



Crocodilus



Rotary Club of Katherine, Northern Territory

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AUGUST 2013 AT Rotary Club of Katherine

This has been another exciting and exhausting month for our tiny Rotary Club. August started with our Rotary Board meeting held at John's house, the day before he headed out on a 3 week holiday. See the report on this in Board Babblings on page 2. We discussed some important issues and made some decisions, one of which was to purchase a jumping castle for use at the Park. This has now arrived.

At the 12 August meeting we met two visiting Rotarians - Vince and Lin from Victoria. Christine, Pamela and Shirley were excited to learn that Mr Brown of Brown Brother winery was a member of the Vin's Rotary Club. Vin promised to advise us in our planning for the Polio Plus cheese and wine movie premiere later this year and to return at our Main Event and Boot Sale. Sadly he did not come back.

The weekend of Aug 17 and 18 was pretty exhausting. On Thursday 15th we had a working bee at the Park. Bob, Chris, Pamela, Don and Col loaded the trailer and Bob and Don's utes with the equipment for the Main Event. And on Saturday morning we set up the site at the Tick market and in the evening, Bob, Don, Chris, Pamela and Edith manned the stall. The BBQ sales were a disaster, and the whole event was pretty dead, but we did well with our mango smoothies - selling \$350 worth. We packed up early. On Sunday we had our inaugural boot sale. I didn't expect many people, there being so much on this month, but we had seven stall holders (at \$10 a stall) and about 50 punters came through the gates. We didn't have enough volunteers to make food, but luckily someone had donated a trailer load of gear to Rotary and we raised \$350 from the sale of that.

The Meeting of 19 July we had a visit from Jack Egan. He has asked us to offer BBQ steaks and sausages at the upcoming WOW Conference at Godinmayin on the weekend of Sep 20-21. WOW stands for Women of the World and there will be between 300 and 500 women from all over the world at the conference. Our fund-raising theme for this event will be Col's water project for the orphanage in Dili. We were concerned that we wouldn't have enough people to help out, but Jack said that he could supply as many volunteers as we needed. Thus we will be offering BBQ steaks and sandwiches and mango smoothies for the Friday dinner; Saturday lunch and dinner and Sunday lunch. And we voted to purchase some generic business cards, aprons for our catering events and 40m of fencing for the Park.

The Hundred Day Celebration was a lot of fun. Not as many people turned up as we expected .. and not many Rotarians either. Without the help from Edith and Roy we would have been very stretched, but with their help we were fine.

We may have a cause to follow. Chris attended the Bendigo Katherine Community Cancer Support Group. Details at the August 26th meeting.

Rotary Grace

**For good food, good
fellowship, and the
opportunity of service
through Rotary, we give
thanks.**

Upcoming events

Friends of Rotary Dinner

Monday September 23rd 730 - 930pm

Rotary dinner to thank our volunteers

Special Guest District Governor

Women of the World Conference

weekend 20 - 22 September

be held at Godinamyin

We will be cooking BBQ and making mango smoothies

The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Rotary PETS & PRLS

Training

26 & 27 Oct Darwin

District 9550 Annual General

Meeting – Cairns 3 November

BOARD BABBLINGS

The Board had a long meeting at John's house and discussed a range of interesting subjects.

- ☐ Pamela told us that Cas St has a meat tray raffle at the Kat Club and said that we may get a week when the staff at Cas St don't have a volunteer for the meat raffle
- ☐ John was at the Government House do and caught up with John Palamountain, Pamela asked what Di wore, JP wants a copy of the proposed events documents.
- ☐ John: Discussed with Greg Marlow re Foundation money and PH credits; CD to follow up
- ☐ Legacy walk – they want us to accommodate and feed 14 people. Letter to them offering \$250
- ☐ Katherine Positive Learning Centre. John will talk to Willem
- ☐ Quote for trimming the trees Dept of Ed to pay for the costs: – Cav - \$385; noxious weeds \$0; over the school \$2200; PAWA will also pay for the trees against the front fence.
- ☐ Financials: Treasurer to write to deputy director licensing seeking an exemption for the periods that we cannot provide.
- ☐ Permission given for Pamela Dixon to access internet banking.
- ☐ Pamela wants to purchase some aprons for work at events. Bob wants one with a pouch. Approved - buy half a dozen.
- ☐ St John's Ambo letter – CD to contact Teresa.
- ☐ Friends of Rotary. We discussed the schedule for the event on the 23rd of September
- ☐ Paperwork for Katherine Festival completed and sent
- ☐ Event: Movie night Nov 22 2013 The Hunger Games: , committee set up – Chrissy, Pamela, Bob. Probably wed night;
- ☐ Event: 100 Day Celebration: Committee in charge of the planning.
- ☐ Event: Jumping Castle Moved Bob, seconded John – carried. Order a castle Pamela to make up a procedure sheet.
- ☐ Event; sweet trailer. Discuss next board meeting
- ☐ Event: BBQ trailer: Chris following up grant options.
- ☐ Weekly meetings to fortnightly. Moved Chris; seconded John; carried. To start after the FoR night on 23 September
- ☐ Chainsaw – Bob wants to buy a chainsaw for \$350 from Rav. John seconded. Carried.

