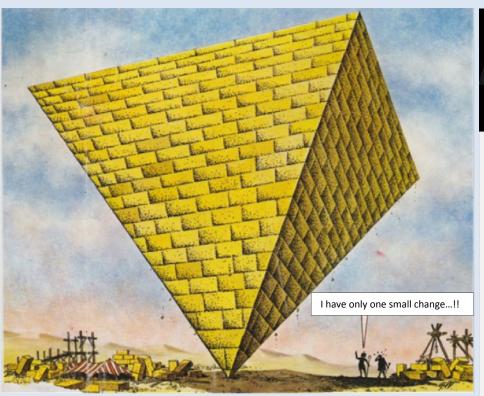


### According to Joan Rivers...

"I hate housework. You make the beds, you do the dishes, and six months later, you have to start all over again."

"I must admit I am nervous about getting Alzheimer's. Once it hits, I might tell my best joke and never know it."

"A study says owning a dog makes you 10 years younger. My first thought was to rescue two more, but I don't want to go through menopause again."





The Rotary Club of Mindarie is sponsoring five students from Butler College to attend the Conoco Philips Science Experience in December.

- Flynn Marland
- Harry Harrop
- Lindi Mynhardt
- Holly Tottman
- Tommy Reeve

This is in line with our philosophy to encourage/develop youth within our precinct and also a step in establishing a longer term relationship with the College.

# New Study Finds Box Still World's Most Popular Container



PHILADELPHIA—Noting its ability to enclose, protect, and transport a wide variety of objects, a University of Pennsylvania study published Monday confirmed that the box remains the world's most popular container.

"We found that when something needs to be stored or moved—be it tools, jewelry, pizza, even ballots—people tend to put their trust in a box more often than, say, a bucket or satchel," said the study's lead author, Susan Kemmis, who highlighted the rectangular containers' stackability and closable top as the key assets that set them apart from bags.

"Whether the item or items to be stowed away are large, small, heavy, or light, there tends to be a box of appropriate dimensions and rigidity to adequately contain them. The same can't be said of baskets, jugs, or barrels."

While later admitting that crates are the go-to container for shipping purposes, Kemmis emphasized that a crate could, in fact, be considered a type of box.



Q: Can a kangaroo jump higher than the Empire State Building? A: Of course. The Empire State Building can't jump.



As you will be aware, last year the Club donated funds to ShelterBox.

Each Box costs and average of \$1000 including all materials, packing, storage and distribution to individual recipients worldwide.

We have been advised that the RCM allocated ShelterBox numbers are **14004**, **14022**, **14023** and **14024**.

We can track our Shelterboxes by

- going to the ShelterBox website <u>www.shelterbox.org</u>, clicking on the "Track Your Box" button,
- then entering the country (Australia), and
- our box numbers.

We will then be able to see the destination when sent and the reason for the need for our ShleterBoxes.





### **Meeting Notes**



# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

# **Tuesday 24th November** at Mindarie Senior College

The meeting was opened by President Nigel Owen at 1809.

### Agenda item 1.

President Nigel welcomed those present, particularly Karina Martin, Sandy Jones and Brian Butterworth. Both Brian and Sandy had been on extensive travels.

### Agenda item 2

Apologies had been received from Geoff Newby-Butt, Nick Gerrard, Sharon Kinraid, Sarah Morgan, Raylene Quinn, Tracey Roberts and Lindsay Roberson.

Agenda item 3 was to nominate the Meeting Chair and President Nigel assumed the role.

Agenda item 4 related to the acceptance of the Minutes of the last AGM held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2015. There being no questions/issues, Nigel proposed that the Minutes be accepted and the motion was seconded by Cheryl. The Minutes were adopted by a vote of members present.

Agenda item 5 related to the acceptance of the 2014/15 audited financial statements. Brian Butterworth stated that there was no reason why the accounts should not be accepted as they had been audited and represented a true and accurate record of the Club's finances during 2014/15. Both Brian and PP Sally Farr signed off on these accounts and then Brian put the motion that the statements be accepted. The motion was seconded by Ralph and a vote of members present endorsed acceptance.

Agenda item 6 related to the appointment of the auditor for 2015/16. The motion was put forward by President Nigel that Clive S Bain continue as the Club's auditor for the next term and the motion was seconded by Peter Andrews. All members present endorsed this motion.

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Agenda item 7 related to amendments to the Club's By-Laws and the Constitution and Ralph was asked to speak to these.

