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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 MAUREEN



Hello all. What a fun meeting last week was. We had a number of guests and visiting Rotarians. Sadly it was the last meeting that Emma (our past exchange student) attended as she is on her way home to Sweden and back to Uni.

We had a presentation from Horrie and Wendy Poussard on a "Tonga Update" of the Popua Village Gardens. It was great to see how the project has developed since our own Club was involved in the beginning of the garden project and chicken sheds with Bob Edgar. The participants in the project, especially the local Tongans, have developed the project into a sustainable food source.

It was lovely to see Bob and I'm sure he caught up with many of his Rotary friends.

We also had a visiting Rotarian from India John Britto (he was a guest of PDG Tony Spring).

The President of the Rotary Club of Cranbourne, Viv and her husband Jim, came along as they are involved in an upcoming project to provide water to the Hango Agriculture College. We are very pleased to have had other Rotarians from the Rotary Clubs of Pakenham and Hastings Westernport.

This is what Rotary is about, making a difference, bringing goodwill and building better friendships.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

6:00 for 6:30

Club Assembly

Chairman: Mark Sammut

MILESTONES



ROTARY ANNIVERSARY:
Nil



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:
Nil



BIRTHDAYS:
Bill Fowler: 25 August

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

- Chairman:** Tony Spring
- Apologies:** Barry Dean, Don MacDonald, Russell Cock, Ron Cook, Beverley Unitt, Charles Mallia
- Leave of Absence:** Michael Shanks, Robert Pill
- Visiting Rotarians:** Viv Armstrong (Pakenham), Jim Armstrong (Pakenham), Roger Thornton (Pakenham), Harry Ziegerink (Cranbourne), Peter Kruen (Cranbourne), Bob Edgar (Bendigo), Faye Hester (Hastings Westernport), Amanda Rampton (Hastings Westernport), John Britto (Thaujatur New Town, India)
- Guests:** Anne Linton, Emma Malstrom

Secretary David

- ✓ We received an invitation for all seniors to attend the “Aging Well Expo” in Mt Martha On October 8, from 9:30am to 2pm. This well organised event will include group discussions, health screenings, guest speakers, demonstrations, displays, entertainment and instruction on iPads and Smart phones. See Ron Cook.
- ✓ The Orphans of Ghana Charity Ball will be held on October 4. See David Cahill.
- ✓ District have sent information on the Shine On Awards program. See Glenn Ellam

Announcements

Linda Tinney

- ✓ After a lay-off we intend to again run Sausage Sizzles at Bunnings. Our first date is likely be around Cup weekend in November.
- ✓ The Clover Cottage fundraiser is proceeding and will be on March 18. Inner Wheel have not yet committed to participate, so we may have to go it alone.
- ✓ Judi McKee has agreed to coordinate this year's Woman's Breakfast that was such a success last year. Watch this space!

Brian Capon

- ✓ Ron Cook is in Frankston Hospital after one of his toes became infected following his recent foot surgery. It was feared that he may lose the toe but a heavy program of antibiotics seems to have averted that. Ron is in good spirits and is enjoying the attention from the pretty young nurses.

Eric Neill

- ✓ Planning for the next Community Engagement Event is progressing. The date has been locked in for November 19. The venue is yet to be confirmed and Guest Speakers are being sourced.

Tony Spring

- ✓ Rotary Down Under have some interesting articles this month. One is about the youngest Australian Centurion: a 12 year girl whose Rotarian father encouraged to help people she will probably never meet. This illustrates that it is not necessary for a Centurion to be a Rotarian and

SERGEANT BRIAN'S GOOD NEWS STORY:

“Centenary of Australian Red Cross ”

Australian Red Cross is one of many international Red Cross societies around the world. The Australian organisation was established in 1914, nine days after the commencement of World War 1, by Lady Helen Munro, when she formed a branch of the British Red Cross.

