



Brewer's Banter

Magill Sunrise
Rotary
Club



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Welcome & Apologies

Apologies were received from Peter, Rick, Robyn, John and Don
Simon and Lindsay attended virtually due to Covid restrictions.

President's Report:

- This week is our delayed Club Assembly discussing our Strategic Plan and the future of The Reel Event.
- Our Stage 2 District Grant application has been approved, but not quite to the level we had asked for due to many applications to District. The Club Board will now consider how this affects our Nightingale Park project and whether we make up funding.
- The Athelstone Lions Club held their annual quiz night on Saturday 18th June at Campbelltown Function Centre. Unfortunately, due to being a close contact I was unable to attend, but thank you so much for everyone who was able to attend and for the extra ring ins who made up our two tables. The Hill/Thompson table came equal first place but lost out on the tie breaker question. Nonetheless, a great night reported by all and it raised funds to support Campbelltown SES, Campbelltown St Johns and Campbelltown City Band
- The next Board meeting has been moved to Thursday 7th July – venue to be confirmed. This will be a combined "old" and "new" Board meeting as we welcome two new Board members for the 22/23 Rotary Year.
- I will be attending Morialta Rotary changeover this Sunday. Lindsay had intended to attend Campbelltown at the same time, but Covid has intervened there. He has tickets for that event if someone would like to attend on his/our behalf. It is at the Dimples Restaurant at TTG Golf Club.
- For our changeover on Sunday 3rd July please ensure you have RSVP'd to Lindsay

Simon B

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE MELBOURNE
27 -31st MAY 2023

RCMS members please notify Pauline if you wish to attend

Subject: DISCUSSION ON STRATEGIC PLAN FEEDBACK AND FUTURE OF THE REEL EVENT

As a late initiative, Lindsay & I were able to attend thanks to the magic of technology. Actually, it went pretty well, and we should probably try to do that more often where people cannot attend physically, but may like to make us jealous by attending virtually while sipping their cocktail on a beach somewhere. Easily done.

Firstly, thanks to everyone who provided feedback to the draft Strategic Plan. Belated thanks also to new member Peter who sent some outstanding feedback via email that arrived at 7.03am, so a little late to include in the discussion directly - although some aspects were raised. Your ideas will certainly be taken into account.

Thanks Mark, for taking the Chair and to Lindsay for guiding us through the discussion, the results of which will be circulated along with this bulletin to club members. The challenge now is to modify the draft Strategic Plan to incorporate this feedback. Like all good Strat Plans I feel it should evolve over time anyhow, so is not set in concrete.

The future of The Reel Event is not clear with many good points raised for and against. We will have to let that one simmer longer and see what emerges. One thing is certain: it needs a champion who is connected to the industry or can forge connections to the industry. Our challenge is to find that person if we want to make it happen.

We cannot let the major strategic advantage we have as a small club be compromised in any way. That advantage is, of course, agility. So, fear not if you see something missing or that you don't agree with. Our club is an open door and a literal cauldron of ideas. To use a common American idiom, we can literally "turn on a dime".

That is actually a pretty good thought to leave off on for my last ordinary club meeting as President. Although small, we have a great and powerful club. We challenge the norms and shoot boldly for lofty goals. It has been an immense privilege to work with you all over the past 12 months and I look forward to continuing the journey next year as we all get behind Lindsay.

Simon B



President Simon and Lindsay in self-isolation



GREEN CORNER

Green Corner – World Environment Day – 5th June

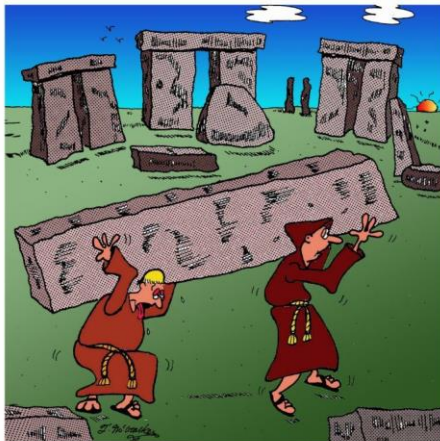


UNITED
NATIONS

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the World Environment Day. Born from the first UN Conference on the Human Environment in Stockholm in 1972 and the slogan “Only One Earth”, the campaign to raise awareness of the impact of human activity and the need to transition to a more sustainable way of living has been

with us for a long time. The message has not changed but the urgency for action has increased. We can all make simple changes to our daily lives to be more sustainable, but we also need to raise our collective voices to urge governments and the private sector to make the large-scale changes necessary to become more sustainable. The slogan this year is “Living Sustainably in Harmony with Nature.” This includes the reduction in fossil fuel usage, reduction of plastics in the aquatic ecosystem, increasing the coverage and diversity of forests, reduction in food wastage. These are all big issues but by making small individual choices, collectively we can make a difference.

