

POSSUM POST

The weekly bulletin of the Rotary Club of Capalaba Inc. District 9630

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Netty's Notes

What a joy it was last week hearing about "My Mersey Memories." A great period in the growth of music told so very well by someone who was in the midst of the "Beatle Era"

Thanks Barry Wilson for your organization for the night.

With only two meetings to go to finalise our year of "Making a Difference" it's the time to finish off as much as possible and pass the baton on to David, Peter and their board, so they can action their plan for the next Rotary year of "Being the Inspiration."

Administration Director David has been circulating Changeover Invitations from our local clubs to you all. It would be great if we could coordinate a representation at all our Bayside area clubs by at least one member attending each changeover. This is an opportunity for members who haven't visited another club yet to learn more about Rotary.

Tonight we have our last "Yarning Circle" for the year. A debrief from May Bookfest and the results and suggested actions from our projects survey will be on the agenda. The rest is up to you to decide what you would like discussed.

We are still waiting to confirm our agenda for the 25th June with Redlands Community Centre and will advise as soon as we have final details.

News from the Board Meeting: Bill York was welcomed as President Elect for 2019-20 year.

The board approved that an application be made for a Redlands Foundation Grant to build a shed beside the current Book Shed in Cleveland Scout Grounds in consultation with Redland City Council and Cleveland scouts.

A proposal put to the board through John Shelley is to be actioned in the first instance by obtaining a Guest Speaker to inform club more about the association.

A proposal to source a new perpetual Rotarian of the year Trophy was endorsed.

Our Volunteers night incorporating the "Bev Allsop Award" is scheduled for the 23rd July 2018, venue to be confirmed.

Book shed keys will be issued to those who are assisting regularly with either rubbish removal or packing of book boxes.

All but one of our Commonwealth Bank Accounts will be closed and we will be using Bendigo Bank for the majority of our banking.

May Book Fest report as circularized by Col was endorsed.

Being a Rotarian ... more than a hobby... a way of Life. Annette

LAST WEEK @ CAPALABA ROTARY



The guest speaker last week was Denis Devaney from Liverpool; a man who had quite a bit to do with the Beatles in their early years. His story – *My Mersey Memories* - follows

'My name is Denis Devaney: I had the great good fortune to be born in Liverpool UK in 1945 and so was around 15 years old when many lads of my age were involved in forming rock and roll groups inspired by people like Elvis Presley, Little Richard, Buddy Holly, Chuck Berry and many others. I learned a few chords on the guitar and joined a local group which started getting regular weekend bookings; our Friday night booking was usually at the local Catholic Church Hall arranged by a Father McCartan. One Friday he told us we were not required so we went along to see who had taken our booking, it was a scruffy crowd of individuals called the Silver Beetles and although they're musical performance was pretty ordinary the singers John Lennon and Paul McCartney did have a lot of "personality". We played on a number of the same venues as these Silver Beetles (now called the Beatles) over the next year or so and we both had a guy called Bob Wooller who would arrange our bookings, between 1962 and 63 we saw them develop into a really good rock band with a big following.

The Beatles then moved to Hamburg to play in the Star Club and Kaiser Kellar which booked a lot of Liverpool groups at that time, when they returned from Hamburg they had changed their hair styles to the now familiar Beatle cut and were all dressed in leather. Stu Sutcliffe their bass player stayed in Hamburg with his German Girlfriend and Paul McCartney became their bass player with his now famous Hofner violin Bass. By around 1963 the Beatles were well on the way to stardom and my group the Cellarmen had been passed over by the many show business people looking for the new Mersey Sound. In the 1970's I played with a few groups in North Wales and when John Lennon was killed in New York we were asked to play at the memorial concert in Liverpool attended by around 80,000 people, it was a very moving night. I feel very lucky to have been around in an era and in a place that definitely left its mark on the world.

We were in Las Vegas a couple of weeks ago and there were



Monday 2nd July – Club Changeover – The Fiction Bar – Raby Bay
Saturday 7th July – District Changeover – Eight Mile Plains

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two shows about the Beatles; a group that broke up in 1969 - I find that amazing.'

Denis is a friend of Barry Wilson and both are involved in the local ukulele group. The story told by Denis was really amazing considering the people he was involved with in the 60s; he said that it was a crazy time. During the Sergeants Session later Barry McFarlane an *old* musician, had some fines relating to the Beatles and he also added quite a bit of history; he even questioned Denis.



Question time with Denis

SOME MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

President Annette welcomed all to the meeting with special mention of Partners Beryl & Jennifer. Annette also welcomed guest speaker Denis Devaney and said she looked forward to his Mersey Memories.

