

ROTARY MEETING No. 1818

Invocation, toast & welcome

Pres & Chair Elizabeth opened the meeting with the invocation and toast to Australia and her people. She then welcomed Laura Schimanski (speaker), Athur's family David, Jan & Marcia Finch, Robbie Huey-Williams, Ian Doherty (awaiting membership vote next week), Jack Brown, and Margaret Hill (Sue Sedivi's mother).

President Elizabeth's Announcements

- ❖ Received a cheque from Foodland for \$94.31 for customer receipts. So please don't forget to place your Foodland dockets in the Rotary slot if you shop at Foodland.
- ❖ Conference – see John J.
- ❖ Will circulate a RAWCS newsletter.
- ❖ STYE Briefing 26 Feb.
- ❖ RC Campbelltown is organising an Outback Safari for 2-9 Sep. Elizabeth has a flyer.
- ❖ *Guess Who's Coming To Dinner* 25 Feb – \$20 per head.
- ❖ Intercity meeting with Coro Valley & Flagstaff Hill 28 Feb – partners invited.
- ❖ Presidents-elect Training Seminar (PETS) at Blackwood 2 April, and Blackwood RC has been asked to cater. Volunteers needed for morning tea and lunch please.
- ❖ Intercity meeting for GSE Ohio presentation on 18 April – a good night for inviting prospective members to attend.
- ❖ Music Fest flyers and tickets are on the back table – please collect what you need.

Make-ups – Geoff Kamm at Maitland.



Raffle: Bob Richter (distributor of tickets) to collect his prize next week.



Attendance: 88%.

Announcements for the Good of Rotary

- ❖ Helen Henbest attended a mtg of outward-bound Rotary exchange students. Exchanges are expensive now costing in the order of \$20k per exchange, with families paying \$8k approx.
- ❖ Michael McClaren passed around a picture of a well in Manilla which the club helped fund for Camarin B-High School.
- ❖ Bob Lehmann let club know that Harry Young has throat cancer.
- ❖ Laz Meszaros thanked Helen Henbest, Bernie Morgan & Reg Hanson for helping at the Lions Jazz Fest last Friday night.
- ❖ Graham Lough – Tara King, sponsored by the club 3 yrs ago, gave birth to a boy.
- ❖ Richard Dix:
 - last chance for a raffle ticket for Flotilla for Kids, which will be held this Sunday; and
 - had a call from Graham Furness of the Tea Tree Gully RC, and Richard has accepted an invitation to represent our District on the water purification committee.
- ❖ Cherylyn Fleming:
 - Art Show Cttee met last night;
 - keen for a greater variety of prizes in this year's Art Show raffle; please let her or John Lewis know if you have any suggestions; and
 - we have some new advertisers already; please let her know if you know of other businesses who might like to have their cards printed out etc.
- ❖ Jeff Hunter:
 - It would be good to sponsor two 18-25 year olds to RYLA this April. Courtney Williams is

- keen to go. Are there any other nominations?
- Hoping to send 3 BHS and 2 Urrbrae Year 9&10s to Lake Culluleraine re Health of the River.
- New Generations & Vocational Cttee mtg tonight.
- ❖ Trevor Abbott:
 - his 1st Senior Active mtg tonight,
 - Ken Prime is recovering from a hernia operation,
 - a slight change to collecting Music Fest tickets. Tonight take what you think you'll need and you can collect more at anytime – this may help the cttee to have a clearer idea of ticket sales, as in past years many tickets were returned unsold last minute.

Sergeant Tom's Fines – Neville Newton with the box. A sample of the fines:

- ❖ Ian Wicks for organising his mother's 100th birthday, given she died at 92.
- ❖ Bill Flynn & Ralf Green for their halos in last week's Bulletin.
- ❖ Bob L, Graham L, Ian D, Mark B & Roger W for their 5 wise monkeys shot in the same Bulletin.
- ❖ Richard Dix for becoming a grandpa for the second time in 2 weeks.
- ❖ Jeff Hunter who's son has recently proposed – wedding coming up.
- ❖ Alan Eldridge for turning his shop into a hard hat area.
- ❖ Reg T joke, "There are 3 kinds of people: those who can count and those who can't".
- ❖ All those who watched the Alan Border medal to the end.
- ❖ Cross-fine: Graham R on Pres Eliz for not welcoming Alan E along with the other visitors.

Speaker – Laura Schimanski

Pres Elizabeth introduced Laura, now a Yr 12 student at Sacred Heart College. She was one of eight Yr 11s selected from several hundred students to visit a Marist Brothers mission in SE India, Tamil Nadu State, where they have several schools and an AIDS clinic. The purpose of the program is to enable students to gain an understanding and appreciation of cultural differences and the problems faced by people in this disadvantaged area – and then to convey their experiences back to their fellow students.



Students pay their own fares, and fundraising (\$13k in 2005) is used to help run the schools and the clinics. The students visited and worked in the schools, providing books and other materials for the children.

Laura thanked the Blackwood RC for its donation, and presented a slide show of about a hundred photos of her trip. These covered temples, churches, rubbish, classrooms, cattle, children, river levies, villages, girls in saris, monkeys, an ashram, beaches, night scenes, shrines, markets, dancing, Chennai, Trichy and so on.

Questions centred round her perception of problems of rubbish, corruption, English language proficiency, funding of the trip, the cost of saris (\$7-\$1k) and the commission for taking a photo (50¢). Laura said she really loved the experience of the trip, and it made her appreciate Australia all the more. Club clapped in appreciation of the presentation.

President Elizabeth's closing remarks

- ❖ President Elizabeth thanked Laura and presented a gift of a wine glass.
- ❖ Reminders regarding the evening's committee meetings, Music Fest tickets etc.
- ❖ Thanks to sergeant Tom.
- ❖ Her *Thought Joke for the Week*, "Why is it that golfers never use their mobiles while driving? They need both hands on the golf club".

**Bulletin Editor –
John Lewis**



Meeting No.	1819	1820	1821	1822
Date	14 Feb 2006	21 Feb 2006	28 Feb 2006	7 March 2006
Fellowship	K Prime	A Thelander	N White	M Burns
Reg. Assistant	R Smith	R Wheaton	B Arnold	M Congram
Furniture	G Roberts R Venus	A Eldridge K Roscrow	T Abbott I Wicks	N Capon D Collier
Chairman	Ken Roscrow	Terry Tierney	E Caldicott	G Morris
Speaker	Roger Irvine	Darryl Warren	DG Arthur	Beth Laurence
Topic	Fresh Water Wells for schools in Manila	Public Relations	Group 5 Meeting	National Youth Science Forum
Bulletin editor	Sue Sedivy	Sue Sedivy	Terry Tierney	Terry Tierney

Coming events	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Feb 25 th 2006 – Guess Who's Coming to Dinner	Feb 15 Marlene Davenport Reg Wymond	Feb 15 Tom and Marlene Davenport
May 6 th 2006 - Music Fest	Feb 22 Reg Hanson	Feb 22 Gerald and Wanda Taylor
Jul 14 th Art Festival	Feb 24 George Sargent	Mar 4 Alan and Josanne Eldridge
	Feb 28 Bob Arnold	Don and Fay Collier
	Mar 3 Josanne Eldridge	Graham and Pat Lough

