



ROTARY CLUB OF BOX HILL



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

TIME FLIES WHEN YOU'RE HAVING FUN is a common saying, but also a truthful reality!

Well, August is almost over. Despite its fast pace, it has been a very rewarding and productive Membership Month for our club.

To recap, we have been most fortunate to welcome 3 new members in the last two weeks, bringing our current club membership to **40 Rotarians – plus 3 honorary members**.

I am greatly indebted to our Membership & Marketing Director, PP Robert Leach, and his team for the proactive steps and initiatives they are seeking to implement over the course of this Rotary year to ensure that our 'club membership vine' is a healthy one that will continue to *bear fruit* well into the future.

On behalf of the club, I also wish to acknowledge that **Robert Leach** has recently been appointed to the role of **District Chairman for Australian Rotary Health**.

Congratulations, Robert!

Another notable membership '*fellowship building*' event took place last Friday night, when 14 folk shared together in a scrumptious 6-course banquet at the Emperor Court Chinese Restaurant in Mitcham. Our **Fellowship & Fundraising Chair, Melissa Mardjetko**, is to be commended for organizing such an enjoyable social evening of *good food with good friends and the opportunity for relaxed conversations!* The easy listening solo performing artist was appreciated, as was the 60s music trivia that arose – thanks to RL! – followed by much hearty laughter. We look forward with interest to our next Social Night!

In conclusion, a brief word concerning the upcoming **DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISIT** on **Tuesday 6 September**. Please note that this will be a **Partners Night** – and I would strongly encourage all members to bring along your significant other to this most significant club meeting. The meeting will, as usual, commence at **6.00 for 6.30pm** and conclude, as usual, by 7.45pm! As per Rotary tradition, I remind you each to wear any relevant official Rotary regalia on this evening.

Well, I trust you have an interesting and informative meeting this week and, in my absence, I leave tonight's proceedings in the competent hands of Vice-President Peter Cummins.

"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

Tim Winter started the meeting with the Rotary Grace and Toast.

President Tim Lynn welcomed members to the meeting. He also welcomed guest speaker Philip Hedley, and Lyndon Smith who was to be inducted as a new member, and his wife Madelaine.

Tim said that he had been approached by SCOPE to see if Rotary members would be prepared to volunteer to man a BBQ to be held at Federation Square on Sunday 18 September at the end of their fund raising Walkathon (called Walk With Me). Please let Tim know if you can help. The BBQ will be on from 11 AM to 1.30 PM, but the volunteers will probably be required until about 3 PM).

Tim then had the pleasure of presenting Patricia Kiang with a certificate and badge for becoming a Centurion.



Patricia proudly displays her certificate

New member induction – Lyndon Smith

President Tim had the pleasant task of inducting another new member, Lyndon Smith.

Lyndon Smith, and his wife, Madelaine, were introduced by Joe Mardjetko. Lyndon and Madeleine have been close friends and neighbours of Joe and Melissa for 20 years. Lyndon's classification is "Security Services", and he has been assigned to the International Committee.

We welcome Lyndon and Madelaine.



Tim and Joe with new member Lyndon Smith and wife Madeleine

Tim then handed the conduct of the meeting to Patricia, who was Chairperson for the evening. Patricia called for announcements.

Secretary – Mick Matthews

Secretary Mick announced make ups.

Mick also said that another visit to a filming of Eddie Maguire's "Millionaire Hot Seat" is planned if there is enough interest, following the successful visit last year. Let Melissa Mardjetko know if you would like to go.

Update on MUNA – Clem Joyce

Clem gave us an update on MUNA. Our PLC Team representing Zimbabwe did very well at recent national MUNA in Canberra, coming 4th out of 31 teams.

Well done.

District Conference April 2012 – Colin Johnson

Colin gave us early notice of the 2012 District Conference, which will be held on 21st and 22nd April, at Docklands. Please make a note in your diaries.

GUEST SPEAKER – Philip Hedley

TOPIC - Maternal Health and the Millennium Targets

Philip Hedley was born in Wales, spent his formative years in Rhodesia, practiced as a chartered accountant in the UK, before migrating to Australia in 1988. Philip worked for Brambles for 12 years, before starting his own consultancy in 1999. He retired in 2009.

Philip is a member of Morley Moorabbin Rotary Club, is a Past District Governor, and is currently District Secretary.

Philip spoke on the Millennium Goals, which were set in September 2000, with the aim of achieving them by 2015. In particular he focused on Millennium Goal No. 5, which was to significantly improve Maternal Health.

The International Rotary Foundation has taken up the challenge of improving maternal and child health.

At District level, the focus is on:

- Healthy communities
- Educated communities
- Safe communities

Rotary is joining the fight to combat HIV/AIDS and Malaria. There are 2.7 million new cases of HIV/AIDS per annum, with the majority in Africa. A sign on display in Africa says it all: "You are either affected or infected with HIV/AIDS".

Most Malaria deaths are also in Africa, with 85% of deaths being children under five.

Maternal mortality is very high in sub Saharan Africa and southern Asia, with 99% of maternal deaths occurring in these regions. (In Uganda the maternal death rate is a terrible 1 in 200). The Millennium Goal on Maternal Health aimed to reduce the maternal mortality rate by 75%

between 1990 and 2015. With only four years to go, the reduction to date is only 30%.

In District 9810, projects supported include Hamlin Fistula Relief and Aid, and midwifery training in Dili East Timor.

From Philip's talk it is clear that progress is being made in improving Maternal Health, but there is still a long way to go.



Patricia thanks Philip for his thought provoking talk

SERGEANT'S SESSION – GEOFF ILES

Sergeant Geoff Iles then conducted another entertaining sergeant's session, including a fines session, "stones raffle", joke of the day and thought of the day.

Footnote:

Our thoughts and prayers are with Dabak and Tim, as Dabak undergoes an operation next Tuesday to try to overcome her chronic pain. We give them our best wishes that the operation proves a success.

IMPORTANT EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

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

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ATTENDANCE

Total Attendance:	34
Members:	32 (including new member Lyndon Smith)
Partners:	1 - Madeleine Smith
Visitors:	1 - Philip Hedley
Apologies:	4 - John Booth, Alison Booth, David D'Silva, Vincent Li
Leave of Absence:	4 - Greg Paine, Clive Nicholson, Steve Dardamanis, George McLean
Make ups:	Merv Agnew (2)
Weekly raffle winner:	Clem Joyce

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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CLUB PROGRAMME

Date	Topic	Speaker	Chair
August			
30 th	Rotary / TAFE project in Solomon Islands	Apprentices from Box Hill Institute	Peter Cummins
September			
6 th	DG Visit	DG Juliet Riseley	Tim Lynn
13 th	East Timor Roofing	John Shearer	Robert Leach
20 th	Whitehorse Young Citizen of the Year	Mathew White	Charlie Xu
27 th	Grand Final Fever	Scott McLaren Former AFL Umpire	Geoff Iles

CLUB DUTY ROSTER

Date	Cash Desk (1)	Cash Desk (2)	Greeter	Grace / Toast
August				
30 th	Bruce McKenzie	Ray Riehm	Clem Joyce	Colin Johnson
September				
6 th	Rob Fenton	David D'Silva	Greg Paine	Merv Agnew
13 th	Melissa Mardjetko	David Tolstrup	Sue Bishop	Robert Bishop
20 th	Lloyd Cranwell	Tim Winter	Malcolm Webster	Geoff Weeks
27 th	Colin Johnson	George McLean	Ray McLeod-Dryden	Geoff Swain

* **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
August		
30 th	Betty Cranwell	Partner's Birthday