WINTER SOLSTICE – 21 JUNE



“I HATE IT WHEN IT'S OUR TURN TO HOST THE SOLSTICE PARTY.”

Dad
jokes



Today is the Winter solstice, apparently the shortest day of the year. How can that be when all days of the year are 24 hours long? (wah, wah, wah, waaaah)

Adelaide: Sunrise 7.23am, Sunset 5.11pm
Daylight hours 9 hours 48 minutes



Julian Assange's life has been in limbo since 2010 when the US government launched criminal investigations against him.

The Australian govt has now come out and said this whole saga has gone on too long. What do you think? Should he be extradited to the US? Should he be released and allowed to come home? If he is extradited and the US imprison him, do you think this is a sad day for journalism?

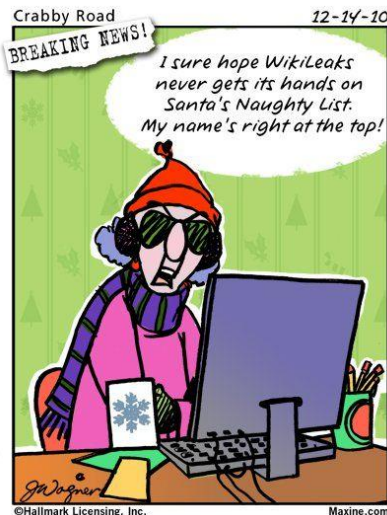
This was an interesting discussion. I think we have a club of back seat lawyers.

There were those who wanted to know if any people or operatives were put at risk or killed as a direct result of Assange publishing secret files. A point which most considered important when considering extradition. It was also thought that if he was to be put on trial more details would come to light than perhaps the US government would want raised and put out in the public arena.

Interestingly a report written by the US Department of Defence a year after the breach found that Manning's document leaks had no significant strategic impact on U.S. war efforts. The heavily redacted final report was not published until June 2017, after a Freedom of Information request by investigative reporter Jason Leopold.

On the whole most agreed that if Chelsea Manning had been pardoned back in 2017 for supplying the information to WikiLeaks, why continue to pursue Julian Assange for publishing it.?

On the whole I think the general consensus was that this saga should finally be closed, but the jury is still out on whether Assange can actually be classed as a journalist.



Quiz Question

What is the fastest fish in the sea?

Answer: A Sailfish. They can travel up to 110kms per hour. They have an average life span of 4 years and can grow up to over 3 metres in length and weigh up to 100 kilos.



Final news from our Galloping Globetrotters

Hi all,

Here is our final instalment before we see you next, hopefully on 5th July. It has been a very long, and sometimes arduous, 2.5 months so far. We are presently in Berlin doing a bit of remembering as we were here last in 2017 and loved it. As it is raining on what is the Summer Solstice and somewhat cold, I decided to send you the last missive.

This one will be a bit of a travelogue as otherwise it would be a grumble and get quite economic, political and somewhat sad. I don't want to remember our amazing holiday by the negatives.

So that I don't bore you, I will mention only a couple of things re each place

Ireland

Cork - 2 nights

- Waterford Crystal - an absolutely excellent look at how crystal is made and you can easily see why it is so expensive

