

THE BULLETIN

THE ROTARY CLUB OF INVERLOCH
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TONIGHT'S MEETING

- Venue:** The Inlet Hotel Inverloch .
- Chair:** Gerry Lonagan
- Sergeant @ Arms** Bruce Mitchell.
- Program: Tonight** Guest Speaker: Sam Gatto
“The Beginnings of Wonthaggi”
- Wednesday 12th Sept:** 6:00 pm Onsite at “Rotary Centenary Park”
Then 6:30 pm Inlet Hotel, Club/Board night,
Chairman Ross Wise
- Wednesday 19th Sept:** At Inlet Hotel , Program TBA.
- Wednesday 26th Sept:** Venue TBA, Program TBA.
- Wednesday 3rd Oct:** Visit of District Governor, Janet McCahon
Inlet Hotel, Partners Night.
- Wednesday 10th Oct:** Club / Board night.
Esplanade Hotel, Chairman, Ross Wise.

Important Reminder: *Club Membership fees of \$80 for July to December 2007 are now due to the Treasurer, Ian Blackwell.*

Last week we had a good turnout of members and partners to visit “Rotary Centenary House” at Traralgon, just a pity it was too dark outside to view the outside design of the building. Inside was larger than most expected and finished to the standard of a good city Hotel. A choice of single room through to self-contained family units is provided at very nominal charges. Lots of separate Reading, TV, Computer, Games areas and a huge protected courtyard allow for relaxing outside of the client’s rooms. Large kitchens and dining areas are also provided. Marcus has brought back some photos of the building interior for those who couldn’t make it last week. Food and fellowship at the local “Italian/Australian Club” followed the tour. Thanks again to Ross Wise for bus transport.

Another reminder from President Ian and the Fundraising Committee that we need names on the “Boat Raffle” roster for ticket selling and boat transport/towing.

Next Wednesday is an early start at 6 pm for those who can make it to our “Rotary Centenary Park” on Ramsay Boulevard, for some quick on-site planning before meeting at 6:30 at the INLET hotel for a board night.

NOTE THAT NEXT WEEK (12TH) AND THE FOLLOWING WEEK (19TH) ARE BOTH AT THE INLET HOTEL DUE TO RENOVATIONS AT THE ESPLANADE HOTEL.

Venue for the 26th is still to be advised.

Please note the following important message from GSE Chair, Anne Cox and be sure to pass this information on to your Foundation Chair.

GSE Team Member Interview Dates

Due to the large amount of applications we are expecting to receive for the GSE Team Member positions, we will require a full weekend to complete the interview process. The original notification to Clubs had stated that interviews would take place on Sunday 23rd September – please would you advise your Club's Foundation Chairs that their applicants will now need to be available for the whole weekend of Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd September, > as it will be a two day process to select the team.

Thank you

Anne Cox
District GSE Chair.

The Rotary Foundation

Rotary International District 9820

Group Study Exchange

Hosting the Group Study Exchange Team

from District 2980 Tamil Nadu, India

17th February to 20th March

Rotary District 9820 is looking for four to five clubs to host five members of the visiting Indian GSE Team during the period 17th February to 20th March 2008. Hosting duration will be approximately one week.

It will be up to the host club to organize approximately two vocational days in their week of hosting in an area relevant to the team members' vocational interests. At this present time, the vocations of the incoming Indians are unknown. All team members should be fluent in English.

If limited hosting applications are available in a particular club, it would be possible to host jointly with a neighboring Rotary club.

The District 9820 'welcome' and 'farewell' dinners for the visiting District 2980 team would need to be organized in conjunction with the GSE District Committee by the first and final host clubs.

If you would like further information, or to submit an application to host, please contact Rotarian Anne Cox on (bus) 9810 4271 or (hm) 9775 5453.

Applications for hosting must be received by 12th October.

A man is driving down the road and his car breaks down near a monastery.
He goes to the monastery, knocks on the door, and says, "My car broke down.
Do you think I could stay the night?"

The Monks graciously accept him, feed him dinner, and even fix his car.

As the man tries to fall asleep, he hears a strange sound. A sound not like anything he's ever heard before.

The Sirens that nearly seduced Odysseus into crashing his ship comes to his mind.

He doesn't sleep that night. He tosses and turns trying to figure out what could possibly be making such an intriguing and seductive sound.

The next morning, he asks the Monks what the sound was, but they say, "We can't tell you. You're not a Monk."

Distraught, the man is forced to leave.

Years later, after never being able to forget that sound, the man goes back to the monastery and pleads for the answer again.

The Monks reply, "We can't tell you. You're not a Monk."

The man says, "If the only way I can find out what is making that beautiful sound is to become a Monk, then please, make me a Monk."

The Monks reply, "You must travel the earth and tell us how many blades of grass there are and the exact number of grains of sand. When you find these answers, you will have become a Monk."

The man sets about his task.

After years of searching he returns as a grey-haired old man and knocks on the door of the monastery. A Monk answers. He is taken before a gathering of all the Monks.

"In my quest to find what makes that beautiful sound, I travelled the earth and have found what you asked for:

By design, the world is in a state of perpetual change. Only God knows what you ask. All a man can know is himself, and only then if he is honest and reflective and willing to strip away self deception."

The Monks reply, "Congratulations. You have become a Monk. We shall now show you the way to the mystery of the sacred sound."

The Monks lead the man to a wooden door, where the head monk says, "The sound is beyond that door."

The Monks give him the key, and he opens the door.

Behind the wooden door is another door- it is made of stone.

The man is given the key to the stone door and he opens it, only to find a door made of ruby.

And so it went that he needed keys to doors of emerald, pearl and diamond.

Finally, they come to a door made of solid gold. The sound has become very clear and definite. The Monks say, "This is the last key to the last door."

The man is apprehensive to no end. His life's wish is behind that door!

With trembling hands, he unlocks the door, turns the knob, and slowly pushes the door open. Falling to his knees, he is utterly amazed to discover the source of that haunting and seductive sound.....

But I can't tell you what it is because you're not a Monk.