

THE BULLETIN

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Wed. 5th of March 2008.**

TONIGHT'S MEETING

Venue: Inlet Hotel 6:30pm

Chairman: Ian Monro

Sergeant @ Arms: Bruce Mitchell.

Program: Guest speaker: Allana Smith, Returned Exchange Student.

Fellowship: 6:15 for a 6:30 start. Come early and enjoy fellowship with the Inverloch Rotarians.

LOOKING AHEAD

DATE	PROGRAM	CHAIR
Sat 8th to Monday 10th March	Labour Day Weekend "Jazz Festival" and Parade	
Wednesday 12th March	Club night and Board Meeting, Inlet Hotel.	Ross Wise
Sat 15th until Thursday 20th March	Club is sharing hosting of the Tamil GSE Team.	
Sunday 16th March	Dinner with Tamil GSE Team at Inlet Hotel, 6:30pm	
Tuesday 18th March	"GSE" Combined Farewell	

Dinner,

Wonthaggi Workman's Club.

Partners & Guests welcome

Thursday 20th
March

5:30 pm Community Centre

Set up for Easter Market.

LAST MEETING Wednesday. 27th February 2008

Venue: "Broadbeach tour and dinner at Tsunami"

Sergeant @ Arms Bruce Mitchell

Chairman: Ian Monro

Program: Members and guests were quite impressed by the design, landscaping and luxurious community facilities available to new owners at "Broadbeach". After a very quick workout in the Gymnasium and a few lazy aperitifs by the pool Ross just wanted to sign up and move in. Thanks again to Leanne Fisher for the guided tour.

Apologies : Frank Bain, Ivan Fell, Ken Fisher, John Peterson.

Attendance : 15 out of 19 for a good 79%

Heads and Tails: none

Guests: Guy & Teresa Copley, Rob Stone (Jazz Festival Committee), Stephen Sveck, Faye Suckling,

Ongoing Reminders:

All available members are required as road marshals for the Jazz Festival Street Parade, 9:30 AM Saturday 8th March at the Football Oval for instructions. Parade leaves at 10:00 AM

Congratulations: 5th.March, Bruce Mitchell's Birthday

**Community Forum to demystify and promote being on the
Organ Donor Register**

In Australia today, there are up to 1800 people waiting for an organ donation. Up to half the people waiting for a heart, heart-lung or liver transplant will die before an organ becomes available. Experience shows that many potential donations don't happen because relatives don't know people's intentions.

The Rotary Club of Phillip Island and San Remo is facilitating a Community Forum on the Organ Donor Register scheduled to take place on **Sunday 20th April 2008 at Phillip Island Adventure Resort.**

Anyone can choose to donate organs and tissue, irrespective of age and the Community Forum is aimed at raising awareness and bring information about Organ Donation to the Bass Coast Shire Community.

The Australian Government launched the Organ Donor Register three years ago.

The Register offers people a simple and accessible method of recording their readiness to donate organs.

Since the launch of the Register, 4.7 million people have signed on. More than 30 000 Australians have received a donor organ and a second chance at life or greater quality of life.

One donor can save or benefit up to 10 people. Australia has a shortage of donors and a shortage of donations.

In 2002, there were 730 successful organ transplants from just 206 organ donors. In the same year, 107 people died waiting for an organ donation.

A little prior planning can make a real difference.

A panel of guest speakers will include Robyn Hookes giving a donor's family perspective on Organ Donation and local identity, Lyle Williams will discuss what it means to be a recipient. It is hoped that an organ transplant surgeon will be able to compliment the panel.

"It's time we gained a better appreciation of the need for people to seriously consider the notion of donating organs to save lives and improve the quality of life for those unfortunate individuals significantly incapacitated by organ degradation," Phil Dressing, President of the Rotary Club of Phillip Island said.

"I had the privilege of hearing a very courageous Robyn Hookes speak of the positives arising out of a family tragedy that gave life and improved the quality of life to a number of others through Organ Donation. Robyn's story was inspiring," said Phil.

For further information, contact either Ray Dickie on 56785273 or 0428385582 or e-mail Ray on juray@bigpond.net.au or Phil Dressing on 59525443 or 0423058510 or e-mail Phil on phildressing@waterfront.net.au.

The Community Forum is **FREE** and a light luncheon and refreshments before and after will be supplied – at no cost – commencing at 12.15pm. The Forum will commence at 1.00pm. No booking is necessary however, it will facilitate catering if attendees could contact Ray Dickie or Phil Dressing on the contact numbers or e-mail addresses above.

For further detail on the this Press Release, contact Phil Dressing or Gary Parker on 0429 105 330

A Message by George Carlin:

The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider Freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less, we buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time. We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness.

We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom.

We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.

We've learned how to make a living, but not a life. We've added years to life not life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbour. We conquered outer space but not inner space. We've done larger things, but not better things.

We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul. We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice. We write more, but learn less. We plan more, but accomplish less. We've learned to rush, but not to wait. We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but we communicate less and less.

These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, big men and small character, steep profits and shallow relationships. These are the days of two incomes but more divorce, fancier houses, but broken homes. These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throwaway morality, one night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill. It is a time when there is much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom. A time when technology can bring this letter to you, and a time when you can choose either to share this insight, or to just hit delete...

Remember; spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever.

Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your side.

Remember, to give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn't cost a cent.

Remember, to say, "I love you" to your partner and your loved ones, but most of all mean it. A kiss and an embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside of you.

Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment for someday that person will not be there again.

Give time to love, give time to speak! And give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind.

AND ALWAYS REMEMBER:

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

George Carlin.