A couple of fast quiz facts:-

- 1. Waterford is in the same ownership stable as Royal Doulton, Royal Albert & Wedgwood and after going almost bust early in the century it was bought by a Finnish conglomerate, Fiskars and all is very well apparently.**
 - 2. Craftsmen's apprenticeship is essentially 12 years. Five years initial training and then another seven years under a master in the field in which you wish to specialise.**
 - 3. Much of their business now is private commissions, e.g. sports trophies and private designs for the extremely wealthy. They make three of the design, with two sent to the client, but not in the same transport vehicle so that if one breaks the other should be fine. The 3rd remains at the factory in case of an absolute disaster.**
- **Cork** is the most frustrating city to drive in. Mad drivers, insane roundabouts and constant road works. Siri (and I) couldn't cope).
 - **Blarney Castle.** Beautiful grounds and castle ruins. The day was lovely and the crowds were huge (anyway, we thought they were, when in fact they were probably nothing like the peak) and we joined a line to kiss the Blarney Stone which took us up five stories of very narrow, circular stairs (obviously people weren't of shall we say, a larger size back in the 1600's). It took at least an hour to reach the top which was good as we didn't embarrass ourselves with our lack of fitness. Most people lay down overlooking a five storey drop and had their photo taken (which of course would cost to get the print) as they kissed the stone. I wouldn't be able to get back up without making a scene, so we just took a couple of photos and went back down.

Limerick

- We travelled through Tipperary, which is not far away from anywhere. A very hilly town where we stopped for lunch. No chance. No cafes, nothing, not even a cheapish restaurant in or around the main drag.
- Limerick, very nice. A city full of regeneration. Didn't do much, basically chilled.



Galway

- Not far from Limerick, we stayed in a fantastic apartment in a seaside suburb for 2 nights, not unlike Glenelg.
- Went to see the Cliffs of Mohar on the wild Atlantic Coast. Whilst it was raining when we set out, by the time we arrived (about an hour later), God waved his wand and we had a lovely, if slightly misty day. The Cliffs are magic and well worth the visit

Derry

- The biggest drive in Ireland was to Derry (we refuse to call it Londonderry) for two nights. The history there is atrocious. How the British have treated the Catholic population there since the 1500's is horrendous. It wasn't until after the British Parachute Brigade (the equivalent to an SAS) were found guilty of murdering 17 innocent civilians on Bloody Sunday, did things change.

Fact: The Catholics lived in the bogs outside the walled fortress where only protestants could go. They were largely kept unemployed, were not allowed to vote and were not allowed to own property. In 1970, would you believe? The walled city was where all the commerce and wealth were.

- The murals on the buildings in the area where the Bloody Sunday protests were are amazing and extremely affecting. Hence the reason, we will always call the city by its true name of Derry.

Belfast

- Travelling from Derry to Belfast, we took in The Giant's Causeway. Interesting and whilst well worth the visit, it is not that awe inspiring.
- Belfast, whilst not exactly beautiful is certainly fascinating.
- We stayed three nights in an apartment on the edge of the CBD. There is actually not that much to do in the city, but it is quirky.
- Absolute highlight of any visit to Belfast is a visit to the Titanic Experience. Worth every cent. It is phenomenal. The money that they have spent to give people a real sense of this ship and its tragic journey is nothing short of sensational. A true highlight of our trip.
- We stumbled on a really beautiful historic home & gardens, in the form of Mount Stewart House. What made this property special were the grounds, acres or superbly maintained grounds, which even included some River Gums, a lovely lake and a family mausoleum on a little island (closed to the public) that reminded us very much of Diana's final resting place on her family estate. The house was also very nice and not over the top as are some of the more ostentatious mansions in England. This was a real find and amongst the most beautiful estates that we have seen.

Dublin

- via Armagh which is where Rick's dad was born. A beautiful city, that needs much more investigation. We did a walk around the Cathedral and into some of its private gardens. Overlooking the city is was quite the site.
- Staying in the middle of the city for four nights, we found Dublin to be lovely. The people were brilliant and friendly.
- Another highlight was a visit to Windmill Studios, Ireland's premier recording studio which has hosted the likes of U2 (who actually made the Studios famous), Spice Girls, Cranberries, Commitments film recording, Kate Bush, Kylie, Van Morrison plus basically anybody who is anybody in the UK music scene. It was sensational



- We then visited, Dublin Castle which is now essentially the Irish President's Ceremonial Home, as I don't believe that they actually live there anymore. It is just used for events. Magnificent rooms, full of Irish (and English) history.
- After that, we walked, and walked, and walked to the Guinness Storehouse which turned out to be an absolute rip off. I don't like Guinness and was quite prepared to sit in the bar whilst Rick did his thing including two tastings etc. No, for me to sit in the bar, I would have to pay EUR30 for a couple of soft drinks and go on the tour. I sat downstairs and played with my phone (as we do now).
- Next day we were off to New Grange, an ancient neolithic burial ground that is a series of tunnels under a huge mound. The sister site at Knowth is probably more interesting, but not the "drawcard" is a series of smaller mounds in a circle around a large mound. Mind Boggling

Wales

Cardiff

- Back on the mainland we had a long drive to Cardiff, through narrow lanes, gorgeous little villages and traffic jams. We had it all. Highlight here was Cardiff Castle which was just fresh from holding a major Jubilee Concert. A magnificent site to see
- Found an excellent steak restaurant in the city. Flat out bust. Best steaks this side of Adelaide.
- Went to Royal Mint, just outside Cardiff where all Britain's coins are made. Fascinating.

