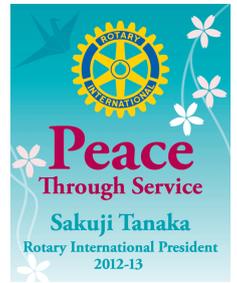


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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

This is the earliest I have written the President's comments after our meeting, in fact as I am writing this I am sure there will be some of you still standing around the fire-place sipping a glass of wine and enjoying some fellowship! (I am away for the next few days so important that I do this before I head off)

We had a wonderful guest speaker at our meeting, Nerelie Teese, speaking on "The National Year of Reading". It really hit home to us when Nerelie told us that 46% of Australians have reading difficulties. But modern technology has moved in and our kids can learn to read on "tablets", with thousands of books available online. It certainly is important to encourage reading at a very early age, whether it is on an iPad, or from a "real book". (I still prefer the "real books")



President John, Speaker Nerelie and Chair Adrian

We had the pleasure of Xenia visiting us once again. It is great to have young people showing interest in Rotary, and we hope to see her again soon.

On Wednesday evening, Fred, Geoff and I gave a presentation on our projects in Sabu to the Brighton Nth Rotary Club. Even though this club is in a different district to ours, we have formed a partnership with them for our Sabu projects. They have come on board with a generous contribution of \$2,800 per year for 3 years to go towards construction of more water wells. This is a great "shot in the arm" for our international work. It's also a

Next Meeting

THURSDAY 16 AUGUST

SANDRA GODEASSI
TOPIC: HEARING ASSISTANCE
CHAIR: ROB FENTON
CASH DESK: HEATHER C & HARRY W
PROJECTOR; ROSS PHILLIPS
HOST: ROGER FREWEN
VICTORIA GOLF CLUB 6.30 FOR 7.00

THURSDAY 23 AUGUST

ROBIN DE CRESPIGNY
TOPIC: THE PEOPLE SMUGGLERS
CHAIR: PETER FLUDE
CASH DESK: HEATHER C & HARRY W
PROJECTOR; MALCOLM SAWLE
HOST: JAMES GLENWRIGHT
VICTORIA GOLF CLUB 6.30 FOR 7.00

THURSDAY 23 AUGUST

Fellowship Night at the Movies

"HOPE SPRINGS"

PALACE DENDY BRIGHTON CINEMA,
26 CHURCH STREET, BRIGHTON
PRE MOVIE DRINKS FROM 6.00 PM
SESSION TIME TBA

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positive sign that we can partner with others in the work that Rotary do.

In addition to this, it was very interesting to attend another Rotary meeting at another club. There are many neighbouring clubs we can visit, and I encourage all our members, at some time, to attend a meeting at another Rotary club.

August is Membership month in the Rotary calendar. This is an ideal opportunity to ask a friend or colleague along as a guest to one of our meetings. I am sure we all know at least one or two great potential Rotarians!

Stay safe and have a wonderful week

President John

Overheard at the last District Conference;

“We want members who

- • Have a vision
- • Are passionate
- • Want to contribute to communities

Want to have fun with like minded people”

TRAILER AVAILABLE TO RCOB MEMBERS



A “6X4” steel box trailer is available to all RCOB Members for casual use. It has a 7 pin round plug and lights etc. are in working order. However like some Members it

has seen better days, and is not as strong and lively as it used to be. Nevertheless it is quite capable of going to the nursery or recycling centre, moving the kids out of home, and other light duties. It is currently housed at the Stockdale residence in Reserve Road. Please contact Geoff or Kerrie if you wish to borrow it. All responsibility lies with the user. It is not registered or insured. Note; photo above is of overseas model!

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Fellowship Night at the Movies

Thursday 30th August 2012,
Session time TBA

Palace Dendy Brighton Cinema, 26 Church Street,
Brighton

pre movie drinks from 6.00 pm \$20.00 pp



Hope Springs

Director: David Frankel
Cast: Meryl Streep, Tommy Lee Jones, Steve Carell



Sometimes to keep the magic, you need to learn a few tricks...

From the Oscar-winning director, David Frankel (Dear Diary, The

Devil Wears Prada) comes the infectious comedy about overcoming a stale relationship in hopes of regaining that marital bliss.

