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ROTARY MEETING No. 1795

Chairman Russell Ecclestone opened the meeting with the invocation and toast to Australia. President Elizabeth welcomed the many guests, and made a number of announcements:

Rotary Down Under (RDU) appears to not be getting to a number of members. A list was passed around and members were asked to indicate if they were not receiving the RDU. Russell Ecclestone will represent Blackwood Rotary at a Meals on Wheels function;

remember the *The Rotary Foundation* (TRF) money boxes, to be collected in Nov; Accommodation for next years Rotary Convention in Broken Hill has been overbooked by Mitcham Rotary. They are offering it to us. John Jackson will coordinate bookings so members should contact him.

Mark Burns asked to give a personal explanation about an item which appeared on the Today Tonight television programme on Monday night, and which cast reflections on Mark. Mark invited members to see him individually for any further information.

Announcements for the Good of Rotary

Bob Lehmann reported that Reg Tannebring is suffering from a bad dose of the flu, and that Joyce Tolley is doing poorly'

Margaret Congdan had a call from Nita who is looking forward to Margaret's forthcoming visit to Katmandu.

Ray Smith reported the George Sargent is improving

Tom Davenport reported on the quiz night which will be on Saturday 26 October in the Belair Primary School Hall from 7.30 to 11.00pm.

The organizers have booked Steven Davenport as the quizmaster and are hoping for 200 people to come along and pay \$10 each. Tables will be of 8 to 10 people.

The organizers are seeking help with donations for prizes and raffle items. Please contact any of the committee of Tom Davenport, Barry Matthews, or Trevor Abbott if you can help.

Attendance of 52 and percentage of 78%

Sergeant.

The Sergeant's session was waived because of the large agenda and members were asked to donate \$1

Calperum Station, 30 Sep – 3 Oct (plus the 4th if anyone wants to stay an extra day)

- Bob Arnold gave a powerpoint presentation showing details of the Calperum Station project and some idea of what members could expect if they attended. The editor could not keep pace with the presentation so see Bob for details if you missed the meeting.

GUEST SPEAKERS – Chairman Russell introduced Graham Lough and Joanne Howard who gave a presentation on their GSE trip to Mexico

Graham's introduction in Spanish set the pace for the presentation which was slick and informative as well as entertaining.

Mexico has a population of over 100 million people and Mexico city alone has a population of 20 million. The country is one third the size of Australia and much bigger than is generally assumed.

The GSE team were generally focused around southern Mexico and based in Guadalajara which has a population of 4 to 5 million. While they were in Mexico the team traveled about 3000 kilometres.

The indigenous population comprise 2% only but were well organized and self contained.

Joanne gave some interesting information about her vocational study area which was the police forces at three levels. There was a lot of emphasis on the use and availability of firearms with less focus on crime prevention than in Australia. There was also a very significant underrepresentation of women in the Mexican Police.



We were shown examples of the sorts of accommodation the team enjoyed, and the out side appearance was often not indicative of what was behind the façade Tequila is a major cultural drink and industry for the Mexicans and the team visited numerous tequila production sites.

Russell presented Graham and Joanne with glasses of tequila and they demonstrated the correct Mexican etiquette for drinking tequila.

It was a very interesting and informative presentation and these few words cannot describe the scenery and photos that we were shown

President Elizabeth’s closing remarks

Thanked Graham and Joanne for their talk.

President Elizabeth will be away for the next 5 weeks so vice president Barry will be in charge.

Thought for the week, “Everyone is willing. Some are willing to work and some are willing to let them”

Bulletin Editor – Terry Tierney

Meeting No.	1796	1797	1798	1799
Date	6-09-05	13-09-05	20-09-05	27-09-05
Fellowship	Gerald Morris	K. Prime	J. Walton	N. White
Reg. Assistant	Neville Newton	B. Perry	R. Wheaton	S. Wymond
Furniture	P. Pargeter	B. Richter	R. Tannebring	T. Abbott
	J. Pearce	K. Roscrow	G. Taylor	B. Arnold
Chairman	Sue Wymond	S. Sedivy	R. Eccleston	I. Wicks
Speaker	Kate Gallagher	Stacey Wyatt & Rose Clark	Peter Russell	Allen Puttock
Topic	My Life and Aspirations	At RYLA	Happy Valley Dam	Opportunities in the Theatre
Bulletin editor	Susan Sedivy	Terry Tierney	Terry Tierney	John Jackson

Important dates

Coming events	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Sept 31 st - Oct 3 rd Calperum Station	Aug 16 Bob Richter Aug 17 Diane Richter	Aug 25 Viv & David Rusk
Oct 25 th DG's visit - open	Aug 19 Jill Tierney	Aug 29 Jan & Bob Arnold
Oct 29 th Quiz Night	Aug 22 D. Rusk	
Nov 6 th - Wine Bottling at Howard Moss's	Aug 22 I Wicks	
Nov 19th Rotary Fair	Aug 25 Don Venus	
May 4 th 2006 Music Fest	Aug 28 T Abbott Aug 30 C. Lloyd	