

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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Meeting
2953

Date
25/02/16

This Week

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

Next Week

Amos Aitkin – NT correspondent for The Australian

Duty Roster	This week	Next week
<i>Meeting Notes</i>	<i>Henry Duncan</i>	<i>Mick Myers</i>
Attendance / Apologies	Ben Hockley	Ben Hockley
Rotary Grace	Rob Blakeway	John Brears
Welcome to visitors	Dave Kingston	Grant Lindsay
International Toast	Jim Grierson	Steve Jose
Fellowship # 1	Ian Jackson	Jim McNally
Fellowship # 2	Grant Lindsay	Mark Monaghan
Fellowship # 3	Aidan McCaw	Mick Murray
Introduction of Guest Speaker	Peter Davies	tba
Response to Guest Speaker	Geoff Cussen	tba

Coming Week

Birthdays	Anniversaries
Tue 1 March, Tammy Lindsay	Tue 1 March, Terry & Lyn Unthank

Believe it or not, Rob Trenerry somehow fell through the cracks last week and I didn't record that it was his birthday on 19 February because I didn't know! A belated happy birthday Rob.

Previous Meeting [18 February] 91.0%

Members Present	Apologies	Makeups	Silent	Members' Guests	Club Guests	Visiting Rotarians	Members On Leave
30	7	7	12	2	4	2	4
		Fines	Rotary Foundation				
		\$138.30	\$35.75				

Meal surplus banked: \$35.00

Andrew Pinnell reports:

Guests: Greg Marlow of RC Tennant Creek and District President of Rotary International, Eric Vandenberg of RC Brighton and possibly soon to be a RCD member, former club member Matthew Baker.

Steve Jose welcomed visitors.

Director's reports:

Ray F – Youth Exchange: Japanese Exchange Student Mari Nagai arrives in the middle of next month. She is enrolled at Darwin High School.

Membership: Sadly it is official! Chris Tuck has returned to RC of Brighton and has been taken off our membership.

President Scott has taken on the position of chair of Ladies LONG Lunch as Hoppy has departed to hotter, drier climes!

Board handover is now likely to be 23 July.

Mick Murray reported that the quarterly B.A.S. has been completed and submitted.

Fingers: The 'Community Can Do' segments are up and running and there is another coming up – the Larrakeyah Scout Hall.

Ian J reminded us of the up-coming away meeting at the Supreme Court on Thursday 17 March. He needs numbers – so please let him know.



Guest speaker: André Siregar, the Indonesian Consul to the NT was introduced by President Scott.

As part of his many roles in international affairs he has worked in the UN General Assembly in NY, some of which has involved leading various panels and making submissions to the UN, including one on anti-corruption.

He has served in the Indonesian Presidential Palace as an

Interpreter to various Indonesian Presidents and he has also been a translator for Australian Prime Ministers Rudd, Gillard, Rudd and Abbott.

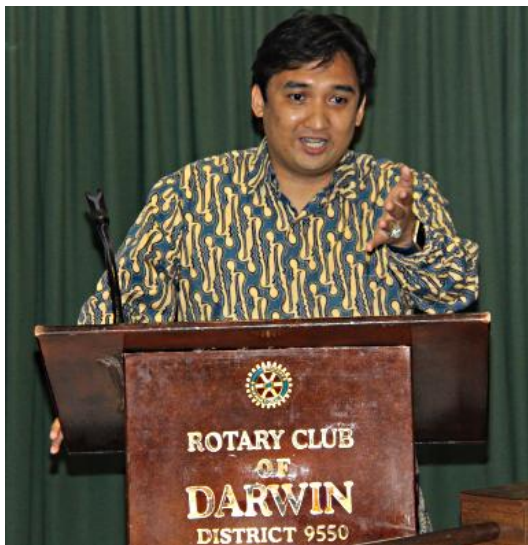
In short his career has taken him to the centre of Indonesian/Australian power circles.

He was schooled in Sydney, his father was a diplomat and he has lived all over the world. He attended University in Victoria and his friends include the Vice President of Indonesia.

André joked that the introduction was that long that he had nothing to speak about.

He met his wife in Wellington on one of his many placements. He was in East Timor in '98.

He said he is happy to be in Darwin, he loves the pace of life here and gets to spend time with his wife and family.



He feels that this is where it all started – the relationship between Darwin and Indonesia. There have always been strong links between Darwin and Indonesia, it's not just Beef, Boats and Bali!

