

Rotary Friendship Exchange

District 9790, Victoria-NSW, Australia

General District Meeting Minutes
At Raffety's Reception Centre, Benalla, Sunday 27th November, 2011

Commenced: 11:10am

Present: Ken & Judy Bertalli, Alasdair & Robyn Cameron, Barry Campbell, Ian & Liz Christian, Ken Craig, Angus & Sandy Cunningham, Stuart & Jeanette Davidson, Geoff & Eileen Dinning, David & Jenny Dow, Ann & Laurie Fagan, Dorothy Forster & Rob Northcott, John & Sarah Forsyth, Ron & Barbara Haberfield, Sandra Hanley, Alan & Phyllis Hodge, Howard & Margaret Jacob, Jeanette & Lindsay Jolley, Ruth Konig, John & Carmel Love, Geoff & Tess Lucas, Syd & Sue Lukins, Graeme & Christine Maddox, Noel Meagher, Jim & Pam Maden, Ross & Gertraud McDonald, Richard McGeehan, David Meller, Bill & Jane Parris, Cheryl & Brian Rogers, Keith & Heather Rogers, Jim Saleeba, Ruth & Russ Shellie, Roger & Yvonne Schnelle, Lindsay & Lee Smith, Lance & Robyn Sullivan, Elaine White

Apologies: Phil & Magda McDonald, Clive & Rae Walker, Noel & Barbara Cochrane, Peter & Edna Roden, George & Jan Bedson, Rob & Lynne Lloyd, John Drummond, Paul & Robyn Kelly, Bruce & Joy Key, Rowena Mann, Bill & Fay Whitehead, Geoff & Mary Hall, Peter & Jutta Webb, Geoff & Glenda Swan, Darren & Treena Best, Jan Macdonald & Andrew Treadwell, Glenda Woods, Peter & Kerry Tull, Ian & Julie Lynch, Anita Saleeba, David Anderson.

Welcome

Chairman Laurie welcomed all in attendance. A special welcome to members attending for the first time – John & Sarah Forsyth (Albury West / Myrtleford), Howard & Margaret Jacob (Albury North), Ross & Gertraud McDonald (Eltham), David Meller (Strathmore) and Roger & Yvonne Schnelle (Albury North). Members were asked to sign the attendance list. Laurie also thanked those who had donated raffle prizes – Con & Jan Giannakis, Barry Campbell, Ken Craig, Angus & Sandy Cunningham, Stuart & Jeanette Davidson, Geoff & Eileen Dinning, David & Jenny Dow, Ann Fagan, Ron & Barbara Haberfield, Geoff & Tess Lucas, Syd & Sue Lukins, Lance & Robyn Sullivan, Cheryl & Brian Robson

Confirmation of Minutes 28th August, 2011

Minutes of this meeting were circulated to all members following that meeting.

Motion: The minutes be confirmed as circulated

Moved: Lindsay Smith

Seconded: Barry Campbell

Carried

Business Arising: Update of RFE information on the District Website (Discussed in General Business)

Treasurer's Report

Motion: The Treasurer's Report (see over) be accepted

Moved: David Dow

Seconded: Ken Craig

Carried

Rotary Friendship Exchange - District 9790 Treasurer's Report

Statement of Income and Expenditure to 22nd November 2011

		\$	\$
Balance as at 23rd August 2011			18,892.58
Income			
Raffle 28/8/11	30/08/2011	150.00	
P&K Tull meals 28/8/11	30/08/2011	60.00	
A Bigg - RFE trip deposit D3520	6/10/2011	400.00	
C Love - RFE trip deposit D3520	21/10/2011	400.00	
D Dow - RFE trip deposit D3040	21/10/2011	400.00	
Interest - Business online saver account	1/9, 1/10, 1/11	<u>129.92</u>	1,539.92
Expenditure			
L Fagan - expenses - stationery	Cheque 180	9.90	
Raffety's - meals 28/8/11 P&K Tull	Cheque 181	60.00	
C Walker - expenses D5080 outbound exchange	Cheque 182	47.55	
I Rawlings - expenses D5080 inbound exchange	Cheque 183	174.24	
C Walker - expenses D5080 inbound exchange	Cheque 184	216.62	
J Saleeba - expenses D5080 inbound exchange	Cheque 185	299.09	
G Maddox - expenses D5080 inbound exchange	Cheque 186	360.00	
Rotary Club of Albury Hume - expenses D2400 inbound exchange	Cheque 187	<u>180.00</u>	1,347.40
Balance as at 22nd November 2011			<u><u>19,085.10</u></u>
Represented by			
Commonwealth Bank			
Society cheque account as at 22nd November 2011		8,326.30	
Business Online Saver account as at 22nd November 2011		<u>10,938.80</u>	19,265.10
Less Unpresented Cheques			
Rotary Club of Albury Hume - expenses D2400 inbound exchange		180.00	180.00
			<u><u>19,085.10</u></u>
<u>Accounts to be passed for payment</u>			
L Fagan - expenses - stationery		9.90	
Raffety's - meals 28/8/11 Tull		60.00	
C Walker - expenses D5080 outbound exchange		47.55	
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Rotary Club of Albury Hume - expenses D2400 inbound exchange		180.00	

