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A WORD FROM THE EDITOR—BOB IVERSEN



As your new editor I look forward to learning a lot more about Australia than I have observed since coming here in 1994 “to become a new Aussie”. I hope to learn more from the various editorials that will appear in this space and which are authored by other members of the club as Past President John Smith-Weston says with no prompting - “the greatest Rotary Club in the World”.

Perhaps a word or two about my background will give some scope about my views as a new Australian. From 1950 to 1994, with the exception of three years in the U. S. Diplomatic Service in Japan, I lived in Hawaii and worked as a fisheries biologist at the U.S. federal fisheries service in Honolulu. My job took me all over the tropical Pacific, often on lengthy cruises on fishery research vessels; I met diverse peoples and cultures. I had nothing to do with Rotary, or any other service club for that matter. I recognized the word Rotary, but did not have any idea what it stood for or what it did.

After living here for six years I joined the Rotary Club of Melbourne South and found myself being exposed to a great deal of information about Victoria from the weekly luncheon speakers. Because I knew a lot about Hawaii I found myself making comparisons between the State of Victoria and the State of Hawaii. Some of the comparisons are obvious, such as having to learn to drive on the left side of the road, asking why the word “or bearer” and diagonal lines sometimes appear on Australian cheques. I also wondered why the original or photocopies of cheques I write on my personal checking account are not returned to me in my monthly statement (I still don't know). The ubiquitous Aussie phrases “See you later”, “cheers mate”, and “no problem” quickly crept into my vocabulary.

One measure of comparison between Hawaii and Victoria is their populations. The population of Victoria is either 3.8, 4.8 (ABS – 2001), or 5.0 million, depending on whose data you use. Hawaii has a population of 1.3 million (U. S. Census Bureau). When I first arrived in Hawaii in 1950 the population was about 500,000 and was made up of people predominantly of Japanese ancestry, with Caucasians (now called ‘whites’ by the U.S. Census Bureau), Hawaiians and part Hawaiians, Chinese, Koreans, Filipinos and Puerto Ricans making up the rest. By 2004 the Asian community was in the majority, followed by Caucasians and the other ethnic groups. The point here is that mixed populations are capable of changing dramatically without any major strife. Hawaii is a good example for other countries to follow. However, it takes time. In Hawaii it is called the “Aloha spirit”.

GUEST SPEAKERS

LAST WEEK Guest Speaker: President Terry Bolden, 'The Year Ahead—Lead the Way'. Chairperson: John Smith-Weston

THIS WEEK Guest Speaker: Lyn Fava, 'Perfect Harmony—Reflexology: For your Body, Mind and Soul'. Chair” Joe Bagnara

NEXT WEEK Guest Speaker: To be announced

Luncheon Host for this week : To be announced

Luncheon Host for next week To be announced

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(plus three elected by members)

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John Smith-Weston, (Plus all Past Presidents)

Paul Harris Nominating Committee

Joan Daniels (Chair), Graham Lockwood, Graham Symon, John Gradie

Congratulations to all the new officer holders !

We look forward to working with you in the year to come.

