

The Bulletin

Phillip Island and San Remo
District 9820



Week 2: October 2015



October is Economic & Community Development Month



District Governor:

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

President's Report

Another interesting and entertaining meeting last Monday with our guest speakers coming from Grossard Court, Rosemary Pace Residential Manager and Leanne Braun Clinical Manager. Grossard Court is owned by Sapphire Care who enjoy an excellent reputation as a leading provider of Aged Care services. With an ageing population here on Phillip Island and a changing regulatory environment, Grossard Court provides strong leadership, management and service delivery to assist their residents thrive in their golden years. Apart from providing first class service they also a great deal of effort to provide their residents with excellent environmental conditions. We were provided with a set of photographs depicting our Phillip Island surroundings which adorn the walls of Grossard Court.

Rosemary has invited our club to

meet with residents and staff at Grossard Court to have a closer look at the services and environment provided. It was obvious from the way both Rosemary and Leanne answered the many and varied questions asked by members that not only are they professional but also very caring people.

Grand prix

We received a briefing from Ted regarding the MotoGP and parking situation. We were also briefed by Helen Excell regarding our individual working arrangements and were provided with our passes for entry to the track. My and our thanks to both Ted and Helen for their efforts for this important fund raising and fun event. My sincere thanks to all our members and others who have volunteered to assist us with this event.

Ted also expanded on what I raised at our last meeting that it is doubtful that we will be undertaking parking for the Super Bikes and V8's because the track

wishes to have one provider undertaking this work both inside and outside the track. If this happens it will be very disappointing for us to lose the funds this provides for our work here and overseas.

OP Shop.

Reg briefed us on a possible new arrangement to have well selected people who need to work under the "Work for the Dole" arrangement to assist our current volunteers. The idea was well accepted by members present and will now be processed by the Board in conjunction with Reg.

Visit to Dutson Downs

Peter provided a debrief on the vocational visit to Dutson Downs. It was obvious that all who went on the trip learned a lot about the site and what they produce and as well had a great time.



NEXT MEETING: Monday 19th October. **Anzac Room & Bistro**

Speaker: A THANK YOU to all MotoGP Volunteers – Please come along for a fun night of appreciation and fellowship.

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

A Fragrant Day Out – Vocational Visit to Dutson Downs

Eleven 'special' Rotarians ventured over the hill and far away for a vocational visit to Gippsland Water's Soil and Organics Recycling Facility (SORF) at Dutson Downs last Friday. One of the 'special' folk was from the Wonthaggi Rotary Club and three others masqueraded as Rotarians for the day.

David Mawer (Kirsty's husband) is Managing Director of this facility. They do not take the public through, but we were privileged as a Rotary Club to have a one-off visit. It pays to know the right people, obviously.

The SORF is owned & operated by Gippsland Water. It is a not for profit organisation & it cuts even. It is situated in the Sale region mainly because of its proximity to Esso/Longford gas, APM paper processing plant at Watervale, the neighbouring milk processing plants as well as dealing with sewerage from Loch Sport & Sale. It is on 8300 hectares, has 37 staff and is valued at \$1B. They take waste from anywhere in the State. It is a growth industry. The only thing they get from the State Govt. is gratitude.

Once out of the bus the smell hit us. **STRONG! UNPLEASANT!** The more sensitive of us wondered how we were going to cope. However we all suffered from Olfactory Fatigue & we all got used to it. We were told to wear solid shoes. We had to watch our step in places. We were told not to touch anything because they could not guarantee what we might pick up. That was unnerving.

On the left as you arrive is where they process all the "clean" green waste. 80 double BWs a week on average supply this area. There are umpteen 200m long Winrows where the waste is "cured" for 6 weeks before all the rubbishy stuff like metal & plastic bags are removed. They are experimenting adding some of the nitrogenous waste to it. They then mince it up to look & feel like dirt. It needs more nitrogen & other additives to make it a complete fertiliser.

The right side is where the contaminated waste has to be treated. Fluids go into vats & allowed to stand. When they have settled they are drained serially. A cocktail of this waste is put into large concrete containers producing an exothermic reaction (heat producing) burning off some of the contaminants.

Stuff from Esso has a high salt content and when purified is returned to the sea. Biological waste seems to be treated like sewerage. Weak radioactive material appears to be dumped in a paddock miles from anywhere. Asbestos is buried in a pit in heavily clayed soil, lined with plastic & has to be covered with dirt within 2 hours. It is all perfectly safe.

The total amount of solid waste returned to landfill in a year is about the equivalent 1 double BW full.

There was plenty of chatter on the bus, mainly from the farmers who played catch up. On the way home there were one or two who had a quiet snooze. Poor David probably slept well that night. At one stage over lunch Kirsty had to intervene so that David could get a bite to eat.

The beer at the Westernport was welcome as was the fellowship. Thanks to David, Kirsty & Ian; it was a good day.

Report by Graeme Hudson.



Rogues Gallery





Check out the calendar on our website for current and future events listings.
<http://rotary-phillipisland-sanremo.org.au/calendar/>

Feel free to advise of any other events that you are aware of that may interest Rotarians as these can be easily added to the calendar and to Facebook.

Speakers are confirmed for all meetings and we look forward to seeing many of you at our weekly meetings.

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"



Newhaven Breakfast Club - Duty Roster

Meeting Duty Roster

20 th October	Peter	Lyn
27 th October	John Tennant	Maggie Cross
3 rd November	Melbourne Cup Holiday	
10 th November	Kon	John & Stevie
17 th November	Joy	Vicki
24 th November	John & Stevie	David Brewster
1 st December	Joy	Vicki
8 th December	Marj 5956 7777	

Duties for October

Set Up/Dismantle: Kon Cili and Brian Holloway

Cashiers: Joyce Ball and John Tennant

Let's Celebrate!

Recent Birthdays

Jan Dressing 5th Oct
 Geoff Coleman 20th Oct



Newhaven Primary School from 0800-0915 every Tuesday.



Social Media Workshop – LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER

21st October 2015 from 1330-1630 @ PICAL in Cowes – behind Info Cntr.

BYO device – WiFi enabled – Please Email questions, frustrations, concerns prior so a productive session can be planned – even if it is just the topic you want to cover, i.e. facebook, twitter, uploading images, texting???

RSVP info@rotary-phillipisland-sanremo.org.au or phone or text Kirsty on 0459 494 666.

So far NO confirmed registrations have been received so this will be cancelled if no registrations are confirmed by Monday 19th Oct.

Please Sign This Petition

"Australian Foreign Minister, Julie Bishop: Aus Gov't, please don't slash funding for polio eradication just when the end is in sight!"

Please click the link below or go to the Change.org website and search for the petition and add your name to the petition to Government. This is crucial!

https://www.change.org/p/australian-foreign-minister-julie-bishop-aus-gov-t-please-don-t-slash-funding-for-polio-eradication-just-when-the-end-is-in-sight?recruiter=389639708&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=share_email_responsive