André feels that his goal is to help revitalise the connection that's always been here, to amplify what is good between us. He feels that we have the 'diplomacy of proximity'. He recognises that Jakarta and Canberra have not looked as closely at Darwin as they have S.E. Asia. He noted that whenever he can, he strongly advocates for the benefits of the relationship and is starting to see others recognise this with the North Australia policies coming out of Canberra.

André tries to get to various N.T. communities and seek their views and look for ways in which cultural exchange and opportunities can occur. He related a story of being given a picture of one of the early Macassan trading boats by an Indigenous community elder and feels this reminds us of how rich a history we have together. He also acknowledged Matthew Baker's work in the Tanimbars as another example of positive exchange and the benefits it brings.

Overall André's enthusiasm towards the subject matter and the energy he brings shone through and it was great to see somebody in this role who will (hopefully) do so much for the N.T.

Questions:

John Brears asked an interesting question: Australia has 'stopped' the boat people. How is this affecting Indonesia? André noted that many migrants/refugees are quite patient, they make their way through various countries on their way and often end up assimilating into the places they are living, marrying, starting families etc. They are often hugely beneficial to the countries they reside in – the work they perform and the richness they bring with their culture. There are the odd problems, sometimes there have been clashes between Sunni and Shia peoples and other issues. He did note that – from an International viewpoint – Australia is not taking its share of refugees.

In terms of boats and people smuggling he has assisted with the return of fisherman who have been caught smuggling. He also noted that often their real monthly wage can be as low as \$10. People will pay \$3000 to get to Australian waters, so it's no surprise that fishermen and other people do this.

Ray F asked about a regional conference, they have happened before, any chance of them happening again? André noted that he is working on it and hopefully 'yes'. He is aiming high with both the Indonesian and Australian P.M.'s coming to speak.

Wayne Taylor then asked if he gets frustrated by people identifying Bali as not being part of Indonesia. He responded by noting that in times gone by people would ask if Indonesia was a part of Bali.

Dom Fracaro gave formal thanks and noted that they had met on André's first day in Darwin a number of years ago.

General business:

John P noted that our Banner Board with the club exchange pennants on is looking very tired and that another club had their's enclosed in a presentation case. Who could fabricate something like this? Fingers kindly agreed.

Girl Guide update: President Scott and Dom fixed it up. Currently the Guides are looking at quotes to remove the asbestos and to upgrade the toilet block. They have received grants from the government to assist.

International Toast:

Barry George toasted the Rotary Club of Penzance, U.K., which was chartered in 1922. President is Graham Carter and its part of Rotary District 1290. The club is the most westerly in England - and the link to N.Z. (Barry never being one to miss a chance) - they sponsor a Rotary Goodwill Ambassadorial Scholar from New Zealand.

Sergeant 'The Big E' and corporals Matthew Baker and Henry Duncan scooped our pockets with a healthy fine session, followed by an announcement that the previous week's Paspaley winner was Rob Trenerry and this week's was Rob Blakeway, who happened to be wearing the same shirt as the sergeant!

Cross fines followed and the meeting ended soon after 8.

Andrew Pinnell
Photos: Ray Fautleroy

***This week Ian Jackson
will be taking names!***
***He needs to know
who's attending
'A night at the Supreme Court'
Thursday 17 March
Have you decided yet?***

Sad news

Sue Baddeley PHF is in hospital fighting an aggressive form of cancer and sadly the prognosis is not good. Sue underwent surgery late last year and initially it was hoped that that had been successful, but unfortunately those hopes have been dashed. It's a hugely stressful time for Sue and Steve and their children and this week secretary Ray Fauntleroy arranged for a bouquet of flowers to be delivered on behalf of the President and the members of the Rotary Club of Darwin, the arrangement being appropriately named 'Always a Lady'.

Our club has bestowed relatively few Paul Harris Fellows on non-members over its 58 year history and it's a measure of the esteem in which we hold Sue collectively that we unanimously decided to bestow this honour on her a few years ago.

In situations like this it's difficult to know exactly what to say, but Sue and Steve, you are very much in our thoughts.

KAP evacuated from a vessel - again

A few days ago Kerry Ambrose-Pearce suffered another minor stroke, this time while on a cruise ship around New Zealand. He was evacuated to the Dunedin Hospital on the South Island, but has now essentially recovered from the scare, so much so that he's giving the nurses cheek I'm told! He should be home in a few day's time.

Vic Minchin's improving

Vic is in Adelaide at the moment for further treatment following his stroke late last year, but surprise, surprise, the treatment hasn't been allowed to unduly interfere with one of his passions, fishing. He tells me he caught a beauty the other day but at the time of publishing the bulletin I still haven't received the photo to prove it! Vic also tells me that things continue to improve with him as time goes on.

