



Next E-Club Meeting

Tuesday 31st July 2018 – Social Meeting

7.30pm (**Sydney Time**)



***From the meeting held on
17th July 2018***

Attendance: John Roberson, Cameron McKern, Monica Vaughan, Donna Vaughan, Malcolm Dunnett, Ruth Barber, Sharon Daishe

Guest Speaker: PDG George Weston

Apology: Marilyn Roberts, Gary Roberts, Debbie Schache

Changeover Meeting – President's Report 2017-2018

A good rollup for the meeting and enjoyed by all attending and after logging on and a short discussion President John welcome all to the Changeover meeting. A special welcome to PDG George Weston representing the RI President.

John mentioned the apology from Marilyn and Gary Roberts who had pressing family commitments in Victoria. He explained that he would proceed with his report, but Marilyn will take over the Presidency at the first meeting in August on **Tuesday 14th August at 7.30pm.**

Toast to Rotary International

Ruth Barber did a great job of proposing the toast to Rotary International. She told us about how Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbours, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

She spoke about the work being done by the Rotary Foundation and the continuing work to eradicate Polio from our world.

Response on behalf of Rotary International by PDG George Weston

PDG George thanked all our members for becoming members of the E-Club and continuing the work of Rotary. In particular he mentioned the work we were doing in supporting our International projects.



President John's Report

The Rotary E-Club of D9700 – Serving Humanity, formed when the charter of the Rotary Club of Orange Calare was transferred to us. (Original Charter Date – 16 April 1979).

This possibly makes us the oldest Rotary E-Club in the world.

The charter was transferred to the Rotary E-Club of D9700 as of 1st July 2016

Membership

We started the year 1st July 2017 with 10 members. During the year we lost Kate Bowyer and then we gained Tebao Awerika from Kiribati, our first overseas member.

While finished the year with 10 members we are very encouraged that we have recently had quite a few expressions of interest in joining our Club.

Club Administration

Website

We worked on improving our website by developing a Club calendar and a facility to report each member's attendance:

- at our own online meetings
- by spending time reading on our website or other Rotary websites
- by attendance at another Club
- of service performed in local community

Guest Speakers

We have had some great guest speakers this year:

- **Evan Burrell** from Rotary South West Pacific
- **Prof. David Perkins**, Professor of Rural Health Research at the Centre for Rural and Remote Mental Health, University of Newcastle
- **PP Bev Cooney OAM** speaking on her work with children and mentally ill in remote Peru.
- Our own **PP Ruth Barber** speaking about her community work in Wagga Wagga.
- **Dr Luc Mulimbalimba- Masururu** (known as Dr Luc) - Medical Director of Mission in Health Care and Development (MHCD), Democratic Republic of Congo
- **DG George Weston** on his visit speaking on Rotary



Membership Sustainability Grant

We were successful in obtaining a Membership Sustainability Grant from the District. Marilyn Roberts was able to design and have made:

- Promotional tri-fold brochure for all members
- A deluxe pull up banner to promote our Club
- Business cards for all members
- Promotional pens
- Part payment of ZOOM subscription for Club meetings

District Grant Application

After hearing about a need in schools in Kiribati for school desks and chairs from new member Tebao Awerika, we submitted a rushed application for a grant to assist us in financing a container of school desks and chair for schools in Kiribati.

Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful with our application, but we are working on getting two containers of school desks and chairs sent to Kiribati soon.

Rotary Foundation

We had a very pleasing total of \$2052.00 in donations to the Rotary Foundation from our members.

This included one donation by a member of the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie who did a make-up browsing our website and donated \$20.00. The Club decided to donate all make-donations to the Rotary Foundation.

That means our total donations are greater than \$200 per member.

Australian Service

Ruth Barber works in her community by:

- Volunteering at school breakfast program
- Mentoring vulnerable students

Cameron McKern volunteers with the Country Fire Authority at Yackandandah, Victoria

Other members are involved in their own communities in a variety of ways.



International Service

KIVA

The Club establish a membership with Kiva that administers micro-finance loans to individuals and groups in developing countries around the world.

Our members have donated \$335.00 to our Kiva A/C.

This has enable us to make 11 Loans to projects in 9 different countries for projects in Agriculture, Education, Health & Manufacturing.

