



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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Bulletin
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Meeting
2950

Date
4/02/16

This Week

**Kon Vatskalis, Leukaemia Foundation
– World's Greatest Shave**

Next Week

Dr Tom Lewis, Military Historian – The Bombing of Darwin

Duty Roster	This week	Next week
Attendance / Apologies	Ben Hockley	Ben Hockley
Rotary Grace	Wayne Taylor	Rob Trenerry
Welcome to visitors	Barry George	Jim Grierson
International Toast	John Brears	Steven Camilleri
Fellowship # 1	Rob Trenerry	Geoff Cussen
Fellowship # 2	Al Wagner	Peter Davies
Fellowship # 3	Rob Blakeway	Charlie Dickman
Introduction of Guest Speaker	John Palamountain	tba
Response to Guest Speaker	Jeff Swann	tba

Coming Week

Birthdays	Anniversaries
None recorded	Wed 3 Feb, Peter & Chris Hopton

Previous Meeting [28 January] 100.0%

Members Present	Apologies	Makeups	Silent	Members' Guests	Club Guests	Visiting Rotarians	Members On Leave
35	6	?	?	0	0	0	6
		Fines	Rotary Foundation				
		\$193.00	?				

Meal surplus banked: \$175.00

Andrew Pinnell reports:

It was a full house again with a few extra seats being set as the bell was rung. Surprisingly there were no guests or visitors so it was a 'members only' night! This may have been one of the factors that led to it being one of the more noisy nights we've had in a while with lots of chatter and banter – even when people were speaking.

Acting Sergeant Aiden McCaw opened the evening promptly as President Scott was returning from liaising with the staff about seating.

Dom F didn't need to welcome any guests or visitors and with a grin on his face noted that he had been "practicing all day" in anticipation of this!

President Scott informed us that the Guide Hut had been broken into. He and Dom and anyone else who would like to assist will look at it this Saturday morning and fix up / alter / strengthen what they can.

The weekly LLL announcements were then made, commencing with Hoppy thanking Vic for all of his assistance to date and noting that the current committee is himself, Peter, John, Steve and Scott.

John B then spoke to the need for volunteers on the day to assist with the fundraising and management on the tables. They would be needed between 11.30 and 4.30, lunch provided, dress standard: proper shoes, long pants and a Paspaley shirt. He did note that alcohol is served and as the day draws on some of the ladies may become a little frisky and 'handsy' with the odd bit of direct contact around the backside and legs! He suggested that those who are not feeling robust should not volunteer.

At this point Rob T put his hand up to volunteer immediately. John Hardy suggested we farm out these roles to the younger members of the club.

It was also clarified that if someone would like to sponsor the event they should get in contact with one of the committee directly and they would come out and meet with the interested party to discuss further. Tickets are \$175 each, a corporate table of 10 is \$2500 which includes an advertising package and makes the purchase tax-deductible. Please note the event is being run on Friday 27 May 2016.

Ray then spoke to his movements with Rotary: he will be attending the district AGM in Cairns and will also attend some district leaders training whilst there.

Mick Myers discussed the youth exchange programme: we have two Japanese female students coming. One has limited English and another has reasonable English. Mick is looking for host families and will ask the other Darwin clubs as well. Please consider being

a host family. The ever impressive Steve Camilleri then quietly noted to Mick that he speaks Japanese and may be able to assist.

Our guest speaker was member Steve Jose. He spoke off the cuff without notes and did a good job.

Born (1977) and raised in Geraldton, W.A. he grew up with a passion for playing AFL. Fortunately his father was a big supporter of this and as he grew out of the local country leagues and into the higher quality Perth area leagues his father would drive him down to East Fremantle – 3 hours each way - for games on the weekend.



After he completed his schooling in 1996 he completed an Electrician's apprenticeship and moved up north, spending a year and a bit in Karratha and then onto Darwin. He moved to Melbourne for a while where he got to play a lot of footy (it was easier there) but eventually returned to Darwin in 2007. During those times he usually worked in the mines or on gas plants.

