



ROTARY CLUB OF BOX HILL



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A Message from the President

The second District combined Presidents' meeting has been and gone with a very pleasant and informative evening held again at the Mulgrave Country Club. This is an exceptionally good venue with the meeting being conducted during dinner making it a reasonably early night and is an excellent means of meeting fellow Presidents and hearing news of what's happening in our District. At this meeting the last AGM of our unincorporated District was held. At the next meeting we will be District 9810 Incorporated. We were also informed that next year there is to be a constitution review and to be prepared and start working on any amendments we wish to make to our club constitution.

The Waste Water Treatment Project for Barangay 6 in the Philippines has finally got the go ahead. This project is a multi district matching grant project involving Rotary Districts 9500, 9520, 9800 and 9810 plus the Rotary club of Makati in Manila. Our District has been asked to raise \$20,000 and our club has pledged \$500 towards the project. The project is in the Guiuan Municipality in the Eastern Samar Province - Philippines and the World Bank has guaranteed the Local Government Unit an infrastructure grant of US\$50,000. The total cost of the project is US\$152,555. This plant is urgently needed to decrease the disease caused by lack of sanitation for the people in Barangay 6 and will change their lives. Our donation is needed by 30th November.

The clubs in District 9810 have responded well to the Shelter Box appeal with enough money being donated to provide eighty shelter boxes, sufficient to house 850 people - a wonderful effort for a wonderful cause.

There is still time for nominations for Citizenship Awards to students this year although time is running out fast. This is a prestigious award of a valuable watch for students who are in the last year at school and who are neither Dux of the school or School Captain but have contributed to their school and to their community. Students are chosen by their teachers to receive this award. There is very little work involved for the club except to approach the school and explain the award. The teachers make the selection and a club representative makes the presentation at Speech Night. This is an excellent way to become involved with the local schools and as DG David has suggested the club may consider also providing a bursary for the successful nominee to attend RYLA the following year. This is an excellent Vocational Service project.

Don't forget to have conference registration in by the 30th November if you want to be in the early bird draw for a chance to win your registration fee back. But most of all if you have not decided whether to go to the conference please think about it and make the decision to attend. The dinner on Saturday night with the theme of "Rotary Rocks" should be an excellent night with Glen Shorrock and his band providing the music.

The future of Rotary is in Your Hands

Yours in Rotary,

Tom Thorpe

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Sergeant Kath Binns called the meeting to order and asked PP Carol Pawsey to recite the Rotary Grace and Loyal Toast.

Sergeant Kath then asked President Tom to address the meeting, and in so doing Tom welcomed our guest speaker – Graeme Reynolds from The Box Hill Historical Society, Tom also extended a welcome back to Ray Riehm, and a welcome was also extended to Michael Flower – a guest of Joe Mardjetko. President Tom also reminded members of the Board Meeting which will follow this meeting at Peter Cummins' home. Notices had been sent earlier in the day to those members on e-mail advising of the Annual General Meeting set down for November 24.

Tom also advised all members to be present on November 24, to be present for the Club Photo, which needs to be submitted to the Conference Committee.

Also distributed today were the nomination forms for the positions of President Elect for 2010/11 (President 2011/2012) and the Treasurer for the 2010/11 year, and for the appointment of 4 Directors. All nominations close at the end of our Club Meeting on December 1, and if necessary, elections will be held at our regular Club meeting on December 8. As members would know the Nominating Committee had met and has subsequently offered (Secretary) Tim the position of President for the year 2011/12, albeit the membership can stand its own candidate, provided the forms are duly completed and lodged with the Secretary in accordance with the Club Rules and Constitution documents.

At this stage, the meeting offered Tim Lynn heartiest congratulations on being nominated for the position of President (2011/12).



**President Elect Nominee Tim Lynn
and Wife Dabak**

Members should seriously think about offering themselves for the positions on the Board, and if asked to stand for office they should continue the long standing, traditional rule of accepting the position, and completing the necessary nomination forms and offering themselves for election.

President Tom drew attention to the Membership Seminar being held at the Monash Incubator at 5a Hartnett St, Mulgrave, on TUESDAY NOVEMBER 17 (not the 27th of November as reported last week).

President Tom then asked Robert Leach to assume the Chair for the balance of the meeting.

Chairman Robert then asked Secretary Tim Lynn for any announcements.

