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## President Pete's Report



There is nothing quiet like the “FESTIVE SEASON” and “SUMMERTIME” to share some good “FELLOWSHIP & MATESHIP” and just “Kick Back”. Our past two Rotary Meetings have been just that what with a game of Bols and Barbie at Slats on



Richmond then followed by a Pool Side Social with our mates from Ryde Rotary.

Remember next week at the invitation of Rydalmere Rotary – we will be meeting with the Riverside Clubs. Details about this meeting are as follows:

Meal cost is \$25.00.

Start time is 6pm for 6.30.

Location: Oatlands Golf Club, Bettington Road, Oatlands (entrance is opposite Ellis Street. This is important because some people get it confused with Oatlands House, just down the road).

Our speaker is Francisco Prezoto, our exchange student from Brazil. Francisco leaves us on 29<sup>th</sup> January and this is his farewell presentation. You'll also have the opportunity to hear about a forthcoming live magic, illusion and mind-reading show we're presenting on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March**.

On Graham Stevens will have his elves busily working in preparation for the decorations for the Conference – a massive task.

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 21 January 2008



Anna Waddington our RYLA candidate had a sensational time at RYLA last week, held at VISION VALLEY. Anna is just chaffing at the bit to speak at one of near future meetings to share her wonderful experiences and excitement.



Now that we half way through the year and so that we can stay on course and give the Club direction, I respectfully request all members to complete and return the enclosed survey to me by 1<sup>st</sup> February 2008.

Cheers

*President Pete*

### **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*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Avenue of Service</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Youth Exchange Rydalmere	Oatlands Golf Club	
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Australia Day holiday	<b>No meeting</b>	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> February			
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	District Conference Planning Meeting	<b>Club</b>	Combined with Carlingford

### ***Social & Service***

## **Bathurst Conference 2008**

Fellows

Thanks to all the members and partners who can make it to the Conference working bee next Saturday. If you have advised you cannot make it, no need to worry about this email.

Because we have had such a good response we have moved the venue to

The Blue Room,  
Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children  
361-365 North Rocks Road  
NORTH ROCKS NSW 2151  
1pm to 5pm

and then for those who can stay a BBQ at  
the Walkers  
327 North Rocks Road

Thanks to the hard work of Di and Sue and Joy we have 2 main projects

1. Build about 120 light towers for table decorations at the conference
  - We will provide the materials and some tools but bring along some scissors; rulers, marking pencils, power drills or battery operated drills with some small bits, wire cutters if you have them
  
2. Prepare and Paint a 5metre by 2.6 metre backdrop for the conference
  - We could use some artistic skills but otherwise bring along some paint brushes (1/2" to 4"), carpenters pencils. We will need some black, white, red, blue or green **acrylic** paint so if you have some in the garage can you let me know otherwise I will go out and buy some.
  - Does anyone have an eyelet punch for putting in eyelets about the size of a 10 cent coin?
  - Does anyone fancy themselves as an artist who can provide some direction on this project?
  - Does anyone have access to an overhead projector?

Please let me know before Saturday if you have any of the above materials

Could you also give some thought to how the club should dress on Saturday night to get into the RACEY theme for the conference and we can toss those ideas around on Saturday as well

Looking forward to seeing you there  
Graham

*Graham Stevens*

ph 97436974 or 0422934669

## ANNUAL YOUTH EXCHANGE DINNER FOR OUR RETURNING & INBOUND STUDENTS

FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2008 - 6:30 pm for 7:00 pm

**Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club**  
**117 Ryedale Road, West Ryde**

## Rotary Club of Hornsby Gold Day

The Rotary Club of Hornsby is holding its annual charity golf day on Friday 29 February 2008 at Asquith Golf Club. The event will be a four person team Ambrose event and we encourage clubs across the district to enter a team.

Further information is provided in the attached document.

Regards

Craig Fretwell  
Club President  
Rotary Club of Hornsby  
(02) 9457 0057"

# Rotary Club of Epping Survey for Direction in 2008

## Club Service

### *Meeting Formats/Traditions*

Q 1 Should the Club review its traditional “Grace” format to take into account of the changing demographic and societal changes in the Epping region? (Yes/No).

Q 2 the Club’s general dinner meeting format is to have the guest speaker/school debates etc to present their material after the various directors’ reports and other Club business matter. Should the Club not look at reversing this sequence to promote a greater interest in our meetings for members and our guests? (Yes/No).

