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ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

Rotary Grace

O Lord and giver of all good,
We thank Thee for our daily food.
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways
Help us to serve Thee, all our days.

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Attendance: The meeting of the 18th inst. was attended by 29 members with 24 partaking of the meal on offer. Apologies were recorded for the Kennedy Bros, as well as Mssrs Clayton, Grange, Lyons, Roughley, Tolson, Bishop, Rose, Miller (A), Phillips & Brill. Hat Day makeups were granted Mssrs Kennedy (B), Roughley & Brill. St Matt's BBQ MUs were awarded to Mssrs Grange & Miller (A), while Secretary Clayton is to advise his makeup details in due course. After MUs & Leaves of Absence for Mssrs Newlyn & McGarry are incorporated, attendance is calculated at 90%.

Members please note all details of apologies and guests are required by **9.00am Wednesday**. Ring Clare or Theresa on **4572 5429** or email admin@reelmen.com.au In accordance with board recommendations, no-shows and late apologies will be asked to pay for meals as booked. Thank you.

Trivia question for this week:

Name the year that Burke and Wills set off on their famous expedition from Melbourne to the Gulf of Carpentaria.....



The first correct answer to the editor will win a terrific prize.....last week's answer was The Accademia Gallery in Florence, Italy and the first correct winner was **Peter Dykers**.....



the raffle jackpot will start at
\$376
prior to the next raffle on 25th October





The Rotary Club of Windsor Inc. Weekly Meeting – 18th October 2017



Our weekly meeting was chaired by Vice President **Roy Duncombe** who welcomed the members and told a couple of hilarious jokes. Sergeant at Arms **Tom Millington** called on **Bruce Thorne** to lead the meeting in Grace, then proposed the Loyal Toast to HM Elizabeth II, Queen of Australia.

Club Administration Director **Col Mitchell** reported that the Hat Day breakfast made a profit of \$320 for Australian Rotary Health. Some generous applause.

Community Service Director **Terry Munsey** reported that the APV Parking proposal for Australia Day will go to the next Board Meeting for a decision.

International Director **Paul Barber** reported that he attended the KNR Rotary meeting and presented **Theo Glockemann** with a \$3k pledge towards a 2018 RYPEN course in Timor Leste. **Paul** also reminded fellows about the **Greg Hansell** night upcoming on Wednesday 1st November.

New Generations Director **Geoff Roberts** reported that RYPEN and RYLA applications close at the end of October. **Geoff** also noted that the upcoming RYDA course on the 14th November will require 6 volunteers to act as marshals. **Geoff** also called for photographers for the DreamCricket presentations on Wednesday 25th October.

Marketing Committee member Past President **Mike Norton** reported that there had been a meeting of the Hawkesbury Rotary clubs to discuss a joint fundraiser which proved positive and that further details would be forthcoming. **Mike** also called for fellows to become Centurions – a yearly personal donation of \$100 to the Australian Rotary Foundation Trust. Partners of Rotarians can also participate in the program and their support would be most welcome.

Past President **Rod Hartas** reported that the General A/C had a balance of \$7.5k and the Community A/C had a balance of circa \$47k.

Past President **Norm Gale** reported that a profit of \$836 was made from Saturday 14th October BBQ for St Matthews. Bumper applause. Also that a nice thank you letter had been received from Rev Chris Jones for the BBQ of Wednesday 11th October. More joyous applause.

Past President **Garry Baldry** reminded fellows of Graffiti Day on Sunday 29th October for a 9.30am start in Youl Place Bligh Park. Volunteers were rounded up.



The guest speaker for the meeting of the 18th October **Ed Sobiesiak** was introduced by the International Director **Paul Barber** for **Ed's** talk on his recent trip to Timor Leste.



Ed reported that he and his wife **Helen** had a wonderful experience for two weeks in Timor Leste.

Ed and **Helen** attended a RYLA course run by local RYLA graduates for 80 young adults selected from 800 applicants. The course is funded by Woodside.



Ed reported that Timor Leste is 95% Catholic and the average age is just 18 years old, as the older generation has been largely wiped out by the Indonesians during the occupation from 1975 to 1999.



