

# The Mindarie Bulletin





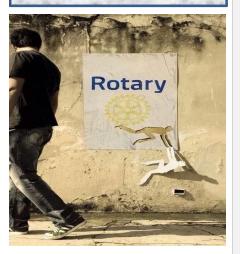
Rotary Club of Mindarie Inc. WA District 9455 Club 83520 Chartered 11/2010

www.rotarymindarie.com

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



"Just as Rotary itself can never keep its place unless it is constantly growing, so each individual Rotary club cannot afford to stand still while the stream of life moves onward." - RI President Armando de Arruda Pereira 1940-41









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### WE HAVE ACHIEVED MORE THAN WE THINK

- Reflections on 2017 by President Ralph



The 2017 calendar year has been somewhat eventful. Early in the year, we said farewell to a number of long serving Club members, including our President, who decided to leave Rotary due to the demands of family and work. In addition we have had some members on long term leave of absence.

We struggled to have a regular meeting venue and thus could not add interest to our meetings through guest speakers.

Let's look at our Club. For most of the year, we have operated with only 13 members. The average age of our membership is 47 and we have more female members than male. All members are in full time employment and only one member is a retiree.

Despite such hurdles and being a small Club, we have been energetic, as demonstrated by what we have accomplished this year. We have:

- Completed our first major project involving collection of donations in kind to fill a 20ft shipping container which was dispatched to Ampan in Papua New Guinea
- Continued running our weekly Sunday Swap Mart staffed by two members.
   Whilst not reaching our expectations it has nevertheless raised monies for our charitable fund.
- Undertaken a number of sausage sizzles some being fundraisers and others being profile raisers. These included the usual several Bunnings sizzles at Mindarie, Riding for the Disabled at Carabooda, the opening of the Quinns Mindarie Community Centre, several community oriented sizzles in the Catalina Estate and a community sizzle at Caversham. These activities have raised \$5600 for our Club.
- Made up 20 Easter hampers which members distributed to the needy and disadvantaged in our local community.
- Distributed some 40 winter backpacks to the homeless and needy though Mercycare and the Salvation Army at Merriwa. These backpacks and some of the contents were donated by the RYPEN camp attendees and were supplemented with items purchased by the Club

# CLUB MEETING NOTES

### **CHRISTMAS SUNDOWNER**

6th December 2017, Indi bar, Mindarie Marina



Our members and guests assembled at the Mindarie Marina Indi Bar for a light repast , drinks and fellowship.



It was a good evening and in particular, our RYE student Kaisla



made sure that we all knew that Finland celebrates 100 years of independence on this exact day. The Finns achieved independence on December 6, 1917.



Our thanks to PP Nigel for kick starting this evening's event by winning a business card draw entitling him/us to some complementary food and drink.

There are three kinds of people in this world

- Those who make things happen
- Those who watch things happen
- And those who wonder what happened



