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President John Reports



Thank you to all of those who have volunteered their services for the commencement of our anti-graffiti project next Saturday. Our first job will be the removal of graffiti from the side wall of Neil

Anderson's shop. In the meantime I am pleased to report that I have now obtained an authorization from Sydney Water to enable us to use water for our project. The water exemption number is 048305 in the name of the Rotary Club of Epping Inc. dated 16th January 2007.

Craig Gallagher has also provided me with a Deed of Indemnity to be signed by property owners which I am in the process of organizing. Also I will be preparing a story about our anti-graffiti project for The Northern District Times, together with photographs which hopefully will be published shortly. This exciting community project will be great publicity for our Club. Thank you for the comments made at our Club Forum. These will be addressed at our next board meeting.

On Tuesday evening last I attended the RYLA dinner at Vision Valley together with DGE Monica Saville, Roger Dunn and our RYLA candidate, Vanessa Sokalik from The Shack in Epping. As usual it was a very good evening and the Guest Speaker, Detective Superintendent Deborah Wallace, Commander, South-. East Asian Crime Squad from the NSW Police gave an excellent presentation.

On Thursday 1st February I will be attending a sportsman's luncheon and Auction at North Sydney Leagues Club sponsored by the Rotary Club of North Sydney and PP Lindsay May from Lane Cove Club, who won this year's Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race will be the guest speaker. Also Alan Jones from Radio Station 2GB will be present and I hope to have a word in his ear about our anti-graffiti project. Nick Farr-Jones will be the MC and there will be other sporting personalities present. If any members of our Club would like to attend I would be happy to organize a table and to help with transport. The cost is \$70.00 with the proceeds going to Lifeline, the Stanton Library and other Rotary Charities.

DGE Monica Saville and husband Geoff leave on Saturday 20th January for San Diego USA for Monica's training to be District Governor in 2007-08. Knowing Monica's great enthusiasm for Rotary she will come back with a wealth of good information to enable her to do an outstanding job.

Our outgoing Exchange Student, Michael Sullivan, leaves on Friday 19th January bound for Germany and I will be at the airport to see him off. Thank you to John Corney who has agreed to be Michael's Counsellor while he is overseas. Chris O'Brien and Roger Dunn can now smile a little as the English cricket team has now finally won a game in Australia, albeit against New Zealand

President John

The Epping Mission Statement...

"To improve the well being of our community and foster international understanding through action by Epping club members embracing Rotary ideals"

Monday 22 January

CLUB MEETINGS CALENDAR
EPPING ROTARY MEETS EACH MONDAY 6.15 FOR 6.30
BORONIA GROVE RAWSON STREET EPPING
Apologies to Neil Anderson 9876 1676 by midday Monday

Date	Topic	Introduction	Appreciation /Report
January 22	Lifestart – Katinga Schroeder	John Royer	Russ Walker
January 29	Rapport Building the key to a long life in selling – Grant Kitchen	Keith Williams	John Goddard
SOCIAL & SERVICE			
HOSPITALITY THIS WEEK –			

About Last Meeting- Club Forum

Last meeting we discussed the following matters

Is it time to replace the BBQs?

The consensus view was yes we need some BBQs that are lighter and more efficient

Do we need the Caravan?

The discussion turned on whether the caravan is an asset or a liability to the club. The general feeling was that the board needs to appoint a committee to look at all aspects of the caravan and make some recommendations for its future.

How much did we make from the Carols?

About \$800 from the caravan and drinks and \$1500 from the glowsticks and candles.

What projects are planned for the next 6 months

It would be good if the Directors can put a plan in the RIM

What is happening with the street fair?

Happening 25 March but that is all we seem to know at the present time. Club to book a stall

What is happening with Vanuatu?

Likely to be late April. Chris will provide more details over the next few weeks

What is happening with membership?

There is no plan

Do we need any fund raising?

Raffle raised about \$3,800 and we have about \$10,500 in the Community account

What will running the 2008 District conference involve?

Accommodation and venues in Bathurst have been booked for 6-9 March 2008 Conference committee has had preliminary meetings and detailed plans will be developed over the next few months. Epping members will pay key role in planning events and making sure conference runs smoothly. Club's first challenge will be to pick up ideas from Mudgee conference and assist on stall to promote Bathurst conference

Why are our membership fees the second highest in the District?

We await the Boards response

This Week's Meeting

'Lifestart'

Katinga Schroeder

Monday 22nd January 2007

Lifestart is an organisation that supports children with disabilities.
On Monday 22nd January Katinga Schroeder and a parent will tell us about the work that Lifestart is doing.

John Royer

International Service Report

Vanuatu - between 20th April - 4th May

Dates: between April 20th – May 4th is the timeframe. John Corney, Ross Hinton or myself will be approaching you over the next 2-3 weeks to determine definite, probable, possible and non starters! It is envisaged that some may only manage a week while others will go for closer to 2 weeks; but there is flexibility – flights go most days and not all have to travel at same time.

Cost: 1 week - \$1400 tax-deductible donation to RAWCS; 2 weeks - \$1800-2000.

Flight time: approx 2 ½ hours

Work:

Details are dependent on numbers and logistics in Vanuatu closer to time, but likely starters:-

- Assisting with Tony's sewing program
- Relining a water tank in Loganville associated with a hospital/first aid post
- Completing some work started by Becroft Rotary – tiling, architraving, painting

If you are unsure about having required skills, don't miss the chance of a lifetime! Things can always be found to suit all!

