



ROTARY CLUB OF BOX HILL



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's hard to believe that we are now in the month of December, and that Christmas Day is just 19 days away. Time certainly flies when one is having fun!

Last week I was privileged to induct our newest Rotarian member, **Simon Wheelton**, who together with his wife, Anne, joins our Rotary family. I am sure that all fellow members join me in wishing Simon many rewarding years in Rotary fellowship and service.

Tonight we look forward to meeting together in a spirit of Rotary fellowship for our **annual Christmas Social** evening, which is always a fun-filled and much-anticipated event. This year in addition to our usual carol singing and Christmas-focused festivities, I have arranged for two musician friends of mine, **Julia Roper and Nate Illes**, to provide some caberet-style Christmas music for our enjoyment. Both Julia and Nate have extensive performance experiences in local theatre and they will certainly add a touch of class to our celebrations!



DON'T FORGET TO BRING ALONG TWO "UNWRAPPED" CHRISTMAS GIFTS...
to be given to the **Box Hill Citizens Advice Bureau**
in support of their annual Christmas Cheer programme.

Looking forward to celebrating with you all in the spirit of Christmas.

"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 Sue Bishop with the Rotary Grace and Toast.

President Tim Lynn welcomed members to the meeting. He also welcomed guests Simon Wheelton (about to be inducted as a new member), Anne Wheelton, Barbara Wheelton, Bill Thom (visiting Rotarian from Scotland), Robin Smith (guest of Joe Mardjetko), and Lisa Young and Lynda Effendi from Clota Cottage.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

President Tim then opened the AGM. Business attended to at the AGM included the following:

- Approval of the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2011.
(The meeting recorded thanks to Treasurer Trevor Donegan for his great work, and to E.F. McPhail & Partners for kindly auditing the accounts).
- The following nominations were approved:
 - President Elect for 2013/2014:
Vincent Li
 - Vice President for 2012/2013:
Tim Lynn
 - Secretary for 2012/2013:
Peter Cummins
 - Treasurer for 2012/2013:
David Tolstrup
 - Three directors for 2012/2013:
Colin Johnson
Ray McLeod-Dryden
Tom Thorpe

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBER – SIMON WHEELTON

President Tim then had the pleasant task of inducting new member Simon Wheelton.

Simon was nominated by his brother Paul. Paul introduced Simon and his wife Ann to the meeting. Simon has worked in the importation of clothing and children's accessories for over 40 years. Recently he has changed to a new position heading sales for brother Paul's Budget company.

Simon has been appointed to the New Generations Committee and was welcomed by Committee Chairman Charlie Xu.

Members warmly welcomed Simon and Anne to the club.



President Tim welcomes Simon and Anne to our club

President Tim then had to leave the meeting for a medical appointment. He handed the conduct of the meeting Acting Chairman Greg Paine, who called for committee reports and announcements:

SECRETARY – MICK MATTHEWS

Secretary Mick Matthews announced make ups.

BUXTON RETREAT Sunday 15 January – MELISSA MARDJETKO

Melissa is distributing a sheet at meetings to record those who plan to attend the Buxton Retreat. This should be a fun way start the Rotary year.

(Also see the ad later in the bulletin).

CHRISTMAS CARDS – ROBERT LEACH

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

In addition to the mixed packs of 10 for \$10, he is also taking orders for specific designs for 2011.

MEMBERSHIP & MARKETING – ROBERT LEACH

Robert expressed the appreciation of the club to Paul Wheelton for his generous offer to have two budget trucks emblazoned with Rotary markings to promote the good works of Rotary.

VOCATIONAL SERVICES - MERV AGNEW

Merv told members that they have the opportunity to nominate individuals for the 2012 Shine On Awards. If you have an individual you would like to nominate, please let Merv know.

Eligible candidates are individuals who have a specific disability and have consistently given dedicated services to the community.

There are two categories:

- Young Nominees aged 15 years to 25 years
- Adult Nominees aged 25 years and over

2012 DISTRICT CONFERENCE – COLIN JOHNSON

On-To-Conference Chairman Colin Johnson gave some early publicity for the 2012 District Conference which will be held at Peninsula on Central Pier, Melbourne Docklands on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd April.

This is the first time the District Conference has been held in Melbourne.

The registration fee is \$385, and includes a dinner at the Great Hall of the National Gallery. (Bookings will only be on-line).

CLOTA COTTAGE – LISA YOUNG

Lisa Young, Manager of Clota Cottage Neighbourhood House, thanked our club for the Community Grant received.

Clota Cottage has been operating since 1987. It runs computer classes, art and craft classes, and health classes, and English classes. The centre has 3 classrooms, 2 part time office staff

(Lisa Young and Lynda Effendi), 5 tutors and 18 volunteers.

