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THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of all the things we think, say or do . . .

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

FROM PRESIDENT MAUREN



This week I thought I'd look at the District web site and this is what I want to share. What is Polio Plus? It is the volunteer arm of the Global Polio Eradication Institute. The Polio Plus program helps Rotary Fund operational costs such as transporting vaccine, delivering social mobilization, training health workers and supporting surveillance activities. Thousand of Rotarians around the world have volunteered during National Immunization Day (NID).

Last week we were addressed by guest speakers Mathew Partridge & Rosie Mathews who are raising money to supply mosquito nets for malaria affected 3rd world countries. They are participating in "The Run For Better Days". They spoke with passion and commitment and backed up their projects with statistics and charts. They are raising funds for an English charity. They attend James Cook University doing medicine and were recruited on campus. They were looking for a vehicle to fulfil their need for contribution, so the question arises, what about Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM). Did you know that a child dies from Malaria every 30 seconds according to the World Health Organisation. The Rotary Foundation has awarded about US\$3 million in grants over the past decade. RAM is a project of Rotary World Community Services (RAWCS). Maybe University Campuses are the place where Rotary should be canvassing for people to get involved with some Rotary Projects. Just a thought.

However, these are just two of the many project that the Rotary Foundation gets involved in so let's aim for 100% involvement in this years' Paul Harris Foundation by donating \$100 of our hard earned cash to a hard working organisation. (Don't forget to get a receipt so you can send it to the tax man). You can donate more too if you feel the need.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

6:30 for 7:00 (Partners Night)
Christmas in July Dinner
Homestyle Cafe
2 Brett Drive, Carrum Downs

MILESTONES



ROTARY ANNIVERSARY:
Nil



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:
31 July 1955: Barry & Judy Dean



BIRTHDAYS:
1 August: Carole-Ann Pill

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Chairman: Wayne Peterson

Apologies: Barry Dean, Peter Newman, Colin Price, Linda Tinney, Glenn Ellam, Maree Hutchins, Don MacDonald, Mark Sammut, Ron Cook, Eric Neill, Brian Capon

Leave of Absence: Michael Shanks, Robert Pill

Secretary David

- ✓ Notification was received that the Rotary Adventure in Citizenship Program is again calling for nominations. This program takes Year 11 & 12 students to Canberra during Budget Week in May 2015 to witness, first-hand, Parliamentary Democracy in action.
- ✓ We received a Vocational Newsletter, containing action items for Vocational Month.
- ✓ Forms for sponsorship and player entries for our Charity Golf Day on 6 September will be available soon, so start thinking about getting sponsors and players.
- ✓ Attendance lists for the Avenues of Service Forums on 24th August in Berwick, and 5th October in Churchill are being distributed. Please indicate your preference for those interested.
- ✓ We received the Positive Ageing newsletter for those who need to get old gracefully.
- ✓ Ron Cook is recovering from his feet operation and must be feeling better because he is bored out of his mind, stuck at home, and Annie is about to move out.

Treasurer Russell

- ✓ Half-Yearly Dues are now overdue. Please forward these to Russell promptly to enable the Club to meet commitments to District, Rotary Down Under and Rotary International.

Announcements

David Cahill

- ✓ The Club Meeting for this week has been transferred to Homestyle Cafe, 2 Brett Drive Carrum Downs at a 6:30 for 7:00 start to our Christmas In July Dinner. Cost is \$27:50 pp and payment is required before the night by bank transfer (see Page 1 for Bank details).

Con Demopoulos

- ✓ The Educational Trust Fund has awarded a \$1000 grant to Rowellyn Park Primary School for their Maths/Literacy program. A presentation of the cheque is being arranged.
- ✓ Con is still collecting used stamps for a project, run by the RC of Wantirna, that raises money for Foundation. Please save your stamps and forward them to Con.

Charles Mallia

- ✓ Frankie Davison, who died with husband Liam on Malaysian Flight MH17 that was shot down over Ukraine, is the daughter of Maggie and the late Jim White who are dear friends of Charles & Linda, and friends of our Club. Our condolences got out to Maggie at this terrible time.
- ✓ Next year's District Conferences will be held in Shepparton on 26-27 March. Our Club is renowned for the fellowship generated at District Conferences and we intend to make next year's one of the best yet for fellowship. Although Application Forms are not yet available Charles is looking for expressions of interest, particularly from our newer Members. Registration is likely to be around \$250 pp.

