

The Terrotarian Rotary Club of Darwin

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The First Rotary Club in the Northern Territory, chartered 8 September 1958. Sponsored by the RC of Port Adelaide SA, we are in turn the sponsoring Club of the Darwin North, Nhulunbuy and Dili Rotary Clubs. We are also the sponsoring Club of the Interact Club of Darwin High School.

February is Rotary Peace & Conflict Resolution Month



THE 4 WAY TEST

Is it the truth?
Is it fair to all concerned?
Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

ROTARY GRACE

O Lord and giver of all good
We thank you for our daily food
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways
Help us serve thee all our days

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Be a gift
to the world

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37 (15/16)

Meeting
2951

Date
11/02/16

This Week

Dr Tom Lewis OAM, Military Historian
The Bombing of Darwin

Next Week

Mr André Siregar – Indonesian Consul
and Head of Post, Darwin
&
Mr Ardian Budhi Nugroho - Consul for
Information, Social and Cultural Affairs

Duty Roster	This week	Next week
Meeting Notes	Mick Myers	Andrew Pinnell
Attendance / Apologies	Ben Hockley	Ben Hockley
Rotary Grace	Rob Trenerry	Al Wagner
Welcome to visitors	Jim Grierson	Peter Hopton
International Toast	Steven Camilleri	Charlie Dickman
Fellowship # 1	Geoff Cussen	Henry Duncan
Fellowship # 2	Peter Davies	Dom Fracaro
Fellowship # 3	Charlie Dickman	Barry George
Introduction of Guest Speaker	Wayne Taylor	President Scott
Response to Guest Speaker	Peter Davies	tba

Coming Week

Birthdays	Anniversaries
None recorded	Sun 14 Feb, Scott & Debbie Perkins Dan Easton & Rebecca Swinstead

Previous Meeting [4 February] 86.0%

Members Present	Apologies	Makeups	Silent	Members' Guests	Club Guests	Visiting Rotarians	Members On Leave
29	12	1	7	0	2	2	4
		Fines	Rotary Foundation				
		\$182.70	\$34.70				

Meal surplus banked: ?

Henry Duncan reports:

Meeting was opened by President Scott at 6.34 with Jim McNally as stand in Sergeant. In Rob Trenerry's absence there was a spontaneous and enthusiastic rendition of the Rotary Grace.

There were no member's guests but Barry George welcomed two visiting Rotarians, Andy Rajapakse from Burleigh Heads and Eric van den Berg from Brighton Rotary Club in Victoria.

There were no birthdays but for the second week in a row Hoppy celebrated his 36th wedding anniversary. The actual night was of such significance that he sacrificed his Wednesday night tennis.

President Scott discussed a draft letter that had been circulated to members not supporting a change of date for the District Conference. The members endorsed the President's position. The President then awarded a Rotary Medallion to Jeff Swann. This medallion had been sent from Chicago to acknowledge Jeff introducing a new member – me!

The majority of Directors were absent or had no reports.

Fingers again discussed the benefits of the Community Can Do projects.

Mick Myers explained that the Club is to host two exchange students from Japan. There are two members who have agreed to be hosts but the Club needs a further 2 members.

Ian Jackson explained that Hugh Bradley has arranged a special event for the meeting on 17 March. Hugh explained that there will be a role playing exercise to be held in the Supreme Court possibly with Fingers playing the role of the accused! This will be a mixed night and as there needs to be 60-80 guests it may be combined with other Rotary Clubs.

John Palamountain introduced the speaker Kon Vatskalis, who was accompanied by Athena Ferrari, from the Leukaemia Foundation. Kon left Greece after meeting an Australian girl whilst working in a hotel. They married in London and moved to Perth in 1983. Studied environmental health and spend some years in Pt Headland before moving to Darwin in 1992.



His wife died from cystic fibrosis in 1998. In 2001 he was elected as Member for Casuarina, the seat he chose as 10% of the electorate were Greeks. He explained that politics involved being nice to everybody, having to drink wine and eat greasy food every night and being available to the public all the time. He retired in 2014.

After dabbling in Chinese studies at University he realised that he was not ready for retirement as it involved gardening, cooking and house cleaning. He subsequently took up the position of Director of the NT Branch of the Leukaemia Foundation.

They have been very successful with fund raising (\$236,000 last year) and remain largely independent of Government grants.

