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In the News

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TRAILER APPRECIATED

A TRAILER to help distribute food and clothing has been donated to a Merriwa charity supporting homeless and disadvantaged people.

Mindarie Rotary Club president Nigel Owen said they raised about \$2500 to donate a trailer, with signwriting, to HAND (Homeless, At Risk, Needy, Disadvantaged).

“Until the provision of the trailer, the volunteers would have to collect and distribute the clothing and food using their private cars,” Mr Owen said.

“HAND was delighted. The provision of the trailer now means that they can provide a mobile service to the homeless and no longer have to create a convoy of vehicles.

“They are also very happy to be able to extend their services to other areas such as Fremantle and Midland.”

He said a certificate of appreciation was presented to the club, with a heartfelt speech by HAND’s Tanya Cairns.

Entry and sellers fees at the fortnightly Mindarie Rotary Club Swap Mart help to raise much-needed funds for local projects.

The next swap mart, held at the Ocean Keys covered car park, will be held on Sunday, August 2, with sellers to attend from 6.45am for \$10 per site and buyers at 7.30am for a gold-coin donation.

For more information, visit rotarymindarie.com.



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."



DO YOU KNOW FACEBOOK?

Someone required for the Bulletin and Facebook management as a regular editor.

- RS



Rotary Club of Mindarie

MEETING NOTES



CLUB MEETING Tuesday 21st July at Mindarie Senior College

The meeting opened at 1805 with poor attendance, once again.

Apologies were received from Brian Butterworth, Rani Dogra, Sally Farr, Karina Martin, Alan Ward, Sandy Jones, Darren Meakins, Tracey Roberts, Geoff Newby-Butt, Sharon Kinraid, and Lindsay Robeson.

Nigel acknowledged the guests attending: prospective new members Martina Burain, Raylene Quinn and Julie Baleu; our guest speaker Kath Gilbert and our exchange student Maud Fossaert.

Mention was made of the makeup by Rani who attended the Hilary's Club meeting.

Mike Gilbert was asked to stand in for Sally as Sergeant-at-Arms.

The toast to Rotary was given by Brian Baily.

Mike introduced Maud, our Rotary Youth Exchange student, and stated that taking on an exchange student is a daunting task and that there is always the question in one's mind as to whether or not it will work? However, Maud has rapidly become one of the family and learned the "Gilbert way".

Tiff also mentioned that she had observed how Maud has become one of the family.

Maud gave a presentation to members about her background and life in France.

Ralph presented information as to the incoming mail and requests for donations that RCM had received.

Director's Reports were then given.

Community & International Service

Margaret presented the Community and International Service report

- Margaret stated that the International Service budget had been drafted and sent out to Committee members for consideration.
- There is a presentation to Mindarie Primary School planned for the 27th July
- They are awaiting feedback from Tanya as to when the HAND trailer can be displayed at the SwapMart
- We can't put the Money Spinner at Coles in Butler as Wanneroo have beat us to the draw. Yanchep and Kinross might be options.
- The SwapMart roster has been revised for 3 person teams.
- Mindarie PS has responded that there around 10 ~~student who could be available to assist SwapMarts.~~

Youth Service

Mike presented the Youth Committee report.

- The Committee had not yet met but is scheduled to meet on 3rd August.
- Draft budget is done
- He would like the Committee to be looking at new types of events and activities - apart from the traditional RYPEN, RYLA etc. This included fundraising opportunities/options.
- Likewise he would like to see more participation from the schools in the area as regards students for the 4 Way Speech competition. He has prepared a booklet on the 4Way Speech competition which is available to anyone who wishes to see what's involved.
- He mentioned Camp Opportunity and that the Committee would look at this event.

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– it's there for Members**





Brian Baily questioned the Committee approach to fundraising to which Nigel responded that all contacts with organisations etc would be centrally coordinated so that we didn't approach someone who had already been approached..

Club Service

Lisa presented the Club Service report.

- Additional people are required for Club Service as it is only herself and Darren.
- She thanked Jack for his assistance in setting up tonight's venue.
- She raised the issue that when notices of meetings are sent out, it is assumed that all members **WILL** be attending unless they notify her by Tuesday am. Otherwise the policy is that members will be charged for the meals.
- A social event, which is an Aussie themed gathering is planned for the 15th August at Tiffany and Aaron's. It is a "bring a plate" event and details are available on the website.
- As regards the Christmas party, the possible date has been changed to the 15th December and Nigel has kindly offered his place as the venue.

