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President John Reports



Thank you to Paul Clune, David Stewart, Peter Tugwell and Bob Nash who helped me last Saturday with our anti-graffiti project and a special thank you to Bob and David for cleaning the rollers, brushes and

trays. We are certainly making an impression in Epping and it is not hard work nor is it very time consuming. With the early start we are generally finished by 9.00am.

On Friday morning 2nd February I met with Kevin Brennan from Parramatta City Council and showed him what progress we have made to date. I believe he was suitably impressed and I asked for a donation from PCC of a high pressure water machine. Some of you have asked me what other assistance I have requested and I quote from my letter to the Northern District Times – “Also if any Epping or nearby residents would like to assist Epping Rotary in eliminating graffiti from our suburb please contact John Edwards on 0412 219 999. Rotary is fully insured and all materials are provided. They also need lookouts who can report any new outbreaks of graffiti”. I am expecting our project to be advertised hopefully next week in the NDT.

Also I have been contacted by a lady from the Department of Juvenile Justice as they have graffiti offenders whom we could use in cleaning up the graffiti. At the time I write this report I am pleased to advise that the work we have done to date remains graffiti free.

Last Monday our Guest Speaker, Grant Kitchen gave us an entertaining and animated presentation on the subject of “Rapport Building the Key to a Long Life in Selling”. Vanessa Sokalik appears to have benefited greatly from attending RYLA. Rotarian Sudath Karunaratne has purchased office space for his new dental surgery in the Genesis building and has completed a very professional fit out.

On Thursday last Olga Scaramuzzi and I attended the Sportsman’s Luncheon and Auction organized by the Rotary Club of North Sydney. Their guests were Alan Jones, Mark Philippoussis, Nick Farr-Jones, Peter Fitzsimons and PP Lindsay May from Lane Cove Club who won the Sydney to Hobart yacht race on handicap. It was a very enjoyable occasion and they raised approximately \$14,000 for Lifeline and the Stanton library. Alan Jones was awarded a Sapphire Pin for his Paul Harris Fellowship.

I spoke with DGE Monica Saville in San Diego on Thursday night and she sounded very well She arrives back in Sydney next Thursday morning, 8th February.

This week I spoke with Katinga Schroeder from Lifestart to offer our support for a Trivia Night sometime in May to assist that organization. She was very appreciative of our offer and Ken Oowler has already started writing the questions. In this week’s NDT there is a story about our outgoing Exchange Student to Germany, Michael Sullivan together with a photograph.

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 5 February 2007

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
February 5	Royal Flying Doctor Service Mick Warren	Wal Dover	John Fry
February 12	Street Fair Planning Meeting	Roger Dunn	
SOCIAL & SERVICE			
March 25 Sunday	Epping Street Fair	Roger Dunn	
HOSPITALITY THIS WEEK – Ken Owler			

This Week's Meeting

'Royal Flying Doctor Service' Mick Warren

Monday 5th February 2007

Providing an aerial ambulance service for outback emergencies, the Royal Flying Doctor Service had its first flight on 17 May 1928 from Cloncurry in north-western Queensland. Come to our club meeting on Monday 5 February to hear Mick Warren relate the story of the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

John Royer
Programme Director

Last Week's Meeting



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Epping Street Fair 2007

Dear All,

Many thanks indeed for the tremendous response indicated at last week's dinner meeting in backing this very worth while major community project, being run jointly by The Epping Club and The Rotary Club of Epping. The event is to be held on Sunday 25th March and will be officially open to the public from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

As mentioned at the dinner meeting it should be appreciated if individual club members

provide answers to the following questions ASAP:

1. Please confirm your participation? Yes or No.
2. Are other suitable members of your family, or friends, able to assist? Yes or No.
3. Are you or they (family or friends) able to participate for the full day? Yes or No.
4. If not able to give full day's service please specify hours (commencement & finish) you are able to give?
5. Marking out of Stall Sites shall commence circa 1:00 am to allow Holders access by 7:00 am. Are you able to assist? Yes or No.
6. At the 2005 Epping Street Fair various members conducted certain roles. Would you like to conduct that same role? Yes or No.
7. If your answer to 6) is "Yes" then please state that role?
8. The various jobs this year include: a) Waste Management, b) The Jumping Castle (Charles Brown to supervise again) c) Selling Raffle Tickets (5,000 this year whereas only 1,000 previously). d) Distributing Show Bags, e) Supervising Contests for Talent Show (Michael & Jennifer Denham last time), f) Judges for Talent Quest (2), g) Judges for Junior Art Show (2) – Primary & High School Exhibits (paintings & sculptures), h) Inspection of Food Stalls prior to commencement to ensure each meets necessary standards, i) Management & collection of funds, j) Cooking & preparing hot dogs and hamburgers, k) Selling of food & refreshments, l) delivering of Rotary Caravan to site & preparation for j & k; m) preparation & setting up of Epping Rotary's purpose designed stall, n) Manning of our stall, (E&OE) etc.
9. Which of the roles mentioned in 8) above would you like to be considered for?
Please give 1st & 2nd choice?
1st....., 2nd.....
10. Do you have suggestions for additional fund raising activities? Yes or No.
11. If "Yes" to 10) please state?
12. Are you able to suggest a Sponsor, or a Contributing Donator of a prize, for either the Talent Quest or the Junior Art Show? Yes or No.
13. If the answer to 12) is "Yes" then please give details including approx retail value.
(RetraVision are providing a Plasma TV valued at circa \$2,500)

