

# ROTARY CLUB OF SALE INC.

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## WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF SALE.

**Club President**  
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**R.I. President**  
William (Bill) Boyd  
**District Governor**  
Dennis Heslin  
**Assistant Governor**  
Brian Norris

**Chairman:** Leo O'Brien

**September is New Generations Month**

### PRESIDENTS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

- President Grant indicated there would be a board meeting on Wednesday 20 Sep at 5pm in Daniel's office.
- The Sale Show roster has been prepared. Please check the times and gates you have been allocated to work.
- Grant has received a request from Gay Davies for the RC of Sale to again organise the Australia Day functions.
- The Go Youth camp is to happen again with Mike Smith the co-ordinator. The Sale Club is expected to provide some manpower for this very worthwhile event.
- The cost for the Night at Stratford will be \$15 each. You may wish to take your own beverages (with discretion).
- Grant informed members that the District supports the Young Carers Program.
- A number of Rotarians attended the Champions of the Bush Leadership Oration and Grant said that the speakers were very good.
- Col Counsell informed members that a venue was still being sought for the Grand Final function (see below).
- Don Ripper will be running a silent film night on Saturday 7 October commencing at 7:30 pm in the Maffra Memorial Hall.

### **Guest Speaker:** Ted Dawson – Accommodation for the Disabled

Chairman Leo introduced guest speaker Ted Dawson who has a 30-year-old son, Craig, with multiple sclerosis. This started him on a search for accommodation for young disabled people and discovered that the only facilities available are for old-aged people.

Ted asked himself the question "What will happen when he and his wife can no longer look after Craig?" He soon realised that setting aside a sum of money such as a superannuation payout would not be sufficient to provide for Craig's needs. What Craig needed was somewhere appropriate to live with people of similar age who could support each other and be as independent as possible. Ted began to explore all the avenues and contacted the Department of Human Services about community housing for disabled people. A meeting was arranged which Ted attended and found that he was one of eight people there, seven of whom were from Government departments.

Ted learnt that if he could find the people and 25% of the funding required, the DHS would supply the rest. He was given many leads but always seemed to come up against barriers that prevented his ideas to be fulfilled. Ted said he hoped to find a block of land large enough to build four lots of units, each able to accommodate four people with their own facilities.

At one point Ted was given 30 days to submit a funding application, but he found that the land needed for the project was not available. A single block is not sufficient for the plans as the units built on it would not meet Council building regulations. However, in the course of his enquiries, Ted



Chairman Leo and guest speaker, Ted Dawson

came across Marie Davidson from the Community Housing Trust. Marie indicated that there was land available in McCole Street, Sale and Ted found that she had some positive information about a fully-funded project. He also learnt that DHS is keen to put up something in Sale as a model for the rest of Australia although the project would possibly be limited to accommodation for eight people.

The units would need to be supervised 24 hours per day, seven days a week, probably by a single person, with extra care at meal times possibly coming from outside sources. Ted felt that this would be outside the role that Rotary could provide but believed that Rotary could perhaps help with improving and maintaining the facilities, by providing gym equipment or a bus. He also thought that Rotary could be involved in the selection process of who should be admitted to the units as this could prove to be a difficult area, especially when the demand for accommodation exceeds the room available.

Ted's talk generated a lot of interest with questions coming from many members. In answering these questions, Ted explained that the facility would be managed by E. W. Tipping, which also manages the George Gray Centre in Maffra. He also pointed out that in the ideal situation the units would consist of single self-contained flats with a common lounge. Although a garden would be nice it is more important to have more accommodation. When the units are fully accommodated with 16 people, there would be a need for a nurse. Ted invited a Rotarian to attend the meetings to keep the Club informed and stated that Rotary's involvement would not affect the funding by DHS.

President Grant thanked Ted for the insight he gave into the difficulties he faced and invited him to address the Club again in 6 – 9 months to advise of any progress. Leo then closed the meeting.

**Sergeant-at-Arms:** Mike Smith

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sergeant Mike fined both Keith and Neil for sending him an email he could not open.</li> <li>• Leo's first attempt at chairmanship of the meeting was not without some errors and gave the sergeant reason to fine him.</li> <li>• Grant copped one for information overload and navel-gazing at Leadership Oration.</li> <li>• Noel still has not quite got it right when he walks around the lake with Betty; he's too far behind, too far in front or right beside her. Noel coughed up.</li> <li>• Daniel paid up for being exceedingly busy.</li> <li>• Adrian contributed to the sergeant's collection for the contingent Patties sent to the Leadership Oration.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laurie's tips earned him a fine</li> <li>• Ben's pirate shirt attracted the sergeant's attention and caused him to reduce the contents of his treasure chest.</li> <li>• Both David T and Col were asked to pay up for heading north.</li> <li>• Sergeant Mike fined Emu for the derogatory remarks about Col's abilities.</li> <li>• The Leadership Oration night was organised by Don so he paid for its success.</li> <li>• Bob's entry in his own diary may have been correct but he should have ensured the Show dates were also in Denise's diary. Needless to say he was fined.</li> </ul> |
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**Just for Fun**

