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## Presidents Report

Not only did eighty one members and guests attend the Beaumaris Theatre rendition of the 25<sup>th</sup> Putnam County Spelling Bee but three members and a guest were called onto the stage to fill in for missing participants. Kerrie, Heather and David Rushworth were given really difficult words like “cow” to spell correctly to remain in the competition. Needless to say that despite Kerrie allegedly having head lice and Heather allegedly being struck by lightning twice as well as also getting lost in her own backyard (according to the adjudicator), sadly all failed get the really hard words right and were eliminated. They did however add greatly to the fun of the night which raised over \$1,800 for our causes. Well done to Richard Jones and all involved in making the night a success.

On top of the theatre night we were also advised through the week that the proceeds from the two weeks of car parking will exceed \$14,000 which is a great result and again thanks go to Roy & Pat and all the members (about 90%) who contributed.

Adrian had a call from Joan Jones from Vinnies during the week requesting support for their work in Beaumaris. They have four families in need with disabled family members and amongst other things would like to provide these four families with a Christmas hamper. This has been approved by the Board and Adrian needs some assistance in putting the hamper together.

The International team has lodged a District Grant Application to build a new toilet block for the girls' hostel in Sabu, upgrade the shower block, provide new walls and tile the floor area. This will provide improved sanitation, hygiene, malaria prevention and privacy for the girls. This project fits with the District grant guidelines for Water and Sanitation and is sustainable. Approval of this grant will give us a total of \$8,000 for this purpose.

Ken Mirams reports that the first coat of paint on the pergola at the Sandringham Hospital Reflections Garden has been completed thanks to Ken, Malcolm, Geoff Stockdale and Roy. The second and final coat will be applied on Tuesday when Ken, Richard Jones, Chris Darcy and David Greenall wield their faithful brush-



## Next Meeting

**WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER**

GOLF & BBQ @ WOODLANDS

109 WHITE ST, MORDIALLOC

GOLFERS @ 4.45 PM

BBQ @ 7.15 PM

**THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER**

TOPIC: CLUB FORUM - MEMBERSHIP

CHAIR: TRISH SMYTH

AV: MALCOLM PARKS

CASH DESK: TONY MCKENNA & ANTHONY NIXON

HOST: GREG EVERY

VGC, 6;30 FOR 7;00 PM

**THURSDAY 19 DECEMBER**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**CHAIR: PRESIDENT ROBERT MCARTHUR**

**AV: CHRIS D'ARCY**

**CASH DESK: TONY MCKENNA & ANTHONY NIXON**

**HOST: JUDI HALL**

**VGC, 6;30 FOR 7;00 PM**

**WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY**

GOLF & BBQ

ROYAL MELBOURNE GOLF CLUB

DETAILS TBA

**SERGEANT'S HOMEWORK TOPIC (12/12)**

**RUSSIAN REVOLUTION OF 1917**

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es.

Now after all that fundraising, it's time for a bit of fun before our penultimate meeting for this Calendar year and then the Christmas party.

The Nine and Dine at Woodlands on Wednesday has 27 members and partners playing golf (full house) and 32 for dinner. Teams have been allocated and will be sent out by email. Please ensure that if you are playing golf you are there at 4.45 and for those joining for the meal only, arrive around 7.15 or so.

See you at Woodlands,

*Robert*

### **Australian Masters/World Cup of Golf; Car Parking and Ticketing**

The response from members and partners was once again quite incredible this year with so many joining in the significant effort to make our major fund-raising effort a great success.

Out of our 43 members, 38 dragged themselves out of bed to ensure they contributed to our team's work which, after discounting those who were undergoing medical treatment or overseas, means we had an 89% participation rate. Quite magnificent.

Whilst reluctant to name individuals among all those who joined in the effort, Kerrie Geard worked fully every day of the two weeks, as did that wonderful girl, Sallie Geary, our NYSF student from a couple of years ago.

