

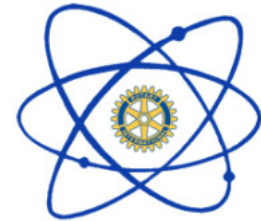


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Shoe Boxes of Love



Guest speakers, Kimberley Marshall (R) and Damian Leach (centre) were thanked for their presentation about their Shoe Boxes of Love initiative and its amazing outcomes by Graham Wallis.

This is a truly amazing story of how one compassionate person was compelled to seek to do what she could to help the Queensland flood victims in their time of need. Two friends joined her in the early stages of the project. This was then followed closely by the Rotary Club of Campbelltown endorsing and supporting the programme.

The story begins with Kimberley Marshall seeing the TV images of the Queensland floods in January 2011 and wondering what she could do to help. The "shoebox", which has been used in other contexts to provide a little something to children who have nothing, occurred to her as a way that help could be provided to the flood victims. Turning to family and friends, including Damian, and work colleagues Kimberley sought support for her idea. Facebook somehow featured in this process and proved to be an excellent tool to get the idea 'out there'.

Within 24 hours, there were 1,000 offers of support.

The multiplying factor of Facebook had a two-fold effect. Within a day or two, there were a million 'hits' on the web-site and Kimberley was overwhelmed with enquiries by phone and email from up to 3-400 people per day. (*Think about a phone call or an email every 3.5 minutes for 18 hours - Ed.*)

Within the first week, the "team" had set up drop-off points in 30 places, spread from Whyalla to Mt Gambier.

Support from individual politicians was given.

The variety of boxes was as varied as the human imagination. Special boxes for individual women, babies, pets, families, and one for a disabled person were donated.

The major metropolitan drop-off was at St Francis of Assissi School (on holidays) and it was there that most of the boxes were checked to ensure the contents were appropriate, re-packed, and loaded into several shipping containers. This exercise was organized along production lines for efficiency. The volunteers for this work came from a range of community bodies such as a CFS team and the Rostrevor Tennis Club as well as a huge team of individuals.

Transport was donated by Queensland Rail and the containers were also donated by a company.

Your editor has some confusion about how many and what size containers were used. I personally saw what I thought was one 40 foot and 2 x 20 foot. Kimberley mentioned 2 x 40', total weight 25 tonnes.

Damian liaised directly with 4 Queensland District Governors to arrange distribution at that end. Chaplaincy Australia had some involvement with the distribution. Also the Army arranged transfer and distribution of some containers of boxes to outlying areas and to the cyclone affected areas in the north of Queensland.

A team of four, including Kimberley, had flights and accommodation donated to enable them to go to

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President Jan's Quote:

"Love is always bestowed as a gift- freely, willingly and without expectation. We don't love to be loved- we love to love."

Leo Buscaglia.

President Jan:

Extended a warm welcome to guests Connie (Kevin), Janette (Milton), and Shirley Neale and Tienieke Ingkenharg (Reg).

Club guest Antonella (see below) and our guest speakers Kimberley Marshall and Damian Leach.

President Jan also reminded us that next week, the meeting has been moved from Monday to Wednesday for the combined service club dinner, hosted by Honorary Member Mayor Simon Brewer on behalf of the City of Campbelltown. Venue, The Rezz Hotel, on 6.30 for 7.00 pm 24th August. Apologies to Brad Silby, please.

Secretary John:

The new Rotoract Club at Flinders University (chartered 12th August) is having a fundraiser selling cases of wine, \$95 - \$125 per case, with the proceeds going to Disaster Aid Australia. Anyone interested in supporting this fundraiser by purchasing some of the wine - please see Sec John.

Almoner Annita:

Annita is unwell herself with some bug. Best wishes for a speedy recovery, Annita.

A/New Generations Director Scott:

Inbound Rotary Exchange Student, Sumi Nagata will arrive 26th August. He will be met by Scott, his Counsellor Ralph Holmes, and his first host parents, Masto Myles and Peter Reuter (parents of our outbound student, Andreas Reuter).

New Generations Director Damian:

Congratulations to Ambica Golyala, our successful nominee to the NYSF from St Ignatius College. She will attend the NYSC session in Canberra from 2 - 14 January. Along with all successful students, she has been invited to attend an orientation day at Waite Campus on Saturday 19th December.

We are calling for nominations of Year 11 students for the Rotary Adventure in Citizenship.

Applications for potential attendees at RYLA are now getting very close to the deadline. Several members have indicated that they wish to make nominations. Damian has stressed that the completed nominations must be in to the District Committee by COB Thursday 18th (3 days time). Please send them by email to <RYLA9520@gmail.com> IMMEDIATELY!!!

SHED NEWS

Last Saturday, we did a scrap metal run taking 2.27 tonnes of steel and 0.5 tonnes of non-ferrous metal to Paramount Brown.

Thanks to all those who helped including Ian Reddy, Geoff Brett, Dean Crook, Ian Dunlop, Garth Holmes, Haran Howard, Milton Lewis, Eric Webb and yours truly.

We have decided not to pick up any more lounges until after the next shed sale as we have stacks of them.

The August shed sale will be on Saturday 27th and because of our changed meeting time next week, the roster was passed around tonight. If you were not present but are available on the 27th, please let Brian know.

Don't forget, if you have limited time on Saturday 27th, help to clean-up at 11.30 - 11.45 am for no more than an hour would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks

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Meeting Statistics:

Attendance:	58.6%
Raffle:	\$53.00
Foundation Pot:	\$36.50

A/Attendance Officer & Fellowship Director Brad:

Mary Vincent has bought some tickets for use by Club members to see the play "The Mouse Trap" on Friday 16th September for \$16. Please pay Mary by 22nd August to confirm your booking.