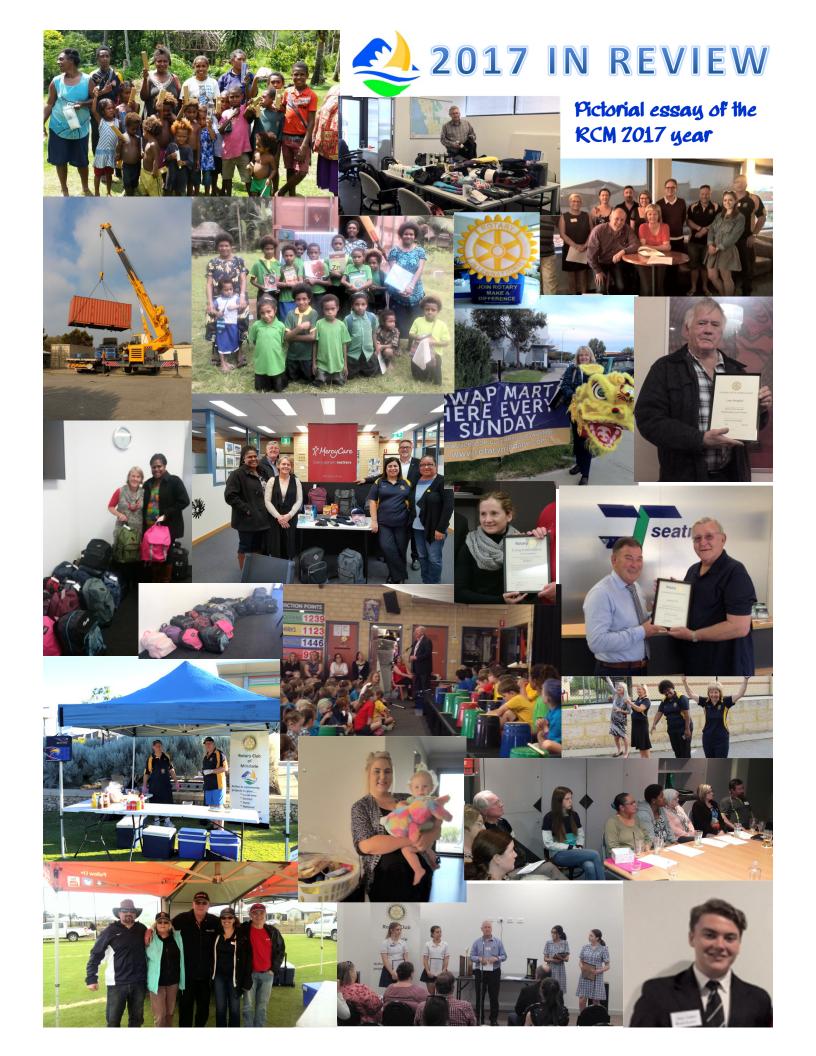
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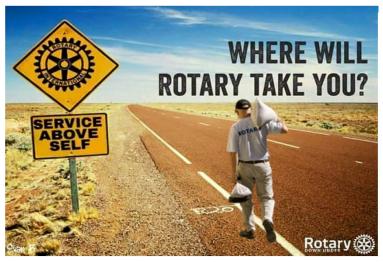
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- Established a working relationship with several organisations so that we can "Make A Difference in our Community"
  - Mercycare and the Salvation Army at Merriwa who are at the frontline of dealing with those whom we are intending to assist;
  - The Northern Suburbs Mens' Shed who helped us with the Ampan project;
  - RAAFA aged care villages at Merriwa and Cambrai
- Again assembled and delivered 50 Christmas Hampers to the aged residents in the RAAFA Merriwa and Cambrai villages, to Mercycare Merriwa for distribution to the needy and disadvantaged "drop ins" to the hub and, the balance to the Patricia Giles Refuge centre.
- Selected and coached the winning year 10 student, Harry Harrop, of the District 4 Way Test Speech Competition.
- Worked on creating an identity for the Club i.e.
   "making A Difference in the Community" though helping the needy, homeless and disadvantaged in our Community.
- Built upon our existing relationship with Butler College through being asked to present their first citizenship award to a year 12 student. This award will be presented by the Club annually at the annual graduation ceremony.
- Finally settled on a terrific venue offering permanency and space for our Club meetings. The Training room at the Quinns Mindarie Community Centre is booked for 12 months and now guest speakers are being sought.
- Extended our relationship with more schools in our community (via the 4 Way Test Speech competition) to now include Peter Moyes Anglican Community School, Irene McCormack Catholic College and Quinns Baptist College.
- Again assisted RC Wanneroo in manning one of the gates at the Wanneroo Show with an excellent turnout of members and friends for which we received a good donation.
- Rendered financial and material assistance to a deserving family in time of need.

We should be proud of what we have done and remember that we can only get better!

# The 3 C's of life: CHOICES, CHances, CH

You must make a choice to take a chance or your life will never change.





A man woke up in a hospital after a serious accident. He shouted, 'Doctor, doctor, I can't feel my legs!' The doctor replied, 'I know you can't - I've cut off your arms!'



Earlier this year, President Ralph presented his strategic plan for the Club. This can be viewed on our website.

The vision was:

A revitalised Rotary Club of Mindarie that has an effective membership base, meets the needs of members and, is motivated and engaged to meet the goals of Rotary.

Achievement of this required focus on three critical success factors:

- □ Grow Membership
- ☐ Improve Team Spirit
- Relationship building

So we are now 6 months into the Rotary year and it is worth a brief look at how we are progressing against that Plan.

**Membership:** The goal is to grow the membership to 25 by the end of this Rotary year. We are not doing too well as yet although we have 5-6 prospective members in the wings (2 to be inducted in the new year). Targeted membership is the goal.

Improve Team Spirit: This entails changing the club culture and improving member engagement and thus involves many different aspects. Small steps have been taken and the situation is showing some signs of improvement as we now have a home. However, there is much work to be done.

