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A word from the President



I noticed after our meeting last week that a number of our members spoke to our guest speaker Tony Sheilds, perhaps enquiring about the collections of stamps or coins gathering dust in their cupboards? If anyone does happen to find a lost treasure it would be nice to share that story with the Club. I might even dig out my own collections, but I am not holding my breath.

As President, I receive lots of emails from RI and from other Clubs. Today one arrived from the Bequest Society of RI. A Rotarian can make a pledge and have it recorded. Personally I think that a better option might be to consider a bequest in your Will, whether it be to a specific cause, such as Polio Plus or ONJ or to something at our Club or District level. In my practice when I take instructions from clients who are trying to decide how much to leave to a particular person or cause, I advise them to consider their wealth at the present date and then determine an amount or a percentage for the gift on that basis, rather than trying to look into the future. A gift of say \$20,000 from your net wealth may not make much difference to your family, but it might make a big difference to a Rotary cause. I always also advise my clients that they should review their Wills perhaps every 5-10 years. I encourage you all to do just that and to see if there is room to consider Rotary.

President Tony

CLUB CALENDAR

**September is New
Generations Month**

25 September
**TOPIC: Rotarian Behind The
Badge**
SPEAKER: Noel Sturgeon
CHAIR: Giuseppe Amoroso

02 October
**TOPIC: Round The World
Cyclist**
SPEAKER: Jeremy Scott
CHAIR: Peter Carr
Venue: RSL on Bell

09 October
Event: Hat Day
Lift the Lid on Mental Illness
SPEAKER: Greg Ross (Video)
CHAIR: Giuseppe Amoroso

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

*“Out of the crooked
timber of humanity no
straight thing was ever
made”*

Immanuel Kant

WHERE ARE THEY NOW

Gordon: Brussels

Richard and Lorna: Townsville

Laurie and Jane: Canada

David and Jan: Sri Lanka, Canada and Alaska

Geoff and Sandy: India, Croatia, then Amsterdam

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK...

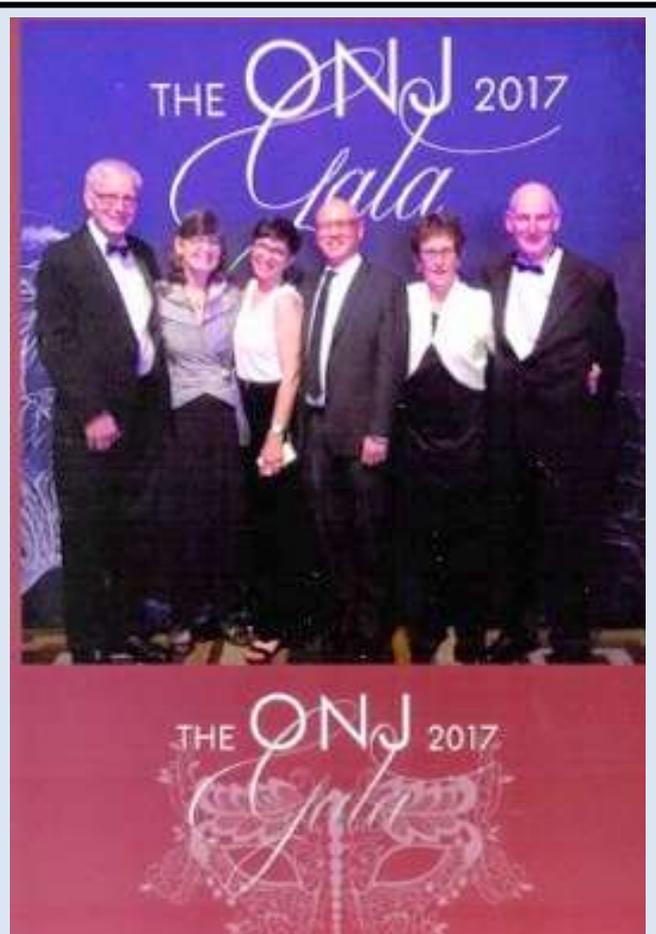
MEMBERS	19
APOLOGIES	10
GUESTS	1
MAKEUPS	9



Noel, Peter, Tracey and Leigh



Noel with Mr IGA



Alice and Stewart Hardie



Rotary Club of Heidelberg
*(in conjunction with the Rotary Clubs of Yarra Bend and
Ivanhoe)*
Invites club members and friends
to

OAKS EVE CALCUTTA

Wednesday 8 November 2017

6.00 pm for 6.30 pm

PUT THIS DATE IN YOUR CALENDAR

Venue yet to be Decided

- fully licensed with drinks at reasonable prices
- Includes food and a Free glass of Champagne on arrival



Bookings essential!!
NO later than Friday 28th October

Contact Wayne 0418 324 600 or Kent 0411 701 229

CHANGE OF VENUE

**Monday 2 October Meeting will be held at RSL ON BELL
180 Bell Street WEST HEIDELBERG**

**Parking at rear of building - Enter from Miller Street
Guest Speaker Jeremy Scott - Round the World Cyclist**



GUEST SPEAKER TONY SHIELDS

With Chairman Noel

At today's meeting Tony's presentation covered the 1840 invention of the postage stamp, made possible by the earlier invention of the printing press. This developed the creation of stamped correspondence, which was guaranteed to be delivered to the addressee, previously an ad hoc arrangement based on trust and or good luck.

Such stamps were not restricted to postage alone and were utilised to record payment of tariffs and duties as well.

New South Wales was the sixth "nation" to issue postage stamps, beating Victoria's similar initial issue by one day, due to Victoria celebrating a New Year's public holiday.

As the stamp developed, so did the designs most often created around the Commonwealth Royal Family Queen or King's profile. Australia was one of the first to step away from such standard when it issued a Kangaroo design, not issued for long but got the international designers hopping.

1897 saw the first issue of a stamp priced to raise money for a charity, in this instance designed to highlight "Consumption" in support of a Tuberculosis Hospice in the Blue Mountains NSW, many other charities benefited thereafter by special issues. Tourism was supported also in stamp issue, the first being by the Tasmanian Government. In those days each state controlled the issue of its' own stamps - wanting their own share of revenue - *ring any bells?*

Samuel Adams (Tatts) created their own stamp and even in those days had sufficient influence to encourage the postal service to modify stamp design to suit their Regal preferences.

And so the presentation went on and the questions at the end of Tony's allotted time suggests that another presentation by such a passionate committed gentleman would be well received.

NJRS. 18.09.17



Keppel draws the nine of Spades



SAFE PLATE DAY

Banyule Neighbourhood Watch

Tuesday 24 October

10.00 - 2.00 pm

Heidelberg Mall

Lunch provided

(See Rodger if you can help)

Tools required: Phillips head, and blade-type screwdrivers



HAT DAY

9 October

to "Lift the Lid on mental illness"

WATCH THIS SPACE

More details to follow