



Meeting DOT POINTS

Wednesday 21st January 2015

Tonight's meeting was opened by Greg Fallon who advised us that all the paperwork for the Charter had been sent to and received at RI in Parramatta. Today District Governor Phillip Charles contacted Greg to advise him that the paperwork was processed today and the Nomads are now officially a Rotary Club in its own right. DG Phillip passed on his congratulations to all members of the Nomads and wished us well for the future.

Greg now assumes the position of President effective immediately.

Greg also advised us that Geoff St Clair would assume the role of President Elect

Greg then introduced Geoff St Clair who was chairing tonight's meeting.

Geoff took the chair and reinforced Greg's congratulations to all Nomad members on the successful processing of the Charter Application. He then spoke briefly on the announcement of his new role President Elect for 2015/16.

APOLOGIES: Annette Bailey, Kathlyn Rowlands and Louise Lemon.

SERVICE HOURS: John Clements has submitted 3 make ups. What do we do with collected banners? John advised that we need to be aware of the issue of poaching members when addressing other clubs about the Nomads.

INTERNATIONAL TOAST: Proposed by John Clements to the Rotary Club of Lund International in Sweden. Why is the word "international" in the club's name? Because it conducts its meetings in English. Please advise the President if you have an international club you would like to toast.

GUEST SPEAKER: Rod Stone – introduced by Wendy Thomas

- After a number of trips to Vietnam Rod became involved in helping to build houses in remote areas.
- Decided further follow up was needed with communities that had been helped
- Became particularly focused on the Thahn Loc community and has raised more funds for scholarships and buildings for community use, eg extension of local school.
- Educational scholarships only cost about \$80 per head and were initially paid for by Rod but he now fundraises for this cause.

- Rod is returning in March this year to construct a school playground and build a house for a needy family.
- Rod has previously been a member of Rotary and keeps the interaction going with regards to his project.

CHARTER UPDATE:

- Bookings have been made at Top 10 Park at Broken Hill
- Did you hear that the entire city of Broken Hill has just been proclaimed a Heritage City?
- Neil Henderson suggested the organising committee consider a Damper Competition and/or a Masterchef BBQ bake off using Mystery Boxes of ingredients. There is a large community kitchen/common room that we could possibly utilise. He can expand further if this is of interest.

OTHER NEWS:

- Meg talked about her and Greg's journey back to Melbourne and some of the places they visited on the way down. She also spoke of several cheap camping grounds that they had located on the way down. She will pass the details to Geoff St Clair for inclusion on the web sites.
- Camilla and Terry are off to South America and Antarctica arriving back on the 4th March.
- Peter Cox reported on something but I lost the detail due to poor audio again.
- Ros complained about the heat and flies at Innamincka. Ros - are you aware that this is the only town to have lamp posts, wires and electricity infrastructure but NO electricity!

Geoff Closed the meeting at 8pm QLD time.