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President's Report

On Tuesday 12th July 2011 we were pleased to have an impromptu Guest Speaker in PDG (95-96) Ron Lucas from RIBI District 1210. Ron and his wife are visiting their daughter Charlotte, her husband and two granddaughters in Ourimbah Road. He is a member of Newcastle-under-Lyme Club (<http://www.rotary-newcastle-staffs.co.uk/>) and an avid Stoke City supporter. His Club has produced 5 PDG from 1977-99. The 29 PDG from his year gather at Newquay, Cornwall each year but are now only just 14! Ron explained RIBI (Rotary in Britain & Ireland) and that it comprises 55,000 Rotarians, has its own Constitution, separate training facilities in Warwickshire and enjoys a level of independence from Rotary International in their day to day activities - just like Mosman! Since inception it has remained strong in the North & South of Ireland despite the strife suffered there over the years. Ron advised that Joseph Cooke a miner from Silverdale emigrated to Australia in the 1880's, became a founding member of the Australian Labour Party and the 6th Prime Minister - Well Done!

Ron went on to describe the beginning of Shelterbox. Tom Henderson (now OBE) from the Club of Helston-Lizard was a Royal Navy diver and helicopter crewman. He persevered with his club until it supported his idea to provide shelter and household utensils for ten for six months in a disaster situation. It is now the largest Rotary project worldwide. Read more at: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ShelterBox>

PP John Dean gave a vote of thanks having sat beside Ron but not divulged that he is the District Shelterbox Chairman - dirty rat!

Exchange Students.

Patricio Suarez from Mexico will arrive on DL17 at 6.50 am on Thursday 21 July 2011. His Counsellor is PP Barry Starr and first Host parents are Dan & Marguerite Hudson

Charlie Barnett President

This week – Horizons Restaurant, Mosman RS Club. Military Rd. ,

**COULD THOSE MEMBERS WITH SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS
PLEASE ADVISE BERNIE AT THE RS CLUB ON ARRIVAL.**

**Please advise apologies or guests by Monday to
Club Phone 0414 422 600 or
email Ward : wardpollard@lynard.com.au**

ATTENDANCE TABLE ROSTER

July:	Ian Fitzpatrick, John Melville
August:	Mike Blakeney; Tim Gelston,
September:	Maureen Chaseling; Tony Pilkington
October:	John Nelson; Michael Costello
November:	Clare Stockdale; Ian Fitzpatrick
December:	Dominique Rabu; Rob Sturrock
If you cannot attend when rostered, please arrange a substitute.	

COMING EVENTS

19th July	Governor's visit
26th July	Meeting 6.00 pm level 1- Assembly 7.00pm No meeting at midday
Sunday 28th August	BBQ/Picnic at Middle Head with guided tour of the tunnels
29th November	PHF Luncheon
16th Sep 2012	"Spring Ball" at Victoria Barracks deferred 12 months

Birthdays

18th Marion Harding
19th Philip Perkins

Anniversaries

none

Rotary in the Mountains

One of our mountain-dwelling members was attracted by the following letter that appeared in the Blue Mountains Gazette on 6 July. It not only highlights some of the good work being done by the several clubs in the Blue Mountains, but this well-expressed letter by the Federal MP for the area gives due acknowledgement to the good work of Rotarians generally.

Celebrating Blue Mountains Rotarians

The end of financial year is often associated with Tax returns and Christmas in July but for those members of our community involved in Rotary this also marks the time of the year when changeovers are done between past Presidents and new. In this important time on the Rotary calendar I would like to commend the Blue Mountain's Rotarians for the great work they do all year around.

The district covering the Blue Mountains and surrounding areas raised in excess of \$78,000 to help those in need. A truly amazing effort.

Some of this money was used to send volunteers and funding to a Medical Project in the Philippines where over a 10 day period 1261 people received much needed treatment.

Other great achievements by these clubs include the Rotary Club of the Lower Blue Mountains running the monthly markets at Glenbrook Public School, the Rotary Club of Springwood running the Antiques and Collectables Fair every year where I was fortunate enough to meet several members, the Rotary Club of Blackheath sponsoring the Rhodendron Festival and the Rotary Club of the Central Blue Mountains raising funds for Leura Public School by running a bric-a-brac stall.

I thank all outgoing Presidents for their leadership of these clubs over the past twelve months. You make a valuable contribution to our community and it does not go unnoticed.

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