

# 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.*

## March is Rotary Water & Sanitation 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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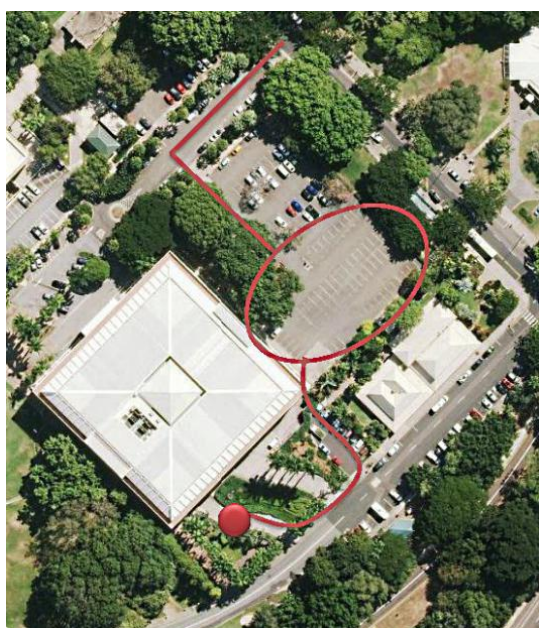
**Bulletin**  
**42<sub>(15/16)</sub>**

**Meeting**  
**2956**

**Date**  
**17/03/16**

### This Week

**A Night at the Supreme Court (away, mixed meeting)**



Gathering at the rear of the Court at the 'prisoner's entrance' at 5.30 pm, (The Esplanade marked by the red dot) the night begins with a tour through the cells, 'prisoner's eye' view, shortly after.

If you're late you'll have to enter through the main entrance of the building and will miss the Downstairs tour.

Free parking will be available in the Juror's Carpark (entry from Smith St).

### Next Week

**No scheduled speaker – Fellowship time**

<b>Duty Roster</b>	<b>This week</b>	<b>Next week</b>
<i>Meeting Notes</i>	<i>Henry Duncan</i>	<i>Mick Myers</i>
Attendance / Apologies	Ben Hockley	Ben Hockley
Rotary Grace		Steven Camilleri
Welcome to visitors		Jim McNally
International Toast	<i>n/a - away meeting</i>	Mark Monaghan
Fellowship # 1		David Pearson
Fellowship # 2		Prath Prathapan
Fellowship # 3		Paul Simon
Introduction of Guest Speaker		n/a
Response to Guest Speaker		n/a

### Coming Week

<b>Birthdays</b>	<b>Anniversaries</b>
Fri 18 Mar, Lyn Minchin Sun 20 Mar, Joan Brears	Tue 22 Mar, Greg & Dianne Need

### Previous Meeting [10 March] 102.0%

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Makeups</b>	<b>Silent</b>	<b>Members' Guests</b>	<b>Club Guests</b>	<b>Visiting Rotarians</b>	<b>Members On Leave</b>
<b>33</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>
		<b>Fines</b>	<b>Rotary Foundation</b>				
		<b>\$185.90</b>	<b>\$31.35</b>				

**Meal surplus banked: \$25.00**

### Andrew Pinnell reports:

Opened promptly at 6.30 by an unusually quiet Sergeant - he did warm up later though. No visiting Rotarians or guests so the welcome by Aiden McCaw was brief!

Announcements:

Ray thanked John Palamountain and Andrew Pinnell for their assistance at the Rotary training seminar over the weekend. It went well and all of the feedback has been positive.

We have had several approaches to assist with Fiji relief efforts.

Fingers reported on 'Community Can Do' and requested a volunteer to help with a Rugby Union Youth Team. Jim McNally kindly put his hand up.

Mick Myers reported on the BEAT: they have had many applicants and they are being assessed at present. AGM of the Beat Foundation is coming up. On another note, our Youth Exchange Student arrives soon.

Ian Jackson then spoke about the upcoming away function at the Supreme Court next week, cost is \$20 per person. He needs numbers in advance. Basic food and drinks will be available. Please be there at 5.30 promptly. For those who are interested we will start with a tour of the cells. You do not have to do the tour if you have a problem with stairs.



Kingo then introduced our guest speakers. He joked that we needed two now that our previous second guest speaker has moved to Qatar.



