



# ROTARY CLUB OF BOX HILL



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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Fellow Rotarians, the new Rotary year has certainly got off to a busy and productive start!

Our first Board meeting was a profitable one in setting us on course for the exciting '*Service Above Self*' journey that we embark upon TOGETHER.

With this in mind, allow me to share with you the challenging words of Henry Ford:

**“Coming together is a beginning.  
Keeping together is progress.  
Working together is success.”**

Now the time has now come for each of the Directors to meet with their respective committees over the next fortnight in preparation for the upcoming Club Assembly on Tuesday 26 July.

I take this opportunity to encourage all members to do their utmost to make sure that they are available to meet together in their respective committees as the need arises throughout the year, as **everyone's individual input is valuable and vital** in making sure that we, as a club, are united and focused in '*coming together, keeping together and working together*' for the good of Rotary and the benefit of both the local & international communities we serve.

Those present at last week's meeting would have witnessed me presenting fellow Rotarian Geoff Iles with a Paul Harris Fellowship in recognition of his personal financial commitment to the Rotary Foundation. We congratulate Geoff on his individual commitment to our Club and acknowledge his generous personal giving to the benefit of Rotary International.

While our club history has been that most PHF awards are presented as 'club honours', I firmly believe that a PHF awarded to a dedicated and committed individual Rotarian through their own personal contributions (*as in Geoff's case*) honours our service club organization with the very same integrity. At the recent District Changeover event, PDG David Alexander himself encouraged individual Rotarians to consider giving generously to the Rotary Foundation and being duly proud of the recognition that such an opportunity affords.

Know that every individual is important to the overall success of our great service club...as you **“Reach Within To Embrace Humanity”** – and have a great week in Rotary service!

*Tim Lynn*

PRESIDENT

## Rotary Invocation

For Good Food, good fellowship, and the opportunity of Service through Rotary, we thank you O Lord.

Amen

### LAST MEETING

The meeting was started by Kath Binns with the Rotary Grace and Toast.

New President Tim Lynn welcomed members to the meeting. He also welcomed partner/guest speaker Alison Tolstrup, guest speaker Chris McLeod and guest Malcolm Webster. Tim also welcomed back Merv Agnew from his overseas holiday.

Tim thanked Art Show Director Greg Paine and all members and partners for their great efforts for our successful Art Show.

Tim then announced the sad news of the passing of honorary member Max Buchanan. Max was a Past District Governor (1994/95) and a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, and a great club man

Tim also offered condolences on behalf of the club to Mick and Jewel Matthews on the recent passing of Jewel's brother-in-law.

Tim then invited to the front the two members of his Board who were unable to make the Club Changeover Night:

- Merv Agnew (Vocational Service)
- Rae Harding (Community Services)

Tim thanked them for being on his Board and presented them with a badge of office.

Tim then had the pleasure of presenting a Paul Harris Fellow to Geoff Iles in recognition of his support for the Rotary Foundation and for his work for our club.  
Congratulations Geoff.



**Tim presents Geoff with a Paul Harris Fellow**

Tim then handed the conduct of the meeting to Chairman for the evening, Rob Bishop, who called for announcements.

### SECRETARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS - Mick Matthews

Mick announced another make up from Merv Agnew, this time from Ashford in Middlesex!

Mick requested that all reports from Committee Directors and others for the Club Assembly be delivered to him by 22 July.

### OP SHOP - Clem Joyce

Clem Joyce was pleased to announce that a cheque for \$3,500 has been presented to the club from the Op Shop for June 2011. This takes the total YTD to \$41,000 and the total since the Op Shop started to \$420,500.

### ART SHOW - Greg Paine

Art Show Director Greg Paine thanked members, partners and others for their fantastic efforts in the recent Art Show. In particular he thanked Peter Cummins for his great work with the computer system.

This year's Art Show had sales of \$70,000, which is an excellent result. Whilst down about 5% from last year, this is a very good outcome considering that most art shows over the past year have experienced much larger drops in sales in the current tough times.

