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A LITTLE ABOUT ME : EXCHANGE STUDENT FELIX MORLOCK



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CLUB INFORMATION

Chartered 22nd April 1946 District 9685 RI Club #18039

MEETINGS EVERY TUESDAY 6PM FOR 6:30PM

MEETING LOCATION:

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Exchange Student Felix Morlock

TONIGHT'S ROSTER

Welcomers Peter Cooper & Bob Kaye-Smith

Toast to Rotary Adrian Hallett

Chartered September 3rd, 1947: The Rotary Club of Victor Harbour, SA

The Rotary Club of Victor Harbour in South Australia was Chartered on the 3rd September 1947, and are involved in many projects, from Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (with the Rotary Clubs of Goolwa, Yankalilla and Encounter Bay), to the Youth Opportunities Leadership Program at Victor Harbour High School, the Cycle Ride for Cancer, and support of the Blind Sporting Council.

Victor Harbour Rotary's main annual event is the Annual Victor Harbour Art Show. 2014 was the 35th annual event, with a total prize pool of \$35,000. The Art Show provides fundraising for the works of the Club, and fosters a great sense of community.

Happy Birthday Victor Harbour!

Introduction John Brown

Vote of Thanks John Dodd

Upcoming duty roster is on Page 7. If you are unable to fulfill any duty, please arrange your own swap and inform President Kalma of the change.

KALMA'S KORNER

Dear Rotarians and Friends of Rotary,

So good to hear again last week the perspective of Michael McQueen on engaging with new potential members for our Club. It is easy to get stuck in our own thoughts and lose sight of the myriad opportunities for membership which exist right around us with no doors closed really.

Thank you also for your support of our joining The Sustainability Trust – it complements so much of what we are already doing with our projects and ensure we are reminded of the shrinking resources on our planet.

This week we learn a little more about our newest exchange student Felix, and his life before Australia got him!

And I cannot let this edition go by without wishing all our Dads and Grandads a very Happy Fathers Day next Sunday – hope you are all spoiled rotten!!

Kalma

Contact John Brown to volunteer for:

Wednesday 3rd - Tuesday 9th - Wednesday 10th - Thursday 11th -
Tuesday 16th - Wednesday 17th

AUGUST 26 - IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

When PP Duncan asked for a guest speaker on Membership, I took this great opportunity to explain our Club's Membership Plan, which has been developing over the last couple of years. In short, we are not trying to target specific industries or ethnicities, specific age groups or genders. **We aim instead to be as attractive as possible to every person who comes through our door, physically and metaphorically. We aim to capitalise on the great work we do, and share what we do with our program and project alumni.**

However, one category are often dismissed as potential Rotarians, or as people too hard to approach. They are busy, disinterested, suffer attention deficits and are overcommitted. They don't care about anything but themselves. They think clicking into an online petition is action. They are, of course, Generations X + Y. That is, everyone under the age of 44. **These people are by definition the future of Rotary.**

As a Club, we do a lot of work in Youth. Apprentice of the Year, Youth Exchange, RYLA, RYPEN, RYDA, and our amazing opportunity in the Interact Clubs at Ryde Secondary and James Ruse. However, when these various people and their support crews visit our Club, they are guests, and they are separate. **My challenge to you is to engage these potential Rotarians.** We won't get a new member out of each conversation, but as a Club and as individuals we can set the groundwork so that these people know that Rotary is the vehicle by which they can affect change in their community and in the world when they do have a vocation or find a passion project.

Unfortunately, I know that we youths can seem to be an alien species to a lot of Rotarians. However, it should not be the case that I am exceptional as a Rotarian under the age of 30. **I am simply fortunate to know that Rotary is the most efficient, effective, accountable and transparent vehicle to change the world, with the bonus of being an organisation of professionals where I can learn, and can always count on good fellowship.**

The DVD of Michael McQueen's presentation on "Engaging the Next Generation in Rotary" seeks to demystify some of the vagaries of my generation, and to help you to make sure we represent the best of Rotary to everyone who comes into contact with our Club. I am happy to lend the DVD if you would like to revisit Part One as viewed on Tuesday, or to explore Part Two on "Strategies for Engaging the Next Generation".