John Grotonhuis (left) – Regional Manager NT, Bendigo Bank has worked all over Australia and in many places around South East Asia. He has 4 kids and 6 grand kids.

Jeff Watson – Manager, Nightcliff Branch, Bendigo Bank has 30 years of experience and started in the banking community straight out of school. He spent a number of years in South Australia and then moved to Darwin in 1996.

John started his speech with a story of his early years in banking, when they used to have to take the old worn paper money to the Commonwealth bank to be traded in for new money. The process involved one person with a suitcase full of money walking down the street, followed by another person who had a loaded Smith and Weston revolver in their pocket. All of this with no training, you just got on and did. He then went on to thank our treasurer for always being very organised and correct in his financial dealings.

He noted that the bank started in the territory in 2003 and they now have number of branches. To start a branch they need a commitment of \$800k. The day they open they have zero customers - just commitments. Nightcliff opened its doors on 24 Sept 2008.

When they were first in banking, banks made millions, now they make billions. This is one of the reasons we are seeing the rise of the community banks. The Bendigo banks are a franchise business. This year they gave a 3% yield on their shares. Being a community bank they really try (and succeed) to put the focus back into personal banking. They have four tellers who are the faces of the branch and are well known.

One of the compliments they enjoy hearing is “this doesn’t feel like a bank”. They assist with many community initiatives. A current project is the defibrillators in conjunction with St John’s. They are raising the money to purchase and then distribute them to various places like the golf course, R.S.L. and the Sailing Club and the St John’s train the staff in their use.

Another project is the ‘Cancer Chair’ for Katherine. This project assists cancer sufferers so they do not have to travel to major hospitals to receive some aspects of their care.

On a lighter note, our club has by far the highest turnover of all the community groups who borrow their portable *eftpos* machine for events.

A major passion that came through in the speeches was their belief in a return to community banking, with these banks being a part of the community and a return going into the community, not a faceless shareholder a million miles away.

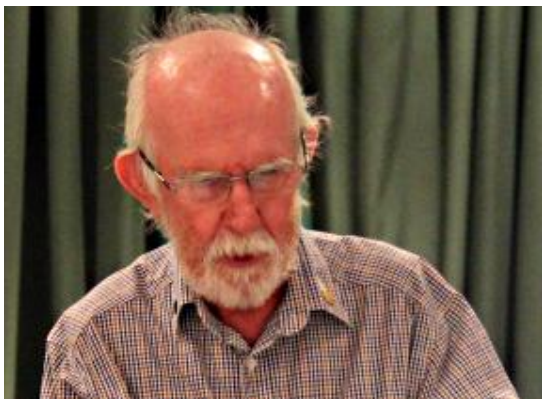
Questions: Mark Nacey: why you- why not the big 4? Response - Why not? We operate by the same rules, we just give more back and we are more personal.

Ray: Other Rotary Clubs banking with Bendigo? To maintain privacy the diplomatic response was “we are well supported by Rotary”.

Hugh and The Big E fought for last question rights before Aiden thanked the speakers.

President Scott then gave them the knife as a thank you.

### ***What a difference a shave makes!***



David Pearson thanked those who had supported him on the World’s Greatest Shave.

*Yesterday David asked me to circulate the following.*

#### *Fellows*

*As I said at last week’s meeting I have accounted for all sponsorships but there are still a few names missing for the purpose of issuing receipts for sponsorships, which are tax deductible. Could you please take a few moments to tell me how much you contributed so I can finalise my paper work. Again thank you for your wonderful support which has helped me to exceed \$1500. Cheers David.*

*The Leukaemia Foundation NT received a donation, David’s happy, club members are rather relieved and most importantly, Marie-Louise is happy. Somehow I don’t think a re-run is being contemplated next year! ED.*

The Big E noted that he would be away for 6 weeks and Jim Grierson would be standing in for him as Sergeant.

The International Toast was given by Jim McNally to the Yangong Club in Myanmar They formed in 1929, but were disbanded by the generals in 1974. They reformed in 2015. One of their current major projects is road safety. Due to a number of significant factors Myanmar has the highest death rate per capita in the world. The club meets at the Yangong Novatel between 7 and 8 and they then retire for dinner.

