

Rotary Club of Altona



Chartered on 8th February, 1963

“Under the Rotunda”

*We meet weekly at Melissa's Cafe, 34 Pier Street, Altona
1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month for Dinner, 6 for 6.30pm
2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month for Lunch, 12.30 for 12.45pm*

November is Rotary Foundation Month

Apologies: Lizz Bailey, John Boyle, Shawqi Ein, Ian Fox, Graeme Glasson, Doug Grant, Michael Hick, Vinh Hua, George Johnson, Jim Mann, Therese McKenney, Ted Mitchell Joan Shephard, Patricia Sutherland, Clara Westhorpe & May Wilson

Visitors: Margaret Fleming, Shirley King, Lyn McDonald, Craig Ryder & Gwen Shanahan

Meeting No 2377 or GG19, Tuesday 17th November 2015



President Gus's Gossip

Rotarians & Friends,

Our scheduled Board meeting was postponed tonight as several members were unavailable. We will hold our last Board meeting for this year on Dec 1st.

Lizz Bailey will be meeting with people from Jim's Random Acts of Maintenance with respect to the Bertocci family project. I will be in phone contact during the meeting. We want to establish exactly what they view our role in providing Admin support is.

I recently met with PDG Murray Verso, he is the Club Vision District Chair, to get a better understanding of the process. We will discuss this in more depth at our next Board meeting but obviously the process will not commence until the New Year. I remind members that the process will and needs to involve all members to make it a worthwhile and successful process for our Club looking to the future.

Along with other mentors I am still involved with the Latitudes Young Men Mentor Program. Go Karts in Sunshine last week was an interesting experience. I never realised that you could get motion sickness from racing around the circuit in a Go kart. I can assure you that you can. As it turns out the lighter you are the faster you can get around the circuit. Sailing tomorrow and the weather looks good.

Lunch at Sanctuary Lakes: Thank you to Joan for organising lunch and thank you to the others for attending. It was a pleasant way to spend a few hours with good company. Joan is looking at organising a Chinese Banquet sometime in February and I encourage members to make the most of the opportunity. A lot of preparation and planning is going into next year's Ride To Conference. Our next training ride is on Dec 6 to Wildwood and return; about 110 km and some reasonable climbs are involved.

The Hobson's Bay Cluster is considering "Busy Feet" as a possible Cluster project. Annette Butterworth will address the next Cluster meeting on Nov 30 at the Yarraville Club.

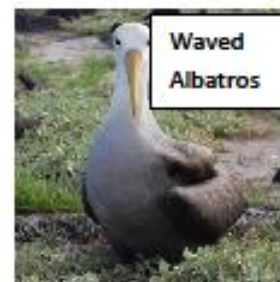
President Gus Garnsworthy

GUEST SPEAKER: Gus Garnsworthy, Galapagos Island Tour revisited

As a response to member feedback did another presentation of our Galapagos Island tour. Being an evening meeting the lighting would help make the photos a lot clearer. To add a little spice to the evening I used mars bars as an incentive to answering questions about what I had covered during my previous presentation. It was interesting to see how a little competition generated a significant amount of interest in what I was saying and showing.

The PowerPoint followed our daily exploits showing the route we sailed around the islands and the peculiar aspects of each island. It still amazes me how different the flora and fauna is in the area and in fact from island to island.

I finished the presentation with a couple of underwater videos we took showing inquisitive sea lions swimming around us as we snorkelled and then a very well camouflaged sea horse. Following are photos of some of the different animals we encountered.



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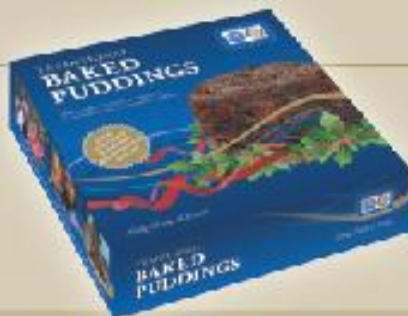
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The Rotary Club of Yarraville's Community Toy Exchange just in time for Christmas.

When - Saturday December 5th, 10am - 2pm
Where - At the Yarraville Club in Stephen Street



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A WORD OR TWO FROM THE ORIGINAL SERGEANT PETER

Mary's father has five daughters: 1. Nana, 2. Nene, 3. Nini, 4. Nono. What is the name of 5th daughter?

Mary

An ad for a hedge clipper that I had to read twice: "A built-in safety switch prevents accidental starting, and blades will stop when you take one hand off."

Police were called to a day care where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.

The butcher backed up into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.

How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?

Gone Fishing

Alex had a terrible day fishing on the lake, sitting in the blazing sun all day without catching a single one. On his way home, he stopped at the fishmonger and ordered four rainbow trout. He told the fishmonger, 'Pick four large ones out and throw them at me, will you?'

'Why do you want me to throw them at you?' Asked the salesman?

So that I am able to tell my wife, in all honesty, that I caught them', said Alex.

'Okay, but I suggest that you take the salmon.'

Why's that? 'Because your wife came in earlier today and said that's what she'd like for dinner tonight', replied the fishmonger with a grin.

On this Day in History - 17th November

1840 - Eyre replenishes his supplies at Fowler's Bay, South Australia, as he prepares to the continent to the west.

1869 - The Suez Canal, linking the Mediterranean and Red seas, is formally opened to shipping traffic

1970 - The first computer mouse is patented by Douglas Engelbart

2002 - The most recent spectacular show of Leonids meteor shower is observed.

Thought for the week

"Liberte, egalite, fraternite" - National Motto of France

DIARY DATES

- **Tuesday 24th November, Lunch Meeting, Guest Speaker Jake Ballestrino**
- **Sunday 29th November, RC Williamstown Christmas Fair, Seaworks**
- **Sunday 29th November to Saturday 5th December, Rotary Youth Leadership Award**
- **Monday 30th November, Cluster Presidents Meeting**
- **Monday 30th November, Final Day to get the Early Bird Discount for 2016 District Conference**
- **Tuesday 1st December, Dinner Meeting, Guest Speaker Rev Bruce Watson, Altona Uniting Church**
- **Saturday 5th December, RC Yarraville Toy Exchange at Yarraville Club**
- **Saturday 5th December, Christmas Carols at Sanctuary Lakes**
- **Sunday 6th December, RC Docklands Festival of Giving**
- **Tuesday 8th December, Lunch Meeting**
- **Sunday 13th December, Christmas Carols in Logan Reserve**
- **Tuesday 15th December, Dinner Meeting, Christmas Theme, Final meeting for 2015**

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