Ed and Helen travelled to Balibo which is about 125kms from Dili. The roads were ok as it was the dry season, but become quite treacherous during the wet season.



Ed and Helen met up with **Marino** and presented him with his computer tools which were organised by **Paul Fraser**. **Marino** presented thankyou hand woven sashes to **Ed and Helen**. Also there was PALMS volunteer **Michelle Rankin**.



Ed presented soccer balls and pumps, organised by **Paul Fraser**, to local school children, including some good friends of **Charlie McMillan**.



Ed and Helen also visited the school where the **McMillans** helped build the kitchen, the water tank and also the nearby motor cycle repair shop. **Ed** noted the slab at the repair shop was etched "**Jim McMillan**" in memory of our great mate.



Ed and **Helen** also ran a 2 day project management course for University students which saw each student complete the course and receive a certificate from **Theo Glockemann**.



Ed and **Helen** also attended the RYPEN camp, which very successful and very beneficial to the attending young locals.

Ed presented a delighted Vice President **Roy Duncombe** with a hand woven sash as a memento from the Timor Leste trip.



Ed was thanked by New Generations Director **Geoff Roberts**. Much applause.

The wine raffle was won by Past President **Terry Munsey**, but the joker was not drawn so the jackpot builds for next week. The Sergeant then fined all & sundry.

Vice President **Roy Duncombe** thanked everyone for attending and then called on Sergeant at Arms **Tom Millington** to lead the singing of the national anthem to close the meeting.



Hawkesbury Library service embraces the digital revolution



Hawkesbury Library Service is providing residents with lots of opportunities to acquire the knowledge and enjoy the benefits of being 'tech savvy'. During **Adult Learners Week**, the library held some great workshops ranging from online essentials to the latest in technology, including how to use the Federal Government's MyGov service (which allows you to access Medicare via a smart phone app), and how to design and print your own 3D project (which could be anything from a prosthetic limb to a 3D selfie).

Twenty-six public access computers, across both library branches, have been upgraded, and all PCs now run Windows 10 and offer the latest Microsoft Office 2016 products including MS Publisher. The technology in the Deerubbin Centre meeting and study rooms has also been upgraded, with new high-definition projectors and motorised screens.

Upgraded computers and modern touch-screen catalogues have been added to the newly introduced service points at Hawkesbury Central Library, including a mobile tablet that allows library staff to assist customers anywhere in the building.

The Library is also helping to deliver **the Tech Savvy Seniors program**, which offers free Computer classes for seniors in November and is part of the NSW Ageing Strategy initiated by the NSW Government, sponsored by Telstra. Participants will be introduced to the use of computers, and will gain confidence and skills in using the internet, tablets and smart phones.

- **Introduction to using Tablets** Wednesday 1 November 6-7.30pm at Richmond Branch Library. BYO device.
- **Beginners Computer Class** Tuesday 7 November 10am-12pm at Hawkesbury Central Library
- **Introduction to using Smart Phones** Wednesday 8 November 6-7.30pm at Richmond Branch Library. BYO device.
- **Introduction to the Internet** Tuesday 14 November 10am-12pm at Hawkesbury Central Library
- **Introduction to using Tablets** Tuesday 21 November 10am-12pm at Hawkesbury Central Library. BYO device.



Cecil Healy: Australia's forgotten hero

By Europe correspondent Steve Cannane



Olympic swimming great, John Devitt, is on a mission. He wants Australia to remember Cecil Healy, a man he regards as one of our greatest heroes.

"He's one of the top heroes I've got," John Devitt said. "He is someone that Australia should remember with more prominence, and as an example of what young blokes can do when they go out and have a crack."

Healy's life reads like a boy's own adventure — Olympic gold medallist, helping to bring surfing to Australia, paying the ultimate sacrifice on the European battlefields of World War I.

Along with Devitt, author Larry Writer is hoping to bring Healy's memory to life in a new book. "He was an extraordinary guy," Writer said. "He was a champion. He was a true sportsman. He was fair. He was a sensitive man and a deep thinker." "I have come to believe he led one of the great Australian lives."

Stockholm 1912

Cecil Healy won gold in the 4x200-metre relay at the Stockholm Olympics.