Meeting closed

NEWS from District Governor Tony Goddard

Tony is on the District Governor's round of clubs and he will be visiting us on September 23rd. These are some of the things he had to say in his recent newsletter:

"Marion, my wife, is undertaking a project on behalf of ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children) where she will address each meeting during our club visits for a few minutes by way of a power point presentation outlining the ROMAC cause and what Rotarians can do to assist. Any donations to this very important cause will be accepted with appreciation along the way."

Tony also stresses the need for use to attract new members. He says that membership is a part of the PR Program which will be rolled out later in the year.

Tony states that "It has become obvious during my club visits that most clubs are in need of training being made available to all members in respect to many of the Rotary programs available. While President and Secretary Elects undergo training each year, nothing is really done for the ordinary club member. This is to change this Rotary year."

Group Chairs will be going out to visit the clubs at normal meetings and conduct presentations on programs such as ROMAC, RYLA- (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards), RYPEN – Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment), Rotary Foundation, YEP – (Youth Exchange Program), Insurance and Protection Issues, not forgetting the Treasurers Role plus any other areas that need to be reinforced.



How did we get the cog wheel?

The following is taken from <http://www.rotaryfirst100.org/history/history/wheel/index.htm>

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More info at <http://www.rotaryfirst100.org/history/history/wheel/cogs.htm>



Worthwhile projects: Wheelchairs for kids

Each Crocodilus will report on interesting projects that we as Rotarians may wish to consider as possible options for our fundraising efforts. These may be local, national or international projects. This month we are looking at a project that is espoused by the Rotary Club of Emerald and District and the Rotary Club of Scarborough in Western



Australia.

In 1998 the Rotary Club of Scarborough in Western Australia saw a need to build and supply wheelchairs to impoverished and disabled children in developing countries across the world.

That idea has become reality with a volunteer workforce of more than 100, mainly retired men and women, machining, sewing, assembling and packing up to 300 wheelchairs per month. Much of the material used in the construction of the chairs is either donated or supplied at low cost, and the transport to all corners of the globe is donated.

To the kids that receive the chairs, the result is life changing. Where previously many of them had to be carried, they now have freedom to move.

The gift of the chair is the gift that keeps giving. By giving the child mobility, not only do they gain some freedom, but also the opportunity for an education. Their carer is also freed to work to help support the family.

The Rotary Club of Emerald and District has embraced this great project, and through the generosity of the Ritchies IGA Supermarket, involved the Emerald community in the project. Ritchies IGA have a Community Benefit scheme, donating a percentage of a sale to a customer's designated charity.

The Rotary Club Placed a Wheelchair in Ritchies IGA with a collection tin, and tags enabling shoppers to direct their Community Benefit to the Wheelchair project.

In the two and a half years that the project has been running, in the order of \$12,650 has been raised, funding the construction and supply of approximately 110 wheelchairs.

Every \$150 raised gives a child the freedom of mobility and liberates a carer. For more information go to <http://www.wheelchairsforkids.org/home.php>.

Christine sent me this:

Two old Diggers are drinking in a bar.

One says: "Did you know that Lions have sex 10 to 15 times a night?"

**"Aw sh*t," says his friend,
"and I just joined Rotary"**

Populate or perish

**We really need you all to get out there
and try and get people to join as
Rotarians ... or we will die!**