Ten (10) amendments were proposed and discussed. Members endorsed the proposed changes as follows:

- By-Laws Article 2 Board with a minor wording change
- By-Laws Article 5 Meetings Section 1 as proposed
- By-Laws Article 5 Meetings Section 2 wording change associated with conformance to weekly meeting philosophy
- By-Laws Article 5 Meetings Section 4 as proposed
- By-Laws Article 6 Fees and Dues Section 1 as proposed
- By-Laws Article 5 Fees and Dues Section 2 as proposed
- By-Laws Article 9 Committees- as proposed
- By-Laws Article 16 Amendments minor wording change related to communication v mailed
- Constitution Article 1-6 Meetings dropped
- Constitution Section 2 Annual Meeting as proposed

Agenda item 8 was related to the election of officers for the Club for the 2016/17 term commencing 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016. The results are as follows:

- President Elect Sandy Jones
- Secretary Elect Ralph Sirmulis
- Treasurer Elect Peter Andrews
- Director, Club Service tba
- Director, Community Service tba
- Director, Youth Mike Gilbert
- Director, International Margaret Dull
- Director, Vocational Brian Butterworth

The meeting closed at 1908 hrs.

There was further general discussion related to:

- Wanneroo Show
- Mindarie PS Movie Night
- RCM Christmas Party
- SLACK and Email Communication
- Swap Mart

The above constitutes a brief summary of the AGM events and does not constitute formal Minutes of the Meeting. These have been prepared separately and are on file.



## Another day ends

All goals achieved
All staff motivated
All customers satisfied
All pigs fed and ready to fly...



# THE MISSING PAIGE

My exchange year in Switzerland has been crazy, full of ups and downs. It's coming to an end really fast, under 2 months! Switzerland has felt like home for a while now, which means that I sleep a lot more, | participate in school activities more often, I can speak the language (not perfectly, but to the point where I'm confident to start the conversation), and I've made my family a lot bigger and widened my friendship group. Exchange isn't just one year in your life it's a life in just one year.



I'm really excited to be coming home to my friends and family but I don't want to leave my friends and family here to. It's scary to think how fast this year has gone for me because I remember my first day in Switzerland so clearly and now I'm with my third host family and I remember thinking that me moving to my third host family was so far away. I'm excited to see that my friends back in Australia also want to go on exchange through rotary. Some even want to come to Switzerland.

I honestly can't remember everything that I've done this year, it's all a blur. I'm often asked about where I visited on my Europe tour and I can't remember what happened because I was so happy and having

the time of my life, it went so fast. I have to pull out a picture that tells me where I went! But I guess that's good thing! I hope!

I have so many highlights from my exchange, and quite a few low lights as well because exchange is tough and you miss so much, but honestly if I was given the choice again I would most definitely do it all again!

I did my big goodbye Rotary presentation a couple weeks ago, I was so nervous to be speaking German, and in front of older men. I stuffed up a few words but in the end it all went really good. I tried to make my speech a little different from other exchange students. Instead of doing a power point and talking at the same time. I did a five minute speech thanking my three host families, Swiss friends, exchange students, and finally thanking rotary. I pointed out my high lights from the year and I gave my personal definition of what I thought exchange meant to me. I then went on the play a photo film of my entire year. It was really hard to put a full year of smiles and good times into an eight minute video. I think they enjoyed it, and they laughed with me when I stuffed up.



I'm excited for the new outbounds to start their journey of exchange, and I'm excited to meet as many exchange students as I can that are exchanging in Perth. I hope that my parents will host more exchange students while I'm home, because I think it's easier to click with an exchange student if you've been on exchange yourself.

In a couple of weeks all of the Switzerland inbounds (105) are going to Zermatt for the weekend with Rotary for all the January inbounds goodbye weekend. I'm excited to go on the weekend, but sad at the same time, because it means we don't have much more time left. And it also means that I get more pins/badges for my blazer, which is getting really heavy!

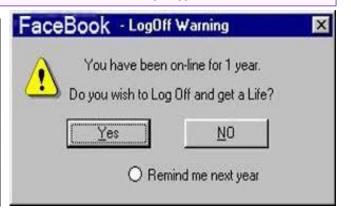
- Paige Higgins 16/11/15



## NOTICE

THIS DEPARTMENT REQUIRES NO PHYSICAL FITNESS PROGRAM.

EVERYONE GETS ENOUGH EXERCISE
JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS, FLYING
OFF THE HANDLE, RUNNING DOWN
THE BOSS, KNIFING FRIENDS IN THE
BACK, DODGING RESPONSIBILITY,
AND PUSHING THEIR LUCK.



# UN REPORTS CONCLUDES SOMEBODY SHOULD DO SOMETHING

NEW YORK, N.Y. (SatireWire.com)

A bold and exhaustive United Nations report on the deteriorating state of the world has concluded that somebody should do something.

Speaking to the U.N. General Assembly, special investigator Hans Tremmel said the overwhelming evidence of global suffering left him no choice but to bluntly declare that someone needs to take definitive steps and specific actions.

