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ANZAC DAY REFLECTIONS

Whilst we as a community do solemnly stand within the crowded atrium of the Epping RSL on the morning of 25th April 2008 to give reverence and thanks to those courageous men and women who so gallantly fought and died to give us as Australians our peace and freedom. One could not but, become overwhelmed by the SPIRIT ANZAC which was glowing within in the eyes of a myriad of children and youth present there to give thanks and to carry the light and will to fight to "Give Service Above Self", so as to protect and preserve our Nation's rights of freedom and peace within a democratic society. Particularly in a time where in certain parts of the world tyranny sadly still prevails!

In the company of fellow Rotarians it was a proud moment to stand beside Stan Ledger a veteran of the WWII, as he solemnly laid our Club's memorial wreath on the ANZAC Cenotaph. **"LEST WE FORGET"**.



Christian Community Aid

At our next meeting we will be hearing from Heather Pinto from Christian Community Aid (CCA). CCA is a multi-purpose neighborhood centre run by a community based board of directors. It was established by the Churches in the Ryde - Eastwood - Epping areas in 1965 and this support continues today. Much of the work of CCA would not be possible without the efforts of some 665 volunteers.

IT'S ON THE RADAR - Sunday 25 May 2008

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 28 April 2008



Fellows it is NOW time to get “REVVED UP” and to “CLICK INTO ACTION” for this **MAIN EVENT!**



At the last District 9680 President’s meeting it was my great pleasure to present to John Loughlin, Director of RYDA with a Cheque for \$8,000 sponsored via the Epping RSL Club – Community Support Fund to benefit the important work being done by RYDA to help improve the attitude and driving skills of today’s youth and to **SAVE LIVES**

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

Date	Topic	Avenue of Service	Comment
Monday 28 th April	Eastwood Christian Community Aid Helen Pinto	Community	
Monday 5 th May	Holstein Wong National Science Forum	Youth	
Monday 12 th May	Workplace Visit Winnebago Factory	Vocational	
Monday 19 th May	Ikebukero Night (37th Anniversary)	International	
Monday 26 th May	Tony Hill Traveller		
Social			
Friday 25 th April	Anzac Dawn Service		
Saturday 25 th May	Epping Street Fair	All	
Saturday 28 th June	District 9680 Changeover Baton change: Monica to Tony!	All	Historic change-over. A once-in-a-lifetime not to be missed!

Out & About with Paul & Stan

Graduation News. Most pleasing news is to hand. President Peter and Sue have proudly advised that son, Martin, after five years of dedicated study and work graduated with a degree in Media and Law from Macquarie University, Tuesday April 22. Since completing his degree, November last year, he has been working as a Para-legal at Carroll and O’Dea, Solicitors and will complete his Law Practicing Certificate in June this year. Our heartiest congratulations to Martin for this significant achievement and extend to him our very best wishes for great success in the years ahead.

International Interests. We hear that PP John Corney has departed on a business trip to China, the Philippines and Taiwan. John, we understand is having products manufactured in China and will be visiting there to finalise production arrangements. We are fortunate to have in our club another entrepreneur doing business on an international basis. We wish John a successful outcome for all the deliberations in which he will be involved.

Prospective New Member. It was pleasing to meet up with Dani Daher attending our meeting again last Monday evening. It was interesting to note that Dani put his hand up to sell raffle tickets for the forthcoming Street Fair when PP John Edwards gave the call for assistance in the matter. Very pleasing to have such enthusiasm and willingness to be a part of what we are endeavouring to achieve. Hopefully he will be inducted as a full member in the near future.

Dawn Service. A number of members attended the local Anzac Day Dawn Service conducted by Epping RSL last Friday morning. As in the past it was a most moving occasion and a time of reflection for all. As the Ode is recited and the last post rings out in the depth of our minds and hearts are we not most thankful for the supreme sacrifice of thousands of young people each of whom heard the call and did not return home. Stan laid a wreath on behalf of the club

News from the Shack. In last week’s edition of TWT appears an announcement congratulating Jackie Pettit, manager of the Shack on the recent birth of a son. Young Martin was born April 15, weighing in at 4.14 kgs. Both are doing well we understand. We join with TWT in congratulating Jackie and extend to Martin best wishes for a long and happy life. Members may recall that we visited the Shack last September to further acquaint ourselves with the operations there. Funds raised from our Christmas Raffle were dedicated to the work of the Centre.

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Membership Anniversaries

Graham Stevens April 29 17 Years

Wedding Anniversaries

Peter and Sue Slattery April 30

Birthdays

Bob Paisley April 28

Elizabeth Tugwell April 29

From *MEMOIRS of a WARRIOR*

When I was a Natio* back in 1956,
I learned a lot of useful things and lots of dirty tricks
Like how to dodge KP**and spend more time tucked up in bed
By feigning strange diseases and dementia in my head.

I had a lovely 303 Lee Enfield service rifle,
The very instrument for waving round, also to stifle
The awful enemies who threatened all our limbs and lives,
Our houses, huts and hovels and our sweethearts and our wives.

They stuck two stripes upon my sleeve but no-one called me 'Sir',
Though I felt more important than Bob Hawke or Johnnie Kerr.
I stood out on parade and shouted orders loud and clear,
And never dulled my martial mind with whisky, gin or beer.
(Well, not often, anyway!)

I knew my left foot from my right, which ways were up and down,
I cut a dashing figure when I ventured into town,
My slouch hat on my head, my great big boots upon my feet ...
Oh, how I crashed and clattered as I marched along the street!

My friends, I was a warrior to fear and to avoid,
A guardian of our wide, brown land, who artistry employed
Appearing to be dangerous like the Duke of Wellington,
A daring, dauntless digger, a fierce son of a gun.

Now I am grey of hair and all my bits are getting frail,
I'd volunteer for combat, but 'twould be to no avail.
I have three service medals which I wear on ANZAC Day
So folks will know how brave I was (am!) in battle and affray.

* Pron. 'Nasho', i.e. National Serviceman

** Kitchen Parade = peeling spuds, washing up, etc

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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.*