Treasurer Dave had little to say as he had been away. He did ask that members please pay for the Changeover, in advance, by EFT and also that the Centurion invoices would be sent out next week.

Secretary Peter advised that all relevant mail had been distributed to the right person and all non-relevant mail had been torn up.

Shannon McCarthy asked that members return their Centurion cylinders so the proceeds can be attributed to this financial year.

David Field updated the forthcoming program and advised that the listed program for 18th and 25th June had been switched. That is; 18th is now the Yarnin' Circle and 25th will be the visit to Redlands Community Centre in Capalaba. He also requested members to note the RSVP of 26th June for the Club Changeover and supported the Treasurer's request for EFT payment prior to the night.

President Annette advised that the book shed is finally back in order after the Bookfest, but with continued drop off of books, there are always a lot of books to discard and to assist with the removal, a list of 'removalists' will be drawn up. In short, *'We get more books than we can handle.'*

Barry Wilson mentioned that the forthcoming Rotary Youth

Leadership Awards camp still requires a student as the one we had, had to withdraw. The Club has also been rostered for Roadsafe Youth Driver Awareness duties on Monday 18th June, Tuesday 26th June and Monday 29th November.

Barry Wilson introduced Denis Devaney as a person he had met with the U3A ukulele group; he is an accomplished guitar player. *Read My Mersey Memories on page 1.*

Sergeant's Session with Sgt Macca & Cpl Hanrahan

The first fines were for all those members not wearing a dinner badge. Dave F fined for *'knocking back an invitation to sit at his table for dinner'*, (*not enough room for 4*). Beryl and Jennifer fined for attending the meeting and not having to cook dinner tonight. Dave Lang fined, because he could afford a dollar after his Canadian holiday. Bill York fined for making some derogatory statement about rugby??

Bev and Annette fined for doing a great job cleaning up the book shed. John Shelley fined for *'the strange look on his face'* in a photo at the Science & Engineering Challenge. Shannon included for her facial expression at the same event. Robin Davies fined for interjecting.

Barry then had a little bit of Beatles trivia and questioned everyone with some special attention for Denis. Questions included: When did the Beatles visit Brisbane? (1964) and 'Who was the drummer on that visit? (*Jimmy Nichols.*)

Peter Mathews then quizzed the Sgt on the name of the support act; Sounds Incorporated.

In a Happy Dollar, Peter Mathews advised that he did OK at a recent triathlon, but had to withdraw. Col was also *Happy* as he shouted Beryl dinner tonight. This was due to his triple meeting session tonight; Blues Festival, General Meeting and then a Board Meeting – probably 5pm to 9pm. Barry McFarlane was also *Happy* as he has a new grandchild in his family and there is another due in January 2019.



Heads or Tails was won by Col Sutcliffe

BUSHCARE AT THE ROCKS CROSSING

It was a beautiful but very chilly six degrees down at The Rocks on Saturday morning. Thank you to David, Linda, John and Col for coming out on such a cold morning. We also had two students Deana and Natasha Barnard from Alexandra Hills High School, and their Mum, Vivienne attend. The girls are doing their Duke of Edinburgh Awards and will be spending some time at The Rocks with us. The morning started with our usual coffee, tea, croissants and fellowship. The warm drinks went down particularly well!

We all set off then to have a walk around the site and see what work had been done by the council. We were extremely disappointed to see that absolutely NOTHING had been done. This is particularly infuriating especially after our visit from the Mayor and Bushcare Coordinator last month and the discussion that was had with them. Each month the site becomes more overgrown and unmanageable. As we say each month, we are only a small group and desperately need help getting things to a manageable stage again. A club Working Bee one weekend is much needed and we would appreciate some thoughts about how we can make this happen. The Rocks has great historical significance to the Redlands and it is very sad that not more care and respect is shown by the council.

The morning was spent pulling out a few of the never ending, choking vines and some weeds. It was great having the extra hands to do this. There was not too much rubbish to speak of, probably due to the cold weather keeping everyone indoors.



The photo on the left shows the 'Team' busy removing vines from the trees. The vine was about 50mm diameter at its thickest part and was in the process of strangling the host tree. On the right, Col & Dave discuss the latest addition to the Viewing Deck; the bit Col's hand is resting on. It stops people falling off the deck.

Let's hope that some positive progress has been made by the time we go back in July.

That's all 'till then. See everyone again next month.

Pam & Tracy (Conveners)

DIDYANO?

