

to Australia. First day in Perth. The trip took 6 weeks via Marseilles and Colombo. I didn't know where I was going
 We Left Tilbury docks with 6 kids in cabin. Started walking to the top deck. Went right around ship no land only sea. I was devastated that I couldn't see land. Never seen sea before.
 The Boy Scout movement met us at ports of call greeted us took us into house sat down with family. I had never been in a family before. Sitting at a table with knives and forks and a father and a mother. When I arrived in Perth WA, I walked to Kings Park in Perth found a shilling and gave to the father of the family I was staying with. He told me it was worth two ice-creams and I should keep it. Kept money for 25 years. I travelled from Perth to Adelaide then Melbourne and Sydney. We realised that we were in a good place no more high fences. This was a land of milk and honey.
 Why can't we take this back to England? I had to change to become an Australian. Boys range from 6 to 15. 19 boys and 20 girls came to Australia, to Picton. Superintendent of the farm at Picton told us that as far as your eye can see is where you can walk.
 Lots of animals. Vegetable growing. My first morning I was given a seat, I was told that is my seat. I was asked did I like eggs and asked how many eggs I wanted. I said 6. 6 eggs for breakfast. I was made to eat 6 eggs because I was cheeky. Food became plentiful. In England I had 1 egg for my birthday. Here I could have 6 if I could eat them.
 Australia a wonderful land. If you have never left you won't appreciate it. Boys came from different orphanages in England. Some brothers and sisters and also got separated. They took shoes off us. We had to walk with no shoes. Went to Picton school 4.5 miles shoes last half mile. When I left I was 15. None went to high school.
 Picton school created 7th class. Too old for primary school not educated enough to go to high school. Taught to read and write. Into acting. Raising money for food for Britain. The Magic Pudding. Put on stage show 8 English kids. Unfortunately there is not enough space to give all the detail but John left the Barnardo's farm, found other jobs and despite lack of education became a manager of Walton's stores. He left Walton's stores in 1972 and went into real estate.
 Before that he visited the UK again in 1956 at age 21 and found his father and then his mother. He was able to get his sister to come to Australia for his son's wedding.
 John has now retired from the real estate business a successful businessman. John was thanked by John Earls and presented with a boomerang.

Rotary Grace
O Lord, Thou giver of all good,
We thank Thee for our daily food;
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways
Help us to serve Thee all our days.

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John Earls thanks John Williams

PROGRAMME

Tonight	Board Meeting
05th August	Maurie Shockman from Philippines
09th August	Markets
12th August	MUNA Speakers
14th August	RYDA Penrith Lakes (E.H.G.T.H.S.)
26th August	Official Visit of D.G. Paul Erickson

The Rotary Club of *Padstow* Inc.

The whole assembly was asked to Change seats from one side of the room to the other.

President Michael.

- President meeting 8th August, membership and public relations.
- Julie Harris sick laryngitis bronchitis etc.
- World Youth day barbecue went well 2 more bodies would be better. 5 non-Rotarians assisted and without them we would have been lost.

Colin Duff

- Could we invite to a meeting those who helped with the sewing of blankets for "Wrapped with Love" to say thank you
- For those on weekend bring sewing needles to sew squares. Ideally to do three blankets on weekend.

President Michael.

- District Governor Paul Erickson's Official visit on 26th August
- Semi annual dues now due \$100
- Michael asked that each person wanting to present items of general business must see him before the meeting to find how much time it will take. If you don't have a time slot there is a \$5 fine.

Secy Report.Glenda Murray

- Advertising regarding Men's Health Forum. Promotion'
- Anglicare thank you for ROK kits.
- Markets and Fairs magazine to Julie Harris.
- Relay for Life if you want to participate fill in form.
- Col gave details of last year \$11.00 pp 6th and 7th September

Allan Sweet

- Team leader for GSE team confirmed as Graham Wilson.

Garry Metcalfe

- Our Exchange student arrives on 25th August 5.30 am. A Rotarian to meet her.
- I might go out there.
- Bus booked for Carers cruise 25th August.

Warren Bond

- Letter of thanks from Kalgoorlie Rotary Club. Photos to be sent around
- Two palettes to go to Dubbo.

Lauren Christie

- One year anniversary of the death of Euan Watson who died of cancer. Lauren and her mum are raising money for The Cancer Foundation.

Barry Thompson

- Kevin, Jean Mullick and Barry T went to Margaret Conley's funeral only 17 people there disappointing. Padstow Cornwall know and message received from Paul Spencer
- Thank you for your concern about Joan. This was a routine colonoscopy. The cancer was caught very early hoping that it was caught early enough. She is now free of tubes but in a lot of pain and we are hoping she is ok.
- Talking about bowel scan. Bowel scan didn't pick it up. Another year could have been too late. If you have concerns get a colonoscopy bowel scans only pick up one type of cancer.
- Veronica explained that the newspaper advertised a private cremation for Margaret Conley and that is why so few people attended

David Edmunds

- People going to Victoria and Albert. I have given list to people Side visit to Mt York and little Hartley. Big bag of squares to be sewn up plenty to do.
- Bring Christmas gear.
- Going to be cold, minus temps up mountains.

Keri Sweet

- Remember to bring your entertainment book at the weekend. It has a pass for The Zig-Zag Railway

Maurie Abbott

- Alex released from Bankstown hospital he is still quite sick.
- Bunnings BBQ 7th September.
- Attendance and Welfare Kevin Bouffler
- 31/39 79%
- Allan Sweet suggest Kevin check his records as there should be 43 members, some may be on leave of absence so it may be 41.

Guest Speaker John Williams – The Leaving of Liverpool

How I got here in the first place.

With a Good English accent. (northern) John delivered the poem about Albert Ramsbottom being eaten by a lion at the zoo and the consequences.

John then asked us to relax and close our eyes and go back to 1947 when he was 12. I was 12 when told by authorities that I was going to Australia I asked where's that. Why. What for? Convicts went to Australia I wasn't a criminal. Dr Barnardo's homes that's how I got to Australia.

Dr Barnardo was from Dublin Ireland, born 1845. He was an Active Protestant missionary then studied to become medical missionary. Set aside desire to go overseas as he had seen kids in London, on the streets with nowhere to live. He decided to take care of some of them. Founded East End Juvenile Mission 1876 for boys and then girls village 1882 then progressed throughout the British Empire to send some of our children to the four corners of Empire. In 1947 I was shipped