



This issue of Rotary Notes is all about visits.

Visit to Reed's Drag Racing Shop in Brendale

The club was given a walk around Reed's drag car racing set-up in Brendale. Those in the 'petrol head' category had a great time. It took Warren Hampton back to one of his previous lives when he was a racing car driver in Saudi Arabia. He was still sitting in the drag machine when everyone else had gone home. Steve Cowley from the Homestead Restaurant again provided an excellent on-site meal.

Visit by District Governor

One of the requirements of a District Governor in Rotary is to visit each club. Eric Wood, the District Governor attended the last board meeting and the club meeting that followed. This was also the 30th birthday of Samford Valley Rotary club and at the meeting the District Governor presented Honorary Membership certificates to three past club members. Des Byrne, Ross Shardlow and Chris Ellis became honorary members for the year in recognition of their outstanding service to Rotary.



District Governor Eric Wood presents Honorary Members Des Byrne, and Ross Shardlow, and Chris Ellis with their certificates.

Looking back it is interesting to reflect on the members attending the first official meeting of the Rotary club on 2/9/80. Those in attendance were Alan Hill, Peter Collins, John Thurgood (President), Randal Dewar, Steve Ovenden, Ian Wills, Tom Needham, Peter Hall, John Pantane, Gordon Sheaffe, Clem Gilles, Ian Matthewson, Paul Kilpatrick, Norm Carlyon, Jeff Eade, Brian Sheahan and Frank Aston. Apologies were also received from John Soutar, Ray Beveridge, Russell Barrett, Adrian Stanton and Jim Ceccato. Do you know some of these people?

Visit to Mitchelton Rotary Club

The next meeting of Samford Valley Rotary

will be a combined meeting with Mitchelton Rotary at Arana Leagues Club. The Mitchelton Rotary club sponsored the club in Samford Valley in 1980 and over the years there has been a continuing association between the two clubs. Mitchelton has arranged for an ABC presenter to be the speaker at the meeting.

Visit this Website

The eradication of polio has been the major objective of all Rotary clubs for some years now. In the 1980's there were 350,000 cases each year and in 2010 Rotary and partners have reduced the number to less than 2000 a year. By the end of 2010 this figure may be even lower as at 19th October this year there has been under 200 polio cases in the four countries where polio is endemic. Pakistan has had 88 cases, India 33 cases, Afghanistan 18 cases and Nigeria 8 cases. To check how the fight against polio is progressing, go to the following website www.polioeradication.org

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Club members check out Steve Reed's latest dragster. Clockwise from left: Steve Reed, Eric Leese, John Broadbent, Ian Ruffles, Bob Dunn, and (in the car) Warren Hampton.



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