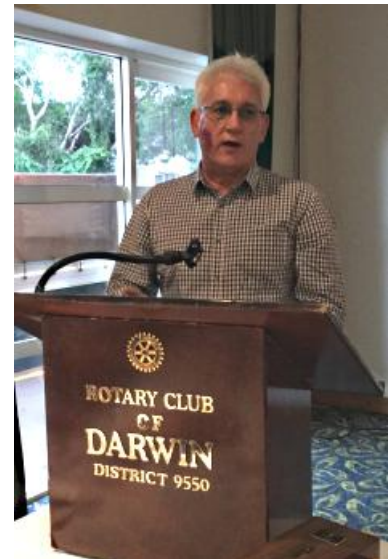
They have been able to build 15 apartments in Adelaide for NT patients and families and have land allocated at the RDH to build accommodation for patients who live outside of Darwin.

Their other major activity is to provide transport for patients having chemotherapy and they are seeking volunteer drivers for 2-3 hours per week. Cars and training are provided. A future fund raising activity will be the World's Greatest Shave.

Vic Minchin asked if leukaemia had any known causes. Kon confessed that he is not medically trained but environmental factors are relatively unimportant with bone marrow cancers which can affect people of all ages.

Hoppy then asked a budgetary question and Kon proved a typical politician's answer, which even included a joke worthy of the Harry Payne joke, but failed to mention any actual facts.

Jeff Swann thanked Kon, highlighting Kon's very interesting and successful career.



Visiting Rotarian Andy then exchanged banners with President Scott. Andy expressed the hope that the two clubs may be able to work together in some meaningful way.

During the exchange Scott mentioned that the NT Tourism Commission had contacted the Club to complain that the Club banner was using one of their logos. Scott's response was blunt and to the point – we had it first.

The International Toast was proposed by John Brears. He chose the RC of Nevada, Iowa which was founded in 1922, has 140 members and the President is Stephanie Roscoe.

A/Sergeant Jim McNally then rose to his feet. He was able to extract \$183 largely through the mechanism of fining people who were born after 1944 and could not recall various esoteric ancient facts about Darwin.

Charlie Dickman won the Paspaley Shirt and the Harry Payne jokes were light on, with Scott and Hoppy rising to their feet.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm

Henry Duncan
Photos: Mark Taylor

Thursday 17 March

Mark it on your calendar.

A night at the Supreme Court.

It will be a night to remember.

Two years ago one of the most fascinating away meetings we've ever had took the form of a mock trial at the NT Magistrate's Court.

Now Hugh Bradley is stepping things up a notch. This time his sight is set on a mock Supreme Court trial, complete with some real life players.

**It's a mixed night that you won't want to miss.
Invite some friends along also if you wish to.**

Watch this space for more details.

Brief Summary of District D9550 Leaders Weekend and Annual General Meeting, 5, 6 & 7 February 2016, Cairns

Ray Fauntleroy

DG Mike Woods provided a snapshot of District D9550, including detailed presentation on Timor Leste and the Rotary Club of Lafaek. Some clubs in D9550 have less than 10 members. Some amalgamations of clubs may be considered on the east coast. It is planned to Charter the new Rotary Club of Lafaek in Timor Leste in April 2016

D9550 District redistribution - RI Board has provided our District with an exemption from a redistribution of boundaries, noting that RI policy states membership in each District is to be a minimum of 1100 members. D9550 membership is currently 963. There are 12 Districts across the world with membership under the required number, and only D9550 was provided an exemption from redistribution. The geographic nature and diversity of the district may have been a contributing factor for the exemption

The Exemption is until 1 July 2018.

Assistant Governors provided a short report on their groups and clubs activities. Ray Fauntleroy provided, at short notice, a brief on Rotary Club of Lafaek, and planned training for Dili and Lafaek clubs on 27 & 28 February 2016.

Special Guest Speaker Alumni Joni Pirovich, (past GSE team member to USA) and current Corporate Representative of the Rotary Club of Melbourne. Joni, a young barrister at law provided her views of Rotary, how it's perceived by younger generations and what we may be able to do to enhance Rotary profile in D9550. Joni is also champion of a major project in Melbourne 'called The Game of Homes' for homeless people, particularly youth. Joni was just inspirational in everything she has done and her dedication to the homeless youth project, noting this project is a corporate pilot one.

District Leadership Chairs provided a report and update on their portfolios, including Membership; Youth; Public Image; Rotary Foundation; and Youth Exchange (see report below)

DG Mike Woods provided a very comprehensive Strategic Plan for 2016-2020, this included a target exceeding 1200 by 2017 and 1500 by 2020. This is very achievable and the Plan has been sent separately to Board Members of the Rotary Club of Darwin.

District Insurance Officer PDG Peter Kaye provided an excellent presentation on Insurance Matters affecting our District.

