

Presidents Report

Another fun meeting with a good number of members and guests. Susan Manks, Susan McArthur, Shirley Frewen and Jean Stringer were in attendance not only to listen to guest speaker Felicity Hutchison but to witness Susan Hayden being inducted as our newest member. Welcome Susan.



Of course we were all intrigued to hear what Travel Guru Felicity Hutchison had to say because of her claim to have travelled over one million kilometres and visited over thirty countries. It helps when you were married to an airline pilot and took advantage of the very big discounts available to airline staff. However, her travels pale beside the kilometres travelled by some of our members.

Felicity did have some great tips on packing, luggage, carry-on bags and security issues and obviously enjoyed our meeting as she sent the following note to Greg.

*Dear Greg,
Thank you very much for having me at your Rotary meeting on Thursday night. I had a lovely time, the food was amazing and company fun and light hearted. I think without a doubt yours is the best Rotarian meeting I have been to so far! And I have been to a few!!*

So thanks again, and hope that my talk has enlightened a few of your members. I got a few email addresses,

Next Meeting

THURSDAY 19 JUNE

SPEAKER: PE KEN MIRAMS

TOPIC: ABOUT OUR PRESIDENT ELECT

CHAIR: TONY MCKENNA

AV: DAVID LEA

CASH DESK: MIKE HEDE, GEOFF STOCKDALE

HOST: CHARMAINE JANSZ

THURSDAY 26 JUNE

CHANGEOVER NIGHT

VICTORIA GOLF CLUB

6.30 FOR 7.00

THURSDAY 3 JULY

SPEAKER: JACQUI CHAPLIN

TOPIC: MIND HEALTH

CHAIR: GEOFF ABBOTT

AV: ADRIAN CULSHAW

CASH DESK: DAVID RUSHWORTH, PETER FLUDE

HOST: FRED HOFMANN

Unless stated otherwise venue is Victoria Golf Club
6.30 for 7.00

**SERGEANT'S HOMEWORK TOPIC;
SCHOOL IS OUT FOR THE DURATION
THREE CHEERS**

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which I have put into my system so they can now access all my information.

Cheers,
Felicity

At the Board Meeting last Wednesday night we were advised that the Sandybeach Community Centre is finalising the signage on their new bus. Signage will be on both sides and the back and will reflect the donations made by both Sandringham and Beaumaris clubs.

Chris D'Arcy advised that the CCC Bolts Netball Club started by staff at Cheltenham Community Centre now have about 100 girls registered and playing, aged from 8 upwards. The club is registered at Kingston District Netball Association and is becoming a real focus for the community.

The club is currently applying for a \$1,000 Leader Local Grant to cover the cost of first aid kits for each of the trainers. Chris proposed and the Board agreed that should the club be unsuccessful with the grant application, RCOB will provide some assistance.

Rob Fenton advised that the Club would be sponsoring Stephanie Corkill to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) program to be held in July. Stephanie was recommended by Don Kerley and was an attendee and leader at Rotary's Camp Awakenings recently. We'll get to meet Stephanie in the new Rotary year.

ROMAC patient Otto Kepae, a 15 month baby boy from Nauru, is due to arrive soon for treatment for a heart condition at the Monash Medical Centre. He will be accompanied by his mother, Gianni.



Written approval for a bed from Monash Medical Centre has been sent from the surgeon regarding the date scheduled for Otto's operation. The ROMAC team are now working backwards to arrange flights and visas etc. for him and his mother.

It is expected that he will remain in hospital and at Ronald MacDonald House for about two weeks.

The RC of Healesville has undertaken the Sponsoring Club role (for Rotary insurance purposes) and home hosting arrangements are in place. The RC

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of Doncaster will home host Otto and Gianni from their arrival until his hospitalisation. Once he is released from there the RC of Emerald & District will home host them until they return to Nauru.

For the last meeting before Changeover, PE Ken will be our guest speaker no doubt giving us some insight into the man who will shortly be the Club's 30th President.

See you there,

Robert

Club Calendar

Just a reminder to Members that you can see future events and your allotted tasks on the Club Calendar. An Overview is best seen from the Agenda view. Expand individual items and View Details to the details! The Club Calendar can be imported into your own Calendar. See it at'

<http://beaumarisrotary.com/club-calendar/>

Beaumaris Rotary Club Public Calendar

Today Monday, June 16

- Thursday, June 19
 - 6:30pm Ken Mirams - About our President Elect
- Thursday, June 26
 - 6:30pm Changeover Night @ VGC
- Thursday, July 3
 - 6:30pm Jacqui Chaplin - Mind Health
- Thursday, July 10
 - 6:30pm Suzanne Ferguson - Economic Development in City Of Kingston
- Thursday, July 17
 - 6:30pm Christmas in July - Victoria Golf Club
- Thursday, July 24
 - 6:30pm Stuart Ingram - Trends in Travel
- Thursday, July 31
 - 6:30pm Alan Grant - Antarctica Project Management
- Thursday, August 7
 - 6:30pm No meeting
- Friday, August 8
 - 6:30pm District club president meeting
 - 7:00pm Trivia Night
- Tuesday, August 12
 - International Youth Day
- Thursday, August 14

Events shown in time zone: Eastern Time - Melbourne, Sydney

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

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This Week's Speaker: Felicity Hutchison

Topic: Top Tips for Travel

While the Rotary Club of Beaumaris rocks, it turns out that very few of us roll. That's what we discovered when travel expert Felicity Hutchison spoke last week. She conducted an informal survey to see how many of our folks roll items when they pack, rather than fold them flat. Turns out we are overwhelmingly flat packers when it comes to stuffing our suitcases.