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14. Do you know of any possible Sponsors (i.e.: Unilever are backing the Junior Art Show to the value of \$1,000+ & RetraVision the Entertainment), Yes or No

15. If the answer to 14) is "Yes" these please give details

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16. Does your organisation have promotional material/items for inclusion in the Show Bags (cost \$250 per item)?

Yes or No.

17. If "Yes" to 16) please describe

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18. Do you have any comments or suggestions? If so then please describe

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Please let me have your answers and suggestions to the above prior to next Monday's dinner meeting. The event is only 7 weeks away and decisions have to be made and dealt with both quickly and professionally.

During the week I forwarded per email a List of Potential Sponsors who've been approached to back the fair, including those who have subsequently committed. The list did not embody many local organizations that could potentially help make the event an even bigger success, whilst at the same time contributing to their development and well being. For guidance I also attached a Sponsorship Information Kit providing full details of the various types of sponsorships available.

Please consider which other local organizations should be invited to participate? Then if suitable approach these personally, or at least obtain the right person's name, email address & phone number, and provide me with this contact information as quickly as possible, as time is fast running out. We want companies/employers, no matter what their size, who have facilities in & around Epping, to gain best possible mileage from this event.

Sponsorships range from Showbag Sponsors @ \$250; Prize Sponsors @ \$500 (\$300 cash, plus prize valued at \$200); etc., through to Naming Rights Sponsorship @ \$6,000, which The Epping Club has undertaken this year.

The last Epping Street Fair held in 2005 (in which I didn't participate, through being overseas) attracted in the order of 12,000 visitors. This year that number could be more without the congestion experienced previously.

Providing this project is the success desired, not only can it become an annual community event, but next time The Rotary Club of Epping could possibly extend the fair into Boronia Park, with further attractions and fund raising possibilities. Some thing I feel we should all aim for particularly as this aspect is seen as being The Rotary Club of Epping's responsibility.

Many thanks again for your valued support.

Yours in Rotary,

**Roger Dunn,
30-01-2007.**

Secretary's Report

District Incorporation

Voting for District incorporation will take place at the District Conference. I have an electronic copy of the relevant documents. Please let me know if you would like a copy.

GSE Team from Brazil

The GSE team from Brazil is being hosted in our Zone from the 4 to 9th March 2007.

On Wednesday night 7th March there will be a Riverside Zone Combined Meeting at the Gladesville Bowling & Sports Club cnr. Ryde Rd. and Halcyon St. Gladesville to meet the team and hear from them.

More details will follow later

Correspondence

We have recently received:

- a copy of "Routine Orders", the newsletter from the Epping RSL Sub-Branch
- a sample of the 2007-2008 ANZO Rotary Clubs directory booklet (\$2 each) that the Rotary Club of Port Pirie publish.
- District Dues.
- RDU Dues.
- RI Semi Annual Dues.
- Cleanup Australia day site registration forms.

Peter Tugwell
Secretary

In the interests of balanced reporting it is probably worth recording that England won its first one day cricket match against Australia this Summer but frankly who cares?



Who was I? Sporting Profile No 1

Courtesy of President John

A man more familiar with Sportsman's lunches than the tennis court in recent years

Out & About with Paul & Stan

Nuptial News. Club members will be pleased to hear that President Elect Peter and Sue have advised that son Martin – a final Law Student will marry Sam Kelly, at the Uniting Church Roseville 20th April. Martin, already a graduate, studies law at Macquarie University and Sam is a teacher of Drama at St.Vincent's College Potts Point. The reception will be held at Clonny's on the Beach located at Clontarf .We are also interested to note that Martin and Sam had announced their engagement late last year.

