
PROGRAMME

- 09 Feb..... Inbound GSE team from District 4710
 - 14 Feb..... Markets
 - 22 Feb..... PETS
 - 14 Mar..... Markets
 - 23 Mar..... Outbound GSE team to District 4710
 - 05 Apr..... Daylight saving ends
 - 10 Apr..... Good Friday
School holidays start
 - 11 Apr..... Markets
 - 25 Apr..... Anzac Day
 - 27 Apr..... School holidays end
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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

Real Problems

Off the seventh tee, Joe sliced his shot deep into a wooded ravine.
He took his eight iron and clambered down the embankment in
search of his lost ball.

After many long minutes of hacking at the underbrush, he spotted
something glistening in the leaves. As he drew nearer, he
discovered that it was an eight iron in hands of a skeleton!

Joe immediately called out to his friend, "Jack, I've got trouble down
here!"

"What's the matter?" Jack asked from the edge of the ravine.

"Bring me my wedge," Joe shouted. "You can't get out of here with
an eight iron!"

Computer Haiku

Three things are certain:
Death, taxes and lost data.
Guess which has occurred.

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Marissa Chilcott, speaking about Cerebral Palsy

TONIGHT'S PROGRAMME

RYLA delegates
Board meeting

The Rotary Club of *Padstow* Inc.

Club Notes for 20 January 2009

Mike Kenny – President

- Welcome to our guests: Joanne Wallace, Robyn Monk (mother of Ryan, a current RYLA attendee), and our guest speaker Marissa Chilcott (Manager of the Cerebral Palsy Foundation).
- I've received an email from DGN Marilyn Mercer about the Family of Rotary Picnic, 17th May.
- We've received acknowledgement of our donation to "Movember".
- Shelterbox has advised us of boxes sent to PNG.

Glenda Murray – Secretary

- Various correspondence given to the appropriate Directors for action.
- We've received an invitation to attend an exhibition of Vietnamese culture to be held at Casula Power House.

Allan Sweet – Treasurer

- All accounts are in good order.

Joan Wells – Club Administration

- Joan reported on the Club program.

Julie Harris – Community

- We need more help on the barbecue in the afternoon of Australia Day.

Sharon Bond – Youth

- Warren and I, together with Lauren Christie, Barry & Joan Thompson, and Julie Harris, attended a dinner function at Blue Gum Farm with the RYLA attendees. Matthew Reardon, son of former member Warren, was part of the entertainment group and will be going to WA to study singing. It was a very pleasant evening.

Garry Metcalfe – Rotary Foundation / International Service

- The YEP hike for our exchange students will be on the 14th and 15th of February. John Eades, from Como-Janalli Club, and students from District 9750 will join with us.

Keith Roffey – Public Relations

- I will register several areas for the Club for the *Clean Up Australia* campaign.
- Could we have a meeting for those attending Conference after the meeting to finalise costumes for the Saturday night dinner.

Kevin Bouffler – Attendance

- 33 / 40 or 82.5%
- Apologies from Melinda Heywood, Chad Pethybridge, Frank Pezzimenti, Kaye Townsend, and Jan Wallis.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Colin Duff

- Colin and Candy would like to participate in the Melbourne to Sydney leg of ARH's *Great Australian Bike Ride*. The entry fee is \$3,000 and could be obtained from sponsors. All other expenses would be covered by Col. The idea is to raise \$10,000 for ARH. Barry Thompson raised the question of recognition of sponsors by ARH, including *Companion of the Fund* recognition. Colin will check on this.
- The discount entertainment booklets are now available – minimum order of 12 booklets.

Marissa Chilcott – GUEST SPEAKER

- Marissa works from the Spastic Centre headquarters at Terry Hills. Her presentation on cerebral palsy was very well received by the members.
- Marissa spoke very highly of Natasha, a 9 year-old girl who is the "cover girl" for all of the current publications.
- Cerebral palsy:
 - Is the most common physical disability in childhood.
 - Is a permanent disability that affects movement.
 - Results from damage to the developing brain, usually before birth.
 - Has no known cure.
- In Australia, 1 in 400 babies is diagnosed with cerebral palsy.
- People with cerebral palsy may also have seizures and sensory and intellectual impairments.
- Access Economics estimated the cost to the community of cerebral palsy in 2007 was \$3.9 billion.
- The Cerebral Palsy Foundation awards research grants in Australia and around the world. The funding for these grants is sustained by the return on capital. The Foundation's target for this capital is \$50 million. [Ed: That's just over 1% of the cost for one year.]
- With a long-term approach, creating funding working in perpetuity, the Cerebral Palsy Foundation believes the answers for the prevention and cure of cerebral palsy can be found, changing the futures for generations of children world-wide. – Bill Bartlett, Cerebral Palsy Foundation

NOTE

The kids are back at school, so watch the speed limits around schools.