But it was in the individual event that he showed his true character and, indirectly, would have a lasting impact on Australian culture. Healy's main rival for the 100-metre freestyle was a Hawaiian surfer called Duke Kahanamoku.

"When they had the heats everything was fine," Devitt said. "By then Healy knew he wouldn't have won it, because the Duke was that much better."

"Then they went to the semis-finals and the Americans didn't turn up for the event. "There's about 15 different versions of why — I just think they screwed it up and didn't get there in time." The judges disqualified the Duke. It was a decision that pleased many of the Duke's rivals, but not Healy.

"Cecil said, 'look, I don't think that's fair, I think he should be given a chance to race even though he's going to beat me'," Writer said. "I think it was to Cecil's credit that he thought, 'so if I win a gold medal, it will always bother me that the best swimmer wasn't there.'" On Healy's insistence, the Australian team lodged a protest on behalf of the Americans. The Duke was allowed to swim and won gold. Healy took the silver medal.

After the presentation, Kahanamoku sought out Cecil. He came across lifted up Cecil's arm and said, 'this is the true Olympic champion'.

Cecil and the Duke

It was the beginning of a friendship between two champions and would lead to one of the pivotal moments in Australia's sporting life.

In 1914 Healy invited the Duke to Sydney — and he brought his surfboard.

The Duke performed a number of surfing exhibitions over the summer of 1914-15, most famously at Freshwater beach in front of hundreds of spectators.

The Sydney Morning Herald described it like this:



"He came out with his surfboard, plunged into the water, and continued to swim out until those watching from the beach wondered when he would stop."

"After covering nearly half a mile, Kahanamoku turned and prepared for a roller, which came along a moment after; he caught it, and as the wave carried him shorewards, he performed all kinds of acrobatic feats on the board, and finally dived into the water as the roller broke."

"People came from everywhere to see him, this bronzed god riding a surfboard," Writer said. "It looked like somebody on a chariot it was that graceful and awesome. When he left, all of a sudden surfing was all over the beaches."

Australia had fallen in love with surfing.

World War I

Within months of the Duke's landmark visit, ANZAC soldiers were storming the beach at Gallipoli. Healy enlisted in the army soon after.

He started out as a quartermaster but felt he could contribute more.

"He felt like he couldn't continue doing such a safe, cushy job, so he applied to become an officer," Writer said. As he completed his officer training in Britain, he wrote foreboding letters home to his mates:

I am prepared for the worst, and am quite resigned to my fate.

I cherish the hope that I will be able to sell my life dearly, and earn the respect of the men whom I command.

If the unexpected happens, and I am spared to return, we must dispose of a drop of the cup that cheers together, old chap.

Meantime — Yours, Cecil.

Healy never did make it back. Just 74 days before the end of the war he was killed in a field near Peronne in France. He was leading his platoon, clearing out German machine gun posts when he was shot in the neck and chest.

On hearing of his death, Major Syd Middleton, a former Wallaby rugby union captain and who had been Healy's commander, wrote:

"By Healy's death the world loses one of its greatest champions, one of its best men.

"Today, in the four yours I have been at the front, I wept for the first time."

Post script

Devitt and Writer have been in Europe retracing Healy's last steps as his battalion advanced to Mont St Quentin.

"What we've learnt since we came here is he was probably blindsided and shot from Ticker Copse," Writer said.

Devitt said: "Just to stand here, to look across the field and see where the vision of fire was... these guys were never going to make it. But they kept going."

At Healy's grave, Devitt poured out some sand from Manly beach, which he had carried with him in a jar, and mixed it with the cemetery soil.

"We decided we would bring a little bit of Manly," he said. "Now he's got a relationship between Manly and his grave."

Cecil Healy remains the only Australian Olympian Gold medallist to die on the battlefield.

