



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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2952

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18/02/16

This Week

**Mr André Siregar – Indonesian Consul
and Head of Post, Darwin
&**

**Mr Ardian Budhi Nugroho - Consul for
Information, Social and Cultural Affairs**

Next Week

**Anne Bradford – CEO NT Department
Of Children & Family Services**

Duty Roster	This week	Next week
<i>Meeting Notes</i>	<i>Andrew Pinnell</i>	<i>Henry Duncan</i>
Attendance / Apologies	Ben Hockley	Ben Hockley
Rotary Grace	Al Wagner	Rob Blakeway
Welcome to visitors	Ken Houghton	Steve Jose
International Toast	Charlie Dickman	Barry George
Fellowship # 1	Henry Duncan	Ken Houghton
Fellowship # 2	Barry George	Ian Jackson
Fellowship # 3	Jim Grierson	Grant Lindsay
Introduction of Guest Speaker	President Scott	tba
Response to Guest Speaker	Dom Fracaro	tba

Coming Week

Birthdays	Anniversaries
Sun 21 Feb, Steven Camilleri Mon 22 Feb, Marie Hardy	Sat 20 Feb, Dave & Anne Kingston

Previous Meeting [11 February] 89.0%

Members Present	Apologies	Makeups	Silent	Members' Guests	Club Guests	Visiting Rotarians	Members On Leave
31	5	1	2	0	2	1	4
		Fines	Rotary Foundation				
		\$209.00	\$33.35				

Meal surplus banked: \$18.00

Mick Myers reports:

Under the steely eye of our now recovered Sergeant John Emslie, the Club got down to business on the stroke of 6.30pm.

Visitors and Guests:

Guest Speaker: Dr Tom Lewis OAM, Military Historian, accompanied by his wife, Kaylene.

Club Guests/Guests of Rotarians : Nil

Visiting Rotarians: Eric Van Den Berg, Brighton, Victoria.
Jim Grierson warmly welcomed visitors and guests.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Refer Club Bulletin.

President's Announcements: President Scott informed the Club that he had been present at the Casuarina Guides hall when a cheque for \$116,000 was presented by the Chief Minister for hall refurbishment.

Director's Reports:

Club Secretary (Ray):

- The District Governor has contacted Ray to compliment the Club on the quality of the *Terrotarian*.
- The motions proposed by the Mundingburra Club at the recent District Conference regarding adjustments to District Conference dates were withdrawn.
- The Rotary Club of Timor Leste Lafaek will be chartered in April.
- Training for incoming Presidents and Board members will be held in March at the Vibe Hotel.
- Youth Exchanges: Two Exchange Students from Japan have been confirmed, with one being accepted by this Club. Ray has been working with other Darwin clubs to find hosts for the other but it is not looking very hopeful. Ray also advised that the District Governor had taken firm action to alleviate the wide-spread frustration with the lack of communication about Student Exchanges in recent years.
- A group of Queensland Interactors will be visiting Timor Leste later this year and it may be possible for a number of the Darwin High School Interact group to join the venture, with possible support from our Club to be considered.

Club Treasurer (Mick Murray): Mick is personally broke after his holiday but reported that Club finances are “OK”.

No further Directors’ Reports were available.



Guest Speaker: Dr Tom Lewis OAM
(introduced by Wayne Taylor):

Tom is a former Naval Officer and has served in several overseas theatres of operations. He is now a military consultant and historian based in Darwin. He is the author of a number of books on the war in and around Darwin. His contributions have been recognised through the awarding of the Order of Australia Medal.

He has been the Director of two military museums, the Darwin Military Museum and the Jervis Bay Naval Museum.

