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BUMPER ISSUE!! FOURTEEN PAGE HISTORY OF THE CLUB IN THAT VITAL YEAR 2003-4!!!

President Ross welcomed ladies and our friends from Goonellabah Club especially Pres. Richard Crandon and John Remyse after 11 weeks away. He thanked Bernice for lovely table decorations and helpers who got the hall ready.

WELFARE

Eric said Geoff is likely to be back soon. Norm visited Broughton. Harry OBE is in John Flynn for a new hip

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Outbound Rotary Friendship Exchange Teams to District 7690, North Carolina in October, 2011 and to District 7040, Ontario-Quebec-New York State in September, 2011. Expressions of interest to be a leader to Tony Heading, RC Stanthorpe by 30th September, 2010.

Sat. 11th Sept. – Club to man the gates for the Lismore Rugby Grand Final.

Sun. 19th Sept – Rotary Club of Parkwood's Lunch for PRIT Brian Knowles 50 Years of Rotary , Surfers Paradise Marriott Resort, 12 Noon; \$45.00 pp.

Sat. 18th Sept. – grounds maintenance "working bee" at Lismore Ladies Benevolent Society Units.

Thurs. 23rd Sept. – Lismore Turf Club Lismore Cup

Thurs. 30th Sept. – Combined Rotary Ladies Night at Southern Cross University - \$40 pp.

No Rotary Meeting at Heights' Bowling Club.

Thurs. 21st Oct. – Lismore Show Ladies Night.

Thurs. 4th Nov. – Rotary Bowls, South Lismore Bowling Club

Sun. 21st Nov. – Club's 21st Annual Charity Golf Day, Lismore Golf Course.

RON'S BIT

Ron sold the dinner at SCU 30 Sept and said SCU would push Rotary projects such as RYLAH, Ambassadorial Scholarships and GSE

CLUB HISTORY 43RD YEAR 2003 – 2004. WHAT A FANTASTIC YEAR!!

Pres: **GRAEME HARGREAVES** Sec: Norm Robinson Treas: Ron Chittick

Club Service: Garry Shanley. Membership 45 + 2 honorary; induction Mike Berry and Eric Hocking; won District Attendance Trophy; regained PDG Art Brand Bowls Trophy from Lismore Nov. and retained it in Feb.; caravan/camping weekend at Darlington Beach Resort.

Community Service: Merv Bryant. 4WD-Caravan-Camping Show; Golf Day raised \$10,418; Salvation Army Kids Camp; Rotary Bowel Scan Program; "sausage sizzle" with "Wee Barbie" and trophies for Darrel Chapman Fun Run; NRBS Traders' Day; Lismore Swap Meet; Ladies' Night Wilson Park School donated \$2,600 and constructed bicycle track at a cost of \$10,000; constructed boardwalk roof at House With No Steps \$758; chartered Probus Club of Lismore Heights.

Vocational Service: Keith Parry. Visits to Paterson & Zaplin Plastics and Ron & Paul Weir's Dairy farm.

International Service: Grant Love. Commenced Timor Leste coffee growing project with Rod Fayle & Grant Love travelling to village of Same; FAIM Trip to Fiji by Gary Frith & Trevor Hopf with RC Summerland Sunrise to build a Rotahome donated \$700 to build kitchen-ablution-toilet; Trevor Hopf selected as Team Leader for GSE Team to India & Nepal; 2 tonnes school books and equipment to DIK; supplied paper, pens and pencils for DG's International Literacy Project; donated \$3,000 Rotary Foundation; \$1,000 ROMAC; \$1,000 Interpast; collected used stamps.

Youth Service: Gary Frith. Sponsored a Junior Boy & Girl Citizenship Prize at Lismore High School; \$500 ea. two 1st Clunes Girl Guides to Korean Girl Scouts International Peace Camp; \$500 to student towards trip to United Nations Global Youth Conference in New York; sponsorship to Rotary youth programs: Seimens, RYTS, RYLA, RYPEN; contributed \$778 to Combined Rotary Clubs of Lismore Indigenous Nursing Scholarship at SCU.

SERVICE PROJECTS/CLUB SERVICE

Elio thanked troops involved in Daffodil Day raising \$1800. Bob Barnes said Graeme Ahearn donated 3 large dioramas of outback Australia and we need to sell them to raise some money. Ideas anyone? Ray Chilton explained how we might get involved with a sausage sizzle at Bunnings, if we choose.

COMMERCIAL BREAK

Anyone interested in house swapping through Rotary should check the website

www.rotarianhomeexchange.com/listings. There are lots of listing in Australia, NZ and USA but not many others.

Nobody specifically wanted to come to Dunoon. Don't know why.

Bob Barnes book on Joe Kennedy? Old mobiles? Thanks, Jo Rudwick. NZ contacts for Jane?