He first became aware of Narelle, his wife, through a picture of her on a mate's fridge! Whilst he skipped over the details of the photo (I'm guessing it was her modelling days) and the courtship to spare Vic (one assumes), he did note that he shared a love of fishing with Vic and he and Vic would often go out together. However, he only got told of the secret crabbing spots once he had married Narelle!

He started his electrical company in 2010, doing "all sorts of sparky stuff" and has 4 staff at present.



During question time Hoppy and Rob both made more of a statement than a question in their usual style.

Dinner and fellowship followed.

On a sombre note, following up on the announcement in the Bulletin, two of our club's

long term supporters have passed away. They were Eleanor Fisher, widow of former club member Joe Fisher, and Mrs La Piera, who while not in Rotary herself, nevertheless was a very strong supporter of our club in particular over many years. A number of members

rose at different times and related stories, memories and regards for the level of support and work they did for the club and the community.

Hugh Bradley proposed the International Toast to the Bel Air Club of Los Angeles.

The reason for this club being chosen is because Rupert Murdoch has just bought property in the area and has also announced his engagement to Jerry Hall.

So the toast was “.... **to the Rotary Club of Bel Air and Jerry and the Pacemakers.....**”



Aiden McCaw ran a raucous sergeant's session with much effrontery which resulted in feigned derision indicative of a healthy fleecing of the member's pockets. Well done Aiden.

The Paspaley shirt went to Kerry AP.

With all of the background chatter it was hard to hear some of the cross-fines, but one was from Hoppy to President Scott for calling him over for a meeting and then getting a jump start for his car and admitting this was the main reason for the meeting! Or as someone put it: *'Scott got a good jumping from Hoppy'*.

There were a couple of HPMJs.

Meeting closed at 8:15.

Andrew Pinnell
Photos: Ray Fautleroy

A bright idea

In the lead up to the Ladies LONG Lunch at the end of May last year, John Brears, one of the organisers, had a bright idea - a group which he named the '12 Apostles' to look after four tables each of guests at the Lunch. To simply say that the idea was a success doesn't really do it justice.

The 'Apostle' concept was such a success on the day that it's become a feature already for this year and no doubt many years to come. As Andrew Pinnell has reported in his notes on last week's meeting, John has called for volunteers again. He already has three names but needs another nine volunteers to fill the remaining places available.

In speaking to a couple of last year's Apostles the words that they used to describe their experiences to me included *enjoyable, rewarding, fun, interesting, different, a good fun afternoon*.

If you could help John out and, of course, the club, please contact John and find out more detail.

“....a failure to communicate....”

On 19 January Assistant Governor Group 1, Paul Asprey, was first made aware of a resolution to be put to the Annual General Meeting of District 9550 on Sunday 7 February in Cairns by the Rotary Club of Mundingburra (based in Townsville):

“1. That the D9550 conference date is moved to Queen's Birthday weekend commencing 30 September 2017.

2. That PEPS for all groups be conducted on the Friday preceding district conference commencing 29 September 2017.”

The erroneous assumption that the Queen's Birthday weekend in the Northern Territory will be moved to the first Monday in October from its current date in early June, which happened in Queensland as of this year, seems to display a curious lack of even the most fundamental research on behalf of the proposing club to verify the facts before taking a deep breath and jumping into the deep end.

The main reasons put forward in support by RC of Mundingburra are as follows:

- RI recommends that districts hold their conferences in the first half of the Rotary year in order for the DG to promote their program and district goals and engage clubs. Holding the conference late in the second half of the year misses this opportunity, and around this time some clubs begin to wind down.*
- The second half of the Rotary year has many public holidays such as Easter, Anzac Day, Labor Day, Mother's Day, whereas the first half of the Rotary year there are few.*
- An opportunity also exists to align PEPS with District Conference thereby encouraging higher attendance.*
- Having the DC earlier gives the DG the opportunity to outline his/her plans for the year.*
- The current date at the end of the year turns the DC into a review rather than a future vision.*
- The current date is too close to the World Convention also held in May.*
- Some delegates might choose Convention rather than supporting DC.*
- Having PEPS on the Friday might encourage Presidents Elect to stay on for DC the following day.*

Reality check.