James Glenwright was another ever present while Mike Hede gave up both his weekends to join us. Geoff and Jean Stringer had some involvement every day too, as did Geoff Stockdale.

Honorary member Brian Kimpton's wife Jill made sure she did plenty to help us with Brian also getting involved at weekends.

Every year we get new stars joining our Club and this year was no exception, with very significant contributions from Chris D'Arcy and Susan De Bolfo.

There are always fun stories to be told subsequent to these events although the people who turned up to watch the Masters were not pleased to discover they had bought tickets to see the World Cup having travelled to Melbourne for the wrong event. One young couple working as volunteers on the course were living in their van – not a camper van – while incorporating their work as part of a seven month tour of Australia. She assured me it

was comfortable!

It was interesting to have the Federal Police ask us to reserve a couple of parking spaces for a VIP who turned out to be the American Consul. She arrived in a bullet proof 4 x 4 and I saw that there was a separate steel casing built into the car whilst talking to her bodyguard. Apparently he had previously been Julia Gillard's personal security man for a number of years.

I have only just agreed with Doug Bowden the figure we earned for our work which has raised a magnificent \$14,400, which is 44% above what we had budgeted for. A really great effort of which we should be proud.

That will help us to ease the suffering of the sick, deprived, under-nourished, under-educated folk and those left homeless because of the vicissitudes of the weather both here and abroad.

I am very pleased to have organised our Club's efforts over the past six years we have been involved in these events and particularly proud of the way members and partners have responded to requests for support.

Thank you all for your support.

Roy

### **Space Filler from the Pres;**

Edinburgh man Wullie McTavish is on his deathbed, knows the end is near, is with the nurse, his wife, his daughter and two sons.

"So", he says to them: "Bernie, I want you to take the Braid Hills houses."

"Sybil, take the flats over in Morningside and Bruntsfield."

"Tam, I want you to take the offices in Charlotte Square."

"Sarah, my dear wife, please take all the residential buildings in the New Town."

The nurse is just blown away by all this, and as Wullie slips away, she says, "Mrs. McTavish, your husband must have been such a hard working man to have accumulated all this property".

Sarah replies, "Property? ... the bugger has a paper round!"

**Note; As part of our arrangement with Hocking Stuart discounts on agents fees are available to RCOB members.**



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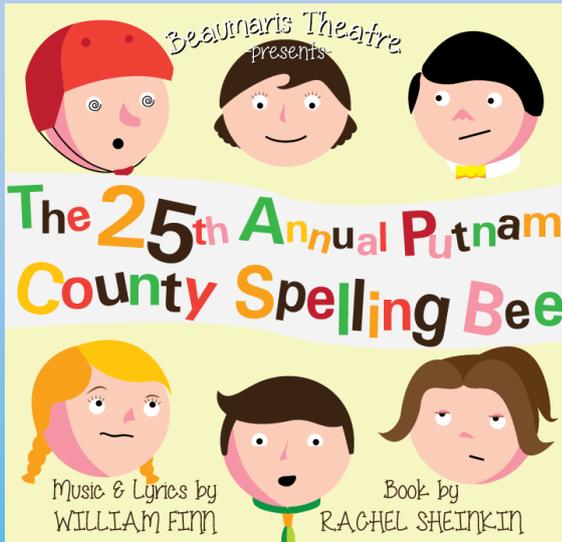
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## Beaumaris Theatre Night



Sadly, cameras were not allowed in the theatre, so we were unable to capture the stellar spelling performances of Kerrie Geard, Heather Chisholm, David Rushworth, and visitor Dudley at the 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee. But they were brilliant audience participants, with Heather's attempts to get off stage quickly by misspelling "cow" proving the highlight.

It was a great show with lots of laughs and loud music, and as usual Beaumaris Rotary had a lot of fun. The "Stars" sold quickly at half time and a huge thanks goes to Rewa Jones, Shirley Mirams, and Judy O'Brien for hours of work to create the stars, and wrap, number and sort all the gifts.

