

# The Bulletin

Phillip Island and San Remo  
District 9820



Week 4 : July 2015



## July is the month we celebrate...



### District Governor:

Merv Williams

**President:** Keith Gregory  
5956 8611

**Secretary:** Chris Adams  
0407 887 385

Meeting every **MONDAY** at 6.30pm. Visitors Welcome. RSL, Thompson Ave, Cowes.

## President's Report

District Governor Merv Williams and his wife Christine attended our Club together with Assistant DG Mark Holmes. We had a good member turnout making our guests feel welcome.

Merv met with the Board prior to the member meeting and in general terms he found the Club to be in good shape, which is good news.

Christine addressed members and spoke about a project she and Merv are sponsoring called Healthy Villages (education and equipment) in the Solomon Islands. This is Rotarians Against Malaria (RAMs) project. The Club supported this project with a donation, presented by Vicki to Christine.

Jan Hudson also outlined a project she is sponsoring to provide theatre gowns for children who are being treated by

Interplast. Jan encouraged members and partners to support this project by way of providing/making these gowns. Jan suggested that she organise a get-together to make some when she and Graeme return from leave. If we have any 'handy' members that would like to support this project please let Graeme or Jan know, as they will be appreciative of support.

After dinner Merv spoke to the Club and showed us an entertaining video promoting the District Conference in Wangaratta (in which he and Christine "starred"). Merv encouraged members to attend, as do I. The conference is a great experience and one every member would benefit from.

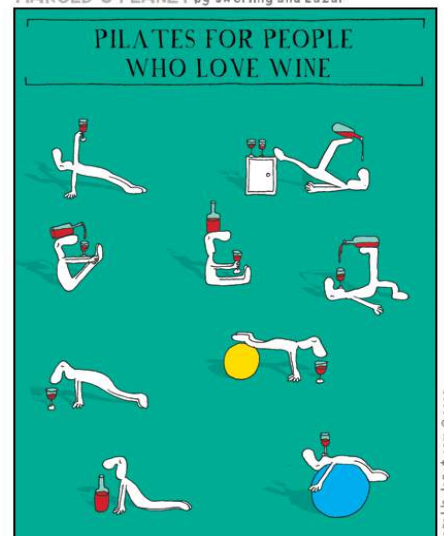
Merv went on to outline some important issues for Rotary including;

**Membership.** Merv encouraged us to think how we can make our

Club more attractive to prospective members. He also suggested we need to think about whether we are fully prepared to bring in new members. He went on to say that we should consider doing some things differently and perhaps take some risks to be more attractive e.g. reducing some traditions. He also suggested we make more use of social media including Facebook/twitter to better communicate with prospects. He encouraged us to ensure that all members were involved in club activities and promoted the need for us to develop a strong succession plan.

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HAROLD'S PLANET by Swerling and Lazar



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**NEXT MEETING: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July. RSL Anzac Room**

**Speaker:** Member behind the badge; Lyn Greene.

**Apologies & Guests:** Please advise John Tennant on ph: 0418 919 009 by 3pm.

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**Polio;** Merv spoke about the success Rotary has had in eradicating Polio. At this stage only three countries are finding cases and only three cases have been detected this year. He encouraged us to continue our support.

**“Be a gift to the world”.** Merv also encouraged us to find ways and means to promote this year’s theme for Rotary locally, Australia-wide and internationally. Everyone has something they are good at – how can that gift benefit others?

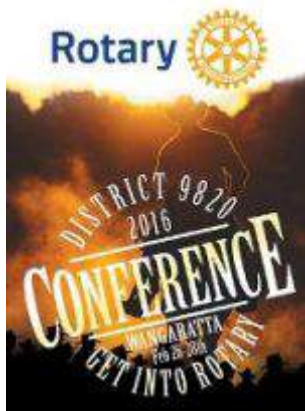
Questions and comments followed particularly about membership, e.g.

- The feeling that traditions of Rotary are important to some members and Merv commented that it is up to our Club to decide the path ahead
- A feeling that we need to place particular emphasis on membership retention, indeed putting this ahead of bringing in new members

I will ensure that Merv’s comments and those of our members are taken into account both by the Board and membership as a whole.

Overall an entertaining and useful meeting enjoyed by some 25 Rotarians and partners and it was great to have Peter and Lyn back after Peter’s knee operation, as well as Snow from a similar surgery.

