

DOUG'S DEPUTY'S DEADLINE

We celebrated the horse's birthday on 1 August with many of our members away. We were very pleased to have Assistant Governor Ken Wall and former Healesville Rotarian Peter Skilbeck sharing the meeting with us. It was good to hear of the progress of Stan Harper and Graham Sharman and we hope Bob Neilson is enjoying the sun in Queensland. Sergeant Stu extracted over \$32 with his customary ease. John Donaghey told us of bygone holiday experiences on a farm on the Goulburn River, speaking of tiger snakes, rifles and bridges.

In introducing our guest speaker, Chairman Warwick drew on his experience with a Seeing Eye Dog's kidney. We were privileged to hear direct from the CEO of Disaster Aid Australia, Jenni Heenan. Jenni, a member of the Rotary Club of Hampton, spoke of the history of the organisation and how it had originated from ShelterBox. Her talk was liberally illustrated with slides depicting the amazing progress the organisation has made in disaster relief in Pakistan, the Sudan, Haiti and other disaster areas. In passing, she mentioned working with the District Governor for North Pakistan and Afghanistan (any volunteers for his job). Jenni was presented with a cheque for \$600 to help in disaster relief.

Partners are invited next week as we have two speakers - Jo Beilby from the anti-malarial program Rotarians Against Malaria and Jahangir Alam from Bangladesh on Walk for Life- a Rotary project dealing with congenital club feet

Enjoy your week ahead as we all seek to serve beyond our own little patch.

President Elect Bob

MEETING REPORT FOR 1 AUGUST 2011

Present Meeting Report 1 August

The meeting was chaired by Warwick Stott. Three visitors: Ken Wall (Assist Gov), Peter Skilbeck and the guest speaker Jenni Heenan from RC of Hampton. We had a lot away due to holidays, work and illness. Stan Harper is hoping to go home from the Peter James Centre soon. John Donaghey told of camping holidays and snakes.

The fines session raised \$32.40 for the foundation. The sarge was "thwarted" by Demon Bob having to attend a work Board meeting. Therefore, there was no "minute's silence" for the Grand Old Flag. Members who had brought handkerchiefs to pass on to Bob took them home clean. The sarge managed to scrounge fines using - "The Demons are like the little girl with the curl. When they are good, they are very, very good, but when they are bad, they are woeful." He did not gloat but thought 200 points would have been neater than 186 - messy.

Our guest speaker outlined how Disaster Aid International came about - and the split from ShelterBox. Some clubs in Australia, Canada the USA and UK and Ireland are backing DAI. Jenni had a good PowerPoint presentation and we saw - the box, tents and a Skyhydrant (which sounds fantastic). It can produce up to 80,000 litres of drinking water per day. The Pakistani floods displaced 23 million people - DAI went in to help. A box is given to a family and they sign for it. DAI are now in Sudan. All DAI materials are in Rotary colours - their boxes are truly boxes of hope, dignity and safety.

Acting Pres (and injured) Bob Laslett closed the meeting.

STRATHDON FETE 2012

Joan Harper has advised that the fete has been cancelled for 2012. No more chocolate-coated snowballs!

CLUB MEMBER TALKS

Club members can select from the following range of subjects for their talks:

- My 15 seconds of fame!
- What I am most proud of;
- I got a kick out of...;
- My most enjoyable holiday.

The idea is that speaker can select whichever of the topics appeals to them.

STROKE A CHORD CHOIR'S PUBLIC DEBUT PERFORMANCE

Tickets are now available for the Choir's public debut performance. Stroke A Chord's debut performance is to be held in the theatre at the Karralyka Centre in Ringwood on Saturday 17 September as part of stroke week.

Tickets are \$12 Adult \$8 Concession \$5 Child

Stroke-a-Chord is a choir composed of stroke survivors with aphasia (loss of speech after stroke). The members can sing even though they can't speak. The choir sang at a performance for family and friends in September 2010. Over 160 people attended and the choir members reported increased self-confidence and improved self-esteem as a consequence of this successful performance.

This project prepares Stroke-a-Chord choir for two public performances in 2011. By performing in public, the choir members will experience further increased self-esteem and improved social communicative interaction which both contribute to improved quality of life. Performances provide positive emotional experiences, are invaluable opportunities for self-expression and they "showcase" the stroke survivors developing abilities in music and singing

FOREST HILL'S MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

We publish the table below to keep us aware of the challenge.

Membership at the beginning of the year	Current Membership	Change
18	18	-

BREAKFAST QUIZ & BRAIN EXERCISER

This week's question

Is there a national flag that is not the same on both sides?

Answer next week.

Answers to last week's questions:

Q1. Does bone china contain bone? Answer Yes

Q2. Was Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, born in Ireland or did he have Irish parents? Answer No and No

Q3. Does any number from 1 - 100 have the letter "a" in it when written out? Answer No

TRIVIA

1. Most men lose 40 per cent of their muscle between the ages of 30 and 80.
2. More than 75 per cent of women say their favourite thing to do in bed is read.
3. Scientists have designed a system to read a zebra's stripes as a barcode so it can be identified.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS

6 August 2011	District National Youth Science Forum interviews
7 August 2011	District Youth Exchange - outbound students orientation
8 August 2011	Club meeting
12 August 2011	District - Applications for Group Study Exchange Team Leader close
12 August 2011	District - Presidents and Assistant Governors Meeting
12 August 2011	District - Youth Exchange mid-year dinner
13 August 2011	Blackburn Craft Market

14 August 2011	Whitehorse Farmers Market
14 August 2011	District - Youth Exchange inbound student orientation
15 August 2011	Club meeting
19 August 2011	District - College of Governors meeting
22 August 2011	Club meeting
29 August 2011	Club meeting

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