Tiffany complimented Lisa on the meeting venue setup .

Lisa also raised something that is of great concern to her and that is drug addiction in our society. She mentioned a the Fresh Start Recovery Seminar that is occurring in the near future and that people need to be aware of how prevalent drug abuse is in our society. Peter also reinforced how unaware we all may be as to the prevalence and availability of drugs in our communities.

Peter then presented the Treasurer's report

- Access to the accounts was only achieved last week.
- Administration account has a balance of around \$6500
- The Charitable account has a balance of \$2500
- RCM is starting the year with a \$9000 balance as compared to last year's \$12000 starting balance.
- There are considerable payments to be made in respect of Rotary International dues, Rotary District dues and Rotary Down Under subscription.
- Consequently, members are asked to pay their dues as soon as possible - beyond the initial payments already made.

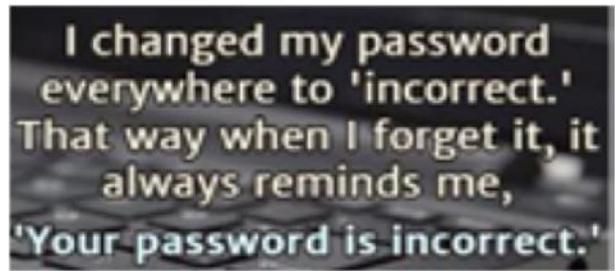
- SwapMart for the last two events has raised a gross of \$1322 with costs still to come out. Because we have no historical information (other than Jan-June 2015) we can't tell if the winter is a traditionally slow period.

Kathryn Gilbert then gave a presentation on Mindarie Primary School and its activities and the strategic alliance with RCM

Mike then took on the task of Sergeant-at-Arms and with humour, aplomb dispensed fines left, right and centre.



The meeting closed at 1920



Sharon and "princess" Jack





Kathryn Gilbert
President
Mindarie Primary School
P&C Association

Kath enlightened us with a presentation on the fundraising activities of the P&C in respect of the school.

The P&C comprised 10 mothers and 3 teachers and when fundraising events take place, the entire school is involved as well as volunteers from parents and teachers.

Events include

- Lap-a-thon
- Lunches
- Easter raffle
- Mother/father stalls
- Raising awareness in the community as regards recycling and a possible community garden

To assist in the fundraising process, the school Principal has prepared a booklet which identifies what items are needed and the cost of those items. This seems to really assist when asking parents and others for donations.

Mindarie PS has some 800 children in around 500 families and publishes newsletters and welcome packs (for new arrivals in the area).

Some of the events that the school is considering are

- Community Fete
- Family Movie Night
- Concert in the Park
- Carols by Candlelight

Kath mentioned that she saw the mutual benefits of a strategic alliance with RCM. The Club had already donated \$2400 towards a science garden and the school had made a donation "in kind" of school equipment for the PNG international project.

These resources could be useful to RCM in spreading the news about Rotary and the SwapMart and other RCM activities.

The school could also be used to assist in collecting Christmas donations for HAND.

MAUD presents



Maud gave us a presentation on her background i.e. her family, her likes and dislikes, the region in France where she lives, in order for us to "understand" our new exchange student.

She is sponsored by Rotary District 1520 in Lille, France.

Of particular note was the information about the gastronomical aspects and her amusing quip when comparing our winter temperature in Jurien Bay being 25 degrees which is what they might get in summer in France.

Her presentation is available on the website.



11th October
Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
Volunteers needed

All my life I thought air was free, until I bought a bag of chips.



Volunteers required to man Clarkson station, wearing silly hats, to raise money for Mental Health Research
9th October 7:00-9:00 am

DonateLifeWeek 2015

SUNDAY 2 AUGUST – SUNDAY 9 AUGUST

From Jerry Pilcher-

Over 1100 Rotary Clubs across Australia are urging families to 'have the chat' about organ and tissue donation with their loved ones and register their donation decisions during DonateLife Week.

Rotary's participation in DonateLife Week 2015 was prompted by the story of Jack Wilson, the grandson of one of the 21 Rotary District Governors in Australia. Jack was born with nephrotic syndrome, a congenital kidney disease which resulted in lengthy periods of hospitalisation.