Best wishes to the happy couple for a long, healthy and prosperous life together,

An Engaging Speaker Grant Kitchen, our speaker last Monday gave us an excellent presentation of his Rapport Building as the Key to a Long Life in Selling. His five steps about the contact with others is good advice to all, especially, his points about a smile, eye contact and genuineness to those whom we meet. Grant's message and performance was positive, uplifting and a challenge to each one to commit oneself to a warm, compassionate, yet direct contact approach to and with whom we meet and in all that we undertake. If adopted by each one of us, the reputation of Rotary will surely be enhanced and ensure the growth of membership in the future. It was a worthwhile and timely address to our club. Our approach does determine how much we successfully sell of our outstanding Rotary Worldwide Product doesn't it?

District Conference. We hear that eighteen from our club will be attending the District Conference in March and that number includes partners. Not a good attendance one might say! Why then is it so? Obviously there are many answers to this question, especially as there has been adequate and lengthy publicity for it and a number of invitations made within our club. Some say that it covers such a long period in that it now runs from Thursday to Sunday – too much time to allocate to a Conference and relatively speaking it has become too expensive. Others have different thoughts about it all such as, The District Assembly has been reduced to one day, why not the Conference? So many these days express the view that they are too busy to spend too much time at or even join Rotary. How then does a Thursday to Sunday Conference appeal? Some, also wonder if the cost is commensurate with what is really achieved Is it not timely, then, to consider adopting a new approach to the Conference? Continuing in the same way and adopting a similar mould from year to year, does not, it seem, to do too much to influence a warmer response, nor give reason for a greater number to attend. (*Over 900 Rotarians including our 18 will be attending the Mudgee District Conference ED*)

Return of the Corneys. Unfortunately, your scribes were unable to attend last Monday week's meeting and view the photographs and hear about the English wedding, which we understand was a delightful and happy occasion. PP John, afterwards, so we hear did some manual labor, cutting hedges on the large property where, the wedding was held getting to know the in-laws of son Andrew. Displaying quite a warm Rotary spirit John!

A Timely Return to the Big Smoke. DGN Tony Castley reports that not everyone trapped at the Central Coast by recent bush fires suffered the same uncomfortable journeys as reported by Paul Clune and Wal Cooper (last week's RIM). On the Sunday night Tony and Sandra had just packed up and jumped into their car for their usual Sunday evening return to the big smoke, when the car radio reported the F3 closed due to bush fires. Being only one block into the journey, they returned to their North Avoca home, and kept checking the RTA website which was updated hourly. At 3am the road was opened again with a small detour onto the Pacific Highway at Berowra, so away they went and although they drove through without any delay, they were shocked how close the walls of flame were to the Mount Kuring-gai Station as they went past !. The road was closed again shortly afterwards and remained closed most of Monday. Good timing Castleys!

Anita is back on ABC Rotarians may remember Anita Savage who was Epping Rotary's Ambassadorial Scholar some years ago, studying Radio and Television in Ohio and New York USA. After being "off the screen" for some years now, Anita in

back at Channel 2 ,ABC, and you will often now catch her doing interviews on the ABC 7pm news and other current affairs programs

Paul & Stan

The Return of the Artful Dodger

An award should go to the Virgin Airlines Gate Attendant in Sydney, for being polite whilst making her point, when confronted by a passenger who probably deserved to fly as cargo.

A crowded Virgin flight was cancelled after one of their aircraft had been withdrawn from service. An attendant was re-booking a long line of inconvenienced travellers. Suddenly an angry passenger pushed his way to the desk. He slapped his ticket down on the counter and said, "**I HAVE to be on that flight and it HAS to be FIRST CLASS**".

The attendant replied, "**I'm sorry, sir. I'll be happy to try to help you, but I've got to help these people first, and I'm sure we'll be able to work something out.**"

The passenger was unimpressed. He asked loudly, so that the passengers behind him could hear "**DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHO I AM?**"

Without hesitating, the attendant smiled and grabbed her public address microphone: "**May I have your attention please. May I have your attention please,**" she began - her voice heard clearly throughout the terminal. "**We have a passenger here at Gate 14 WHO DOES NOT KNOW WHO HE IS. If anyone can help him find his identity, please come to Gate 14.**"

With the folks behind him laughing hysterically, the man glared at the Virgin Attendant, gritted his teeth and made the predictable response

Without flinching, she smiled and replied... "**I'm sorry, sir, but you'll have to get in line for that too.**"

And it's true!!!

Another gem from the desk of "The Artful Dodger".



Pool Party

A group of past and present Epping Rotarians and partners enjoyed a nice Australia Day weekend as guests of Graham and Margot Simons at Nth Avoca, and visited the Castley's in Nth Avoca and enjoyed a dip in their new pool and spa.

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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.*