

“BE THE INSPIRATION”

The Rotary Club of Kingston usually meets at the Kingborough Bowls Club, Margate, Mondays 6.30 for 7.00

Tonight’s meeting #2159

This week: 16/10/18

CLUB SERVICE - GROUP FORUM
HUONVILLE BOWLS CLUB
6.30 for 7.00

Chairman	AG Marion Cooper
Registration	PP John Perterson
Assistant	Rtn David Oxley

Next meeting 22/10/18

COMMUNITY SERVICE
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IN KINGBOROUGH
Speaker: CAROL SWARDS

Chairman	PP Ewan Cameron
Registration/Raffle prize	PP Else Phillips
Assistant	Rtn Kathleen Page
Meet’n Greet/Décor/TT Steward	PP Malcolm Wells

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ANYTHING WE NEED TO KNOW?
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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“ALL HAPPY FAMILIES RESEMBLE ONE ANOTHER; EVERY UNHAPPY FAMILY IS UNHAPPY IN ITS OWN FASHION.”

Leo Tolstoy (1828 – 1910)

Leave of absence: PPs Lois Haas, Paul Jack, Else Phillips.

After **President Jill Sward** opened the meeting, she introduced our **Assistant Governor, Marion Cooper**, who had a special reason to visit – namely to present certificates of appreciation on behalf of the **Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA)** program to **PDG Bill Brundle, PPs Annette Psereckis, Roger Bastone, Else Phillips** and **Rtn Chris Neilsen** for their work with the program.

Our **Chairman, PP John Peterson**, introduced our speaker, **Halley Durrant**, head of the **Beacon Foundation** to bring us up to date on the Foundation’s activities. John spoke of the long association our club has had with Beacon and what an impressive impact it is having on youth unemployment.

Halley revealed we are seeing high levels of youth unemployment (16-24 year olds). Across Australia and it is particularly strong in Tasmania, where our year 12 attainment rates are the second worst in the country, second only to the Northern Territory. There is a high level of welfare dependence in Tasmania with many young people having no role models in their immediate family circle to teach them about the world of work

The Beacon Foundation was established in 1988 to see where young people could be assisted, and, in 1995, the ‘No Dole Program’ was rolled out in Brookes High School and by 1998 Brookes saw a 100 per cent success rate

Beacon is currently engaged with around 110 schools across the country and reach around 15,000 young people to assist them in engaging with career and education development activities.

The Beacon Model is about 'Collaborative Education'. The power of 'networks' is at the centre of this model and the aim is to connect school and student communities into local and national business and industry networks. Finally, through preparation and industry mentor exposure, students are better equipped with knowledge around what to expect when they enter the world of work and therefore experience a smoother transition from education to employment.

One of the programs is the Business Partnership Group – a community meeting connecting teachers with industry representatives to plan engagement and volunteer opportunities for the coming term and discuss any pressing issues. In addition, students visit a business on site and experience the work environment at a practical level..

Another is "Business Blackboards" in which Industry representatives come into the class room to help teach a pre-planned class. For example, a maths class has invited local engineers to come and discuss real life application of trigonometry in the form of the swing radius of a wrecking ball. This helps students see real life applications of their learning.

"My Road" is an online program that connects female students aged 16 to 19 (or turning 16 that year) to industry mentors via video chat technology into classrooms anywhere across Australia.

"Industry Live" is a series of live learning sessions for secondary school students, based on their areas of interest in the workforce. The 45 minute sessions let young people hear from volunteers about their job and their pathway to it. Students can join a session about Apprenticeships, jobs in creative sectors or in STEM fields.

Beacon is frequently contacted by businesses to help them fill employment gaps within their organisation. Beacon can help promote positions within a school, organise site tours for interested candidates and even work with the students to prepare them for the interview process. In Tasmania, there are two Industry Liaison who work in conjunction with Beacon and the Department of Education across all government secondary schools to assist them in obtaining their My Education needs.