Many years of marriage have left Maeve (Meryl Streep) wanting to spice things up and reconnect with her husband (Tommy Lee Jones). When she hears of a famed relationship guru (Steve Carell) in the town of Great Hope Springs, she must persuade her sceptical husband to get on a plane for an intense week of marriage and sex therapy. Getting there was hard enough... now shedding their bedroom hang ups, learning some new moves and rediscovering their youthful spark is when the real adventure begins.

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This Weeks Speaker; Nerelie Teese Topic; The National Year of Reading

Nerelie is Teacher Librarian at Rosstrevor Middle School, Brighton Grammar School and has actively supported the Rotary International Literacy Project for many years.

Also known as the “Echuca Bush Poet” she is a published and award winning Australian Bush Poet and her original poetry has been presented on radio in Queensland and Victoria and on national radio across Australia. She is also a marriage celebrant and loves celebrating marriages on or near the Murray and Goulburn Rivers. She goes home to Echuca every weekend.

Nerelie’s lifelong love of books and reading has played a big part in her being recognised as an official friend of the National Year of reading and it is in that capacity that she spoke to the RCOB. As might be expected she spoke with passion, eloquence and perfect clarity about her topic. These are her own words;

“One of the most startling pieces of information that seemed to leap off my computer screen when I first visited the [NYOR website](#) was the statistic that 46% of our wider Australian population struggles without basic literacy skills on a daily basis.

This statistic can be put into context by imagining a group or a crowd of people representing Australia’s 21. (whatever-it-is) million population; for example the peak hour crowd at Flinders Street station, a packed MCG - whether it’s footy or cricket, the queue at the supermarket checkout, or even people in a room. Just under half of these people could represent the 46% of the wider population that do not have the literacy skills needed to read a newspaper, a TV guide, a book, or be able to follow a recipe, or to understand the directions on a medicine bottle or package.

The aim of the National Year of Reading is to provide opportunities for people to discover or rediscover the magic and enjoyment of books and reading. This evening I’m going to talk about three different experiences I’ve been involved in or learnt about this year and then outline a very exciting reading project that’s about to take place.

At the beginning of this year I introduced a new Library activity for students at my school: a Tablet Book Club. This was in response to parent questions of how I, as the teacher librarian, would be using the new mobile devices our students were working with. Once the decision was made to create the Tablet Book Club the main concerns were how it would be structured or managed and which ebooks we’d read.

Our first ebook, ‘The Gallows Curse’ by Andrew Hammond was a great success. The author replied to an

email about our new TBC including a personal letter to its members. Students enjoyed reading the ebook, I certainly enjoyed reading it, and a number of parents read and enjoyed either the novel or its digital version. However, some great results of the TBC which hadn’t been predicted included positive reading experiences for at least two of our students. One had never read such a long book before and another had never really been involved with much reading at all. The TBC gave these boys the opportunity to engage with books and reading in a format that made reading interesting, attractive and contemporary. March 7 is World Read Aloud Day. We celebrated this with a Mystery Guest Reader, (our principal), who read a beautiful story book ‘The Heart of The Tiger’ by Glenda Millard and Gaye Chapman, and had a library full of twelve and thirteen year-old boys (and their teacher librarian) spellbound. This was a perfect illustration of just how much people of all ages enjoy hearing stories and being read to. Again this had an unexpected outcome when one of our more energetic students, almost a whirl of perpetual sound and motion, discovered the magic of books and reading. He borrowed a book before school started the next day and began reading. He is still reading at recess and lunch (not the same book), he seems much quieter and calmer and his story writing is delightful to read.

Recently, the Herald Sun and other newspapers featured one of the loveliest news stories I’ve seen for a long time. 98 year-old retired farmer George Coyle finished reading A B Facey’s ‘A Fortunate Life’ the first book he’s read right through. This article was so exciting to me that I contacted George and with his permission retold his story to our students at Assembly that day and now enjoy retelling it the wider community.

