

- Taught English at school and about Australia. They were very interested in the Aborigines.
- Worked (unpaid) for a period at the Australian Embassy. Great experience in how the diplomatic service and immigration operate. Received a wonderful reference from them.
- Travelled extensively, went to Greece and Spain with his school, London with an aunt, where he attended the RC of London, Ireland with relatives and to Sweden to visit Carl.
- Christmas was very different as was New Year when he attended a ball which has been running for 600 years, but is now mostly attended by tourists. Dinner there was €500 with students €30.
- Learnt to grow up during his year as was on his own for first 6 months. Became more independent, picked up another language, greater appreciation of other cultures and matured during his year away.

Spit to Manly walk scheduled for 28th March when Elina's father and sister will be here

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PROGRAMME

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| Tonight | Matthew Robson report on RYLA |
| Feb 27th | Probus Interest Meeting Padstow RSL 10.00 am |
| Mar 2nd | Transferred meeting Torch Newspaper |
| Mar 9th | Andrew Sozomenou “Get On Board” |
| Mar 16th | Transferred meeting Liverpool West Club (Sunnybrook at Warwick Farm) |
| Mar 19th-21st | District Conference at Central Coast Leagues Club Gosford |
| Mar 23rd | Board meeting and club assembly |
| Mar 30th | Membership Development Barry T, Barry Mc. |
| April 6th | GSE Outbound Farewell Hero's Hill |

President Joan:

- Welcome Elina, Gemma Ashton, Sue Ashton, Linda Ashton, Brianna Ashton, Matthew Reardon, Warwick Poll, Merrill Milne, Margaret Roffey, Joan Thompson, Maureen Wilson, Julie Brideson, Melinda Heywood and Laura Heywood.
- President's meeting on Friday, President Elect to attend.
- Are we considering a donation to the Northcott Centre? Approved to donate \$1,000.
- Have booked 10 double rooms at Ranelagh House for Xmas in July.
- Attended a meeting with Sharon at the Hospital re Harness Racing Night.

Club Service – Barry Thompson:

- There are several articles on women in upcoming publication including:
 - Impact of women on the organization since late 1980's
 - Gender diversity – importance.
 - Membership directed to women

Community – Sharon Bond:

- "Banks News" has "Bowelscan" information. This is distributed throughout the Federal electorate of Banks. Great publicity for Rotary as well as the Bowelscan project.
- Board has agreed to pay for adverts for Bowelscan.
- Harness Racing meeting with Bankstown Hospital Auxillary. Race meeting is set down for Saturday 29th May. Sponsors are being asked to pay \$3,000 and get a table included along with advertising etc.
- Will also have a table for Rotary at \$100pp.

International – Keith Roffey:

- Welcome home Matthew.
- We have 2 prospective outbounds for next year in attendance, Laura Heywood and Gemma Ashton.
- Romac last week was very interesting. Most of their patients survive.
- Several International days being celebrated this week including
 - 11th Iranian Revolution
 - 16th Lithuanian Independence Day
 - 18th Gambian National Day

Youth – Glenda Murray:

- National Youth Science Forum - applications being sought.
- MUNA – applications to schools.

Vocational – Joan for John Earls (in WA):

- Quote from Roman Printing for Police Officer of the Year.

Secretary – Ken McMillan:

- BCC Corporate Communications Dept. – cheque for \$44.
- Markets magazine.
- Fred Hollows Foundation Newsletter
- Daryl Melham – public meeting on 24th Feb RWC 2:30 and 5:00pm
- Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children – "Splash for Cash"
- Australia Day BBQ made approx \$1,700.

○ Russell – Markets:

- Signs being taken down by Council officer.
- No BBQ last month – too hot.
- Maureen & Bev ran markets for Julie & Georgene.
- \$1,232:00 profit from markets.

General Business:

David:

Get on Board update. All on track for a successful program again.

Keri:

Gave us the shirts. Old conference shirts plus ones from Cliff.

Barry Mc:

Email from Richmond Merewether about Ranfernly House. Average age of workers in their 80's with their leader being 91 and going strong. Can we as a club be supportive as it costs \$200 for each load to the port.

Trevor:

GSE Inbound team arrives in our zone on 15th March with Liverpool and then to us for our traditional bus trip of the eastern beaches and lunch at Watson's Bay. Program at present

- Tues – transferred meeting to Liverpool West.
- Wed – vocational visit
- Thurs – Harbour cruise.
- Fri – travel to Conference and sightseeing

Barry T:

Probus – Interest meeting scheduled for 10:00am 27th Feb Padstow RSL. Sunday 7th March 9:00 to 12:30am Seminar on Youth – Child Protection Act. Everyone likely to be dealing with children ie YEP, RYPEN, Science Forums etc **should attend**. At the Blue Mountains Grammar School.

Barry Mc:

Prospect Rotaract is chartering tomorrow night 7:00 for 7:30pm at St Pats Tavern Seven Hills.

Attendance & Welfare – Kevin Bouffler:

29 / 33 or 87.88% A good roll up tonight.

Guest Speaker – Matthew Reardon – His Year in Austria:

- Matthew was introduced by Keith Roffey. February is World Understanding Month and Youth Exchange goes a long way towards this. Laura and Gemma introduced themselves.
- Austria fits 98 times into Australia so is small by comparison.
- Matthew thanked everyone involved with his exchange, his counsellors Paul & Julia, Sharon & Warren and of course the RC Padstow.
- Was in St Pölten, population 50,000 including surrounding area.
- Austria will be in the center of the EU when eastern countries are admitted later this year.
- Had only 2 host families
 - 1st – Helga who had a 15yo son in a wheelchair who lived with his father. Lived there with another exchange student from Brazil for 6 months.
 - 2nd – was in the city and didn't see a lot of them either as they were both doctors.
- Attended school 6 days a week 7:40 to 1:00 with 6 straight subjects with a 15 min break between 3rd and 4th class.
- Only attended 4 Rotary Meetings the whole year
- Euro Tour was awesome and covered a lot more countries than most of the other exchange students.