Sometimes you have to love a drunk.  
 A man and his wife are awakened at 3 o'clock in the morning by a loud pounding on the door.  
 The man gets up and goes to the door where a drunken stranger, standing in the pouring rain, is asking for a push.  
 "Not a chance," says the disturbed sleeper, "it is 3 o'clock in the morning!  
 He slams the door and returns to bed.  
 "Who was that?" asked his wife.  
 "Just some drunk guy asking for a push," he answers.  
 "Did you help him?" she asks.  
 "No, I did not. It's 3 o'clock in the morning and it is pouring out there!"  
 "Well, you have a short memory," says his wife. "Can't you remember about three months ago when we broke down, and those two guys helped us? I think you should help him, and you should be ashamed of yourself!"  
 The man does as he is told, gets dressed, and goes out into the pounding rain.  
 He calls out into the dark, "Hello, are you still there?"  
 "Yes" comes back the answer.  
 "Do you still need a push?", calls out the husband.  
 "Yes, please!" comes the reply from the dark.  
 "Where are you?" asks the husband.  
 "Over here on the swing!" replies the drunk.

**NEXT MEETING Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Sep**

A Night at Stratford on Avon

**Partner's Night**

**Chair:** David Tulloch  
**Sergeant:** Chris  
**Attendance:** Noel Langley  
**Set up:**  
**Venue:** Parish Hall Stratford

**Meeting Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct**

Visit from DG Dennis Heslin

**Chair:** Grant Ellers  
**Sergeant:** Rod  
**Attendance:** Noel Langley  
**Set up:** Keith Miller  
**Venue:** Relish

**ON THE RADAR**Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Sep – Grand Final – To be held at Soap – pay for your own nibbles and drinks.Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Oct –Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Oct – Scott HargreavesMon 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct -**Relish Contact Details**

Hosts: Tania Jones &amp; Robert Wood

Phone/Fax: (03) 5144 5044

Rotarians, if you are going to be absent you **must** notify

Relish by phone no later than 12:00 midday on the

Monday of the meeting or let Noel know the week before.

If you are away from home you will find friends at all Rotary

Clubs. You can make up for missed meetings of the Sale

Club with any of the following local Clubs:

Bairnsdale: Tuesday 6:00pm Bairnsdale Club

Bairnsdale Sunrise: Friday 6:45am Main Hotel

Heyfield: Monday 6:30 Railway Hotel

Lakes Entrance: Wednesday 6:00pm Bellevue Motel

**NOTICES**

Attendance: 15 Rotarians.

Visiting Rotarians: None

Guests: None

Make-Ups: None reported

Raffle: Leo won the Mazda 621 drawn by Ted

Maffra: Thursday 6:00pm Duart Receptions

Mitchell River: Monday 5:45pm Italian Club

Sale Central: Tuesday 6:00pm Princeton

Traralgon: Tuesday 6:00pm Traralgon Golf Club

Traralgon Central: Monday 6:00pm Latrobe Convention Centre

Yarram: Wednesday 6:00pm Yarram Club

For more information about Rotary check the following websites

Rotary Club of Sale:

<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~rcsale/>

Rotary District 9820:

[www.district9820.org](http://www.district9820.org)

Rotary International:

<http://www.rotary.org>

**Grand Final  
Saturday, September 30, '06**

**Enjoy the spectacle of the Grand Final match between Sydney Swans and the West Coast Eagles on the big screen at the Soap Wine Bar and Lounge 79/91 Foster Street Sale.**

**About Rotary****The Rotary Foundation**

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The Foundation's [Humanitarian Programs](#) fund international Rotary club and district projects to improve the quality of life, providing health care, clean water, food, education, and other essential needs primarily in the developing world. One of the major Humanitarian Programs is [PolioPlus](#), which seeks to eradicate the poliovirus worldwide. Through its [Educational Programs](#), the Foundation provides funding for some 1,200 students to study abroad each year. Grants are also awarded to university teachers to teach in developing countries and for exchanges of business and professional people. Former participants in the Foundation's programs have the opportunity to continue their affiliation with Rotary as [Foundation Alumni](#).