



Rotary E-Club of D9700



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Next E-Club Meeting

Wednesday 14th August 2018

7.30pm

Hi all,

I am back, after a break due to family circumstances, life does get overloaded sometimes, doesn't it? I know it happens to all of us at different times.

My apologies for messing up the start of this year, I was exhausted at the end of the Rotary year with my role as District Secretary and relieved to hand over the role to District Secretary 2018-19 David Benn.

In a way of explanation, Gary's father, Herb, passed away in June 17, and his wife, Pam has dementia and Herb was the prime carer for Pam, he had kept quiet on the progression of Pam's condition and when he passed, Pam was by herself and was able to call the police who arranged emergency care for her as she couldn't be left on her own. We had a 10 hour drive to Bairnsdale due to the fact that the Mt Hotham was experiencing blizzard conditions. Pam was put into respite for three weeks but her condition had deteriorated to the point where we had to return to Bairnsdale to have her admitted to the Dementia Ward of the Bairnsdale Hospital and she had now has a permanent position there. The house has been cleared out and is now on the market.

It has been very sad to witness someone who was a capable intelligent person deteriorate to a frightened confused child. We know she is in the best place for her and receiving the best of care. We hope that she is settles quickly for her own sake.

Along with that, my mother 95 , was rushed to hospital, (Melbourne) with a heart condition, Gary's mother 88, was rushed to Hospital, (Geelong) with suspected pneumonia, both our mothers have recovered and are again in good health, also our next door neighbour died, our 9 year old grandson, Charles broke his leg skiing and we had to have our cat "put down". Charles is recovering and almost walking again. All emotional experiences.

We have had a few interested people who wish to purchase our home, but banks are not being cooperative at the moment, and presently we have a couple who wish to buy our home, but are still waiting on the banks approval. We were hoping to hear by today (Friday), but nothing as yet, hopefully next week we will have heard.

So it has been a trying time, however, as mentioned at the meeting, my housework skills and discipline have improved considerably. I am hoping that after three months of discipline I may have formed a good habit. One can always hope!





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I must thank John for his support and understanding as well as managing to continue on as President for a bit longer and although I am a little overwhelmed at the moment I am sure it will be a great year for us all.

Thank you all for your patience and I look forward to working with you all.

Our meeting on Wednesday July 31st was attended by John, Marilyn, Debbie, Donna, Monica, Gary Roberts, Cameron, Ruth and Tebao.

Catching up on the latest.....

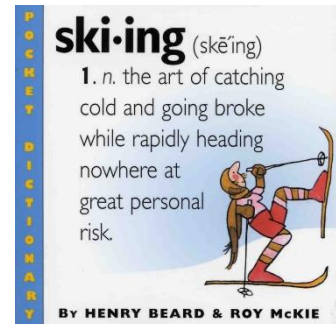
John informed the club that Kate Bowyer has re-joined the club and we are thrilled and look forward to catching up with her in the future.



Cameron and John have been skiing at Falls Creek, they enjoyed catching up with each other and I believe had a few nice wines together.

Cameron has sold his house and looking forward to settlement and completing his new build.

Just in case some of you don't understand what skiing.



John, also mentioned that his son, Sam, is about to finish his ski instructor level 4 course. Highest qualification that can be achieved.

Good luck Sam, thought this definition was interesting.



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Debbie, has booked a weekend cruise in December, sounds great, perhaps we all should join her. An excellent treat before Christmas.

Donna Kitchen is complete and looking forward to now enjoying it. "Great Expectations"



Monica and Donna along with their brother and sister-in-law have just returned from a cruise in the Kimberley's. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves and recommend this experience to everyone.



Ruth is looking forward to holidaying overseas shortly.





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Tebao and his wife has just returned from Djakarta, accompanying a member of the Kiribati Government, (Sorry Tebao, can't read my writing).



Most exciting news with Tebao is that the thanks to John and his hard work and contacts, we the club have been able to facilitate a 44ft Container to Kiribati, filled with desks and furniture for school in Kiribati. Donations in Kind (DIK), a Rotary facility that collects disused furniture from schools and hospitals has been able to supply the furniture and Tebao is working with NZ High Commission and hopefully Australian High Commission to finance the shipping costs. Both High Commissions are excited about this project. The Kiribati Government are also excited about this project and ready to assist if need be.

This is the perfect project for our club and together with John, Tebao and his contacts I am sure we can do much more for Kiribati. I look forward to developing these ideas for our club.



Thank you, John and Tebao, your work is appreciated by all of us, Monica made mention of this project suggesting that perhaps as we are a "Project Based Club", we develop a vision statement defining a clear purpose of this club, an excellent suggestion and we will work on this.

Fellowship continues with discussion re future meetings with themes.

Next meeting will be August 14 and I will then be inducted as President, (very scary) and I will be working on my year in the next week and will hopefully have some idea of what I'm doing by then.



See you 14th, regards Marilyn