## Community Service Projects

Q 1 Should the Club review its established activities/projects such as Carols in the Park, Club Raffle, Golden Oldies Ferry boat Cruise, Red Shield Appeal, Street Fair etc, etc to evaluate their worth and actual value to the Community & Club? (Yes/No)

Q 2 Why does get such a poor participation rate and support by members to the Community Chest Raffle?

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## International Service

Q 1 Should the Club review its established activities/projects such as Austerity night, GSE, Vanuatu, Monza Ovest, Donations in kind etc etc etc to evaluate their worth and actual value to the Community & Club? (Yes/No)

Q 2 What focus should International Service take?

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## Youth Service

Q 1 Should the Club review its established activities/projects such as Youth exchange, Primary & secondary School Debates National Youth Science, RYLA, RYDA, etc, etc to evaluate their worth and actual value to the Community & Club? (Yes/No)

Q 2 What focus should Youth Service take?

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**Vocational Service**

Q 1 Should the Club review its established activities/projects such as Pride of Workmanship Awards, YES, 3 on Me's etc etc to evaluate their worth and actual value to the Community & Club? (Yes/No)

Q 2 What focus should Vocational Service take?

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**Membership**

Q 1 Should the Club review our member's membership to evaluate their worth and benefit to making a difference to Club and their community? (Yes/No)

Q 2. Should we provide a budget to survey the community's attitude to Rotary and would make the want to get on the Bus the Make a difference? (Yes/No)

**Fund Raising**

Q 1 The Club plans to hold either on 11 or 18 April 08 a Social Bowls Event to help raise much needed funds to support the Clubs projects and charitable programs. Will you as a member be able to support and commit your time and effort to make it a success? (Yes/No)

Thank for participating in the survey

Please return to  
*President Pete*

# Out & About with Paul & Stan

**Year end Fellowship.** Well another year over, a new year begun and already seven days almost behind us. What will we do? What will be achieved? in the remaining months of the Rotary year. Our last Christmas function at the home of President Peter was full of enjoyable fellowship with chatter about this and that. The atmosphere reflected the great bonhomie so evident in the club. Sue Slattery and Sue O'Brien, provided a fine repast for all to partake. It all set the stage for a return in the new year to board Pete's bus and increase our contribution to the plans developed for our club in the months ahead. Oh! also, one esteemed former President arrived in a new car with a number plate commencing with the letters JG –wonder which member that could be! Thanks to Peter and the two Sues for a most pleasant evening.

**The Rains Came.** Unfortunately, the Carols in the Park event was washed out. The rain tumbled down at the last moment .Threatening clouds were about all day and despite perhaps a sprinkle here and there it held off until we had set up the BBQ ,Rotannes were preparing other items of food, participants in the performance were arriving ,the stage and equipment had been set up and then came the torrent of water from above. Several Rotarians were soaked-to-the-skin with general elegance, for some disappearing for another day. We were able to sell off a quantity of sausages and give away other perishables. A disappointing result to what could have been a very successful event. .

**Dubai Report.** Stan has returned from his December long sojourn to Dubai to visit his son Mark. Mark, as many will recall, works in the worldwide financial scene and enjoys the expat and international life there. Stan, a numbers man from way back thought that the following Stats would be of interest. Do you know? That :

Dubai, which covers an area approximately the size of Sydney, is one of six states forming the United Arab Emirates(UAE), the largest of which is Abu Dhabi .The population is approx 1.2 million of which 70% is male. Expats form 72 % of the community with a large manual contingent from India, Pakistan and the Philippines. Except for a few buses which operate in the inner city, there is no public transport. The ratio of vehicles (including commercial) to the total population is 1.7.More next week!

**Thoughts for the New Year Begun.** Although, not quite so common these days the singing of Auld Lang Syne, has been an expression from the depths of the heart at a year end, or at a family or fellowship celebration and sung with much thought, good wishes and reflection. Although a calendar year has ended, perhaps, in light of comments above, it is timely to remind ourselves as we stand at the beginning of 2008 and the balance of this Rotary Year that there is much to be accomplished and also to consider our attitudes in doing so. The following lyrics give an insight to the spirit in which much can be achieved and surely worthy to keep afloat in our minds as we restart our motors:

And ther's a hand, my trusty friend,  
And gie's a hand o' thine,  
We'll tak' a cup o' kindness yet  
For auld lang syne

**What do you think?**

**Anniversaries and Birthdays**     None this week

## International Service Report

### **ORO PROVINCE DISASTER, G.**

The District 9650 initiative in the many nationals who had to flee homes because of flood damage from Cyclone Guba has now reached over \$27,000.



