From the President

The past week has seen much use of the BBQ trailer in rendering service to the community. I therefore begin this week’s article with an expression of thanks to the members who have assisted.

On Thursday morning at 6.30 to 9.00am, Paul Craig, Neil Williams and I cooked sausages, eggs and bacon (provided by the school) for about 100 Dads and their children at Sunbury Primary School in support of the Fathering program being trialed in three Sunbury schools this year. The well-researched program aims to encourage Fathers and Father-Figures to become more involved in supporting children.

At our meeting on Tuesday 17 October, Colin West, the Schools Manager of the Fathering Project will be our Guest Speaker and will introduced us more fully to the purposes and desired outcomes of the project. We shall also have representatives of the schools involved at this meeting.

On Friday, a team of members operated the all-day BBQ at Bunnings – Joe Scordia, Hans Van Dyke, Fred Reinking and myself. It was a very busy day with considerable sales. The BBQs are important for the Club’s fundraising, contributing over $9000 in 2016-17.

On Sunday, the Club supported the Goonawarra Festival which was organised by Rotarian Lucy Loko. We conducted the Sausage Sizzle with profits being the Club’s contribution to this community activity. Those involved were Joe Scordia, Linden Johnson, John Maddocks.

Last Tuesday our meeting was addressed by Josh Buzza who represented Australia at the Under 17 International Online Hockey championships. Josh was supported by his parents Heather and Glen and girlfriend Solar. Josh explained the nature of Online Hockey competition and showed photographs from recent games. Josh has been supported by the Club from the Sports, Recreation and Education Fund.

This year, the Club will again be conducting a Trailer Raffle to support a neonatal cot at the Royal Children’s Hospital. Paul LaSala has generously donated the trailer and Hans Van Dyke has installed the metal cage also at no cost to the Club. David Allan has kindly agreed to house the trailer until the winning ticket is drawn at noon at the December Market. We now need donations of items to fill the trailer.

On 3rd October SNIKI will be holding a fund raiser evening Pay It Forward. It has been unavoidable that this night clashes with the normal Rotary meeting night.

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INTERNATIONAL TOAST TO ROTARY CLUB OF SAN SEBASTIAN SPAIN

Each week the Rotary Club of Sunbury Australia toasts an International Rotary Club. This week we toast the Rotary Club of San Sebastian in District 2202, Spain. The club was chartered on 20-Feb-1926 and currently has 23 members.

The president for this Rotary year is Fernando Ayllon Martiarena.
The club meets on Thursdays at 7:30pm and the venue is Hotel de Londres Inglaterra, Calle de Zubiesta, 2, San Sebastián, 20007, Spain.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT CONTINUED

After discussion by the Board and further discussion with a number of members including Neil Williams, I have decided to proceed with our Rotary meeting that evening.

Nevertheless, I am requesting those Rotarians who are planning to support SNIKI that evening to do so. It is pleasing that so many Rotarians are committed to the important work of SNIKI in the Sunbury community. Members who were not planning to attend the SNIKI evening are asked to make an effort to attend our Club meeting that evening.

The speaker will be Sonja Procek who will be speaking about the efforts being made to advance the appalling treatment of women in Ugandan society. This program was highlighted at this year’s District Conference.

I thank all members for their continuing support in furthering the purposes of Rotary in both our community and beyond.

Robert Iles
President

District 2202

PROJECTS UPDATE

Thank you to those that participated in selling sausages and raising money or donating time for our projects this week.

This quarter we have paid $2000 insurances for SNIKI, donated $1000 to Angel Flight in memory of Kaye Feain, and $1000 to Destiny Rescue.

What does Every Rotarian Every Year mean to you?

What does it mean to our club?
More importantly what does it mean to the communities and precious souls that rely on our donations for a quality of life we take for granted.

What a privilege it is to be able to make a difference to these people.

Please see Kerry Kirk or John Webster if you too would like to donate your $126.50 or any amount to EREY and need some help with the online transaction or simply drop into the Bendigo Bank in Sunbury, if you would prefer to do it in person.
DIARY

SEPT 2017
30 Last day for
Early Bird conference registration
(see details p4)

OCT 2017
7 Cash for Cans
8 Lift the lid Longest Lunch

MIRTH CORNER

A kindergarten pupil told his teacher he’d found a cat, but it was dead. “How do you know that the cat was dead?” she asked her pupil.

“Because I pissed in its ear and it didn’t move,” answered the child innocently. You did WHAT ? ! ?” the teacher exclaimed in surprise. “You know,” explained the boy, “I leaned over and went ‘Pssst!’ and it didn’t move.”

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Three seniors are out for a stroll. One of them remarks, “It’s windy.” Another replies, “No way. It’s Thursday.” The last one says, “Me too. Let’s have a soda.”

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Grand Final Time

It is that time of year again when 2 great teams face off for the ultimate gladiator prize in Australia. This year like last, we have an underdog playing, who last tasted Grand Final Victory in the VFL in 1980. (The Crows won their last in 1998).

We wish both teams the best of luck.

And for those interested in the Sydney Rugby League, the Melbourne Storm are playing the North Queensland Cowboys.
Let’s see if we can get a table together at the 9790 Conference dinner that is all Rotary Club of Sunbury!!!

District 9790 Conference Yarrawonga Mulwala
March 22-25, 2018
email: conference2018@9790rotary.org.au

G’tay Folks,
Earlybird savings about to run out!
A gentle reminder that the early bird conference registration fee of $120 will finish after September 30 WHEN IT WILL BE $150. Go to the ‘trybooking’ site above and register now, to save a few dollars. You can come back later to book other activities if you wish.

Golfers: Be sure of a tee time!
Golfers are reminded that a great course (The Black Bull, naturally!) will host the event this year. This Thompson designed masterpiece is rated as one among the best public access courses in the country. Again, I suggest you get your bookings in early as WE WILL LOSE OUR EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS come early January.

And, don’t forget, a car is on offer for a Hole-In-One

A great night and great value at the Saturday Night Gala Dinner
Saturday night at Club Mulwala, just $90 p.p. for three courses and wine, with music provided by The Pacific Belles and Swing Band!

Accommodation in Yarrawonga and Mulwala?
There’s heaps available! Click here and let Mr Google help you.
Or here go to the local Tourist Information Site.
Or do your own search – Accommodation Yarrawonga and Mulwala.

And there are lots of things to do in Yarrawonga and Mulwala.
Click on this video to get an idea of the venues, some local tourist attractions and, at the end, see Co Bernie’s personal invitation to attend.

I hope to see you here in March 2018.

Charlie

P.S. Please check out the Conference Website and you can send us an email if you wish.

I’m going back again to Yarrawonga

Rotary
District 9790