

# 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.*

### May is Youth 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**  
**51 (15/16)**

**Meeting**  
**2966**

**Date**  
**26/05/16**

#### Advance notice

Thursday 16 June – No meeting  
Saturday 18 June – Changeover Dinner

#### This Week

**Amanda Gore – LLL Keynote Speaker**

#### Next Week

TBA

Duty Roster	This week	Next week
Meeting Notes	Mark Monaghan	Henry Duncan
Attendance / Apologies	Ben Hockley	Ben Hockley
Rotary Grace	Greg Need	Wayne Nicholls
Welcome to visitors	Wayne Nicholls	John Palamountain
International Toast	Andrew Pinnell	Prath Prathapan
Fellowship # 1	Prath Prathapan	Rob Trenergy
Fellowship # 2	Paul Simon	Erik Vandenberg
Fellowship # 3	Jeff Swann	Rob Blakeway
Introduction of Guest Speaker	Scott Perkins	TBA
Response to Guest Speaker	Mark Taylor	TBA

#### Coming Week

Birthdays	Anniversaries
None recorded	None recorded

## Last week attendance: 106%

Members Present	Apologies	Makeups	Silent	Members' Guests	Club Guests	Visiting Rotarians	Members On Leave
27	16	10	?	2	2	2	7
		<b>Fines</b>	<b>Rotary Foundation</b>				
		<b>159.30</b>	<b>\$23.20</b>				

**Meal surplus banked: \$85.00**

Hello again. After 10 weeks of ill fortune health-wise, a huge thank you to John Emslie for taking over the bulletin editorship at short notice and doing such a great job. I've got a certain feeling of déjà vu this week as it's just over nine years since I took over the bulletin editorship from John, who was the previous editor for some time.

A big thank you as well to all who contacted me when I was in hospital and who supported John during his stint back in harness!

**Iain Smith**

## Welcome Erik Vandenberg



I'm an Engineer who's predominately been working in the Oil & Gas industry for the last 12 years, mainly on LNG plants and Gas Fired Power Stations. I started my career in the Aviation industry, however quickly shifted my focus to Industrial Gas fired Turbines and associated processes in the Liquified Natural Gas industry. My main focus these days has been on commissioning of process systems for handover to the client's operations groups.

I've recently moved to Darwin from Melbourne, where I have been a member of the Rotary Club of Brighton for the last four years. In 2015 I founded a Rotary charity project called Sustainable Communities - Cambodia which aims to improve the lives of around 4000 impoverished people living in Rural Northern Cambodia, with aims to expand the scope into other parts of Cambodia, Asia and the world as the current goals are achieved.

I have served as the International Director for the Rotary Club of Brighton for the 2015/16 Rotary year, during which time I travelled to Cambodia where our project implemented bio-sand filters to around 100 families. We also awarded a scholarship to some Melbourne film students to accompany us and make a short fundraising video and short documentary, which

is now around 80% complete. I've been working on a 'Crowd Funding' fundraising campaign for the Cambodian project, which was launched at the beginning of April to help raise much needed funds for the project.

In around 2006 in my spare time between time away working I built an automotive business in Melbourne specialising in mechanical and electrical repairs and maintenance of German vehicles called Auto Dynamics, at peak the business employed 10 people, before I sold it in 2015 whilst travelling between Melbourne and Darwin for the Ichthys project.

I have a 15 year old son called Jake who is currently in Austria with Rotary Youth Exchange, he'll be travelling back to Darwin at the beginning of 2017 to continue his high school studies in Year 11. Jake enjoys playing soccer and one of his favourite hobbies is producing electronic music. He was also a junior lifesaver in Melbourne but is undecided about whether or not to brave the crocs and continue on in Darwin next year.

I have a beautiful wife named Terri, who is an experienced Physiotherapist and Exercise Physiologist who works for her own newly created Darwin Based Injury Management consultancy business called Workplace Injury Management Solutions. We enjoy cycling together and going on holidays together when we get the opportunity.