Outgoing Exchanges

Completed Outbound Exchanges 2011

Planned Outbound Exchanges 2012

+D3140 India – this Outbound Exchange is scheduled for **February 1st to February 14th 2012**. Team members are Syd & Sue Lukins (Albury North), Richard McGeehan & Sue Gall (Euroa), David & Jenny Dow (Albury North), Lindsay & Jeanette Jolley (Bright), Howard & Margaret Jacob (Albury North), Ross & Gertraud McDonald (Eltham) and John & Sarah Forsyth (Albury West/Myrtleford). Team Leader is [Syd Lukins](#).

+ D3520 Taiwan – this Outbound Exchange is scheduled for **February 15th to February 24th 2012**. Team members are Graeme & Christine Maddox (Albury Hume), Keith & Heather Rogers (Benalla), Carmel & John Love (Albury North), Brian & Cheryl Robson (Lavington) and Alan & Loral Bigg McLaren Vale). District 3520 is augmenting its' RFE activities to link with the centennial celebration of the People's Republic of China (Taiwan). The program runs from September 2011 through March 2012. Team Leader is [Graeme Maddox](#).

Future Opportunities

Considerable effort is being put into setting up exchanges over the next 12 to 18 months. Syd Lukins (D3360 Thailand), Laurie Fagan (D2050 Italy) and David Dow (D2400 Sweden) outlined possible exchanges for 2013 and expressions of interest were sought. A number of invitations (14) have been issued to RFE participating Districts since our last meeting, and 'for consideration' replies have been received from D1080 England, D1520 France, D1970 Portugal, D2040 Italy, D2050 Italy, D2080 Italy, D2201 Spain.

Incoming Exchanges

Completed Inbound Exchange

D2400 Sweden, November 6th –20th, 2011. Ian Christian co-ordinated this exchange. Host Clubs included Coburg, Diamond Creek, Yea and Albury Hume. Originally listed for March 25th to April 8th, 2011 this was put back to November 6th to 20th, 2011. This was at the request of the Swedish team. Six couples came. An excellent exchange thoroughly enjoyed by all who participated.

D5080 Canada/Washington, October 4th to October 15th, 2011. Host clubs include Eltham/Coburg, Myrtleford, Shepparton and Albury Hume. PDG Clive Walker co-ordinated the exchange. An email from team leader Gordon Turner was read and highlighted the great time his team enjoyed in D9790. Supporting comments were provided by hosts who were present.

Planned Inbound Exchange 2012

D9320 South Africa, March 1st to 14th, 2012. Marg Crisp is co-ordinating. Host clubs include RCs of Wodonga/Lavington/Albury North (Marg Crisp), Appin Park (Ken Craig), Mooroopna (Laurie Fagan) and Coburg (Alasdair Cameron).

General Business.

- a. Lindsay Smith – one way exchange with Rotarians from New Zealand. A concept devised by the Rotary Club of Myrtleford to give some short term respite to Rotarians & partners seriously affected by the earthquakes etc of recent months. At this stage is being handled by the club. The Committee and meeting approved financial support for this project whilst accepting that it is a one way exchange. Chair Laurie to discuss with Lindsay.
- b. Souvenir shop – Ruth Konig outlined what can be gained from the Souvenir shop and at reduced prices. Quite relevant to those looking to buy gifts to give to hosts overseas.
- c. Ruth also provided details on where the organisation of next year's Conference is up to
- d. Update of RFE information on the District Website. Webmaster David Meller was present and suggested ways and means by which this can be done. Chair Laurie to activate.
- e. David Meller, Rotary Club of Strathmore – Donations in Kind. David presented a comprehensive outline of DIK and the work that many volunteers do in this area. It is important that our teams that go out on exchange, particularly to less advantaged Districts, look for opportunities for us to assist through DIK.

Meeting closed at 12.45pm

Next Meeting: 11.00 am, Sunday, February 26th, 2012, at Raffety's, Benalla.