Fines: Corporals were Steve C and Mark N.

An unusual array of fines including “anyone who’s not a woman” and “this is meeting 2955, anyone who wasn’t present for the club’s very first meeting....”.

Harry Payne: President Scott, Kingo and by far the best from Steve C, a joke about ‘fluctuations’.

Unfortunately on a sombre note, Sue Baddeley is very ill. The family wishes to pass on their thanks to the members of the club for their kindness and support.

Meeting closed at 8.05.

**Andrew Pinnell**  
**Photos: Ray Fautleroy**

**From left: Hugh Bradley, Aidan McCaw and Grant Lindsay at the meeting**



Meanwhile, down South –



*“Seriously, you mean your club has more members that wear shirts like Scruffy's?”*

Scruffy is on his way northward again and should be back in Darwin shortly. Without a doubt he would have to hold the record for the member with the most number of make-ups in the club as he makes up each week where ever he goes.

One of the most recent ones was at the Rotary Club of Adelaide where I gather he was quite a hit judging by the delighted expression on the member of that club in the photo!

## An invitation for Monday night



# Rotary



## Litchfield/Palmerston



Celebrate World Down Syndrome Day  
and Harmony Day 2016—21 March

**Rotary has secured  
a pre release of this  
movie at C-Max  
Cinema Palmerston**

The film stars Vardalos, John Corbett, Andrea Martin,  
Ian Gomez and Elena Kampouris. It is the sequel to *My Big  
Fat Greek Wedding*, which was released in 2002.

The film will be released in Cinemas  
around the world on  
Thursday, 24 March 2016

**ROTARY CLUB FUNDRAISER  
IN SUPPORT OF LOCAL COMMUNITY  
EVENTS /PROJECTS**

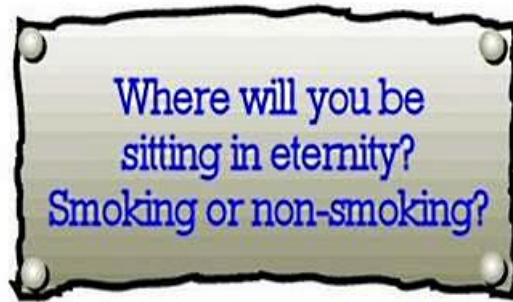
**C-Max Cinema  
Palmerston  
Monday 21 March 2016  
Movie starts at 6:30 PM  
Tickets: \$25.00  
Children U12: \$10.00**

**Entertainment by  
Sign Choir—DSANT  
Cyprus Community Dance Group  
Mediterranean Dance Group**

**Light refreshments and Greek food  
available from 5:45 pm**

**Contact: Valerie Wilkie  
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To purchase your tickets**





A Polish immigrant went to the DMV to apply for a driver's license. First, of course, he had to take an eye sight test.

The optician showed him a card with the letters 'C Z W I X N O S T A C Z.' 'Can you read this?' the optician asked. 'Read it?' the Polish guy replied, 'I know the guy.'

### So you want us to do what exactly?



### Predictions by experts of the day!

**1876:** *"The Americans have need of the telephone, but we do not. We have plenty of messenger boys."* — William Preece, British Post Office.

**1876:** *"This 'telephone' has too many shortcomings to be seriously considered as a means of communication."* — President of Western Union William Orton.

**1903:** *"The horse is here to stay but the automobile is only a novelty — a fad."* — President of the Michigan Savings Bank advising Henry Ford's lawyer not to invest in the Ford Motor Company.



## Innovative signs

**In a Podiatrist's office:**  
**"Time wounds all heels."**

**On a Septic Tank Truck:**  
***Yesterday's Meals on Wheels***

**At an Optometrist's Office:**  
***"If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place."***

**On a Plumber's truck:**  
***"We repair what your husband fixed."***

## 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 Fauntleroy	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 Trenerry
2014/15	Dan Easton	2015/16	Scott Perkins				

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[Asst. Sec. Steven Camilleri]

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

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### Directorates & Committees 2015 – 2016

Community Service	Club Administration	Youth, International Service	Fellowship, Vocational	Rotary Foundation, Fundraising
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<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 &amp; Fund Raising</u> Greg Need Ken Middlebrook Jim Grierson Lloyd Stevens David Pearson
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