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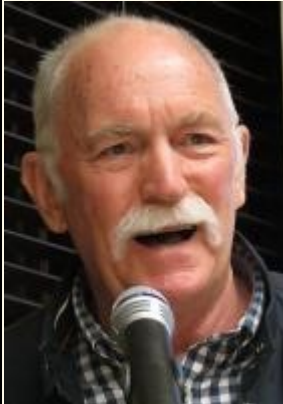
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Last week guest speaker

Dennis Van Someren



Shine For Kids

In the last year or so our Club has become aware that too many worthwhile charities travel “under the radar.” It seems that the bigger, the more celebrity supporters there are, the more money that a charity can raise.

Yet as our guest speakers last Monday, Dennis Van Someren of the Rotary Club of Kenthurst and Gloria Larman, CEO of “Shine” demonstrated so clearly, celebrity done not necessarily equal value or importance.

Shine is a charity dedicated to providing support to children whose parents are in the Australian prison system and Dennis opened the presentation with the startling information that he started as a volunteer with Shine over 30 years because “my dad was in jail.” As he said, it doesn’t matter where you live, when a parent is in jail the family unit never really recovers – but the children can.

Dennis made it clear that in this there are no grey areas; you either sink or swim and with the emotions, the desolation, the sense of loss that a child goes through it’s hard to swim alone. A child needs a mentor and guidance. Unfortunately with our political system conditioned to look for three year “fixes” very few consider the long term damage that is being done and the long term savings that can be made. In this world of budget constraints saving one child from repeating the “sins of the father” saves the state at least

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Braids in Mackay	Donate Life 2016		
Margaret Cato-Symonds	EaglesRAPS		

Sick parade • Anniversaries • Door team • Gordon Market roster

Guest Speaker continued

\$100,000.

After Dennis' emotional appeal it was up to Gloria to put the nuts and bolts of Shine together. At this stage Shine has some 30 staff and around 300 volunteers but they need lots more. To give some idea of the dimension of the problem, the most recent data available (2004 – and the lack of current data is, in itself a problem) over 60,000 children, around 5%, experience parental incarceration and that these children are 5 times more likely to become prisoners themselves. Even more confronting is that 20% of the children are Aboriginal.

The name “Shine” is an acronym for what the charity does – Support, Hope, Inspire, Nurture, Empower. It was started in 1982 arising from a NSW Parliamentary Enquiry but had a slow early growth until 2000 when it extended its operations to Bathurst. In 2009 it extended to Victoria and in 2012 ACT. In 2013 Shine established its first social enterprise, the “Shine Café” where ex-prisoners and children of prisoners are taught hospitality skills.

Gloria spelled out the consequences of parental imprisonment – it breaks up families, increases caring responsibilities, leads to poor educational outcomes, shame, emotional distress, financial disadvantage and ultimately instability and hopelessness.

Shine seeks to overcome this by providing child-friendly environments, assisting with prison in-visits, developing child and family centres, mentoring, support transport, educational support, school holiday activities and career support and particularly targeting Aboriginal and Torrens Strait Islander support.

Gloria Larman



Shine runs on a total budget of around \$3million, of which half is provided by government and the balance raised by donations and fund-raising activities and both Dennis and Gloria made an appeal to Ku-ring-gai Rotary to consider Shine when thinking of which charities to support in future.

Movie Night— Bridget Jones's Baby



Bridget Jones's Baby (CTC) - on Monday 19th Sept at 8pm, at Roseville Cinema.

It's been over 10 years since we've had a run in with Bridget Jones.

Renee Zellweger played the title role in two films from the early 2000's.

The first film [*Bridget Jones's Diary*](#) was a massive hit, and the sequel, *Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason...* wasn't a total failure.

While it's been a long time since we've seen Bridget Jones, we can guess what she's been

up to from the title of the new film [*Bridget Jones's Baby*](#). Check it out.

Tickets \$20 each

Commence from 7pm with drinks & nibbles in the upstairs lounge

Attendance sheet available at next meeting

Richard Elliott Milling Engineer guest speaker 1 August

Topic. The story of how a Fijian street stall grew to a billion dollar multi-national business - processing 240 tonnes of flour per day - "Punjas the choice of the Pacific" Richard has had projects in Fiji over 30 years and been travelling monthly to Fiji for the past 15 years. His comments on the culture and changes in that country may be of interest to Rotary.

Captain Cameron Hartman guest speaker Monday 29th August

For some time now, our Rotary Club of Kuringai has expressed interest in learning more about the Qantas Antarctic flights-

One of the crew, Captain Cameron Hartman has kindly agreed to address the Club on Monday 29th August.

