

- The 2 bed clinic has been fixed up by RAWCS and it will soon open up as a 22 bed clinic.
- The High school had a combined meeting/dining hall that had a holey roof and the concrete pillars on the veranda had concrete cancer.
- The RAWCS team built roof trusses and fixed the roof, fixed the concrete pillars and painted the hall.
- The village well is a hold in the ground with a plastic pipe in the bottom – it only gives 3 buckets a day.
- The nearby river is silted up.
- The village badly needs a water program. 2 x 10,000 litre water tanks would be a great help – most of the villagers walk up to 5 kms for clean water.
- The villagers build their houses with natural materials because they are free – but they don't last
- Greg is a netball fanatic and he coached the high school girls' team while he was there.
- Rotary has been instrumental in fixing up the Vila Central Hospital.

PROGRAMME

- 20-Dec..... School holidays start
- 25-Dec..... Christmas
- 01-Jan-2009.... New Year's Day
- 13-Jan Club assembly
- 20-Jan Marisa Chilcott – Cerebral Palsy Foundation
- 26-Jan Australia Day
School Holidays end
- 09 Feb Inbound GSE team from District 4710
- 14 Feb Markets
- 22 Feb PETS
- 23 Mar Outbound GSE team to District 4710

Rotary Grace

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

**A Blessed Christmas and
Happy New Year to All!**

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Greg Hoile, speaking about RAWCS work in Vanuatu

TONIGHT'S PROGRAMME

Christmas Party

(Next meeting: 13 January 2009 – Club Assembly)



Club Notes for 16 December 2008

Mike Kenny – President

- Gaille Walton still has the voucher for a day trip on the “James Craig” – see Gaille if you would like to buy it.
- Marilyn Mercer who is from the Rotary Club of Hawkesbury has taken on the shoebox program – they took some boxes to the School of the Air in Broken Hill where they had a Christmas Party in Sturt Park – everyone got a gift – it was a 2,350 kms round trip. A lady won a holiday to Fingal Bay and she doesn't have the money to get there. Marilyn asked if our Club would like to donate some money to help – we are going to send \$100.

Glenda Murray – Secretary

- Veronica Necyporuk sent an appreciation certificate for our help with the Garden Fair where the school raised \$10,255.00. We donated \$1,135.00 to the school.
- Christmas card from Prostate Cancer Foundation.
- Newsletter from the Australian Cancer Research Foundation.
- Invoices to be distributed.
- Cheque \$700 from the Bankstown City Council for the Youth Grant that we applied for.

Joan Wells – Club Administration

- Everything is fine for next week's Christmas Party – 6:30pm for 7:00pm - \$25 ph – Smorgasbord.

Julie Harris – Community

- There was a good market on Saturday regardless of the weather on Friday. Raised just under \$1,000. Thanked Joan for a job well done since taking over running the markets.
- Thanked those who helped with barbecue at market.
- Please put your name down next year to help out at the market barbecue.
- Next February we will measure out plots at Markets to mark out the stalls – thanked Garry for volunteering to make the plot numbers.
- Australia Day barbecue Monday 26th January.

Garry Metcalfe – Rotary Foundation / International Service

- Thanked everyone who helped out with Christmas trees, trucks and signs last weekend.
- Thanked Joanne Wallace who turned up on Sunday to help with trees even though she is not a member.

- Sales \$15,926.55
- Expenses \$ 8,676.55
- Profit \$ 7,250.00

Kevin Bouffler – Attendance

- 33/40 82.50%
- Apologies from Melinda Heywood, John Reilly, Keith Roffey, Chad Pethybridge Sharon Bond and Veronica Necyporuk.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Keri Sweet

- Jack Elliott was reviving the PACE project we have 2 out bounds and 6 inbounds. Jack's club is looking after the inbounds. They will be here from early January – 23rd January 2009. They will be going to Canberra.
- ARH Dinner – was a good evening and the speaker Jack Brogden was good.
- Received an email from Klaus a past Exchange Student – it was passed around.

Barry Thompson

- Joan is not well at the moment – she is very uncomfortable from the chemotherapy.
- Barry met Bryce & Raelene Steep in Bankstown – they sent their best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all Club Members.

Trevor Withnall

- Gave \$405 to Club – President Mike suggested that \$100 of this be used for the lady in Broken Hill.

Allan Sweet

- Thanked Ken for taking over treasury role at short notice.

David Edmunds

- \$75 for your Wind of Shaolin tickets needs to be given to David please.

Warren Bond

- ROK kits went to Marilyn Mercer for Broken Hill shoeboxes.
- ROK'ing tomorrow night.

Greg Hoile – GUEST SPEAKER

- Greg talked about RAWCS trips he participated in Vanuatu.
- Started going there 6 years ago.
- Has been adopted by a family in a remote village.
- The average weekly income of Vanuatu people is only USD10.00.
- Mainly subsistence farmers.
- Luganville is the Provincial Capital.
- The French built a school and 2 bed clinic in the 1960's – they are falling down. This is in the village where they do most of the projects.