Summary of Minutes of Board Meeting Monday 15 February 2016 Held at 5.30 for 6pm Hastings on Mindil

2015 – 2016 Board:

President Scott Perkins; Past President Dan Easton, Vice President Jeff Swann, President Elect and Director Community Service Mark Taylor, Treasurer Mick Murray, Director Club Service Paul Simon, Director Youth and International Service Mick Myers, Director Fellowship Ian Jackson, Director Rotary Foundation John Palamountain, Secretary Ray Fauntleroy, Secretary 2016 2017 - Al Wagner, PP Grant Lindsay – brief on Nepal Project

Meeting opened at 1815 (after a foyer presentation by Grant Lindsay at 1730)

Apologies: Jeff Swann, John Palamountain, Mick Murray and Dan Easton

Minutes of previous meeting: 18 February 2016

Motion; The minutes of the previous meeting held, 18 February 2016 as circulated and amended be accepted.

Proposed Paul Simon **Seconded** Ian Jackson **Motion Carried**

Business Arising from Minutes

- Leukemia Foundation seeking drivers – forward details of those volunteering to John Palamountain – Mark Taylor has 5 volunteers – David Pearson has volunteered.
- Youth Exchange has now been finalized with RC of Darwin, with Host families and Darwin High School accepting Mari Nagai from Japan. We are unable to accept second student.

Matters arising from Correspondence

- Nepal Down's Syndrome Project – after some discussion and with an excellent presentation from Grant Lindsay Board agreed to support the project in principle as the basis it is with a partnership RC of Mt Everest and through the Rotary Foundation. Grant would also receive funding from sources within Down's Syndrome NT and possibly from our Darwin High School Interact Club
- PETS and Assembly on 5-6 March 2016, Mark Taylor and President Scott to strongly encourage our members to attend.
- DSO Pathway project for budding NT Musicians has not been supported under the current proposal.
- Disaster Aid Conference in Dandenong – there was little interest in attending.
- Volunteer drivers for Leukemia Foundation – John Palamountain has sent by email a form for volunteers to complete.
- Chris Tuck now at RC of Brighton in Melbourne.
- RC of Darwin to transfer \$5000 to WA Bush Fires Appeal (Led by RC of Pinjarra WA).

President's Report:

- Election of office bearers – President for 2017 – 2018; and the New Board
- Ladies Long Lunch – President Scott Perkins to take over the Chair responsibilities and stated it will be 'a very slick run project' under his stewardship.
- Attendance at PETS and Assembly – require maximum participation
 - D 9550 Strategic Plan for 2016 – 2020 – link to our club plans.
 - Change-over of Board – Mark Taylor and President Scott to agree on a date and venue, noting Mark will be overseas for 3 weeks in June 2016.

Secretary's Report:

- Non-financial members – President Scott Perkins to ring member (1 outstanding)
- Travels and Training - Rotary Clubs of Lafaek & Dili on 27 – 28 February 2016
- Pinjarra Bushfire Appeal – funds to be transferred.
- New Club Banners – through Curbys – banners due week 22 – 26 February 2016.
- Youth Exchange from Japan – host families require clearance and NT Ochre Cards.
- Interact visit to Timor Leste 26 June 2016 – would we consider subsidizing this trip for two Interactors.
- Rotary Foundation – using Foundation for Projects i.e. LLL – Secretary advised we cannot use the Foundation as a Bank. I.e. money in money out like a commercial bank. The Foundation must be used in a partnering arrangements with another Rotary Club.
- Application for Foundation Funding for Water Wells Project in West Accra in Ghana – This project now can be expedited as we have excess of \$17K in the Foundation, direct liaison with RC of West Accra is now required to formally commence the process.
- Charter of the Rotary Club of Lafaek Timor Leste – DG Mike Woods has requested that the new club be Chartered in April 2016.

Request for Leave: Peter Hopton – 12 months Feb 2016 – Feb 2017.

Treasurer's Report: Spreadsheets including a detailed Treasurers Report for period ending January 2016 to be sent separately. Moved that the Treasurer Report be accepted including those invoices presented referred to in Correspondence be approved for payment.

The Board also commended Mick Murray (in absentia) for the outstanding work he has done with managing our clubs finances and in particular the introduction of a new financial management system – Xero.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Community Service: Mark Taylor – volunteers report

- Report on the new Board of Rotary Club of Darwin for 2016 – 2017 – been finalized.
- Attendance at PETS and Assembly – seeking maximum participation at least all new Board Members.
- Larrakeyah Scouts have indicated that they have a community project which requires some support. Mark will follow up on this and advise members.

