As we often repeat, the best speakers often come from our own midst and last week was no exception as one of our newest members Noel Sturgeon gave his “Rotarian Behind the Badge” address. Not only did we learn a lot about the man and his story, but he also entertained us with anecdotes and humor. It is a wonderful tradition which we should not only continue for our new members, but also for our older members who can share and update their own stories.

We have been approached by Metro Trains to run BBQs at stations in October, during the disruption to services caused by the upgrades between Heidelberg and Rosanna. They suggested Clifton Hill and Victoria Park which would have been better suited to local Clubs. Instead we are looking at Macleod Station on Friday 13 October between 4.00 and 7.00pm. We have given a tentative ok, so we shall be looking for helpers. Please let Kent know if you can help.

For those who weren’t there last week, a reminder that we are not meeting at Vaskos this week, but at the RSL on Bell, which is in Bell St, opposite the Repat. Back to Vaskos next week and a reminder about Hat Day the week after.

President Tony
GUEST SPEAKER - Noel Sturgeon - Rotarian Behind The Badge

Noel provided us with a most interesting and at times very amusing presentation of the man behind the badge.

Rather than a chronology of his life based on consecutive dates and facts, Noel gave us a synopsis of his life as seen through a number of principles, attributes and experiences. Noel recounted what can only be described as an extraordinary life full of various and numerous people, events and learnings - all of which impacted on him and he on them.

Noel was born on Christmas Day, just after the war, in West Wyalong. He left school early and scored a good local job. He progressed and in 1969 joined a merchant bank and at the same time slipped into a tailor made suit which he proceeded to get soaking wet on the first day of work.

Noel spoke of his life in the following terms - guiding principles and attributes;
- He was always conscious of presentation - his parents dressed impeccably and he has always followed likewise.

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- Mentors were always important to him - 6th grade primary teacher, bank managers and people who had succeeded in business or life generally from whom he could learn and/or impart knowledge. All mentors have had an influence - good or bad.
- Participation and Leadership - Noel was and still is an avid participant - from cubs to scouts to Presbyterian fellowship (within one year he became social director) to State Manager of the Bank of South Australia. Additionally he joined various associations, founded Wankers International and ultimately joined Rotary Clubs.
- Intuition - a vital attribute which has helped all along and specifically at Apex.
- Humour - a necessary attribute in Business and for personal development.
- Strength - Noel spoke of two strengths, event management in organising two Black Tie functions of 400 and 500 respectively and people management and socialising.
- Sport - member of cricket club.
- Achievements -apart from those identified above Noel launched a bank in South Australia, is a Past Member of the Australian Society of Corporate Treasurers, Past Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and Past Senior member of the Committee for the Economic Development of Australia (CEDA). He has owned half a dozen "muscle" cars. He established, and ran successfully for 12 years, his own Corporate Advisory business. Apart from being a member of the Heidelberg Rotary Club, Noel has been involved with Rotary for some time and has developed a long term relationship with Rotarians from Usa in Japan and spends one week each year in Japan, in addition to regular email correspondence.

Noel is now retired and devotes his time, apart from his Rotary involvement, to his family, Asian Art and Garden Design.

Noel will be a great member and valuable resource of the Rotary Club of Heidelberg.

Giuseppe Amoroso
28 September 2017
One Day. One Focus: Ending Polio
24 October

Get ready for our 5th annual World Polio Day event, co-hosted with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. We will stream live from Gates Foundation headquarters in Seattle, Washington to bring together more than 50,000 viewers around the world. Join us as global health experts and celebrities share our progress on the road to polio eradication.

We’re close to ending the second human disease in history.

Rotary’s World Polio Day Livestream event
24 October 2017
5:30 p.m. EST
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I want to end polio. Join me.

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AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH

Research Scholarships Education Awareness

LIFT the Lid on mental illness
DATES TO REMEMBER

09 October: *Hat Day – Lift The Lid on Mental Illness*

24 October: *Safe Plate Day*

30 October: *Fellowship Event*
  
  **TIME:** 6.00 - 7.30 PM
  
  **VENUE:** Barklys Hotel, Burgundy Street, Heidelberg

08 November: *Oaks Eve Calcutta*
  
  *Venue yet to be decided*

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Lift the lid on Mental Health

**HAT DAY**

**MONDAY, 9 October 2017**

Help make a great success of Hat day and raise as much money as possible for charity.

Be one of the winners for the following:

- 1st Prize for the most outrageous hat
- 2nd Prize for the biggest Hat
- 3rd Prize for the most colourful

Prizes will be surprises.

Hat free heads will be fined $5.00

Judges will be Giuseppe Amoroso and Wayne Dunstan, and no correspondence will be entered into.

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Riley Trew holds the prize

Sergeant Smokey officiating at the Fines session

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