

POSSUM POST

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

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Netty's Notes

So, December is upon us, what a busy first half to our Rotary year. I have enjoyed working and yarning with you all as we have gone about our many activities. Just two more weeks of our Christmas Raffle then we can celebrate a very success

Tonight, we have our Annual General Meeting where president's elect David and Peter put together their leadership team for the 2018- 19 Rotary year. David tells me there are still a couple of positions with no nominations. My message to anyone who is thinking they might put their hand up is that I have found in my 25 plus years in the Rotary Club of Capalaba, the members of this club support their leaders very strongly, therefore you could be sure of getting support maybe even a deputy. The bottom line, I guess, if we leave it to the same few to serve on the board year in year out we will burn them out, whereas if we step forward and take a leadership role, past board members will be only too happy to help you. Our club is 25 years older than when I joined and our lives have changed. We need to work out how we can work together as a team, still help our club while doing the right thing by ourselves and families.

David has organized for us to go to the Jaipur Palace on the 11th for a casual meeting. Then we are at the Trailer Boat Club for our Christmas Party.

Visiting 217 Squadron for their Parade last Monday was a very rewarding experience for our members. A great effort with the Sausage Sizzle guys. It was great to see this youth group that we support every year in action. Just one of our community partnerships that has evolved over recent years.

Raffle this week, is back at Victoria Point, your help in filling the roster for Jimmie would be much appreciated, only two weeks to go. WE CAN DO IT!

Only a couple more schools for All Rounder awards this week, congratulation Barry on a great effort of coordinating the school awards.

Let's try to leave tonight's meeting with a full board in place so we can start "Making a Difference" in 2018 while continuing to have fun and fellowship, as soon as we have our first meeting.

Being a Rotarian – more than a hobby – a way of life.

Annette

LAST WEEK AT RC CAPALABA

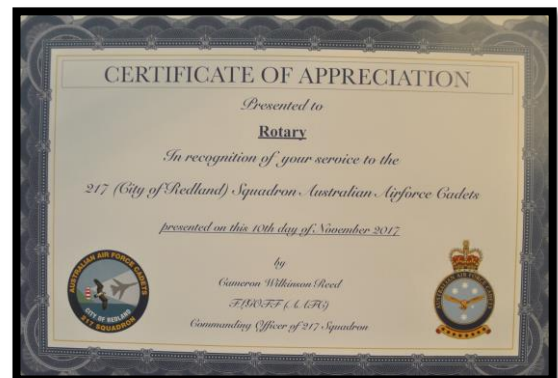
Last Monday the Club visited 217 (City of Redlands) Air Force Cadet Squadron for the annual Graduation Parade. After the parade the Club served over 200 sausages to hungry parents followed by the cadets.

The BBQ staff was working overtime to get sufficient sausages and onions ready for the rush. While Peter Barr & David Field cooked sausages on a wobbly BBQ, Barry Wilson separated the bread into individual pieces on paper towel. The cooking crew later increased to Dave Lang & Peter Starkey and they had to work in near darkness; some sausages were a little black, but it was dark anyway.

The parade was really a credit to the cadets and especially the trainers; it ran perfectly.



At the conclusion of the evening, the outgoing Commanding Officer, Cameron Wilkinson-Reed, thanked everyone for their support and congratulated the cadets on a special parade. Cameron then made presentations of some awards to cadets and Certificates of Appreciation to members of the RSL, the RAAF Association and Capalaba Rotary.



Monday 4th December – Club AGM
Monday 18th December – Club Christmas Party

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THE CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The last session of ticket sales was held at the Alexandra Hills Shopping Centre. The session started badly as it was pouring rain on delivery of the trailer, so Col & David + trailer were pretty wet by the time the trailer was set in place and then the cleaner had to do some mopping to remove the water.

By the time this newsletter is printed, there will be just 8 days of ticket sales remaining.



On Wednesday afternoon, I actually caught John Shelley talking and not selling raffle tickets; most unusual for him.

As we near the end of the raffle sales, it would be appropriate to list the sponsors and supporters of the raffle.

J.J. Richards & Sons PTY LTD
Trailers 2000 Beerwah
BCF Cleveland
Victoria Point Mower Service
Ed's PC's Alexandra Hills
Australian Agricultural Services (*Peter Mathews*)
Woolworths Supermarkets
Pattemore's Meats Alexandra Hills
Fresh Sensations (*Fruit & Vegetables*) Capalaba Park SC
Stratco Capalaba

We also thank the Shopping Centre's management for permitting us to sell a raffle in their respective Centre's; Capalaba Park, Capalaba Central, Alexandra Hills & Victoria Point and Woolworths Supermarket Capalaba Park Shopping Centre.

There was little support from Council as they charged us \$80 to set up in the car park at Cleveland Shopping Centre and that was reduced from \$160. The car park is managed by Redlands Infrastructure Corporation (*a sub unit of Redland City Council*). Cleveland Shopping Centre reduced their fee from \$800 to \$450 if we took up that option.