'You may have already heard the news via social media or via the more traditional grapevine, but if not, I'm thrilled to announce that ShelterBox has been nominated for this year's Nobel Peace Prize! It is a great honour to be nominated and that honour is shared with all our supporters and volunteers around the world; for we are all part of the same global movement, building peace one family at a time.

"The Nobel Peace Prize is not awarded for what one has done, but hopefully what one will do."

Many thanks for your support'

Mike Greenslade

CEO ShelterBox Australia

Right now, around 85 million people around the world have been made homeless by natural disaster and conflict. ShelterBox Australia is working to change this.

What's in a ShelterBox?



ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS

We have highlighted just a couple of the many Rotary Fellowships this month and on this occasion we will discover the **Home Exchange Fellowship**, a great idea for the traveller Rotarian.

'Rotarians love to learn about other countries and cultures. We believe in World Peace and Understanding. Home Exchange promotes these objectives and is fun and affordable. Let us help you discover the world - join Home Exchange 50plus.

We would like to invite you to join us at www.HomeExchange50plus.com to enjoy the benefits and pleasures of swapping homes with like-minded people and to feel at home wherever you go - Stay Free – Travel More. Why pay to stay in a hotel or rent somewhere when you can stay for free?'



If swapping your home is not suitable, how about the **Rotary Fellowship of Old & Rare Antique Books & Prints?** Its aims are:

- 'Promoting friendship and the exchange of information on a global scale among those Rotarians who share a common interest for antique books and prints;*
- Transmitting the knowledge and love for old books to other Rotarians, especially the younger ones;*
- Taking advantage of the latest means of communication, which allow an easy access to a heritage which, in our District, happens to be among the richest in the world.'*

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There will be two more issues of the Possum Post in Volume 39 with Vol 40 commencing on 9th July after Changeover.

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Members, please swap with another Rotarian and advise David Field if you are unable to commit to the date of rostered duty and if providing speaker details. Also, advise David Field if you are an apology for a meeting. Members, please help; we need good speakers for our Monday night meetings. **BM – Board Meeting**

Day/Date	Guest Speaker/Event	Chair	Greetings/Regalia	Door
June 2018	Rotary Fellowships			
Mon 18	Yarnin Circle or, if you like, a Club Assembly – Chaired by President Annette			
Mon 25	Visit to Redland Community Centre – Capalaba – 6:30pm for 7:00pm – Soup kitchen dinner??			
Fri 29	Steak Sandwich at The Wello – 12:30pm to stumps or about 2pm)			
Fri 29	Friday Friendlies – Venue TBA			
July 2018	No theme month – a Month for Changeovers			
Mon 2	Club Changeover at The Fiction Bar - Raby Bay – 6:30pm for 7:00pm			
Sat 7	District Changeover			
Mon 9	TBA - BM	Pam Randall	Tracy Randall	Barry Wilson
Wed 11	Bunnings BBQ – 7am to 4pm			
Mon 16	TBA	John Shelley	Pam Randall	Tracy Randall
Sat 21	Bushcare at The Rocks Crossing – 6:30am to 8:30am			
Mon 23	Volunteers Presentation Night – Venue TBA	Annette Richards	John Shelley	Pam Randall
Fri 27	Steak Sandwich at The Wello – 12:30pm to stumps			

EDITORS NOTES:

The week past has been busy on several fronts with a couple of Rotary Changeovers, some bowls and plenty of time in the garden.

Club Changeovers are always entertaining particularly considering they are all different and run by different characters. During the week I attended the Changeover of RC Beenleigh on Thursday where Heather Kucks became President (*taking over from husband Brian after his 2 years as President*) and RC Logan on Saturday where Tony Capitano was returned after a twelve month break. The latter seems to be popular – recycling. One club will have a president going into his third year while another president will have been in the job for 4 out of 5 years.

Don't forget there is still time to sign up for the District Changeover – RSVP 25th June for 7th July.

INTERNATIONAL TOAST *with Shannon McCarthy*

There is no International Toast on the occasions of a Yarnin' Circle.

PLEASE NOTE:

*On **Monday 25th June**, the arrival time at Redlands Community Centre Capalaba is:*

6:30pm for 7:00pm

...at the moment – check the program

THE ROTARY 4 WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the Truth?
2. Is it Fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build Goodwill and better Friendships?
4. Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

Invocation *(By Shawn Bird 2011)*

Today we are thankful for all we've received
 However we live, we firmly believe
 All is a blessing that we must pass on
 No matter our status or where we have gone.
 Kindness and generosity are what we impart
 Showing the world what's in Rotary's heart

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