Over the next 6 months, significant effort will be focused on the Rotary fellowship aspects through making our meetings more interesting with some guest speakers already lined up; using a small 2 person team approach to planning events and activities; and increasing the social side which we all agree needs improvement.

**Relationship Building**: In this area we have made some progress. We have relationships with several community groups and embryonic relationships with 4-5 schools – in addition to Mindarie PS. Where we need to put in some effort is to build relationships with local businesses. Steps are underway.

The journey of a 1000 miles starts with the first step!



Her arrival details are:

Qantas QR900 9th January at 1840.

Please feel free to welcome her at the airport if you are able. Her Placement Coordinator Jill Hanna and the RYE Chair Joanne Bowen, will be there as well.

A mediocre idea that generates enthusiasm will go further than a great idea that inspires no one.

### **PEOPLE** OF **ACTION**

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Together, we are setting in motion our global effort to help the world better understand who we are: people of action, driven by a desire to strengthen communities, mobilize problem solvers, and find solutions to the tough challenges that affect people around the world.

Starting now, you can visit the Brand centre to download new People of Action templates for social media posts and print ads. You can also download the video public service announcements that debuted at the Atlanta convention, as well as guidelines and tips on using the campaign. Use all of these to tell your own stories about how your club and district are taking action and bringing leaders together to make an impact in your community.

We are very proud of this new campaign and the opportunity it gives us to tell a consistent, compelling story about what makes Rotarians people of action. In the coming months, we'll add more resources to the Brand Center. We hope that you take advantage of these materials, because they'll help you to get the full benefit of the campaign by promoting both your club and Rotary in your community. Join us and bring the People of Action campaign to life by visiting the Brand centre today. The more we build awareness of Rotary, the easier it will be to make an impact in our communities right across the world.

— Ian RiseleyPresident, Rotary International



I wanted to send some sort of holiday greeting to my friends, but it is so difficult in today's world to know exactly what to say without offending someone.

So I met with my lawyer

yesterday, and on his advice I wish to say the following to you my dear friends:

Please accept with no obligation, implied or implicit, my best wishes for an environmentally conscious, socially responsible, low stress, non-addictive, gender neutral celebration of the summer solstice holiday, practiced with the most enjoyable traditions of religious persuasion or secular practices of your choice with respect for the religious/secular persuasions and/or traditions of others, or their choice not to practice religious or secular traditions at all.

I also wish you a fiscally successful, personally fulfilling and medically uncomplicated recognition of the onset of the generally accepted calendar year 2018, but not without due respect for the calendars of choice of other cultures whose contributions to society have helped make our country great (not to imply that Australia is necessarily greater than any other country) and without regard to the race, creed, colour, age, physical ability, religious faith or sexual preference of the wishes.

By accepting this greeting, you are accepting these terms:

This greeting is subject to clarification or withdrawal. It is freely transferable with no alteration to the original greeting. It implies no promise by the wisher to actually implement any of the wishes for her/himself or others and is void where prohibited by law, and is revocable at the sole discretion of the wisher. This wish is warranted to perform as expected within the usual application of good tidings for a period of one year or until the issuance of a subsequent holiday greeting, whichever comes first, and warranty is limited to replacement of this wish or issuance of a new wish at the sole discretion of the wisher.

Disclaimer: No trees were harmed in the sending of this message; however, a significant number of electrons were slightly inconvenienced.



# ANOTHER INTERESTING PROJECT

### Secondary Schools Culinary Challenge

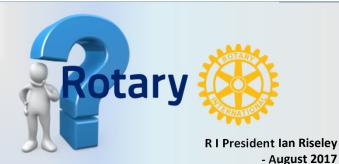
Each year the Australian Culinary Federation (ACF) conducts a cooking competition for secondary school students in each Australian state. The aim is to give students an insight into the hospitality industry and to identify and encourage those who demonstrate a talent and a passion for cooking. It also opens the door for future training and employment.

This annual project saw Rotary Adelaide West Club working in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Port Lincoln to sponsor two teams of 2 students from Port Lincoln High School to compete at Regency Park TAFE on 27th May 2016.

Following this first competition, the international challenge is then held in October in conjunction with the National Apprentice competition at Campbeltown NSW.

Running since 2004, the International Secondary School Culinary Challenge (ISSCC) enables young culinary students to engage in cultural exchanges whilst expanding their professional and personal development in their field of hospitality studies. The ISSCC is an annual event run by the Australian Culinary Federation in conjunction with The World Federation of Chefs. This involves secondary schools from countries including New Zealand, Japan, Tahiti, Taipei, Canada, New Caledonia, China and of course Australia.





