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Four Way Test  
of the things we  
think, say or do:

Is it the TRUTH?  
Is it FAIR to all concerned?  
Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?  
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Please note there have been changes made to the Breakfast Club Roster and the Meetings Roster - All now correct at the time of circulation!! Plus there are three pages of the Bulletin this week.

## Meetings

9 May 2019 (Meeting 2924)

Program: QUIZ NIGHT  
PARTNERS & FRIENDS  
NIGHT. Cost \$5pp for  
Lucky door prizes.

Invocation & Toast: Chris Watson



16 May 2019 (Meeting 2925)

Program: Members Talk- Kym  
Bayley

Invocation & Toast: Jeff Thorpe  
International Toast: Bronwyn  
Geppert

Introduction: Nicole McDonald  
Thanks: Debbie Spooner

23 May 2019 (Meeting 2926)

Program: Youth Night- RYPEN 2019  
Invocation & Toast: Hugh Scott  
Introduction & Thanks: Maureen  
Manning

30 May 2019 (Meeting 2927)

Program: David MacLaughlin -  
Batemans Bay Chamber of  
Commerce

Invocation & Toast: Maureen Law  
Intn'l Toast: Nicole McDonald  
Introduction & Thanks Alan Russell

We meet at the Soldiers Club on  
Thursday evenings 6.00 for 6.30  
Apologies and Guests to Pam Thorpe  
by Wednesday lunchtime  
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The Club received a comprehensive update from International Director Vere Gray at the last meeting. Our dollar is stretching far and wide and touching many grateful recipients.

- The Club has donated \$2000US to purchase two Shelterboxes
- The Club has donated \$1000 to provide 75 Vietnam Health Care Cards. This has been facilitated through RC Latitude 38 degrees.

- Partnering with the RC of Intramuros in the Philippines and with donations from other Rotary Clubs in the District, two Global Grants have been obtained to build toilet facilities in Aetas Villages. 24 twin and 4 single toilets have been completed at a total cost of US\$57,000. The latest project will provide 12 twin toilets, benefitting 432 residents, at a cost of US\$47,000. A training program has been put in place showing correct handwashing, use and maintenance of the toilets. (Floren's account of his last visit to Sitio Kawayan is at the end of this Bulletin)
- The Sisters Helpem Sisters, which provides sanitary packs to new mothers in the Pacific Islands, is in great demand. The major cost is postage. Nicole McDonald will be delivering 20 packs next week while on holiday in Fiji.

Paul Harris said, "He who tries to find the good in others will be rewarded, for others will surely find the good in him. Of all the earth's sad and lonesome creatures, the most helpless is he who loves not his fellowmen".

### For the Diary

17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> May RYPEN Camp at Old Mogo Town  
(We wish PDG Maureen Manning well for the weekend as this will be her final RYPEN Camp after running it for many years)

27<sup>th</sup> June – Club Changeover Dinner

16<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> October Rotary Fellowship of Caravanners visiting Batemans Bay staying at Nelligen Park

May is Youth Service Month - "Rotary's programs for young leaders extend our ideals of service, friendship and leadership development beyond the doors of our clubs to hundreds of thousands of young people each year".

Barry Rassin, Rotary International.

### **POLIO UPDATE**



### The Final Three Endemic Countries:

Pakistan - Eight Polio Cases reported in 2019

Afghanistan - Seven Polio Cases reported in 2019

Nigeria - is to be congratulated on reaching 2.75 years without a Wild Polio case!

*To return the completed Strategic Plan Evaluation Sheets next meeting.*

*It was confirmed by the Soldiers Club that we can have wine as a raffle prize. It cannot be opened and consumed in the Club so if you win you will not feel bad about not sharing! No-one was surprised when Peter's ticket was pulled out on Thursday evening!*



### **INSPECTION VISIT TO SITIO KAWAYAN: APRIL 22, 2019**

Compared to Sitio Flora, Sitio Kawayan casts a different spell. It is more remote than Flora and less developed. After passing Flora, the road becomes narrower, good for one vehicle only. A long portion of the road is bounded on both sides by a jungle of "talahib" which are tall weeds with a razor-sharp edge. Once in a while, the ride turns into intensity 6 or 7 when the 4x4 jeep rides on rocks or negotiates deep crevices. Because it is summer, the rivers are shallow. As always the children and the carabaos jointly enjoy their swim.

Kawayan has a 2-classroom school, newly built. One of the classrooms is now being used as the bodega of our construction materials. It is still vacation time. The question now is, where are we going to put the cement, steel, pipes, doors, etc. when the school term begins in June? Fr. Art Eduarte proposed to talk to the school responsible to allow us to continue using the classroom. If the teachers agree, their class sessions can be held in the small ecumenical chapel across the school.

### **Door Teams**

(Arrive at 5.45pm, set up room and return Lectern, Wheel and Flags at completion of meeting)

**May:** John Harper, David Ashford, Bronwyn Geppert, Jeff Thorpe

**June:** David Ashford, Peter Kable, Nicole McDonald Maureen Law

**July:** Maureen Manning, Chris Watson, Kym Bayley, John Haslem

**August:** Alan Russell, Ivan Ryrie, Valerie Brandenburg, Joe Scorer

### **Rotary Van Roster Corrigans Beach Markets**

**(7.30am-1pm)**

*\*Means buy the ice and 2L lite milk*

*Note: Swaps or exchanges should only be made with members who are on the roster*

**19<sup>th</sup> May\*\*** I. Ryrie, M Manning and friends

Tow N Simpson

**16<sup>th</sup> June\*\*** A. Russell, J. Haslem, D. Spooner

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### **Market Management Roster**

