

Rotary Club of Moruya, Inc 20 January 2010

Rohan's Ritings

Firstly thank you to Phil & Kim and all the providers for a great night at Banksia last week. Lots of socialising and networking, it certainly felt like home with the rain falling – some things never change!

This week is PP Michael's turn then an Australia Day to remember next week with Peter & Sharon.



As I write this this morning, I can reflect on another very busy day at the Race Course yesterday with the Moruya Cup meeting. It is also important to reflect on the work load and of course to our stalwarts that make all this possible but also to Dad at the end of a busy day with the Shelter Box display who last night lined up to count the money for the day. I received the takings e-mail sent at 12:01am and a note from Steven pretty close to 11pm. Lots happen and none of this automatic or by magic and I sincerely thank everybody that makes this system work so well.

Takings from the races, will be addressed as comparatives by John later in this bulletin but a total of \$5734.95 looks pretty good, Nick, Allan and the van crew did \$756.60 in Fish & Chips but the Roll Bar failed miserably, we did off load very well to the corporate area and will get a 100% return for the effort so a great result all in all. To Dad, David P, Ward and Derek & Fran and a number of others the result of \$830.30 for the Shelter Box display was great. One of our 'private' members has topped up the \$800 we had in the Shelter Box kitty and that completes another one, from these funds I am sure the board will add at least one more and probably two.

Please give Clare the numbers for next TUESDAY at Peter and Sharon's

Rohan

Attendance at Banksia with duty makeups for Roger, Bob, Michael Gold, David Petts, Paul, Alan Shephard, Leigh and Graham Thomas 69.09%.

Last week at Banksia

Fifty five of us enjoyed an excellent meal and excellent company in the excellent meeting hall of the community centre at Banksia. I think Kim Armstrong was mainly responsible for organizing the salads and desserts.



Keith and Sergeant Allan were our cooks, with an interesting line in chicken flambé.



Several of us took the opportunity of inspecting the newest villas. All who did were greatly impressed, though none so far has followed up with a definite booking.

So, thank you, Phil and Kim and helpers for a memorable meeting.

Speaking of memorable meetings, Batemans Bay held their Christmas party at Corrigan's Beach on 17 December, when the temperature reached 42 degrees. Their Bulletin reports: *"The barbecue was in full swing and the excellent salads and desserts were all set out on the tables and everyone was enjoying a cold wine or beer when a severe southerly change arrived without warning bringing fierce winds and some rain. The wind was so strong it blew the bowls of food out of the shelter; blew bottles of wine and wine glasses off the tables and had everyone holding on to seats and tables and each other to prevent being blown away. The wind was so fierce it dislodged the 240 litre garbage bins from their locked stands and a number of food bowls were never found."*

This week's Rotary Foundation thought is about a matching grant that has helped turn waste into profit for Philippine coconut farmers. With the aid of a Foundation matching grant, the Livelihood Project gives local farmers the supplies and labor to turn wasted coconut husks into "coconets", which have environmental and economic benefits for the community. The project increased employment levels for women and out of school youth while reviving the local coconut industry. Coconut husks, which are a huge source of agricultural waste, are now used to make coconets which help provide an environmentally friendly solution to land erosion and degradation. Another husk byproduct, coconut dust is used as a soil enhancer and organic fertilizer. This is an example of how The Rotary Foundation is helping smaller communities throughout the world and is ensuring that economic growth reaches the poorer communities.

The Moruya Cup

There was a good crowd - and we seemed to see more of them as they made their way to the splendid beer trailer next door. The consumption of chips was extraordinary, resulting in a hurried trip to Woolworths to buy more. Pauline was disappointed at the poor sales (\$23) at the rolls tent, but in fact all her carefully prepared rolls were sold. The kiosk took \$4,955.45, up on last year's \$4,126 and the van took \$756.50, up on last year's \$691. The total of \$5,735.95 is almost \$1,000 up on last year. As well as Steve, Jan, Clare, Rohan and Pauline, Keith on the chips bain marie worked an unexpected double shift.