Jack had to return to hospital initially five days per week for four hourly sessions of protein infusion, then moving onto 10 hours home dialysis every night. From three days after his birth in mid 2013 Jack had a tube protruding from his body – no bath, no beach, no pool - until finally at the age of 21 months, Jack's life was transformed with the gift of a kidney transplant.

"For Jack, a new kidney has meant a return to normal eating, boundless energy and no more lines (with their risk of infection). It's such an incredible gift. We know that Jack will need more kidney transplants throughout his life, but for now we're excited and hopeful for his future" says his mother Tammy Wilson.

Professor Jonathan Craig from Westmead Children's Hospital Sydney said, "Australia is a world leader in organ and tissue transplants. But we depend entirely on the compassion of ordinary Australians who make a decision which enables us to change lives."

"As an organ and tissue donor, you could transform the lives of 10 or more people. It's important to go onto the internet and register your donation decision on the Australian Organ Donor Register and, importantly, that you share your decision with those closest to you. Registered organ donors are truly a gift to the world."



We Need You!
to attend Club Meetings!!

"To optimise every potential organ and tissue donor, we each need to have the chat with our family members so that we know each other's donation decision. Having the chat can make a life-saving difference to people waiting for a transplant. It can be the difference between seeing and being blind, mobility and never walking again".

In Australia, the family will always be asked to confirm the donation decision of their loved one before donation for transplantation can proceed.

"Families that have discussed and know each other's donation decisions are much more likely to support donation proceeding. This is a conversation that could one day save lives,".

DonateLife Week is Australia's national awareness week to promote organ and tissue donation and is led by the Organ and Tissue Authority.



FOUR AVENUES OF SERVICE

The term "Four Avenues of Service" is frequently used in Rotary literature and information. The "Avenues" refer to the four elements of the Object of Rotary: Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service and International Service.

Although the Avenues of Service are not found in any formal part of the constitutional documents of Rotary, the concept has been accepted as a means to describe the primary areas of Rotary activity.

- "Club Service" involves all of the activities necessary for Rotarians to perform to make their club function successfully.
- "Vocational Service" is a description of the opportunity each Rotarian has to represent the dignity and utility of one's vocation to the other members of the club.
- "Community Service" pertains to those activities which Rotarians undertake to improve the quality of life in their community. It frequently involves assistance to youth, the aged, handicapped and others who look to Rotary as a source of hope for a better life.
- The Fourth Avenue, "International Service," describes the many programs and activities which Rotarians undertake to advance international understanding, goodwill and peace. International Service projects are designed to meet humanitarian needs of people in many lands.

When a Rotarian understands and travels down the "Four Avenues of Service," the Object of Rotary takes on even greater meaning.

TRUTH ABOUT "S'TRALIA "?????"

The following is by Douglas Adams of "Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" fame.

"Australia is a very confusing place, taking up a large amount of the bottom half of the planet. It is recognizable from orbit because of many unusual features, including what at first looks like an enormous bite taken out of its southern edge; a wall of sheer cliffs which plunge into the girding sea. Geologists assure us that this is simply an accident of geomorphology, but they still call it the "Great Australian Bight", proving that not only are they covering up a more frightening theory but they can't spell either. The first of the confusing things about Australia is the status of the place. Where other landmasses and sovereign lands are classified as continent, island or country, Australia is considered all three. Typically, it is unique in this.



The second confusing thing about Australia is the animals. They can be divided into three categories: Poisonous, Odd, and Sheep.

It is true that of the 10 most poisonous arachnids on the planet, Australia has 9 of them. Actually, it would be more accurate to say that of the 9 most poisonous arachnids, Australia has all of them. However, there are few snakes, possibly because the spiders have killed them all.

But even the spiders won't go near the sea. Any visitors should be careful to check inside boots (before putting them on), under toilet seats (before sitting down) and generally everywhere else. A stick is very useful for this task.

A murderer is condemned to death. He has to choose between three rooms: The first is full of raging fires, the second is full of assassins with loaded guns, and the third is full of lions that haven't eaten in 3 years. Which room is safest for him?



The Rotary
District 9455 4-Way
Speech Competition
is on again in
October.

We need to identify students to represent
our Club

The last confusing thing about Australia is the inhabitants. A short history: Sometime around 40,000 years ago some people arrived in boats from the north. They ate all the available food, and a lot of them died. The ones who survived learned respect for the balance of nature, man's proper place in the scheme of things, and spiders. They settled in and spent a lot of the intervening time making up strange stories.