#### SUNDAY 19 MAY

Market Manager-Neil Simpson (Admin) Brian Jones

Site Markers (Sat 3pm)- Peter Kable, Ivan Ryrie

Market Assistants-Nicole McDonald, Jeff Thorpe

Market Signs: Neil Simpson

#### SUNDAY 16 JUNE

Market Manager -Neil Simpson

Site Markers (Sat 3pm)-Neil Simpson, Garry Gray

Market Assistants- Garry & Vere Gray

Market Signs: David Ashford

#### SUNDAY 21 JULY

Market Manager -Neil Simpson

Site Markers (Sat 3pm): - Neil Simpson, Jeff Thorpe

Market Assistants- Bruce Clarke, Nicole McDonald

Market Signs: David Ashford

#### SUNDAY 18 AUGUST

Market Manager -Neil Simpson (Admin) Brian Jones

Site Markers (Sat 3pm): - Peter Kable, Ivan Ryrie

Market Assistants- Nicole McDonald, Bronwyn Geppert

Market Signs: Hugh Scott

### **Breakfast Club**

TUES 7 MAY

Jeff, Pam

WED 8 MAY

Bronwyn, Pam

THURS 9 MAY

Maureen, Zelma, Lyn

FRIDAY 10 MAY

Bronwyn, Betty Clarke

TUES 14 MAY

Margaret Quigley, Betty C

WED 15 MAY

Maureen, Zelma, Irene

FRIDAY 17 MAY

David A

If you are unable to make your shift please ring

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In Kawayan, we encountered our biggest setback: hauling. In Flora, we were able to load the construction materials on 6x6 trucks before the rains destroyed the road and made the rivers swell. We were successful in loading possibly more than 50% of the materials on the 6x6 truck enabling us to save on hauling cost. It was only when the rain started that we used 4x4's and later/ when the rivers were chest deep, carts pulled by carabaos were employed.

As a trial, we initially used a 6x6 truck in our first load of materials to Kawayan in March. It got stuck on dry but deep lahar sand just midway between flora and Kawayan. Even if it got out of the lahar, we realized its wide-body would not pass through the narrow road of Kawayan. The only recourse was to unload the hollow blocks, cement, and steel bars the following day and transferred everything to 11 loads of two 4x4 jeeps. Except for the hollow blocks, all materials are now loaded on 4x4 jeeps, the feasible option. Fr. Art negotiated with the hauler charging us Php2500 per haul. Based on the estimate, our hauling cost has increased by more than 50% per toilet.

The people of Kawayan are more interactive. They enthusiastically accompanied us in the inspection of the 4 built toilets and in our surveying of the proposed locations of the remaining toilets to be constructed. Because of the hauling problem, hollow blocks are now being done on the site. The Aetas are able to do approximately 1000 pcs per week. We provide the cement. We pay them Php5.00 per hollow block for their labor and the sand which they shovel on a nearby river.

At this time, our hardware supplier is unable to supply lumber which is used to support the toilet's roof. As such the unfinished toilets have no roof. The Sito leader of Kawayan proposed to us during our visit to supply the wood and deliver our lumber requirements on site according to the required measurements. We agreed on the price of Php30.00 per board foot. They will start delivering next week. They will cut some trees from the mountain and process them into lumber. The toilets need approximately 1200 board feet. Fr. Art suggested to the chieftain to supply 1500 board feet. The extra lumber he proposed to them is to be used to build a Rotary Center so the Rotarians will have a resting place whenever they visit the sitio

The call to visit Sitio Flora and Kawayan is always an excitable experience. It starts before the break of dawn. This visit, our meeting time was six o'clock. I picked up PE Ross Ching and his staff, Jayson Munar in Makati. We had the Filipino "eat all you can" breakfast in one of the restaurants situated in a gasoline station along the North Luzon Express Way (NLEX) because for sure, we are not having a decent lunch or no lunch. Just to make sure we have something to get us by, we bought a couple of Quaker oatmeal cookies, 2 small packs per person, candies, peanuts and 6 liters of bottled water. It is desert hot in the area so we need to quench our dried throats.

We arrived in Patling, Capas which is the staging point of our bumpy escapade at about 10:00 am. We discussed with our hardware supplier, clarified our orders, deliveries, and payments, etc. But our departure for Kawayan was delayed. We were already inside the enclosed 4x4 land rover jeep when the driver asked for our destination. Kawayan, we said. Not possible, according to him, because this 4x4 cannot handle the road to Kawayan. He thought our destination was the village before Flora. We waited about 30 minutes for the replacement which was an all-open 4x4, exposed engine, no hood, and no windshield. It was like a "Mad Max Jeep". From time to time, the boy assistant of the driver had to go down from the jeep to pour river water on the engine whenever we crossed rivers. We left at 11:00 and amazingly arrived in Kawayan past 12:00 with no hitch.

We immediately inspected the toilets, surveyed the proposed toilet sites, checked the warehouse or classroom bodega. Fr. Art arrived later at about 2 pm. We discussed with him and the leaders of the village the production of hollow blocks, hauling, and lumber supply. At 3:30 pm we left Kawayan and arrived at Patling at about 5:00 pm. I was discussing with the hardware owner when the earthquake struck. By instinct, I run as fast as I can outside the store. The owner followed a little later, a bit startled. After the earthquake, I asked him, did you hear the creaking of the beam? PE Ross and Jayson were tidying themselves in the garage where we park our vehicle when the quake hit. We wanted to have dinner in Angeles city but we learned Clark Airport and Angeles were totally blackout because of the earthquake. Dinner was at a restaurant in NLEX again.. I arrived home past 10 pm.

Were the toilets in Sitos Flora, Kawayan, and Sitio Babo affected by the earthquake?. Luckily they survived, standing strong, according to the contractor.

Floren Naguit