Tom addressed the Club on the topic: *Myths and Legends of the Bombings of Darwin*. In a fast-paced address, Tom made the following points:

- The evacuation of Darwin had largely been completed by 16 December 1941, leaving only a handful of residents still here.
- There was a wide-spread belief that Japanese submarines were active in and around Darwin Harbour in January 1942. This was actually true, as evidenced by the sinking of the mine-laying submarine I-124 by HMAS Deloraine in that month.
- Lt Robert Buel, a USAAF Kitty Hawk pilot, was shot down on 15 February while attacking a Japanese flying boat. The wreckage and Buel’s body have never been located.
- In the first raid on Darwin, the American Kittyhawks fought courageously but were both hopelessly outnumbered and outgunned.
- More United States servicemen died in the raid than Australian servicemen.
- Tom believes that much of the confusion surrounding servicemen being seen streaming out of town after the raids arises from the fact that a defensive position had been established at the Narrows and personnel had been directed to make for that position.
- There is no truth that a second warning was sent from Bathurst Island. Fr McGrath, who sent the original signal, was wounded in attacks on the radio facility. A person named Gribble was said to have sent a signal but he was located some 40 minutes from the location of his radio.
- Bodies were buried in mass graves at Mindil Beach as a temporary measure but all bodies were later reinterred at Adelaide River.
- No bodies were dumped at sea.



- There was no major cover-up of the raid. Reports were published in the southern press within a day or so of the attacks.
- The last raid occurred in June 1944.
- There are over 200 Japanese service personnel “still here” across the North Australia area.

Questions:

- Is there any truth in the rumours that the Japanese had landed in north Australia and established observation and radio posts? Tom is aware of such stories but they have never been proven. Naval personnel had been placed on pearling luggers around the Top End in the 1930s and early 1940s and information had been provided to Japan. Given the changing nature of naval warfare (e.g. carrier-borne air attacks rather than battleship confrontations), Tom doubted the value of the information provided from pearling luggers.



- Japanese Exchange students arrive without any knowledge of Japanese attacks on the Top End – any comment? Tom was able to find only one insignificant reference to the attacks in a Japanese military museum. Tom lamented the general ignorance reflected in Australian school curriculum materials about the war in northern Australia, that there are only a handful of military historians in Australia to press the case and there are many competing interests in having a diverse range of materials in the curriculum.

- Is any wreckage of the I-124 still visible? Yes. It is sitting in about 48 metres of water. There have been several attempts to enter the wreck which is still watertight and containing human remains but Tom is not aware of any that have succeeded, despite some extravagant claims being made. The wreck is now a protected war grave site.
- Why were the guns removed from East Point? Tom was of the opinion that there was no thought given to the heritage value of the guns in the early 1950s, that they had no military value due to the changing nature of naval warfare and the Fujita organisation, which was salvaging the war wrecks in the harbour, offered to remove the guns at no cost to the government.

Peter Davies expressed the warm appreciation of the Club for Tom’s presentation which he described as “very impressive”.

(PS: Another moment in naval history: Our Club meeting night was also the anniversary of the sinking of HMAS Voyager on the night of 10/11 February 1964 off Jervis Bay, NSW, taking the lives of 14 officers, 67 other ranks and one civilian).

General Business:

1. Peter Hopton informed the Club that he had accepted an overseas posting in Qatar to take charge of the construction of a new inland port, effective almost immediately. Despite the usual leg-pulling and friendly insults, it was readily acknowledged that Peter is a superb Rotarian who has made a great contribution to our Club. The Club

wishes him every success and looks forward to having him back with us from time to time. The Ladies Long Lunch now urgently needs a new Chair – see Scott if you are willing.

2. Scott advised the Club that the vandal damage to the Casuarina Guides Hall had been repaired by Dom Fracaro. Thanks, Dom.

International Toast: Steve Camilleri did a beautiful flick pass to his mate Eric who then led us in toasting in the Rotary Club of Phnom Penh. Steve was duly fined.

Fines: Sergeant John, in great form after his Lazarus-like emergence from his recent sick bed, relieved members of \$209 – truly a miracle!!

Paspaley Shirt: Dunno who won but the award was loudly contested by others!