When someone asks you, "What is Rotary?" what do you say? I think we've all had the experience of being asked that deceptively simple question and finding ourselves suddenly at a loss for words. Even the most articulate among us have a hard time capturing the essence of our organization in just a few sentences.

As an organisation, Rotary has always had a difficult time conveying the scope of our work: not just what we do, but how we do it, and the value of what we contribute to the world.

As an accountant, I like numbers. They work in every language, and often they communicate complex information much more effectively than words. That is why, in this Rotary year, I am asking each club to provide Rotary headquarters with two numbers: the amount of money, both in cash and in kind, spent on humanitarian service; and the number of hours of work performed in Rotary's name.

If we want these numbers to be useful, they have to be accurate. That means beginning now to accurately track the hours and the money that our clubs spend on their service.

The simplest way for clubs to provide this information at the end of the year will be by entering it every month on Rotary Club Central – a tool that has been completely rebuilt and relaunched to be significantly more useful, and user-friendly, than it has been in the past. If for some reason (for example, limited internet access) your club is not able to connect to Rotary Club Central, please be in touch with your district governor, who will ensure that your information can be submitted through other means.

I cannot emphasize strongly enough that the goal of this effort is not getting the largest and most impressive numbers. There is not going to be any competition, recognition, or public use whatsoever of the numbers reported by any individual club.

The goal is accurate and reliable numbers that we can present confidently in our public image work, in our membership materials, and to our partners — numbers backed by specific data, on the club level, that answer not only the question, "What is Rotary?" but the question, "What does Rotary do?"

I strongly believe that with these numbers, we will be better able to demonstrate the value of *Rotary: Making a Difference* – which in time will enable us to make more of a difference, for more people, in more ways, than ever.

"Golf is a game that is played on a five-inch course – the distance between your ears." - Bobby Jones



#### 6-7-8 April 2018 GERALDTON WA

Finding Happiness in Rotary Service





- A giraffe can go without water longer than a camel..
- The name Wendy was made up for the book "Peter Pan."
- Barbie's full name is Barbara Millicent Roberts.
- Every time you lick a stamp, you consume 1/10 of a calorie.
- The average person falls asleep in seven minutes.
- Studies show that if a cat falls off the seventh floor of a building it has about thirty percent less chance of surviving than a cat that falls off the twentieth floor. It supposedly takes about eight floors for the cat to realize what is occurring, relax and correct itself.
- Your stomach has to produce a new layer of mucus every 2 weeks otherwise it will digest itself.
- The citrus soda 7-UP was created in 1929; '7' was selected after the original 7-ounce containers and 'UP' for the direction of the bubbles.
- 101 Dalmatians, Peter Pan, Lady and the Tramp, and Mulan are the only Disney cartoons where both parents are present and don't die throughout the movie.
- 'Stewardesses' is the longest word that is typed with only the left hand.
- To escape the grip of a crocodile's jaws, push your thumbs into its eyeballs - it will let you go instantly.
- Reindeer like to eat bananas.
- No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver and purple.
- The word "samba" means "to rub navels together."
- The electric chair was invented by a dentist.

#### INTERESTING PROJECT

Job interview exercise with year 12 students

Margaret River Rotarians and other community volunteers conduct a job interview exercise with year 12 students from the school's vocational studies program. Approximately 50 students participate in the interviews; do a self-assessment of their experience and receive feedback from the community volunteer interviewers in a wide range of businesses.



INSTEAD OF PASSWORDS, MY NEW PHONE RECOGNIZES MY FINGERPRINT! HOW CONVENIENT IS THAT?











BREAK OUT YOUR BOARDIES OR SLIP ON A SARONG... DRESS IN YOUR BRIGHTEST BEACH CEAR AND JOIN FELLOW ROTARIANS AND OUR DISTRICT 9465 RYLARIANS FOR A GREAT NIGHT OF FUN AND FRIENDSHIP.

WEDNESDAY 17TH JAN. 2018 6PM FOR 6.30PM DINNER SERPENTINE CAMPING CENTRE 22 TRANSIT ROAD. SERPENTINE. WA

RSVP WITH ANY DIETARY REQUIREMENTS TO IAN BALL BY FRIDAY 3RD JANUARY 2018

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