WHATSIT Keith, Bernice, Graham, Lucky Doc, and Merv. Should be a few hangovers there.

SERGEANT

Bob Barnes fined John Remyense for getting lost in France while in UK (but he did bring back a great bottle of wine), Laurie/Rod for no planning meeting, Keith for locking up Judy, Elio/Rod (Northern)stars, Norm for gout on 50th wedding anniversary, green paw paw Mulli, Richard Crandon for falling out of bed, Eric in mourning, croc wrassler Ian Robertson, robin red breast Bill Nardi, and Barry Mason for thinking about becoming a member.

ATTENDANCE: Present 26, Apologies 12, Non Apologies 0, Make-Ups 5, Percentage **81.82%**. BUT last week Present 26, Apologies 12, Non Apologies 0, Make-Ups 5, Percentage **91.67%**. Go figure!

BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER Vicki Fayle 15, Heather Brown 24.

ANNIVERSARIES IN SEPTEMBER Ron & Lyn Chittick 4, Bob & Margaret Frith 6, Rod & Vicki Fayle 12, John & Sue Kim 21, Ray & Fay Seiffert 29.

GUEST SPEAKER

Ross had a slack job of introducing Laurie and Rod. Laurie did an excellent song and dance about "Sustainable Cambodia" now supported by 90 Clubs in Australia and the website is www.sustainablecambodia.org/australia. Then Rod took over, showing the photo gallery with Laurie and John E starring. Both speakers were thanked for a good job by John E who was there at the beginning and must be a happy camper to see the project going well.

ROSTER	9th September	16th September
Welcomer	Ian Campbell	Eric Hocking
Gear In/Out	Hugh Baker/Gary Frith	Bob Frith/Grant Love
3 Minuter	George Grey	Hugh Baker
Introducer	John Remyense	Doc Dorahy
Guest Speaker	Peter Corless Micro financing Cambodia	John Remyense Student visits to Vietnam
Thanker	Cec Denny	Ian Mulligan
Thought	Eric Hocking	Fred Rudwick

THOUGHT.

Grant suggested never take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night and also that wisdom doesn't always come with age. Sometimes age just shows up by itself.

AND BECAUSE THERE IS A HEAP OF ROOM (MUST HAVE HAD A SHORT HISTORY SECTION?)

A married couple in their early 60s celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in a quiet, romantic little restaurant. Suddenly, a tiny, beautiful fairy appeared on their table. She said, 'For being such an exemplary married couple and for being loving to each other for all this time, I will grant you each a wish.'

The wife answered, 'Oh, I want to travel around the world with my darling husband'.

The fairy waved her magic wand and - poof! - two tickets for the Queen Mary II appeared in her hands.

The husband thought for a moment: 'Well, this is all very romantic, but an opportunity like this will never come again. I'm sorry my love, but my wish is to have a wife 30 years younger than me.'

The wife and the fairy were deeply disappointed, but a wish is a wish.

So the fairy waved her magic wand and poof!...The husband became 92 years old.

And for an engineering lesson (Thanks doc)

The US standard railroad gauge is 4 feet, 8.5 inches. That's an exceedingly odd number.

Why was that gauge used? That's the way they are built in England and the English designed the US railroads.

Why did the English build them like that? Because the first rail lines were built by the same people who built the pre-railroad tramways, and that's the gauge they used.

Why did 'they' use that gauge then? Because the people who built the tramways used the same jigs and tools that they had used for building wagons, which used that wheel spacing.

Why did the wagons have that particular odd wheel spacing? If they used any other spacing, the wagon wheels would break on some of the old, long distance roads in England, because that's the spacing of the wheel ruts.

So who built those old rutted roads? Imperial Rome built the first long distance roads in Europe (including England) for their legions. Those roads have been used ever since.

Roman war chariots formed the initial ruts, which everyone had to match to avoid destroying their wagon wheels.

Chariots made for Imperial Rome were all identical in wheel spacing. Therefore the United States standard railroad gauge of 4 feet, 8.5 inches is derived from the original specifications for an Imperial Roman war chariot.

Imperial Roman army chariots were made just wide enough to accommodate the rear ends of two war horses.

When you see a space shuttle sitting on its launch pad, there are two big solid rocket boosters (SRBs) attached to the sides of the main fuel tank. The engineers would have preferred to make the SRBs fatter, but the SRBs had to be sent by train from the factory to the launch site and the SRBs had to fit through a tunnel. The tunnel is slightly wider than the railroad track, and the railroad track, as you now know, is about as wide as two horses' behinds. So, a major space shuttle design feature of what is arguably the world's most advanced transportation system was determined over two thousand years ago, by the width of a horse's bum.

Young Graeme