A fellowship breakfast will be held the Sapore Ristorante, Glynde Corner, on Sunday 28 August at 9.30am. Ring Mary Vincent by Friday 19th August so bookings can be made.

Don't forget that next week, the meeting night has been changed to Wednesday.

Rotary Information (Multi tasking Brad):

Brad reviewed the information provided in RDU about our 101st International President Kalyan Banerjee.

He earned a degree in chemical engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur in 1964.

Banerjee joined the Rotary Club of Vapi, Gujarat State, India in 1972. This Club is now in D3060.

At that stage he was a young chemical engineer starting a company to manufacture red phosphor

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rus, used as essential element in fertilizer. This company, Uniting Phosphorus Ltd is now the largest agrochemical manufacturing plant in India.

His significant Rotary leadership roles, prior to becoming International President, include Director RI 1995-97, Trustee of the Rotary Foundation 2001 - 05, Chair of the Southeast Asia Regional Polio Plus Committee, Chair Rotarian Action Groups, 2008 - 09, and, of course, President Elect 2010 - 11.

Banerjee is married to Binota, a social worker and member of Inner Wheel. They have two adult children, a son living in Australia and a daughter in Canada, and 4 grandchildren.

Induction Antonella Dewar:

Director of Membership, Kevin Parken, at President Jan's invitation, introduced Antonella Dewar to the Club. She was born in Frosinone, just 60 km south of Rome. She moved to Germany with her family for a short time. They then migrated to Australia in her teenage years in 1970. They lived on Lower North East Road, and Antonella attended Modbury High School.

Antonella works with Robin Turner and Partners as a real estate salesperson.

Antonella is married to Graeme, and they have two adult sons who live in Melbourne.

President Jan inducted Antonella, with the classification of Real Estate Sales, into the Rotary Club of Campbelltown. She will be a member of the Community Service Committee and Annita will be her mentor.

Welcome to the Rotary Club of Campbelltown, Antonella.



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the flood affected areas to see that the Shoe Boxes were being distributed appropriately. This also enabled them to see the flood devastation first hand.

She was able to report that there was a strong sense of resilience in the local communities that had been affected. An example of this was the individual, who had lost everything, but was working as a volunteer in the Chaplaincy Australia.

The one disturbing observation that Kimberley reported was the well-meaning volunteers who went to the affected areas to help clean-up the affected properties, were, in some instances throwing out some items that could have been salvaged, eg crockery.

"Shoe Boxes of Love" lives on as an incorporated

body. Currently, they are collecting donated boxes to send to the victims of the earthquake in Christchurch, New Zealand.

They have a web site <www.facebook.com/ShoeBoxesOfLoveInc> which includes information about their Mission, Purpose and Objectives. It is understood that this is the web site that our guest speakers spoke about towards the conclusion of their presentation. The body is "not for profit" and is currently receiving up to 6,000 visits to their web site each day.

We wish this organization well and thank Kimberley and Damian for allowing our Rotary Club to be part of what has proven to be a great idea with objectives very similar to our own.

A Rotarian is someone who, through their efforts:

- Digs wells from which they will never drink,
- Restores eyesight for those they will never see,
- Builds houses they will never live in,
- Vaccinates children they will never meet,
- Plants trees they will never sit under,
- Educates children they will never know,
- Feeds hungry people, regardless of colour, race or politics, and
- Knows real happiness.

Rotary is a world-wide fellowship of business and professional adults who accept the ideal of service as a basis for success and happiness in business and community life.

There are many opportunities to participate as a member of Rotary and support a broad spectrum of causes both locally and internationally, addressing a broad spectrum of needs.

Adapted from the Rotary Club of Burnside



DATE	24th Aug 2011	29th Aug 2011	5th Sept 2011	11th Sept 2011
Speakers	Wednesday	Terry Smith	Lynton Nicholas	Peter Reuter
Program	Combined ser- vices meeting	I Believe	RYWELL	Adolescent Men- tal Health
Chair	@	Jim Silvestri	Raj Kakarla	Lynton Nicholas
Fellowship	Rezz Hotel	Annita Som- mariva	Tony Eddowes	Vic Agostinelli
Plaques	Brad Silby	Ian Reddy	Duncan Eldon	Peter Allen
Cashier 1		David Richards	Elizabeth Gagliardi	Mary Lynch
Cashier 2		Peter Richards		Kerrin March
Steward 1		Pat Ruotolo	Babu Kanagasa- bai	Stan McPhee
Steward 2		Kevin Parken	Milton Lewis	Mick Mitolo
Rotary Info		Scott Nicholls	Raj Kakarla	tba
Time	6:30 for 7pm	6 for 6:30 pm	6 for 6:30 pm	6 for 6:30 pm

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES	DIARY DATES
<p>Induction Anniversaries: Nil</p> <p>Partners' Birthdays: 25 Aug: Gina Holmes 28 Aug: Christine Andrews</p> <p>Birthdays: 22 Aug: Geoff Brett</p>	<p>22nd August: this Monday meeting is shifted to Wednesday 24th August for the Combined Services Meeting at the Rezz Hotel, 6:30 to 7pm</p> <p>24-30 Sept: RYLA run by Campbelltown</p> <p>26-29 April 2012: District Conference in Mildura</p> <p>6-9 May 2012: Rotary International Convention, Bangkok, Thailand</p>

New Generations: RYLA
24-30 September 2011

Our club is hosting RYLA @ Nunyara for 18-25 yr olds to **give up a week of their life for the benefit of the rest of their life.**

Please encourage anyone you know who could benefit from this great leadership program.