

THE BULLETIN

THE ROTARY CLUB OF INVERLOCH Inc.

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TONIGHT'S MEETING

Venue: The Inlet Hotel
Chairman: Ross Wise
Sergeant @ Arms Bruce Mitchell.
Program: Club Discussion & Board meeting
Fellowship: 6:15 for a 6:30 start. Come early and enjoy fellowship with the Inverloch Rotarians.

LOOKING AHEAD

DATE	PROGRAM	CHAIR
Wednesday 20th February	Fisher residence, Tarwin Lower. Family BBQ night & Community Emergency Rescue Equipment Demo.	
Saturday 23rd February	Food and Wine Festival, Assist from 12 to 5 pm	
Wednesday 27th February	6:30pm Broadbeach tour Then 7:15 "Tsunami" for dinner with partners/guests.	
Friday 29th Feb to Sunday 2nd March	"DISTRICT CONFERENCE"	
Wednesday 5th	Inlet Hotel, Partners welcome	Ken Fisher

March	Allana Smith , Exchange Student	
Sat 8 th to Monday 10 th March	Labour Day Weekend “Jazz Festival” and Parade	
Wednesday 12 th March	Club night and Board Meeting, Inlet Hotel.	Ross Wise
Sat 15 th until Thursday 20 th March	Club is sharing hosting of the Tamil GSE Team.	
Tuesday 18 th March	“GSE” Farewell Dinner, Wonthaggi Workman’s Club. Partners & Guests welcome	
Thursday 20 th March	5:30 pm Community Centre Set up for Easter Market.	

LAST MEETING Wednesday. 29th January 2008

Venue:	Inlet Hotel
Sergeant @ Arms	Bruce Mitchell
Chairman:	Ian Monro

Program: Kath Cousins gave a presentation about being “ROAD SAFE” with alcohol. Kath gave us a wake-up on how most people underestimate how many “standard drinks” they may consume each hour when drinking. Her message was to look after your mates, monitoring their consumption and advising them not to attempt to drive if possibly over the BA limit (.05%). Kath had some effective training aids. A few of us made fools of ourselves trying to walk normally while wearing the “drunk goggles”. A timely reminder that alcohol (over .05) is involved in 25% of fatal motor vehicle accidents and 33% where the driver or rider is aged 18 to 25. Also 30% of pedestrian killed by vehicles are over .05%. We need to “**LOOK AFTER OUR MATES**”

Apologies : Frank Bain, Patrick Barry, Paul Everitt, Ivan Fell, Ray Peters, John Peterson, Graeme Robertson and Ross Wise.

Attendance : 11 out of 19 for 58%

Heads and Tails: was played twice tonight and won by ?someone.

Guests: were Warren Beaton and our welcome volunteer Stephen.

Ongoing Reminders:

1: District 9820 GSE: Team members and a Team Leader required for August-September 2008 to Ontario , Canada. Suggestions to Ian.

2: District Conference: Friday 29th of February to Sunday 2nd of March

Congratulations: NONE LISTED THIS WEEK

Joke of the Week:

I was depressed last night so I called "Lifeline".

Got through to a call centre in Pakistan .

I told them I was suicidal.

They got all excited and asked if I could drive a truck.

RI President's Message for February 2008

In the last few weeks, as I considered what I might write on this page, I thought again and again of the words widely attributed to the American poet Ralph Waldo Emerson: "Peace cannot be achieved through violence; it can only be attained through understanding."

In Rotary, we work toward peace through understanding, and we work to build understanding through service. In our travels throughout the Rotary world, Joan and I have seen very vividly the kinds of projects that genuinely create understanding and bring people together. Most often, they're the projects that involve both Rotarians and beneficiaries. They're the projects that allow everyone to work with each other toward a common goal and to share in the pride and benefit of a job well done.

When we come together in friendship with the people we wish to help; when we communicate goals, needs, and expectations clearly; when we approach our work with a spirit of cooperation, not charity – this is when we truly build understanding. This is how we begin a process of change that will endure far longer than our involvement in any one project.

In the years since Rotary International chose to take on the goal of global polio eradication, we've seen again and again how working toward a common objective can bring people together. We've seen an unprecedented level of international collaboration as governments and agencies around the world have built new channels of communication and cooperation. And we've seen how the openness and trust that were developed through this effort have endured, allowing for other projects, more cooperation, and greater understanding among nations.

Rotary will never be able to solve all the world's problems or meet all its needs. What we can do, and what we try our best to do, is to help where and how we can – and, through our service, to bring people together in peace to help each other.

All of Rotary's projects, no matter how small, have the potential to build understanding and bring peace. As we enter World Understanding Month, I ask all of you to remember that every project has a twofold purpose: meeting its practical objective and building goodwill and friendship. If we plan and serve well, we'll also build lasting bridges to a better future. As Rotarians, we truly believe that peace is possible.

Wilfrid J. (Wilf) Wilkinson
President, Rotary International