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# ROTARY CLUB OF SAMFORD VALLEY INC

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before 12 noon Tues.

Late apologies  
are expected to pay

## Last Weeks Meeting

After some technical difficulties at the start, we got underway in time for Steve to serve one of his meals of delight! Tony F was conned into being chairman as the scheduled chairman, Pip, was also guest speaker.

the children's rides and split the profit with the Samford Progress Association who create Christmas in the Village. Historically, this is a social event in early December for the whole Samford community to celebrate Christmas in the park; with music; song; entertainment and kids rides. There might also be the opportunity for a relaxed evening of entertainment in the village and a small celebratory glass of vino- or two! But, be careful, as the Village celebrates, Mr Plod and his breathalyser is known to be nearby!

Guest speaker was our own Philipa Bensley, who had gone to an enormous amount of trouble to create a meaningful presentation of her recent RAWCS trip to The Solomon Islands, but she also set about 300



photos to a Microsoft Movie maker reel to show some incredible photos.

Pip went to The Solomon's on the recent trip as one of a team to show that Rotary cares for a third world struggling community and that we can do something to help. Despite the loss of one member, the team achieved their goals and are proud of their achievements and the fact that they represented Rotary. The smiles on the Solomon Children and the appreciation by the Solomon community will create everlasting memories.

### Special points of interest:

- 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 by taking on a leadership role
- International Conference—Bangkok May 2012
- District Conference March 2012

#### This Month

**Birthdays** Ian Spiller 26 Nov

**Wedding Anniversaries**

Bob & Dot Millar 20 Nov

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<b>Topic/Speaker</b>	John McKenna Victim Assist Qld	<b>A.G.M</b>	<b>ATO Part 1</b>
<b>Chairman</b>	Janelle Young	Barry Walker	Rob Robinson
<b>Asst.Treasurer</b>	Lorelle Holcroft	Tony Freeman	Bob Dunn
<b>Sergeant</b>	Barry Walker	Paul Harris	Brian Hansford
<b>Hot Seat</b>	Ian Spiller	Pip Bensley	Janelle Young

Members responsibility to find an alternative or swap!

## *Rotary Institute Dinner Speakers*

It had been widely publicised, and reasonable well attended. In conjunction with the incoming District Governor training, which this time is in Brisbane, there was an Institute dinner at which the keynote speakers were International Zone Director, Stuart Heal and RI President Elect, Sakuji Tanaka.

The dinner was attended by about 500 Rotarians from all over Australia and New Zealand.



Our Zone representative on the RI board is a Kiwi, from the Rotary Club of Cromwell, who is keen to open his mouth and promote change in Rotary. Stuart Heal believes that Rotary must change, or sink into the doldrums. He recognises that we have limited appeal to younger members of the community – in all countries – and that Rotary Clubs in all parts of the world must recognise this and adapt before we are a fading bunch of old fogies!

In his presentation, he spoke (among other things) of a young 30 year old from Minnesota he met at last years International DG training in San Diego who is now President of her Rotary Club of 90 young members. They meet 4 times a month .... But two meetings are “business” meetings, one is a hands-on project meeting and the fourth meeting is strictly social. This club does not have a constant venue; does not have a meal, but it remains very active and involved in the community and is attracting new members at a great rate!

Stuart Heal talks of the need for Rotary in the community and the importance of the traditions of Rotary and what it can achieve but he is also very aware that we need to attract new and younger members to take our place in an ever changing society and community.

Watch this space; Stuart has more time on the RI Board and will present his views in a forthright and succinct manner; we will watch his talks and presentations and report on them whenever we can.

Sakuji Tanaka, President elect of Rotary International believes that Rotary and Rotarians should be seen in and around their local community.

Tanaka encourages Rotarians to help Rotary reach its potential by finishing the job of polio eradication and using the organization's strengths to enhance its ability to "do good in the world." He said Rotarians share a responsibility to make Rotary clubs stronger by attracting quality members and ensuring that every club meeting is productive and meaningful. He also called upon clubs to make an action plan to bring in younger members. "We need to stop talking about this. Instead, why don't we just do it!" he said.

To practice his own philosophy of being seen actively in ones local area, he started to clean the street near his own house and now finds that others — Rotarians and non-Rotarians have taken pride in their community and all take an active part in maintaining its cleanliness. While Japanese may have a different culture, his leadership is hand-on at the community level as well as the many international projects in which Rotary injects both physical and financial support.



## Samford Rotary Members

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