The majority of recipients were women and the projects were located in Albania, Cambodia, Jordan, Lebanon, Mexico, Pakistan, Uganda, Vietnam, and Zambia.

We have outstanding loans of \$167.83 and available credit of \$25.74

Six Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) Projects

Indigenous Education Foundation of Tanzania - Orkeeswa Secondary School

RAWCS Project 5-2011-12

To provide high quality secondary education to impoverished children by funding computer laboratory equipment, science building, equipment, purchase of a new bus and a sports pitch, Orkeeswa Secondary School, Tanzania.

Currently in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Geraldton, D9455 we have just conducted a raffle to raise funds for the new bus.

Project Manager is Sharon Daishe.

Current balance in our RAWCS account - \$454.25

Lighthart Project Cambodia

RAWCS Project 140 - 2010-11

To fund sustainable food systems, maintenance of buildings, improvement of living standards, teacher training, ESL & education of severely disadvantaged children at the Lighthart Project, in Kandal Province and Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

A project in conjunction with the Law Society of NSW who supply most of the funding. They also send at least one team of volunteers per year to verify their expenditure. We transferred \$24,044.54 in payments to the project this year.

Project Manager is John Roberson.

Current balance in our RAWCS account is \$48,288.00



Community Development & Education Assistance, Santa Isabel, Solomon Islands

RAWCS Project 9 - 2010-11

To provide and build community training and vocational training centres in the Province of Santa Isabel. Assist in training to provide vocational education, leadership, PDHPE, drug/alcohol & youth development programs.

A vocational training centre was completed by volunteers in June 2017 and this year Project Manager, Rev. Malcolm Dunnett was the only volunteer. It is anticipated that a team of about 12 will travel in October 2018 to carry out community leadership training.

Project Manager, Rev. Malcolm Dunnett

Current balance in our RAWCS account is \$303.24

Little Paths Australia - Tanzania (formerly Kuleana Kids), Mwanza, Tanzania

RAWCS Project 68 – 2009-10

Little Paths Australia is committed to ensuring that Tanzanian families who are experiencing the impacts of extreme poverty, are supported with the tools they need to care for their children and encourage their educational success, from the safety of their family home.

Deputy Project Manager Kate Bowyer travelled twice this year to Mwanza to ensure that the funding was being utilised well on the ground. She had 3 volunteers work with her in September 2017.

Project Manager is John Roberson.

Current balance in our RAWCS account is \$8354.14

Food Water Shelter Inc. - Kesho Leo Childrens Village at Sinon, Arusha, Tanzania

RAWCS Project 40 – 2006-07

Requires funding to develop the lives of vulnerable women, their children, orphans at Kesho Leo Childrens Village, Sinon, Arusha, Tanzania and the surrounding community.

Project Manager Debbie Schache authorises all transfers of funds for this acclaimed self-sustainable project.

This year she authorised \$32,553.44 in foreign transfers.

Current balance in our RAWCS account is \$1,603.95



The Lotus Program, ESL & Computer Literacy for Village Schools in Sri Lanka

RAWCS Project 18 - 2005-06

Program includes curriculum development, teacher training and supply of literacy resources, computers and software to remote village schools in Sri Lanka.

This year Project Manager Donna Vaughan authorised fund transfers of \$320.31

Current balance in our RAWCS account is \$6225.46

Thanks to Members

Thank you to all members for your attendances and support this past year.

Well done to those members who have met up socially for coffees. Great way of getting to know our fellow members.

I would like in particular to thank Secretary Debbie Schache, Treasurer Cameron McKern and President Elect Marilyn Roberts for their help and assistance in running our Club.

Thank you also to Marilyn and Ruth for their input into our presentation to the District Conference this year.

Questions and Discussion

After the report the members discussed parts of the report and reflected on what we want to achieve as a Rotary E-Club.

President John expressed the view that it was an exciting time to be a member of a Rotary E-Club and offered to forward an email on the E-Club breakout session at the Rotary Convention in Toronto recently.

Next Meeting

The next Meeting is a social meeting on Tuesday 31st July at 7.30pm

Installation of Marilyn Roberts as President and introduction of her Board will be on Tuesday 14th August at 7.30pm