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PRESIDENTIAL

On Sunday May 1, some of our members had a delightful luncheon cruise on the Port River Dolphin, hosted and arranged by Irena, whose mother and friend were also there. The weather was perfect and everybody enjoyed themselves immensely. Did anyone catch sight of any dolphins??



Congratulations to the duly elected members for our new 2005-2006 Board. I am sure Krystyna will make a great President and we wish her and the other Board members a successful forthcoming year in office. I would like to encourage members to be more willing to take up leadership roles, as without a strong leadership team we cannot plan interesting Club projects efficiently.

The attendance at the first two organisational meetings for the annual Picnic in the Park have been disappointing, but I am sure things will improve. Because Picnic in the Park involves such a huge amount of work, Lindsay could more than likely do with some assistance.

We had seven members helping compile the flower arrangements for Mothers Day. There were 180 bouquets/cards made up for recipients at five nursing homes. These were delivered on Mothers Day by Alan Forrester and Betty, along with Janine, Simon and Lindsay. A big Thank You to those volunteers for this annual project.

Our good friend Mel Kutek has advised us that on Sunday 5th June from 6.30pm there will be a Movie and Food Night at the Windsor Theatre, Henley Beach Road, Lockleys, admission price \$15 to raise funds for a school and health care facility in Malualkon, South Sudan. You will find further details elsewhere in this KAN. It would be great if we could have some of our members attend to support this worthwhile project.

In closing, the worthiest cause is kindness and it is timeless. (CHARLES DICKENS)

Enjoy your Club

Colin



BOB THOMPSON, one of our Hixson Award recipients, pictured on the left of this foursome, was a guest in PNG for Anzac Day 2005. Read more on back page of this issue.



Those lucky Adelaide Club members who were able to attend the big interclub dinner meeting on April 26 were: President Colin, Don & Margaret, Ron, Peter O'Keefe, Kevin, Lindsay, David, Lionel, Garry & Glenys, Elisabeth, Krystyna, Ken Foggo, Fred & Ailee, Ray & Audrey, Alan & Margaret, Jean Monten, Sheila Harman, Janine & Simon, Irena & Andrew & Tony. We were joined by around a dozen members from Athelstone Club along with a visit by Lt Gov Div 3 Geoff Rundle and his wife.

It is true that when grandchildren come along, the lucky grandparents will invariably need more room to accommodate the extended family when they visit. With this in mind, the Meggisons have decided to forsake their idyllic apartment lifestyle in the central city, to become rural dwellers, and as of a few weeks ago are now Hills residents, becoming proud owners of a "mini Ponderosa" at Piccadilly which has plenty of space for visiting family members. Well done to Garry & Glenys – maybe a Club event coming up next year to visit you guys?

Only about one week to go. For what? Until Elisabeth's son arrives from London to visit his Mum!!

Well done to Joan and Peter O'Keefe who last month celebrated their wedding anniversary. Only two more years to go and it's their golden (50th) anniversary!!

Not to be outdone by several of our retired membership who have been travelling lately (including Millards, Wilsons, Brookes) our incoming President, Krystyna is set to join the ranks of travellers next month when she trips towards London, and will be overseas for around 3 months. Go for it Krystyna!

Our thoughts are with President Colin whose sister has been admitted to RAH with a serious illness.

One of our regular columns, From The Boardroom, is in temporary abeyance while Secretary Don is away on leave overseas.

Has anyone seen Kevin Reich lately. He is currently sporting a "bare face" after quitting the beard he has worn for several years.

The "young lad" of our Club, Lionel Whalan is due to celebrate his birthday middle of next month. Only notable difference to other birthdays is that this marks Lionel's ninety-first anniversary of his arrival on earth. That's not bad for a rather youthful looking man who is still a regular attendee at Club events.