Meetings, Events & Service Calendar

Thurs October	26 th	Reclaim the Night march Meet at the Women's Cottage 22 Bosworth St Richmond 5.30pm	
Sat October	28 th	Richmond Rotary Markets McQuade Oval Windsor 8am to 1.30pm	
Sun October	29 th	Graffiti Removal Day Meet in Youl Place Bligh Park 9.30am	
Wed November	1 st	Greg Hansell studio exhibition – Ladies night 31 George Street Windsor - Pig Out dinner	
Tues November	7 th	Melbourne Cup Fund Raiser Race Day fundraiser for the Guide Dogs Amazing singer. Sweeps. Fashions in the field. Champagne on arrival and BYO beverage.	Rotary Club of Kurrajong North Richmond
Wed November	8 th	2nd Club Assembly The Bishop and his enclave of followers are ready to mount the pulpit to preach the good news.	Rotary  Club of Windsor NSW
Thurs November	9 th	Hawkesbury Races Ladies Day BBQ, RSA and Garbage – help needed	
Tue November	14 th	RYDA – Arndell Anglican College 4 volunteers as marshals – WWCC Regatta Centre – Penrith from 9am	
Wed November	15 th	AGM LXII Our 62nd AGM promises to be just as exciting as the previous 60 odd - don't miss it - you will be elected to the board	Rotary  Club of Windsor NSW
Wed November	22 nd	Windsor Golf Club Pro-AM Three amateurs playing in each group with a senior (over 50) professional. \$50 per player.	

Meetings, Events & Service Calendar cont.

Wed November	22 nd	For the tech heads Ethan Page from Windsor Computers will be trying to educate our members on the world of technology....	
Sun December	10 th	Macquarie Towns Orchestra Details of the next concert:- •St Andrew's Uniting Church - 25 West Market Street Richmond	
Wed January	10 th	Seafood in the Park Windsor Bowling Club	
Wed January	24 th	Robert Burns 259th Birthday - Ladies' night Celebrating the eve of Robbie's 259th birthday this popular celebration is back on our Club Program for the first time in a number of years.	
Friday January	26 th	APV Australia Day BBQ All hands on deck	
Sat to Sun March	10 th 11 th	Rotary District 9685 Conference Fairmont Resort Leura	
Wed March	21 st	Annual Barefoot Bowls Challenge IV - East v West The annual get together of the 3 Hawkesbury Rotary Clubs for another night of precision bowls. Windsor Bowls Club 6:30 pm	
Sat March	24 th	Pink Tie Ball Save the date Hawkesbury Race Club	

The biggest lie I tell myself is ... "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."

Can't make our Wednesday meeting? Do a make-up here.....

MONDAY	Richmond	6.30pm	Richmond Golf Club Bourke Street East Richmond.
	Springwood	6.30pm	Springwood Sports Club Macquarie Road Springwood.
	The Hills - Kellyville	6.15pm	Castle Hill Tavern 25 Victoria Avenue Castle Hill
TUESDAY	Kurrajong – Nth Richmond	6.30pm	Four Beans Cafe Bells Line of Road North Richmond.
	Lower Blue Mountains	7.00pm	Emu Plains Sporting Club Leonay Parade Leonay
THURSDAY	Rouse Hill	7.15pm	1 st & 3 rd Club Meetings Rouse Hill Anglican Centre Cnr Windsor & Mile End Roads Rouse Hill
SUNDAY	The Ponds	4.00pm	1st, 3rd & 5th Coffee Club Michel's Patisserie, The Ponds Shopping Centre The Ponds
ANYTIME	eClub One		http://www.rotaryclubone.org and click on the "Makeups" tab

October Birthdays:

Margaret Thorne	13 th	Cheryl Dykers	15 th
Sid Kelly	18 th	Chris Veitch	20 th
Paul Fraser	23 rd	Norm Gale	23 rd
Phil Hawthorne	24 th	Ron Coote	25 th
Merryne Ghantous	27 th	Carolyn Kelly	30 th

October Anniversaries:

Barry Kennedy & Cheryl Grover	8 th	Peter & Cheryl Dykers	17 th
Garry & Jenny Baldry	19 th	Richard & Alison Clark	31 st

Quotes of the week:

- *Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress and working together is success.*
- *The first to apologise is the bravest, the first to forgive is the strongest but the first to forget is the happiest.*
- *If the plan doesn't work, then change the plan but never the goal.*



The Four-Way Test

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?