District Treasurer Colin Lawson provided a very comprehensive Financial Report, in which we are in a sound financial position. The planned budget total for 2016-2017 is \$172,610. D9550 member's dues should remain unchanged at this point.

DGE Ida Portella provided an excellent outline of her plans for the Rotary Year 2016 2017. This is going to be a great year!

100 years of the Rotary Foundation is to be celebrated across the District by highlighting what the Foundation has achieved over the past century. It was discussed that a celebration Gala Dinner could be held, with proceeds to the Foundation

President Elect Training Seminar and Assembly 5 and 6 March 2016 at the Vibe Hotel. This is compulsory for all Presidents Elect and all members are strongly encouraged to attend the Assembly on Sunday 6 March. The program will be issued separately.

Annual General Meeting. Treasurer Colin Lawson presented the audited financial report and this was accepted. Rotary Club of Mundingburra proposed a resolution to change the date of the district conference from May 2017 to September 2017. There was quite a bit of discussion on the topic, which resulted in the Resolution on Conference been withdrawn. It will be resurrected later this year and put to all clubs again after further consultation and in a different format. However we all agreed something must be done to increase the attendances at Conferences. There lies a challenge in which we all must take up.

Out of Session Topics

Youth Exchange – Japanese Students - Secretary Ray Fauntleroy met with Youth Exchange Chair Katanya Lee and discussed issues regarding the proposed Youth Exchange of two Japanese Students. Whilst we were given very short notice we agreed that Darwin Clubs would seek host families to ascertain if hosting of both girls was possible. Ray Fauntleroy will speak with all Darwin clubs to seek support. If no support was forthcoming then only one Exchange would take place.

Interact Students visit to Timor Leste 26 June – 3 July – Ray Fauntleroy met with Youth Chair Lesa Pershouse and discussed the planned visit by Interact Students to Timor Leste. About 10 Students from FNQ will be participating and the invitation was extended to Rotary Club of Darwin – Darwin High School Interact Club. It is likely that two members of Darwin would also be participating. It was also discussed that Ray Fauntleroy would join the touring party, noting that Rotarians must accompany the Interactors.

Ray Fauntleroy - Secretary and Group 1 Facilitator/Trainer

Signs!



The Final Exam

There were four students taking chemistry and all of them had an 'A' so far. These four friends were so confident that the weekend before finals, they decided to visit some friends and have a big party.

They had a great time but, after all the hearty partying, they slept all day Sunday and didn't make it back to Melbourne until early Monday morning.

Rather than taking the final then, they decided that after the final they would explain to their professor why they missed it. They said that they visited friends but on the way back they had a flat tyre. As a result, they missed the final. The professor agreed they could make up the final the next day. The guys were excited and relieved. They studied that night for the exam.

The next day the professor placed them in separate rooms and gave them a test booklet. They quickly answered the first problem worth 5 points. Cool, they thought! Each one, in a separate room, thought this was going to be easy . . . then they turned the page.

On the second page was written...

For 95 points: Which Tyre? _____

Peter Hopton

More signs



Say what!

A noted psychiatrist was a guest at an academic function, and his hostess naturally broached the subject in which the doctor was most at ease.

"Would you mind telling me, Doctor," she asked, "How you detect a mental deficiency in somebody who appears completely normal?"

"Nothing is easier," he replied. "You ask a simple question which anyone should answer with no trouble. If the person hesitates, that puts you on the track."

"What sort of question?"

"Well, you might ask him, Captain Cook made three trips around the world and died during one of them, which one?"

The hostess thought a moment then said with a nervous laugh, "You wouldn't happen to have another example would you? I must confess I don't know much about history."

Kym Burgess

THE ANSWER
MAY NOT LIE
AT THE
BOTTOM OF
A BOTTLE
OF WINE.
BUT YOU SHOULD
AT LEAST CHECK.

