

POSSUM POST

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Netty's Notes

We all owe our sincere thanks to David and Col for the time they put into organizing our Anzac Meeting program.

As a club we have built a strong tradition of paying our respects to our Anzacs and all who have given or are giving service in our armed forces. When you look at the ever increasing numbers at our community members attending our Anzac services, especially the dawn service it becomes apparent that those who have immigrated to our country also recognize and are grateful to our service men and women who have worked or are working on a daily basis to keep our country safe.

Replies for our International Night on 30th April have now closed. If you haven't indicated your attendance to Shannon, please do so tonight. Shannon has put a great deal of time into making this night a great success and who would want to miss the chance to win one of Col's International Themed raffle prizes.

With our Monster Bookfest looming, we are very excited our ducks are all lining up. With a great deal of help from a lot of people, our marquee is ordered, extra tents have been sourced, signs and banners are up, volunteers are being collated, raffle prizes are being sourced, our social media is ramping up and our add in print media with editorial has been submitted. (*Sorry; no room for the ducks. Ed*)

If you haven't indicated what times you are available to assist please see me tonight. Partners are also welcome; their assistance on this event if available is always appreciated. It is a whole new ball game, and as such no good any of us thinking "I usually do xyz" and expecting it to be the same. Next to **Availability, Flexibility** is most important

Again last Thursday our volunteers were absolutely inundated with books. All volunteers appreciate the help received with moving packed books to piles and removing unsaleable books from shed. It is very full and we are still likely to receive more stock before Bookfest.

Steak Sandwich Friday is on this Friday 27th April at the Wellington Point hotel. A great casual club catch up for any members who are available.

Survey Monkey regarding future projects will be issued in the next few days and feedback needed by 10th May.

Lest We Forget

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

Annette

25th April & the AUSTRALIAN MILITARY

This year marks 103 years since that infamous landing at Gallipoli and Monday 23rd April marks 67 years since the most well known Australian battle in Korea.

Battle of Kapyong, (April 23–25, 1951), Korean War battle in which vastly outnumbered United Nations forces checked the communist advance on the South Korean capital of Seoul. Two Commonwealth battalions—the 2nd Battalion of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Regiment (2PPCLI) and the 3rd Battalion of the Royal Australian Regiment (3RAR)—bore the brunt of the attack, and their defense of the Kapyong River valley against an entire Chinese division helped halt the Chinese Spring Offensive.



The Australian War Memorial combines a shrine, a world-class museum, and an extensive archive. The Memorial's purpose is to commemorate the sacrifice of those Australians who have died in war. Its mission is to assist Australians to remember, interpret and understand the Australian experience of war and its enduring impact on Australian society.

'No. 5 Flight was a Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) aircraft flight which was equipped with IAI Heron unmanned aerial vehicles. It was established in 2010 to operate Herons in Afghanistan. Following the withdrawal of the Heron detachment from that country in 2014, conducted training missions in Australia to maintain the RAAF's expertise in operating unmanned aerial vehicles until more advanced types are delivered. The Herons were retired in June 2017, and the flight was disbanded by the end of that year.'

LEST WE FORGET



Monday 23rd April – Special Anzac Meeting – Redlands RSL
Monday 30th April – International Night – Capalaba Sports Club

DIARY
DATES

LAST WEEK @ CAPALABA ROTARY

Last week there were 6 member speakers; two spoke about their experiences as volunteers at the Commonwealth Games and then four gave presentations on possible International projects for the Club.

Tracy Randall was a volunteer at the Anna Mears velodrome Chandler; her story:

'My volunteering experience began back in 2016 when I filled in the rather lengthy application to become a volunteer for the Commonwealth Games. Early 2017 I received notification that I was one of the many chosen to have an interview. This took place in May last year at the Gold Coast. When the first round of offers went out and I hadn't



received one I was so disappointed, especially watching the big launch on television. However, I received several emails after this telling me that there were still places to fill and that they certainly had not finished choosing volunteers. To my pleasant