SECRETARY TIM LYNN

Secretary Tim confirmed that the formal notice of meeting for the AGM had been circulated, as were nomination forms for the positions mentioned above. Make-ups were advised and are listed later in this bulletin.

The following Committee Chairmen addressed the meeting.

BRUCE MC KENZIE – ARH – INCOMING GSE TEAM – DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Bruce advised members that Christmas Cards were available from him tonight – priced at \$10 for a pack of 10 cards (and envelopes). Bruce invited members to the up-coming Australian Rotary Health Seminar being held on SUNDAY November 29 at Glen Waverley – See attachment to the bulletin for further details).

Bruce also mentioned the GSE Team from Turkey would be in our area from Late January to Early February, and they would need accommodation whilst in Australia. Any member wishing to home host a member of the Team should see Bruce.

Bruce advised members about the up-coming District Conference and the fact the Registration forms had been distributed. All members wishing to attend the conference should send the WHITE & PINK copies to the Conference Registrar (address on the forms), members should retain the YELLOW copy, and pass the GREEN copy to Bruce (to ensure he has made an accommodation booking for you). Registration cheques should be sent with the form to the Conference Registrar.

SUE BISHOP – YOUTH EXCHANGE

Sue rose to speak about the item which appeared in last week's bulletin on YOUTH EXCHANGE. As it is some years since our Club has hosted a Youth Exchange Candidate, it may be time again for us to consider this very worthwhile youth program. Although not now part of the District Committee dealing with Youth Exchange, Sue would be pleased to discuss any aspect of this program with members.

CLEM JOYCE – OP-SHOP

Clem presented the Club with a cheque from the October trading of the Op-Shop. The cheque had a value of \$5,000, which brought the YTD donation to the Club up to \$18,500 (same as this time last year), and this cheque brought the total donations to the Club since inception of the Op-Shop to \$348,500. Clem recognized the Volunteers he has at the Op-Shop for their dedication to the task in bringing these funds to the Club.



President Tom accepts another \$5000 from Op Shop Chairman Clem Joyce

GEOFF SWAIN – CHRISTMAS CAKES, PUDDINGS AND MINCE PIES

Geoff has again distributed at the meeting work-sheets for members to indicate their purchases of the above Christmas goodies. In last week's bulletin, the Editor cited the fact Geoff was also promoting the Shortbread Biscuits, BUT THIS IS NOT THE CASE. Members may place orders only for Christmas Cakes, Christmas Puddings, and Christmas Mince Pies, with Geoff.....ED.....sorry for the confusion.

SERGEANT'S SESSION – KATH BINNS

David Tolstrup was fined for the piece in last week's bulletin for revealing Julie Andrews' age. Geoff Swain was fined for multiple indiscretions. All members who had not tasted one of Geoff Swain's Whiskey cakes were fined. Ray Riehm fined for still wearing The Greeters Badge. Robert Bishop was fined for being late for his attendance at Desk Duty. Carol Pawsey was fined for reciting the Rotary Grace and Loyal Toasts out of sequence. Induction fines were levied on Charlie Xu, and Merv Agnew. Carol Pawsey cross fined Tim Lynn for his accepting the nomination of the Nominating Committee for President 2011/2012. President Tom was also fined for not welcoming Dabak Lynn to tonight's meeting.

LAST WEEK'S GUEST SPEAKER

Chairman Robert then welcomed our Guest Speaker – Graeme Reynolds from The Box Hill Historical Society. Graeme enjoyed a career with Telstra, and on his retirement he pursued his interests in the history of the area, bushwalking, Probus, and it was through his volunteering to work with the Historical Society that he addresses our meeting this evening.

Graeme thanked Chairman Robert for his introduction and he cited the fact the Historical Society was formed in 1963, and founded by Ken McIntyre who sought to preserve the history of the area. The Historical Society was more of a research facility for searching family histories. Some of the references they have are the Sands & McDougall Directories from 1880 to 1920, and from 1972 to present day are located at the Doncaster Library. The records to 1920 are a good source of materials. Other resources maintained by The Society are copies of the local paper – The Box Hill Reporter, which is in its original paper form, as well as on microfilm. They also have several scrap books of articles taken from the Box Hill Gazette and the Box Hill Reporter. Selected School records and photos are also part of their collection, but not for all schools, or for all years, it has depended on what the schools have done with their archive material over the years.

