

Awareness and The Australian Rotary Health Research Fund, again I can only mention a few.

“The Rotary Foundation” is our very own charity and sometimes in our enthusiasm we overlook this. The Foundation is where we see Rotary at its best, working continually, slowly but surely for the good of mankind in the world arena and we in our small community are an integral part of this. The Centurion Program if well supported annually will enable the Foundation to go on making a difference. We will continue to support and contribute; The Foundation is the backbone of the international programs of Rotary.

But a great thing about The Foundation is in giving our support we can gain some benefit in return for our community, the Foundation gives back through grants so with funding from the Foundation we could have an international program of Rotary right here in our own garden. A thought of Barry Thompson’s and an idea worthy of merit would be to investigate the feasibility of a program of funding a scheme to the benefit of our own indigenous peoples.

We would need the support and assistance of another club internationally which I am sure can be achieved, we will need to come up with all the facts and figures and the exact project that we feel would be appropriate and indeed beneficial, and we will need some guidance and pointing in the right direction. To you our community leaders amongst us tonight give it some thought and consideration, be prepared for us to ask for some advice and help and to you the Rotarians of Padstow, I throw out a challenge, “Lead the Way” this club can do it.

I do not want to see any radical changes to what we do now, I believe we should build our future on our past, I want to see the past and current protocols of this club maintained, but I also want to ensure this clubs longevity by moving with the times, Rotary hasn’t existed for 101 years by chance nor has this club existed for nearly 50 years by chance so with such strong history we must continue to move forward, move with the times, and be adventurous with new programs.

We will give public relations a higher profile and work with our local press to this end, not for self gratification, but to encourage the community to get behind us and increase their awareness on the work community clubs such as ours is doing for the sake of all mankind.

I agree with District Governor Harley Tarrant a good club is a happy club, we are human beings and we have our moments but we are a happy group of people so let’s continue to work together, carry on the good work and continue to make Rotary enjoyable in Fun, Fellowship & Fundraising.

We are now entering our 50th year, let’s give credit to and acknowledge the work the club has been committed to over the last 49 years, let’s build on those 49 years and Lead the Way for the future of Rotary International and of this club and above all, continue to be the great club that we are. The Rotary Club of Padstow is Rotary International.

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PROGRAMME

Tonight

18th July

25th July

1st August

Club Assembly / Committee meetings

Laura Heywood

DG's Visit

John Milne - IYFR

Highlights from Changeover Night

- Three new Paul Harris Fellowships were awarded, to:
 - Sharon Bond,
 - Jane McCartan, and
 - Keri Sweet
- Guests for the night included:
 - MHR Daryl Melham, Member for Banks
 - MLA Allan Ashton, Member for East Hills
 - Bankstown City Council Mayor, Councillor Tania Mihailuk, and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Richard McLaughlin
 - Immediate Past District Governor Bill Little and Irene
 - District Governor-Elect Jennifer Scott and Ian
 - Past District Governor Ken Nicholls and Bobbi
 - Past District Governor Warwick Tester and Lyn
 - Members of the Padstow Chamber of Commerce
 - Talent Advancement Program members
- Cheques were presented to:
 - Caroline Chisholm Special School
 - The Cancer Council
 - The Youth Trust
 - Donations in Kind (DIK)
 - Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS)
 - Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM)
 - Australian Rotary Health Research Fund (ARHRF)
 - Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA)
 - The Salvation Army
- Other cheques will be sent to:
 - Padstow Baptist Church
 - Careflight
 - ROMAC
 - The Rotary Foundation
 - Funds from the raffle will be added to monies already collected and sent to the Rotary District involved in Cyclone Larry rebuilding.
- IPDG Bill Little recognised work at the District level of:
 - Barry McConville as a District Training Officer
 - Peter Townsend as District Web Manager
- IPDG Bill Little also presented a “4 Avenues of Service” Award to Barry McConville

Excerpts from Keith's Inauguration Speech

In this changing world we need to ensure the longevity of Rotary, and it is equally if not more important now than it was 101 years ago.

After 100 years of service to communities both local and global, Rotary, in the year 2005 – 2006 got back to basics and reiterated one of its fundamentals,

“Service Above Self”. So, after reinforcing the ideals of Rotary, this year, we “Lead The Way” into the future.

I quote President Bill Boyd, “Lead the Way reflects my belief in the power of Rotarians to change the world. Together 1.2 million Rotarians will lead the way to a brighter future through fellowship and service by working quietly in thousands of different ways to make the world a better, healthier and safer place”.

The emphasis internationally this year will be on water management, literacy, health & hunger and the family of Rotary. Locally we are asked to consider membership, support for Rotary programs, a community service that will involve all club members, raising ethical standards in business and professions, support Rotary's own charity “The Rotary Foundation” and of course enjoy ourselves.

With this in mind our club goals, along with those of our district are to increase the focus on vocational ethics, continue with more projects like “Cliff's Garige”, a community service project where the main focus was not fundraising, support the Shelta Box program which gives temporary relief to people suffering in disaster areas, increase the level of membership in our club and widen our objectives by helping to form new clubs.

By focusing on these goals we will not only ensure the longevity of Rotary but we will ensure the longevity of our district and indeed this club.

I want this club to continue with the projects that we do so well now and enhance them. I would hope that we can strengthen the markets; I would hope that Padstow on Parade will continue whilst it has a purpose, the Christmas trailer, Carols by Candlelight to name a few and the BBQ's where members enjoy each others company and have so much fun, fund raising in the spirit of Rotary. We must continue to acknowledge the work of the Police force and we must continue to work with our local Government and State and Federal Parliamentary representatives and assist them with the needs of our community.

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Rotary has the means and the strength to encourage these young people, we as parents, mentors and Rotarians must give our youth learning, guidance and empowerment. It is vital that we continue to support the Youth Programs of Rotary I would hope to continue contributions to our own Youth Trust, we must recognize our youth and acknowledge them as the future leaders of our community if not the world.

We are an international organization; the world is Rotary's community so we will continue to support our district in their endeavours, the Youth Exchange, this year again we are sponsoring an outbound Jaquie Blazek and combined with Wallacia-Mulgoa club we are hosting an inbound each. Pacific Australia Cultural Exchange, Rotary Australia World Community Service, we are looking to continue with projects in The Philippines, Group Study Exchange, Rotarians Against Malaria, the Youth Programs of Leadership and Enrichment, Rotary Youth Driver