Our Dinner Meeting on May 10 was our AGM. Colin gave us his President's Report which hopefully will be printed in our next KAN. Two of the more interesting points from his report were that our Club membership's average age is now 72 years (grace not pace?!), and on the upside is that in recent months our Tuesday meetings have averaged 80 per cent attendance. Well done.

MOTHERS DAY FLOWERS - President Colin kindly hosted this year's Mothers Day Flowers working bee, where we gathered in the city on Saturday May 7 to assemble the carnations and cards for various nursing homes. Those helping were Colin Brookes, Barb Rowe, Joan & Bob Thompson, Elisabeth Von Ballmoos, David & Erin McNabb, with thanks to Alan Forrester for arranging the flowers. Our deliverers on Sunday were Janine & Simon, Alan & Betty, and Lindsay Curtis. For the record, the nursing homes we favoured with our attention this year were Amity, Ashlea, St Basil's and The Avenue (all at St Peters), and Roselin Court Nursing Home at Joslin.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Irena Dalidowicz	June 7th
Sam Christodoulou	June 12th
Alan Williams	June 13th
Lionel Whalan	June 19th
Kevin Reich	June 21st



THOUGHT FOR THIS MONTH

One thing you can give, and still keep
. . . is your word

PANHOM is organising their first fundraising event - details on www.panhom.org

MOVIE & FOOD NIGHT

SUNDAY JUNE 5 from 6.30pm

Windsor Theatre, Henley Beach Road, Lockleys

Cost \$15 - Tickets can be bought at the door, or preferably from MEL KUTEK beforehand

The movie is **HOTEL RWANDA**, and food and drinks will be provided prior to the movie.

This event is being held to raise funds for the building of a new school and health care facility at Malualkon, South Sudan. Mel can be contacted on 0422 816 840 - *HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE*

Smile Awhile!

AAADD

Recently I was diagnosed with A A A D D – Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder.

This is how it manifests:

I decide to wash my car. As I start toward the garage, I notice that there is some mail sitting on the hall table.

I decide to go through the mail before I wash the car.

I lay my car keys down on the table, put the junk mail in the rubbish bin under the table, and notice that the bin is full.

So, I decide to put the bills back on the table, and take out the bin first.

But then I think, since I'm going to be near the mailbox when I take out the rubbish anyway, I may as well pay the bills first.

I take my cheque book off the table, and see that there is only one cheque left.

My extra cheques are in my desk in the study, so I go to my desk where I find the can of Coke that I had been drinking.

I'm going to look for my cheque book but first I need to push the Coke aside so that I don't accidentally knock it over.

I see that the Coke is getting warm, and I decide I should put it in the refrigerator to keep it cold.

As I head toward the kitchen with the Coke, a vase of flowers on the bench catches my eye – they need to be watered.

I set the Coke down on the bench, and I find my reading glasses that I have been searching for all morning.

I decide I had better put them back on my desk, but first I'm going to water the flowers.

I set the glasses back down on the bench, fill a container with water and suddenly I spot the TV remote. Someone left it on the kitchen table.

I realise that tonight when we go to watch TV I will be looking for the remote, but I won't remember that it's on the kitchen table, so I decide to put it back in the lounge room where it belongs, but first I'll water the flowers.

I splash some water on the flowers, but most of it spills on the floor. So I set the remote back down on the table, get some towels and wipe up the spill.

Then I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do.

At the end of the day: the car isn't washed, the bills aren't paid, there is a warm can of Coke sitting on the bench, the flowers aren't watered, there is still only one cheque in my cheque book, I can't find the remote, I have misplaced my glasses and I don't remember what I did with the car keys.

Then when I try to figure out why nothing got done today, I'm really baffled because I know I was busy all day long, and I'm really tired. I realise this is a bad problem, and I'll try to get some help for it, but first I'll check my e-mail.....

Thanks to "The Recorder"

DEFINITION OF A BARBECUE

It's the only type of cooking a real man will do. When a man volunteers to do the barbecue, the following chain of events is put into motion.