Youth Service Report

THE SHACK - REACHING OUT TO LOCAL YOUTH

Every year The Shack helps young people to help themselves. Through providing support to the youth of Epping and its districts on issues ranging from child abuse to drug & alcohol addiction and beyond, we aim to help young people regain their lives and reach their full potential. The Shack provides counseling and support services to teenagers, free of charge, and where possible works with families to help resolve conflicts and recreate a supportive family environment.

In addition to counselling and support services, The Shack provides a haven for local youth. The youth outreach centre is a safe, supervised space, free from drugs and alcohol, where teenagers can interact and enjoy social and recreational activities. We hold regular workshops on a variety of issues and additionally provide tea and coffee facilities; a pool table; Playstation and computers with internet access.

As Rotary Club of Epping it is imperative for us to continue to strongly support the SHACK!

WELCOME BACK MEGAN WANNAN

MEGAN WANNAN our Club's 2006 Youth Exchange Student arrived back on Friday 12th January on flight TG 991 (Thai Airways) from Bangkok. It appears from all accounts Megan has experienced a most wonderful and rewarding exchange.

WHAT IS JADE UP TO?

Jade will soon be moving from Anne & Wayne Bryce's place to take up residence with the O'Brien's. The Club sincerely thanks Anne and Wayne for being such marvellous host parents to Jade. Jade has only now 6 months of her exchange left so DON'T MISS OUT on taking Jade out or home for a meal.

Shortly Jade will be going on Youth Exchange Weekend for all exchange students within 9680 district. The weekend again will be the last weekend in February 2007 hosted very kindly by The Rotary Club of Umina who have hosted the weekend over the past 25 years.

Another BIG DAY out for Jade will be Rotary Club of St Ives SAILING DAY on Pittwater - The Students will have a memorable experience sailing in a real yacht race on beautiful Pittwater - this was followed by a barbecue at the club house. St Ives generosity does not charge to the Rotary Clubs or the Students for this event.

Peter Slattery
Youth Service Director



Our RYLA candidate, Vanessa Sokalik and her support team

RYLA

Last weekend our nominee Vanessa Sokalik, The Shack's Youth Counsellor attended RYLA. Roger Dunn reports that Vanessa is very excited about what she can experience and learn from the RYLA - Leadership program. We look forward to hearing her report back to the Club.

My special thanks goes to Roger D for doing such a sterling job in organising and assisting Vanessa going to RYLA.

Out & About with Paul & Stan

Hi Ho, Hi Ho, it's off to work we go! Well our anti Graffiti program started last Saturday with a disappointing number of starters. We are all surely aware that if we are to satisfactorily and competently draw this practical hands on project to a resounding finality, greater effort by a wider range members is essential. The eyes of Epping will be upon us and surely we dare not fail to carry this project through to a successful conclusion. Our reputation over the years has been a very strong one. Let us all give this matter our best attention, maintain that reputation of making a real contribution for good in our local community.

Just do It! Is a title of a small booklet (compiled by one Harry Mills) that came across our

desk this week. It could be said that "Just Do It" is good advice for each on of us, bearing in mind the challenges ahead. Could it not be true to say that this title and the following references from the booklet are apposite to our current situation:

Achievement is a habit – Cultivate it – Harry Mills

An objective without a Plan is Dream - Douglas McGregor

To be what we are and to become what we're capable of becoming is the only end of life – Robert Louis Stevenson

Success comes in cans, failure in cant's. Anonymous

Major Events Two major events ahead of the club - first, the Street Fair to be held this coming March. The Next, is the Conference for DG Monica's Year. This conference, we better all believe is a daunting one. The Street Fair in the competent hands of John Briscoe is one thing, however, the Conference under the direction of PP Graham Stevens is so much more of a challenge and some wonder if club members are fully aware of the major, major job to be done. Although, we have in the past been successfully responsible for at least two Assemblies, a Conference is a very different question. This is a tough and demanding call and much is at stake. We cannot fail here, we must positively respond. The sooner club members claim ownership of these projects the better. Perhaps instead of a speaker on one or two Monday Evenings a full explanation of the Modus Operandi and Road Maps for each of these important events will assist each member to do so.

A Thoughtful Letter A touching letter also recently passed across our desk It was received from Christine Mikhael of Mikhael and Mikhael - a leading Real Estate business in Epping. Members will recall that Christine was inducted into our club by PP Graham Simons during his 1995/96 Presidential year .Christine was in her twenties at the time and became a very effective Rotarian, serving for a time as Youth Director. Contents of her letter in the main speaks about her father (Passed away during December), his advice and impact upon her life. The advice outlined in that letter is down to earth and so practical. Christine in part writes about her father: "Through his life he demonstrated not to be afraid of hard work, he showed me that it was ok to take calculated risks and to always give back to the community and to those less fortunate". A thought for the day for all Rotarians!

Anniversaries and Birthdays

No Anniversaries this week

Birthdays

Heather Sadler	January 23
David Taylor	January 26
Ian McIntyre	January 28
Sandra Castley	January 28

Paul & Stan

Editor's note: We are looking for an editor for next week's RIM as I will be overseas. Please let me know if you can assist- Graham

Advance Australia Fair

*Australians all let us rejoice,
For we are young and free,
We've golden soil and wealth for
toil,
Our home is girt by sea.
Our land abounds in nature's
gifts,
Of beauty rich and rare,
In history's page, let every stage
Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.*

Rotary Grace

*O Lord and giver of all good,
We thank thee for our daily
food,
May Rotary friends and
Rotary ways,
Help us to serve thee all our
days.*