Then, around 200 years ago, Europeans arrived in boats from the north. More accurately, European convicts were sent, with a few deranged people in charge. They tried to plant their crops in autumn (failing to take account of the reversal of the seasons), ate all their food, and a lot of them died.

About then the sheep arrived, and have been treasured ever since. It is interesting to note here that the Europeans always consider themselves vastly superior to any other race they encounter, since they can lie, cheat, steal and litigate (marks of a civilized culture they say), whereas all the Aboriginals can do is happily survive being left in the middle of a vast red-hot desert, equipped with a stick.

Eventually, the new lot of people stopped being Europeans on 'extended holiday' and became Australians. The changes are subtle, but deep, caused by the mind-stretching expanses of nothingness and eerie quiet, where a person can sit perfectly still and look deep inside themselves to the core of their essence, their reasons for being, and the necessity of checking inside their boots every morning for fatal surprises. They also picked up the most finely tuned sense of irony in the world, and the Aboriginal gift for making up stories. Be warned.

There is also the matter of the beaches. Australian beaches are simply the nicest and best in the world, although anyone actually venturing into the sea will have to contend with sharks, stinging jellyfish, stonefish (a fish which sits on the bottom of the sea, pretends to be a rock and has venomous barbs sticking out of its back that will kill just from the pain) and surfboarders. However, watching a beach sunset is worth the risk.

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As a result of all this hardship, dirt, thirst and wombats, you would expect Australians to be a dour lot. Instead, they are genial, jolly, cheerful and always willing to share a kind word with a stranger.

Faced with insurmountable odds and impossible problems, they smile disarmingly and look for a stick. Major engineering feats have been performed with sheets of corrugated iron, string and mud.

Alone of all the races on earth, they seem to be free from the 'Grass is greener on the other side of the fence' syndrome, and roundly proclaim that Australia is, in fact, the other side of that fence.

They call the land "Oz" or "Godzone" (a verbal contraction of "God's Own Country"). THE IRRITATING THING ABOUT THIS IS THEY MAY BE RIGHT.

TIPS TO SURVIVING AUSTRALIA

Don't ever put your hand down a hole for any reason WHATSOEVER.

The beer is stronger than you think, regardless of how strong you think it is.

Always carry a stick.

Air-conditioning is imperative.

Do not attempt to use Australian slang unless you are a trained

linguist and extremely good in a fist fight.

Wear thick socks.

Take good maps. Stopping to ask directions only works when there are people nearby

If you leave the urban areas, carry several litres of water with you at all times, or you will die. And don't forget a stick.

Even in the most embellished stories told by Australians, there is

always a core of truth that it is unwise to ignore.

HOW TO IDENTIFY AUSTRALIANS

They waddle when they walk due to the 53 expired petrol discount vouchers stuffed in their wallet or purse.

They pronounce Melbourne as "Mel-bin".

They think it makes perfect sense to decorate highways with large fibreglass bananas, prawns and sheep.

They think "Woolloomooloo" is a perfectly reasonable name for a place, that "Wagga Wagga" can be abbreviated to "Wagga", but "Woy Woy" can't be called "Woy".

Their hamburgers will contain beetroot. Apparently it's a must-have.

They don't think it's summer until the steering wheel is too hot to handle.

They believe that all train timetables are works of fiction. And they all carry a stick and say "have a good die mate "



The Relay for Life is organised by a local volunteer committee on behalf of the Cancer Council WA.

Teams which are headed up by a team captain, get together and fundraise year-round. Everyone then meets at the relay to celebrate in a relay-style walk or run, challenging themselves to stay on the track overnight.

You raise money by being sponsored for each lap that you walk or run.

There is a \$40 early bird registration fee and we need to beat last year's total of funds raised.

Sally has organised a Mindarie Rotary team so if you wish to participate, please contact her.



TEXTING

Killing genuine human interaction two thumbs at a time.



Collaboration

the process of working together: the act of working together with one or more people in order to achieve some objective

DID YOU WORK IT OUT?

This is an unusual paragraph. I'm curious how quickly you can find out what is so unusual about it? It looks so plain you would think nothing was wrong with it! In fact, nothing is wrong with it! It is unusual though. Study it, and think about it, but you still may not find anything odd. But if you work at it a bit, you might find out! Try to do so without any coaching!

The most common letter in the English language is "e" and the above paragraph has no "e"s!