ShelterBoxes in Haiti

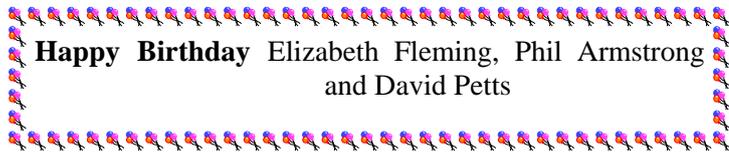
Two days after the earthquake struck on 14 January, ShelterBox UK had organized a three-person ShelterBox Response Team comprised of highly-experienced members David Eby (US), Wayne Robinson (US) and Mark Pearson (UK). 700 ShelterBoxes were dispatched and arrangements made for volunteers to pack more before last weekend.



Not an easy task, assembling the ShelterBox tent!

President Rohan organized a display ShelterBox at the Moruya Cup Races. Lee, Ward and David Petts manned the display. Collections there and at the boxes on the counter at the Kiosk raised \$833.

It may be that in the enormity of this disaster, Rotary's part will be seen as a flea-bite. Not so: all the evidence shows that, alongside the need for food and medical treatments, SHELTER rates as a high priority. Given Haiti's history of poverty, crime, corruption and dysfunctional government, establishing and securing a ShelterBox site will surely be one on the biggest challenges faced in the life of this Rotary program. However, there are twelve Rotary Clubs in Haiti who should be able to help.



Happy Birthday Elizabeth Fleming, Phil Armstrong
and David Petts

Programme

- 26 January - Helping at Australia Day - see below
- 26 January - (**Tuesday, Australia Day**) Peter Smith's place 6.30 for 7.
- 3 February - Tom Pavlou, returning Exchange Student
- 10 February - Combined meeting with Batemans Bay - This will be a partners' night. We hope to have an Ambassadorial Scholar, Josmery Ramirez, who is hosted by the Rotary Club of Sydney Darling Harbour. She is a soprano at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music. We should also have two Welsh Rotarians and wives, who will be here on a Group Friendship Exchange visit.
- 17 February - Vince Hayes report on the Community Shed
- 24 February - TBA

Our Role in the Australia Day Celebrations

The following Rotarians have offered to help with cooking and or serving with the Lions at the Australia Day breakfast, or assisting in other ways on the day: Keith Armstrong; Roger Bayley; Alan & Judy Chegwidden; Rohan & Pauline Gleeson (with some roles as Club President); Col Jay & Bronwyn; Alan Jennaway; John Marsden & Alan Shephard (horseshoe throwing). If anybody else wants to come along to join in the celebrations and offer some assistance, they will be greatly appreciated.

Secretary Clare reports:

A man goes into the confessional box. He finds on one wall a small bar with Guinness on tap. On the other wall is a box of the finest Cuban cigars. On the seat is the latest Playboy.

Finally, the priest comes in

"Father, forgive me, it's been a very long time since I've been to confession, but I must first admit that the confessional box is much more inviting these days."

The priest replies, "Get out. You're in my side."

Bulletin Accounts	
\$1 per unit.	
Alan Chegwidden	1
Alan Shephard	1
Bill Olmos	1
Bob Greig	1
Chris Kowal	2
Cletus Heffernan	1
Col Jay	1
David Collis	2
David Petts	1
Denis Pilkington	1
Derek Anderson	1
Dil Shrestha	2
Doug Mackay	2
Gemma Bartlett	2
Geoff Fleming	1
Gerry Bussa	1
Graham Thomas	2
Huw Owen-Jones	2
Isabel Cutts	1
John Nader	2
John Spencer	1
June Mills	1
Lee Gleeson	2
Leigh Urquhart	2
Malcolm Webber	2
Marian Webb	14
Merrick Bailey	3
Michael Gold	1
Michael Trkulja	2
Michel Nader	1
Mike Dent	5
Pat Sheil	3
Paul Rehardt	3
Phil Smith	4
Roger Bayley	1
Ron Lunt	3
Steve Young	1
Stuart Davis	3
Terry Young	1
Tony Ratcliffe	1
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