Of course I am not saying that we only want young people in our Club. As I said earlier, we want new members of all backgrounds, professions and ages, looking to serve the community, improve the world, and enjoy good fellowship at Ryde Rotary. But we must be careful not to dismiss the next generations, or make our Club unwelcoming to anyone interested in engaging in the community, regardless of vintage.

Kathryn Dodd

Sept. 5th (Fri)**Kincumber Juglug Fundraising Night**

7:30pm / \$32.50pp / 69 Avoca Dr, Avoca Beach / 4382 1777

Sept. 14th (Sun)**Back 2 Life Fun Run 5 or 10km @ Ryde Rivers Festival**

www.RydeRiversFestival.com / Or sign up for the Royal Rehab Dragonboat!

Oct. 7th (Tues)**Australian Rotary Health Hat Day!**

Partners Night / Prizes! / Wear a hat for \$10 to support mental health reasearch!

Oct. 14th (Tues)**7th Annual Dural Community Golf Classic**

Riverside Oaks Golf Resort / RSVP to Peter Dawson 0411 380 517

Oct. 26th (Sun)**Graffiti Removal Day**

Contact Adrian Hallett if you would like to nominate an area for us to cover!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Michael McQueen's video on the relationship between gen X, gen Y, and Rotary was interesting and well presented, but deserves a serious critique.

He makes the point that younger people are tech-savvy and information-strong, yet claims they don't know what Rotary does. How so, when cyberspace is awash with what we do, and they are surfing it regularly?

Perhaps a credible case can be made to suggest that they've looked, assessed, and we don't match their needs. Equally, they've looked, and other organisations do match their needs, and are thus supported by them.

There are many other groups with which young people (and even older people who are tuned-in to the way the world works these days) can and do affiliate, and they evidently find them more attractive and accessible than Rotary. Our "market share" continues to decline, but that doesn't mean we shouldn't try to make the full-scope service club as attractive as it can be for people who seek that offering. Perhaps our resources would be better applied to finding ways of doing that, rather than to trying to win an arguably fruitless battle for the growth of a style of entity which appeals to a smaller proportion of people today than it did in years past.

PP Rob Mitchell

WE'LL BE SAD IF WE DON'T SEE YOU NEXT TUESDAY!

If you need to give a late apology for non-attendance at any meeting, please contact **Julie Thorp before 10am Monday**.

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Club policy is that you will be expected to pay for your meal if you are absent without timely apology. **Isn't that fair to all concerned?**

This is a follow-up piece after President Kalma's introductory talk last meeting. Its purpose is to provide members with information to enable members in developing an understanding of the organisation with which we are proposing to become involved. For further details and depth see the web links provided in this week's Hub email.

The core point the Trust makes is to invite the question: 'Is it sustainable?'

Under an initiative of the Rotary Club of Sheffield, the Trust was formed in 2007. Initially there were eleven Rotary Clubs in 6 continents including Margaret River (WA) and Naracoorte (SA) from Australia. It came into its present form in 2010 when it became known as "The Sustainability Trust". It is a not-for-profit organisation run by volunteer Rotarians, with all funds and donations being used to further the objectives of the Trust.

Today the Trust is a Global Rotary Club Project of 53 supporting Clubs, from 35 districts, and an email database of more than 1,000 supporting Rotarians world-wide. A selection of projects and activities in place and being undertaken by Clubs already associated with the Trust:

