



ROTARY CLUB OF BOX HILL



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A Message from the President

August is here already, the last month of winter and in Rotary August is Membership and Extension month. Even though August is so designated retaining members and recruiting new members should be at the forefront of the club's activities right throughout the year. Every year we lose a member or two for a great variety of reasons so it is vital that we continue to recruit suitable new members to keep our club alive and properly functioning well into the future. To do nothing about recruiting or making every effort to retain members is a recipe for club extinction. Looking back ten years to 1999 when we had fifty members and considering that today we only have thirty four members indicates that we have slipped in our recruiting and our retention of members.

Of the many methods that have been tried in our club to bring in new people the most successful method is still the tried and true personal approach by individual club members to a chosen person and an invitation to a club meeting to learn more. Whether we are retired or still working we must all know someone who would make a good Rotarian. It is every member's job to recruit new Rotarians, not just the responsibility of the Membership Committee and I encourage everyone to endeavour to invite at least one potential member to a meeting during this year.

Our District will be holding a Membership and Marketing Seminar on Sunday, 30th August at the Mulgrave Country Club starting at 8.30 a.m. and finishing at 11 a.m. We are asked to have at least two of our members present at this seminar, more would be great. The seminar is open to all members and there is no cost to either the individual member or to the club. This should be a very informative and worthwhile morning and I would like everyone to give attendance at this seminar some serious thought.

Please do not forget the request for Rotary Down Under magazines for the Whitehorse Spring Festival on 18th October. Remember not to throw out the September and October issues once you have read them but to pass them on to me so that they can be included in the Rotary Show Bags to be given out at the Festival.

Remember also that "The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands".

Yours in Rotary,

Tom Thorpe

President

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

This week saw a smaller number of members gather at the Golf Club than usual, but the meeting was nevertheless another great opportunity for fellowship.

Sergeant Kath Binns called the meeting to order, and asked PP Rob Bishop to lead the Rotary Grace and Loyal Toasts.

This having been done, President Tom welcomed our Guest Speaker – Christine Irving from Aqualink Box Hill – a recent partner for our Art Show. Members partners were also warmly welcomed – Nola Riehm, Dabak Lynn, Joan Swain and Judy Joyce. President Tom drew attention to his comments in last week's bulletin highlighting the decision of the Cluster Clubs to again support the City of Whitehorse Spring Festival on October 18. Members were asked to stockpile their copies of RDU magazine, as these would be distributed to attendees at the Festival as part of the Rotary Information kit being prepared. Copies of the RDU magazine should be handed to President Tom.

Tom also reminded Board Members of their next meeting – August 11, and the upcoming Club Assembly on August 25. Committee Chairmen were asked to have their reports for the Board Meeting to Secretary Tim, no later than Sunday, August 9 and full reports to President Tom for the Club Assembly to him by Tuesday, August 11.

President Tom handed the conduct of the meeting to Chairman Geoff Swain, who called for the following reports.

Secretary – Tim Lynn.

Tim delighted the members with his 'No Items to Report' message.

Trevor Donegan – Vocational Service

Trevor in deputizing for Geoff Iles, reminded members of the planned Week-end away in November to Marysville, and asked for the Green Forms with details of the event be returned to Geoff, so bookings can be made.

Ray Macleod-Dryden

Ray advised members of a planned Mental Health Forum to be held by the End of August.

The theme of the evening would be based on Early Intervention into Mental Health issues. More details will be published as they come to hand.

Clem Joyce – Opportunity Shop

Clem presented to President Tom a cheque for \$5,000 representing fund raised from the Op-Shop during the month of July. This brings to \$335,000 the amount raised since the shop was opened.



Making the July Op-Shop Donation – Clem Joyce to President Tom Thorpe

Lloyd Cranwell – Fellowship & Fundraising

Lloyd was deputizing for Joe Mardjetko, and advised members of several planned events – the first of which was a visit to The Johnson Collection of fine China, Art and Furnishings. The proposed visit would take place on Thursday August 20 at a cost of \$47 per person. The day would start at The Hilton Hotel at 10.15am where the group would be transported by mini-bus to the site of the collection. On arrival, morning tea would be served, followed by a viewing of the collection, and a light luncheon served. Return to the Hotel by 2.00pm completes the day. Members and partners interested in viewing this prestigious collection should contact Joe Mardjetko.

Next was a visit to the opening night performance of South Pacific, by the Nova Group. Two opportunities existed – Opening Night – Friday, October 23, at \$40 per person which includes a light supper after the show, or a Thursday Night performance on November 5 at \$32 per person, but with no supper included. The performances will be staged at The Whitehorse Theatre, Nunawading. Again, see Joe Mardjetko for bookings or further details.

Finally, a planned trip on The Tram Car Restaurant, tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, September 30, in conjunction with The Box Hill Central Club. Normally priced at \$137 per person, the negotiated price for the first sitting was \$77 per person, which includes a 5 course meal and drinks. The tram departs from a designated tram depot near the Casino. All persons interested, please talk with Joe Mardjetko.

