

Notices

District 9520 Conference

Please be reminded that our District Conference will be held at Mount Gambier 17th – 19th October 2008.

Early Registrations are due 20th July, standard registrations 7th September, and late registrations can be taken after 7th September.

Please see Rotarian Wayne Richards for further information.

Board Meetings

Please be reminded that Board Meetings will be held the 3rd Tuesday of each month unless otherwise notified.

Our next Board Meeting will be held at the home of Daryl and Kathy Webb on Tuesday 19th August.

The Laws of Ultimate Reality

Law of Gravity

Any tool, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner of the workshop.

Law of Probability

The probability of being watched is proportional to the stupidity of your act.

Law of Mechanical Repair

After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will itch and you'll have to pee.

Law of Random Numbers

If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal and someone always answers.

Law of the Alibi

If you tell the boss you were late for work because you had a flat tyre, the very next morning you will have a flat tyre.

Variation Law

If you change queues (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are now in.

ROTARY CLUB OF MURRAY BRIDGE MEETING # 2768

Bulletin # 4

This week

TOPIC
SPEAKER
CHAIRMAN
FELLOWSHIP

RESERVE
INVOCATION
NATIONAL ANTHEM

MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS

PARTNERS' BIRTHDAYS

Next week

TOPIC
SPEAKER
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Following Week

TOPIC
SPEAKER
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22/07/08

Who am I ?
Paul Price
Gary Fischer
Jim Mason
Don McLean
David Mellen
Jim Mason
Don McLean

Ruth Frazer 24th July

29/07/08

Economic Development in the Murraylands
Rotarian Brenton Lewis
Daryl Webb
Graham Peake
Kevin Prosser
Wayne Richards
Graham Peake
Kevin Prosser

5/08/08

Club Assembly
Club Directors
Peter MacCulloch
Phil Rosewall
John Scarvelis
Gordon Schultz
Phil Rosewall
John Scarvelis

MEETING 15/07/08

Total Membership 42
 Number Present 27 Attendance 64%

Apologies
 M.Blight J.Mason
 M.Jarvis K.Prosser
 P.Price A.Hay
 B.Foster M.Mafara
 M.Klem R.Legallez
 N.Gray N.Gleeson
 H.Beauchamp

Leave of Absence
 Steve Smart Wayne Jackson
 Jack Reddin

Rotarian visitors
 Allan and Sally Goode from Loxton

Youth Exchange

Guests
 Ruth Frazer,
 Elizabeth Cozens
 Meryl Schultze
 Aude Bougard

Raffle
 Sally Goode

Heads & Tails
 Kevin Male

Calendar Draw 15/07/08

	WON BY	#	SOLD BY
\$100	David Hoskin	199	Lawn Tennis Club
\$30	Leonie Stefaniak	682	Tennis Christian Road
\$20	Steve Ide	459	MBHS

Rural Health: Dr Peter Rischbieth

Changes to the health services proposed by the Government have raised the concern of health professionals and rural citizens because they appear to further disadvantage rural people. Already the health outcomes expected for rural communities are considerably less than comparisons with metropolitan dwellers in South Australia. Access to hospital based care in rural areas has steadily diminished over the last 15 years with the closure of maternity units and operating theatres. As the medical services are reduced so are the number of trained personnel available locally for rural patients. The new health plan appears to accelerate this reduction of local service centres for rural people.

There is an urgent need for new approaches to be initiated to attract long term health professionals to rural areas. This may well mean the recruitment of young people locally and to encourage them to train and then return to their local area. Rural health services need to be administered by a team of dedicated individuals who understand the social and community structures that underpin rural life. This approach requires strong support at Government level if it is to be sustained in the longer term. This is even more urgent when there is a consideration of the current age profile of health professionals in rural areas. The average age of doctors serving in rural areas is now 54 years. This means that a high percentage of these people will retire in the not too distant future creating further reductions in services if they are not replaced by newly recruited doctors.

Rural communities need to be given a fair go. Health Services concentrated in a few larger rural centres do not give more distant citizens a fair go. Government funded services need to account for the differences that are inherently part of different locations around our State. The proposed New Health Plan appears to ride rough shod over the basic tenet that rural medicine requires different service centres to achieve similar health outcomes compared with metropolitan service centres. Rural Health services currently need to be substantially increased to be on a par with metropolitan health services.