

DOT POINTS

13 January 2016

Meeting opened at 7pm

President Greg welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2016.

Present – John Clements, Kathlyn Rowlands, Wendy Thomas, Wayne Kemmis, Barry Tait, Camilla Barker, Colin & Barbara Gard, Greg Fallon, Neil Matthews, Pam Fallon, Paul Northrop, Steve & Trish Bennett.

Lorelle – Apologies - Mary & Allen, Gary Latcham, Meg Fallon, Robin & Annette Bailey, Phil Hughes, Peta Higginbotham, Lee Tait

Service Hours – Robin

Club Visits – John (Strathalbyn), Camilla (Salisbury)

Rotary Education – Pam Fallon gave a very informative talk on Shelter Box. Shelter Box commenced in Cornwall UK in 2000. It provides emergency shelter for disaster areas as rapidly as possible and gives support to locals affected. Purchase cost of a box is \$1,000 and this is possible through donations. The organisation monitors worldwide weather conditions and possible disasters as they aim to get shelter boxes where needed within 3 days. Each box is individually numbered so donor can follow its progress. To date 22,000 boxes have been delivered.

For further info, go to www.shelterboxaustralia.org.au

Greg thanked Pam on her presentation.

Member update by Geoff: All members reported having a great Christmas.

Paul Northrop- 44 degrees in Swan Hill with a sand storm and red sky.

Trish Bennett – in Bendigo for Christmas. Hot and dry.

Barry Tait – Lovely Christmas. Lee has the dreaded lurgy.

John Clements – Wine tour around McLaren Vale with Phil & Dot Hughes tasting wines for the Coffs Harbour Muster. Baby-sitting Harlow the puppy.

Guest Speaker tonight was our one and only Barry Tait on Taito's Travels 2015. Lee and Barry planned to go to WA but due to health issues this did not eventuate so instead took the inland route around Queensland. Along the way they stopped at – Tara, Miles, Theodore, Banana, Rolleston, Springsure,

Emerald, Clermont, Charters Towers, Fletchers Creek, Ravenshoe, Atherton, Mareeba, Milla Milla Falls, Nerada tea Plantation, Mt Surprise, Undarra Lava Tubes, trip on Savannah lander train, Georgetown, Croydon, Normanton, Burke and Wills Roadhouse, Gregory Downs, Julia Creek, Mount Isa, Boulia, Middleton, Winton, Longreach, Stonehenge, Jundah, Windorah, Quilpie, Turnpin Pub, Yowie Opal Fields and hot springs, Cunnamulla, Bollon, St George, Surat, Meandarra, Chinchilla for Rotary expo, Goondiwindi then home. Barry had some great stories about stop overs and people along the way. 10,000 k's in 5 months.....3 weeks at home then headed south.

Thanks Barry for a great travel log.

General Business:

John gave an update for Relay for Life at Coffs Harbour.

Jokers Wild. 2 draws were made Terry Barker & Wendy Thomas – bad luck no winner. Will jackpot to \$165 next week.

Geoff thanked everyone for their attendance tonight as Greg had to leave meeting early due to power problems in Victoria and closed the meeting at 8.03pm.



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