

The Bulletin

Phillip Island and San Remo
District 9820



Week 2: March 2016



March is Water and Sanitation Month

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Meetings are most MONDAYs at 6.00 for 6.30pm. Visitors Welcome. RSL Cowes.

President's Report

We still have a busy and interesting four months ahead of us this year and I encourage all members to continue to be involved, attending our forthcoming events, our committee meetings, our Monday dinner meetings and putting forward your ideas to Committee Chairs and myself for ways to improve our Club. It's only by being involved that we will continue to enjoy Rotary.

For members who were not at Mondays meeting you should be aware of changes made to the Club's Board. Pam Rothfield has taken over Community Services from Carron Bourke and Brian Holloway has taken over the Youth Committee. My sincere thanks to Carron for the work he has done for us and for agreeing to continue on the Committee and best wishes to Pam and Brian. It was really great to see both committees meeting at the RSL prior to the Club meeting. It is with regret that we advised Kon Cili has resigned. He advised that at the moment he has insufficient time to continue but is willing to assist with some of our events. Thanks Kon for your valuable and valued work with the Club.

Our forward program contains a few changes and events as follows;

The RSL has advised that we cannot meet in the ANZAC room on Monday 11 and 18 April as they are hosting an exhibition from the Australian War Memorial in the ANZAC room over that period. Alternative meeting details will be advised soon.

We will be handling the parking for the V8's at the track on Saturday and Sunday 16 and 17 April from 0700 to 1300 each day. An attendance sheet was passed around on Monday and will be further distributed before the event as we still need further volunteers. Please put the dates in your diary.

We have agreed once again to assist with the ANZAC Day pre-march event, on Monday 25 April, with a sausage sizzle and coffee. Again, as for the V8's, an attendance sheet was passed around on Monday and will be further distributed before the event.

Phil let members know of details of the Rotary Centurion Club and had application information with him. As many of you know the Rotary Centurion Club is a convenient and personal way of supporting The Rotary Foundation by way of donating A\$100 per year (or more if you so wish), for as long as you are

in a position to do so. This is an opportunity for Rotarians and non-Rotarians alike to support the humanitarian work of the Rotary Foundation. The Centurion program of The Rotary Foundation provides a wonderful opportunity for Rotarians and non-Rotarians to make a contribution to the great humanitarian work of The Rotary Foundation - OUR FOUNDATION. As Phil said Centurion donations are a personal contribution to the Rotary Foundation and are recorded in the name of the donor on the Rotary International website. Individual confidentiality is respected as requested. In many circumstances donations also contribute to the cost of naming the donor or another person as a Paul Harris Fellow. Your personal donation will help communities and individuals in desperate need of our support

Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker this week was Mark Donaldson, who is an ex-president of the Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club, who spoke about Good Will Bills. In essence Goodwill Bills is an easy-to-use online platform that enables not-for-profits, their supporters and the businesses that supply them with critical services

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NEXT MEETING: Monday 21st March. RSL Cowes

Speaker: Free to Shine – Kimberley Konisberry

RSVP: Please **advise attendance** to John Tennant 0418 919 009 by 3pm on Monday at the latest.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS:

14th and 28th March no meetings.

April 2016

April 4: San Remo Hotel – San Remo

April 11: Isola di Capri – Cowes

A Great Team Effort Delivers for Fiji

A combined effort between members of four Rotary Clubs has seen a new computer lab set up in a remote school in Fiji. The project kicked off when PP Ken Engsmyr of RC Parkes was offered 25 computers from Northparkes Mine.

Having visited Fiji with a team from RC Parkes to work at Koroipita, formerly the Fiji Rotahomes Project, under team leader Liz McDougall, Honorary Member of RC Brookvale, Ken suggested they go to a school in Fiji.

Liz has been assisting the Ra Maternity Hospital, a three hour drive north east of Nadi, for almost 20 years and was aware of a new high school opposite. With Ken co-ordinating the computers and Liz the Fiji details, Rod Smith, RC Dee Why Warringah loaned his ute and muscles to get the computers to Port Botany and RC Lautoka, Fiji, looked after the shipment and transportation Fiji side. Also on the team was Ken's nephew James Moss, an IT guru who was invaluable in setting up the computers at St Francis Xavier College in Navinibutu. At the hotel they were staying in they met Carron Bourke from RC Philip Island, Vic and he joined the team for a couple of days.

On the day they arrived the school principal Mikaele Waqnbau was absent as he was in Suva putting his case for a computer teacher for next year to the Department of Education! Granted!

"Having computers will make a real difference," said Mr Waqnbau. "It will give our students a chance to go on to vocational training or university." The students were so excited when the computers arrived – they are from Fiji's rural interior and none of their families have computer or internet. Their only contact with computers had been seeing the teachers' computers in the staff room. (These were very basic and James spent time fixing numerous and varied problems on them.)

The school thanked the visitors, garlanding them with salusalus and providing them with beautiful tropical fruit and cakes during their visits over the four days.

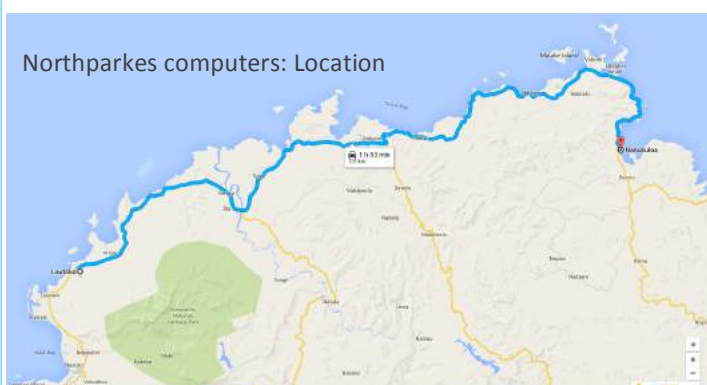
All involved in the project have learnt a lot and hope to replicate the project to other schools. They have written a detailed paper on better ways to organise such a project – if this is useful to anyone contact Liz at lizmcd@optusnet.com.au



St Francis Xavier College staff with Liz McDougall, James Moss and Ken Engsmyr (L to R) and their USBs and computer room



PP RC Parkes Ken Engsmyr, James Moss, Honorary Rtn RC Brookvale Liz McDougall and RC Philip Island Carron Bourke



Results: Computer lab at St Francis School

- 15 computers donated with 10 extras for "spares"
- When delivered, all 25 computers worked – with three we had to refit memory cards
- 20 installed at St Francis with 2 x spares in full working order; 2 equipped for internet
- 3 installed at homework centre in Koroipita Village

NOTE: This village was not affected by the recent cyclone.