



ROTARY CLUB OF HAWTHORN



Meeting 01 December 2009

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Notes From the Meeting

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Meetings

Hawthorn Receptions
555 Glenferrie Road
Hawthorn 3122
Tuesdays 12:30pm for
1:00pm (Finish 2.00pm)

Rotary Club of Hawthorn

PO Box 33, Hawthorn 3122
Bulletins etc available from:
<http://groups.google.com/group/hawthorn-rotary/files>
Discussions, correspondence etc available from:
<http://groups.google.com/group/hawthorn-rotary/topics>

Christmas Party & Auction—6.30 for 7.00 Thurs 17 Dec,

- Green Acres Golf Club, 51 Elm Grove, Kew. Melway 41G1
- **Everyone to bring an item for the auction to lunch on Tues 08 December.** Or by arrangement with Ngaire Cannon 0419 313 981. Who can provide a really tempting big prize item?
- \$65 **Everyone to pay** (credit, cheque or cash) **on 08 December.** Or post cheque to Gerry at PO Box 110, Hawthorn 3122 by Fri 11 Dec.
- Details: Gerry Cantwell 0418 100 136 or g@cantwells.com.au

Boroondara Christmas Lunch—Sun 20 Dec

- Contact Noel Halford 0419 018 901 to volunteer
- One of our biggest hands-on, good fun events !



Christmas Hams, Cakes etc

- We're all selling now—orders close 14 Dec to Geoff Wright 9817 3542
- Collect from Hawthorn Receptions carpark on Mon 21 Dec 07.00-09.00
- Order forms from <http://groups.google.com/group/hawthorn-rotary/files>

Selling Cakes etc at Bunnings Thurs 10, Sat 12, Sun 13 Dec

- Sell the Rotary message, and Christmas cakes and puddings
- Sign up with Bill Troedel 0408 053 223 for some 2 hour stints

Tuesday Meetings: Mark Your Diaries Now!

- Not on 15 Dec, 29 Dec, 05 Jan, 26 Jan
- 12 Jan: Cluster BBQ Alexander Gardens, Kew. BYO everything.
- 19 Jan: Normal Lunch at Hawthorn Club, 627 Glenferrie Road

Kooyong Tennis Parking Wed 13—Sun 17 Jan

- See p3. Contact Barry Pratt 0413 384 189 to volunteer for some shifts

Quilts & Quilting Exhibition 23-26 Sep 2010

- A new major fundraiser for our club—see p 5

Astronomy Lecture—Free—6.30 Wed 09 Dec—Swinburne Uni

- David Pisterman says: Book via ccliffe@swin.edu.au

The Bradman Foundation

A presentation by Kevin Mooney

We all know that the sport of cricket has several 'holy grounds', like our very own MCG, Lords in London, and The SCG in Sydney, that have developed their aura over a century or two.

But over the past two decades, there has grown up in Australia a new holy of holies, that aims to be a living memorial to the Don, and a centre where the spirit of Australian cricket can live on, very much alive, and undefiled by other sports and events. This is in Bowral, in NSW, and it is run by The Bradman Foundation.

Kevin, a member of the Rotary Club of Albert Park, was one of the team that started the Foundation, and led to the opening of the museum in 1989. And what a talk he gave us, richly illustrated with slides and with memorabilia, and peppered with quotes and reminiscences.

How should we remember a hero like Sir Donald Bradman? How can we rely on the reports of those who worshipped him – and still do so? Ah, unless we are prepared to read the works of critical biographers, we have no choice but to listen to the words of admirers – like Kevin Mooney – who give us anecdotes, none of which is critical of man-god.

Is this bad? Hell, no. Don Bradman was merely a man, who merely played a strange sport with exceptional skill. Even if we are receiving an air-brushed version of the truth, let's just lie back and enjoy it, for where is the harm? So let us remember the batting average of 99.4 and admire, and rejoice at, such skill, focus, sportsmanship, and determination.



And why should we not have a place of cricketing worship in Bowral where The Don was born, and which evidently he held in great reverence in his mind, even though he and his beloved Jessie lived in Adelaide? Was it really a waste of money to dig out the centre of the Bowral cricket field to a depth of no less than 6 feet, and replace it with specially selected soil, all in the interest of getting a best quality cricket pitch?

Frankly, why should we tax our minds and consciences on such topics? The website www.bradman.com.au shows us that the Bradman Foundation has a wide range of aspiration, with headings like Sir Donald Bradman, What's On, Museum of Cricket, Get Involved, Education, and Education. And, without having to access the website, Kevin told us how the Foundation exists in order to foster the game of cricket; and cricket, we know, is a useful instrument in the search for international peace.

It was a great talk; and we need heroes to revere – like The Don.

(By Lawrence Reddaway)



Kooyong Tennis Parking Wed 13—Sun 17 Jan

Message from Barry Pratt (our fearless parking supremo)

This is our major fund raising opportunity & day out. And we still need more volunteers!

We have already had a great response, but there are plenty of spaces left: see below. So please call me on 0413 384 189 or e-mail me at bpohs@bigpond.net.au, to volunteer



Wed 13/1/2010 7.30-9.30 (1 person still needed), 9.30-11.30 (3 more people needed), 11.30-1.30 (5 more people needed)

Thurs 14/1/2010 7.30-9.30 (2 more people needed), 9.30-11.30 (4 more people needed), 11.30-1.30 (5 more people needed)

Fri 15/1/2010 7.30-9.30 (2 more people needed), 9.30-11.30 (4 more people needed), 11.30-1.30 (6 more people needed)

Sat 16/1/2010 9.30-11.30 (1 person still needed), 11.30-1.30 (a complete team of 8 needed), 1.30-3.30 (1 person needed)

Please contact me!

