



# *DOT POINTS*

*Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016*

Chairman for the meeting: Mel Rolfe

Attendance: Lorelle & Geoff St Clair, M Henderson, W Thomas, J. Clements, Barry & Lee Tait, Mary & Allen Hunter, C Barker, D McQueen, F Powell, L Lemon, M Fallon, M Rolfe, P Northrop, P Hughes, Steve & Trish Bennett, W Symons, W Kemmis.

Apologies: D Wade, John Williams, Gary Latcham, Annette & Robin Bailey, Colin & Barbara Gard

Make Ups: J Clements RC Rockhamptom West & RC Fitzroy Rockhamptom

A & R Bailey Video

Faye Powell RC Woden Daybreak

Service Hours: P Hughes Bentleigh Markets 5 1/2 Hours

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Correction to last week Service Hours. A & R Bailey and Trevor did 5 hours each at Run with Thomas The Tank.

Birthdays: Jim Barbey 9<sup>th</sup> Dec, Mary Henderson 10<sup>th</sup> Dec

Pres Geoff advised members about the funeral for Karen Gard at Allambie Gardens, Nerang. He then welcomed members and guest speaker John Paskin.

Guest Speaker: John Paskin – RAM – Rotarians Against Malaria. John is a member of the D9630 Effective Services committee.

Mosquitoes are the world's deadliest animal. (2<sup>nd</sup> is humans then daylight to 3<sup>rd</sup> –hippo's, sharks, etc)

- Malaria is a major cause of world poverty and death
- Disturbing figures on the disease's global reach were displayed
- There are ½ million deaths per year, of which 78% are under 5 years old.
- RAM launched in 1990's as malaria peaked due to DDT spray being banned
- RAM program is designed to break the cycle of infection
- Insecticide impregnated bed nets are a major physical safeguard

The RAM program covers 4 major areas

- Physical mosquito segregation ie NETS
- Education of people in danger – breeding cycles of mosquitoes & how to minimise these through stagnant water control
- Treatment of the disease
- Research for both preventative vaccine and a full cure

The Malaria control program in Timor Leste has been extremely successful.

Malaria Awareness Day is 30<sup>th</sup> April.

Dine out for RFDS: Nomads fund raising Idea. See flyer being sent out as part of this week's Bull Tin as to ideas on how to organise your "Dine Out" event. President elect John turns 60 in the New Year and big party

anticipated. His idea for Dine out for RFDS. Wendy Symons spoke about how she is holding a luncheon at the Jindalee boat ramp and providing rides on the Brisbane River – donations will be requested.

General Business:

1. Uniform Committee: Mary Hunter reported on a number of different clothing ideas and designs. Colours and styles yet to be decided – members to be given a vote.
2. Days for Girls. Meeting decided Days for Girls will go ahead as a Nomads Service Project. District Grant a possibility.
3. *It's In the Bag*: Faye Powell reported that she and her willing helpers packed 156 bags and they will be distributed through the Canberra Community.

Jokers Wild : 1<sup>st</sup> draw Allen Hunter

2<sup>nd</sup> draw Phil Hughes both failed to pull the Joker !!!!

Last meeting for the year next week. Partners/friends most welcome.

**Wear a Christmas Hat.**

Next week's Program: Chairperson Wendy Thomas.

Dot Points Mary Henderson

Guest Speaker Tristan Clements

Meeting closed on time at 8.00pm.