



ROTARY CLUB OF HAWTHORN



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Meetings

Hawthorn Receptions
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Tuesdays 12:30pm for
1:00pm (Finish 2.00pm)

Rotary Club of Hawthorn

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Bulletins etc available from:
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Welcome to New Member Sean Curlis

President Neil inducted new member **Sean Curlis**, who was introduced to us by **Kevin Rose**, and everyone is delighted. We also welcome his wife **Anne Milton** to the extended family of Rotary. Each of them runs their own business very close to Hawthorn Receptions. Surely we will get more accurate information in due course, but here is your editor's understanding:



- Sean runs a gallery dealing largely in stained glass
- Anne runs a business in providing holistic help to cancer sufferers.

President Neil reported a summary:

President Neil expressed his pride in how hard the club has worked recently:

- The Christmas Auction raised \$6,000+ (Thanks to **Ngairé Cannon** especially)
- The sale of Christmas hams, cakes etc raised \$9,000+ (Thanks to **Geoff Wright** especially)
- The raffle at the tennis parking raised \$4,000+ (Thanks to **Ian Warren** especially)
- The tennis parking raised \$19,000+ (Thanks to **Barry Pratt** and **Doug Kirkman** especially)
- The BBQ at Bunnings raised \$1,400 for Malvern SES (David Rush told us that Neil filled 4 of the 8 rostered duty spots himself!)

Cancer Fundraiser: Relay for Life Sat 27—Sun 28 March

- **Noel Halford** - himself a recent cancer survivor - urged us to put this major fundraiser in our diaries, and
- consider volunteering to walk for an hour or two—even in the middle of the night! - and
- consider who you will get to sponsor your efforts.
- More information soon.

Volunteering at the Women's

By Dilys Luciani (Royal Women's Hospital)

Today, at what seemed to be our first post holiday meeting, we learned about volunteering - not the sort of occasional / periodic volunteering that most of us Rotarians practice, but week by week, month by month, year after year regular volunteering at Melbourne's Royal Women's Hospital (be aware that the 'Royal' seems to be slipping away).

Our speaker, Dilys Luciani, has been the Volunteer Co ordinator (get used to this new living English language - that's the official spelling) at the women's. She has some 20 years involvement in community not-for-profit organizations including 12 rewarding years at the Royal Children's Hospital in a group of about 100 volunteers supporting children with cancer. She discussed the gratifying experience of using music therapy and the volunteer 'huggers' who nurse babies whose mother has returned home or cannot care for the child.

We were introduced to a number of volunteers via large photographs. The majority are women, a few only about 20 years old and moving from one stage of education to another. Others are in their 70s or 80s and still working several days every week at the hospital - it seems that few volunteers work a 5 day week but this is not confirmed. In Victoria, most are in the 35-55 year old bracket, which is a little older than the Australian average.

In general terms, why do volunteers volunteer? Academics talk of 'service above self' and "working on behalf of causes or other people", but no brief answer seems to be satisfactorily inclusive. Historically,



doctor's volunteers existed in 1865 and continued until 1975. Today, volunteers have rights and responsibilities: They should be informed, recognised, supported and supervised, receive orientation and training, and be insured. They are expected to be reliable, to respect confidentiality, committed to the organization, to undertake training, to seek support when needed and to support other members. They must have knowledge of the relevant codes of practice and know how to operate equipment.

The volunteers do anything that is useful. They sell goods, make knitwear, bag and deliver it (some mothers, especially refugees, have no clothing for the baby, nor any funds). Prems require special treatment, which is available. The volunteers have many ingenious ways in which goods can be economically and attractively prepared. They also do book-keeping, cataloguing, archiving, move files from department to department, some provide geriatric counselling, others sell flowers and refreshments and most importantly, give directions to the public amongst much else. Your scribe also understood that some student volunteers from Melbourne University assist in research projects.

Their training is both formal and informal. The start work with a Buddy system of support and meet twice weekly at morning tea for more training. They do receive gifts occasionally and may have a car park or lunch provided if appropriate.

Dilys thought that the number of volunteers in the hospital has remained fairly steady over the past 10 years and the supply actually seemed to be growing as past patients - an ever increasing number - were a prime source of volunteers. It was remarked that there were no union issues.

This talk gave a welcome insight into our hospital system.

(By Richard Bainbridge)

Kooyong Tennis Parking Wed 13—Sat 16 Jan

Barry Pratt, our 2010 parking supremo, reports:

Hawthorn Rotary Club successfully organised parking for the four days of the Kooyong (AAMI) Tennis Classic held at the Kooyong Tennis Centre. The success was due to the joint effort of the large number of members of our club and some of their families who volunteered for the fund raising project. The task was made more challenging by the often hot and dusty conditions. We did our best to ensure that the army of bright yellow jackets had some cool water to sustain them.



It appeared that crowd numbers at the event were less than previous years, but after all moneys are in and a few expenses paid we should raise about \$19,500. This together with money raised by the raffle, coordinated by Ian Warren, has produced a most pleasing result.