A meeting of the U.N. members have decided to do something. "Things should not be as they are and it's time for somebody to do something," Tremmel told U.N. members.

"And what that somebody should do is something — and I can't stress this enough — about it."

"He's right," said the U.S.

"Absolutely," said France

"Agreed," said Great Britain.

"Of course," said Russia

"Good," said the U.N.

"OK," said the U.S.

"So," said Great Britain.

"Yeah..." said Brazil.

"Um..." said India

"C'mon!" said the U.N.

"Alright," said Australia

"We're going," said Russia.

"Geez," said Spain.

"Here we go," said the U.S.

"On the way," said China.

"You first," said Norway.

"Right behind you," said Japan

"Then again..." said Turkey.

"Good point," said the U.S.

"And what if ...?" said France.

"There's that," said China.

"Not to mention..." said Russia.

"Naturally," said Morocco.

"I agree," said Poland.

"Gives you pause," said Germany.

"Makes you think," said Sweden.

"Thinking's good," said Australia.

"Uh-oh," said France.

"What's up?" said the U.S.

"Look at the time," said Spain.

"We'll miss lunch," said Brazil.

"No good us suffering," said Russia.

"Doesn't prove a thing," said Great Britain.

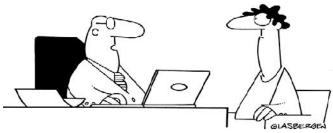
"Talk later," said India.

The U.N. report also recommended that if somebody doesn't do something soon, some kind of effective world body should be established to enable nations to work together and get things done.

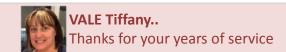
- SatireWire.com

# I'D AGREE WITH YOU, BUT THEN WE'D BOTH BE WRONG

Ancient legends claim that a birth mark indicates where a person was killed in their past life.



"135,817 Facebook friends...and not one of them will cosign a loan for you?"





The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers provides assistance and technical expertise to Rotarians planning and implementing projects, ensures the proper stewardship of Foundation grant funds, and assists Foundation trustees in the funding process. The cadre is composed of volunteer Rotarians from around the world who are familiar with the grant program and who also have technical and professional expertise in one or more of Rotary's six areas of focus.

Cadre members are involved in planning, monitoring, and evaluating humanitarian grant projects in the following ways:

- Application and project adviser assists with global grant applications and the implementation of projects.
- Technical reviewer assists Foundation staff by evaluating the technical feasibility of grant applications. These are desk reviews that do not involve travel.
- Site visitor evaluates the technical feasibility of a proposed project (advance site visitor) or the implementation of an ongoing project (interim monitor). These assignments involve travel to the project site and meetings with the sponsors, residents of the benefiting community, and representatives of any cooperating organisations.
- Auditor evaluates the financial management and oversight of grant funds. These assignments, which include random, routine, targeted, and operational audits, involve travel to the project site as well as meetings with the relevant stakeholders.

# My New Life in **Australia**

This year started when I took flights alone, and did my first long trip in a plane and when my feet touched the floor of another country: AUSTRALIA.



When I arrived, I saw friendly faces David, Mike and my new brother and sister. The atmosphere in my new family was as good as I felt welcome at home and like a member of the family. I had the chance to travel, visit and explore a lot during holidays (Jurien Bay, Mindarie, Yanchep National Park, Hilarys, BHP Billiton, Kings Park, Pinnacles, Christmas in July, Mundaring...).

Then I started school at Mindarie Senior College. One of the biggest challenges in a year of the exchange student because we spend a lot of time there. It's the place to make friends; we have new subjects; different habits in a new language. I also wore for the first time a uniform! For me it's new experiences every day, now I've got a lot of friends and feel comfortable in this school.

After one month in Australia it was my first meeting with the other exchange students. I was excited but also a bit sad because I missed my brother's birthday. This weekend was amazing with a lot of memories and in few hours we felt like a family!

For my birthday, I was so happy at Tiffany's party. It was an opportunity to know the people of the club. Then my awesome first family takes me to Margaret River for my birthday! A lovely time in beautiful places, with friends of the family. I was so surprised to be spoilt by everybody!!!!

I also realised one of my other dreams thanks to Mike and his school (Port School in Fremantle) as I went to another country, my second choice in my country list (Australia the first), MALAYSIA !!!! I went to Port school on several Wednesdays to participate in the project. It was hard to be part of a group or to be their friends but the trip made it easier. I loved the atmosphere, activities, places, people, and food in Malaysia. I also had the chance to meet Loic, a French exchange student from my district 1520 who spent his year there.

After three months already in Australia, it was time to change families. I was torn between sadness and surprise to discover my new family, the Wards, with many differences (for example

children, ages, habits, food, house...).

The good thing it's that I still spend time with Gilberts (Rottnest Island, Megan's concert) and we still are a family.



