

Guests Speaker – Arran Saunders of Disability Services Australia (DSA)

- The motto of DSA is “Our solution is working...”
- DSA is a charity which runs very much as a business. Its purpose is to enhance the lives of people with a disability.
- It was formed in 1956 by parents of kids with a disability in order to provide employment for the kids. Its first factory was opened in 1958 with 7 employees.
- DSA’s core values are: people first, one team, all accountable, inspired by challenges, and strive always to do better.
- DSA focuses on four areas: employment services, community support services, business services, and labour solutions.
- Its clients include Reebok, Qantas, and Tooheys.
- DSA’s income comes from the state and federal governments (56%), business sales (37%), donations (2.2%), and the remainder from interest and the sale of assets.

President Keri Sweet - Thought for the week

- A smile is a curve that can straighten out a lot of things.

These are genuine clips from British Council flat (apartment) tenants complaining to the Council about problems with their flats.

- 1. My lavatory seat is cracked, where do I stand?*
- 2 I am writing on behalf of my sink, which is coming away from the wall.*
- 3 Will you please send someone to mend the garden path?*
- My wife tripped and fell on it yesterday and now she is pregnant.*
- 4 50% of the walls are damp, 50% have crumbling plaster and 50% are plain filthy.*
- 5 The toilet is blocked and we cannot bath the children until it is cleared.*
- 6 Will you please send a man to look at my water, it is a funny colour & not fit to drink.*
- 7 I want some repairs done to my cooker as it has backfired and burnt my knob off.*
- 8 Our kitchen floor is damp.*
- We have two children and would like a third so please send someone round to do something about it.*
- 9 I wish to report that tiles are missing from the outside toilet roof. I think it was bad wind the other night that blew them off.*
- 10. I request permission to remove my drawers in the kitchen*
- 11. I am still having problems with smoke in my new drawers.*
- 12. It's the dog's mess that I find hard to swallow.*

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PROGRAMME

- 1/11 Melbourne Cup Night – PARTNERS
- 6/11 Chatanooga Choo Choo – Sailing & Railing
- 8/11 Club Assembly – Committee Meetings
- 12/11 Panania Markets – Please show your support by attending
- 15/11 New Police Commander of Bankstown
- 22/11 Factory visit – Broens at Ingleburn
- 29/11 International / Foundation 3/12 Family of Rotary – Xmas Pantomime 5/12 Carols in the Park.
- 6/12 YEP Night – Thibaud on Belgium plus presentation of blazers to Tim Hurley & Elizabeth Ashton.
- 10/12 Panania Markets & Xmas Tree sales

President Keri Sweet

Welcome to all of our guests here tonight: our guest speaker, Arran Saunders, YEP Counsellors Maureen and David Rayner, and Ken Dailey from Paris, Texas.

Copies of the document "District 9690 Sexual Harassment Policy and Procedures" are available for anyone who wants a copy.

Jewellery party items have arrived.

Leaflets re the dinner for RI President-Elect Bill Boyd are available.

GSE dinner numbers need finalising.

The Club's sympathies are extended to Michael Kenny and Frank Katalinic.

Mike's dad, Frank's father-in-law, passed away.

David Edmund's operation was successful.

Emails have been received thanking the Club for the professionalism of the organisation of Padstow on Parade.

The company *Adwork Marketing* wants the Club to do a sausage sizzle on 12 and 13 November at Auburn. The Club has other commitments.

Rotary Cakes and Puddings has sent a price list.

Rotary Awareness Race Day is on 6 May 2006.

Barry McConville – (For Veronica Necyporuk – International)

Grant Hackett has written in support of the World Swim for Malaria.

Selections from previous editions of *The Fulcrum*.

- 15/7/1975 – Bert van Damme's idea of the *No Ball Scheme* raised money by not having a Ball, and PP Jim Stanford presented a plastic sealing machine to a local school.
- 21/2/1978 – Mention of a *Joe the Gadget Man* auction night, with various strange items being put up for auction by Rotarians.

Colin Duff – Community Service

- Colin Duff, Terry Pedder, John Earls, and Garry Metcalfe will be loading up the Christmas Trailer next Sunday morning.
- There will be a washup meeting for Padstow on Parade at RHES Club, Thursday 27 at 6pm.

Ken Dailey – Rotarian from RC of Lamar County

The first Rotary club to be formed in Paris, Texas, was founded in 1910. The second was formed in 1965, and Lamar County was formed in 1997.

Lamar County currently has about 16 members, and meets at 6:45am for a breakfast, which costs \$1.99 per person.

The population of Paris, Texas, is about 25,000.

As a fund-raiser, Lamar County run a mystery theatre and a silent auction, which raises about \$15,000.

- The Opera House has been booked for the 11th of September for the inbounds.

Veronica Necyporuk – International

- *Donations in Kind* "ankle grinding" of beds took place last Saturday with the support of Cliff Dailey, Tony Blazek, and Trevor Withnall, with Kevin Bouffler doing some sorting.

GENERAL BUSINESS =====

Warren Bond

- Received: a postcard from Laura Heywood, and an email from her mother Melinda.

Allan Sweet

- At the latest GSE Committee meeting, it was agreed that Padstow would pick up the GSE team from the airport, and take them to the Conference.

Glenda Murray

- In the name of the Club, sent a form nominating Catherine O'Donoghue for Bankstown Citizen of the Year. Catherine raised \$11,000 for a nursing home in Georges Hall by opening her garden to the public.

Kevin Bouffler – Attendance

- 28/32 or 87.5% (half a smile).