

The Bulletin

Phillip Island and San Remo
District 9820



Week 1: June 2016



June is Fellowship Month



District Governor:

Merv Williams

President: Keith Gregory
5956 8611

Secretary: Chris Adams
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Meetings are most MONDAYs at 6.00 for 6.30pm. Visitors Welcome. RSL Cowes.

President's Report

How pleasing it was to have over 30 members, partners and guests attending this special night. It was also a special night having Matthew Jackson, Chief Executive Officer, Phillip Island Nature Parks as our guest speaker and also having Past District Governor Dennis Heslin in attendance for a special presentation.

This special presentation was an inspiring tribute to Gloria Opitz when Dennis presented her with a Paul Harris Fellowship for the work she has done for our Club and Rotary as a whole. Gloria has and still is a stalwart in her work at our OP Shop. She has in the past been an outstanding Bulletin editor and continues to support Max in his roles within the Club.

We then heard from Matt Jackson who presented in detail and with pride the history and work undertaken by the Phillip Island Nature Parks (PINP, its significant contribution to the National, State and local economies, and its future plans. As Matthew said, Phillip Island's iconic Penguin Parade, one of Victoria's most popular tourist

attractions, will receive a much needed upgrade, boosting jobs and tourism in regional Victoria. The Labor Government will provide \$48.2 million in the 2016/17 Victorian Budget for a major redevelopment of the attraction's Visitor Centre, replacing the outdated 1988 facility with a larger and better equipped centre that has a smaller environmental footprint.

Tourism is vital for jobs in regional Victoria, and the Nature Park is the area's largest employer. The fund will help boost regional tourism and drive new jobs across Victoria. This major redevelopment in Phillip Island will create 620 new jobs a year, including around 110 construction personnel while redevelopment is underway. Phillip Island Nature Parks already supports 1,350 full time jobs. PINP is one of Australia's most popular wildlife attractions with over 600,000 visitors a year, with this project potentially increasing visitation by more than 20 per cent over ten years. It is also home to world leading research and preservation efforts to protect seabirds and other threatened species. Over eight hectares of habitat will also be restored back to the Island's penguin colonies, with the Nature Parks better placed to achieve environmental outcomes by reducing



Club Changeover

Sunday 26th June
@ the Adventure Resort.
12 noon for 12.30 pm.
\$55.00 inc. lunch and some wine.
Some drinks will be available for sale.
Entertainment Cecile LeBlanche.
RSVP to [Phil Dressing](#)

impacts on penguins and increasing penguin habitat. Phillip Island Nature Parks will add \$10 million to the project for a total cost of \$58.2 million. It was terrific to hear that the Island's penguin colonies will be restored and rehabilitated through this funding. This is a great outcome for the environment and the community.

Matthews's presentation really made us all proud of having such an iconic

NEXT MEETING: Monday 20th June. RSL Cowes, Anzac Room
Speaker: Club Assembly

RSVP: Please advise attendance to Ian Milton 0412 198 382 or email ausheat@bigpond.com by 10am on Monday at the latest.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS:

June 13: No Meeting

June 20: Club Assembly

June 26: Club Changeover

attraction here on our Island. The Phillip Island Nature Park is not only a fantastic tourist attraction but it also delivers conservation benefits to the region. Matthew and his team are to be congratulated on their efforts.

My sincere thanks to Dennis Heslin for making the effort to join us on the night. He is a Rotarian whom we all respect and is always welcome at our Club. We also pass on our best wishes to Merv Williams who sincerely apologised for not being able to join us for this occasion and trust his wife is recovering from her illness.

My thanks also go to Peter for handling the Sergeant's sessions over the last couple of weeks in the absence of Ian who is away interstate.

Youth Report

Brian once again updated us on the Youth work he and his team are managing. It is impressive to see the extent of the work they are handling, Youth Exchange, RYPEN, RYLA, NYSF and School breakfasts. It is equally great to see that these efforts are getting publicity in our local Newspaper. Brian and his team are once again to be congratulated on their efforts.

Disaster Aid

John O'Rielly, Director of Disaster Aid Australia presented Vicki, our International Director with a Certificate of Thanks for the work and funding our Club has completed for Disaster Aid Australia. We are humble and grateful for this presentation and are equally aware of what DAA do for people in need outside Australia.

Our OP Shop

Reg advised that the Op Shop is still progressing well and still needs further support from members to volunteer for work in the Shop, as well we need further efforts to increase our list of volunteers outside the Club. I encourage members, who are able; to think about offering their services, say once a month. As well we need to put further effort into the recruitment of volunteers. If you have good ideas in this regard please put your recommendations forward.

Preparation for our forthcoming Assembly meeting 20 June.

I further requested members to complete and return the survey questionnaire as to how to further strengthen our Club. The survey will let us know what you want maintained or changed, give us advice as to how you can assist. In essence it gives you input into our future. **Please don't miss the chance to have your say!! If you can't handle this on line please drop it in to me /post it back or drop it into the OP Shop where I will retrieve it.**

Op Shop Volunteers "thankyou" Lunch Wednesday 15 June at The Adventure Resort 1200 for 1230.

You are encouraged to attend this function to show our volunteers in person how much we respect and appreciate the work our volunteers do for our Club. We need their support and they need to know how much we appreciate it. Please let me know if you are able to attend.