surprise I received an email in December telling me I had been chosen to work for the cycling at the Anna Mears Velodrome. A while later I received my roster and then drove down to Southport TAFE for a group training session. After this it was back down the coast in March to pick up my uniform and accreditation, which was a very smooth process. Then two weeks before the games started I had to attend a 'Venue Specific' training session at the Velodrome. I had never seen a velodrome so it was very exciting walking around this beautiful facility. The countdown was on now to the start of the games. I watched everything in the lead up to the games, very excited that I was going to be a part of it. Mum and I attended the first night of the cycling which was so brilliant! We saw Australia win three gold's and two bronze medals. Friday saw my first shift as a volunteer. It all ran very smoothly and there was a really great vibe amongst all the volunteers. I spent the day working on the front gate greeting buses and spectators as they came in. The vibe was great amongst the spectators as well with everyone being so friendly and happy. I saw one of our families from Puss in Boots and some old work colleagues which was just lovely. Saturday I was on the information desk with another volunteer. We had a great day just giving out general information and chatting to people. We also got to go and watch some of the cycling. They fed us well also, giving us a nice lunch on both days. It was with much regret when my shift came to an end on Saturday and we lined up to receive our thank you gifts, which are just beautiful and something I will treasure. I loved every minute of my volunteering experience. The only regret is I only had two shifts and didn't really get to know any of my fellow volunteers and be a part of the whole games experience. However, it certainly was a thrill to be one of the 15,000 chosen out of 47,000 applicants and to play my part in the Games.

I have the volunteer bug now and have sent off an expression

of interest to be a volunteer for the Pan Pacific Masters Games on the Gold Coast in November and am working on a letter to apply for the Com Games in Birmingham in 2022. We'll see how I go!'



Linda Tibbles volunteered at the Belmont rifle range.

Linda had four shifts commencing at 5:45am and was out of bed by 4am in dark and cool conditions; by 10am it was hot. Her job was 'Spectator Service'; she directed people. A lot of the time she was bored with little to do, but she enjoyed talking to people. On one shift a 16 year old Pakistani won gold with an Aussie runner up with silver.



At the conclusion of the Commonwealth Games volunteers presentations, President Annette called on Shannon McCarthy.

Shannon's project is the installation of a commercial kitchen at Redlands Community Centre in Capalaba. The Centre has presented a project funding application for their project entitled 'Feed the Need'.

This project aims to enable the Centre to host weekly community meals for homeless and families doing it tough. It will also enable the Centre to provide broader education in cooking for the community.



Linda Tibbles then presented a proposal for a project in support of a Centre for unwed mothers in Hanoi Vietnam. The Centre is run by a group of nuns and houses pregnant unwed girls who do not have support from their families or partners. The Centre provides a safe place for the girls during pregnancy and immediately after birth; it also offers child care to enable the young mothers to re-enter the workforce.



Robin Davies presented his project for support of Napur Hackwood's Dental Services in Katwa India.

'Nupur Hackwood initiated the Katwa Dental Services and she has been associated with the Anandaniketan "Home for Special Needs Individuals" since 1990. Subsequently Equal Health & Curtin University have become involved.

Nupur's February presentation in response to RCC's successful toothbrush collection summarised future dental clinic needs as a replacement for a 10-year old autoclave followed by other 11-year old equipment; all of which was presumably purchased with funds raised by Anglo Coal in 2007.

An annual state government grant to the home translates to only \$1.13c per resident per day (Nupur reported a headcount of 170) but could be as low as 55c per resident per day (Equal Health cited 350 children, adolescents & adults; many of whom are orphaned).

In her presentation Nupur said the dental services cost about \$2,000/year to run and that a new autoclave will cost \$1,400. Later in correspondence she mentioned a combined autoclave & compressor purchase would cost \$2,500.

Hopefully sponsorship by RCC will prompt the same from the local Katwa Rotary Club and in the long-term help Nupur realise another ambition in creating a Dental Education and Training Centre in Katwa with a branch in Goa; ideally with Rotary International involvement. Such an achievement should help raise dental standards in India and also allow students to change their lives with skills to get a job and in turn improve the lives of their families.

The final project was presented by President Annette where support of Faith Lutheran College Redlands and their school building project in Vanuatu was suggested. ‘

SOME MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

President Annette welcomed all to the meeting advising that it would be a little different with two members talking about their experiences as volunteers at the Commonwealth Games followed by presentations by members of possible Club International projects.

Shannon McCarthy provided an update on the International Night and asked if any members may have something to contribute to the raffle.

David Field spoke about the Anzac Commemoration meeting on Monday 23rd April advising that the guest speaker would be a Young Veteran; a serviceman who can talk about the modern military. Numbers are required for catering please.

