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Chairman: Leo O'Brien

PRESIDENTS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Relay for Life. I trust everyone had a great time with the Relay for Life. I haven't heard anything whilst I was away so how did it go? (raised \$161,000 was the reply from Rtn. Brian).

District Conference at Philip Island. It was a great conference. Lots of interesting speakers, fun and activities. The weather was a bit of a downer though and caused a few 'plan B' changes which was a pity. Two outstanding things that happened were that the bike riders made \$65,000 or thereabouts and PDG Ian Pickering was awarded the Rotary International Service above Self Award. This award is only presented to a maximum of 150 people per year. This is the first award in our district's history. A great feeling to be one of the districts out of 545 in the world. Ian has been a tireless worker for Rotary over many years and is the leader of the water wells in India matching grants program. Conference next year (Janet's year) will be at Frankston and the Mornington Peninsula, first week in March details to come in the near future.

Matching Grants. I'll pass around some information about a couple of district matching grants programs coming up. I trust you all know what a matching grant is? OK, so you've got some homework to do at www.rotary.org to find out a bit about it. I'll ask questions next week!!

Centenary House. The project is running at about 98% occupancy and has been very successful. One of the units has been turned into two single persons units increasing the number to nine. Design for a further 10 Units is under way. Expected cost is in the region of \$1 million, however, there are some funds left over from the original project so these will be used and lower the amount that needs to be found. Also, some of the Trusts and organisations that came on board with the original have pledged support for this new phase. Just a terrific project that's been so successful.

Muna. Rod Exton has some paperwork on Muna so I'll ask Rod to explain it and the Club's involvement. You might remember that in 2005 we sponsored a team and although they didn't win the event they did impress the Iraqi ambassador so much that he came and visited Sale and was the guest of honour at a combined clubs dinner at the Princeton. It was a great night. I think the Club should again support the Muna program.

Resignation. Christine Harrison has resigned from the Club due to work and family commitments. We wish Christine all the best in the future and will sadly miss her happy and cheerful character at our meetings.

Guest Speakers: Richard Crooke

Following his introduction by Chairman Leo O'Brien, Richard explained that this was not so much a talk about the Sale Agricultural Society but more a forum to find obtain ideas about how to develop the Society and Sale's Gippsland Show. He thanked Rotary for the help they have provided over the years, not only in manning the show gates but also in representation on the committee. He pointed out that in two years time the Show will have its 150th anniversary.

Richard said that the Sale Agricultural Society obtains a large part of its income for maintenance and development of the

Showgrounds from the annual show but the Greyhounds, Pony Club, Motorised Homes and Showjumping also contribute to its revenue. However, more needs to be done to remain viable.

Richard continued by saying that the showground has good facilities but relies heavily on volunteers and needs help with marketing. The Show is a major event not only in Sale but for the whole of Gippsland. It plans to construct a grandstand facing the arena to seat 100 people and this is expected to be a major project to pre-occupy the Committee for several years.

At this point Richard concluded his talk and invited Club members to suggest any ideas for better utilising the grounds.



Guest speaker, Richard Crooke, with chairman Leo O'Brien



Sale Agricultural Show Committee members, Ross Meredith, Laurie Jeremiah, Richard Crooke and Des Widdis

The number of people who took up Richard's invitation is indicative of the interest the Show holds for Sale Rotarians and the community in general. Many of the suggestions put forward were with a view of improving the ticketing system. Graeme suggested that with the lack of four and five star motel accommodation in Sale, the site is a prime location to lease for building a high quality motel. Daniel indicated that a high profile sporting event would help to attract patrons to the ground. Mike enquired whether there is a building plan for the site and Neil proposed replacing the ticket box at the McGee Street entrance.

Richard returned to the theme of improving the marketing of any events held at the ground and also suggested that there could be an event at the annual Show such as a couch pushing competition in

The whole community could get involved. This followed a request from Des Widdis for a special event on Friday nights of the Gippsland Show.

Further discussions followed and President Grant then thanked Richard and his committee members for addressing the Club. Leo closed the meeting and invited members and guests to stay on for fellowship

Sergeants-at-Arms: Rod Exton

- Adrian copped the first fine today for a number of reasons but foremost for failing to provide the Bulletin.
- Brian was next in Rod's sights and he paid up because it's all happening for him, having just moved into a new house.
- Daniel filled in for Noel in attendance and was fined for showing Noel up by providing change.
- Grant's attendance at the conference earned him a fine
- Leo interrupted the Sergeant when he was deep in thought and consequently deserved a fine.
- Keith paid up because Collingwood finished 14th.
- Carmel, as usual, was very good and paid up because there was no dirt on her.
- Mike needs to work on his pace in walking round the greyhound track.
- Sue's trip to Vietnam warranted a fine. Sue explained that she's got a fine on Harry when he returns from Vietnam for recommending a restaurant where they don't speak English.
- Rossy needed help to set up his new computer so also attracted a fine.
- There were also three fines from the floor.

NEXT MEETING Monday 2nd Apr

Guest Speaker: Daniel Smolenaars
Chair: Grant Ellers
Sergeant: Leo O'Brien
Attendance: Noel Langley
Set up:
Venue: Relish

Meeting Monday 9th Apr

No Meeting
Chair:
Sergeant:
Attendance:
Set up:
Venue:

ON THE RADAR

Mon 16th Apr – Graeme Dyer – History of Dyer's Transport
 Mon 23rd Apr – Sue Boulter – Work for the Dole Program
 Mon 30th Apr – Wing Com. Keith Joiner – RAAF Developments

Relish Contact Details

Hosts: Tania Jones & Robert Wood

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Rotarians, please remember to notify Relish if you'll be absent by 12:00 midday on the Monday of the meeting.

NOTICES

Attendance: 16 Rotarians.

Visiting Rotarians: None

Guests: Des Widders, Ross Meredith, Laurie Jeremiah

Make-Ups: None reported

Raffle: Ross Meredith

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

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

Rotary International:

<http://www.rotary.org>**Just for Fun**

A man on a Harley was riding along a California beach when suddenly the sky clouded above his head and, in a booming voice, the Lord said, "Because you have TRIED to be faithful to me in all ways, I will grant you one wish."

The biker pulled over and said, "Build a bridge to Hawaii so I can ride over anytime I want."

The Lord said, "Your request is materialistic, think of the enormous challenges for that kind of undertaking; the supports required to reach the bottom of the Pacific and the concrete and steel it would take! It will nearly exhaust several natural resources. I can do it, but it is hard for me to justify your desire for worldly things. Take a little more time and think of something that could possibly help mankind."

The biker thought about it for a long time. Finally, he said, "Lord, I wish that I and all men could understand our wives; I want to know how she feels inside, what she's thinking when she gives me the silent treatment, why she cries, what she means when she says nothing's wrong, and how I can make a woman truly happy".

The Lord replied, "You want two lanes or four on that bridge?"