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Rotary Club of Katherine

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Dec 2014/Jan 2015

We kickstarted PERK the PARK!!!

Thanks to our 39 sponsors. FANTASTIC!

These are words that I didn't expect to write when I thought of trying out this new fundraising idea. Last year I attended a great workshop hosted by the Katherine Town Council on how to write grants. In the closing minutes we



were presented with the idea of crowd funding. We decided to give it a go. This week we gained \$5,513 from the generosity of our 39 pledgers.

After launching our Perk the Park fund-raising campaign in November, we had 60 days to raise enough money to make our target of \$5,000. I was told that we were unlikely to get many BIG pledges but we would get loads of little ones. I ordered 300 unique one off Rotary Perk The Park pins from China.

As many of you know, we really hammered the Perk the Park campaign through Facebook. Katherine Times ran an article, but even though I asked three times, NT News did not.

We will use the money to restore the road safety centre – paint the lines, install traffic lights, a roundabout and buy and build pedal and electric powered cars, helmets, bicycles and other equipment.

We will be holding a Thank You Day later on, when the weather becomes more enjoyable. We have secured a wonderful country rock band, Moonshadow – they have offered their services for free. Entry will be \$2 (pledgers will have free entry and free food) and we will have a series of competitions with prizes during the course of the evening. And the names of the pledgers will be put into a hat and one lucky winner will receive \$100.

Thank you to our pledgers and sponsors for Perk the Park:

Receipts will be sent out shortly to those that require them.

Chris Dixon	Cheryl
Christina	Toni Tapp Coutts
Doris Bayliss	Maurice McKinnon
Shelley	Shaun Ford
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Ray White	Crowhurst Engineering
Pfennigs Autos	Cheryl
Renez Lamon	Katherine Smash Repairs
Gary Beaumont	Exposure Photographics
Sandra Reimer	Roamin_round_signs

Even though the crowd fundraising campaign is finished, Perk the Park is an ongoing fund raising effort and we welcome sponsorship at any time.

Simply contact the president on
secretaryrotarykatherine@gmail.com

JobFind Programs

Construction Project

We have had two JobFind programs over the past few months. The Construction Project lads have done a magnificent job in building a giant dining table and benches. This has been installed at the Rotary Food Hall at the showgrounds. It will be very popular at the next Katherine Show. Well done lads.



Another project has been the manufacture of a long mould to make concrete paver, followed by making hundreds of grey, red and yellow pavers. These are going to be laid at the Step Out house in Sandalwood Drive. The pavers are currently being transported there. The photo shows the lads preparing the ground for the pavers.



Other projects include slicing up the giant snakes and ladders game to move it to a new location; extension of the workshop to make a potential men's/women's community workshop; transformation of the old Adelaide River Food Van into the Rotary mobile food van (thanks Ben Coutts for a good price), and more.

Pre YES Vocational Program

We did some more work with JobFind in pre-vocational training – called the Pre YES project. This was sub contracted to two trainers – Roy Smith and Glenn Bird. Over the past few weeks Glenn has worked tirelessly to teach two lads – Aaron and Scott in preparing CVs, action plans, and indentifying their SWOTS. This team has organised for the installation of an info tech network at the kiosk in the Park. Aaron presented his results from the project at our recent meeting.

Below: Glenn, Aaron and Chris.



Need some work done''

We can help If you are a not for profit organisation and need some work done and have exhausted all other possibilities, drop us a line. We may be able to help. Our Construction Crew are learning new skills all the time

Park News

Meanwhile Bill and Jo have overseen the greening up of the Park, and the fact that it looks better than it has for many years is mostly their doing. Thanks Jo and Bill

Klontarf

We were honoured to have Tom, Tommy and Mally visit us at our last meeting. They are looking at developing a working relationship between the Rotary Club and the students of the Klontarf Academy. Should be an interesting time for all.

Watch this space.

New members join Rotary

We were delighted to welcome two new members to join our Rotary Club. Maria Teresa Scholz "Meredith" and Jason Hall have been Friends of Rotary for quite some time now. Jason has been working with the JobFind Construction team and Meredith was partly responsible for the design of the Christmas Street Parade float.

Meredith was inducted with a vocational title of Cleaning Services and Jason as catering services.



We are very happy to have Jason and Meredith join our group of dedicated volunteers helping to improve the lives of Katherine residents.

This brings our membership up to 12. Much better than the 7 we had 18 months ago, but a long way from the 30 plus members we had in the 1980s.



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Williamtown Rotary Ride Around Australia

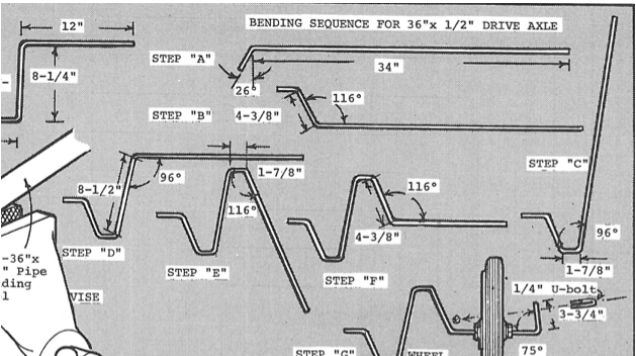


Motorcyclists from the Hunter Region will form the crux of a fund raising ride around Australia. It will commence at Williamtown on Monday 2nd March 2015, and finish at Newcastle Civic Centre 24 April 2015. They will be visiting us in April. They have asked us to stage an attraction – any ideas?

Pedal Car update

Every month we will bring you the news of the pedal car/electric car builds that Perk the Park generated. The cars will be built in the Rotary workshop that has not yet been built. Meanwhile we are looking at modernising the 1980s technology. The plans call for galvanised iron plumbing fittings to be used for the suspension, and wooden wheels from multiple disks of plywood. We think we can use pneumatic wheels and hand crafted stub axles. We have ordered a set

A yellow vintage-style toy car with a red interior, parked on a sandy beach. The car has large spoked wheels and a prominent front grille.



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