



Rotary E-Club of D9700



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Next E-Club Meeting

Wednesday 16th August 2017

7.30pm

Introduction

In discussion with club members over the past few meetings, it was decided that we need to establish some communication, as members can't always make the meetings and that we need to keep everyone informed of what is happening. A newsletter after each meeting was suggested and I offered to write this one. We (the club) will need to work out how we are going to do this at a later time.

As we commence our second year, we recognise that we now have some idea of how we are going to work and that we need some structure, and this newsletter is the first of many ideas to keep us all "in the loop". There is now a feeling of fellowship in our meeting which we need to nurture and also a sense of direction which is exciting and a reason to bring others into the club.



Following the last meeting on 2nd August, President John, Secretary Debbie and I had a great time discussing different ideas and



planning for the year, along with a glass or two of Schnapps and a coffee, (Me) a fine glass of red wine, (John) and a healthy glass of water, (Debbie). A good fun night. As you will notice by this report we talked a lot!

Marilyn has offered to create this newsletter to let you know the outcome of Wednesday's meeting. Unfortunately, internet problems affected, William Wood and Sharon Daishe, however, they were with us in spirit. Mal Dunnett was on his way to the Solomon Islands again, Ruth is travelling and Cameron was skiing in Falls Creek.

DG George Weston and PDG Gary Roberts joined us for the first part of the meeting.



Facebook

The Facebook page is named Rotary E-Club of D9700.

Public Image Director, PDG John Egan, gave a presentation on how to take advantage of Facebook and how to access the general public.

President John has made the Facebook page public which means we can start making contact with others and show what we are doing. The most important action to take is to **Share** the stories and pictures regarding our club and Rotary. This an easy way to reach out to new members.



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Membership

Obviously the most important issue for the club is membership, it has been difficult to reach out to new members when we were establishing ourselves in a new club concept. We need to take the next step and create a structure for members to understand why we are here and what we are doing.

If you have any membership ideas, please send them to Mal Dunnett, I am sure he would be happy to hear your ideas.



For this club to take the next step we need to increase our membership. A target of 10 new members has been set by President John and is most achievable if each of us bring in one member each. President John has done a fantastic job establishing this club and it would be great to support him in growing the membership. A club functions better with more members to share the load. It is important for everyone to feel included.

With that in mind, it was decided that the club would meet 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month.

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Meeting time will usually be [generally] 7.30pm, however this may vary. [but could vary]. Guest speakers will be invited to attend on the 1st Wednesday of the month and a social [club] and information night will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

A Board meeting will be slipped in as required and will follow the scheduled meetings. It [is] would be nice to have a number of guests and members attend as it would create a better image and feel for the club to have more than three people online. The meeting of the first Wednesday will be dedicated to a guest speaker or program of interest for guests. The idea is to give a platform for members to invite guests. Having a guest speaker will create interest for everyone and a good reason to invite anyone who may be interested. Information regarding guest speakers will be sent to each member before the scheduled meeting.

Club planning comes under the Administration Directorship and Marilyn has created a program for the club until December. Once you have invited a guest, you will need to send a name and email address to President John so he can send an invitation and meeting link. Your support would be much appreciated.



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Program

<u>Date</u>	<u>Guest Speaker</u>	<u>Theme</u>
16 th August	Social	
6 th September	Dr Luc Mulimbalimba Masururu. (Dr Luc) MP of DMR Congo and Director of Misson in Health Care and Development M.H.C.d (Congo) www.mhcdafrica.org Invite Guests to hear Dr Luc.	District 9700 Global Grant into the DMR Congo, establishing Fish Farms and Pig Raising for women. He will also report on the Drought in Africa. Note: This meeting will commence at 8.30pm 
20 th September	Social	What is your favourite book, or movie?
4 th October	Evan Burrell	Evan Burrell is a Rotarian known for his social media and Public Image skills. He will address the club on ideas on how to grow the club and have fun. He has experience with E-Clubs and will be good to hear some fresh ideas on E-Clubs.
18 th October	Social	Any ideas?
1 st November	DG George Weston	DG George will present his report of his love of Rotary and his ideas of leading the District. George is an enthusiastic Rotarian and his love of youth programs is well known around the district.
15 th November		Any ideas?
6 th December	Mal Dunnett (TBC)	Presentation of visits Solomon Islands Xmas Drinks.



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20 th December	Cancelled.	Have a great Christmas
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Treasurers Report

Treasurer, Cameron McKern, has sent out the invoice for club dues and prompt payment would be appreciated as District and RI invoices will arrive shortly.

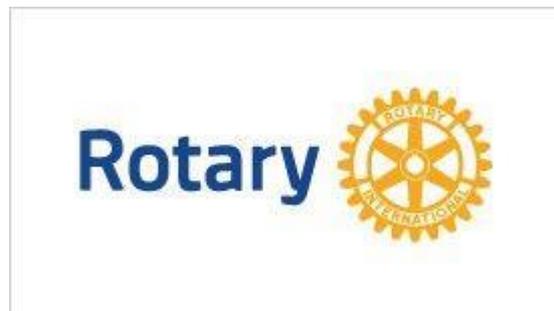
Membership Sustainability Grants

D9700 has made Grants available for clubs to assist with increasing membership. Our E-club has decided to apply for a grant for assistance with the printing of business cards, brochures or flyers and a pull up banner.

The business cards and brochure will be distributed to club members to give them information and something tangible to give prospective members. A digital flyer will also be created to send to prospective members via email. The Banner will be used at district events where we can promote our club, such as District Conference, PETS. Etc. Quotes have been obtained and amount to be applied for is **\$1500**.

Club Logo

Creation of these documents will follow, but we need to find a logo, as you can see above, I have made an attempt by the letterhead. I would ask you to try and create a logo for the club and send them to President John for distribution and we can choose the one most suitable. I am sure you all have a few ideas and are far more creative than me. The logo needs to reflect that the club is an E-Club.



Please note, we must use the current RI Logo, which is the wheel I have used with word Rotary nearby, or use the one pictured here.

If you are interested in writing the brochures and flyers, contact John or Marilyn



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Youth and Australian Service

In regard to the Youth Protection Policy, Debbie agreed at the last meeting to:

- forward to members the District Youth Protection Policy and Procedure which we are to adopt at the next meeting
- ask members to provide their Working With Children verification details
- register the club as an "employer" and confirm the WWC details of the members.



In regards to the Australian Project we need to establish, Marilyn spoke regarding introducing Books in Homes for a Pre-school in Wagga Wagga identified as an Aboriginal Pre-School.

This program is facilitated by Books in Homes and basically provides a book club for the children, we pay for the books. The children would select their books and they would then be presented to them in a book bag and the preschool would create a reading programme suitable for the students.

We would need to raise \$3500 and could apply to District for a Grant for assistance. The club would need to raise \$1750 to qualify for District Grant.

Crowd Funding was discussed. If you would like more information regarding Books In Homes check out their website. www.bookinhomesaustralia.com.au

International Service



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Sharon Daishe is researching Kiva Loans and will report shortly regarding suitable projects.



I hope that this newsletter gives you some idea of the direction of the club and that you are enthusiastic to be part of the club. Your ideas and suggestion are welcome. Suggestions for guest speakers for next year would be appreciated.

Best wishes and take care. See you **Wednesday 16th. 7.20pm**

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