I haven't got any favourite hobbies, I occasionally participate in pistol shooting, golf (AKA hacking....), cycling, motorbike riding, fishing, camping, I want to get into sailing one of these days. Also when I get some time I'd like to continue what I started 18 years ago and get back into flying lessons to complete my pilot's licence.

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## Last week

Andrew Pinnell reports:

Members guests:

Bronte Hockley – Ben's Dad

Peter Beirne – actually, as I write this, I realise that I am not sure if Peter is a member of another club now.

Visiting Rotarians:

Asha McLaren – RCD – Sunrise and Foundation Director.

Grenville and Joyce Stocker of RC Mata Mata in N.Z. – District 9330.

President Scott – LLL - re-iterated that need for a focus on selling tickets. Through sponsorship we are now at the break-even point.

POOTY – nominations will open one month earlier this year.

Speedway – Volunteers for the events needed, but going well on our side.

JP - Motorbike Extravaganza. 90% of gate goes to the Leukaemia Foundation and 10% to RCD. He circulated the roster.

Asha McLaren then spoke to promote the RCD Sunrise Wedding Dress Pageant. She has a huge range of dresses which will be displayed, some even donated by our members (?) and there are even vintage dresses that are over 100 years old. In the promotional material they are described as Vintage, Modern and Ethnic. Dan wryly noted that she is trying to sell tickets to an all-male club who are unlikely to be marrying anytime soon. In fine form, Asha noted that wives might be keen and that we should stretch our interests a bit.

Wedding Belles and Beaus, Sat, 28 May, 18:30 – 20:00  
Studio at Darwin Entertainment Centre \$40.

The major speaker of the evening – Bob Shewring - was then introduced by Ray. It was apparent by the way Ray introduced Bob that he holds him in very high regard. Bob is a third generation Territorian, he is a past president of a Darwin Rotary Club and is currently V.P. of RSL Darwin and has a distinguished history serving in the military.



Bob spoke about a programme he is running called "Operation Bring Them Home". Almost all of the first 25 members of the armed forces who were killed in action during the Vietnam War are not buried in Australia. At the beginning of the war, it was not Australian policy to bring home the bodies of those killed in action. However, after a short while, that was changed and of the 521 official deaths related to the war, 496 of the bodies were returned to Australia.

Before the policy changed, the families of the first 25 were given the option of returning their family members remains at their own expense of £500, which was about half of the average Australian wage at that time, this equates to approximately \$30,000 in today's money. Most could not afford this. 24 of the soldiers were buried

at Terandak, a (then) British Military base in Malaysia and 1 soldier is buried in Singapore. When the policy changed, they were not contacted and given the option to return their family member.

Bob has campaigned and won the support of the government to return the bodies. This was no small matter as the bodies are on foreign land and the current governments need to sort many details. One of the soldiers is a Territorian and will be returned to the Territory to have an official burial at Adelaide War Memorial on 11 June 2016. Prior to this there will be a service in Darwin to honour him. Bob also wanted to note that the Adelaide War Memorial is 'locked' to new burials and had to be 'unlocked' in this instance.

After a break for dinner a number of questions were raised, including what about the bodies from the first and second world wars. Bob noted that at the time they didn't really have the technology to return so many bodies and the volume and technical issues make that improbable now.

Jim McNally gave heartfelt thanks to Bob.



Next up was Mari Nagai, our exchange student, Fingers introduced her and noted that she had quietly noted the difference between our club and her that of her father ..... we're a lot rowdier and not as respectful towards each other!

Mari gave a 'me speech'. She was born in Imabari (also spelt Imibari), a city on the Island of Sikoku in Southern Japan. It is famous for a number of things: it's beaches; it's

the mainland which, at over 70kms, offers great views and is considered a great day's bicycle ride. Other famous features include: the 16<sup>th</sup> century castle; the shipbuilding industry; Imabari towels – which are reputedly some of the finest and softest made in the world - and last but not least the Kokoubunzi temples.

