

THE BULLETIN

THE ROTARY CLUB OF INVERLOCH INC

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TONIGHT'S MEETING

Venue:	Esplanade Hotel Inverloch.
Chair:	Ian Monro.
Sergeant @ Arms	Bruce Mitchell.
Congratulations:	4th. July Joan Lehmann Birthday 6th. July Ken Mclean Birthday
Program:	Club Night.
Fellowship:	6.15 pm. for 6.30 pm Start. Come early and enjoy fellowship with Inverloch Rotarians

LOOKING AHEAD

DATE	PROGRAM	CHAIR
Wed 11th.July	Club / Board	
Wed 8th.August	Club / Board	
Wed 3rd October	District Governors Visit	

LAST MEETING THURS. 28th. June 2007

Venue:	Wonthaggi Club.
Program:	Visit to Rotary Club Wonthaggi for Annual Change Over Dinner.
Apologies :	Frank Bain, Ivan Fell, Marcus Hall, Issabella McLean, John Peterson, Graeme Robertson, Ross Wise. Ken Fisher (Make up)
Attendance :	Present 11 Percentage 66%.

MEETING WED. 20th. June 2007

Venue:	Esplanade Hotel Inverloch.
Chair:	Ian Monro.
Sergeant @ Arms	Bruce Mitchell.
Program:	Presentation by Wal Wedgewood on ARHRF (Australian Rotary Health Research Fund).
Apologies :	Ivan Fell, Marcus Hall, Issabella McLean, Graeme & Judy Robertson.
Guests :	Gerry Lonergan, Robin & Marilyn Warren.
Heads & Tails :	Marilyn Warren.
Attendance :	Present 12 Percentage 75%.

HISTORY OF INTERPLAST

Some 30 years ago an American Plastic Surgeon, Dr Don Laub, went to Mexico for a holiday. Whilst there, he was asked to have a look at a child with a cleft lip. Dr Laub was so moved by the fact that this child was being brought up in a chook house because his parents were ashamed of his appearance, he took the child back to Stanford University and operated to repair the cleft lip.

When the child was return to his home some weeks later, Dr Laub was surprised to find there were many, many more children suffering the same condition because plastic surgeons were not available. He gathered together volunteer surgeons, anaesthetists and nurses and established Interplast America. It was on a program to Central America, a plastic surgeon from Melbourne, Mr Leo Rozner joined the team. On his return he spoke at the Cheltenham Rotary Club on his experience as a member of the American Interplast team to Central America.

Amongst the membership present was Dr Gerald Duff, a General Practitioner who was impressed by the presentation. Dr Duff spoke to Rotary District 980 (now 9800), District Governor Doug Mills about what he had heard and suggested this was something he thought Rotary in Australia could be interested in and assist with. Mr Mills suggested he talk with Mr Keith Walter who was the Chairman of Rotary District 980 International Committee.

In August 1982, direct contact was made with the USA and included a meeting with Keith Walter and the Interplast America Board at Palo Alto where USA embraced the concept of an "Interplast Australia".

This linkage gradually moved to Prof Donald Marshall who was Chairman of the Plastic and Reconstructive Division of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeon at the time and consequently Interplast Australia, a non profit company (inc Vic) was founded in 1983 as a partnership between the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons and Rotary District 980. Interplast Australia was established to provide voluntary medical teams to carry out plastic and reconstructive surgery in developing countries. Programs are actively supported by Rotary Districts and Clubs throughout Australia and New Zealand. Rotarians are Members of the Company, the Board and the Interplast Rotary Committee.

The first Interplast Australia program was conducted to Samoa in 1983, fully funded by Rotary. The next program, funded by Rotary, was to Fiji and it was there the Australian Government recognised the importance of such a worthwhile foreign aid program. This resulted in partial funding being allocated for Interplast programs through the Pacific Islands.

With further assistance from Rotary Clubs Australia-wide, along with growing corporate support, Interplast Australia programs today extend to Bangladesh, China, Cook Islands, Fiji, Indonesia, Kiribati, Laos, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu and Vietnam.

YOUR ORDER

"Look at this mess!" roared an angry customer at a local cafe, pointing to his squashed doughnut.

"It's just as you ordered it, sir," the waitress replied meekly. "You told me to bring you coffee and a doughnut and step on it."

THE GREEKS ARE SO SMART

An old Greek man lived alone in Brunswick. He wanted to dig his tomato garden, but it was hard work for his advanced years as the ground was very hard.

His only son, Spiro, who used to help him, was in prison. The old man wrote a letter to his son and described his predicament.

Dear Spiro,

I am feeling pretty bad because it looks like I won't be able to plant my tomato garden this year.

I'm just getting too old to be digging up a garden plot.

If you were here my troubles would be over. I know you would dig the plot for me.

Love Baba

A few days later he received a letter from his son.

Dear Baba,

Don't dig up the garden. That's where I buried the bodies.

Love Spiro

At 4 A.M. the next morning, Federal agents and Vic Police arrived and dug up the entire area without finding any bodies.

They apologised to the old man and left.

The next week the old man received another letter from his son.

Dear Baba,

Go ahead and plant the tomatoes now. That's the best I could do under the circumstances.

Love Spiro

MEN DO REMEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

A woman awakes during the night to find that her husband is not in bed. She puts on her robe and goes downstairs to look for him. She finds him sitting at the table with a hot cup of coffee in front of him.