As an Australian, I did some surfing lessons: funny moments with exchanges and for me first time on a board. And yes, I stand up!!! Since I'm little, I wanted to try but I never had the opportunity before. I did a lot of thing with the exchange as dinner in the city, day on a yacht, free events...

And I also participated at a lot of activities with my friends at school like the Rock Climbing on hills, my concert and the bike trip...



I did a lot of volunteering in different places to help as much as possible (Malaysia, Government House Open day, Swap Mart, Sausage Sizzle, Wanneroo Show, Mindarie Primary School Movie Night...).



Now I'm looking forward to Christmas in summer even if I didn't see a lot of heat (coldest December since 1961 In Perth... I'm maybe because I'm here). I'm also so excited for Sydney for New Year with the exchange in few weeks. It's been now 5 months that I'm here and I can't believe it! The time flies so fast... I want to enjoy the most of it.

Thanks everyone who made and make me discover new things!!



Since July 2015, the Club has made donations to the following:

- Lancelin PS (microscopes) (\$462)
- Yanchep DHS (microscopes) (\$462)
- Port Klang School (\$500)
- Butler College (Conoco Science) Experience 5 students) (\$800)
- Mindarie PS Movie Night (\$250)

### **HOW IS ROTARY ORGANISED?**

A **Rotary club** is an organisation of business and professional leaders within a defined community. Its purpose is fellowship and service. It has a president and a board of directors who are elected annually. Club



members are adults of good character and reputation who are, or were prior to retirement, proprietors, partners, corporate officers, managers, executives, or leaders of a business or profession.

A **Rotary district** is a geographical territory in which Rotary clubs are associated for Rotary International administrative purposes. Each district is headed by a district governor, an officer of Rotary International, whose job is to assist clubs in the district. District governors are nominated by their districts, usually at the district conference, and elected for one-year terms at the RI Convention. The district conference is an annual meeting of Rotarians of the district which furthers fellowship and discussion of the affairs of clubs and Rotary International generally.

**Rotary International** is an association of Rotary clubs throughout the world. It is administered by a Board of Directors consisting of the President and President-elect of Rotary International and 17 other directors from around the world. Directors serve two-year terms and are elected at the Rotary International Convention. The convention, which is held annually in a major city, affords Rotarians the opportunity to deal with the association's business while expanding international fellowship and Rotary knowledge.

The **Council on Legislation**, the legislative body of Rotary International, meets every three years in a different part of the world. The clubs in each district elect a Rotarian to represent them at each council. Among the changes delegates have adopted: in 1995 the council opened past service membership to retired persons, and in 1998, the council allowed Rotarians to receive attendance credit for attending Club Service projects.

The World Headquarters of Rotary International is located in Evanston, Illinois, U.S.A., a suburb of Chicago. It has an international staff, headed by the How Rotary is organized 8 General Secretary. Service centers also are located in Parramatta, Australia; São Paulo, Brazil; Delhi, India; Tokyo, Japan; Zürich, Switzerland; Buenos Aires, Argentina; Seoul, Korea; and Manila, Philippines.



FOLLOW
YOUR HEART
BUT TAKE
YOUR BRAIN
WITH YOU

## **Tips For Training Your Dog**

Bringing a dog into the family can be as difficult as it is rewarding, and pet owners must set rules and boundaries for the newest members of their household. Here are The Onion's tips for training your dog:

- Start with simple commands like "sit" before working your way up to the more complicated ones like "fill the gaping void in my life."
- Remember that consistently good behavior will take time. You're letting an animal loose in your house.
- Set a good example for your dog by never chasing after cats, no matter how badly you want to.
- It's important to establish dominance. Show your dog who's boss by cleaning up its waste and paying for all its food.
- Consistency is key. Remember to use the same expletive every time your dog chews up your shoes.
- Dogs crave clear direction, so be sure to schedule yours for quarterly performance reviews.
- Remain patient during training sessions with your dog, as English is not its first language.
- Rather than simply saying "no" to your pet, engage it in a constructive dialogue about the moralistic implications of the undesired behavior.

- The Onion

# FINAL EDITION OF THE MINDARIE BULLETIN



The Editor of the Mindarie Rotary Club Bulletin wishes to advise its readers that this will be the final edition of this Bulletin.. that is, until next year!

I always wanted to have a misleading headline similar to those used by the supermarket magazines!

### DISTRICT HELP REQUIRED

District is looking for people to help the Rotary WA story to come to life. Rotarians enthusiastic about enhancing Rotary communications in our State are wanted:

- To form a task/coordination group
- To provide specialist expertise
- To participate actively in wider reference or focus groups

If you are able to contribute your time and expertise, contact Warwick Smith (<a href="mailto:sirocco@highway1.com.au">sirocco@highway1.com.au</a>) or on 0419 967 628 (A/H)