Colin Johnson – Farmers' Market

Colin was quick to tell members, the visit to The Johnson Collection, was NOT a visit to his home, but moreover a visit to a quality setting with much fine art, china, etc. The real reason for his wanting to address the membership, was to thank members for their continued support of The Farmers Market which is being held on Sunday, August 9. This month was our 'cooking' month, and a larger team than usual was required. Members were thanked for their support.

Sergeant Kath Binns

Again, and in good spirits, fines flowed like water.....mine is a scotch on the rocks.....Ed. Geoff Swain – a tremendous personal effort with The Art Show, and now the Club raffle, and a second fine for the most job creative exercise in having his team of

supporters firstly put the staples in the raffle books, then take them out again preparatory to the draw. With job creative talents like this, maybe Geoff should be in the Parliament.

All members who haven't had a full health check within the last 12 months. A tip-off fine for Ray Macleod-Dryden, was one Ray's associates behind the tip off to the Australian newspaper for the recent terrorist raids?

All members for their rendition of the National Anthem.....very poor.

Other fines levied on Carol Pawsey, Robert Bishop, Clive Nicholson, Peter Cummins, and a self imposed fine on the Sergeant for her wedding anniversary this week.

Cross Fines were levied by Lloyd Cranwell on Steve Dardamanis for the generous food donation dropped into the Op-Shop, and Sue Bishop for a (continuing) celebratory fine on all Saints Supporters. Vincent Li fined the Sergeant.....applause all round.....well done Vincent.....Ed.

Chairman Geoff Swain then proceeded with the raffle draw, and asked Christine Irvine – Manager Aqualink Box Hill to assist.

Kindly refer to the separate report on the raffle, later in this bulletin.....Ed

LAST WEEK'S GUEST SPEAKER

Chairman Geoff Swain then introduced our Guest Speaker – Christine Irvine, who delivered an eloquent address on the history and, and future planning for Aqualink Box Hill.

Aqualink was one of our Partners associated with our recent Art Show, and Christine was most obliging in providing support for us, as well as managing the Box Hill swimming and health facility.

Christine explained how the original swimming activities in Box Hill were centered on the "Surrey Dive" – an un-used quarry initially the home of The Box Hill Brick Company.

From humble beginnings in 1905, the Surrey Park Swimming Club petitioned council, and ultimately the State Government to up-grade the facilities, and on January 29, 1939 The Box Hill City Baths were opened in conjunction with The Australian Swimming Championships.

As well as swimming carnivals, the Box Hill City Baths (Aqualink) continued to be used by persons learning to swim, as well as those who dedicated themselves to competitive swimming.

In 1977, the Box Hill Council began an up-grade of the facilities, and by 1981 swimming had become a year round activity with the opening of the indoor pool complex, which incorporated other leisure activities including squash courts, and a gymnasium.

Aqualink is a facility firmly focused on Community, and what it can do to maximize the enjoyment levels of its patrons and visitors. With a mission statement firmly focusing on improving the quality of life of visitors to the centre. The business plan too embellishes and compliments the mission statement by ensuring the tools are provided to achieve the positive outcomes provided in these documents.

With a staff of 110 persons (8 on a full time basis), Aqualink Box Hill is poised to achieve its targets through the community. Labour costs are high (62% of total expenses), but this is to be expected in a facility so gearing itself to community needs. Some 70,000 persons have used the swim school in the past 12 months, and with an annual turn-over of some \$3.5M annually, and some 670,000 visitors to the facility last year, it seems somewhat obvious that Aqualink are 'doing something right'.

The future for Aqualink Box Hill is bright, with planning already well developed to enlarge the facility, and offer an even greater level of service to customers than is currently being achieved. It is envisaged that at the current rate of development, in 12 months time, the first sod will be turned to herald the start of the physical improvements to the facility. A Hydro-therapy pool, a pool for disabled persons, and enlargement to the existing gymnasium, all form part of the innovations. Increased swimming classes will be able to be offered, as will access to better car-parking facilities, and the new pool. The Whitehorse Council have been most supportive in bringing these developments and improvements to the fore.

In answer to member's questions, Christine reiterated the very positive sense of community which permeates the existing facility, and she was very confident that once the up-graded

facility was opened, even more good will would be generated. The new facility would be some 200% larger than the existing complex.



Chairman Geoff then thanked Christine, not only for her presentation this evening, but also for her personal, and corporate support during the Art Show.

Chairman Geoff then asked Lloyd Cranwell to conduct the weekly raffle which was won by Steve Dardamanis (#22).

President Tom thanked all Partners, and our Guest Speaker for attending, and again reminded members to give him copies of the Aug, Sept and October RDU magazines for the Spring Festival (October 20), and for all committee chairmen to have their reports to him by TUESDAY August 11.

