

# THE FULCRUM

## Rotary Club of Padstow Inc.

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# SERVICE Above Self

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Some of the Club members and helpers at the Australia Day BBQ  
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### PROGRAMME

- 31-01-2006 Bev Pedder - Trip to Antarctica
- 07-02-2006 Club Assembly & Committee Meetings
- 10-02-2006 Presidents Meeting
- 11-02-2006 Panania Markets

Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> January 2006.

Pacific Australia Cultural Exchange concert held at Revesby Heights ex-Servicemens Club Donovan St. Revesby.

As this was the normal meeting night and venue for the Rotary Club of Padstow we decided to have a transferred meeting to the auditorium of the Club.

There was a very good attendance of about 90 Rotarians and their partners who came from many clubs in the District and as far away as Blue Mountains Clubs.

The meal was meant to be typical Australian so the caterer put on bangers and mash and cheesecake. The students didn't know what bangers and mash was but soon found out.

The programme consisted of dance and musical items from all of the PACE exchange students who were:

Ana Pohiva Petelo from Tonga  
Steffany Bowles American Samoa  
Collen Ashley American Samoa  
Amadeo Laisene Aumua American Samoa  
Maevara Emmalyn Pirangi Cook Islands  
Titus Tolasui Solomon Islands  
Patrick Kiromas Papua New Guinea  
Rhoda Jane Ilave Papua New Guinea

All of the above participated in a feast of song and dance the like of which the Rotarians had not seen before and was much enjoyed by all present.

After the programme there was a tearful presentation time where the students expressed their joy at having been given the opportunity to travel to Australia and see so many different things as well as be hosted by loving and caring Rotarians

Garry then presented them with a genuine indigenous handcrafted boomerang and a catalogue of interesting hardware items. Unfortunately for the girls who were most interested in dress and shoe shops the catalogue did not satisfy their need.

Australia Day BBQ.

The Australia day BBQ was held as previously at Garrison Point.

Much preparation had been done by Ken and negotiation with the council resulted in all the food suppliers including Rotary, Lions, Girl Guides, Scouts, Vietnamese Youth Group, Indian Cultural Group etc. Having set menus and located in individual tents.

The Rotary Club of Padstow set up their Bain Marie and the trailer Barbecue and commenced selling steak sandwiches and hot dogs at about 11.30 am.

Business was fairly slow during the day until about 6 o'clock and then we couldn't keep up with the demand. In fact we were totally sold of steak sandwiches and hot dogs by 8 o'clock.

We had sold 550 steak sandwiches and 200 hot dogs.

Opinion among some members of the club indicates that we could have sold easily another 100-150 steaks and another 100 hot dogs. It seems that the market for hot dogs and steaks is totally different as when we offered steak sandwiches to people who had ordered hot dogs they declined and went elsewhere.

The other argument of course is that if we had a rainy day then we would have a lot of food left over. Considering the cost of the steaks and the hot dog frankfurts and the bread many club members have offered to buy left over steaks and frankfurts which can be taken home and frozen as the quality of the steak was quite good topside and had been tenderised so it was quite tasty and not tough.

The attendance by club members was very good and even those who could not stay to cook were able to come in the morning and help set up.

We had a good rotation of club members during the day and probably about 80% of the club participated in the day.

As far as fund raising is concerned we need to ask Ken what the final figures were.