Tony Spring

- ✓ The Centurion Club is a group of Rotarians who donate \$100 to the Rotary Foundation each year to help with its charity work around the world. We are great supporter of Foundation and Members are asked to become a member of the Centurion Club by donating a bit extra to Rotary's Charity of Choice. Application Forms are now available.
- ✓ Tony is our District representative on the Council on Legislation which will meet in the US in April 2016. This is Rotary's parliament in which each District can propose Enactments (which change the RI Constitution or By-laws) and Resolutions (which change things that we do within Rotary). Each Club has the opportunity to put forward suggestion that may be presented to the Council for consideration.

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Because this is necessarily a long process, Club proposals must be forwarded to Tony by September 2014 so they can be voted on at the District AGM in November and, if successful, forwarded

to RI by the end of this year. If still alive, suggestions eventually get voted by the Council in 2016.

Wayne Peterson

- ✓ A past incoming Exchange Student, Agnete Fokdal from Denmark, who was part of our Club in 2004/5 has announced her engagement. We offer Agnete our congratulations and our best wishes

Greg Brown

Past Assistant Governor and friend of our Club, Greg Brown, is seriously ill in Sydney. He has a septicemia staph infection which has now affected his lungs, he is unable to speak and is immobile lying on his back. He had an MRI scan which indicates the primary location of the infection is a disc in his back. An operation to treat his back was due on 28th July. Please keep Greg, Jill and family in your thoughts as we wish him a speedy recovery.

**Guest Speakers: Matt Paltridge & Rosie Matthews
"The Run to Better Days"**



Matt and Rosie are 2nd year Medical Students at James Cook University in Queensland and are part of a student led initiative to fight global poverty. They were formed in 2012 and this year 15 of their group will conduct a 264km relay run around Port Phillip Bay in 24 days, aiming to raise \$20,000 for The Against Malaria Foundation. They also aim to challenge young people to do something to help the world's poorest people and to rally support to

encourage the Australian Government to increase the amount of assistance they give to developing

countries. In the last 2 years they did runs in Queensland during which they spoke to 20,000 students (mainly through social media) and raised \$47,000 for Caritas Australia. It disturbs their organisation that the top 20 percentile of the world population control 75% of world income while the bottom 40 percentile control only 5% of world income. Australians are part of the 90th percentile of population who live on \$100/day, while the 50th percentile live on \$5/day, and those in the 15th percentile group live per day on what we can buy in Australia for \$2. This group is classed as living in extreme poverty. The good news is that poverty is declining and those living in extreme poverty has halved in the last 30 years. At this rate extreme poverty will be eliminated by 2030, but we can speed up this process if charity organisation can do more than what they are doing now. The Federal government allocated only 0.32% of gross national income to foreign aid. The average Australian gives \$35/year to charity while spending 20 times this amount on alcohol. The Against Malaria Foundation provides mosquito nets to people in extreme poverty in sub-Saharan Africa for a cost of \$3 each. These nets are effective in reducing malaria, which is rife among pregnant women and children under 5. Saving the lives of these people goes a long way to reducing extreme poverty in the world. Rotarians Against Malaria also does great work in this field. More information can be found on their website: runtobetterdays.com



President Maureen flanked by Matt and Rosie

What is a Paul Harris Fellow?

When \$US1000 is contributed to The Rotary Foundation, a request can be made for an individual to be recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow; that person can be a Rotarian or a member of the community who is not a Rotarian.

When a person is recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow, they are presented with a Certificate signed by the Rotary International President and the Chairman of the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation, and a lapel pin. The contribution to The Rotary Foundation can be made in one sum or by cumulative giving over a number of years. Individuals can make a personal contribution or the contribution can be from a club, a company or business.

Some of the misconceptions or misunderstanding surrounding a Paul Harris Fellow are:

- There is no such thing as a Paul Harris Fellowship, and it is not an award; it is simply recognition. When a Club contributes \$US1000 to The Rotary Foundation, the Club sets its own criteria for naming a Paul Harris Fellow. Usually this is done to recognise an outstanding commitment to the Club or the community.
- A personal contribution of \$US1000 and the subsequent recognition of a Paul Harris Fellow should be encouraged not criticised; it is a donation to The Rotary Foundation, Rotary's own charity and, therefore, every Rotarian's own charity.
- Recognition as a Paul Harris Fellow was never intended to be an award and certainly is not Rotary International's highest award, although it is an honour to be named a Paul Harris Fellow.
- Honorary Membership is the highest distinction that a Club may bestow on a Rotarian and should only be bestowed in exceptional cases for meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals and for support of the Rotary cause.
- Club Presidents may also award one Avenues of Service Citation each year to a Club Rotarian.