Yours in Rotary  
Keith



# Newhaven Breakfast Club – Duty Roster

**Term Three Dates:**  
13 July – 18 Sept

28 <sup>th</sup> July	Phil Dressing	Kon Cili
4 <sup>th</sup> August	John Tennant	
11 <sup>th</sup> August	Vicki Dingley	Joy Ball
18 <sup>th</sup> August		
25 <sup>th</sup> August	Phil Dressing	
1 <sup>st</sup> September	Vicki Dingley	Joy Ball
8 <sup>th</sup> September		
15 <sup>th</sup> September		

Please make a note in your diary of the days you are on duty as you will not necessarily be reminded the evening prior. If you are unable to complete your duty please find a replacement or phone Kirsty 0459 494 666 at the earliest so other arrangements can be made. Many thanks.

## MEETING DATES

### 27<sup>th</sup> July: Short Meeting

Behind the badge

### 3<sup>rd</sup> August: Dinner Meeting

Speaker: Tony Carraro  
talks about his family's  
involvement with drugs.

Speaker: Kimberly Brown

### 10<sup>th</sup> August: Short Meeting

Speaker: BCSC staff  
Robyne Young and Jodi Kennedy  
provide an update on the Cowes  
Activity Centre

## Politeness

Civilized; showing  
regard for others;  
a courteous manner.

**A little courtesy would be  
appreciated... please RSVP  
to each meeting if you are  
NOT attending.**

**Rotary Invocation:** For good  
food and good fellowship and  
the opportunity of service  
through Rotary, we give  
thanks.

**The Toast:** "To Australia,  
Rotary and the Queen" Or  
"To Australia and Rotary"

## JULY MEETING DUTIES

### Cashiers:

Carron Bourke & Joyce Ball

### Set Up:

Peter Kelly & John Tennant

## CELEBRATIONS

### Birthdays

Rob Leversha 23<sup>rd</sup> July

Damian Jones 27<sup>th</sup> July

Helen Excell 29<sup>th</sup> July

## Social Media 101

You have surely heard the term "social  
media"... humour me and nod "yes" because  
you must have heard of Facebook, at least. If  
not, ***"get with the program gramps!!"*** It is

time to learn old dog ;-)

We have a Facebook page and we want you to "like" it and to  
**contribute** to it, **respectfully**.

Please hover over the Facebook icon on the left and open our  
page by clicking the icon. Here you will read about things in our  
Club and you may also see things that are going on in other clubs  
if they have been "shared" with our page. To see our page you do  
not need a Facebook account. To contribute to it you do...

If anyone would like to contribute I would be extremely grateful,  
given you follow e-etiquette. Please feel free to post to our page,  
or if in doubt email me information and I will post it for you if  
appropriate. Come on folks, get social and let's see how many  
more likes we can get! We are beginning to track well...



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## Visit to The Rotary Club of Penang

We arrived in Penang on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July and attended The Rotary Club of Penang's Dinner meeting that night at Hotel Jen where we are staying. It was great that the President William Wee had also invited the ladies of The Inner Wheel Club of Penang to the meeting.

The Rotary Club of Penang is the oldest Club on the Malay Peninsular. It was Chartered on 8<sup>th</sup> October 1930, as part of District 3300, having 71 members. It will be celebrating the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the club in October with a Gala Dinner. Over the years it has sponsored 5 Rotary clubs, 8 Interact Clubs and 1 Rotaract club.

Some of the ongoing projects are: -

- A Youth Centre that provides educational and recreational facilities to keep youths off the street and helps them to become useful citizens
- A Joblink Centre that trains and helps physically challenged people to gain employment
- 2 Kidney Dialysis Centres that are equipped with 23 state of the art haemodialysis machines so that renal failure patients have access to these at affordable prices and/or free to the most deserving cases.
- Home Nursing for the Elderly
- Wheel chair club
- Skate Park.

Other ongoing projects are: -

- Gift of Life 2 – a fund to assist children who need cardiac surgery in partnership with the Rotary Club of New York and the Penang Adventist Hospital.
- Rotary Arts Foundation scholarships
- Rotary medical and surgical fund to help send children to Australia who require cranio-facial surgery.
- The Rotary Tsunami fund in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Balwyn to help the survivors and victims of the Tsunami.

As you can see they are an extremely active club, one of 6 in the State of Penang.

They were very interested to hear about our club, the projects we do and what our Island is like. It was amazing to find that 4 Rotarians and Inner Wheel members had visited the Island. President William and I exchanged banners during the meeting.

It was a great night of fun and fellowship for all.

The next day one of the Inner Wheel ladies took us to see a wonderfully restored Heritage Hotel called Yeng Keng in the heart of Georgetown and then on to lunch at a local café called Moh Teng Pheow Nyonya Koay. The setting was fantastic, tucked away down a little lane way and the food was superb. We would never have found it ourselves. What a great start to our holiday!!

Dianne and Ian Barlow



Exchanging banners with President William Lee



Answering questions



Inner Wheel and Rotary Ladies



Lunch with our host Sally Koh

