

Meeting Number
1554

8 November 2011

ROTARY CLUB OF SAMFORD VALLEY INC

ABN 93 585 159 023

District No. 9600 Club Chartered 8 October, 1980



President: Ian Ruffles Phone 07 3289 0094 president@samfordvalleyrotary.org.au
Secretary: Warren Hampton Phone 07 3851 2790 secretary@samfordvalleyrotary.org.au



Correspondence to **PO Box 59, SAMFORD VILLAGE QLD 4520**
Rotary Club of Samford Valley meets each Tuesday at 6.30 pm for 7:00 pm at
The Samford Homestead Restaurant, Main Street, Samford Village



*Apologies please to
Tony Freeman*

0412 373 381 Or

freemanmarketing@bigpond.com

before 12 noon Tues.

*Late apologies
are expected to pay*

Last Weeks Meeting— Melbourne Cup Day

With quality and not quantity (14) we were gathered for an intimate dinner in the bar area to allow Steve to attract other customers to the top/main area of the venue. Lorelle was in the chair—resplendent with her fancy black feather fascinator to show us she had dressed up for her Melbourne Cup do.

Pres Ian had met with Pippa since her return home from the Solomon Islands and told us of their floral garland welcome. (separate article Page 2).

On to announcements and information; Firstly the Bunning's \$ausage \$izzle, next Saturday 12th, we still need many more hands; specially for the lunch time and afternoon shift.

Bob Millar is circulating a roster to also find helpers for Christmas in The Village — this is a community project where we help to earn brownie points in the village and we also share the profits from the ticket sales we make.

Brian announced that the Thursday lunch bunch Melbourne Cup lunch raised \$300 for Polio .. Well done.

Membership — Eric reminded us that we should all be playing the part in attracting new members.

Janelle and Ian spoke of youth and InterAct at Ferny Grove — need someone to take charge and leadership; many of the members are year 12 and finishing school therefore need years 10

& 11 to come in behind Hannah and her departing team.

We discussed guess Who is Coming To Dinner and a progressive dinner concept.

Lorelle spoke of the International Conference in Bangkok May 5-9; the early bird registration closes in a few weeks and then the price doubles. Lorelle looking at flights and hotels for those interested.

This week:

Avenue of Honour; a very special meeting. Regarding the joint project with RSL and the Council.

Special points of interest:

- Bunnings Sausage Sizzle 12 Nov at BUNNINGS STAFFORD
- Xmas in Village—2nd December
- Rotary Club Christmas Function 20 December
- AGM 6 December - time to help lead the club for 2012-2013; show how you can make some difference
- Warren won \$130 following his Joker selection
- Last weeks guest speakers, talked of European travel with a Swiss guide

Inside this issue:

Last week's meeting	1
Duty Roster	1
An Eye Opening Trip	2
Photos from The Solomons	2
Members	4
Object , Grace & 4-Way Test	4

	8 Nov 2011	15 November	22 November 2011
Topic/Speaker	Wes Mortenson The Avenue of Honour Project	Club Forum	Meeting 1557
Chairman	Ian Spiller	Simon Grant	Pip Bensley
Asst.Treasurer	Peter Gloor	Brian Hansford	Simon Grant
Sergeant	Janelle Young	Philipa Bensley	Janelle Young
Hot Seat	John Broadbent	Lee Kenny	John Broadbent

Members responsibility to find an alternative or swap!

Solomon Islands

A Rotary support trip that opened my eyes — *Philipa Bensley*

Philipa Bensley, a relatively new member of Samford Rotary, recently travelled to the Solomon Islands with a team of 6 from other Rotary clubs — she had only met 1 of the team, briefly, prior to the trip.

I found out that we were to put up solar panels at the schools and provide electricity for power points and several overhead lights.

We also had books and learning aids to take to the schools and we would continue the work done by previous Rotarians to set up the libraries in these schools.

We had medical supplies for the clinics in some of the villages, not all villages have medical clinics.

Previous missions had erected toilets and water tanks in the villages, and some aspects of these works had to be completed.

The Solomon Islands is made up of over 900 islands and lies close to the equator. We were staying on the island of Ghizo in the township of Gizo. We travelled to distant islands in the Western Province, by open boat, filled with equipment and people; sometimes calm water sometimes rough. This really is the Third World and water, electricity, and sanitation are not always available.

The water tanks and toilets that Rotary install and provide, make a big difference to the lives of the village people, and they appreciate it so much and constantly show their appreciation to Rotary team members. We were treated like Royalty in nearly every place we visited, sometimes the celebrations were so elaborate and so much work and planning had gone into the welcome that we were truly overwhelmed, we were provided with beautiful local food and waited on hand and foot. I knew this was something that not many people would experience.

One of our party died suddenly on the night of the 17th of October. Jim Adam, he was a colourful man and very much loved by the children of the villages, and he was greatly respected by his team mates. We, as a group, were devastated for Jims family, and we knew we had to contact them immediately, as well as care for Jims body. We had to get him home as quickly as possible, which proved very interesting given our location and the facilities. Trevor Taylor, the trip organiser and leader, travelled

home with his old friend the next day.