- + **Brunswick, VIC:** Community Solar Project for Brunswick Secondary College: to install 96 solar panels to supply electricity for the school.
- + **Belvoir-Wodonga, VIC:** Planting of over 5000 trees for the Leneva Landcare group.
- + **Gerringong Sunrise, NSW** - Planting native trees in Bilya Park (aboriginal for "children's laughter") - trees that need little water.
- + **Margaret River, WA:** Primary school children learn river and wetlands ecological values from indigenous and catchment management experts.
- + A partnership between the Trust, local **Tanzanian Rotary Clubs** and the UK Sustainable Global Gardens to execute major tree-planting & forest restoration projects in Kilimanjaro to help soil permeability, reduce rain run-off and improve the micro-climate.
- + With a grant from The Trust, **Fresno Club California** and two local Rotary clubs introduce solar cooking to South African townships in Cape Town and Grahamstown.
- + **District 2260, south-east Norway:** with the Romerike Climate Group assists schools in Norway implement the international Green Flag Environmental programme.
- + **Santo André-Norte, Brazil:** A plaque for each sponsoring Club will be attached to each tree the Club plants. Club members from all over the world have sent messages asking for a tree to be named for their club.
- + **Georgetown, Penang:** Food2Food - A programme for schools to recycle their food waste to a bio soil enhancer using the Bio Regen process. This is long term project managed by the **Interact Club** of the schools. The bio-soil enhancer is then used for school gardening projects.
- + **Warkworth NZ:** 'Trees for Survival' invites local primary schools to cultivate native plants on donated land in trust to encourage children to understand importance of native bush, which has been cleared for use and export and has denuded native birds and damaged territory.

Percentage Attendance 26th August: 76.92%

Apologies: PDG Les Whitcroft, PP Adrian Hallett, PP Allen Horrell, PP Artin Etmekdjian, PP Charles Kilby, PP David James, PP Geoffrey Brennan, PP Jan Cutler, Rtn Surinder Joson, Rtn Geoff Nix, Rtn Elisabeth Curcic-Daher, Rtn Pat Mahony, Rtn Victoria Gouel.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sept. 9th Health Habitat - **Paul Pholeros**
Sept. 16th Railway Adventures - **Scott McGregor**
Sept. 23rd Rotaract Today - **Brett Sham**
Sept. 30th Peace Fellow & Ambassadorial Scholar **Karla Castellanos**

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

September 6th 56th Wedding Anniversary for **Peter & Margaret Cooper**

Treat a work of art like a prince. Let it speak to you first.
 - Arthur Schopenhauer

FELIX MORLOCK - FRIDAY NIGHT ROSTER

Felix is currently hosted by John & Janelle Dodd
9980 7337 / 2 York Street, Beecroft

Please confirm your plans in advance with both Felix and the Dodd family!

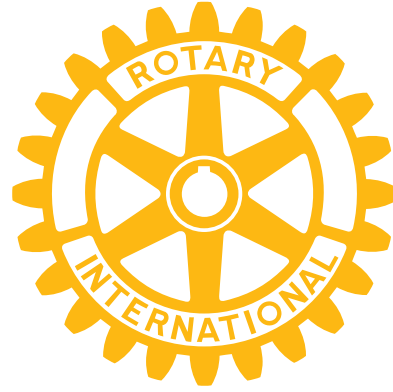
September 5th Felix is available if you have exciting plans!
September 12th Jan Cutler
September 19th Graham & Carolyn Metcalfe

CLUB MEETING DUTY ROSTER

If you are unable to fulfill this duty, please arrange your own swap and inform President Kalma of the change.

DATE	WELCOMERS	TOAST	INTRO	THANKS
09.09	Ian Henderson & Ross Rocca	John Higgins	Pat Mahony	Noel Dunn
16.09	Ken Allen & Julie Thorp	Bob Carroll	Nora Etmekdjian	John Higgins

Rotary



THE ROTARY VISION

Rotary is a worldwide organisation of more than 1.2 million business, professional, and community leaders. Members of Rotary Clubs, known as Rotarians, provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

There are 33,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Clubs are non-political, non-religious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds. As signified by the motto "Service above Self", Rotary's main objective is service - in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world.

ROTARY THANKS

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

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

of the things we say, think & do

1. Is it the Truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill & better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR

Australians all let us rejoice, for we are young and free;
We've golden soil and wealth for toil;
Our home is girt by sea;
Our land abounds in nature's gifts,
of beauty rich and rare;
In history's page, let every stage, Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing, Advance Australia Fair!