So as well as a night of fun, we were able to raise around \$1800.00 thanks to great member participation and your generous donation of gifts.

With Beaumaris Theatre running such a professional show at this time each year, and with our close links with this community group, this fund raiser should become a regular event on our club calendar.

Richard

### Thought for food: How to change wasteful habits

The following article was submitted by Katie Mandes to Climate Compass; The Blog of the Center for Climate and Energy Solutions. While the numbers quoted are based upon the USA the principles espoused have clear applicability in Australia.

Take a moment to absorb this shocking statistic: 34 million tons of food in the United States is thrown away every year. Reducing U.S. food waste by just 15 percent would help feed an estimated 25 million Americans, or roughly half of those who don't have access to enough food.

Globally, about one-third of edible food – about 1.3 billion tons – is lost (often due to inadequate transportation and storage) or wasted annually. Reducing food loss and waste would provide

enough food to feed 2 billion people, according to the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). It also would conserve resources, save money, and limit pollution.

Most of us don't think about the tremendous amounts of water, energy and other resources that go into growing, harvesting, processing, and transporting food that might end up in the trash bin. Globally, the estimated carbon footprint of wasted food is equivalent to 3.3 billion metric tons of carbon dioxide per year, according to the FAO. That's more greenhouse gas pollution than produced in a year by any country except China and the United States.

Developed countries generate 10 times the amount of food waste per capita as many developing countries. Americans on average throw away 20 pounds of food each month, including 40 percent of fresh fish, 23 percent of eggs, and 20 percent of milk.

Improving these statistics will require making some fundamental changes.

The big challenges involve changing the ways stores market and consumers buy food. For example, 2-for-1 specials on food nearing its expiration date or promotions that encourage bulk buying of perishables can result in food going to waste instead of finding a "second life" as cooked meals in stores or food bank donations.

This holiday season from Thanksgiving to New Year's is a time for families to gather around the table and enjoy good company and good food. Unfortunately, households produce three times as much food waste over the holidays than during other times of the year.

We have all been there. Everything looks so appetizing in the store and we want to set a bountiful table, so we overestimate what we need.

Fortunately, simple steps can make a difference, like taking stock of what you have before shopping to prevent buying unnecessary food. After the big holiday meal, get creative with the leftovers. Extra turkey or ham is great in jambalaya. Those remaining potatoes and veggies would be great in a pot pie, soup or casserole.

Other tips for cutting back on wasted food:

- Create a grocery list and stick to it.
- Control the portions you cook and serve.
- Freeze leftovers to preserve them longer.
- Take home leftovers from dining out to create another meal.
- Compost food scraps.

Making choices that reduce food waste can also save money. According to the Department of Agriculture, an estimated \$165 billion is spent annually on food that never gets eaten. For the average U.S. household, that's \$936 a year on food that is thrown away.

By being more conscious when you are shopping, serving and storing food this holiday season, you will not only give a gift to the environment, you'll also keep a little more green in your wallet. Let's give thanks for that.

CLUB STRUCTURE 2013 - 2014		UPDATED 4/11/2013	
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		<b>New Visions</b>	David Greenall
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David Langworthy	Richard Shermon	Mary Sealy	Roger Frewen
Geoff Stockdale	Geoff Stringer		Megan Glenwright
Ross Phillips	Tony Phillips	<b>Golf</b>	Mike Hede
Malcolm Parks	David Greenall	Jim O'Brien	David Rushworth
Tony McKenna		Roy Seager	Charmaine Jansz
		James Glenwright	Antony Nixon
	<b>Membership and Marketing</b>		
	Peter Flude		
	Richard Jones		

### Fog, Acadia National Park

Photograph by ABM Musa,

Fog-covered islands during sunrise, seen from the top of Cadillac Mountain at Acadia National Park, Maine

The undulating fog bank, recalling both air and water, is what first caught my eye. My favourite part of looking at this photograph, though, is making out the faint detail of the shoreline underneath.—Alexa Keefe, Photo of the Day editor

