

The Rotary Club of
Padstow Inc.

Club Notes for 24 June 2008

Colin Duff – President

- Tonight's a big night. Lorraine is going to be inducted tonight. Gemma Summerhayes is here with her mum Kim and nan Maureen to talk about RYPEN. Satnam's back from Kenya. Bryce, Raelene, and Xavier have come along – Xavier's going to talk about RYPEN and RYSTAR.
- (Mike Kenny) I'd like to have a quick meeting to organise for next year after this meeting.
- We need helpers to set up for the Changeover next week.
- We also need answers about numbers for next week. It's 6:30 for 7pm, and \$35 per head.
- Rotary International President DK Lee will be visiting on Tuesday 15th July. A lunch has been organised at the Grand Pavilion, Rosehill Gardens Event Centre, at 12:30pm for \$60 per head.

Terry Pedder – Community

- ROK kits tomorrow night, 6pm.
- We'll be having a blanket sew-in in the next few weeks.
- (Keith Weber) We filled a 20 foot container with blankets and other stuff for the Sydney Maeri Appeal Committee.
- (Sharon Bond) We sent, to the Maeri Committee, 600 comfort kits, 400 earplugs, 1000 eyeshades, 600 bowls, 1270 blankets, 2000 pillowslips, 1000 socks, 2000 teaspoons, 2000 forks, and 35 boxes of carpet squares. We also sent 110 ROK kits and 60 blankets to Anglicare. I've passed on 2 cheques to Allan Sweet for ROK kits: one for \$2000 from Fairfield City RSL and a private donation for \$120.

Sharon Bond – Rotary Foundation / International Service

- The Youth Exchange Student who is coming is Laurence, a girl from Belgium.
- I haven't heard from Mikkel.
- (President Colin) Mikkel will be here on the 15th of July. He flies out on Wednesday the 16th. His parents fly out on the 15th, so they can't be here.
- We need volunteers for RYDA for the 29th of July and the 14th of August.
- (Joan Wells) Kay Trappett, John Earls, and I went to a meeting about using Homebush for RYDA. The first RYDA for Homebush will be the Sir Joseph Banks High School on the 6th of August.
- Sir Joseph Banks High School has sent an additional application for the Siemens Summer Science Experience.

Jean Mullick – Membership / Vocational

- Thanks Keith, Ken, Terry and everyone who helped with the Community Service Officers Awards last week.
- We have interviewed applicants for the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra, and made our selection which we'll be announcing tomorrow.

Kaye Townsend – Secretary

- We've received a card from John & Joyce Barnard. They will be away for Changeover, so unfortunately can't come.
- The Rotary Club of Holroyd is holding their 9th Charity Golf Day on the 24th of October.
- BEHHA (Bankstown East Hills Handicapped Association) has sent a letter of thanks to Cliff and helpers for the gardening and \$300 for gardening material.
 - > (President Colin) We've also received a card from the people in the residence.
- Paper copies of the joint Board minutes are available for members without email.
- We've received a copy of the *Community Link* from Bankstown City Council.

President Colin

- As most are already aware, Barry Thompson has been looking into the interest problem for the Youth Trust.

Barry Thompson

- We spent 6 months starting the Youth Trust, then 6 months arguing with the Tax Office. And we've just spent the last 6 months discussing the situation. We are suggesting that the Trustees wind up the Youth Trust as it does not meet our requirements. [Approved]

Joan Wells for Kevin Bouffler – Attendance

- 33 / 38 or 86.84%
- Apologies from Maurie Abbott, Tony Blazek, Kevin Bouffler, Lauren Christie, John Earls, Geoff Hayman, Barry McConville, Glenda Murray, Veronica Necyporuk, and Chad Pethybridge.

GENERAL BUSINESS

President Colin

- For the City to Surf Walk, I propose that, as a group, we enter by this Friday so we get a \$10 discount, bibs, and timing chips. Can we leave it to Mike Kenny to register a name select the group, and email everyone? [Yes]

Mike Kenny

- Frank Katalinic is back in town. He was to be here tonight, but had to go to Bankstown Hospital for tests.

Keri Sweet

- Veronica called to give her apologies for tonight. She had a fall, and now has a bad hip as well as a bad knee.

Trevor Withnall

- In the Board minutes it said that the Cararoo project didn't have a RAWCS number, but it does.
- About the Almagro project – I didn't want to take more than 3 or 4 people, as the facilities aren't great.
> (President Colin) The money for the Almagro project has been put into the Dr Eugenio Neri Jr Memorial Hospital.

Keith Roffey

- I've been speaking to Bankstown Hospital. The stroke bed is on its way, and the senior sister is very excited. And the Hospital has 8 operating theatres, and needs blood warmers to maintain the body temperature of patients during operations.
- We didn't get the names of all of the nominees for *Community Service Officers of the Year*, but I think that worked out well.

Garry Metcalfe

- I've been in touch with the carers, and they're looking at dates for the harbour cruise.

Induction – Lorraine Cody

- Sponsored by Sharon Bond, Lorraine was inducted into the Club under the classification Purchasing Manager, and put into the Community Committee. Lorraine's mentor is Keri Sweet.

President Colin

- It's a pleasure to have Gemma and Xavier here tonight, and it will be good to hear what they have to say about their attendance at RYPEN and how it benefited them.

Gemma Summerhayes and Xavier Steep – GUEST SPEAKERS

- Gemma and Xavier spoke about their experiences at RYPEN. At first daunting for both, but turning out to be a great experience. Xavier also spoke about the RYSTARS program, conducted with Fred Watson and the Coonabarabran telescopes.