Finally, it would be appropriate to thank those members and partners who took the time to sell raffle tickets, usually at 4 hour sessions. Thanks also to Jimmie Berrie – *the Raffle Roustabout* – who kept up the pressure on filling all volunteer spaces on his ticket sales roster. Thanks also to Col for maintaining the register of sales and collecting the days takings. We are almost there and time for a rest.

DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT

Rotary has been involved in disease prevention for many years and the best example is obviously the End Polio Now project. A project commenced in the 1979 in the Philippines where 6 million children were treated. Since moving worldwide in 1988 End Polio Now has seen cases reduce from 360,000 in 126 countries to 15 cases in 2017 in 2 countries. Rotary has persisted with the eradication of polio and is very close now, but Rotary cannot yet rest.

'Our health is everything. Yet 400 million people in the world can't afford or don't have access to basic health care. We believe good health care is everyone's right.'

Disease results in misery, pain, and poverty for millions of people worldwide. That's why treating and preventing disease is so important to us. We lead efforts both large and small. We set up temporary clinics, blood donation centers, and training facilities in underserved communities struggling with outbreaks and health care access. We design and build infrastructure that allows doctors, patients, and governments to work together.

Our members combat diseases like malaria, HIV/AIDS, Alzheimer's, multiple sclerosis, diabetes, and polio. Prevention is important, which is why we also focus on health education and bringing people routine hearing, vision, and dental care.'

Rotary Capalaba has embarked on a Dental related project in India where tooth brushes and tooth paste are donated through a dentist. The Club is also involved in women's health through care packs

THE CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On Monday 4th December, the Club will have its annual general meeting at the Koala Tavern – 6:00pm for 6:30pm.

This is an occasion when members should attend to help plan the future year and put in place the team to carry the Club through the year 2018/19. There are a couple of positions that have no nominee so nominations will be called from the floor. Can you put your hand up? It is preferable to conclude the AGM with all positions filled.

'An annual meeting for the election of officers shall be held not later than 31st December as provided in the bylaws.'

THE CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY



The Club Christmas Party, as advised, will be held at the Moreton Bay Trailer Boat Club at 34 Fairlead Crescent MANLY. You can arrive at 5:00pm for fellowship, drop in your donations for Shelter Box and then around 6:00pm order your own meal.

This is the only Secret Santa you may see at the Christmas Party.

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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 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
December	Disease Prevention & Treatment			
Mon 4	Club AGM – Koala Tavern – 6:00pm for 6:30	Peter Mathews	Tony Wills	Shannon McCarthy
Mon 11	Fellowship – 2 x 10 in 5 – RYPEN student Brendon – AT JAIPUR PALACE Wello Point – 6:00pm			
Wed 13	Bunnings BBQ – 7:00am to 4:00pm + day 1 of the final four raffle sales days			
Sat 16	Bushcare at The Rocks Crossing – 6am to 8am			
Sat 16	Christmas Raffle Draw – 2pm at Capalaba Central Shopping Centre			
Mon 18	Christmas Party at Moreton Bay Trailer Boat Club Manly – drinks at 5pm			
Mon 25	No meeting – Christmas break			
Fri 29	Steak Sandwich Friday at The Wello			
Fri 29	The Fifth Friday – An informal Take Away dinner gathering with Annette & Eddie			
January	Vocational Service			
Mon 1	No meeting – Christmas break			
Mon 8	No meeting – Christmas break			
Wed 10	Bunnings BBQ – 7:00am to 4:00pm			

EDITORS NOTES:

Well just a few more weeks to go and our Rotary business is over for the year. There are two things happening on 16th December with the final Bushcare day for 2018 followed by the draw of the Christmas raffle at 2pm – then the Christmas Party on Monday 18th.

Beyond that date, there are a couple of fellowship options on Friday 29th with a Steak Sanga at The Wello and an informal take away dinner at Annette & Eddie's place.

Whilst Rotary and our Club take a break over Christmas, I will continue to issue the newsletter weekly and that will be the highlights of our Club in 2017.

Don't forget to register for the 2018 District Conference before 31st December to benefit from the Early Bird rate.

INTERNATIONAL TOAST *with Shannon McCarthy*

ShelterBox is made up of people who believe in shelter as a human right. Shelter Box with the commitment of supporters such as Rotary help to provide emergency shelter and tools for families robbed of their homes by conflict and natural disaster. At any given time, 365 days a year, ShelterBox response teams are on the ground, supporting families to recover after disaster and conflict all over the world. By working together with Rotary, they are able to collaborate and combine resources to ensure that they can support more communities in desperate need for shelter. Rotarians and Rotary Clubs around the world raise funds and assist with knowledge and resources that enable ShelterBox to cross boundaries and cut through red tape to reach even the most remote communities. Right now, around 85 million people around the world have been made homeless by natural disaster and conflict. ShelterBox is working hard to change this.

A toast to Shelter Box

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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