She has a 14 year old brother and a pet dog. Her mother and father are both 42, he is an architect and she is a treasurer for a number of organisations. The family like to go camping every year for their holidays.

She rated the Safari as "Awesome" with many highlights, but perhaps the utmost was climbing Uluru. It was scary. She will never forget her experience, there were 26 students from 11 countries and she made many new friends.

Questions: John B asked "how do you find the Australian boys?" Mari was a little confused by this and the question was rephrased to "do you like Australian boys?" An emphatic "yes" was given.

Overall everyone was very impressed by her presentation and the great progress she is making with her English. This was emphasized by the intense applause at the end.

General business:

John B gave an update on the Girl Guide Hut: progressing well, the toilets are being completed in the next 6 weeks and then a final coat of paint for completion of the project.

John E has audited the website and it needs updating. Please submit info to keep it relevant.  
\*Writers note – I looked at the RCD Sunrise website to check some facts for this bulletin and it is quite impressive with calendars of events and projects and various information rotating through the front page banner headline space.

Scruffy noted that he had experienced some issues working with and co-ordinating sub-contractors on projects and that we may be able to get better results with better co-ordination and communication about who are preferred providers etc.

Scruffy then gave the International Toast to RC Henry County in the state of Georgia, USA. A mixed club, the president is Annette Higdon and they meet Mondays at 12 noon at P.J.'s Sidewalk Café. Chartered in 1985 they are part of district 6900. Some of their annual events include the Jingle Jog, a Golf Tournament and they have adopted a highway. Guest speakers do not receive a gift as thanks, instead they have a book donated to the local health care establishment with their name on it.

Sergeant John then hopped up and after a quick request for a smile got into the business of emptying our pockets. Corporals were Paul Simon and Lloyd, but Lloyd had to duck out for a while, so Rob T assisted. On that note Rob also picked up the Pasbaley shirt award and after cross fines went on to tell a true story..... Jim then read another Harry Payne true story from his mobile phone.

Change-over dinner is on the 18<sup>th</sup> June at the same venue as last year.

Last note: Big Al has had a hip replacement and he is now a 'hipster' - with a beard to follow?

Meeting closed at 8.18.

**Andrew Pinnell**

**photos: Ray Fauntleroy**

## Ladies LONG Lunch

It's really hard to believe that it's 12 months since the inaugural Ladies LONG Lunch was held at the Darwin Convention Centre, but tomorrow, Friday, it's happening again.

As Scott Perkins flagged at last week's meeting, this year the club is taking an initiative through Rotary Foundation to significantly leverage our contribution to the Menzies School of Health HealthLAB project and it has strong support from both the present District Governor and the incoming District Governor of 9550. In fact, they're taking it to the upcoming RI conference in Seoul, Korea.

To my mind this is a classic example of how a little bit of innovative thinking can enhance outcomes of our work as a club within the community. Scott advises that when the details are finalised he will brief the club on the specifics of what is proposed.

## The Guide Hall project

These are the guys who helped out with the preparation and painting Sat 14th...Me, Henry, Aiden, Bob C, Scott, Steve B, John B, Ben. The previous Sat 7th May was ...Me, Henry, Aiden, Bob C and his daughter Tammy, Scott, Steve B, John B, Hugh and his guest Supreme Court Judge, Fingers, Ben. It was hard/sweaty work both Saturdays, and the great finish would make a Greek painter blush!!!