ATTENDANCE

Total Attendance:	29
Club Members:	24
Partners:	4
Visitors & Visiting Rotarians:	Nil
Guest Speaker:	Christine Irvine – Manager Aqualink Box Hill
Apologies:	Geoff Iles, Ross McPhail, Joe Mardjetko, Charlie Xu
Leave of Absence:	Robert Leach, Mick Matthews, Greg Paine, David Tolstrup, Geoff Weeks. Rae Wilson
Make ups:	Nil

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RAFFLE RESULTS & REPORT

The Raffle was drawn by Christine Irvine (Manager of AQUALINK Box Hill) during Club Meeting. Under the Supervision of Our "Government Representative", Representative of "Higher Authority" & Club Scrutineer (Ray McLeod-Dryden) (Merv Agnew) (Trevor Donegan)



The Reps of Government & Higher Authority with The Club Scrutineer



Christine Irvine drawing a Winner

Ticket Details:-

- 1st** Ticket Number 3373
Brett Williams-ATO BH
- 2nd** Ticket Number 0779
William Hine - Burwood.
- 3rd** Ticket Number 2806
Leonie Duncan -Glen Iris.
- 4th** Ticket Number 3364
Brett Williams-ATO BH
- 5th** Ticket Number 6904
Fiona Kerr - Mitcham.
- 6th** Ticket Number 0013
Margaret Ervine -B'bn N
- 7th** Ticket Number 2211
Peter Swain - Broadford

Prize:-

- "4 Day Get-A-Way for 2 Adults & 2 Children" at The RACV Resort, Cobram
- Tickets for Two People & One Underground Car Park Space at The ETIHAD Corporate Box at ETIHAD Stadium, for The Essendon v St. Kilda Match, Aug 16, 2009
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- 3 Month "Total Fitness Membership" at AQUALINK, Box Hill. Incl. Consultation, Unlimited Access to Classes, Gym Pools etc.

Winners bought their tickets from - ATO Social Club, 2 x N'hood Houses, MASH & at AQUALINK Box Hill.

Tickets Distributed & Sales

Distributors	Nmbrs	Taken	Returns	%Returns	Sold	%Total	Valu	Av. S/P	to Bank
Art Show Dinner	1 }	872	643	73.7%	229	5.95%	\$419.00	\$1.830	\$419.00
Art Show	}				175	4.55%	\$368.00	\$2.103	\$368.00
Club Members	26	1,948	772	39.6%	1,176	30.58%	\$1,781.00	\$1.514	\$1,781.00
Others # 1 below	61	2,148	812	37.8%	1,336	34.74%	\$2,236.50	\$1.674	\$2,236.50
AQUALINK # 2 below					930	24.18%	\$1,660.35	\$1.785	\$1,660.35
		4,968	2,227	44.8%	3,846	100.00%	\$6,464.85	\$1.681	\$6,464.85
Tickets Printed		8,400					Includes Donations of > \$87.85		

Expenses		
Printing Tickets		\$1,000.00
P'Copy Posters, Stationery }		
Laminating Pouches }		\$201.53
Leader - Result Advert		<u>\$145.20</u>
TOTAL Expenses >		<u>\$1,346.73</u>
Contribution >		\$5,118.12

NOTE #1-"Others" - Those Individuals / Organizations who bought / took Raffle Books to sell tickets
NOTE #2-"AQUALINK" Box Hill Pool - Used as a "Clearance Centre" for most of the "part books" returned.

Special thanks to "The behind the scenes" work of :-
 "Staplers" - Kath Binns, Rob & Jenny Leach, Trevor & Joan Donegan
 "De-Staplers" - Kath Binns, Rob & Sue Bishop, Trevor & Joan Donegan, Geoff & Peta Iles, Vicent Li, Ray McLeod-Dryden & Joan Swain.



**Rotary Club of Box Hill
CLUB PROGRAMME
August 2009**



Date	Topic	Speaker	Chair
August			
11 th	Community Development City of Whitehorse	Neil Rogers – Community Development Officer	Lloyd Cranwell
18 th	Workplace Injuries The Safety Fixer	Beth Pardoe	Steve Dardamanis
25 th	Club Assembly	No Speaker	President Tom Thorpe

**** PLEASE NOTE: If you are unable to fulfill the chair duty on your nominated evening, it would be greatly appreciated if you could arrange a suitable substitute. ****

CLUB DUTY ROSTER

Date	Desk	Greeter	Grace / Toast
August			
11 th	Rob Fenton/David D'Silva	Bruce McKenzie	Geoff Swain
18 th	Colin Johnson/Peter Cummins	Ray Mcleod-Dryden	Ross McPhail
25 th	Geoff Iles/Ray McLeod- Dryden	Steve Dardamanis	Ray Reihm

**** PLEASE NOTE: If you are unable to fulfill the allocated duty on the occasion, it would be helpful if you could arrange a "swap" with another person listed.**

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Date	Member	Event
August		
14 th	Vincent Li	Induction Anniversary
17 th	David D'Silva	Birthday