Fact:

- **New Zealand gets their coins made by the Royal Mint, not the Aust Mint - Treason!!!!**
- **GBP90,000,000 is held in 10pence coins as the country's reserve. The Chancellor of the Exchequer is apparently the only one with keys.**
- **All the unused coins are destroyed at the end of the year and the next year's coins are used.**

Abergavenny

- Stayed in a charming B & B on a dairy farm. Not particularly happy that the cows were kept in sheds, in little pens rather than the paddocks. Didn't want to create waves, so didn't go into it.
- Reason for going there, in the mid east of Wales was to visit the Skirrid Mountain Inn, the UK's oldest surviving Free House. The door has been carbon dated to 1,500 years ago. It is also haunted. Rick has evidence. Place fascinating, food ordinary. Absolutely beautiful area.

England

Stratford Upon Avon

- Surprisingly only a little more than an hour away. A lovely town, but the city centre is completely Shakespeare obsessed. Naturally, we got the tickets to Shakespeare's birthplace (an excellent exhibit). His New House, being the mansion, he built when he made his money. It was destroyed in the 1700's, but what remains, being the garden is wonderful. The third property to see is Anne Hathaway's and whilst it is located in probably the poshest part of the city, the National Trust (or whoever manages the property) has done well with the house, but the gardens are shocking. Unkept and unmown. Completely takes away from the property itself
- Next day was a highlight as we went and saw Warwick Castle. A real showstopper. The castle is amazingly done inside with the furnishings etc. There are the tunnels under the wall which were used as war time bomb shelters. It was full of school kids (joy oh joy), but the highlight for us was a tour



through the dungeons which was dark, scary and full of excellent scary actors paid to scare the living e out of us. A wonderful day of fun.

Bath

- You need to be absolutely fit for this city. It is so hilly. We were just outside the CBD and I kid you not the slope to the city is 30-45 degrees and then you have to climb back up.
- First highlight is that it is such a beautiful city, full of Georgian architecture which permeates all the apartments that have been built. But those hills and then coming back to a third floor climb up narrow stairs..... 😊 🙌 🙌
- Visited Stonehenge from Bath and that was an experience. Worth the money, probably not, but as it is such an icon you have to go. Fascinating to see the traffic jam on the road from London, banked back for kilometres. We went the "back way" and we had no traffic issues at all.
- On the Sunday, we decided to go to Bath Abbey for a church service. We had seen so many Cathedrals, that we decided on actually going to a service to hear the acoustics and "feel the vibe". We were not disappointed as the service we went to was billed as a more musical one and the choir, with the wonderful acoustics was magnificent

Plymouth

- A long drive, via a small town on the west coast of Bude. Nothing much there, but had a nice lunch.
- Again, nice hotel, but again four storey's upstairs, no lifts. My knees are absolutely shot (and still are) by this stage as driving a manual car in the city really puts pressure on the knees as does sitting in a smallish car for hours on end every day and then climbing stairs in charming older homes/mansions with no lifts, it gets to an old bugger like me.
- Plymouth, nothing to rave about. Park looking over the harbour is lovely. City centre is nothing short of depressing with every second shop closed, presumably because of Covid. It was here that we got a real taste of the English service levels (another story).

