



Berrima Banter

Rotary Club of Berrima District
(District 9710)

President: Jan Edwards

Secretary: Jacqui Page

April 18, 2014

PONDER FOR THE WEEK from the President's desk:

The most secure prisons are those we construct for ourselves. *G Livingstone MD*

SNAPSHOT OF

MEETINGS IN THE COMING WEEKS

- Wed. April 23rd Andrew Forbes - Wings of Kilimanjaro - a different adventure from that we heard last week
- Wed. April 30th Out On The Town social event for Rotarians & partners
Annesley - Italian Food & Highlands Rotary clubs event
6.00 for 6.30pm start
- Wed. May 21 Jai Rowley will join us for lunch

IMPORTANT FORTHCOMING EXCITING EVENTS TO DIARISE

- May 24 2014 Cabaret "Rock around the Clock" at Mittagong RSL
- May 31 Volunteering for the RI Convention on Saturday May 31
- June 1-4 Rotary International Convention at Sydney Olympic Park
- Aug 5 First Cook-off Event to name SH Cook of the Year 2014
- Aug 19 Second Cook-off Event
- Sept 2 Third Cook-off Event
- Sept 23 Cook-off Finals and SH Cook of 2014 will be named
- October 19 Bowral Long Lunch - Bong Bong Street
- October 24 Dream Cricket - Bradman Oval
- Nov 14-16 D9710 and D9675 Conference to be held in Canberra

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This week we had the great pleasure of welcoming Barbara Baikie, to speak about her extraordinary experience, climbing Mt Kilimanjaro. Barbara has 20 years experience in public service, taught at Charles Sturt University for six years and six years of consultancy. She has undertaken change management and cultural change in three jurisdictions. Barbara has also led a number of national level change initiatives. She is a talented trainer and facilitator across the public, private, not-for-profit and volunteer sectors. Barbara has extensive experience in coaching at all levels, including career, life and work coaching.

In addition to her extensive and successful career, Barbara has a very dedicated list of professional memberships, including Past President, Chamber of Women in Business; Past President, Rotary Club of Hall and is a Paul Harris Fellow. Barbara has co-written two books, "Between the Lines" and her most recent, "Altitude – Two Women's Journey on Mount Kilimanjaro".

Located in Northern Tanzania, Mt Kilimanjaro is the highest peak on the African continent, with an elevation of 5,895 metres (19,336ft). By all accounts, attempting to reach the summit brings with it, some spectacular scenery and the search for inner strength, endurance and absolute determination. It is three years since Barbara experienced this personal achievement. One which didn't quite end as she had hoped, however, one that was perhaps more life changing, as a result.

Suffering from altitude sickness, Barbara was unable to achieve her goal and had to descent the mountain. Dealing with this disappointment was difficult for sometime. But Barbara used these feelings as inspiration to co-write her book. She touched on some of these points during her talk this week, explaining how life is a journey, where we all experience pain and grief in some degree. Based on her own experiences with tragedy, including the loss of her son in a water skiing accident, Barbara stressed the importance of facing and dealing with this difficult times, rather than being consumed by them. We all have choices; we can focus on our successes, or our failures. We can choose the critic in our minds, or the cheerleader.

Barbara closed her talk with a couple of resonating points: **Use your time wisely, and remember, every day is a beautiful day.....make the most of it.**

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Cabaret update: Whilst we only had 12 members in attendance, we managed to tick some boxes regarding our progress with the Cabaret. The Silent Auction Hampers were allocated to those who were present and a big thank you to others not in attendance, who have donated or nominated something. Shelley has made tremendous progress with the entertainments, after so many disappointments to date.

Bundles of tickets were distributed for sale by members. For those members who were not there we really need everyone to work hard at getting a table together. This is our main fundraiser for the year and we are all responsible for raising funds! It will be a great night, so rally your friends for some rock and roll fun.

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'OUT ON THE TOWN' Social event planned for April 30 for all Highlands Rotary/Rotaract clubs:

An Italian night is being planned for April 30 to be held at Annesley in the Garden Room. We'll have Italian Food and background music. Nicola from The Olive Leaf Restaurant will take care of the catering and we all know how good her Italian fare is. We'll have a cash bar and cost is \$40 a head for food, music and fun. Rotarians and partners from Bowral Mittagong club, from Moss Vale club and SH Rotaract Club are invited to join Berrima District to celebrate another year of Rotary in the Highlands. AG Tony Glenn and incoming AG Mark Wallace will be joining the celebrations.



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VOCATIONAL TRAINING TEAM COMMITTEE:

As District Chair for VTT, Beth Woolley is seeking nominations from interested Rotarians within D9710 to be on the VTT committee. The VTT Committee will be responsible for:

- _ Liaising with the service provider to develop the training
- _ Select a team leader
- _ Select applicants for team
- _ Apply for a Global Grant from Rotary International
- _ Manage the project

Beth has been working with the Australia College of Midwives on the proposal and is in negotiation with two Districts in New Zealand as host partners.

If you are interested in being on the Committee, please contact Beth for more information. It is not necessary for Committee members to meet physically, given current technology. Beth's details are

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Youth Exchange News

Invitations are open for students between the ages of 15 and 17 ½ who would like to apply for a 12-month exchange that starts in January of 2015. Information and the preliminary application form can be downloaded from the D9710 Rotary Youth Exchange website www.rotaryexchange.org.au

The Rotary clubs and schools have been sent this information and clubs are asked to support students who approach them. The exchange program is one of many youth programs that Rotary provides. Parents and students make the decision to apply and go on exchange and Rotary provides the opportunity and the mechanism to enable this. It is also a way for clubs to engage with the broader community and an opportunity to encourage new members.

Applications should be with clubs by the end of May for an early club interview to get to know your student, then forwarded to the District YEP Chair, John Britton by early June.

Interviews are held on 5 July and those selected will receive training and briefings later in the year.

The program is reciprocal, that is, the opportunity provided to our own students is balanced by the desire to host inbound students. The clubs that do host will be part of a wide network of exchange support. We deal with teenagers, so always interesting but rewarding as we see the students grow and mature by these opportunities. The information about the students who will arrive into D9710 mid-2014 is being received and will be sent to all clubs soon. The earliest that a club can accept an inbound student the earlier the connections are made.

Countries that we exchange with are; Norway, Finland, Denmark, Hungary, Austria, Germany, Belgium, Switzerland, Italy, France, Taiwan, Turkey and Japan, with students from Brazil arriving next in January 2015.

The exchange with Turkey is in support of the Centenary of Gallipoli commemorations in April 2015 and there is an opportunity for a scholarship to support our outbound student.

Enquiries should be referred to D9710 YEP Chair, John Britton. mobile: 0400 702 123 or email: johnbritton.yep@westnet.com.au

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