The Historical Society have published three books covering the years 1800-1920, 1930-1960 and 1960- 1994. These are available for purchase at \$10 each, or \$25 for the set of three.

Also part of their collection is many Plans of notable buildings in the area, including the Box Hill Town Hall, the history of which is interesting. The Mayor at the time of the building of the Town Hall was named Gawler, who was an architect – not only an architect, but THE architect who designed the Town Hall. One can only assert there was no conflict of interest in those days, but the story gets better. It seems the land on which the Town Hall is built was originally 7 home sites which were compulsorily acquired in 1935 so the building could commence construction.

Other points of interest in the area, was the fact Box Hill owned and operated the first electric tram service which ran from Box Hill to Whites

Corner (Doncaster Road and Station Street Corner), but in those days Station Street didn't exist, and the local residents were hostile towards the electric tram company, even to a point where tram tracks were pulled up, electric wires pulled down. Fences built across the tram tracks – all in protest to the development of the tram, service. But where did the electricity come from, as electric power only started in Box Hill in 1912, and the electric tram service was running circa 1888. The answer lies in the fact the electric tram company used the water in the Bushy Creek Reservoir and built a steam powered generator to deliver power to the tram service. The tram cars were originally purchased from Chicago and shipped to the city of Melbourne in 1888. The cars were damaged en route to Australia, and after repair were run in Carlton Road, adjacent to the Carlton Gardens, and ran between Rathdowne St and Nicholson Street. These were the first electric trams running in the Southern Hemisphere.

Further points of interest, the Box Hill area had two race courses. The first was located near the corner of Elgar Road and Mont Albert Road, and was said to have been located up from The Whitehorse Hotel. The Second race course was near the corner of Broughton Road and Delanays Road (the former name of Canterbury Road). On the corner was Delanays Hotel, and the race course was located behind the hotel.

Another anecdote from Graeme about the Wattle Club. This club was a men's club open to fellows 16 years of age and over. It had a range of activities including hiking, and a number of indoor activities as well. The club had no name, and as the story goes, it was during one of their meetings, one of the members asked of the chairman, What'll we call the Club.....to which the chairman was reported as having said that sounds good enough to me.....and that's how The Wattle Club got its name. The club is no longer in operation, and some of the club's records are maintained by the Historical Society.

The Historical society doesn't have many artifacts from the area, mainly records and maps, many showing the notable families who either lived, or were buried in the Box Hill Cemetery. Family names including C J Dennis, Sydney Meyer, William Angliss, Turner, Syme,

and Gadsen are among the notables. Many of these are buried in the Cemetery, and given notice, the Historical Society will run tours of the cemetery for say 10 or more persons at any one time. A charge is made for this service, and as the tours are run on an ad hoc basis, contact with the Society will ensure a booking can be made.

In answer to a question from Geoff Weeks, Graeme advised there were a limited number of plaques erected in the area noting points of interest. A brochure is also available from the society which details many of the points of interest within the Box Hill area.

Ray McLeod-Dryden asked about the boundaries of the Box Hill area and how they had changed over time. Graeme responded by saying that the original area was known as the Parish of Nunawading up until 1927 when Box Hill separated from the greater parish of Nunawading. It was interesting, said Graeme, that in the Kennett years, the electoral boundaries of the area were shifted, almost back to where they were when The Parish of Nunawading was established in 1857.

In closing his address, Graeme made mention of the fact the Box Hill Historical Society which operates from the rear of the Town Hall, is open on Tuesday of each week from 11.00am to 4.00pm, and on the first Saturday of each

month 10.00am to 12.00pm. Records are open for inspection during these hours.



Chairman Robert Leach thanks Guest Speaker Graeme Reynolds

Chairman Robert thanked Graeme for his insightful presentation, and offered a small gift as a memento of his visit with us.

Robert then asked Joe Mardjetko to conduct the weekly raffle which was won by George McLean - number 26.

President Tom then resumed the chair and offered his thanks to Graeme for giving up his time to be with us, and he thanked Robert Leach for chairing the meeting.

Members were again reminded of the CLUB PHOTO which was being taken on November 24, the AGM also on November 24, and the Club elections, with nominations closing on December 1, with the elections being conducted on December 8.

Tom then closed the meeting.

