



ROTARY CLUB OF BOX HILL



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our President Tim Lynn was on a well deserved break, so there will be no President's report this week.

Tim will be back with more next week.

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 Ray Riehm with the Rotary Grace and Toast.

President Tim was on a well deserved holiday break.

Vice President Peter Cummins welcomed members to the meeting. He also welcomed guest speaker Terry Fennell and guest Simon Wheelton. He also welcomed partner Nola Riehm (who is the sister-in-law of Terry Fennell).

Peter also welcomed back Bruce McKenzie and Tom Thorpe after their absence.

Peter reminded members to bring presents for the Citizens Advice Bureau to our Christmas Cabaret on 6th December. In particular, presents suitable for teenagers would be most welcome (in addition to presents for children).

Peter wished all a happy Christmas and New Year on behalf of Margaret and himself, prior to commencing leave of absence.

Peter then handed the conduct of the meeting to the Chairperson for the evening, Kath Binns, who called for announcements.

Secretary – Mick Matthews

Secretary Mick announced make ups.

He also reminded members that next meeting, 29th November, is the AGM.

Christmas cards – Robert Leach

Robert reminded members that he is taking orders for Rotary Christmas cards. ***(Also see the ad later in the bulletin).***

Fund raising – Melissa Mardjetko

Melissa promoted the Rotary whisky cakes, puddings, etc, which are for sale.

She also promoted the minces pies from MASH Rotary Club which are also for sale.

Order forms for the above are on the tables during our meetings.

Evolve – Swifts Creek Presentation Day

David Tolstrup

Tim Lynn and David Tolstrup will be attending the Swifts Creek Presentation Day on Tuesday 13th December, and would be pleased if other members would like to join them. (There are two spare seats in their car, which will be departing from Blackburn South at 6.30 AM).

A BBQ lunch will be provided.

(Also see the ad later in the bulletin).

Centurions – David Tolstrup

David encouraged those members who have not yet become Centurions to seriously consider doing so, as the benefits to the Rotary Foundation (and to our club by funds returned from the Foundation) are considerable.

Community Grants – Rae Harding

Rae said that the Community Grant applications will start on 20th January 2012 and run for 6 weeks. The applications will be advertised in the local newspapers.

Rae also promoted the wheel at the front desk. Donations of loose change into the wheel are put to good use by the Citizens Advice Bureau.

GUEST SPEAKER - TERRY FENNEL
TOPIC - FRIENDS OF THE ZOOS

Terry has been a dedicated volunteer of the Friends of the Zoos for over 25 years since 1985, including a term as President. It is a family affair with his wife and daughters also being volunteer guides.

The letter 's' above has been underlined, because the Friends support three zoos:

- Melbourne Zoo
- Healesville Sanctuary
- Werribee Open Range Zoo

The Friends has been in existence for 32 years, and provides valuable help in a number of ways:

- Donating 70,000 to 80,000 man hours per annum.
- Raising funds, including \$300,000 raised to date from collection of corks and screw caps. The corks are sold to companies which use them in the production of floor tiles, hockey balls, etc.
- Helping with the Zoo Educational Service, which has programs for Preps up to Year 12.

Terry gave us a fascinating talk, filled with many humorous 'animal stories' and with amazing statistics.

For example:

- Melbourne Zoo has the most fertile elephant in the world (Bong Su).
- The humid conditions in the butterfly enclosure at Melbourne Zoo are so conducive to the breeding of spiders that they had to introduce sunbirds to eat the spiders. However the sunbirds were a bit too successful and ran out of spiders. Now they have to introduce spiders so the sunbirds don't go hungry!
- The Australian Wildlife Hospital at Healesville Sanctuary treats 2000 injured animals each year that are brought in by the general public. (Note: If you happen to accidentally hit a bird or other wildlife, you can ring the RACV and they will put you in touch with a wildlife carer).
- There is a new dingo exhibit at Healesville Sanctuary with six dingoes. However you should be aware that the oldest, Harry, steals ice cream from children!

- Tasmanian Devils sadly have a very incidence of facial cancer and are in danger of being wiped out.
- BHP Billiton has sponsored a \$5 million breeding chamber for platypus.

Terry's talk made us aware of the vital role that the Friends of the Zoos play in making our three zoos such wonderful places.