The Australian Red supports and runs a number of projects whilst raising awareness to the Australian public about the current issues or problems which may affect them. Some of the projects which are either run by or assisted by the Australian Red Cross are blood services, first aid projects, disaster and emergency services and education services. The Red Cross is paid to maintain Australia's blood and organ donation services.

The patron of the Australian Red Cross is Quentin Bryce, former Governor-General. A council administers a limited number of duties and is made up of the President and 53 voting members. All other responsibilities are held by the Board of 16 persons.

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should encourage more of us to become Centurions. The other is about Foundation facts. We are encouraged to read the RDU magazine to learn more about what is happening in Rotary in Australia and New Zealand.

- ✓ The Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) Information Session and Annual General Meeting will be in Victoria this year at Dorset Gardens in Croydon. The Information Session will provide a presentation on the Fiji Rotahome project that our Club is considering, among other interesting presentations on August 30. The AGM will be on August 31.

Judi McKee

- ✓ Meetings with local schools for the Rotary Junior Community Awards project has seen a positive response from them. Mahogany Rise PS will have a Trivia Night, similar to last year where a Frankston North Rotary team was disgraced, to raise money for their participation in this year's program. Smart Rotarians are invited to join Judi at a table at this event, if only to show the community that we are not complete dummies.
- ✓ The International Women's Day 2015 committee will meet this week to commence planning for this day, and have approached other Clubs in our cluster to be part of the planning.

Mark Sammut

- ✓ The Avenues of Service Forum in Berwick is on Sunday August 24 and final numbers are needed. The next Avenues of Service will be in Churchill on October 5.
- ✓ Some volunteers are needed to strip and clean the Club Trailer at David Cahill's factory on Sunday August 31 to prepare it for the Golf Day.

Con Demopoulos

- ✓ Used stamps are being collected for a project by RC Wantirna to raise money for Foundation. If you have been saving them please get these to Con as he is about to send a box off.

Emma Malstrom

- ✓ Our former Exchange Student Emma is due to return to Sweden after 2 months in Australia during her University summer break and was delighted to catch up with so many of her old friends. She thanked the Club for making this trip a wonderful experience for her

Guest Speaker: Horrie & Wendy Proussard
"Tonga Update"



Chairman Tony introducing Horrie & Wendy

Horrie Poussard is Secretary of Australian Landcare International, which uses the Australian Landcare experience to help people in other countries manage their land and water resources more sustainably. He has advised on development programs in Philippines, Argentina, Vietnam and Korea. Horrie has worked with "our" Bob Edgar in developing the various Rotary humanitarian projects in Tonga.

Dr Wendy Poussard runs a consultancy company focused on community develop-

ment, environmental sustainability and participatory project design and development. She has spent much of her adult life working overseas with community organisations, in international development, peace-building and human rights.

Following Bob's successful Rotary rebuilding and training projects at the Agricultural College in Popua, Nuku'lofa in Tongatapu division of Tonga, a Rotary Global Grant was obtained to build vegetable gardens and pig-proof hens houses on 20 properties in Popua. This project as been completed and has become the pilot for a similar 300 household project in 3 other villages. With grants from the NZ Government and NZ Rotary, \$300,000 has been allocated to this project.

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Horrie provided training for the locals on how to build and maintain the gardens and hen houses to maximise ongoing sustainability of these fixtures while Wendy conducted household surveys on the 20 households in Popua to determine how effective the pilot program was, and if it could be improved upon for the larger program.

The feedback was very positive and showed that householders were now eating healthier, home grown food which was saving them considerable money over the year. They gained confidence in their ability to work as a community to provide a variety of foods that can be shared, and some were able to grow specialised foods that they could sell in the markets.

A Nursery of suitable plants for sale has been set up to assist the villagers to obtain sustainable non-hybrid plant seeds that can be used to produce seeds in future plantings.



