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Rotary Club of Katherine

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

August 2014

UPCOMING MEETINGS: SEPTEMBER 1 & 15

## Triple000 \$50,000

This year's Triple000 Show was outstanding. The feedback that I have received says so!! And well done everyone, our organisers report that we have made almost \$50,000 that will go straight to the Katherine Cancer Working Group for the establishment of a chemotherapy treatment centre in Katherine.

Our biggest fund-raiser is the Triple000 Show. We hold it every two years and it takes a huge amount of effort on behalf of the two main organisers –

**Christine Sutherland and Donna Bryant.** I thought it would be interesting to have a **quick bio** of these two extraordinary people – the instigators of the Katherine Triple000 Show. The Show that has raised more than \$120,000 in 5 years. A quick bio of each of these wonderful people is on page 2.

This time around – the fourth such show to be staged in Katherine, was the best show ever. We had **major sponsorship** from Tony Adams and the Big Bargain Bottleshop and the Thirsty Camel, Charles Darwin University, Katherine Sports and Rec Club, Katherine Music Muster, Katherine Regional Arts and Woolworths. Sadly although it is a triple000 show, there were no police on stage ... the shifts of the entertaining police clashed with the show I believe. Sadly there were no representatives from the press either – so we have no photographs.

And none of my contacts have come up with any either 😊

The Show would not have been a success without the support and help (both financial and physical and mental) of our **sponsors:**

DRV4LYF	Toni Coutts
Jones Meat Mart	St Andrews Apartments
Simonne Croft	Hohn's Sheet Metal
Di Skelly Heron	Godinmayin Yiyard
Ron Hersey	Trans Territory Foods
Ian Thorpe Foundation	Katherine Club
Ray White	Wild Child
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OAMPS	Town & Country
Bunny Entertainment	Katherine South School
Dept of Education	Scotmec Mowers & Marine
Ibis Styles Katherine	Chris the Cabinet Maker
Katherine Country Music Muster	
YMCA Katherine	Rhads Security
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Terrace Emporium	MT Bins
Money Spider Conveyancing	
The Cutting Edge	Mitre10
Katherine Country Club	
Gallop Thru Time Gallery & Framing	
<b>And a warm thanks to our volunteers,</b>	who
donated time, blood, sweat and tears. Thank you for	
your time and your support	
Donna Bryant	Christine Sutherland
Anica Beckett	Roy Smith

Amanda Kingdon      Fay Miller  
Val Wardley      Amanda Lane  
Janet Schultze      Georgina Gunson  
Mel Carne      Marnie Hopkins  
Christopher Dixon      Pamela Dixon  
Bob Mackie      Col Beach  
Don Smith      Kelsey Wilson  
Paul Mullins & the Sports & Rec Staff

The **Sound guys from CDU** – worked their socks off – thanks to:

Malcolm Fleming      Shaquille Coehn  
Lewis Parsons

### **Donna Bryant**

Donna is a senior teacher, a performing arts coordinator, a mother of two very active children and a wife. She has lived in Katherine for over 14 years. She came up with the idea of Triple000 after being involved in a similar event back in Cowra, NSW and she presented the idea of the show, with Christine, to the Rotary Club of Katherine in 2010, not really knowing how it would be received. It has since grown to be a huge success with many people on board helping and donating their time for the good of the community.



Donna says that one of the proudest moments in her life was winning the Australia Day Community Event of the Year. Donna has also organized many whole schools musicals, as well as Regional Performing Arts event, 'Turn it up', involving town and bush schools. She has a passion for performing arts and

has taken many school groups away for dance and drama performances such as NT Eisteddfod and National Wakakirri. For leisure, she enjoys fishing and participates in many fishing competitions around the Katherine Region.

Donna started the Triple000 Show so that the community could see emergency workers in a different light. "They're not just police people, doctors, or just nurses; they're human beings who like to have fun and get out there and enjoy themselves" she said.

### **Christine Sutherland**



Christine is a senior teacher at the Positive Behaviour Centre and is a behavioural advisor to the schools in the Katherine region. She has lived in Katherine since 2000 – first as manager of a backpackers and then teaching at Katherine South Primary School. She is involved with St John Ambulance, the Katherine Krocs Golden Oldies and Rotary. She also spends a lot of time supporting her two active sons in their sports pursuits as well as supporting her husband with the family business – Scotmec. She has produced school musicals, coordinated special events and enjoys the camaraderie of putting together a show or event for people to enjoy. She is proud to be an Australian and proud to belong to a community like Katherine where we support each other and give of our time and goods generously!