Clota Cottage also hires out rooms for community groups.

Typically 500 people use the centre each week.

Another important service provided by Clota Cottage is a licensed Occasional Child Care Centre, which operates on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays during school terms. Typically 20 families per week use the Child Care Centre. It can take 8 children at a time.

Until 2009, Occasional Child Care Centres such as this received funding from the Federal Government. In 2010, this was replaced by State Government funding. However this has also stopped.

Rotary stepped into the gap. The grant from Rotary has been gratefully received and has been used to make up for the lost Government funding, and enabled the Occasional Child Care Centre to continue.

MAN BEHIND THE BADGE – MALCOLM WEBSTER

Malcolm Webster gave us a fascinating précis of his life to date. Malcolm is a very talented man, having been both an artist and an industrial designer. One of his fine paintings was on the cover of our Art Show catalogue this year.

Malcolm has loved painting since his childhood days.

As a child he lived in Traralgon for 7 years where he grew to love the bushland, which has been an inspiration for his paintings ever since.

He began painting by buying 5 tubes of oil paint and some paint brushes with his pocket money, and would paint his early works on old canvas blinds.

By the age of 14 he would cycle to the bush areas at the back of Springvale and Noble Park and sit in the paddocks painting.

In 1973 Malcolm met the love of his life, Janis, and did a fantastic painting for her of an old house in Mansfield. He brought the painting along to show us. He still considers this to be one of his finest paintings.

At high school, his deputy principal suggested that he would be more suited to an art course, and suggested Caulfield Tech. After first year, he switched to RMIT to study industrial design.

As well as painting, Malcolm also had an interest in industrial design from an early age. At 18 he built a hot rod from the ground up.

At the age of 17 he designed a model car, which he brought along to show us. The model won first prize of \$1,000 in a General Motors Holden competition, and he was sent to a competition in America where he won another \$1,000 prize. He used this money to buy a block of land in Mount Eliza. He was also offered a job with the General Motors Holden design team but decided instead to go back to RMIT.

After graduating in 1971, Malcolm worked for 6 years at Australia's oldest industrial design consultancy, Peter Bailey.

Subsequently Malcolm worked in the lighting industry.

Following this he worked as a freelance industrial designer for 15 years between 1985 and 2000. He designed many useful, innovative and elegant products. Malcolm brought along some examples, including a nut cracker and an innovative clothes hanger which has sold millions and is still in production.

From 1988 for a number of years he produced artwork for landscape artists, architects, town planners, and VicRoads. For example, he produced presentation drawings for developers to present at VCAT to show what their proposed projects would look like.

Nowadays Malcolm concentrates on his artwork. Although he mainly paints water colours these days, he has plans to go back to his original favourite, oils.

We look forward to seeing many more fine works from Malcolm over the coming years. We also look forward to his valuable contribution to our Art Show. Malcolm was a demonstrating artist at our Art Show this year, and he has recently joined our Art Show Committee.

Greg Paine thanks Malcolm for his fascinating talk

SERGEANT'S SESSION – ROBERT LEACH

Acting Sergeant Robert Leach conducted an entertaining and lucrative fines session, after stepping in at short notice.

Well done, Robert.

Tom Thorpe closed the meeting in Tim's absence, and reminded us to keep Tim in our prayers and thoughts.

Next week's bulletin will be written by guest editor Lyndon Smith.



IMPORTANT EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Christmas Cabaret Dinner (PARTNERS NIGHT) (6.30 for 7.00pm) <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.)

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

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ATTENDANCE

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| Total Attendance: | 37 |
| Members: | 30 |
| Partners: | |
| Visitors: | 7 – Simon Wheelton, Anne Wheelton, Barbara Wheelton, Bill Thom, Lisa Young, Lynda Effendi, Robin Smith |
| Apologies: | 3 – John Booth, Alison Booth, Ron Khor, Geoff Iles |
| Leave of Absence: | 2 – Trevor Donegan, Timothy Winter, Peter Cummins |
| Make ups: | Geoff Weeks, Lloyd Cranwell |
| Weekly raffle winner: | Greg Paine |

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







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CLUB PROGRAMME

| Date | Topic | Speaker | Chair |
|------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| December | | | |
| 6 th | Christmas Cabaret | | Melissa Mardjetko |
| 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 |
|------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| December | | | | |
| 6 th | Malcolm Webster | Rae Harding | Patricia Kiang | Vincent Li |
| 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 |
|------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| December | | |
| 7 th | Snow Cheng Mick Matthews | Partner's Birthday Wedding Anniversary |
| 8 th | Bruce McKenzie | Member's Birthday & Induction Anniversary |
| 11 th | John Booth | Induction Anniversary |