Research on the Internet and elsewhere has not been able to verify that *“RI recommends that districts hold their conferences in the first half of the Rotary year in order to promote their program and district goals and engage clubs.”*

The only guidance found is in the Rotary Manual of Procedures (page 31) which says that *“...District Conferences can be held at any time except at the same time as Rotary Institute or within eight days of Rotary International Conference.”*

Under the present scheduling of District 9550 Conference around the first weekend in May, the President Elect's vision for the upcoming Rotary year for the district is presented in written form, as well as the incumbent District Governor delivering a report on his or her achievements or otherwise for the current year.

Thus the present scheduling allows Presidents Elect to present their vision for their year a full *five months before* the proposed date of the first weekend in October. Why would anyone want to postpone that by five months?

While there may have been some members of district 9550 who decided to attend the RI Convention rather than the District Conference in 2015, last year was a one-off as the RI

Convention was held in Sydney and therefore generally more easily accessible economically and practically to Australian Rotarians. Significant ongoing concerns about the beginning of May scheduling generally being too close to the RI Convention and forcing members to choose between one or the other is drawing a long bow.

There are 21 Rotary districts in Australia and at 11 January this year the total number of Rotarians was 29,841. Of those 21 districts, it is understood that only two, D9710 and D9765, which are based in Canberra, hold their combined conferences in October each year. The vast majority of districts hold their Conferences between March and early May.

Within just over a week of learning on 19 January of the draft resolution, Assistant Governor Group 1 Paul Asprey had a telephone discussion with DGN Robert Tardiani, whose year as District Governor, 2017, is targeted for the change of District Conference date. Paul advises that Robert was genuinely surprised that the NT was not changing its date for the Queen's Birthday weekend holiday.

As the District Conference has been held in early May (Labor Day weekend) for at least 25 years, what the rationale for choosing the new date of the Queen's Birthday at the beginning of October has is unclear.

The result of this process to date is that 20% of clubs (at the very least that we know of) in the district have been denied the courtesy of any consultation in the resolution's development.

However, the most compelling reason for rejecting the RC of Mundingburra's proposed resolution involves one of our core Rotary principles, the Four 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?

Quite simply, the answers are a resounding NO when applied to tests 2, 3 and 4.

Yellow 24

A man goes into a doctor's office feeling a little ill. The doctor checks him over and says, 'We'll have to do some blood tests.' A day later the doctor rings him with the results. 'Sorry, I have some bad news. You have Yellow 24, a really nasty virus. It's called Yellow 24 because it turns your blood yellow and you usually only have 24 hours to live. There's no known cure so just go home and enjoy your final precious moments on earth.'

So he trudges home to his wife and breaks the news. Distraught, she asks him to go to the bingo with her that evening as he's never been there with her before. They arrive at the bingo and with his first card he gets four corners and wins £ 35. Then, with the same card, he gets a line and wins £ 320. Then he gets the full house and wins £ 5000. Then the National Game comes up and he wins that too, getting £ 780,000.

The bingo caller gets him up on stage and says, *'Son, I've been here 20 years and I've never seen anyone win four corners, a line, the full-house and the national game on the same card. You must be the luckiest man on earth!' 'Lucky?' he screamed. 'Lucky? Do you know I've got Yellow 24.' 'Bugger me,' says the bingo caller, 'You've won the meat raffle as well!'*

Vic Minchin



Scruffy swears they're not related but you have to admit it seems to me there are certain similar characteristics between him and a mate from the southern motor racing circuit, Captain Kristy.

When I spoke to Scruffy last week he was in Warrnambool Victoria on his way to Mortlake to celebrate his birthday with family.

