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Rotary Club of Katherine

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November 2014

NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 15



We launched PERK the PARK

<https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/562938380/perk-the-park>

We launched our **Perk the Park** fund-raising campaign this month. It's an exciting initiative, and as far as we are aware its Katherine's first crowd funding project. It works like this. You watch the video clip and hopefully are motivated to **PLEDGE** some money. Click on the pledge that you can afford. Kickstarter (the agency that is in charge of the project) will **NOT** take the money out of your account until the target is reached. We will give a limited edition **PERK the PARK** pin and a certificate of appreciation to every donator. We also have gifts of varying value for people who donate more. And at the end of the campaign we will open the Park for a Thank You BBQ.

Besides helping the Park, you could win \$250 cash

But more than that – as an appreciation of our thanks for helping us, **every pledger will go into a draw to win \$250 cash**. Rotarians donated this money at our AGM. The winning name will be drawn on Australia Day.

Triple 000 Funds going to a great home

Great news. The money that we raised from the Triple000 Show is going to subsidise the cost of the staff member who will work out of the Cancer Support office in the Government Centre. This is a great win for the people of Katherine because it means we will have a dedicated cancer support officer available to help those suffering from this terrible illness. The money raised by all the other fundraising activities (Melbourne Cup, Woolworths staff, Joyce Adams and the people who donated money at funerals) will be going to equip the office. This will include signage and furniture.

The full story will be published in the Katherine Times very soon.

Philippa Walters Bursary Award



Alex Barker received \$1500

We had a number of late applications and our committee thought long and hard over the decision as to who to award this prize to. In the end we chose Alex Barker. Alex has been accepted into Melbourne University to study for a Bachelor of Commerce. Alex attended Katherine High School and was a dux in her final year. Alex was brought up by her grandmother Terry Ellem.

We were very grateful to Alex earlier in the year for her help in working at our food stall at the Women of the World Conference.

We presented the first cheque for \$1500 at the Golf Club. Alex will receive the second cheque in July.

We wish Alex and Shaun the best of luck.

Street Party and Parade 4 Dec

We have been busy preparing our street parade float. You will see our bare bones racers at the Street Party on 4 Dec. Let your kids have fun on the Rotary Race Track. \$5 for 10 minutes with a free ice cream thrown in is excellent value for money.

Rotarians will also be selling doughnuts – put the sugars back in the blood for the effort expended ... and cold, refreshing mango crushies.

So come along and say HI.

Saturday Market: 6 Dec

Rotarians will be present at the Saturday market to promote our Perk the Park campaign, sell mango crushies and doughnuts.

JobFind Program

The lads have been busy. They built a beautiful table and bench that will be installed at our Katherine Showground Rotary Food Pavillion. So next year there will be a great place to sit and enjoy our wonderful food. This piece of art was built from materials scouged off a building site in Casuarina Street.



The Construction Crew also taken a worn-out camper trailer and are in the process of turning it into a float to be used in the Street Parade.



To do this we folded the trailer out, strengthened the sides, welded in support beams, attached wheels to the back section

and spray painted it Rotary Blue. For the Parade it will be decorated and staffed by elves.

The crew have also constructed an impressive mould for making concrete pavers. The pavers are going to be installed at the Step Out house in Katherine East. The lads have made grey, red and yellow pavers and can turn out about 15 a day.



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.

To all builders in Katherine.

Thinking of throwing stuff away?

We could really use pieces of steel, lengths of wood and steel, colour bond, corrugated iron etc.

If you have anything that could be used again, please contact Bob Mackie on 0447 796 764.

Bob will be more than happy to come out and take it away 😊

Parties at the Park

Sunday November 16th saw 12 kids and their parents descend on the Park for an afternoon of raucous entertainment. Kids had an absolute ball on our new pedal cars. The pictures tell the story. The pedal cars were a big hit.



Hire our Rotary Family FUN Park \$25 per hour



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Pedal Car Projects

Our bare bone racers are gradually being sponsored.

The classic heirloom Model A Ford delivery truck will become reality thanks to PowerProjects and Ray White. Jeff Usher is sponsoring (through Kickstart) an exciting build – a Type 35 Bugatti! And we may have a sponsor for the MGTC I don't have any pics of the finished product but we hope to bring these to you soon.

The picture below shows our chief engineer, Jim Bitossi working on the wheels of these classic heirloom cars.

OK, so he is actually eating his lunch, but he had been working on them – see the rings in the foreground.



Rotary in Katherine

All members of the Rotary Club of Katherine extend a warm welcome to you.

Belonging to a worthwhile organisation, which enables us to serve the community locally and internationally and build friendships amongst our

members, is a privilege which all members of the Rotary Club of Katherine value.

Rotary acknowledges no distinction of race, religion, nation or political persuasion. All Rotarians are equal members of one fellowship.

Our Club was chartered in 1977 and has continued to be involved in many exciting and rewarding projects.

Our major fundraising efforts include the Katherine Races, Territory Day, WOW Conference, Katherine Show and the Triple Zero Show. The jewel in our crown is the Rotary Family Fun Park near Clyde Fenton School.

We have donated money to Frontier Services, Golden Globe, Fire Services, YMCA, Legacy; Variety Club, Kintore Street School; Year 12 Katherine students going to university, Katherine Hospital, St John's Ambulance and many local families.

We support international projects in Nepal, Wheelchairs for Kids and Polio Eradication. In 2014 our focus has been directed to the establishment of a Cancer Support Office.

As a Rotarian, our fellow members accept that each of us will serve diligently in our club, our vocation and in the cause of international understanding, goodwill and peace. In return Rotary offers rich rewards of friendship and fulfilment to those who offer their own friendship and service.

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Next meeting: December 15th 2014.