1. The woman goes to the shops.
2. The woman makes the salad, vegetables and dessert
3. The woman prepares the meat for cooking, places it on a tray, along with the necessary cooking utensils and sauces, and takes it to the man, who is lounging beside the grill, beer in hand.
4. The man places the meat on the grill
5. The woman goes inside to organise the plates and cutlery
6. The woman comes out to tell the man that the meat is burning. He thanks her and asks if she will bring another beer while he deals with the situation
7. The man takes the meat off the grill and hands it to the woman
8. The woman prepares the plates and brings them to the table.
9. After everyone's eaten, the woman clears the table and does the dishes.
10. Everyone praises the man and thanks him for his cooking efforts.
11. The man asks the woman how she enjoyed "her night off". And upon seeing her frosty reaction, concludes that there's just no pleasing some women!!



Kiwanis Boat Trip

Many thanks to Irena for organising a fabulous Harbour Cruise around Port Adelaide on the Port Princess. This was held on Sunday May 1, and with few exceptions, we were all able to assemble in time on the wharf, ready to board the boat by 11.30am. Those that were able to use the car park in the adjacent Port Markets found that the Council has just installed meters, so everyone now has to pay for what used to be a free facility.

The cruise left promptly and gently sailed out through Outer Harbor with helpful (sometimes comical) commentary from the ship's Master, while the staff served us an excellent meal. The water was so calm that we could have no excuses if anyone spilt their drinks...

This event was a fundraiser and managed to raise nearly \$70 towards Club funds. Irena has some similar functions being planned for later in the year, so do come along and show your support, while having a fun time. Most of us were too busy chatting and chomping to notice but there were a couple of dolphins spotted during the day.

Those attending included Lionel, Krystyna, Ray & Audrey, Alan & Margaret, the Dalidowicz family including Irena's mum and friends, Ken Foggo, Janine & Simon, Kerry Hugo, David, Ryan & Erin McNabb, and President Colin.





Boat photography by Erin McNabb....



*Why not join us
on our next fun
Club fundraiser ...*

SPEAKER SPOT

Lindsay introduced our Guest Speaker, **PETER MIRTCHIN**, for our meeting the day after Anzac Day.

Peter graduated from Uni of SA as a mechanical engineer, but soon developed an interest in a completely unrelated field - venomous snakes. From working in bioscience as a physicist, he expanded 10 years ago into the production of anti-venene, eventually founding Venom Supplies Pty Ltd, a Tanunda-based company which now employs between 6 to 10 full-time staff.

The “snake business” sounds fascinating as Peter explained how they

- house around 550 snakes
- cultivate rodents because they need plenty to feed the snakes;
- have a separate Taipan building which produces their main income (Taipan venom);
- export (lots of paperwork involved) to many countries, including as far afield as Alaska;
- use pipettes or beaker/tubes to milk the venom (approximately fortnightly);
- breed cobras and tiger snakes to help replenish stocks.

Venoms are quite complex, eg the tiger snake has eight neuro-toxins plus blood cell toxins. Peter also enlightened us on the varieties of these reptiles that can be found in Australia. There are six different species of tiger snakes, brown snakes (very active and responsible for 75% of all bites to humans and animals); death adder, black snakes, copperhead, rough scaled/broadhead, krait, and the world’s deadliest snake - the Taipan. There are two types of Taipan, both acknowledged as the deadliest snakes known to the human race (they are 50% more toxic than the Asian cobra). Overseas, the Brazilian viper is used to develop other venoms not seen in Australia.

We were informed, via an interesting Powerpoint presentation, about the development of antivenims. In the late 1800s it was first discovered that snake venoms could be used to actually treat snake bites. To be bitten by a Taipan in the early 1900s was almost certain death but these days, with timely treatment, victims have half a chance. Since 1900 there have been many Australians involved with snakes, and treatment of their deadly bites.

