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Project Uplift needs your support.

News from Brisbane Centenary

The Rotoract Club of South Brisbane is running its first international operation - Project Uplift. Project Uplift is an operation which collects unwanted bras and sends them over to women in countries less fortunate than our own. This can help to prevent significant health issues for these women. Please can you ask your spouses (in the case of Ann, this will not be necessary!) to see if there are any unwanted bras which we can give to the Rotoract club.

Brisbane Planetarium is also running a similar programme but, since the Rotoract club asked first and is also in our district, perhaps preference should go to them.

Nick Curry

Message from the President

Wednesday morning is a guest morning so we have a very good guest speaker who will regale us with his recent adventures on the Amazon River. If you are bringing a guest please advise Bev so that she can cater for them.

The Beefbank team report that there may be light at the end of the tunnel in their role to set this enterprise up. Graeme, Gerry and Andrew have put in many hours getting this to a point where we can market it to raise funds. When their work is finished we will be conducting training sessions to enable members to do presentations to other clubs and interested parties. At this time there are four clubs requesting presentations, so there will be an opportunity for every one to be involved.

At our last club assembly, fund raising was discussed. To follow up on the ideas raised, Nev Blomeley will shortly announce a meeting to both brainstorm and follow up ideas all ready announced. Please put the thinking cap on and do some research on any event you feel will raise funds for our projects so that you will be ready when Nev announces the time and date.

John

Where's Nev??

Hi John,

Thanks for your latest e-mail. I'm a bit surprised I'm of such value to the Club away from it. Besides I like to keep in contact.

Saw a recent issue of the Bulletin. It really looks good and reads well. Congratulations to Ann and everyone else involved. Actually it almost reads like a legitimate newspaper complete with its own sports page publishing the week's sporting achievements of our members, its own page of births deaths and marriages and its own social column. The social page really got to me. Great to see Adrian getting his hair back and returning to the ugly set. Anyway you have a good formula here – keep up the good work.

Out here we are still wandering around the Northern Territory. We've just left Renner Springs a roadhouse by the Stuart Highway. It is not my favourite spot. It was perhaps the hottest day we have so far experienced. If there are any springs in the area, it is unsafe to swim in them, if they have a van park, it is more red dirt and dust, and if they have shower/toilet facilities, it is hard not to complain about them. There are some places however where you opt to stay for the night if only to make the drive the next day shorter or more comfortable. Renner Springs roadhouse is one of them.

The Northern Territory is spectacular in some places and monotonous in others but always with a sense of the ancient and the lonely. It was at Katherine that we first experienced the full effects of the Northern Territory Government's attempts to restrict alcohol consumption by the indigenous locals. Jude wanted a cask of wine and for this we ran into several problems.

- Problem No.1 – Bottle shops, liquor barns and other alcohol outlets do not open until 2pm. any day of the week.- We just had to kill some time as we intended staying for a few days;
- Problem No.2 – In Brisbane casks normally contain 4 litres of wine – in Katherine maximum cask allowed is 2 litres and you are permitted to buy only one cask in any one day;
- Problem No.3 – Jude entered the liquor shop at about 2.10pm but even then she had to stand in a Woolworths type queue 20 yards long
- Problem No.4 – At the checkout she had to produce her driver's licence and register as an alcohol buying member of the public. She was uncomfortable giving her personal details particularly as the locals were close behind her and the queue by now was as long as when she entered it. I told her she should be flattered to be asked for her driver's licence before she was sold any grog. They must have thought she was underage. For some strange reason however this did not win me any "brownie" points.

However it was all worth it. Come that magic time of the day after 4pm when it is not cold and it is not hot and there is no breeze and no insects (i.e. when the world is wonderful) a glass of red and a cold stubbie under the awning and maybe a chat with a fellow traveller make it just perfect.

At the moment we are heading for Alice Springs for their big annual event "Henley-on-Todd". I'm a bit undecided as to whether we should enter in the "Kayak 500 pairs" or treat it as a make-up because the event for all its international fame is actually run by the 3 local Rotary Clubs.

I'll try to keep these e-mails shorter in future.

Best wishes,

Nev

News from the Directors

Club Admin Report

Sirromet breakfast meeting confirmed.

1. I have confirmed the booking for breakfast at Sirromet on Saturday 25th at 8 am .The main meeting will be in the private dining room - cost around \$35 per head with partners meeting for breakfast in the main restaurant and we join after breakfast for the guest speaker.

2. As discussed we want to hold a wine evening / brain storming to discuss our marquee fund raising event. I would like to hold this in the next month probably on a Friday night at my house. We would like at least 10 people including some partners present .Please think about it and I will get some indication of availability this Wednesday.

3. We have an excellent guest speaker this week so please consider bringing a guest.

Neville Blomeley

Rotary News – At Home and Abroad

Pocket money for Operation Cleft



Amanda and Liam Pollett give pocket money to Operation Cleft

Amanda and Liam Pollett have decided to give all their pocket money and the fruit money they collect on Dad's farm to Operation Cleft. So far they have raised more than \$560, but after learning about the program at a meeting of the Rotary Club of the Lower Blue Mountains, NSW, they and the rest of their family were deeply touched.

According to their father, Paul Pollett, "All children deserve a healthy start in life and my family can't believe that just \$150 per child makes such a difference".

"Now we want to help 10 children for a price of \$1500. How hard can it be for us grownups to help others less fortunate if Liam and Amanda are happy to go without a PlayStation?" the proud father said.

Operation Cleft is an initiative of the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central, Vic, launched by Colin McFarlane and managed by Brian Martin. The club regularly raises huge sums for a twice yearly trip to Bangladesh where a clinic is run by Bangladeshi surgeons and other staff, performing around 150 operations, and supporting local speech therapists and other resources. ■

Rotary down Under, September 2008.



Picture Gallery



Paul Cassos accepts his certificate after his talk on Interplast – 27th August

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthday

Ann Rogers 9th September

Anniversaries

Royce Noble 9th September

David Harris 9th September

Upcoming Events

Breakfast at Sirromet – 25th October

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner – September (13/20th?)

Paul Harris Society Dinner – 12th September, 2008



Anyone remember where the clinic is?

Rosters

Duty	3 rd September	10 th September
Chair	Gerry Gebert	David Harris
Duty Officer	Bev Jackson	Adrian Weber
Fellowship Officer	Graeme Osterfield	Kevin McCullough
Rotary Talk	Bill Roberts-Thompson	Ann Rogers
International Toast	Andrew Rodgers	Peter Tomlin

ROTARY GRACE

Lord, make us more thankful for what we have received;
 Make us more content with what we have;
 And make us more mindful of others who are in need.

**MEETINGS 6.45 for 7.00am each Wednesday at:
 "Solitude Solutions" --- 5 Wills Court, Mt Ommaney**