The highest award an individual Rotarian can receive is the Service Above Self Award; only a maximum of 150 are awarded each year by the Board of Rotary International.

Being named a Paul Harris Fellow is not unique. There are over one million Paul Harris Fellows worldwide.

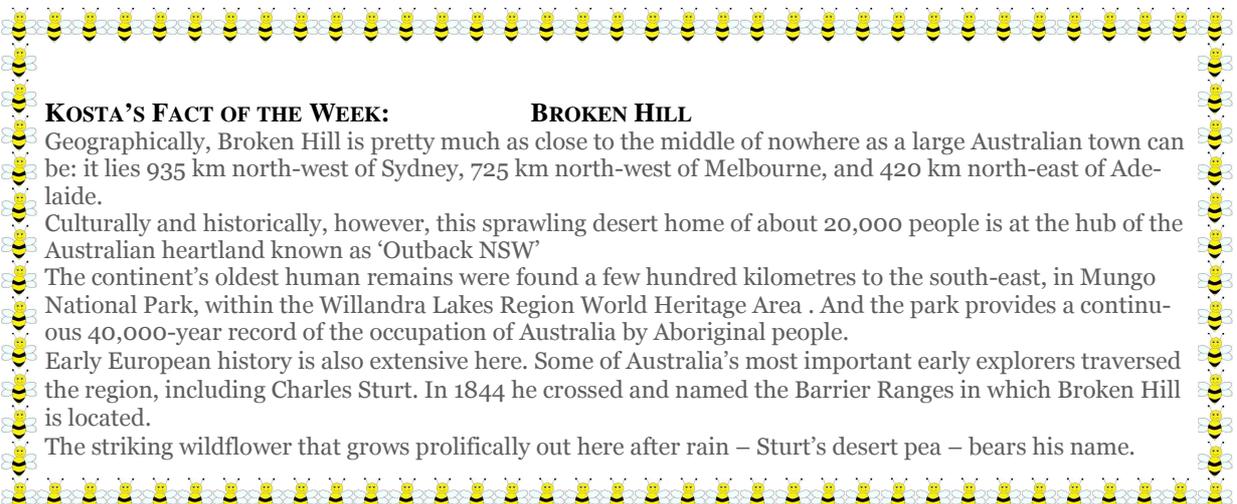
Every Rotarian should strive to be a Paul Harris Fellow because for each PHF named, we know that US\$1000 has been given to The Rotary Foundation. Similarly, for each sapphire or ruby added to a Rotarian's PHF pin, an additional US\$1000 has been given to The Rotary Foundation. We should celebrate each of these milestones (and gem stones) for what they represent. That is, a gift to The Rotary Foundation and an opportunity to do even more good in the world through the Foundation.

What about when my Club names me a Paul Harris Fellow? Or, adds a sapphire or ruby to my PHF pin?

Be very proud and honoured. In your name the Club has donated the sum of US\$1000 (or more) to The Rotary Foundation.

The Club is honouring you in a very special way and you should be proud of that, however you are still encouraged to personally make contributions to the Foundation and it should not discourage others to make further contributions on your behalf to continue to support the programs of the Rotary Foundation.

Remember, a Paul Harris Fellow recognises *an individual who contributes US\$1000 to The Rotary Foundation or has that amount contributed in his or her name.*



KOSTA'S FACT OF THE WEEK:

BROKEN HILL

Geographically, Broken Hill is pretty much as close to the middle of nowhere as a large Australian town can be: it lies 935 km north-west of Sydney, 725 km north-west of Melbourne, and 420 km north-east of Adelaide.

Culturally and historically, however, this sprawling desert home of about 20,000 people is at the hub of the Australian heartland known as 'Outback NSW'

The continent's oldest human remains were found a few hundred kilometres to the south-east, in Mungo National Park, within the Willandra Lakes Region World Heritage Area. And the park provides a continuous 40,000-year record of the occupation of Australia by Aboriginal people.

