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MONDAYS
 12.15 pm – 1.30 pm

OFFICERS

President	Phil Gresham
President Elect	Tony McKinnon
Imm Past President	Graeme Whitmore
Vice President	Keith Watts
Secretary	Michael Stephens
Treasurer	Warren Walker
Sergeant-at-Arms	Cameron Bishop

District 9600
Club Number 17787
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District Governor
 John Leddy

**Rotary International
 President**
 K.R. (Ravi) Ravindran

President's Message

Today's meeting we will be discussing ways of promoting the RCOB to potential new members and who these might be. We will also discuss projects for the year, existing and potential new ones. It is important that all members participate as the future of the club is the responsibility of everyone, not just the chosen few.

Attendance at last week's meeting was boosted by incoming Rotaractors from the new Brisbane Rivercity Club. Their president Riley Thornton and three soon to be law graduates along with Lisa Bateson last year's Asst DG. This year I hope that we can work in together with the two city Rotaract clubs, their members are potentially our new members in the next few years. This way we can attract younger members as we share projects and mentor them on their Rotary journey. If any members can open a door for these law graduates that would be a great start. I will be at their charter night this Thursday and would like members to join me, let me know.

Last week's guest speaker Michael Carroll Principal of St Joseph's (Terrace) expressed interest in RYLA and The Science Experience, he will be at the Morecombe's lunch too.

Don't forget DIK this weekend Saturday August 1st 8am start at 152 Freeman St Road Durack, we will be finished by noon.

Denise has almost 40 guests coming to the Morecombe's lunch next Monday how many are you bringing? At the very least make sure you are coming, please let Denise know as early as possible as TBC wants numbers by this Thursday.

WHAT'S ON?

27 July 2015
 Club Forum
 Membership
 Growth Strategies
 Think-tank

DATE CLAIMER

1 August 2015
 Help required for
 donations in kind

3 August 2015:
 Denise and Bruce
 Morcombe
*Daniel Morcombe
 Foundation*

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?





President's Message

Yours in Rotary

Phil Gresham
President



Rotary Meeting 20 July 2015

The Chairperson for the day was Michael Stephens. After Rotary Grace and toasts to the Queen of Australia and Rotary International, he introduced President Phil Gresham. Phil's message is reported in full elsewhere in the Bulletin.

In Rotary Spots, Denise Schellbach urged members and friends to attend the presentation by Denise and Bruce Morecombe (Daniel Morecombe Foundation) scheduled for 3 August. She had gone to great lengths to arrange this high profile visit and hoped that it would be well supported. The event would also be a joint meeting with RC Brisbane Mid-City.

After a short period of fellowship Michael Stephens introduced the guest speaker, Dr Michael Carroll, Principal Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace. The focus of the talk was on the School's 'Eddies Van' initiative that provides breakfast and evening meals to the homeless in inner-Brisbane. The operation is primarily staffed by students and old boys of the School. RCOB members had also provided support during the Christmas/New Year holiday period under the leadership of Denise Schellbach. The initiative began in 2002 and is part of the School's 'social justice' curriculum...it has been very popular amongst students. He also briefly mentioned some of the School's other initiatives including participation in the Gallipoli Choir.

This was an excellent presentation warmly received by members. Some questions and discussion followed. Finally Dr Michael was presented with a memento of the occasion (pictured). (Note: Interested members may find further details of the School's initiatives at:

<http://www.terrace.qld.edu.au/identity/peer-ministry/service-ministries>

SAA Cam Bishop ran an entertaining session while exacting the usual fines from members. Jarrod Ryder won the raffle but the joker is still in the deck.

The Meeting closed at 1.35pm



New action group unites leaders to protect endangered species

By Philip Merritt, vice chair of the Rotarian Action Group for Endangered Species and a member of the Rotary Club of Mabalacat Clark, Pampanga, Philippines
Source: blog.rotary.org

About three years ago, Rotary member John Glassford sent a message to the Rotarians on the Internet (ROTI) Fellowship's discussion list asking if anyone had any ideas on how we could help stop the poaching of elephants.



Calendar

3 August 2015:

Denise and Bruce Morcombe
Daniel Morcombe Foundation

10 August 2015:

Visit by D9600 District Governor, John Leddy

17 August 2015:

Ross Dunn
Timor Dentistry Grant

Roster

27 July 2015:

President P Gresham
Chairperson G Holtmann
Set Up/Away S Dunlop
Raffle P Little
Visitor Register T McKinnon
Attendance D Schellbach
D O'Donoghue

3 August 2015:

President P Gresham
Chairperson G Whitmore
Set Up/Away P Ryan
Raffle J Ryder
Visitor Register M Winders
Attendance J Smerdon
D Schellbach

10 August 2015:

President P Gresham
Chairperson A Smith
Set Up/Away C Shepherd
Raffle W Walker
Visitor Register C Muir
Attendance D Schellbach
J Smerdon

17 August 2015:

President P Gresham
Chairperson M Stephens
Set Up/Away R Tamaschke
Raffle B Veal
Visitor Register P Anderson
Attendance D Schellbach
J Smerdon

Please forward any dates or articles of interest that you would like to see included in future Bulletins to the Bulletin Editor at:

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I responded: "Why don't we start a Rotarian Action Group (RAG)?" and from that point forward, it was a long journey to finally get the Rotarian Action Group for Endangered Species (RAGES) recognized by the RI Board in January.