Barry Pratt

This Week's Meeting:

Attendance: 46 Members + 2 Guests = 48 Total

Guest Speaker: Kevin Mooney (Bradman Foundation)

Guests of Members: Colin Crawford (John Gowers)

Visiting Rotarians: nil

Other Guests: nil

Thanks to: Ian Warren (Chair), Jonathan Sear (Sergeant), Lawrence Reddaway (Raffle), David Owen (photos)

Congratulations to raffle winner: David Pisterman

Apologies	HOUSE Russell	POHL Ian
CORRIGAN David	JANKA Joan	ROSE Kevin
DAVEY Geoffrey	LOGAN Richard	SCOTT OAM Anne
HAYES Meredith	MORRISON Charles	

Make-Ups:

Richard Groom Second Bite 28/11 RC Glenferrie 01/12
Geoff Dumayne Second Bite 28/11
David Pisterman RC Glenferrie 01/12
Brian Reid RC Harpenden Village (UK) 25/11

Around

The

Club

Sergeant Fines All the Scots

Some reference to St Andrew's day provided our Sergeant with the mandate to wear a tartan bow tie, wear a fine Scottish head piece (do you yearn for orange hair?), re-brand the name of virtually every member with a Scottish tinge, and fine them accordingly.



'Twas Raining & Cold in UK

The Shadow understands that Dennis & Lynda Shore have just returned from a month in the UK—remarking that they had just one day without rain or cold. Can we blame climate change? Or was it always thus?

And Politics Was Discussed!

On the day of upheaval in the Liberal Party, the Shadow suspects that politics featured in the conversation at every table!

Noel Halford—Still Improving

The Shadow was delighted to overhear Noel Halford remarking that he 'is still getting better every day' (after a recent operation.)

The Shadow

Housekeeping						
(If you cannot perform your duty, please find a replacement. Or call Norman Hall 0401 100 177)						
Date	Setting Up	Badges	Front Desk	Grace	Raffle	Clearing Up
08 Dec	Ian Cathels	I. Macfarlane	T. Jones	D. Pisterman	M. Hayes	B. Reid
			I. Warren			P. Slobom
17 Dec		N. Patkin	Thursday	Evening	Christmas	Party

Forthcoming Speakers

Date	Topic	Speaker	Organisation	Chair
Dec 08	Friedreich Ataxia Awareness	Ross Rice & Ian Lawrence	RC Brighton North	tba
Friedreich Ataxia is a genetic neurological degenerative condition caused by an inherited altered gene leading to a gradual and irreversible damage affecting the brain				
Dec 15	No Meeting—See you at the Christmas Party on Thursday Evening 17 Dec			
The Christmas Party is, by tradition, a highlight of the year—not to be missed!				
Dec 22	Christmas Message	Rev D Pargeter	Uniting Church	tba
Tradition and thoughtfulness combine				
Dec 29	No Meeting			
Enjoy the post-Christmas period without the benefit of your Rotary functions!				
Jan 05	No Meeting			
Jan 12	5pm Yarra Cluster BBQ			

Leave of Absence

Second Bite Roster

Dec	05	Bill Troedel	Ian Hamilton
Dec	12	Dennis Shore	Kevin Rose
Dec	19	David Rush	David Owen
Jan	19	Geoff Dumayne	Ian Stoney

Doing the Jobs Better: Setting Up

When rostered for setting up for the club meeting, you should arrive at the venue at approximately 12 noon to give sufficient time to complete everything prior to the arrival of members from 12.30 onwards.

All items are stored in our three cupboards in the rear storage room. The lights can be turned on at the switch half way into the storage room on the left hand side behind the stacked chairs. If you are unable to locate the light switch please seek the assistance of the venue staff. The Cupboards should be locked. Keys to open these are held by Norman Hall, Charles Morrison and Venue staff.

The first task is to place the meeting sandwich board at the front entrance so that all can see it from the street. Second task is to place the black badge bag on the entry desk for set up by the Badge and welcomer. The Front Desk case should also be placed on the registration desk to allow those undertaking front desk duties for that day to set everything up.

The Sergeants Bell and sash should be placed on the main table along with the purple raffle bag.

At least 3 (and up to 5) Flag banners should be brought out and placed on a table near the window to allow Richard Groom to hang them. If Richard is not attending then it will be the set up persons duty to also hang these banners on the windows. Please close curtains only by using the cords, otherwise they can break.

The Australian Flag should also be hung [in the correct orientation, See Bernie Walshe for instructions if unsure]. A good location is on the Left Hand Side using the thermostat dial. The small yearly International Banner should be hung on the front lectern. The Past Presidents, the Gold Rotary International Sign [with blue stand] and Blue Roller District 9800 Banners should be placed to the Left Hand Side of the stage in a neat and orderly row.

If the projector equipment is not being used then the second cloth District 9800 banner can be placed to the Right Hand Side of the stage. If electronic equipment is needed then this should be set up to the right hand side of the stage along with the screen. Ask for assistance if you are unsure as to how this should be set up.

After the above is complete, relax, have a drink and mingle!

(Brief instructions can be found on page 31 of the 2009 - 2010 Member Handbook.)

(By Norman Hall)

Quilts & Quilting Exhibition 23-26 Sep 2010

- A new, exciting, major fundraiser—conceived by Anne Scott and proposed by Anne & Ian Pohl
- An Art Display of Quilts, plus other quilting activities, at Hawthorn Town Hall
- Support from City of Boroondara, Quilters Victoria and others
- Club involvement:
 - Whole Club involvement
 - Committee already developing with \$8,000 development budget
 - Tasks include: set up, catering, merchandising, PR/Marketing etc. etc.