Other financial results are as follows:

- Admissions \$ 5,000
- Raffle \$ 5,000 profit after expenses  
(Special thanks to Geoff Swain whose hard work was a major factor in the success of the raffle)
- Coffee shop \$ 1,000 profit

Greg said that he had received much positive feedback from the artists (as well as constructive suggestions).

(Note: Greg has surplus wine and coffee for sale at bargain basement prices. Please see Greg if you are interested).

The two photos below were contributed by Clem Joyce:



**The raffle draw**



**Art Show Director Greg Paine looks pleased that all went as planned. Well done Greg.**

## **GUEST SPEAKERS -**

**Alison Tolstrup and Chris McLeod**

### **TOPIC - Box Hill Golf Club**

President of the Ladies Club Alison Tolstrup and President of the Golf Club Chris McLeod gave us a thorough presentation on the Box Hill Golf Club. As we hold our weekly meetings at the club, it is beneficial and of interest for us to know something of the workings of the club.

Some key points from the presentations follow:

- The club originated as the Surrey Hills Golf Club in 1892. Box Hill Golf Club became a separate club in 1913, and moved to the current site in 1933. The front nine was purchased in 1952, and the back nine was purchased in the 1990s (from Melbourne Water). The current Club House was erected in 1992.
- The club is contributing to water conservation in a big way. An \$800,000 water conservation project was commissioned this year which comprised a 20 Megalitre storage dam and a new water reticulation system. Together with the 2004 decision to plant the fairways with couch grass which uses less water, the outcome is that the club no longer uses mains water for course watering.
- Box Hill Golf Club has 1100 playing members; 45,000 competition rounds are played p.a. and 100,000 social rounds.
- Membership fees provide 70% of club revenue, with the remainder provided by income from the business units (Golf Shop, Function Room, Gaming).
- There is a policy to offset the burden on members by increasing income from the business units. The current refurbishment of the Club House is part of the strategy of growing and developing the business units.
- The future strategy includes:
  - Ongoing improvement to the golf course and facilities;
  - New business, including a new café/bistro and a new membership scheme;
  - Establishment of a Community Benefit Foundation;
  - Stages 2 and 3 of the Club House development, which will include refurbishment of Level 1 and development of the car park.

## SERGEANT'S SESSION – GEOFF ILES

New Sergeant Geoff Iles then conducted his inaugural fines session (although he has been acting sergeant on previous occasions).

As well as extracting a good selection of fines, Geoff introduced two innovations which will be part of his sergeant's sessions:

- Joke of the day
- Thought of the day.

### IMPORTANT EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

**Club Assembly      Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July**

Members are invited to submit upcoming events of interest for inclusion in this segment.

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### ATTENDANCE

Total Attendance:	30
Members:	27
Partners:	1 - Alison Tolstrup
Visitors:	2- Chris McLeod, Malcolm Webster
Apologies:	7 – John Booth, Lloyd Cranwell, Peter Cummins, Steve Dardamanis, Vincent Li, George McLean, Paul Wheelton
Leave of Absence:	1 –Clive Nicholson
Make ups:	Merv Agnew
<b>Weekly raffle winner:</b>	Ray Riehm

If members have items of interest they would like to contribute to the bulletin, please email to Bulletin Editor Rob Fenton by Friday for inclusion in the following week's bulletin.



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## Rotary Club of Box Hill

### CLUB PROGRAMME

Date	Topic	Speaker	Chair
July			
19 <sup>th</sup>	Editor, Whitehorse Leader	Greg Giddon	Joe Mardjetko
26 <sup>th</sup>	CLUB ASSEMBLY	N/A	Tim Lynn

### CLUB DUTY ROSTER

Date	Cash Desk (1)	Cash Desk (2)	Greeter	Grace / Toast
July				
19 <sup>th</sup>	Trevor Donegan	Patricia Kiang	Rae Harding	Merv Agnew
26 <sup>th</sup>	Geoff Weeks	Charlie Xu	Lloyd Cranwell	George McLean

\* **PLEASE NOTE:** If you are unable to fulfill any of the allocated duties, it is your responsibility to arrange a "swap" with another person listed.

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Date	Member	Event
July		
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Vincent Li	Member's Birthday