Cameron should give us an interesting view not only the tourist aspect but altogether of the background/preparatory work to each flight, such as;-

the crew preparation/briefing schedule

the routes and flight plan/time options,
emergency landings?

impact of weather reports and options

the baggage payload

navigating challenges

the seating for viewing

various experiences

and of course the spectacular scenery!

Whilst most of us have been Qantas travellers, Cameron's unique role with the company on the Antarctic flights will give an insight to another side of Qantas activities, and further stimulate/ encourage us to take the trip.

Malcolm and Margaret Braid in Mackay

We have had a great trip so far and are now in Mackay where its 24 degrees. The weather has been mixed with rain, low temperatures and sunshine since we left home

The trip started at Cotton Tree, Maroochodore where we met up with 12 Rotarians and partners who are members of the "Recreational Vehicle Fellowship of Rotarians" (RVFR). The group is open to all Rotarians and details are on their web site www.rvfr-aus.org.au.

The group travelled from Maroochodore to Bundaberg then to Gladestone, Yeppoon and now Mackay. In Yeppoon and Mackay we visited the local Rotary meetings and enjoyed the company of Club members. Tony will be pleased to know that Rotary Grace and the National Anthem were both sung and various toasts were made before dinner. [editor—Tony is not pleased] Both Clubs are doing well with plenty of projects and fundraising. In Mackay the Club runs the once a month Troppo Treasure Markets which nets about \$6000 to \$7000 per month.....after paying the shopping Centre \$600 for the car spaces.

At the Yeppoon Club the President's wife Diane Moyle gave an interesting talk on her visit to the UN Commission on the Status of Women in March

Malcolm



Margaret



DONATE LIFE WEEK 31 JULY - 7 AUGUST 2016

What are you waiting for?

Join the Australian Organ Donor Register online today | donatelife.gov.au



DonateLife Week 2016
31 JULY - 7 AUGUST

One of our past members, Richard Stanton sadly became a donor last year. His donation saved 2 lives and improved the quality of life for another 2 people. Organ donation is worthy of our support

Register, discuss and get involved to save lives!

DonateLife Week 31 July - 7 August 2016!

Only **one in three** Australians have joined the Australian Organ Donor Register, even though 81% believe registration of donation decisions is important. (*Woolcott Research 2015*)

91% of families agree to donation proceeding where the deceased was a registered organ donor. This **drops to just 52%** where the deceased was not registered and the family had no prior knowledge.

1,500 +Australians are today waiting for a life-saving or life-transforming transplant.

Registration of your donation decision leaves your family in **no doubt** and, in doing so, provides comfort that they are **upholding your decision**.

In DonateLife Week (31 July – 7 August) we are asking all Australians, **“What are you waiting for? Join the Australian Organ Donor Register online today!”**

For **more information** contact Marilyn Mercer PDG. Rotary District 9685, Organ and Tissue Donor Liaison and Australian Transplant Games LOC Member [0416 026 848](tel:0416026848) mmm@myisp.net.au

**HOW
DO I
REGISTER**

- You can register online, or update your existing AODR record, via your myGov Medicare online account – or download the Express Plus Medicare mobile app – no paperwork needed!
- You can also register online or download a registration form at donorregister.gov.au
- If you previously registered your donation decision when applying for or renewing a driver's licence, you need to join the AODR to make sure you have a current record of your decision (only people in South Australia can register on the AODR via their driver's licence registry).

Guests last week

Gloria Larman and Dennis Van Someren

Margaret Cato-Symonds

Members will be saddened to hear that Margaret Cato-Symonds died this week. Margaret was the wife of the late Brian Cato-Symonds, who was President of the Rotary Club of Ku-ring-gai for 1987-88.

For her very active support of Rotary, Margaret was awarded Paul Harris Fellow recognition in 1997. Friends of Margaret are invited to her funeral, which will be held at 10 am next Tuesday, 26 July 2016 at Northern Suburbs Crematorium, 199 Delhi Road, North Ryde.

EaglesRAPS

A notice has gone out inviting all members to visit Eagles RAPS next week
Date. Tuesday 26 July

Location. 37 Graham St Doonside.

Time: 11.30am at Doonside. BBQ lunch 12.30. Conclude 2pm.

Transport. Individually or pool. To be advised when numbers are known.

Calendar of events

25-Jul	DGE Bruce Lakin	Combined with Lindfield
01-Aug	Richard Elliott	Milling engineer-Fiji
08-Aug	Business Session	
15-Aug	TBC Jeanette Svela	Problem gambling
22-Aug	TBC Taylor Harrison	Keeping fit and healthy
29-Aug	Captain Cameron Hartman	Qantas Antarctic flights
05-Sep		
12-Sep		
19-Sep	Film Night	

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