The action group's purpose is to mobilize Rotary members, spouses, Rotaractors, Interactors, and Rotary alumni to take action to preserve and protect endangered species and the communities that depend on them. The group is working with the Rotary Club of Coolamon, New South Wales, Australia, and Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots program on an education program to conserve elephants in the Oloimugi Maasai village in Kenya.

In a way, it is not surprising that this came to fruition, as John is a great big bundle of boundless energy, and he doesn't give up easily. He has been doing a superb job thus far as chairman, and we created a partnership with the most famous animal conservationist in the world, Jane Goodall (as our patron). We also have an amazing list of celebrities and conservationists who have signed on to this effort; many thanks and credit to Duke Ingram and his band, Besureis.



Jane Goodall joins the Rotarian Action Group for Endangered Species' "Say No!" campaign to promote animal conservation. Photo courtesy of RAGES

Before it's too late

Wouldn't it be terrible if in our lifetime we found ourselves telling our grandchildren and great-grandchildren that we remembered when there were "real" elephants and rhinos running around this planet, and that we could have done something to stop their extinction, but it had been too little, too late?

Sure, there is a valid argument that we should be placing the needs of our own species ahead of those of other animals. But can't we do both at the same time? I personally would not find much joy in living in a world where we allowed these beautiful animals to go extinct merely because of the greed of a small number of people.

If this is something that matters to you, then please consider the possibility of doing a joint project with RAGES, either at your club or district level. Or join us as a regular member (there are no dues). We think this is important, and we hope you feel the same way. Let's never reach a point where we have to speak of elephants and rhinos in the past tense.

Wildfires can't stop this Rotary cycling event

By Geraldine Nicol, Governor of District 9350 (Angola, Namibia, and South Africa)
Source: blog.rotary.org

Despite raging wildfires on its outskirts, which at times came within yards of the city, the City of Cape Town, South Africa, proudly carried on with its planned cycle race earlier this year. The Cape Town Cycle Tour is organized and managed by Rotary clubs in District 9350 in partnership with local riding clubs of the Pedal Power Association. About 37,000 cyclists from around the world registered for what is the world's largest timed cycle race in its 38th year.



Cyclists show their support for the firefighters as they make their way through Cape Town

The cycle race had been in major jeopardy, as the mountains of the beautiful Cape Peninsula had suffered from devastating fires in the 10 days preceding the race. Although the wildfires forced the race to be reduced from 103 kilometers to 47 kilometers, and the route to be altered to keep roads open for fire engines, everyone got into the spirit of the event.

Amazingly, 34,000 cyclists, their supportive family members, and huge crowds of onlookers all showed up on race day. There was a wonderful camaraderie between cyclists as Rotarians and members of Pedal Power cleverly decided to dedicate the race to the firefighters who had been battling the blaze and to the survivors of the fire.

No one seemed to mind too much not being able to return on the magnificent Chapman's Peak Drive along the Atlantic Ocean, which is always a huge attraction. All just wanted to be part of the show of support. Many cyclists really got into the act and wore firefighter hats on top of their cycling helmets and T-shirts emblazoned with the word "thanks," as a show of solidarity and support. At each water station the cyclists were greeted by tired but relieved and delighted firefighters, just relaxing and enjoying the amazing spirit of support and gratitude that this "Ride in Solidarity with the Firemen" created.

Many cyclists enjoyed the race more than usual, because this time it was not a race against time, just participation in a wonderful cause. It provided more fellowship and more awareness of nature. It also reminded all of us of what we have to be thankful for, and especially of our huge appreciation of the role of the firefighters, without whom our beautiful Cape Peninsula would have been smoking ashes of ruined homes and mountains.

I was fortunate to hear two different groups of volunteer firefighters talk at two different Rotary clubs after the fire, and they were completely awed by Rotary's support and commitment. It has helped the volunteer firefighters raise awareness of their own services to communities and also impressed upon them that their incredible commitment to keeping others safe is very much appreciated.



The 2015 Cycle Tour will go down as a very special year in the 38 years we have been organizing the race. Instead of being the ride that was canceled due to disaster, it went down as a "Ride in Solidarity" with the brave men and women who keep us safe. And what a plus it was for Rotary and for our public relations!



Firefighters stood along the side of the route to cheer on cyclists.



Firefighters enjoyed the spirit of support and gratitude displayed by the cyclists.

