



ROTARY CLUB OF BOX HILL



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

You know that we are progressing well into the Rotary year when the time arrives to host the visit of the District Governor!



Well, tonight is the night when we are privileged as a Club to welcome our **District Governor (DG) Juliet Riseley**, together with her husband, Ian – who will be accompanied by our Assistant Governor Tony Monley and his wife, Kathy.

I am really looking forward to introducing DG Juliet to club members and their attending partners at tonight's significant **PARTNERS NIGHT** meeting, commencing at our usual time of **6.00 for 6.30pm**. **Rotarian members are reminded that this meeting will be an appropriate occasion to wear your official Rotary regalia!**

However, there is much more to the annual visit of the District Governor than merely hosting her attendance at, and participation in, our weekly meeting. For those who may not be aware of Rotary procedure, prior to the club meeting the DG meets with Club Executives, for what is essentially, a club review. At this pre-meeting we will have the opportunity to review the "Club Planning Guide" (*completed each year by incumbent President*) and discuss the club's future strategy, as well as being informed of district vision strategies. Attendees will be: *DG Juliet, AG Tony, President-elect Joe Mardjetko, Treasurer Trevor Donegan and yours truly!* So, as you can no doubt appreciate, this is a very significant event in the life of our Club.

I trust that you, too, are looking forward to sharing in this week's significant meeting and welcoming the opportunity to meet our District Governor, who will make a presentation that will open our eyes to the vastness of Rotary service throughout District 9810.

"Reach Within To Embrace Humanity" – and have a great week in Rotary service!

Tim Lynn

PRESIDENT

On a personal note, I would like to sincerely thank members for their very kind thoughts and well wishes during Dabak's hospitalization last week.

Rotary Invocation

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

Amen

LAST MEETING

Colin Johnson started the meeting with the Rotary Grace and Toast.

President Tim Lynn was absent as he was with Dabak whilst she recovered from surgery. Acting President Peter Cummins gave welcome news from Tim that the surgery had gone extremely well. We wish Dabak continuing good progress.

Peter welcomed guest speakers from Box Hill Institute (Garnet Dale, Shane Wright and Mick Willis (MASH RC member)), John Burley, Jim Huang and Kenny Wong. He also welcomed partners Alison Booth and Sue Fenton.

Peter, who was also Chairman for the evening, then called for announcements.

Fellowship - Melissa Mardietko

Melissa announced that the Fellowship event for October will be an evening at the Whitehorse Theatre to see the opening night of Beauty and the Beast, on Friday 21st October, with supper after. This sounds like a fun night. See the ad later in the bulletin for more details.

Community Radio - Tim Winter

Tim said that representatives from our club are required to present club news on the Friday night Rotary Community Radio program hosted by Canterbury Rotary Club. Representatives are required for every second week, during September, October and November.

The news would be presented during a 10 minute interview style segment. We can use the segment as an opportunity to promote club activities, grants and awards, etc.

Please let Tim know if you are willing to assist in this way.

Op Shop Roster Vacancies - Clem Joyce

Due to some regular volunteers being away, volunteers are required for the following shifts:

Tuesday 4 th October	PM
Saturday 8 th October	AM
Saturday 15 th October	AM

Please let Clem know if you can help.

GUEST SPEAKERS -

Box Hill Institute representatives

TOPIC - Box Hill TAFE/Rotary project in Solomon Islands

Mick Willis (MASH RC member, and project team leader), Shane Wright (Carpentry teacher) and Garnet Dale (Plumbing teacher) from Box Hill Institute gave us a very heart warming presentation on the great project carried out in the Solomon Islands by Box Hill Institute carpentry and plumbing apprenticeship students, together with their teachers and Rotary volunteers.

The project was a pilot project and was a partnership between Box Hill Institute and Rotary District 9810. Rotary provided substantial funding for the project. There was also significant support from private companies by way of donations of tools, materials, and transportation.

The nurses' accommodation at the Helena Godie Hospital in the town of Munda had been destroyed by a tsunami. Helena Godi Hospital is the major training hospital for the western province of the Solomon Islands and is the training centre for up to 80 nurses.

Five plumbing students and two carpentry students worked 12 hours days tirelessly for 6 days to construct the framing, cladding and the plumbing for a new accommodation block for the trainee nurses. At the end of each day they still had sufficient energy left to join the local kids in a game of soccer! They even built them a billy cart.