Youth International: Mick Myers

Youth Exchanges

- Youth Exchange Student - Mari Nagai from Japan is due to arrive in March 2016.
- Interact Club visit to Timor Leste 26 June – 3 February 2016. There is an opportunity for 2 or 3 Interactors from Darwin to join others from FNQ to visit their projects in Timor Leste. Board indicated that some assistance may be provided for our Interactors to attend. The total cost for each member is in vicinity of \$850.00. Ray Fauntleroy has also been invited as Rotarians must accompany the touring party.

Club Administration/Governance: Paul Simon

- New contract for show site – Ray Fauntleroy to advise Board.
- POOTY changes now in place – note we have already received nominations from Central Australia Police Stations.

Fellowship & Vocational Service: Iain Jackson

- Guest Speakers – Ian was commended on the quality of guest speakers and diversity of their topics.
- Vocational Visits – the next is a planned visit is the Supreme Court of the NT for Mock Trial, on Thursday 17 March 2016. It is understood that Mark Fingers Taylor may be the 'villain'.

Foundation & Fundraising: John Palamountain (an apology)

- HVDA contract – to be carried forward to next meeting.
- Extravaganza 2016 – progress on planning – to be advised.

Other Business

- International Toast and the Rotary Grace (John Palamountain) to be carried forward.
- KAP award – to be reviewed further, Mick Myers was requested to review.

Meeting concluded at 1930 hrs. Next meeting 21 March 2016

Signed **Ray Fauntleroy**
 Secretary

A man thing

When the car isn't running very well I will pop the hood and stare at the engine as if I know what I'm looking at. If another man shows up, one of us will say to the other, 'I used to be able to fix these things, but now with all these computers and everything, I wouldn't know where to start.' We'll then drink a couple of beers and often break wind.

Kym Burgess

Gone but not forgotten

It's hard to believe that our last exchange student, Mariana Fernandez, returned home to Brazil 13 months ago. At her request I send Mariana a copy of our club bulletin each week and have had several e-mails from her since she left. I received the following a few days ago.

Hello Iain and fellow friends,

I always keep it up with the club's news and I read about a new exchange student from Japan that the club will be hosting soon. How excited!!! I wish it could be me again ☐ But I'm pretty sure that the new student will have a marvellous year just like I had, specially because she will have a great group of lovely men looking after her.

I don't have much to say about my life in Brazil. I graduated year 12 last year, I went to see a couple of my exchange student friends these holidays and now I'm getting ready for a new chapter in my life.

I'm not going to university yet , at the moment I'm studying to get into uni next year and I'm also helping out my mum with the youth exchange students. It's not an easy job, I'm her assistant, therefore she uses me as her example, so every meeting she does I go with her to talk about my experience as an exchange.

I miss everyone so much.

*With all my love
Mari xoxox*



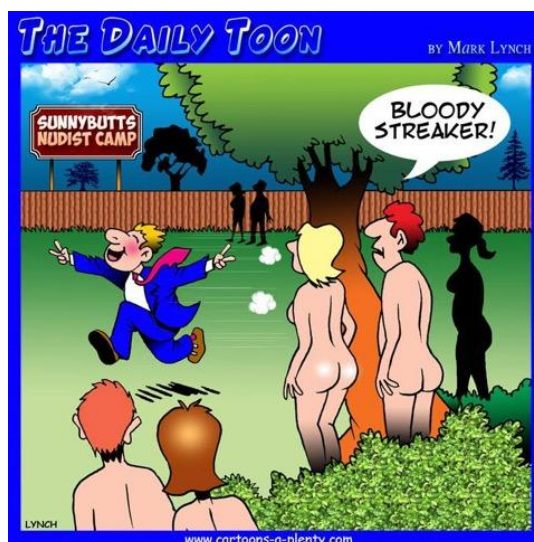
Am I getting to be that age?

I was in a store that sells sunglasses and only sunglasses. A young lady walked over to me and asked, "What brings you in today?" I looked at her and said, "I'm interested in buying a refrigerator." She didn't quite know how to respond.

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I was thinking about how a status symbol of today is those cell phones that everyone has clipped onto their belt or purse. I can't afford one, so I'm wearing my garage door opener.

An alternative viewpoint



A worthwhile goal



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				

Rotary Club of Darwin Board 2015-2016*

President: Scott Perkins* Vice President: Jeff Swann*

Past President: Dan Easton* President Elect: Mark Taylor*

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
<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			