I will not attempt to thank everyone by name, just in case I miss a few people. However, there were some key and notable contributions. Doug Kirkman worked all day for the four days ensuring that parking of cars was smoothly organised. Sandy Bennet provided great support in helping the orderly exit of cars at the end of the day. Our President Neil was on-site providing inspiration as well helping with parking and raffle ticket sales.

For the coordinator of the parking, the four days were an enjoyable and at times challenging experience during which I learned a lot more about club members' talents. For example, I witnessed time management lessons and helpful advice about brevity being given to fellow members. I will keep my eyes open to see



Photos of Kinglake De-fencing : Please email all your photos to Gerald Swinnerton: geraldswinnerton@lycos.com

The Global Smile of Rotary

Richard Groom reports: Carla Griten (nee Krygier) was our RCH hosted youth Exchange guest in 1991.



This Week's Meeting (Back at Hawthorn Receptions):

Attendance: 45 Members + 4 Guests = 49 Total
Guest Speaker: Dilys Luciani (Volunteering: Royal Womens Hospital)
Guests of Members: Ken Madl (Nehama Patkin)
Visiting Rotarians: nil
Other Guests: Sean Curlis (new member), Anna Milton (Sean's wife)
Thanks to: N. Cannon (Chair), C. Hanson (Sergeant), I. Stoney (Raffle Donor)

Apologies	DRURY Henry	PRATT Barry
CORRIGAN David	HAMILTON Ian	SEAR Jonathan
CROW Archie	HAYES Meredith	
DEVEREUX Joseph	PISTERMAN David	

Make-Ups: Jill Weeks (e-Club 1/2)

Around The Club

Phil Slobom—walker or driver?

When the Shadow gets it wrong, he is the first to confess: Apparently Phil Slobom did not walk from Harp Junction to Alexandra Gardens. Instead, he drove almost all the way. Congratulations to Phil on 'fessing up'!

Dangerous slip of the tongue!

Oh, dear. How careful we should all be in this era of equality and sharing of roles within marriage. Overheard: "My wife Jane is a lady of leisure". The Shadow bets she works just as hard as he does!

Dress Standards—Excessive Zeal?

Tuesday was a very hot day. Not surprisingly, many members came without jackets, many came without ties. Two even came in shorts. Sandals were seen. Highly appropriate? The Shadow says 'yes'. The sergeant said 'no' and fined alleged miscreants. Hopefully, anonymity and whistleblower legislation will protect The Shadow!

When is an Answer Just a Guess?

Our beloved sergeant was talking about a recent date palindrome (a word, number etc reading the same backwards as forwards). When, he asked, would the next such date occur? 'In 800 years' volunteered the ever-game Trevor Jones. The sergeant claims the right answer is 'next year'! And who is going to challenge him? The sergeant might even be right.

Hot & Cold

Glad to learn that Nehama and Ken, just back from 4 weeks of Northern Hemisphere cold, are enjoying the heat.

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
09 Feb	R. House	D. Rosback	G. Davey	I. Pohl	J. Cook	B. Troedel
			D. Shore			K. McNamara
16 Feb	G. Wright	M. Brenner	I. Hamilton	B. Troedel	K. Rose	S. O'Donoghue
			D. Owen			N. Halford

Forthcoming Speakers

Date	Topic	Speaker	Organisation	Chair
Feb 09	Never Say Die	Glenn Tebble	Cystic Fibrosis Ambassador & Double Lung Transplant	Ken McNamara
Glen Says: My story is one of pure determination. Waiting for 2 years for a lung transplant and surviving on 10% lung function. Follow my journey from a child suffering from Cystic Fibrosis, to a young man struggling to survive and live life to the fullest.				
Feb 16	In Search of a Story	Tim Pegler	Ex-journalist and now author	Noel Halford
Award-winning journalist and author Tim Pegler will explore the importance of stories in society, citing some of the most memorable moments from his career as a newspaper reporter, website editor and novelist.				
Feb 23	The Vehicle Design Process in the Australian Automotive Industry	Doug Findlay	Recently-retired Ford Special Events & Product Development Supervisor	Ian Stoney
For example, will the Ford Falcon still be made in Australia next year?				
March 02	Nuclear Power for Generating Electricity	Sander Vandeth	Retired Chief Engineer, Orica	Ian Warren
Sander will provide a quick insight into the world of nuclear power for generating electricity including the extent of nuclear power generation, how a reactor works, radioactivity, waste management, and safety (including a brief look at Chernobyl and Three Mile Island accidents.)				
March 09	My Fencing Experiences	Gerald Swinnerton	Club Member & Fencer Extraordinaire	Richard Bainbridge
Gerald doesn't need any introduction: Hear the story, see the photographs of Rotary in Action				
March 16	Two Australian Leaders: 'Weary' Dunlop and Ken Myer	Sue Ebury	Author	John Higgins
Sue Ebury is the author of 'Weary, The Life of Sir Edward Weary Dunlop' and 'The Many Lives of Kenneth Myer'				

Leave of Absence

Second Bite Roster

Feb	06	Ian Hamilton	Norman Hall
Feb	13	Richard Groom	David Rush
Feb	20	Geoff Dumayne	Ian Stoney
Feb	27	Noel Halford	Philip Slobom