### **Rotary Family Fun Park**

Work has been continuing at the Rotary Family Fun Park. The Rotary Club has adopted the two elders from the Church of Latter Day Saints – Jo and Preston. They have been outfitted with the necessary PPE and have been helping Bob Mackie and Jim Bitossi with cutting down trees, dismantling timber pallets donated by a local builder and drawing the lines on the ply for the Model A pedal car.

## Castle Hire

Our little castle is proving to be a popular addition to our fund-raising activities. It comes with an “ochre card carrying castle keeper.” Try saying that quickly after a few beers!!



On the long weekend we trundled the castle off to Nitmiluk and set up near the swimming pool. The pics tell the rest of the story. Suffice to say the kids really enjoyed themselves and the mums and dads had a bit of relaxation

## G Wiz Inc

**G Wiz Inc is based at the Rotary Family Fun Park** and it is a learning co-operative of older people, a self-help and non-profit organisation encouraging

positive ageing by enabling its members to share many educational, creative and leisure activities. By drawing on the skills and interests of its members, **G Wiz Inc** will tap the huge resource of skills and experience which exists among mature-aged people and which is largely ignored in the wider community.

Its overall aim is to provide mature-age people with both the stimulus of mental activity and the continuing contribution to society.

At the August meeting we finalised the board – Roy Smith volunteered his time to be the temporary treasurer, and Chris Dixon (me), volunteered to be the training coordinator.

Exciting news – Jim Bitossi, one of the co-founders of G Wiz has been tutoring ..... and after said tutorship, ..... took the apprenticeship test and passed. So G Wiz can chalk up its first success – the start of a new tradesman’s career. Well done Jim!

**Donation of 10 laptop computers -** Rotary Katherine extends a warm thank you to Elizabeth Williams at Charles Darwin University for donating 10 aging laptop computers. These computers were no longer required by CDU and were stored in the backroom. G Wiz members have checked them out and they will be perfect for a range of computer training classes that will start with basic computing, but will offer exciting courses like video and sound editing, family tree research and much more.

Bob Mackie and Jo and Preston (the Mormon missionaries) have been busy cutting down trees at the Rotary Park in readiness for extending the workshop. And Jim Bitossi has been teaching the lads about the intricacies of measuring and cutting steel and wood in readiness for the pedal car project.



**Bendigo Bank sponsorship of \$500 for tools.** Rotary Katherine extends another vote of thanks to the staff at the Bendigo Bank Katherine for a donation of \$500 to buy tools for the workshop. In the picture above Marilynn Stoppe is handing over a cheque to the President of the Rotary Club of Katherine, Chris Dixon. G Wizzers include (L-R) Wayne, Jim, Chris, Luke, Marilyn, Graham, Stacey, Paige; Sue and Meg.

### Pedal Car Project:

The pedal car project is going on. We now have 6 businesses that have become sponsors – Power Projects, DRV4LYF, Money Spider Conveyancing, Jones Meat Mart, Ray White and Peirce Constructions. There are two model A vans currently under construction – Jim is working with Jo and Preston at the Park on one.. We haven't started work on restoring the vintage pedal car yet. Martin Botha has given us an interesting lead for the motive power of said pedal cars.

**Donation from Michael & Di Wyatt – Thanks to Michael and Di for a donation of \$300 to build a car.**

### Another interesting opportunity

The editor of this newsletter has just taken delivery of a set of plans for a rather unique pedal car. When is a pedal car not a pedal car? When it's a pedal plane!!! Watch this space!



### Upcoming events:

#### Women of the World

#### 12-14 September

We will be catering at the Women of the World Conference. Our delicious steak sandwiches will be augmented by camel, buffalo and kangaroo sausages. And if it's a hot day we will be offering ice creams.

## **Rotary and our Club:**

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.

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 is directed to the Katherine Cancer Working Group.

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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## **Meetings:**

Remember we now meet on the first and third Monday of each month. If the Monday is a public holiday we will meet on the following day – the Tuesday.



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**SEPTEMBER 15 & 29**

## **Posted on behalf of Rotary Club of Darwin North**



**Darwin's first ever jazz festival sees musicians, singers and performers from across Australia converge in a spectacular tropical setting to celebrate jazz from around the world.**

Kick back on the lawns of Darwin's favourite outdoor venue in the lush, botanic gardens and indulge in a sweet and sexy blend of jazz styles, including fusion, soul, trad, funk, swing and big band.

**James Morrison and his Big Band** to play in Darwin on Saturday 13 September at Jazz on the Green at the Amphitheatre.

Get tickets on line at <http://www.jazzonthegreen.net.au/> or from the Darwin Entertainment Centre