Felicity has a passion for travel and a wealth of expertise and experience. Having travelled to more than 30 countries, researching extensively and writing a travel blog, she was well-placed to advise our intrepid travellers on the finer points of packing, the gadgets and equipment that make travelling a lower stress pursuit and the things that help physically and financially when exploring various parts of the world.

Most of us have probably heard tales of woe from fellow travellers. Things like having the strap on your shoulder bag cut and the bag wrenched from your grasp, or a bag being sliced open and the contents stolen. These traumatic incidents don't have to happen. Not if you have the style of anti-theft bags Felicity displayed which stop such thefts occurring.

And it's not just physical theft travellers need to be aware of these days. Electronic theft is on the rise. Felicity recounted how a friend's credit card was 'skimmed' in a busy market place by someone using an electronic RFID scanner such as one would find in a shop. Fear not it seems because defence is readily available in the form of sleeves, folders, handbags and other kit that screens your valuable cards from hackers.

We also saw a lightweight luggage scale that is battery free and can reveal that you purchased too many souvenirs and other items before you get the baggage overweight shock come weigh-in time at the airport. "At Bali airport they now have a clothing bin for a local aid agency so travellers, who need to

unload their excess clothing baggage, can make sure these items go to a useful cause," Felicity explained.

Members also heard how to pack shirts and other clothes to eliminate or reduce the need for ironing when you arrive. Further practical items she described and showed included flight spray to make breathing easier in the dry aircraft cabin environment, packing tubes, neck pillows and a self-expanding travel pillow. Another useful addition to the travel kit is a microfiber towel.

She gave a warning about taxis abroad with one tale of a couple who arrived at their destination and then got out of the taxi to retrieve their suitcases from the boot. As soon as they had exited the taxi it drove off. Their luggage was never seen again. One way to stop this trouble would be for one person to remain in the taxi until the other had taken the luggage out.

"As you can see it is so important not to have everything in one place. I keep banging on about it, but you must separate cash, credit cards, documents, phone numbers, etc., either between you and your travelling partner, or the hotel safe. And make sure the safe is attached to the wall or cupboard and the code is set by you and not the hotel.

"Carry your driver's licence for photo id if you need to. It is much easier to replace that when you get back, than your passport while overseas. It is not really essential to have it with you at all times when in one place for more than a couple of days.

"On the flip side, you have come a long way to have a lovely holiday. Try not to let it get you down. Stay positive and things will work themselves out... they always do."

You can learn more about Felicity and her useful travel tips by visiting:

<http://felicityhutchison.com.au/>

Ed; Thank you for Greg Every for standing in for me when I was unable to attend the meeting and producing the above summary. A bit ironic, getting a stomach virus before a talk on travel!

CLUB STRUCTURE 2013 - 2014		UPDATED 18/03/2014	
		CLUB SERVICE	
President	Bob McArthur	Director	Ken Mirams
PE, VP	Ken Mirams	Auditor	Tony Phillips
Secretary	Roy Seager	Program	Greg Every
Treasurer	Malcolm Sawle	Meeting Attendance	Ken Mirams
Foundation	Martin Fothergill	Communications	David Lea
Membership & Marketing	Trish Smyth	Fellowship	Judi Hall
International	Fred Hofmann	Sergeant	David Hone
Youth Service	Rob Fenton	Photographer	Greg Every, John Beaty
Community	Chris D'Arcy	Almoner	Antony Nixon
Fundraising	Adrian Culshaw	Hosts & Cashiers	Roster
On to Conference	John Manks	Youth Protection Officer	Malcolm Parks
		New Visions	David Greenall
TEAM MEMBERS			
International	Community	Youth Service	Fundraising
Harry Wolfe	Geoff Abbott	Kerrie Geard	John Beaty
David Langworthy	Richard Shermon	Chris Martin	Heather Chisholm
Geoff Stockdale	Geoff Stringer	Mary Sealy	Roger Frewen
Ross Phillips	Tony Phillips		Megan Glenwright
Malcolm Parks	David Greenall	Golf	Mike Hede
Tony McKenna	John Sime	Jim O'Brien	David Rushworth
		Roy Seager	Charmaine Jansz
		James Glenwright	Antony Nixon
			Susan De Bolfo
	Membership and Marketing		
	Peter Flude		
	Richard Jones		

Warm and Fuzzy

Photograph by John Halvorson, National Geographic.

A cygnet peers out from its mother's wing at a local pond in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. "When we had a brutal series of ice storms and there was little for them to eat I took them cracked corn. I became a trusted friend, so when the chicks hatched I was allowed to sit close by and photograph the adults and the newly hatched chicks."

