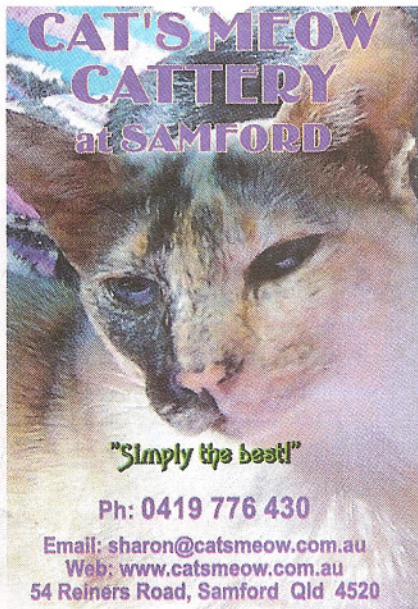




Donations in Kind

Samford Valley Rotary and three other Rotary clubs loaded two shipping containers for dispatch to PNG last weekend. Long time Samford resident and Moreton Bay councillor, Bob Millar, drifted off to sleep in the hot container and was packed in among school desks, books, crockery and play equipment. Fortunately, Mr "Goodyear" Dunn realised Bob was missing



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and the container was unloaded. I can just see Bob as Chief of a hill tribe north of Goroka.

Katie Cochrane

At the last meeting, Katie Cochrane spoke about her pilgrimage to the canonisation of Sister Mary McKillop. Katie outlined how she was selected for the trip and the personal moving experience that occurred in her life. We each hold different views as to what is important in our life. We were left in no doubt that for Katie the trip to Rome for the canonisation will never be forgotten.

Polio Figures

Rotary clubs around the world have now contributed US \$800 million to the polio fight. Three months into 2011 there have been 51 cases of polio. Now this sounds promising but climatic conditions and political instability can quickly change the picture. Rotary clubs have now raised US\$163 million toward a challenge presented by the Gates Foundation. In simple terms this foundation said if Rotary raises another \$200 million we will match it. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is one of the brilliant humanitarian organisations in the world.

Can You Come To Rotary?

There is a speaker at most Tuesday evening meetings of Samford Valley Rotary Club.



*Perhaps they all should have been sent to Goroka.
L-R Simon Grant, Bob Millar, Bob Dunn, Ian Ruffles and Brian Hansford.*

These speakers do a 20 minute presentation on a topic in which they have expertise. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND but you must do two things.

First, ring Tony Freeman (0412 373 381) on the Monday morning prior to the Tuesday talk and say you would like to attend. Second pay \$20 for the evening meal at Samford Homestead Restaurant.

On Tuesday, March 15th the speaker was John Hand, former Insurance Commissioner in Queensland. On March 22nd there will be no speaker as the club is joining with other service clubs for a combined meeting. The next *Village Pump* will indicate the names of speakers in upcoming weeks.