



Club number 18290 / District 9790

Meeting Date: 29/7/19.

Meeting No. 5

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Our Invocation:

For good food, good fellowship and the opportunity to serve through Rotary we give thanks.

Upcoming meetings

Date	5 August	12 August	19 August
Time	6:30 for 7 @ Seymour TAFE	6:30 for 7 @ Seymour TAFE	6:30 for 7 @ Seymour TAFE
Chair	Mark	Catriona	Ewan
Cashiers	Mary & David	Fiona & Bella	Steve & Kathy
Greeter	Sue	Tony	Janina
Invocation	Megan	Denis	Sue
Toast	Trevor	Alan	Leanne
Agenda Items	Behind the badge from Megan, Lisa and Janina	Meeting No 7	Meeting No 8
Regalia and room setup	Sir Fred vs Tony the Dragon	Fred & Tony	Fred & Tony

These duties are important for the effective functioning of our meetings. If you are rostered to fulfil a task, it is already presumed you are aware and available. Make sure you are up to date with which members have been allocated tasks for each meeting. If you are unable to fulfill a rostered task, please arrange for someone else to do so and then notify the Bulletin editor of any changes. Your colleagues will be eager to help out where possible.

To assist with planning and catering, confirm your attendance along with names of any guests to Ralph Baker on 0402 468 258 or email mariam.baker@bigpond.com by 4pm THURSDAY prior to meeting.

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Shearer's Restaurant

The main focus of the night was Michael and Lindy Laker's project in Northern Bali - a project supported by the Club.

Reports

President John:

- Feedback on last week's discussions - there were some complaints that there was not enough time for the tasks. However this is an ongoing process. The Board will consider the input and report in a couple of weeks.
- There is a solid program of monthly activities up until December, and starting again in February. August is the Adopt-a-Road project.

Kathy:

- The Rotary International Conference is directed at Board members but all Rotarians are welcome to attend. Details were reported in last week's Bulletin.

Fiona:

- The Seymour College mock interviews for year 10 students are coming up in two weeks time.
- Fiona had a positive meeting at the College and expects about half the students to take up the opportunity for a mock business interview.

Tony

Happy Birthday



Michael and Lindy Laker's Project in N. Bali



Michael started his talk with an acknowledgement of the work our Rotary Club around Seymour, and now the backing of their project in Northern Bali.

He and partner Lindy had spent 2018 in trying to identify how best to help these people. Then this year was collecting donations and establishing that the greatest need was eye care. In co-operation with the John Fawcett Foundation, an eye clinic was organised over 5 villages.

Conditions are primitive in that part of Bali, in contrast to the tourist areas to the south. Roads are tracks and sanitation at its most basic.

Identifying the poor and disadvantaged, the targets of the project, was made easy by the government's program which issues a Family Welfare card to such people worth \$30 a month.

Rotary paid for 10 cataract operations and Jetstar transported 250kg of material for free. The John Fawcett Foundation provided the mobile clinic and the volunteers to run it and to provide the

expertise.

In addition to the sophisticated eyecare, 100 children were supplied with simple oral care products and instructions in their use, more than 200kg of blankets and clothing were distributed to 300 families and 40 food packages to the most needy. The John Fawcett Foundation supplied over 200 pairs of glasses at no cost.

The biggest impact was the cataract operations which lifted people's vision from about 1.5 metres to long distance. In a close knit community where family support is strong, helping one individual also frees others who had lost earning capacity while caring for the afflicted family member. Michael and Lindy estimated that their project had touched from 300 to 500 lives, and thanked Rotary for the support.



From President John

News of Members

Bella is still not well, but she may be with us on Monday night, Ewan is still troubled by moist night air, so it may be a couple of weeks before we see him.

Eye Test in Bali

Last week, Mike Laker referred to a vision testing tool which was used in Bali by Fawcett Foundation staff. It was a symbol similar to the letter E, rotated through 90 degrees so that the arms pointed in 4 directions: North , South, East and West.

He alluded to the fact that my wife Jill had had something to do with its development. In fact, in the mid '80's she invented this simple test for use where people, especially the very young and the elderly, could not communicate using language.

It was taken up by the World Health Organisation, and used in many countries. The instructions were printed in 10 languages. I will have one of the vision screening kits at next week's meeting.



An Indonesian pop-star uses Jill's chart for an eye test.

Photo from John Fawcett Foundation

Coming Up

This is our last "lazy" month. In August, we have an Adopt-a-Road on 11th, and the mock interviews at Seymour College on 20th.

Ian will provide details of the roadside cleanup, but typically we met at McDonald's for breakfast about 9, then head off to the site. Usually finished by 12 (well, most are: someone takes the stuff to the tip!). Please keep the morning free.

Fiona spoke about the mock interviews last meeting, and doubtless will be chasing us up again shortly.

Lunch on the River



Tony Lee appreciated the article last bulletin dealing with the history of the 'Lunch on the River' project from its early days to the present.

He would like to add appreciation for the amount of work that Sue Goette and Michael Appleton put in over the years in making this a viable and successful project.

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