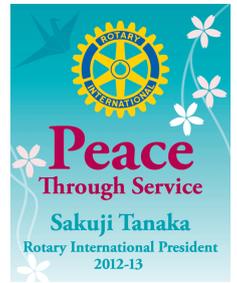


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ROTARY CLUB OF BEAUMARIS WEEKLY BULLETIN

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## PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

We didn't have our regular meeting last week; instead 12 of our members headed off to the Wheelers Hill International for the District 9810 farewell dinner of our GSE team.

This event was hosted by Beaumaris Rotary, and full credit for the success of the night must go to our own Tony McKenna for all his organising and the excellent job he did as MC.

A very professional presentation was given by Kerrie and her GSE team – their last full dress rehearsal before they head off to Malaysia. Well done Kerrie, and also to Kylie, Jayde, Peter and Mike. We wish you all luck in your Malaysia adventure!

There were 19 clubs from our district represented, with well over 100 attendees – and excellent turnout.

Our board had their monthly board meeting last Monday (8<sup>th</sup> October), with our Assistant Governor (AG) Wil Cornelissen also attending. Wil was "checking us out" prior to District Governor (DG) Brian Martin's visit to our club on 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Some highlights from our board meeting are as follows:

- We are arranging to meet with the principal and the teacher responsible regarding setting up and running an Interact club at Mentone Girls Secondary College for 2013
- A questionnaire will be sent out to all members prior to our Club Forum (25<sup>th</sup> October) to get a "heads up" on some of the issues we can discuss on the night
- A permanent food handling permit has been applied for. This would enable RCOB to be on standby for sausage sizzles at Buntings if another organisation cancels their allocation. Thank you to Dina van Dyke for all her assistance in arranging this.
- To assist in raising more funds, I will be speaking to other club presidents to check if there are any opportunities for RCOB to assist them in their fundraising events, with some dollar return for us. As an example, we already do this with Chelsea Rotary, assisting with parking at their Farmers market.
- International are looking at donating \$200 towards a Chelsea Rotary project in Fiji to assist in the purchase of a vehicle. Chelsea has been asked to assist RCOB with a donation towards our Sabu projects.

Community are considering application of a District Simplified Grant, which if successful, would go towards the purchase of a new minibus for Berendale special school.

This week (18<sup>th</sup> October) we are back at VGC for the farewell dinner for Fred and his team before they head off to Sabu Island in Indonesia next Sunday. We are very much looking forward to hearing all about the projects on Sabu and what they are planning to do on their trip.

## Next Meeting

### THURSDAY 18 OCTOBER

CLUB MEETING

TOPIC: SABU PRESENTATION

CHAIR: CHAIRMAINE JANSZ

CASH DESK: GREG EVERY & MARTIN FOTHERGILL

PROJECTOR: ADRIAN CULSHAW

HOST: GLENDA LAUGHTON

VICTORIA GOLF CLUB 6.30 FOR 7.00

### THURSDAY 25 OCTOBER

CLUB MEETING

TOPIC: AGM & DIRECTORS REPORTS

CHAIR: JOHN MANKS

CASH DESK: GREG EVERY & MARTIN FOTHERGILL

PROJECTOR: MALCOLM PARKS

HOST: DAVID LEA

VICTORIA GOLF CLUB 6.30 FOR 7.00

### THURSDAY 1 NOVEMBER

CLUB MEETING

TOPIC: DG BRIAN MARTIN

CHAIR: JAMES GLENWRIGHT

CASH DESK: ROGER FREWEN & MIKE HEDE

PROJECTOR: ROSS PHILLIPS

HOST: BOB MCARTHUR

VICTORIA GOLF CLUB 6.30 FOR 7.00

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Stay safe and have a wonderful week

President John

**Rotary District 9810 Conference 2013, Wangaratta  
Performing Arts Centre  
Friday 15-Sunday 17 March 2013**

To date our Club has all 18 rooms booked and deposits paid at the Hermitage Motor Inn in Wangaratta. This is 5 minutes stroll from the conference venue, and we believe not more than 10 minutes walk from the Saturday night venue.

It would appear good accommodation is at a premium, and District is trying to get an overview of what is booked/available.

If there are any other Members interested in going to conference, but who have not already told us, please let me or Megan know, so we can get an idea of how many more people we need to find accommodation for, as this seems to be the sticking point.

I do not yet have details of conference bookings made, but the early-bird opportunity is good until end October. This represents a discount of \$20.00 per registration.

The Conference Golf day will be on the Thursday prior to conference, with details yet to be advised, and we are hoping to have a good turnout of ladies and gents. If you are intending to play golf, you need to also book accommodation for the Thursday night. There is also to be a cricket match, for those interested, and an Art Show highlighting the six Rotary areas of focus, for which entries are being sought.

It appears the speaker program is to be kept fairly light so that members can have more opportunity for fellowship.

Assistant OTC Megan is planning activities around the district for those who are not into the above pursuits.