Kingston High School is one of the latest partnered schools in the south that came on board in April. To date Beacon has run two major events with them, a High Impact Program and Careers on Wheels. Careers on Wheels brings together local industry representatives in an outdoor setting to showcase their work

In a Q and A session, several points were raised with Halley, one being the unrealistic approach to the mock job interviews members of this club have conducted at Kingston High because they were conducted in the school, as opposed to an off-campus location and proved unsuccessful. Halley acknowledged the problem adding that some students failed to appear as they were scared of failure.

Another was the problem of our current support for "Creating My Career" and the desire to assist the Beacon Foundation as well. It was also pointed out the similarity of interests of the two programs and Halley acknowledged the excellent points raised and undertook to follow up and advise how best we may proceed in the future.

Also, there is the high expectation of "going on to uni", for "a degree in being useless" that is so prevalent when there is a dearth of apprenticeships being taken up. As a result, many just go on the dole. This is indicative of a need for a return to the basic skills as trying to catch up in grades 10 and 11 is a waste of effort, leading to frustration and classroom misbehaviour. In this, Halley agreed, stating the vital years for mastery of the basics is before grade 6.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK
FINISHING THE JOB

Thirty years ago we Rotarians made a choice to give something far more important than money. We chose to give our word – our word that we would eradicate the poliovirus and create a future free of the disease.

However, we have not kept that word. We have not made the world polio-free. In the words of Henry Ford, “You can’t build a reputation on what you are going to do.”

In Rotary, we have been saying for many years that we are going to eliminate polio. We can only hope there will come a time when we will be able to say we’ve done it.

Rotarians throughout the world have been walking this road for many years. Polio eradication has been part of Rotary for all these decades now – we talk about it, we work towards it and we’ve raised money for it – a great deal of money over many campaigns and now we are being asked to do and give more.

Plainly there will be some who feel we have given enough already to the cause of polio eradication – those who feel we have done enough and it is time to move on.

But, if we pause and slacken now, if we say “almost” is the same as “did”, we risk losing all we have already given. We risk our own good name and the good name of all the Rotarians who came before us.

This is something we as Rotarians cannot and will not accept. We must continue until we finish the job.

HOW MANY PEOPLE IN THE WORLD WERE HELPED BY ROTARY THIS WEEK? WHAT DID YOU CONTRIBUTE?

NOTICE BOARD

DUTY ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT FOUR MEETINGS

October 22
Chairman PP Ewan Cameron
Registration/Raffle prize PP Else Phillips
Assistant Rtn Kathleen Page
Meet 'n Greet/Décor/TT Steward PP Malcolm Wells

October 29
Chairman PP John Peterson
Registration/Raffle prize PP Annette Psereckis
Assistant PP Mike Percey
Meet 'n Greet/Décor/TT Steward PP Neil Bester

November 5
Chairman PP Doug Ralph
Registration/Raffle prize Rtn Chris Terry
Assistant PP John Peterson
Meet 'n Greet/Décor/TT Steward PP Ewan Cameron

November 12
Chairman To be appointed
Registration only PP Malcolm Wells
Assistant PP Annette Psereckis
Meet 'n Greet/Décor/TT Steward PP Simon Finlay

It is the responsibility of the rostered Rotarian to arrange a replacement if/when unable to attend.

There is no contemporary portrait of Nelson wearing an eye-patch, and despite what most people recall having “seen”, the Trafalgar Square column shows him *without* an eye-patch. It was only after his death the eye-patch was used to add pathos to portraits. He used the damaged eye to his advantage. At the battle of Copenhagen in 1801, he ignored the recall signal issued by his superior Admiral Sir Hyde Parker. Nelson, who was in a much better position than Parker to see the Danes were on the run, said to his flag-captain: “You know, Foley, I only have one eye – I have the right to be blind sometimes.” He then held his telescope to his blind eye and said: “I really do not see the signal.”

This is usually misquoted as: “I see no ships.”

Nelson was a brilliant tactician, a charismatic leader and undeniably brave – had he been alive today he would have been eligible for at least three Victoria crosses – but he was also vain and ruthless. As captain of HMS *Boreas* in 1784 he ordered 54 of his 122 seamen and 12 of his 20 marines flogged – 47 per cent of the men aboard. In June, 1799, he treacherously executed 99 prisoners of war in Naples, after the British commander of the garrison had guaranteed their safety.