Mick Myers

Photos: Ray Fauntleroy

2015 Ian MacGregor Rotary English Awards

The winner of the 2015 Ian MacGregor Rotary Award for Excellence in English Communications is:

Alexander Parfitt from Nhulunbuy High School - Award value is \$1500



Alexander was presented with his award by Club President Scott Perkins at the Northern Territory Board of Studies ceremony held in the Great Hall, Parliament House on Friday 12 February.

Since they commenced in 2001, Alexander is only the second student from Nhulunbuy High School to win this prestigious award.

Two students have tied for the Ian MacGregor Rotary Award for English Studies. They are:

**Mary-Rose Thomas from St Philip's College in Alice Springs
Charlotte Thompson from Darwin High School**

Mary-Rose was presented with her award at the Northern Territory Board of Studies ceremony at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Alice Springs on Thursday 4 February. Her award was presented on behalf of our club by Dominic Miller from the Rotary Club of Alice Springs.

Unfortunately Charlotte was unable to be present at the ceremony in Darwin and her award was accepted on her behalf by her English teacher. Both awardees shared the prize of \$1000.

Students from St Phillips College in Alice Springs have won awards on three previous occasions, with Darwin High School also being represented on three previous occasions.

2015 was only the second time that the awards have had tied winners, the previous occasion being in 2013. The awards are held in very high esteem in the Northern Territory and the standards required to be a winner are very high, so much so that in their 15 year history there have been two occasions when awards were not made because it was deemed that none of the eligible students had reached the required standard.

Ian Macgregor was a Past President of our club and was very skilled at oratory as well as the use of the English language in written form. Ian passed away in the late 1990s and to honour his memory the club decided to introduce the Ian Macgregor Rotary English Award, the first of which was presented in 2001. The award was split into one for English Studies and one for English Communication in 2011.

In his role as Administrator of the Northern Territory, club member John Hardy was the keynote speaker at the ceremony in Darwin and it's been reported to me that his topic was highly relevant and very interesting, so much so that at times you could hear a pin drop as he addressed the students in particular.

His address was about the man on the \$50 note, an image that we've all seen but probably like me, the vast majority of us have no idea of who he was or what his significance was. Well his name is David Unaipon, at one time he was probably the best-known aboriginal man in Australia and his achievements from his humble beginnings on the banks of the Murray River in South Australia in 1872 were extraordinary.

When I read his story on the Internet today the question that popped into my mind was, how could this man and his story basically be forgotten in Australia despite his image having adorned our \$50 note since 1995. He died in 1967 at the age of 95.

I would strongly recommend that you Google his name and read his story as it's one of self-belief, innovation, vision, commitment and achievement - a highly relevant theme for young people stepping out of school into the wider world.



Photos: Ray Fautleroy

Happy Birthday Rotary

The world's first four Rotarians – 112 years ago



Sylvester Schiele, Coal Merchant
Paul Harris, Lawyer
Hiram Shorey, Merchant Tailor
Gus Loehr, Mining Engineer

The world's first Rotary meeting – 23 February 1905

When the first club, the Rotary Club of Chicago, donated a horse to a preacher in 1907, the Rotary commitment to **service** was born.

**Thus Rotary became the world's
first service club organisation**

***Don't forget.
Thursday 17 March
A night at the Supreme Court.
It will be a night to remember.***

Pommy bloke fronts up to Australia House in London to get a visa to visit his family in Australia. Bloke behind the counter asks, "Do you have a criminal record?"

Pommy bloke sighs and replies, "Is that *STILL* a requirement?"

Kym Burgess

A point to ponder



Fun with fruit



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 Trenerry
2014/15	Dan Easton	2015/16	Scott Perkins				

Rotary Club of Darwin Board 2015-2016*

President: Scott Perkins* Vice President: Jeff Swann*

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Secretary: Ray Fauntleroy* Treasurer: Mick Murray*

[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
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<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
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<u>Club Almoner</u> John Hartree	<u>Club History</u> Ray Fauntleroy Iain Smith Kerry Ambrose-Pearce	<u>RYLA</u> Grant Lindsay		
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	<u>Safety, Insurance, Risk Management</u> John Emslie			