Each year in this country there are about 1500 recorded cases of snake bites in humans, and 6500 in animals. Venom Supplies produces CVF (Cobra Venom Factor) which is used in transplant research, helping with solving rejections in organ transplant operations.

Global warming can have an effect on snake breeding - eggs need to be kept within a rather strict temperature range, otherwise birth deformities or stillbirth can result.

Altogether, a most interesting presentation on a fascinating subject of which most people would have had little prior knowledge. We thank you Peter for your talk.

FOOTNOTE: There was a sad sequel to this talk. Four days after Mr Mirtchin addressed our meeting, Venom Supplies was headline news after one of their employees was found dead at home in Tanunda, *possibly* from a snake bite.



WRONG FIGURES IN THE MEMBERSHIP COSTS ARTICLE

The following small errata was inadvertently overlooked by your editor for inclusion in the last KAN. Regarding the figure of \$22 for Membership Joining Fee as mentioned in our March KAN - this is incorrect. Our Club's joining fee for new members is currently \$30, of which Aust\$21 is paid to Kiwanis International. My apologies for the wrong information.

Secretary - Don Millard

DINNER MEETING / ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 10th May

President Colin presided over a successful AGM where the incoming Executive and Board were duly elected as per nominations printed in the last KAN. Congratulations to Krystyna our incoming President. Handover Night is in September. Those who attended were Irena and Andrew, Janine and Simon, Lindsay, Barb Rowe, Alan Forrester, President Colin, Ken Foggo, Ron, David, Bob (recently returned from overseas), Lionel, Garry, Ray, Alan Williams, Colin Waterman, Krystyna, and Kevin Reich, along with guest speaker Graham Bain.

Irena put in an apology for Tony who apparently “couldn’t get dressed in time”!!!! The raffle was won by Bob Thompson and Ray Packer. Ray put the prize (mobile phone kit) back for redraw as he doesn’t have a mobile, and Lionel was the lucky new recipient. Krystyna was among those fined by Sergeant Colin, because a very nice apology had been read out for her at the start of the meeting, only for Krystyna to arrive soon afterwards!! Lionel was another to be fined, his indiscretion being having paid for his raffle tickets, passed on the basket and forgetting to take his tickets...

SPEAKER SPOT

Our guest speaker for the dinner meeting held on May 10 was **GRAHAM BAIN** from the Victim Support Service, formerly known as the Victims of Crime.

This is an exceptionally topical subject, with several high profile court cases recently receiving plenty of media, including the McGee and Nemer cases.

Graham has been a member of this organisation since 1992 and was a founding member of Homicide Support Scheme. Based in Halifax Street, city, the Victim Support Service was formed in 1979 by former Police Commissioner Ray Whitrod, one of the most effective men to hold this important position.

The infamous “Truro Murders” involving Christopher Worrell around 1978/79 were the catalyst for forming VSS, followed soon after by the Body in the Freezer case (Derrence Stevenson), and the so-called Family murders, making the late 1970s a time when it was perceived that relatives of the victims needed a support organisation.

The Victim Support Service exists on Government grants but also can rely on grants, donations and bequests for its income, some of these coming from grateful families who have been helped.

In 1984 they started to employ full time paid workers after starting with volunteer staff, and there are now 18 full time workers servicing Adelaide and regional areas such as Berri, Mt Gambier, Whyalla and Murray Bridge.

VSS is officially a non-Government agency, so it cannot be dictated to by the Government of the day. Michael Dawson is the current CEO, overseeing services that include counselling for victims of all types of crimes, including bank robberies or life-threatening events.

The services are free to people needing them and include professional counselling and advice on how to deal with court procedures. Often there are instances of traumatised people having to give evidence in court cases, and understandably having little or no knowledge of what they are about to face in the daunting arena of a court room. Graham explained that this is where victims’ rights in legal issues are clarified to them.