**Remains of Bridge near Popenetta.**

### **Cyclone Guba P N**

organising funds for their  
reached over \$

On hearing of the Cyclone that struck Oro Province in P N G, P D G Bob Young contacted Ernie Lohberger President of Port Moresby Rotary Club. This cyclone displaced some 200,000 people and left over 200 people dead in the villages in Kokoda and Popengetta area. Over 25 bridges were washed away between Kokoda, Popengetta and coast at Oro Bay.

Immediate aid was supplied in form of food such as rice and tinned food, organised by Ernie Lohberger and distributed by Caribou aircraft and Black Hawk helicopter supplied by Australian Government.

Rotary Club of Taree contacted DG Ian Dyball and he arranged for clubs in District 9650 to be canvassed for donations. PDG Bob Young contacted local clubs in Zone 4 and more than \$ 11,000 was donated immediately from clubs, church organisations and individuals. Eastern Region was also contacted and donations have now reached over \$ 27,000.

These funds have been distributed through Rotary Overseas Aid Fund through Ernie Lohberger in Port Moresby. He has spent some K 50,000 (Aust \$ 25,000) putting together Kits containing cooking utensils, clothing and building equipment such as axes, spades and nails, as well as vegetable seeds to replant gardens that were washed away. Some 200 shelter boxes have been forwarded from Melbourne and have just arrived in Port Moresby.

Rotary Club of Taree put Ernie in touch with a supplier of Bailey Bridges in Canada, and it is hoped that Canadian Government may subsidise the supply these bridges to commence replacing many bridges washed away by floods.

Rotary has been congratulated in PNG Press for their practical assistance in organising distribution of Aid to people of PNG. More donations would be appreciated as it will be a long term project to rehouse the many nations rendered homeless by floods. The building equipment being sent will help locals to rebuild their homes. It is hoped that teams can be organised through RAWCS later to assist in the rebuilding program.

Thanks to prompt action by Rotary Clubs and DG Ian Dyball, immediate help was able to be made available, but more assistance will be required.

Donations can be made through Max Carey, Assistant Secretary, Rotary Club Taree  
PO Box 310 Taree. Cheques should be made out to Rotary Overseas Aid fund.

Max Carey, Assistant Secretary, Rotary Club Taree.

## Treasurers Report

Dear Members

I have not forgotten to send you an invoice for the current fees but would like the Board to finalise a decision on the amount to charge. As I indicated before Christmas the money held in the members fund is high for our current needs so we can justify a reduction from the \$160 charged each 6 months last year.

I am concerned that some members are having sleepless nights worrying that they have not paid me hence the email.

There is a plan currently for the Board to meet in the first week of February when the matter will be tabled and the optioned examined.

For your information the member's bank account balance at the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007 stood at \$9,482.

Best wishes

John

**With RYDE ROTARY CLUB at “NEXT GENERATION” Poolside**

Then up stepped Peter Slattery who took the mike in hand,  
Said he, “I used to be rotund but that’s not what I’d planned.  
I ate and drank and lay around, watched cricket on the tele  
And left my Dunlop *Volleys* hanging up where they got smelly!  
I look around this gathering ... oh, you should be ashamed.  
There’s blubber by the tonne here, more than that for which we blamed  
The naughty Japanese whose whaling fleet is on the foam  
Harpooning poor leviathans as they are swimming home.  
See this here little doover which is hanging from my belt ...  
You all need one of these to get you trim and taut and svelte,  
To shed that gross excess for which we Aussies are well known,  
The most obese, most unattractive Billy Bunter clones.  
So wear your own pedometer and take ten thousand strides  
And soon you’ll look as good as me; your hairy, hoary hides  
Will shrink and shrivel on your bones and dangle in festoons,  
So you’ll wear several sizes less in shirts and pantaloons.  
To catch up on my quota of ten thousand steps a day,  
I take my kelpie Ruby for a run and by the way,  
Just spare a thought for Ruby who gets terrified and jumpy  
And passes for a dachshund now, like thin and very stumpy!  
So one day soon, when every one of you is fit and nice,  
Remember to say, “Thank you, Peter, for your good advice!”

Flash Jack

**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.*