**TRAILER AVAILABLE TO RCOB MEMBERS**



OVERSEAS MODEL

A "6X4" steel box trailer is available to all RCOB Members for casual use. It has a 7 pin round plug, lights etc. . Please contact Geoff or Kerrie if you wish to borrow it. No registration / insurance; all responsibility

with the user.

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The Friday night Club Dinner is booked at a balcony restaurant in the main street of Wangaratta, 5-10 minutes stagger from the Motel.

Full Conference details can be found on the website <http://2013conference.9810rotary.org.au>

James Glenwright  
On-to-Conference Organiser

**Beaumaris Stall 24 November**

We are holding a stall outside of the Beaumaris Concourse IGA on Saturday 24th November. The objective is to promote our club by talking about the work we are doing, particularly the Sabu project, and show people in our community what a nice, friendly bunch we are. We will be handing out information flyers, chatting to people and rattling a tin at them; Volunteers are needed to man the stall, in 1 hour shifts between 9am - 1pm, with 3 people on duty at any one time. Please let me know if you are able to help.

Many thanks,

Adrian Culshaw

**John and Jeni Beaty at John's recent 80th birthday celebration**



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## GSE Farewell Dinner

Our club meeting last week was changed to Friday to enable us to support Kerrie and her team by attending the farewell dinner for them at the Wheelers Hill International Motor Inn. Thank you to the 10 brave souls who ventured across the Nepean Highway into the wilds of District 9810. From the feedback received so far it seems that it was a very successful evening and enjoyed by all.

I would especially like to thank the following members for assisting me in organising and running the night: Richard Jones and Bob McArthur for looking after the cash desk (never an easy job at a large function), James Glenwright for checking the mail daily and keeping me up to date with registrations, Richard Shermom for monitoring our bank account for a direct deposit which never came (they gave us a cheque instead) and Kerrie Geard for the hard work she has put in over the past few months preparing her team so well for their forthcoming exchange to District 3300 in Malaysia.



A total of 114 people registered for the dinner representing 19 clubs from the district. The hotel provided an excellent meal and service and the Rotarians enjoyed plenty of socialising and catching up with acquaintances. Once everyone had got themselves a drink and found a seat we managed to start the proceedings just 10 minutes behind schedule.

The main event and of course the highlight of the evening was the presentation to the district from the outgoing team. Beaumaris members will recall that the team presented a trial run to our club a few weeks ago. They were grateful for the feedback from our members that evening and modified their talk accordingly. The presentation is now very slick and the team will be great ambassadors for Rotary, D9810 and the Group Study Exchange programme when they are in Malaysia during November and

December.

The presentation was followed by a few words from District Governor Brian Martin who also presented the team members with their Rotary Foundation alumni pins. The presidents of the sponsor clubs presented the team with club banners to take with them to give to the clubs they visit while in Malaysia and, after the obligatory photo session, the meeting closed 5 minutes ahead of schedule.

The incoming team will be visiting from 16<sup>th</sup> February to 17<sup>th</sup> March 2013 and will be staying in the Bay-side area during the first week. The Group Study Exchange Committee is seeking support in the following areas:

**Home Hosting** – 2 hosts are still required for this week. If you have a spare bed and can accommodate a team member for the week and transport them to and from the daily pick-up points please let me know.

**Club Days** – Is RCOB, either alone or in conjunction with another club able to host a club day during this week? Club days are basically a cultural day where we can showcase our local area and see the sights etc.

**Vocational Days** – We are still waiting on detailed biographies of the Malaysian team members however their professions are Human Resources Manager, Telecom Engineer, Commercial Administrator, University Student Administrator and Sales & Marketing Manager. Each member will spend 5 days during the exchange visiting companies related to their specific vocation. If anyone has any contacts in these areas or can assist in arranging these visits please contact me asap.

Finally, on behalf of our club I wish Kerrie and her four team members a pleasant and fruitful trip and look forward to hearing all about it on their return.

**Tony McKenna**



## One This Week's Gags

### Topic; Automobiles

Eddie was driving down the road and met a car coming the other way.

Although there was room to pass easily, Eddie forced the oncoming car to slow down and wound down his window and shouted 'Pig'.

Astonished, the other driver looked in his rear view mirror and swore at Eddie.

Then his car hit the pig.

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A blonde walks into a bank in central New York City and asks for the loan officer. She says she's going to Europe on business for two weeks and needs to borrow \$5,000.

The bank officer says the bank will need some kind of security for the loan, so the blonde hands over the keys to a new Rolls Royce. The car is parked on the street in front of the bank; she has the title and everything checks out.

The bank agrees to accept the car as collateral for the loan. The bank's president and its officers all enjoy a good laugh at the blonde for using a \$250,000 Rolls as collateral against a \$5,000 loan. An employee of the bank then proceeds to drive the Rolls into the bank's underground garage and parks it there.

