

SUMMARY OF BOARD MEETING HELD ON 29th July 2010

Walgett Egg

Neil is still trying to find other Walgett memorabilia. Display to be arranged in conjunction with Men's Shed.

Rotary Book of Memories 2009-2010

Mark and Glenice are arranging this memento for DG Chris Sims.

Community Seating

Neil P is to organise the manufacture of the metal frames so this can proceed.

Entertainment at the Miniature Railway Complex

Once Gary Kimber returns from holidays, Neil will work with him to establish a giant hookey/coit board for extra family entertainment. Gary has also proposed a photo board which was also to be in the shape of a train with cutouts to allow patrons to place their heads through for photos. Jill Lynch has been contacted by Gary to provide a quote for the painting of this item. Neil and Gary to establish cost with Jill Lynch before a decision will be made.

4 Avenues of Service

Mark will arrange for Alan Hart's "4 Avenues of Service" award to be added to the Honour Board.

Camperdown Cruise

Arthur Bruce spoke to the club about this weekend on the 23rd & 24th October. The club has been asked to provide the Milkshake Van to sell drinks on both Saturday and Sunday outside the Camperdown P.O. The club has accepted the proposal and funds raised will go to the Cobden District Health Service. Arthur has also asked for volunteers to act as Marshalls for the weekend. A roster will be prepared.

Corefest

Garry R reported that the dates for Corefest had changed to 15 October.

Common

Neil asked what had happened to suggestions about draining the Northern area of the Cobden Common proposed by Progressing Cobden. Mark advised he had not received a proposal. He will follow up with Kelvin White from Progressing Cobden.

NYE

Neil has asked for the assistance of the Board and members in finding suitable entertainment for the NYE celebration. He will hold a NYE committee meeting soon to address this main issue. The band Sky Rockats has been booked.

FINANCIALS

Treasurer Frank reported the club has a combined bank balance of \$27,000.

NEW BUSINESS **FOOD SAFETY**

New Food Safety regulations are being phased in over the next 12 months. The canteen at Railway Park has been classified as Class 3, the same as Milk Bars & Convenience Stores, but we are no longer required to have a Food Safety Supervisor. Graham will discuss our concerns with the Corangamite Shire and gain an understanding of the new laws.

District Literacy Resource Group

A request from the District Literacy Resource Group Chairman Bob Furner to nominate a contact resulted in Gary Kimber being nominated as our Club contact.

Melbourne Welsh Male Choir

Information passed on by Bob Anderson about the Melbourne Welsh Male Choir was discussed. There would be a cost of approx. \$5,000 which would be hard to recover. It was agreed not to proceed with this idea. It was also agreed to look at other ideas for cultural activities that would fit within the clubs budget.

Council Environmental Grant

Corangamite Shire's environmental grant was discussed, Cobden's Lake project and the Technical School's Catchment to Coast study program were 2 ideas put forward. Frank Martin suggested we try to combine the 2 ideas into 1 environmental project. Graham Marchant to meet with Jess Kerr from the Technical School to discuss if they would be interested in discussing any such proposal.

Smoke Detectors for the Elderly

Community Chair Ronnie Reissenweber proposed that the club offer assistance to the elderly in Cobden to change-over their smoke alarm batteries at the beginning of daylight savings. This was seen as a great community program, and Ronnie is to investigate further, including the possibility of finding a sponsor for the batteries.

NYE

Neil Podger discussed sponsorship for NYE; Neil is looking to find new sponsors from outside Cobden and would like to see some early advertising of the event to help promote the entertainment we have booked. Country Outdoor Caterers have been booked and will provide 20% of their takings as a commission.

Business Excellence Awards

Vocational Chair Paul Wagner tabled a proposal to increase the number of awards and also to seek sponsorship for the different categories. Paul & Frank to meet with the Corangamite Shire to see what involvement they would like to have with these awards.

Youth Exchange

Youth Chairman Garry Ross spoke on the arrival of our inbound Youth Exchange student Julia Costa who will arrive in Australia on the 31/07/2010. Julia will be picked up by Garry and first host mum Nicole Rock. Due to work experience week no year 11 students will be in attendance at the Technical School during Julia's first week, so Julia will require daytime hosting from 9-5 Monday to Friday. Garry reminded the Board that the club is obligated to pay Julia an allowance of \$120 a month, members will be asked to assist with donations towards this allowance. Lin will accompany Julia to the inbound briefing in Horsham on the 22/08/2010. Frank requested information so he could start a web page for Julia. School fees for Julia were also discussed; this will be followed up with Peter Rock.

Science Experience

The Science Experience will be discussed with the Tech School, Graham Marchant to follow up on this.

Working with Children Cards

Working with Children cards will become law on the 01/07/2011; the club is progressing with this issue and members are reminded that partners and friends who assist us at Railway Park will also be required to have a card.

Spring Festival

Spring Festival was discussed; does the club wish to enter a float in the street parade and how can we use the available shop window in the main street. No decisions were made; members to be consulted.

Schools Literacy Programs

Funds were set aside to assist the Primary & Technical schools with their literacy programs. Ronnie & Frank to draft a letter to the schools asking how we can best spend these funds.

Playground Equipment at Lake

As part of the Cobden Lake project, new playground equipment has been purchased. The club has been invited to assist with the assembly and installation of this equipment.

Community Newsletter

Paul Wagner discussed if the club would be interested in assisting and contributing to a community newsletter. This was seen as a great way of promoting Rotary.

GSE

Outbound GSE nominee Ann McDowell will have her first district interview on the 07/08/2010.

Hospitality Students

Graham Marchant proposed that we approach the Tech School hospitality students to see if they would be interested in catering for one of our meetings. This was seen as a good idea; Graham to follow up.