His travelling itinerary is bewildering and is centred around car racing in different forms. However he still manages to make up every week and we can expect to see him back in Darwin sometime in March.

Ladies LONG Lunch 2016

What a line-up of Guest Speakers



Air Vice Marshal (Dr.) Tracy Smart, AM - is Commander Joint Health and Surgeon General of the Australian Defence Force.

AVM Smart joined the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) as a medical undergraduate in 1985 and continues to serve as a medical officer in the Australian Defence Force. She has had operational experience in Rwanda, Timor Leste, the Middle East and Lebanon. She was awarded a Chief of Air Force Commendation for her role in a fatal air accident investigation in Malaysia. She has undertaken overseas postings with the RAF and USAF, was the first female Commanding Officer of the RAAF Institute of Aviation Medicine and has commanded AF operational health as Officer Commanding Health Services Wing.

AVM Smart has undertaken several Director General roles within Joint Health Command including: Garrison Health Operations, in which she managed health care at over 70 locations on Defence bases throughout Australia; and Strategic Health Coordination, with responsibility for policy and research coordination, the Australian Army Malaria Institute, the ADF Family Health Program, and the development and implementation of the Defence eHealth System. AVM Smart was made a Member of the Order of Australia in the 2012 Queen's Birthday Honours List.

In December 2015, AVM Smart posted into the dual positions of Command Joint Health (CJHLTH) and Surgeon General of the Australian Defence Force (SGADF), making her the highest ranked Medical Officer in the Australian Defence Force (ADF).

As the CJHLTH, AVM Tracy Smart is responsible for the provision of health care to members of the ADF and, from the health perspective, the preparedness of the ADF for operations. As SGADF she is responsible for providing strategic health advice to the ADF and technical oversight of operational health across the ADF.



Amanda Gore - As a communications and performance expert, Amanda believes success in business is always about feelings – the way we feel about a product, organisation or person influences how we behave and informs our decisions about how we spend, or who we conduct business with.

Amanda will demonstrate how people can re-connect to the energy and emotional layers that really drive performance, innovation, relationships, engagement and creativity in their business and personal life utilising positive psychology, epigenetics and emotional intelligence.

People who are happy at work are 31% more productive, sell 37% more and are three times more creative. They make better team players, handle change more effectively, become more positive and are much more engaged.

Amanda is engaged by some of the world’s biggest corporations to help business leaders achieve results by getting people engaged in, enthusiastic about and aligned with corporate goals and vision.



Associate Professor Heidi Smith-Vaughan joined the Menzies School of Health Research in 1990 and was initially involved in chlamydia and melioidosis research, but for two decades her primary focus has been respiratory health.

She is head of Child Health Laboratory Research at Menzies and a National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Career Development Fellow. In these roles, she supervises laboratory research staff and students working on ear and respiratory research projects in the fields of Indigenous and international child health.

She also engages in field work and research feedback and has a heavy involvement in youth engagement activities at Menzies.

Currently Associate Professor Smith-Vaughan is an investigator on NHMRC and industry-funded clinical trials of the efficacy of vaccines and antibiotics for otitis media and suppurative lung disease in Indigenous children.

She applies microbiological and molecular outcomes to these trials including microbiomics and whole genome sequencing.

In the international arena, she has the role of microbiology coordinator of a pneumococcal vaccine trial in Vietnam.

In 2014, she was awarded the Ryan Family Prize, recognising her outstanding contributions to Menzies.

NT Health
LADIES LONG LUNCH

Ladies LONG LUNCH 2016

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Venue
DARWIN CONVENTION CENTRE
FRIDAY 27 MAY, 2016
12.00 NOON - 4.00 PM

Entertainment
Great guest speakers
AIR VICE MARSHALL SMART
Commander, Joint Health
Surgeon General Australian Defence Force
AMANDA GORE
Author and Creative Speaker
HEIDI SMITH-VAUGHAN
Head of Child Health Laboratory Research,
Menzies School of Health Research

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Signs



Iain Smith

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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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