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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

THIS WEEK (23 Jan)

This week **Rhyll Penfold**, field officer with the ATO, will be talking to us about one of the great certainties of life.....taxes!! It is something we all have to deal with, so come along and hopefully we'll get some tips from Rhyll!

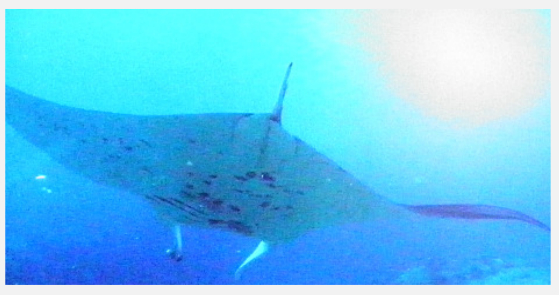


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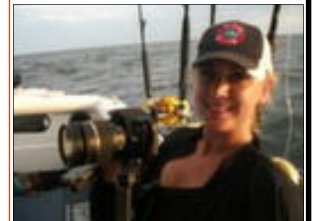
LAST MEETING (16 Jan)

It was a big turn out for our first meeting of the year to hear local girl **Adele Bennett** talk about the masters thesis she is doing in New Zealand on science communication.

As part of her studies, Adele (pictured at right) is writing a 50,000 word thesis and making a documentary film on the Solitary Islands marine park looking at zoning and protection of the marine park and the balance between recreational and commercial users' interests as well as conservation objectives.



The documentary will be 24 minutes long and will be shown at film festivals as well as being broadcast by NZ TV. Adele has been filming some of the fabulous marine life while diving, as well as interviewing park users and filming fishing activity in the area.



For more information, check out her website at www.solitaryislandsfilm.com. Adele is hoping her next project will be a 5-part series looking at sharks, but has to put her head down and complete the 50,000 word thesis first!

First guest speaker for 2012,
Adele Bennett and her
filming equipment

WELCOME new member Peter Bannister

President Norm inducted new member and former Townsville Rotarian, Peter Bannister, into our club. Peter and wife Lyn are well known to most members now having joined us for a number of meetings late last year to get to know us. Peter is now retired from a busy career in retail management, managing Harvey Norman stores. We welcome them and hope they enjoy the club and its activities (see photos below). A great new start to the year Mr President! And a big thank you to Helen Michener for running into Peter and Lyn on the beach and chatting about Rotary....keep up that beachcombing Helen!



STATS AT A GLANCE

Visiting Rotarians: nil

Visitors: Adele Bennett, John & Rachel Hall, Elisabeth de Halleux, and partners Lyn Bannister, Marlies, Helen, Sue, Edith

Apologies: John, Keith, Rod, Trish, Gareth

Attendance: 18 (78.3%)

Raffle winner: Pam

Birthdays: Graeme Smith 27 Jan

Anniversaries: Terry & Marlies Booth 25 Jan

SERGEANTS SESSION

What long memories Rotarians have - no-one escaped those Xmas party fines afterall. There was re-entry tax for George of course and Corporal Garry had a saga of spills and mishaps to pay for—fancy trying to have your wife have your knee op for you!!!! We hope Glenda's knee is better soon.

CLUB NEWS

YEPPER presentation: Elisabeth de Halleux, on behalf of her fellow YEPPERS, presented the famous dive school photo taken by Garry Kennedy to President Norm. The photo will be framed and displayed on appropriate occasions.

RYLA Rotary Youth Leadership Awards applications close 2 Feb (see Peter)

Rotary Friendship Exchanges to Brazil, Sweden, Pennsylvania and Italy are available (best to email Rod who is travelling a bit in the next few months).

Whisper Editor will be OS from 4 February to 5 March. Want to try your hand as editor for a month? (see Pam)

YEP news The club was able to present another cheque and some Danish Kroner to Rachel Hall (compliments of an Armidale Rotarian who was recently part of a Friendship exchange to Denmark and had some Danish currency still on return) and a Club member who wishes to remain anonymous. Rachel has been most appreciative of the assistance from Rotarians and the community and we wish her well for her year of exchange.

In other news, past student Stefany Roser (1999-2000 from France) was visited by George and Sue over the Christmas break; past student Minami Kadowaki (2008-09 from Japan) will be visiting Woolgoolga again from end January & staying with her Aussie mum Patty, so we look forward to seeing her at a Rotary meeting during her visit. YEP Director Patty



also passed on new year wishes to club members from 2009-10 student Laura Hohrein from Germany & 2011-12 student Stina Palm from Sweden... and... Jaimie Hunt is home from his fabulous year in Brazil, greeted at the airport Tuesday by friends, family and club representatives Pam, David, Patty, Elisabeth and Rachel Hall (+ Katharina from Coffs).



Treasurer Geoff says DUES ARE DUE NOW - if you pay half yearly

CLUB NOTICES

19 Jan Rachel Hall departs for Denmark 10am
 23 Jan First board meeting for 2012
 30 Jan Partners night
 4 Feb Auction (helpers are Woolgoolga RFS)

DISTRICT NOTICES

4 Feb YEP rebounders debrief, Armidale
 16 Feb Presidents & Secretaries meeting
 9-11 Mar District Conference Inverell
 16-8 May International Conference Bangkok
 4-21 May Rotary Recreational Vehicle Fellowship muster at Corindi

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend			
Date	23 January	30 January partners—a European evening!	6 February
Attendance	Geoff Royal	Karen Sedgwick	George Smede
Welcome/ Fellowship	David Edwards	Pamela Fayle	David Fayle
Club Speakers 3-5 minutes	Trish Baker	George Smede (recent trip to Europe)	Ray Willing
Introduce Guest Speaker	Garry Kennedy	Patty Delaney	Peter Lacy
Vote of Thanks	Terry Booth	Norm Michener	Karen Sedgwick
Guest Speakers	Rhyll Penfold Field officer with the ATO	Elisabeth de Halleux will talk about Belgium; + friends Katharina (on Austria), Hella (Germany)	Honeywell summer school students report

Your Rotary Club Needs YOU

Want to be on the BOARD for 2012-13? - (see Norm or Pam)
 Can you help with AUCTION PICK-UPS or auctioneering? (See Dick)
 WISH TO PROPOSE A NEW MEMBER? (See Pam)
 KNOW A FAMILY INTERESTED IN HOSTING a YEP STUDENT? (See Patty)