Southampton

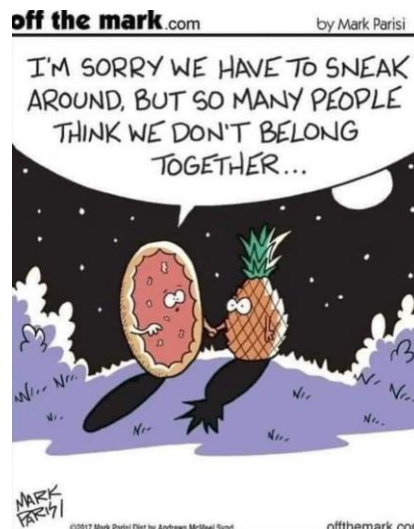
- Lovely city, although we stayed outside in a fairly posh area and only saw the wealthy parts.
- Went to Isle of Wight for the day and as it happened it was the start of the 4 day Isle of Wight music festival, so the ferry was packed.
- Highlight was a visit to Osborne House, Queen Victoria and Prince Albert's charming holiday house on the island. Although absolutely huge (even three times the size of some member's homes), it was a great visit, although it is hard to imagine why anyone needs about 150 rooms in the holiday house.

Oxford

- Our final UK destination.....Yeah
- Oxford is an absolute nightmare to drive in. Bikes hold sway, parking costs are horrendous (GBP6 per hour on street), no eateries to get to because of the lack of parking. Siri was having meltdowns, again because of the continual twisting and turning on the roads.
- Don't laugh but one of the absolute highlights was seeing the ABBA Concert in London. Amongst the best 90 minutes we have ever had. Also, the best 95 quid (each) that we have ever spent. A once in a lifetime experience. The transport woes are the subject of another story.

Well, that is Part 4 in a nutshell. Germany, well Berlin for a week then two nights each in Nuremburg & Frankfurt are it for us. We can't wait to come home to what we understand will be a lot of unpleasant surprises, particularly on the cost front, however the main joy of travelling is coming back and realising that we do indeed live in the best country in the world. See you all soon.

Peter & Rick



Upcoming Events

Sunday 26 June

ROTARY CLUB OF MITCHAM MOVIE FUND RAISER
"ELVIS" at the Capri Theatre at 5.00pm
Tickets \$25.00. Raising money for "Kickstart for Kids"
141, Goodwood Road, Goodwood

Sunday 03 July

CHANGEOVER BREAKFAST
Simon will hand the baton over to Lindsay
"Café Outside the Square" - 9am for 9.30 start
34, Whitmore Square, Adelaide. Cost: \$30.00pp

Tuesday 05 July

NORMAL MEETING AT HECCIES – 7am
With President Lindsay at the helm.

Thursday 07 July

BOARD MEETING NEW & OLD
6.30pm. Venue to be advised.

Sunday 12 July

RCMS MONTHLY MARKET
Campbelltown Memorial Oval 8.30am - 2.00pm.

14-17 July
21-23 July

ROTARY CLUB OF BLACKWOOD ART SHOW
Blackwood High School. 10.00am-4.00pm
Admission: \$5.00.

October 28-30

ZONE 8 CONFERENCE CANBERRA
National Convention Centre Canberra
Early Bird registration available until 31 July.



Next Meeting: 9.00am for 9.30am, Sunday 03 JULY 2022

Cafe outside the Square, 34 Whitmore Square, Adelaide

Club Contact: 0415 453 101 (Lindsay Davis)

Change Over Meeting



Meetings for Makeups: Please check with the club before attending

Mondays

• 6.30pm Campbelltown San Giorgio Club Henry St, Payneham 0407 724 699

Tuesdays

• 6.15pm St Peter's Kensi Hotel 23, Regent St, Kensington 0428 246 352

• 30pm Kent Town Lord Melbourne Hotel 63 Melbourne Street, Nth Adelaide 0433 387 082

Wednesdays

• 7.15am Eastwood Royal Coach 24 Dequetteville Tce, Kent Town (1st & 3rd Wednesday then 2nd & 4th Wednesdays Bocelli Cafe Hutt St.) 0416 367 289

• 1.00pm Norwood Manto Café Parade, Norwood 2nd and 4th Wednesdays

• 6.30pm Norwood Kensi Hotel 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesdays 0412 305 660

• 6:30pm Burnside Kensi Hotel 23 Regent St, Kensington 2nd and 4th Wednesdays 0481 373 266

• 6.30pm Morialta Tower Hotel 23 Regent St, Kensington Cnr St Bernards & Magill Rd, Magill 0497 159 737



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Simon Brewer



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



Secretary

Colin Hill

In the spirit of reconciliation, the Rotary Club of Magill Sunrise acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land where we serve the community, the Kaurna people of Tandanya, and we pay our respects to their Elders past and present.