Early European history is also extensive here. Some of Australia's most important early explorers traversed the region, including Charles Sturt. In 1844 he crossed and named the Barrier Ranges in which Broken Hill is located.

The striking wildflower that grows prolifically out here after rain – Sturt's desert pea – bears his name.

UPCOMING DUTIES

Meeting Date:	Regalia	Meet and Greet	Cashier
30 th July	Fellowship Evening		
6 th August	Mark Sammut	Michael Goonan	Judi McKee
13 th August	Michael Goonan	Judi McKee	Mark Sammut
20 th August	Mark Sammut	Michael Goonan	Judi McKee



Burke and Wills famously camped in 1860 about 100 km south-east of Broken Hill, on the banks of the ephemeral Lake Pamamaroo. And their loss is linked to a local, William Wright. A 19th-century inquiry into the explorers' demise found Wright's delay in taking supplies from Menindee to Cooper Creek contributed to their deaths. From the 1860s, pastoralists established huge sheep flocks for wool production in the area, contributing on a grand scale to the proverbial sheep's back upon which the early Australian economy rode. It's indicative of the industry's scale that 6 million merinos and merino-crosses passed through the historic woolshed at Kinchega – immaculately preserved in the national park – during its century of operation. It was, however, minerals – silver, zinc and lead – that saw Broken Hill established, and a rich mining heritage endures to this day. It's evident in the architecture: from humble miners' cottages clad with corrugated iron on the town's south side, to grand hotels and emporiums that mark early economic boom times along the wide main thoroughfare, Argent Street. But, running parallel to that street, the most striking visual symbol is the massive mound of mining waste from a century of digging – a hundred metres high and kilometres long. The hill has been recognised by the Broken Hill residents as one of the landscape features they couldn't live without. For this reason, rehabilitation of the rubble scar is unlikely to ever happen: ugly or not, it's so intensely symbolic of the town's origins and heritage that it's here to stay. Broken Hill was founded in 1888, five years after Charles Rasp, a boundary rider on the million-acre Mount Gipps station, discovered a mineral outcrop exposed by erosion. Rasp and some of his fellow station employees formed the 'Syndicate of Seven' consortium to stake a claim around the outcrop; it was thought to be tin but was later identified as the world's biggest lead-silver-zinc ore deposit. It's now the stuff of legend in the mining industry worldwide. The ore is contained in a boomerang-shaped line of lode; the original exposed section at its centre – now long-since mined away – created the 'broken hill' appearance that gave the town its name. The lode is up to 250 m wide and 7.3 km long, each end plunging more than 1.6 km into the earth. Extreme isolation, a remarkable natural environment, severe climate and tough working conditions: Broken Hill's population has been a uniquely shaped enclave defined by resilience, creativity and self-reliance. The result is a long list of significant people and achievements in the mining and pastoral industries, the union movement and the arts. The eight-hour working day and collective bargaining, for example, both began in Broken Hill. In 1907 more than 8000 men worked in 'The Hill's' mines and the town had a population of more than 30,000. Production peaked again in the 1950s when the mining workforce reached 6500, but it's been declining ever since. Increased efficiency through modern technology means Broken Hill now produces as much ore as ever with present-day miners working 600–1000 m underground, scavenging remnants left between old tunnels. Mining still provides about one-third of the town's income. And the industry continues to play a vital role in the town's psyche, contributing particularly to a worldliness uncommon in remote Australia.



NEXT WEEK

6:00 for 6:30
"Spot the Difference"
Beach Side Cancer

COMING UP

13 Aug: **Tonga Project Update**
 24 Aug: **Avenue of Services Forum, Brewick**
 27 Aug: **DG's Visit**
 6 Sep: **Charity Golf Day**

Australians all let us rejoice
 For we are young and free
 We've golden soil and wealth for toil,
 Our home is girt by sea:
 Our land abounds in nature's gifts
 Of beauty rich and rare,
 In history's page let every stage
 Advance Australia fair,
 In joyful strains then let us sing
 Advance Australia fair.

THE INVOCATION
 "For good food, good fellowship and the opportunity to serve through Rotary, we give thanks"
THE LOYAL TOAST
 "To The Queen, and the People of Australia"

JULY IS LITERACY MONTH