President Annette gave an update on the Bookfest and circulated a form for members to advise when they can help. Roadsigns must be laid out on Monday 30th April and several banners need be erected as soon as possible.

BUSHCARE AT THE ROCKS CROSSING

‘Due to the inclement weather, we have decided to call Bushcare off for tomorrow. Even if it’s not raining it’s going to be awfully wet. (Last Saturday Ed.)

So we all get a sleep in!

We look forward to seeing you all next month when we will have a visit from the Redlands Mayor and possibly our new Bushcare Coordinator Alys Shilo.

We hope you have a nice weekend.’

Kind regards

Pamie & Tracy 😊

MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH

When you look at the four possible Club projects presented at the meeting, you will notice that *Maternal and Child Welfare* is involved in each one; support of unwed pregnant girls in Vietnam, provision of meals and cooking classes in Capalaba, provision of dental care in India and provision of classrooms in Vanuatu. Rotary Capalaba is doing good in the world.

Rotary members are dedicated to maternal and child health

Azka Asif, Rotary Service and Engagement Staff

‘According to the World Health Organization, nearly 830 women die every day from preventable causes related to pregnancy and childbirth. 99% of maternal deaths occur in developing countries where nearly half of all mothers and newborns do not receive care during and after birth. The leading causes of death for children under 5 are birth complications, pneumonia, birth asphyxia, diarrhea and malaria. These deaths can be prevented and treated with access to healthcare services.’

Healthcare before, during and after childbirth can save the lives of women and newborn babies. The United Nation’s Sustainable Development Goal 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages, addresses all major health priorities, including reproductive, maternal and child health; access for all to safe, effective, quality and affordable medicines and vaccines.

Rotary members are working diligently towards this goal through projects that provide education, immunizations, birth kits, mobile health clinics, and much more. Women are taught how to prevent mother-to-infant HIV transmission, how to breast-feed, and how to protect themselves and their children from disease.’

Could this be true?

A young boy was walking along the road when a car pulled up beside him and the driver said; ‘I’ll give you a chocolate bar and \$5 if you get in the car.’ The boy kept walking but the driver moved forward and said; ‘I’ll give you 3 chocolates and \$20 if you get in the car.’ The boy walked on while the car drove around the block and returned where the driver said ‘OK you win, I’ll give you as many chocolates as you want and \$100 to get into the car.’ The boy’s response was ‘Dad you bought the Volvo, you live with it.’

THE BACK PAGE - CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR

*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 attending 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
April	Maternal & Child Health			
Mon 23	Anzac Special Meeting at Redlands RSL	Col Sutcliffe	Tony Wills	John Shelley
Fri 27	Steak Sandwich Friday at The Wello – 12:30pm to stumps			
Mon 30	International Night – Partners – Capalaba Sports Club –Directed by President Annette & Shannon			
May	Youth Services			
Fri 4 -Sat 5 -Sun 6	Bookfest at the original site of Cleveland Scouts in marquees			
Mon 7	No meeting – Public holiday for Labour Day & a rest after 4 days of Bookfest			
Wed 9	Bunnings BBQ – 7am to 4pm			
Mon 14	Col Sutcliffe & The Weekend Trip	Tracy Randall	Col Sutcliffe	Tony Wills
Sat 19	Bushcare at The Rocks Crossing – 6am to 8am			
Mon 21	TBA	Pam Randall	Tracy Randall	Col Sutcliffe
Fri 25	Steak Sandwich Friday at The Wello – 12:30pm to stumps			
Mon 28	Eagles Wings	Peter Starkey	Pam Randall	Tracy Randall
June	Rotary Fellowships			

EDITORS NOTES:

I spent the weekend at Highfields with most of the Club incoming President's, the Assistant Governors and the rest of the District Leadership Team. This training session, once known as President Elect Training Seminar, has been changed to President Elect Preparation Seminar. When you consider the purpose of the seminar, you could believe that it is really a President's Preparation???

Regardless of the name, the seminar is a great forum to get to know your contemporaries and the District Leadership Team for your year as President. You do get to have plenty of time for fellowship along with the training. Some may feel that they know it all because they have been president or even Governor, but they still attend and participate.

The next important District training day is the Assembly on Sunday 20th May. On this occasion, all Club directors should attend, plus anyone else who is interested.

INTERNATIONAL TOAST *with Shannon McCarthy*

There will be no International Toast at the Anzac Commemoration meeting.



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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