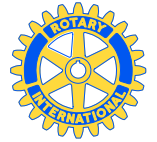




# Belmont Rotary News



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## Rotary District 9455 Western Australia

### Notes from your Editor.

I hope you are all managing to stay COOL, despite all the modern conveniences of air conditioning, and a cool pool, I am still suffering in this awful heat, it must be a thing as you get older !!! Our visitors from Switzerland have departed and returned back to the cold of Europe, why is it that they enjoy the heat more than us locals do ??.

A very special thank you to all those involved in the club who took the time to make Julia and Angelo Emmert so very welcome, especially Tymen and Mangeret Brom, Mike and Joanne Winslade, David and Megan Bennett, the Rotarians in Quariding, and all others who had the pleasure of their company, life in the Lovell household is now also back to nearly normal the hot spa got a real workout, as our visitors preferred to relax in the 37 degree hot spa than the cool pool, could not get enough of it, and it became a early evening ritual.

Past President Laurie oversaw the meeting today, we hope to see our President Grant at our Australia Day breakfast, so make sure you remember that next week's meeting is an early morning breakfast meeting at Matilda Bay restaurant, you should all have informed Mike Terry by now if you are attending, and have paid your cost on line.

Look forward to meeting you all on Australia Day, it will be very hot, but we will be finished well before mid morning, also will be a chance to catch up with some friends we haven't seen for a while



President Grant Geary

A few fun photos of our visitor's enjoying a day out learning to Water Ski, many thanks to Tymen Brom and family.

Julia and Angelo pictured enjoying the SKI Experience



Julia reckons this can't be too hard



Tymen with young David enjoying "The Ride"



Go on then put the power on so I can get up



Angelo gets down low for better handling



Hey Julia you can't do the Splits while you ski



### Guest speaker Ron Hammond

Ron Hammond has had an association with Ron Geary since the mid 90's with his generous corporate support of our Balzano Barrow Race teams (Boulder Rotary Club instigated, Kalgoorlie), Black Rock Stakes (Pilbara) and "Run Through The Night " (metropolitan/near country fundraising runs)

Re the Black Rock Stakes ( a major fundraising Pilbara event), the last of the 38 races finished in 2008, due to waning interest and increased public liability/heavy duty traffic.

Having done the event 16 times since 1984 in the High School, Mixed adults, Trio and Duo categories, we felt impressed to enter the last event and moreso, duty-bound to take out equal first place of the 22 teams.

The "Flying F..oresome" was derived from runners from my Karratha, SHS, Lesmurdie, and Kelmscott SHS teams, as well as runners from the now defunct Goldsworthy Primary School., so for most of us, there was much closure and memories.

The Goldsworthy "kids" went back to the site of their previous and very precious hometown of their upbringing-many tears but laughter as well, as they had returned to their special place, in an event in which they had revelled as primary kids. As you can see in the starting photos, all that is left of Goldsworthy is the railway line and gravel road passing by.

Because of the unique nature and dynamics of this event, I brought the concept down to Perth in 1987, and besides repeated Black Rock team entries, introduced the ramp-running format to undertaking "Drug\_free Lifestyle" runs eg Perth Geraldton, Perth, Margaret River, Carnarvon>Karratha, and Kalgoorlie> Esperance ". These events also involved a degree of community service, as we stopped over for 4-5 days in country centres doing kids' programs and playground refurbishments..

Our fundraising runs, mainly from Perth to Brookton were with lit-torches, batons and barrows., for various worthy causes.

These types of events are possibly addictive ??? In our last event, November 5th-6th "Run Through The Night" from Carmel to Brookton, to raise money for the ADRA work in Eastern Africa, we raised \$7250 which the Federal Government then matched \$ for \$.

Annually, I am also involved in a Bassendean Busselton 265km bikeride, "Lifecycle for Canteen", to raise funds for the CanTeen group in WA ; a group of youth (and older ones) initiated this annual event in 1999. a marshalling role for me in the Red cycling group ("speed-challenged" group) gives a personal experience when shepherding these kids down the southwest highway over the 3 days on-road.

Our annual Leadership camp in March involves the Yr.7 student council groups from the 7 schools surrounding Kelmscott Senior High School, which is where I spend my working day as the Primary Agricultural Program Coordinator on the adjoining school farm; in these camps, I enlist my youth team and senior high school students as leaders for these primary children., so we have leadership skills training on 3 levels.

It is not only the successful culmination of these events that is important but the empowering of our young people so to become involved, and later to lead out themselves.





### Rotamart Duties List

Also remember if you are on duty you need to be there by 7.30am

#### Dates for speakers to be arranged by the following members.

26th January	Australia Day	all arranged
2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Paul Andriessen	
9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Short Order Speaker	
16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	David Bennett	
23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Peter Lindsay-MacFadyen	
1 <sup>st</sup> March	Mike Terry	
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Geoff Lovell	
15 <sup>th</sup> March	John Passmore	
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Bruce Hall	
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Russell Perring	

Jan 29 <sup>th</sup>	Jack Recchia	Mat Turner
Feb 5 <sup>th</sup>	Mike Winslade	Laurie Zarrop
Feb 12 <sup>th</sup>	Michele Alexander	Paul Andriessen
Feb 19 <sup>th</sup>	Margie Bass	David Bennett
Feb 26 <sup>th</sup>	Mike Davies	Gerrard Dornford
Mar 4 <sup>th</sup>	James Elloy	Carlo Guidice
Mar 11 <sup>th</sup>	Ron Geary	Grant Geary
Mar 18 <sup>th</sup>	Bruce Hall	??
Mar 25 <sup>th</sup>	Geoff Lovell	Peter Mac

Last week's meeting.... 19<sup>th</sup> January.

Members Present	19
Make ups	1
Apologies	?
Friends	2
Club Guests	3
Member Guests	3
Visiting Rotarians	-
Percentage	59%.

Our guests today included

Norm Hammond our Guest speaker

Julia and Angelo Emmert.. (back to Austria next day)

Glenys Geary and Gail Martin, our "Friends of Rotary"

Tymen Brom with son David

Annette Porter as a Guest of Bryan Martin, and a guest speaker on the 16<sup>th</sup> Febuary

Kim Perring who could be mistaken for our own Russell Perring, well he is his twin brother.

And finally Alan Briant honorary member also joined us.