He appears to be in deep thought, just staring at the wall. She watches as he wipes a tear from his eye and takes a sip of his coffee.

"What's the matter, dear?" she whispers as she steps into the room.

"Why are you down here at this time of night?" the husband looks up from his coffee, "Do you remember 20 years ago when we were dating, And you were only 16?" he asked solemnly.

The wife touched to tears thinking that her husband is so caring and sensitive.

"Yes, I do" she replies.

The husband paused. The words were not coming easily.

Do you remember when your father caught us in the back seat of my car?"

"Yes, I remember" said the wife, lowering herself into a chair beside him.

The husband continued. "Do you remember when he shoved the shotgun in my face and said, "Either marry my daughter, or I will send you to jail for 20 years?"

"I remember that too," she replied softly.

He wiped another tear from his cheek and said, "I would have gotten out today."

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE KIDS WHO WERE BORN IN THE 1940'S, 50'S, 60'S AND 70'S !!

First, we survived being born to mothers who smoked and/or drank while they carried us.

They took aspirin, ate blue cheese dressing, tuna from a tin, and didn't get tested for diabetes.

As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags.

Riding in the back of a van - loose - was always great fun.

We drank water from the garden hosepipe and NOT from a bottle.

We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle and NO ONE actually died from this.

We ate cakes, white bread and real butter and drank pop with sugar in it, but we weren't overweight because.....

WE WERE ALWAYS OUTSIDE PLAYING!!

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on.

No one was able to reach us all day. And we were O.K.

We would spend hours building our go-carts out of scraps and then ride down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes a few times, we learned to solve the problem .

We did not have Playstations, Nintendo's, X-boxes, no video games at all, no 99 channels on cable, no video tape movies, no surround sound, no cell phones, no text messaging, no personal computers, no Internet or Internet chat rooms.....WE HAD FRIENDS and we went outside and found them!

We fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones and teeth and there were no lawsuits from these accidents .

We played with worms and mud pies made from dirt, and the worms did not live in us forever.

We made up games with sticks and tennis balls and although we were told it would happen, we did not poke out any eyes.

We rode bikes or walked to a friend's house and knocked on the door or rang the bell, or just yelled for them!

Local teams had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment. Imagine that!!

The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law!

This generation has produced some of the best risk-takers, problem solvers and inventors ever!

The past 50 years have been an explosion of innovation and new ideas.

**We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned
HOW TO ---- DEAL WITH IT ALL!**

And YOU are one of them! CONGRATULATIONS!

You might want to share this with others who have had the luck to grow up as kids, before the lawyers and the government regulated our lives for our own good. And while you are at it, send this it to your kids so they will know how brave their parents were.

Kind of makes you want to run through the house with scissors, doesn't it?! PS -The BIG type is because your eyes are shot at your age because you didn't wear sunglasses as a child and probably did other things that make you blind.

Congratulations:

4th. July Joan Lehmann Birthday

6th. July Ken Mclean Birthday

24th. July Patrick Barry Birthday

29th July Ian Monro Birthday

31st. July Ken Fisher Birthday

24th. August Marcus & Pam Hall Anniversary

30th. August Ken & Joan Anniversary

8th Sept Marcus Hall Birthday

**14th. Sept Ian & Margaret Blackwell
Anniversary**

18th. October Ray Peters Birthday

22nd October Sue McCauley Birthday

1st December Aileen Mitchell Birthday

**22nd. December Bruce & Aileen Mitchell
Anniversary**

**26th. December Judy Robertson
Birthday**

31st.December Graeme Robertson

1st January Pam Hall Birthday.

**6th. January Frank & Lorraine
Anniversary**

12th January Ian & Mary Anniversary

**26th February Margaret Fisher
Birthday**

4th March Heather Everitt Birthday

5th. March Bruce Mitchell Birthday

19th. March Fae Fell Birthday

25th March Gerald Banks Birthday

27th. March Patrick & Sue Anniversary

19th. March Fae Fell Birthday

25th March Gerald Banks Birthday

**27th. March Patrick Barry and Susan
Anniversary.**

14th. May Joan Peters Birthday

20th. May Ivan Fell Birthday

23rd May Hilda Barron Birthday.

28th. May Frank Bain Birthday

8th. June Lorraine Bain Birthday

17th June Mary Monro

26th. June Isabella Mclean Birthday

PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE

A cigarette shortens your life by 2 min.

A beer shortens your life by 4 min

A working day shortens your life by 8 hours!!!!



I REST MY CASE!!!!

FROM THE EDITOR

The Bulletin belongs to all Inverloch Rotarians and should be used by ALL the Members and ESPECIALLY the Board Members to communicate, inform, and remind Rotarians.

I am also always struggling to keep up a supply of clean jokes of various sizes to fill any blank space that I cannot fill with the good articles.

I hate typing so preference will be given to articles via email, CD, Memory stick, or floppy disk (I still have one on my current computer). If articles need to be typed please have them to me by Sunday, and only urgent items will be accepted as late as Tuesday.

Articles can be left in the mail box of Unit 9 – 5 Freda St. or emailed to beng@bigpond.com.au.

I also enjoy finding information on the net and from my browsing have found that Rotary information is very abundant on the net. I

will research and incorporate any topic that members would like to read in the Bulletin.