ATTENDANCE

Total Attendance:	31
Club Members:	28
Partners:	1
Visitors & Visiting Rotarians:	1 – Michael Flower
Guest Speaker:	1 – Graeme Reynolds
Apologies:	Steve Dardamanis, David D'Silva, Trevor Donegan, Colin Johnson, Vincent Li, Clive Nicholson, Paul Wheelton
Leave of Absence:	Greg Paine
Make ups:	Tom Thorpe, Geoff Weeks, Kath Binns, Trevor Donegan, Lloyd Cranwell, Geoff Swain, Colin Johnson.

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Some more comments to ponder from Robert Leach.....thanks Robert from his continuing series of *When Insults had Class*.

"He had delusions of adequacy." - Walter Kerr

"He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire." - Winston Churchill

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ED's Wisdom

Yes, I know, you all missed me last week.....I didn't get my material to the bulletin editor on time, so of course he didn't publish it.

This week we will again continue our focus on Membership and in particular this week we will review some DON'Ts when it comes to talking to prospective members about membership.

When talking to a prospective member, you DON'T have to give him or her the life history of Rotary. In these busy times, many people become switched off if the answer to their simple questionWell tell me about Rotary.....turns into a half hour (or so) dissertation starting with the life history of Paul Harris, followed by a potted history of the life of Arch Klumph, and fully detailing the personal histories of each of the International Presidents of Rotary. What people want to know is what is Rotary doing? What are my obligations? What does it cost? Where do you meet and how frequently?

By taking this latter approach, more people will become more interested in what we do, and with your final question to them.....Will you join Rotary.....you may have just recruited another member. It REALLY is that simple.with credit to D9780.

NOTICEBOARD – MONTH'S ACTIVITIES

On the basis we all lead very busy lives, I have added a new page to The Bulletin. Members are welcome to send me details which involve their committees, activities, meetings or whatever, and we will publish them here. Call it Classified Adds if you like.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE – FEB 2010
See Bruce McKenzie for Details

CHRISTMAS CAKES, PUDDINGS &
MINCE PIES - See Geoff Swain to order
your needs.

CHRISTMAS CARDS – CORPORATE
OR PRIVATE. See Bruce McKenzie \$10
per pack of 10 Cards. Stock available
NOW.

DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP MEETING
AT MULGRAVE COUNTRY CLUB –
Tuesday November 17 at 5a Hartnett
Close, Mulgrave 7.30pm Start.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR CAB
CLIENTS – Due December 1st – Talk
with Carol Pawsey for details. Please
note Gifts **SHOULD NOT** be wrapped.
Also PLEASE DO NOT FORGET
YOUR \$2 WEEKLY DONATION AT
THE REGISTRATION DESK.

CHRISTMAS DINNER MEETING –
All members should be advised the
Club's Christmas Dinner meeting will be
held on TUESDAY DECEMBER 15.
Special Christmas Menu but the Price is
Unchanged. We need to confirm numbers
with the Golf Club.

EVOLVE Youth Program at TYPO
STATION – AFTERNOON TEA
WITH RAY MARTIN IN
SHEPPARTON – on Saturday
November 28 at 2pm - \$25 per ticket
from info@evolve.org.au

AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH
SEMINAR on Sunday November 29.
Come along and find out more about
this Australian Rotary Initiative.
Venue - Waverley RSL, Coleman
Parade, Glen Waverley. Time – 9am
to 11am. See Flyer for details.

Nominations Close on December 1
for the positions of President
(2011/12), for Treasurer (2010/11),
and for 4 Directors for 2010/2012.

CLUB PHOTO NOVEMBER 24.
All members are requested to be
present at the November 24 meeting
as the Club Photo will be taken that
night.

TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS
BREAKFAST MEETING –
DECEMBER 22. All members are
advised of our Traditional Breakfast
meeting on this day. A Cooked
Breakfast will be offered for \$21.
More details next week.

If there are more events you want publicized, please let me know, and we will run an advert for you.



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



Date	Topic	Speaker	Chair
November			
17 th	Kijabe Hospital Kenya	Senior Sergeant Luke Smeaton	Ray McLeod-Dryden
24 th	AGM	President Tom Thorpe	Tom Thorpe

**** PLEASE NOTE: If you are unable to fulfil 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
November			
17 th	Ross McPhail Lloyd Cranwell	Greg Paine	Charlie XU
24 th	Bruce McKenzie Clem Joyce	Mick Matthews	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
November		
22 nd	Mick Mathews	Members Birthday
30 th	John Booth	Wedding Anniversary