While in Naples, Nelson began an affair with Lady Emma Hamilton, wife of the British ambassador. Her father had been a blacksmith and she a teenage prostitute in London before marrying Sir William. She was enormously fat and had a Lancashire accent.

Another admirer of Nelson was Patrick Brunty, a Yorkshire parson of Irish descent, who changed his name to Bronte after the King of Naples created Nelson Duke of Bronte. Had he not done so, his famous daughters would have been Charlotte, Emily and Anne Brunty.

In contrast to the public grief at news of Nelson’s death, Earl St Vincent and 18 other admirals of the Royal Navy refused to attend his funeral.

EARTH’S 10 BIGGEST METEOR CRATERS

(Source: chine.org.cn)

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| 1. Vredefort Dome, South Africa | 300km diameter |
| 2. Sudbury Basin, Canada | 250 “ |
| 3. Chicxulub Crater, Mexico | 180 “ |
| 4. Woodleigh Crater, Australia | 160 “ |
| 5. Kara Crater, Russia | 120 “ |
| 6. Manicougan Crater, Canada | 100 “ |
| 7. Popigai Crater, Russia | 100 “ |
| 8. Acraman Crater, Australia | 90 “ |
| 9. Chesapeake Bay Crater, US | 85 “ |
| 10. Puchezh-Katunki Crater, Russia | 80 “ |



YOU READ IT HERE FIRST

- Australia’s first international airport was at Rose Bay, in New South Wales. The first globe-hopping seaplane to land there did so on Christmas Eve, 1937, having arrived from Southampton, England, after a 14-day flight that included stops in France, Burma and Indonesia
- Quick Quiz: The world’s largest tyre manufacturer is a) Goodyear, b) Pirelli, c) Bridgestone, d) None of those. If you chose d) shout yourself a beer. Lego makes the most tyres in the world
- English Islam convert Nick Reilly travelled from Plymouth to Exeter on May 22, 2008, where he planned to detonate nail bomb in a café. He went to the toilet to ready his bomb and it blew up in his face. The people in the café didn’t even realize a bomb had gone off. Said one, “It sounded like a light bulb exploding”
- The most common thing touched up by selfie-takers is skin tone, followed by (in order of prevalence) eye colour/brightness, eye shape/size, figure and lips
- At the end of 2011, there were 650 dogs on active service in the US military

NOTES FROM TONIGHT'S MEETING

- Each strand of human hair can contain 14 different chemical elements, including gold
- In 2008, after blowing 0.462 (nine times over the limit), Heather-Ann Higgins became Oz's drunkest female driver. It cost her six months behind bars
- While inbreeding has been known to cause genetic mutations, studies have found when two inbred individuals from different families get together, their children can show a higher level of physical fitness than their parent, or even the general population (it's scientifically known as "heterosis")
- The average weight of an English Premiership soccer player is 76kg
- The extinct bird the dodo appears on the coat of arms of Mauritius
- Killer whales can kill sharks by karate-chopping them with their tails
- A new study claims most people don't properly grow up until they're 30. That's because most children are now leaving home much later than they did in previous generations
- A lethal dose of caffeine is equal to around 50 double espressos
- A Saturn V rocket boasts around 180 million kilowatts of thrust – top supercars run to around 400 kilowatts
- Fifteen per cent is the proportion of people who've had an encounter with a ghost in the form of shadows, smoke or the sensation of feeling a presence, although only one per cent report seeing a "fully fledged" ghost
- Jesus' real name was Yeshua. The New Testament was first written in Greek, not Hebrew or Aramaic. The Greeks didn't have a "sh" sound, so they used "s". To make the name masculine they added another "s" at the end. The "J" wasn't added until the Middle Ages
- The last widow of an American Civil War veteran died in 2004, aged 97
- The US has roughly 300 million people and roughly 500 million guns

The last word: I remember when we were young, we kids used to love mum's carrot cake – she used real carrots. It was for that exact same reason though that her mud cake wasn't overly popular.