Not only was the project of great benefit to the local community and a fantastic hands on learning experience for the students, it was also an opportunity for the students to get to know and appreciate the local people. The students mixed well with the locals, and were impressed with their simple non-materialistic lifestyle. As one student commented: "The people lead simple lives. They aren't materialistic and don't have the possessions we have, but are very happy to help each other – it's a community".

This pilot project was certainly a great success, and hopefully will pave the way for similar future collaborative projects between Box Hill Institute and Rotary.



Students at work on the frame construction



The framing, cladding and plumbing was complete when this photo was taken

The Box Hill Institute teachers thanked Rotary for its great contribution to the project.

Peter Cummins thanked the Box Hill Institute staff and students for their great efforts, and thanked Mick, Steve and Garnet for the excellent presentation.

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.

Today's thought for the day was from Albert Einstein:

"There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle."

Nova Music Theatre Production
of
Beauty and the Beast

at
The Whitehorse Centre
Friday 21st October
8pm
Includes Supper afterwards

\$40.00pp

Please let me know if you are interested.
Melissa Mardjetko

ONLY JOKING!

This week's entertaining contribution to the Only Joking segment is from Peter Cummins, and explains how the Internet was formed.

How the Internet was formed

In ancient Israel it came to pass that a trader named Abraham Com did take unto himself a young wife named Dorothy. Dot, as she was called was a comely woman, broad of shoulder and long of leg. Indeed she was often called Amazon Dot Com.

And she said unto Abraham, her husband, "Why dost thou travel so far from town to town with thy goods when one canst trade without ever leaving thy tent?" And Abraham did look at her as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load, and simply said "How dear?"

And Dot replied "I will place drums in all the towns and in between to send messages saying what you have for sale, and they will reply telling you who hath the best price. The sale can be made on the drums and delivery made via Uriah's Pony Stable (UPS)."

Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums. And the drums rang out and were an immediate success. Abraham sold all of his goods and at top price, without ever having to move from his tent.

To prevent neighbouring countries from overhearing what the drums were saying Dot devised a system that only she and the drummers knew. It was called Must Send Drum Over Sound (MSDOS) and she also developed a language to transmit ideas and pictures. This she called Hebrew To The People (HTTP).

But this success did arouse envy. A man named Maccabia did secrete himself inside Abraham's drum and began to siphon off some of Abraham's business. But soon he was discovered, arrested and prosecuted for Insider Trading.

And the young men did take to Dot Com's trading as doth the greedy horsefly take to camel dung. They were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominican Syabarites – NERDS.

And lo the land was so feverish with joy at the new riches and the deafening sound of the drums that no one noticed that the real riches were going to that enterprising drum dealer Brother William of Gates who fought off every drum maker in the land and did insist on drums to be made that would work only with Brother Gates' drum heads and drum sticks.

And Dot did say "Oh Abraham what we have started is being taken over by others". And Abraham looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel, or eBay as it was commonly known. He said "We need a name that reflects what we are" and Dot replied "Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators" – "YAHOO" said Abraham and because it was Dot's idea they named it Yahoo dot com.

Abraham's cousin Joshua being a young Gregarious Energetic Educated Kid (GEEK) that he was, soon started using Dot's drums to locate things around the countryside.

It soon became known as God's Own Official Guide to Locating Everything – GOOGLE.

And that, my friends is how the whole internet was formed.

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:	40
Members:	32
Partners:	2 - Alison Booth, Sue Fenton
Visitors:	6 – Mick Willis, Garnet Dale, Shane Wright, John Burley, Jim Huang, Kenny Wong
Apologies:	6– Merv Agnew, Lloyd Cranwell, Tim Lynn, Ron Khor, Geoffrey Weeks, Paul Wheelton
Leave of Absence:	5 – Mick Matthews, Clive Nicholson, Steve Dardamanis, Ross McPhail, George McLean,
Make ups:	
Weekly raffle winner:	Sue Bishop

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
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
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
September		
6 th	Steve Dardamanis	Wedding Anniversary
7 th	Rae Harding Melissa Mardjetko	Induction Anniversary Induction Anniversary
8 th	Rob & Sue Bishop	Wedding Anniversary
12 th	Ray Riehm	Member's Birthday