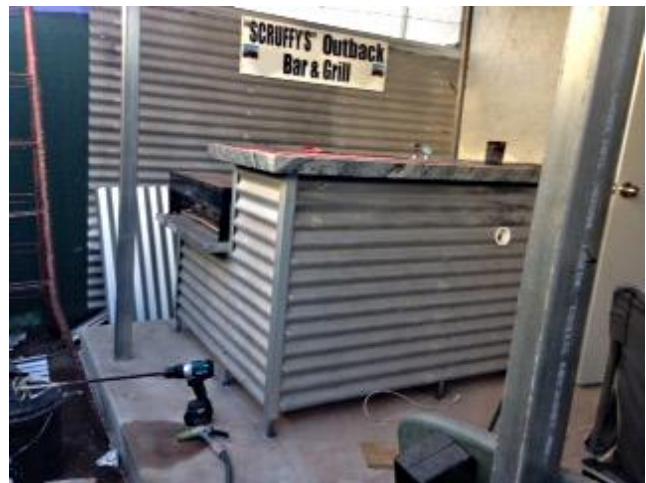
**Barry George**

## Vale Oscar

Sadly we learned this week that Oscar (Henry), Jack Russell/Bassengi, aged 12, passed away after contracting a severe form of cancer. Oscar was Scruffy's faithful companion for 10 years and in that time he basically travelled throughout much of Australia in his special harness in Scruffy's ute.

Along with Scruffy, Oscar is known by countless Rotary clubs around the country and even had his own membership badge from our club.

Tonight (Wednesday), Scruffy has invited those who can make it to drinks at 5 PM to celebrate Oscar's life. He has also sent me this photo of the feature in his backyard to commemorate Oscar, together with the bar (corrugated iron of course) close by.



## Experts???

**1943: "I think there is a world market for maybe five computers."** — chairman of IBM Thomas Watson.

**1946: "Television won't be able to hold on to any market it captures after the first six months. People will soon get tired of staring at a plywood box every night."** — 20th Century Fox studio executive Darryl Zanuck.

**1959: "Before man reaches the moon, your mail will be delivered within hours from New York to Australia by guided missiles. We stand on the threshold of rocket mail."** — US Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield.

**1961: "There is practically no chance communications space satellites will be used to provide better telephone, telegraph, television or radio service inside the United States."** — Federal Communications Commission (FCC) commissioner T.A.M. Craven.

**1966: "Remote shopping, while entirely feasible, will flop."** — Time Magazine.

**1977: "There is no reason for any individual to have a computer in his home."** — Founder of Digital Equipment Corp Ken Olsen in a speech to the World Future Society.

**1981: "Cellular phones will absolutely not replace local wire systems."** — Inventor Marty Cooper

**1995: "I predict the internet will soon go spectacularly supernova and in 1996 catastrophically collapse."** — Founder of 3 Com Robert Metcalfe.

## 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 Trencerry
2014/15	Dan Easton	2015/16	Scott Perkins				

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[Asst. Sec. Steven Camilleri]

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**Sergeant at Arms: John Emslie Attendance: Ben Hockley**

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<u><a href="#">Police Officer of the Year Award</a></u> Paul Simon Peter Davies Wayne Taylor Al Wagner	<u><a href="#">Attendance</a></u> Ben Hockley Al Wagner Henry Duncan	<u><a href="#">Youth Exchange Program</a></u> Andrew Pinnell Steve Jose Mick Myers	<u><a href="#">Club Program, Me Talks</a></u> John Palamountain Rob Trencerry Mark Nacey Henry Duncan Terry Unthank	<u><a href="#">Chocolate Wheel</a></u> John Emslie Charlie Dickman Ben Hockley John Brears
<u><a href="#">Ladies Long Lunch</a></u> Peter Hopton John Brears John Emslie Steven Camilleri Ian Jackson Mick Murray	<u><a href="#">Sergeant at Arms</a></u> John Emslie Ken Middlebrook Aidan McCaw	<u><a href="#">NYSF/ Siemens Science School</a></u> Prath Prathapan	<u><a href="#">Guest Speakers</a></u> Ian Jackson Steven Camilleri Vic Minchin	<u><a href="#">Rotary Foundation &amp; Fund Raising</a></u> Greg Need Ken Middlebrook Jim Grierson Lloyd Stevens David Pearson
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