Guests representing Rotary Clubs that have supported the Tongan Projects

KOSTA'S FACT OF THE WEEK: 18TH CENTURY CHINESE COIN FOUND IN ARNHEM LAND

BY BARBARA BARKHAUSEN

The mystery of early foreign trade with Australia has gained another intriguing piece of evidence: the discovery, on a Top End beach, of a Chinese coin that may have been minted in Beijing as early as 1735.

The coin was found on a beach on Elcho Island, part of the Wessel Islands off the coast of Arnhem Land, NT, during an exploratory expedition of scientists from the Past Masters (a multidisciplinary team who explores historic mysteries), in consultation with the local traditional owners.

The location of the find is in the vicinity of a known Macassan trepanger (sea cucumber fishing) site. The Macassans from Sulawesi, Indonesia, are known to have fished in northern Australian waters for trepang from about the mid-1700s until 1907, when the Commonwealth Government stopped the trade.

Dutch coins minted in the 18th century have been found previously on Macassan sites but this is the first time a Chinese coin from the same period has been found.

The trepang trade is Australia's first documented export industry, occurring before European settlement.

Macassans would sell the trepang harvested on the beaches of north Australia to the Chinese in Singapore. For the Chinese, trepang was a rare delicacy with aphrodisiac properties.

The Macassan presence is still visible in the Northern Territory today, in the tamarind trees the trepangers introduced, as well as in the language and traditions of the Arnhem Land people.

Aboriginal rangers from the Marthakal Homelands Resource Centre at Elcho Island shared this valuable knowledge with the scientists during their recent expedition, pointing out still-existing stones where the Macassans laid their pots while boiling the sea cucumber.cont..

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UPCOMING DUTIES

Meeting Date:	Regalia	Meet and Greet	Cashier
20 th August	Mark Sammut	Michael Goonan	Judi McKee
27 th August	Bill Fowler	Glenn Ellam	David Cahill
3 rd September	David Cahill	Bill Fowler	Glenn Ellam
10 th September	Glenn Ellam	David Cahill	Bill Fowler

The newly discovered Chinese brass coin dates back to the Qing Dynasty and was made during the reign of the Emperor Qianlong (1735-1795 AD)

"One of these Macassans may have lost the coin on the beach, but it is more likely that he had paid the local Aborigines for access to the Arnhem Land site and its resources with this cash," says Australian scientist Ian McIntosh, an anthropologist at Indiana University in the US and a co-founder of the Past Masters. "There is also the possibility of a direct connection between north Australia and China."

For Ian, the Chinese coin adds another piece to the puzzle that he is currently working on to establish Australia's early contact history with other nations.

"The Chinese coin discovery provides further opportunity for re-writing Australian history, as it suggests that Australia was trading with the Middle Kingdom in the period before it became a British colony," he says.

McIntosh is also leading the research on five 900-year old East African coins were found on the Wessel Islands north of where the Chinese coin was found.

An expedition to a remote Northern Territory island in search of clues for the ancient coins in July last year uncovered rare indigenous rock art that could depict the first seafarers to reach Australian shores.

Among whales, snakes and fish, the ancient but as yet undated art shows white men with long pants and guns, ships of different sizes with sails and riggings that were used in different periods of seafaring.

The rock art, along with the African coins, an ancient swivel gun found in the Northern Territory in 2010, and the newly discovered Chinese coin all point to multiple foreign contact with European, Arabian, African and Indonesian seafarers before Cook's arrival in 1770 and potentially even before 1606 - when Dutch explorer Willem Janszoon became the first known European to reach Australian shores.

"With every find we are getting closer to unravelling more of Australia's early history and solving the secrets that still surround these ancient seafarers," Ian says.

NEXT WEEK

6:30 for 7:00 (Partners Night)
DG's Visit
Chairman: Maureen Gillham

COMING UP

24 Aug: **Avenues of Service Forum, Berwick**
 6 Sep: **Charity Golf Day**
 24 Sep: **AFL Pre Grand Final Night**
 6 Oct: **Avenues of Service Forum, Churchill**

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"

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