On Saturday August 25 Australia will celebrate our National Hour of Reading between 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. The Big Issue will support this with its annual fiction edition. Buying the Big Issue Fiction Edition will not just support Melbourne’s homeless and disadvantaged people, this will also help purchasers to celebrate the national hour of reading whenever and wherever they’d like to. The important thing about the national hour of reading and the Big Issue Fiction Edition is that as well as supporting our homeless and disadvantaged, it also gives us another opportunity to read, to share our reading and to talk about our reading. And that is how, in the National Year of Reading many more Australians will discover and rediscover the magic of books and reading. And this is how we can all work together to lower the frightening statistic of 46% of the Australian population who struggle to cope with basic everyday literacy. Whenever, wherever, whatever and whoever you talk to about reading can and will make a difference. Happy Reading and Happy National Year of Reading!”

**This Weeks Gags
Theme; Golf**

It's Just A Par Three

Ed; Not a gag but well worth including.



Forget pitch and putt - this tee-off point on top of a 1,410 ft. mountain in South Africa is the hardest golf shot in the world, and more than \$1 million awaits the player who can score a hole in one.

Players must take a helicopter to the top to play the longest and highest par three on the planet. Taking the shot also requires courage. A player needs to teeter terrifyingly close to the edge of the mammoth hillside.

Indeed, the Extreme 19th Hole is so high the ball takes almost 30 seconds to reach the ground.

Channel Nine cricket commentator Mark Nicholas recently joined an elite list to have the shot in just three swings. "It was awesome, riveting and phenomenal," he said, "it's like the end of the world when you get up there and it's an awful lot of fun. It's such an adrenaline rush taking the helicopter up and then rushing back down."

The hole is based at the Legends Golf and Safari Resort, within the Entabeni Safari Conservancy in South Africa's Northeastern Limpopo Province. The other 18 holes were designed by world golfing legends including Trevor Immelman, Sergio Garcia, Padraig Harrington and Australia's Robert Allenby.

A round of golf - including a buggy and lunch - will set

you back R450 (\$70).

The Extreme 19th cost is \$1060 per foursome, which includes the helicopter ride, souvenir cap, glove, and a DVD of you playing the hole.

So far, no one has even come close pocketing the million-dollar prize, but Harrington became the first golfer to conquer the hole within par.

Harrington said, "This is the type of innovation and excitement we need to get more people playing golf.

There aren't many new innovative ways to play the game but this is certainly one of the best. I think this hole is awesome. I love the whole experience, the helicopter, the views, the drama and having the green the shape of Africa. And now I've got bragging rights over all the other professionals who have played this hole and not managed to make a three. I love everything about it."

A golfer is walking down the road carrying his clubs when he sees an Arab being held up at gunpoint. He pulls out a wedge and smashes it over the back of the robber's head, knocking him unconscious.

"You probably saved my life," says the grateful Arab. "I am a member of the Saudi Royal Family and I have the power and money to give you anything you desire as a reward."

The golfer glances at his golf bag.

"Some new golf clubs would be nice," he says.

Two weeks later, the Sheikh's secretary calls him up.

"We've got your golf clubs," she says, "but the Sheikh would like to apologise to you in advance: only three of them have swimming pools."

An Octogenarian who was an avid golfer moved to a new town and joined the local Country Club. He went to the Club for the first time to play but was told there wasn't anybody he could play with because they were already out on the course.

He repeated several times that he really wanted to play. Finally the Assistant Pro said he would play with him and would give him a 12 stroke handicap. The 80 year old said, "I really don't need a handicap as I have been playing quite well. The only real problem I have is getting out of sand traps." And he did play well.

Coming onto the 18th the old man had a long drive, but it landed in one of the sand traps around the hole. Shooting from the sand trap he hit a very high ball which landed on the green and rolled into the hole!

The Pro walked over to the sand trap where his opponent was still standing. He said "Nice shot, but I thought you said you have a problem getting out of sand traps?" Replied the Octogenarian, "I do! Please give me a hand."

With thanks to Bob McArthur.

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			Rob Fenton (Banker)

Diprotodon Tracks, Australia

Photograph by Amy Toensing, National Geographic

On a drying lake bed in Victoria, a farmer in 2007 alerted scientists to a major find: well-preserved tracks of a Diprotodon. The slow-moving behemoth had been crossing a volcanic plain 100,000 years ago, when megafauna still walked tall.