Regards, President Keith



Congratulations To Our Paul Harris Fellow

For services over many years, including more than 15 years as Bulletin Editor (*ed; Outstanding! Can we convince you to take it back on?*) and a stalwart at the Op Shop. Thank you for your continued service Gloria. Award presented by Past District Governor Dennis Heslin



Super Celebrations!



A very proud Max and Gloria Opitz



Vicki receives a certificate of thanks from Director of Disaster Aid Australia John O'Rielly



Check the bling! Nice work team



Matthew Jackson shares plans for the new penguin parade building with us – very exciting.



Ted and Gwen clearly look up to our 'decorated' members and speakers.



Duty Roster

Cashiers: Max Opitz....and....Reg Excell
Set up/Pack up: Tony Cistillo...and...Brian Holloway



Birthdays: Dianne Barlow 9-Jun
Anniversary: John Carruthers 12-Jun



Days For Girls is a wonderful project that the International Team is working on and would benefit from more support from members and friends.

You do not necessarily need sewing skills to help on this project and nor do you need to be a girl! There are plenty of trimming and cutting and organisational jobs to do as well as sewing. All equipment provided and training given. Sessions are held once a month at PICAL on the first Tuesday of each month commencing 10 am. Coffee and tea provided. You can stay all day but if you can't manage all day just come along for however long you can. People have been very generous with donating materials but we need help to make the product.



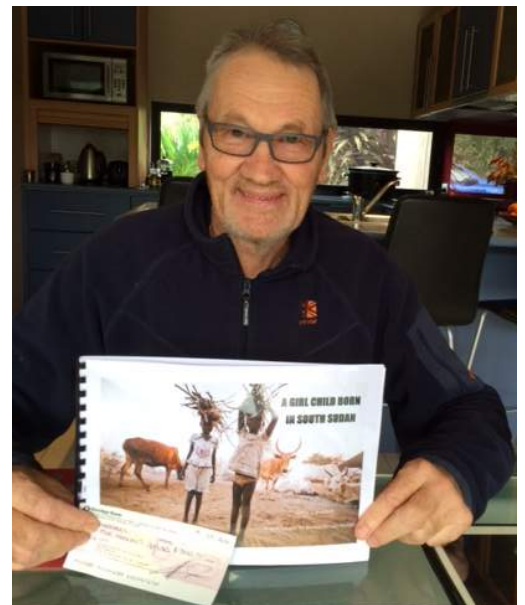
BRYN'S SCHOOL

George Hendry happily received a cheque for \$500 towards Bryn's School.

He was very badly injured in a school roof collapse in Nepal in March, where he was volunteering to help rebuild a school for 800 children that was damaged in the earthquake. He has endured several operations to restore his damaged foot and is now undergoing home rest and rehab. When he is mobile again he plans to return to continue his work. He has just recently commenced walking slowly unaided.

He is pictured here showing off his cheque from our Club and a draft copy of a wonderfully written and illustrated book he also plans to get published, which details the life of a young South Sudanese girl and her life journey. Funds that will be raised from this venture will of course be directed to further help the School for girls in Bor, South Sudan that George still helps.

He is looking forward to revisit our Club and give an update on Bryn's school adventures and to thank us for our continued support. We wish him a full and speedy recovery.



Rotary Club Changeover Schedule & Invitations

Rotary Club Foster; Monday 20th June 6.00 for 6.30 at Foster Football Clubrooms, Station Road, Foster.

Rotary Club Wonthaggi; Friday 24th June 6.30 for 7.00 at Wonthaggi Golf Club \$30 pp semi formal. Welcome Graeme Sprague as the new President.



Rotary Club Koo Wee Rup-Lang Lang; Wednesday 29 June 6.15 for 6.45 at Tooradin and District Sports Club, Recreation Reserve South Gippsland Highway, Tooradin.

District Changeover; Sunday, 3rd July

District Governor Merv. Williams and District Governor Elect Lynne Westland.

Venue: Warragul Country Club, 41 Sutton Street, Warragul, Time 12.00 noon for 12.30 P.M. Cost is: \$40.00 per person (Two course meal, drinks at bar prices) Payments **not accepted** on the day of Changeover.

RSVP • Friday, 17th June, District Secretary Elect, David Cahill Email: dcsoche@gmail.com Please advise any dietary requirements at this time.

Payment Details: • EFT - Rotary International District 9820, BSB No. 633108 Acc. No. 136773942. Description "Changeover & your surname" • Cheque - Rotary International District 9820 PO Box 4455, Langwarrin 3910

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24th-26th March 2017**

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Motor Inn - \$149 - Queen and Single Bed
Water Edge - \$159 - Double and Single Bed or 1 King Bed
Tower City/Mountain - \$179
Tower Harbour - \$189
Tower Executive Suite - \$269

All rates are per room, per night, room only based on 1 or 2 adults in the room.

Extra adults can be added to most room types for \$40 per person.

Please note:

Motor Inn and Water Edge do not have walk in showers.

Tower rooms have a choice of shower over bath or walk in shower

Tower rooms have a choice of Queen and Single Bed or 1 King Bed

If there is a specific request for either of these options please call 1800 139 760 to book direct over the phone from 9.00am - 6.00pm Monday - Friday