Two weeks later, the blonde returns, repays the \$5,000 and the interest which comes to \$15.41. The loan officer says, "Miss, we are very happy to have had your business, and this transaction has worked out very nicely, but we are a little puzzled. While you were away, we checked you out and found that you are a multimillionaire. What puzzles us is, why would you bother to borrow \$5,000?"

The blonde replies, "Where else in central New York City can I park my Rolls for two weeks for only \$15.41 and expect it to be there when I return?"

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Mom and dad had just given their teenage daughter, Joan, family-car privileges.

The following Saturday Joan was allowed to take the car to a party, and in addition to the usual don't-be-home-too-late admonishments she had been given one about don't-drink-and-drive.

Joan was a sensible girl. On Saturday night she stayed away from alcohol, but had lots of fun anyway. Lots of fun.

The next morning her father went out to the driveway to get the newspaper and came back into the house frowning.

At 11:30 AM the girl sleepily walked into the kitchen, and her father asked her, "Sweetheart, what time did you get in last night?"

"Not too late, Dad," she replied, perhaps a tad nervously.

Dead-panned, her father said, "Then, my precious one, I shall certainly have to talk with the paperboy about not placing my morning paper under the tire of the car."

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An Irish priest and a Rabbi get into a car accident. They both get out of their cars and stumble over to the side of the road. The Rabbi looks at the smashed cars and says, "Oy vey! What a wreck, what a wreck!"

The priest asks him, "Are you all right, Rabbi?"

The Rabbi responds, "Just a little shaken."

The priest pulls a flask of whiskey from his coat and says, "Here, drink some of this. It will calm your nerves." The Rabbi takes a swig and shakes his head ruefully, still looking at the cars. They are severely damaged. "Oh, but this will be sooo expensive!" he says.

"Yeah, well, it's just money, rabbi. Have another swig; in fact you can drink the whole bottle if you like."

The rabbi nods and drinks most of the bottle, never taking his eyes off the broken cars. Then he turns to the priest and says, "What are we going to tell the police?"

"Well," the priest says, "I don't know what you're going to be telling them. But I'll be telling them I wasn't the one drinking."

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What's the difference between a car insurance company and a Mafia don?

A car insurance company can tell you how many people will die this year, but a Mafia don, well, he can also tell you every one of their names.

BEAUMARIS ROTARY		2012-13 CLUB STRUCTURE	
<b>BOARD</b>		<b>CLUB SERVICE</b>	
<b>President</b>	John Manks	<b>Director</b>	Bob McArthur
<b>PE, VP, Exec Sec</b>	Bob McArthur	<b>Auditor</b>	Tony Phillips
<b>Secretary</b>	Roy Seager	<b>Program</b>	David Hone
<b>Treasurer</b>	Richard Shermon	<b>Meeting Attendance</b>	Greg Every
<b>Foundation</b>	Richard Jones	<b>Newsletter Editor</b>	David Lea
<b>International</b>	Fred Hofmann	<b>Fellowship</b>	Heather Chisholm
<b>New Generations</b>	Rob Fenton	<b>Sergeant</b>	Tony Phillips( David R.standby)
<b>Membership and Marketing</b>	Trish Smyth	<b>Webmaster</b>	David Lea
<b>Community</b>	Adrian Culshaw	<b>Photographer</b>	Greg Every
<b>Fundraising</b>	Harry Roberts	<b>Almoner</b>	Harry Wolfe
<b>PP and On to Conference</b>	James Glenwright	<b>Host(s)/Cashiers</b>	Roster
<b>ARH representative</b>	John Beaty (non board)	<b>Youth Protection Officer</b>	Malcolm Parks
		<b>Vocation</b>	Coordinate with program
<b>TEAM MEMBERS</b>			
<b>International</b>	<b>Community</b>	<b>New Generations</b>	<b>Fundraising</b>
David Langworthy	Malcolm Sawle	Chris Martin	Geoff Abbott
Geoff Stockdale	David Greenall	Glenda Laughton	Kerrie Geard
Ross Phillips	Martin Fothergill	Heather Chisholm	Charmaine Jansz
Tony McKenna	Greg Every	John Beaty	Roy Seager/James G. (Golf parking)
Zillay Batool	Mary Sealy		John Van Dyk
Larry Jackson	Mike Hede		Geoff Stringer
Ken Mirams	Geoff Stringer		Greg Every
	Mal Parks		Vratka Pokorna
	Ken Mirams		Susan De Bolfo
	Judi Hall (TBC)	<b>Membership and Marketing</b>	<b>Golf Day</b>
		Peter Flude (Marketing)	Jim O'Brien
	<b>Police car project</b>	Antony Nixon	Peter Flude
	Roger Frewen		Tony Phillips
			Rob Fenton (Banker)

### Aurora Borealis, Svalbard

Photograph by Max Edin, Your Shot

“I was visiting Svalbard, when I decided one clear night to go out and photograph the stars. After I had set up my exposure, the most beautiful aurora borealis show I've ever witnessed happened right overhead. The full moon helped brighten up the foreground, creating this image.”