The people of every village, and the people in the streets would come up to us and share their grief and lovingly remember Jim.

The morning after Jims death, the courtyard of our hotel was jam packed with elders and chiefs and ministers and teachers, men and woman from the local villages, they had come to share with us and to show their compassion and support, they were grief stricken that this man who had come from so far to give aid and support to them and to their children was taken so suddenly.

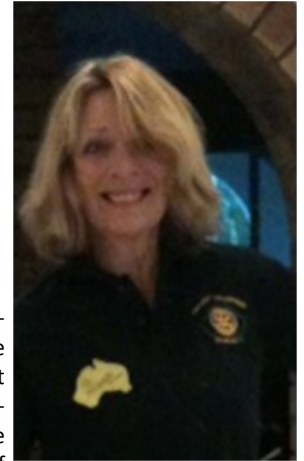
We were very moved by their support and open hearts, they did give us a great deal of strength. We took Jims spirit with us as we stayed and set out to achieve what we had come to the islands for, I believe Jim Adam is now somewhat of a legend in the Islands, as we travelled along the island roads in the back of trucks, groups of men would call out Jimmy Jimmy as we drove by.

Also on this trip we provided a television, a dvd player and a cd player, we also provided two computers, all these things going to schools on remote islands. The working areas would be packed with lots of children and teachers, elders, ministers and parents it was difficult for the men doing the electrical work to move around, as well as being so so hot. Everyone waited, and watched and crowed around, as the men worked and then finally, the machinery came to into life. Tom and Jerry, was a big favourite everyone laughed (including us) and enjoyed the excitement of the moment.

A team will return in March to follow up.

One of our team was an ex army nurse with many years experience, Rae Guyder from Bribie Island, she visited with the nurses on the islands and gave them as much help as she could with equipment and support.

Denise Baker from Sandgate Rotary was fantastic with the children and they loved her; she gave them books and took great pleasure in helping the teachers set up library facilities. Gordon Watson, from Caloundra was our main man, without him we could not have achieved much.



He is the electrician who did the work and taught two willing apprentices the finer points of electrical wiring,

Ted McKeown from Sydney and new fearless leader, Tim Richards from Cudgen, were brilliant. It was hard work and it was hot hot hot, but we did it and with great accord among the group.

The people on the Islands love Rotarians, and if they know who you are, will shake your hand in the street at the markets, at the airports, in the hotels and anywhere at all. Rotary is an organisation with the truest intention to make the lives of the people easier and more comfortable, to bring them clean water and sanitation, to help with the education and the health care of the children and to show by example goodwill and universal accord. I would like to thank Rotary for giving me the opportunity to experience life and to learn from it. I will never be the same person as the one who left Australia two weeks ago. I will know more about that part of the world and the difficulties faced by those people in third world countries. I have seen happy children and devoted parents and the villages that raise those children. I have seen an ocean so clear and so blue that I felt it in my soul, smiles from children that would light up the rooms brighter than the televisions. I ate Lobster as much as I could I drank gin and tonic, in moderation of course. rode out tropical storms and wondered at an ocean of glass, saw the flying fish fly and the turtles come up to breath. I saw big rats and starving dogs broke my heart, hospitals falling down and beetle nut orange everywhere. I am home, I am safe and I am more.

The Solomon Islands are beautiful and colourful and the people laugh a lot, Jimmy would love that. The members of our team intend to return to Gizo and erect a plaque on the island in memory.

In Memory of Jim, a man who contributed colour and happiness to many.



Samford Rotary Members

Philipa Bensley – Life Coach (and grandmother)	Paul Jackson – Environmental Engineer, Choirist
John Broadbent – Road and Traffic Engineer	Lee Kenny – Fine Furniture Manufacturer
Tony Freeman – marketing consultant	Eric Leese – Building Contractor
Bob Dunn – Tyre retailer	Bob Millar – Local Government Councillor
Peter Gloor – Retired Consul and Freight Agent; Swiss Tour Guide	Rob Robinson – Builder Portable Sheds
Simon Grant – Government Lawyer	Ian Ruffles – PRESIDENT and Life Coach
Warren Hampton – Business Coach and apprentice news paper journalist	Ian Spiller – Retired Builder, student, artist, Traveller and story teller
Brian Hansford – Emeritus Professor of English, coffee drinker; author friendly trouble-maker	Barry Walker – Retired Customs Officer and in- ventor of the dog sniffers unit
Paul Harris – Building company proprietor	Janelle Young – Professor of Literacy & Tourist
Lorelle Holcroft – Deputy Principal; Catcher of the snail catcher	

The Object of Rotary



The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- First. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- Second. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- Third. The application of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- Fourth. *The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.*

The Four Way Test

of things we think, say or do

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

ROTARY GRACE

O LORD, AND GIVER OF ALL GOOD,
WE THANK THEE FOR OUR DAILY FOOD.
MAY ROTARY FRIENDS AND ROTARY WAYS
HELP US TO SERVE THEE ALL OUR DAYS.
AMEN

The Rotary Grace is intended a non denominational, non-sectarian, non religious grace offered in all Rotary countries and in all types of worship