Kath Binns thanks Terry for his excellent 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.

IMPORTANT EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

Club Annual General Meeting	Tuesday 29 th November
Christmas Cabaret Dinner (PARTNERS NIGHT): <u>Please bring along Christmas gifts for Box Hill CAB</u>	Tuesday 6 th December
Christmas Breakfast meeting (7.00 for 7.30am): Guest speaker: Rev. Peter Welsh [NB: <u>Final meeting for 2011</u>]	Tuesday 20 th December
New Year Social (PARTNERS EVENT): Buxton Retreat, see details below	Sunday 15 th January
First Tuesday meeting for 2012	Tuesday 17 th January

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

New Year Social (PARTNERS EVENT): Buxton Retreat Sunday 15th January

Our trip to Buxton will be on the 15th of January 2012.

Budget has offered the use of a small bus and David D'Silva has volunteered to be the driver. Please indicate if you wish to be a passenger on the bus, maximum number is 24 people (sheet available next meeting).

The bus will be departing Box Hill Hawks Oval (opposite Box Hill High School), Corner Whitehorse & Middleborough Roads at 10am sharp. It is recommended you arrive at 9.30am. It will be a BYO drinks event.

Cost per person will be \$20.00 for lunch.

Geoff Iles invites Golfers to arrive earlier to play a game of golf before lunch. (To be in Buxton by 10am) let Geoff know if you wish to participate in this offer. (It takes about an hour and a half to drive to Buxton, via Lilydale & Healesville, travelling along the Maroondah Hwy).

A visit to Stephenson's Falls and Marysville is planned with a stop (at own expense) at Bakery in Marysville for afternoon tea before returning to Melbourne.

Address: 2 Cathedral Close, Buxton

For further directions, please see the attached map.



ATTENDANCE

Total Attendance:	29
Members:	26
Partners:	1 – Nola Riehm
Visitors:	2– Terry Fennell, Simon Wheelton
Apologies:	7 – Merv Agnew, John Booth, Lloyd Cranwell, Steve Dardamanis, Tim Lynn, Geoffrey Weeks, Charlie Xu
Leave of Absence:	2 – Trevor Donegan, Timothy Winter
Make ups:	Peter Cummins (2), Merv Agnew (2)
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.



CHRISTMAS CARD SALES

Robert Leach already has a supply of Rotary Christmas Cards in packs of 10, assorted designs with envelopes, priced at \$10 per pack.

To order your supply of Christmas Cards for 2011 please contact Robert on 9898 6536 or by email on jenandrob@bigpond.com





Evolving Learning Presentation Afternoon

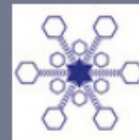
2011 has been a big year for the students taking part in the Evolving Learning program at Swifts Creek P-12 School!

Join us as they present their final projects and tell us all about their journey in 2011.

When: 11AM - 2:30PM
Date: Tuesday 13 December
Where: Swifts Creek P-12 School
6855 Great Alpine Road
SWIFTS CREEK VIC 3896
RSVP: Monday 5 December

A BBQ lunch with juice, tea & coffee will be provided.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Andrew Peach at andrew@evolve.org.au or 0427 670 383.



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CLUB PROGRAMME

Date	Topic	Speaker	Chair
November			
29 th	AGM Man Behind the Badge	Malcolm Webster	Greg Paine
December			
6 th	Christmas Cabaret		TBA
13 th	Man Behind The Badge	Lyndon Smith & Ron Khor	Colin Johnson
20 th	Christmas Breakfast	Rev. Peter Welsh	Tom Thorpe
27 th	NO MEETING		

CLUB DUTY ROSTER

Date	Cash Desk (1)	Cash Desk (2)	Greeter	Grace / Toast
November				
29 th	Rob Bishop	Colin Johnson	Steve Dardamanis	Sue Bishop
December				
6 th	Malcolm Webster	Clive Nicholson	Patricia Kiang	Trevor Donegan
13 th	Joe Mardjetko	Merv Agnew	Paul Wheelton	Bruce McKenzie
20 th	Robert Leach	Trevor Donegan	Colin Johnson	Ross McPhail

* **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
November		
30 th	John & Allison Booth	Wedding Anniversary
December		
4 th	Val Johnson	Partner's Birthday