Plea bargaining usually has a negative impact on victims who feel cheated when they see perpetrators of crimes seeming to “get off” with a lighter sentence after pleading guilty to a lesser charge. Sadly this seems to happen too often these days. The perception is that the victims are the “guilty” ones, for having been in the wrong place at the wrong time. This of course, is not how the situation should be treated.

Then there is the aspect of the media tending to sensationalise crimes, and the victims have no say at all in this matter - maybe seeing their photograph headlined in a newspaper when they would rather not have the event publicised so heavily.

It costs just \$15 a year to join Victim Support Service and people can also help out by becoming volunteers for VSS. Judging by the large amount of questions after this interesting address, everyone found Graham’s talk compelling listening.



Lest We Forget

RETURN TO PORT MORESBY

Thanks to the generosity of the Port Moresby Sub-Branch of RSL, I was invited along with a representative from Western Australia and Victoria to attend the 2005 Dawn Service at Bomana Cemetery, Papua New Guinea on Anzac Day. We were invited as members of the three Battalions which engaged the Japanese forces at Isurava in August 1942 and held up their advance for four critical days. Those Battalions were 2/14 Victoria, 2/16 WA, and 39th Bn Victoria (CMF). The SA Bn (2/27) was in reserve and joined us about 8 days later at Brigade Hill. (The 2/27 was Vic Hugo's Battalion).

None of us three had met previously but friendship developed immediately we met at Brisbane Airport. With us was a man from Victoria whose father had been a member of 2/16 Bn. Ross joined 2/14 Bn as an associate member some years ago and has since been a great help in the administration of the Association. He spent six years in PNG as a member of the Australian Police Force assisting the local police. His knowledge of Port Moresby and its people was a great help to us. He helped us whenever help was needed and fixed all problems which arose (cold showers, blown lights, etc).

Our stay at the Gateway Hotel was notable because of the number of young people, men and women, who were just about to start "walking the Track" or they had just completed the walk. Whatever, they were overwhelmed at seeing three genuine veterans from that campaign that was fought in 1942. They insisted on having our signatures on books, pieces of paper, shirts or whatever. They wanted to know all about our experiences, insisted on us joining them for a meal, and in particular making us pose for photographs.

Many times we were hailed as heroes which I was happy to deny on the grounds that were just like them and what we did, they too would do because, like us, they are Australians.

It was reported to us that on any day of that week there was an average of 350 people walking The Track!

Our hosts of the RSL entertained us at the Yacht Club and we were taken for a tour of Port Moresby and old camp sites.

On Anzac Day it was 0400 hours "Wake Up", then onto the bus for the drive to Bomana Cemetery. Naturally it was dark on arrival, although the moon was providing soft light. We veterans were seated in the front row and the service commenced with a hymn which few could read in the half light.

The Catafalque Party from the Pacific Islands Regiment, moved into position efficiently, and the New Zealand High Commissioner gave the Propogue followed by the Australian High Commissioner who read the Dedication.

Following a prayer, the President of the Port Moresby RSL gave an inspiring address in which he highlighted the great danger to PNG and Australia and compared this to Gallipoli, which he claims put Australia on the map but which posed no danger to our countries, while the Owen Stanley Campaign posed a grave danger to both our nations.

Wreaths were laid by the High Commissioners of Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, India, UK, followed by the Ambassador from France, Charge d'Affaires USA, Consul the Netherlands, Police, Australian Veterans, RSL and other individuals.

Following the service various members of the media recorded interviews with us, time was then allowed to inspected graves before enjoying a "Gunfire Breakfast" at the Yacht Club as guests of the RSL. I was very pleased to meet the man who has offered to help in the supply of schoolbooks for Kokoda School, and I met a constable who makes regular trips to Kokoda, assuring me he is able to make deliveries.

Joan met me at the airport on my return. I was back home in Adelaide again, tired, but inspired by the experience, and in particular by the crowds of young Australians who are devoting themselves to walking where we walked 63 years ago and picturing the story for themselves.

BOB THOMPSON



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