Iain Smith

Rotary Club of Darwin Presidents

1958/59	Robbie Robbins	1959/60	Frank Hussey	1960/61	Jim Clape	1961/62	Lou de Courcey
1962/63	Ken Slide	1963/64	Terry Irvine	1964/65	Keith Jarvis	1965/66	Clem Chilman
1966/67	Max Tite PDG	1967/68	Ken Davidson	1968/69	Ken Graham	1969/70	Alf King
1970/71	Ian MacGregor	1971/72	Bill McLaren	1972/73	Don Sanders	1973/74	Jim Hair
1974/75	Barry Gascoyne	1975/76	Stan Haupt	1976/77	Sid Lauder	1977/78	Bob Glindeman
1978/79	John Beagley PDG	1979/80	Jim Gallacher	1980/81	Tony Maryon	1981/82	Peter Wells
1982/83	Dick Hosking	1983/84	Norm Russell	1984/85	Terry Piggott	1985/86	Stan Miller
1986/87	Brian Woodrow	1987/88	Saus Grant	1988/89	Kerry Ambrose-Pearce	1989/90	Reg Lowry
1990/91	Bob West	1991/92	Rowan Charrington	1992/93	Harry Payne	1993/94	Tony Jeffries
1994/95	Kym Burgess	1995/96	John Hartree	1996/97	Wayne Nicholls	1997/98	John Hardy
1998/99	Richard Merritt	1999/00	Ray Fautleroy	2000/01	John Brears	2001/02	John Everett
2002/03	John Emslie	2003/04	Ian Watts	2004/05	Grant Lindsay	2005/06	Martin Jolly
2006/07	Patrick Wright	2007/08	Peter Hopton	2008/09	Wayne Nicholls	2009/10	John Palamountain
2010/11	Jim McNally	2011/12	Peter Beirne	2012/13	Vic Minchin	2013/14	Rob Trenergy
2014/15	Dan Easton	2015/16	Scott Perkins				

Rotary Club of Darwin Board 2015-2016*

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[Asst. Sec. Steven Camilleri]

Paul Simon* Mick Myers* Ian Jackson* John Palamountain*

Sergeant at Arms: John Emslie Attendance: Ben Hockley

Directorates & Committees 2015 – 2016

Community Service	Club Administration	Youth, International Service	Fellowship, Vocational	Rotary Foundation, Fundraising
DIRECTOR <u>Mark Taylor</u> Assistant Director Steve Jose	DIRECTOR <u>Paul Simon</u> Assistant Director Dave Kingston	DIRECTOR <u>Mick Myers</u> Assistant Director Andrew Pinnell	DIRECTOR <u>Ian Jackson</u> Assistant Director Aidan McCaw	DIRECTOR <u>John Palamountain</u> Assistant Director Grant Lindsay
<u>Rotary Junior Sports Foundation & AGFR</u> Wayne Nicholls Jim McNally Dave Kingston Hugh Bradley	<u>Membership Retention, Development, Classification</u> Jeff Swann Barry George	<u>International Service including ROMAC, Interplast, RAWCS</u> Vic Minchin Ray Fauntleroy Matthew Baker David Pearson	<u>Fellowship, Social, Vocational Service, Away Meetings,</u> Aidan McCaw Jeff Swann Chris Tuck	<u>ARHRF Programs, Polio, Scholars World Community Service</u> Steve Baddeley Peter Hopton
<u>Police Officer of the Year Award</u> Paul Simon Peter Davies Wayne Taylor Al Wagner	<u>Attendance</u> Ben Hockley Al Wagner Henry Duncan	<u>Youth Exchange Program</u> Andrew Pinnell Steve Jose Mick Myers	<u>Club Program, Me Talks</u> John Palamountain Rob Trenerry Mark Nacey Henry Duncan Terry Unthank	<u>Chocolate Wheel</u> John Emslie Charlie Dickman Ben Hockley John Brears
<u>Ladies Long Lunch</u> Peter Hopton John Brears John Emslie Steven Camilleri Ian Jackson Mick Murray	<u>Sergeant at Arms</u> John Emslie Ken Middlebrook Aidan McCaw	<u>NYSF/ Siemens Science School</u> Prath Prathapan	<u>Guest Speakers</u> Ian Jackson Steven Camilleri Vic Minchin	<u>Rotary Foundation & Fund Raising</u> Greg Need Ken Middlebrook Jim Grierson Lloyd Stevens David Pearson
<u>Ian MacGregor English Awards</u> Mick Myers Iain Smith Bill Overton	<u>Website, Facebook, Public Relations,</u> Wayne Taylor John Emslie Iain Smith Dave Kingston Steven Camilleri	<u>Rotaract, Interact</u> Andrew Pinnell David Kingston Barry George		
<u>Remote Community Support</u> Peter Hopton Charlie Dickman Ken Houghton	<u>Governance</u> Wayne Taylor John Emslie Iain Smith Ian Jackson	<u>RYDA</u> Prath Prathapan Grant Lindsay		
<u>Club Almoner</u> John Hartree	<u>Club History</u> Ray Fauntleroy Iain Smith Kerry Ambrose-Pearce	<u>RYLA</u> Grant Lindsay		
	<u>Club Bulletin</u> Iain Smith Mick Myers Andrew Pinnell Henry Duncan	<u>Beat Foundation</u> Mick Myers Barry George Jeff Swann		
	<u>Safety, Insurance, Risk Management</u> John Emslie			