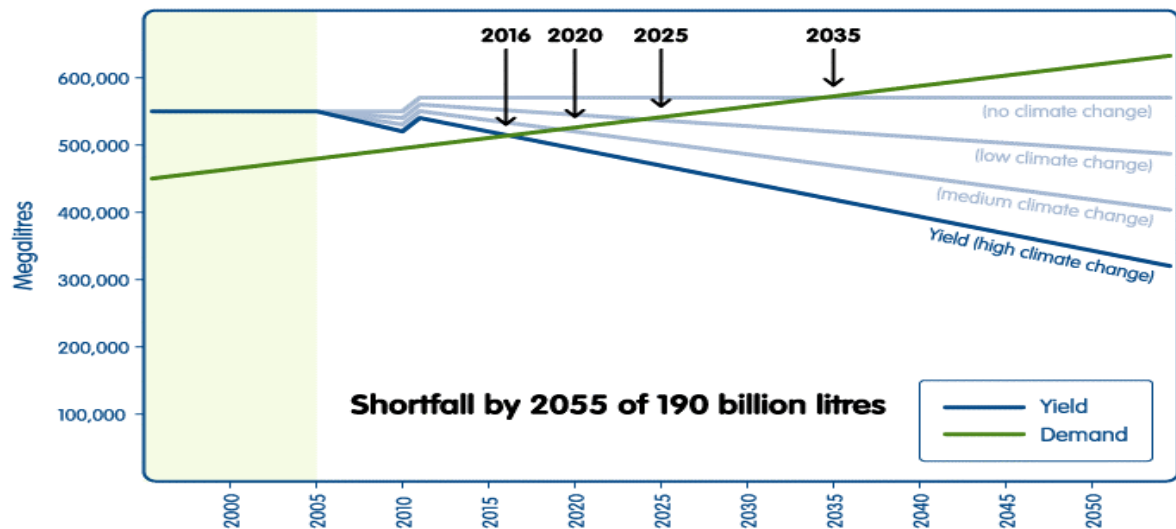
President Terry Bolden, 2006—2007

OUR WATER SITUATION—BY NIGEL FINNEY, CEO SAVEWATER



Without any climate change effects, Melbourne should have enough water until 2034. However recent CSIRO climate change models show that Melbournians may strike water supply shortages a lot sooner than first thought. The date when demand exceeds available supply may be as early as 2016. Similar situations exist in the other capital cities.

Current actions taken by government and water authorities include rebates of up to \$500 on various water saving products (tanks, washing machines, showerheads, greywater, etc.,) and these have had some effect, but not nearly enough.



In addition, major projects planned include:

- the \$500M Wimmera Mallee pipeline, where up to 95% of water is currently lost through open irrigation channels.
- the Water Factory project, where recycled water is pumped from Melbourne for the Gippsland power station cooling.

Again, these actions are not enough. The construction of new dams affects river flows, (which we are trying to repair), take years to build and with the shifts in climate, raise questions of long term location suitability, so they are a low government priority.

Surprisingly, we each use about 40 buckets of water a day and to be sustainable we need to reduce this by at least 10% for every man, woman and child. That's four full buckets or 40 litres of water less per day, per person. We have a couple of options. We install water saving devices or we change our habits – or we do both.

The best investment is a AAA water efficient showerhead, which saves about \$150 in hot water bills a year. They range in price from about \$50 upwards. If installing a tank, make sure the capacity is at least 2,000 litres and connect it to the toilet so it's used all year round.

OUR WATER SITUATION CONTINUED

Front loading washing machines save a lot of water and energy, and are easier on clothes. With prices now close to top loaders, they need to be the preferred option. When it comes to habit changes, taking shorter showers is a big water saver. A standard shower fills a bucket every 30 seconds, so take two minutes off your shower time and you've saved four buckets.

What we can expect to see is a lot more advertising and push by water authorities to save water; higher water prices, (Germany's water prices are eight times Australia's prices); increased incentives to consumers to change their household water using appliances like washing machines and showerheads; stricter building permits; and new subdivisions with taps providing recycled water for gardens.

New products will grow in popularity and might include: under sink hot water recycling units, automatic built-in water cut off devices for showers and baths, synthetic lawns that look and feel better than the real thing, pervious paving, solar powered home water generators that produce clean water from the air, and heat pump water heaters to replace household gas or electric hot water units and ducted heating systems.

The water authorities need to retrofit the large number of houses already built. New financing packages are starting to appear, like ecosaver™ (www.ecosaver.com.au) put out by the savewater® Alliance of water authorities, which offers up to 1% off your existing mortgage and comes with over \$4,000 in incentives and lifetime discounts on household goods and services, provided you install some water and energy saving appliances. These types of packages change peoples' perceptions from "environmentalism costs you money" to "it is a financial bonanza to upgrade your home".

But the facts remain – future rainfall is unknown and out of our control. We can't live without water, so the smart thing to do is start preserving it now, not later.

NOTICES

**Please see attached for information on the
Rotary Club of Toorak's Business Persons
Breakfast Wednesday, August 23, 2006
With the Hon. Peter Costello, MP**

Members please advise Dennis Berlowitz regarding makeups on 9676-9912, 0418-991-486 or dennnis@berlowitz.org or enter details in the make up book at the reception desk.

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- The Four way Test**
Of the things we think say or do:
1. Is it the truth?
 2. Is it fair to all involved?
 3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
 4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

ANNIVERSARIES

Joan Daniels—1st - 17 years

STATISTICS

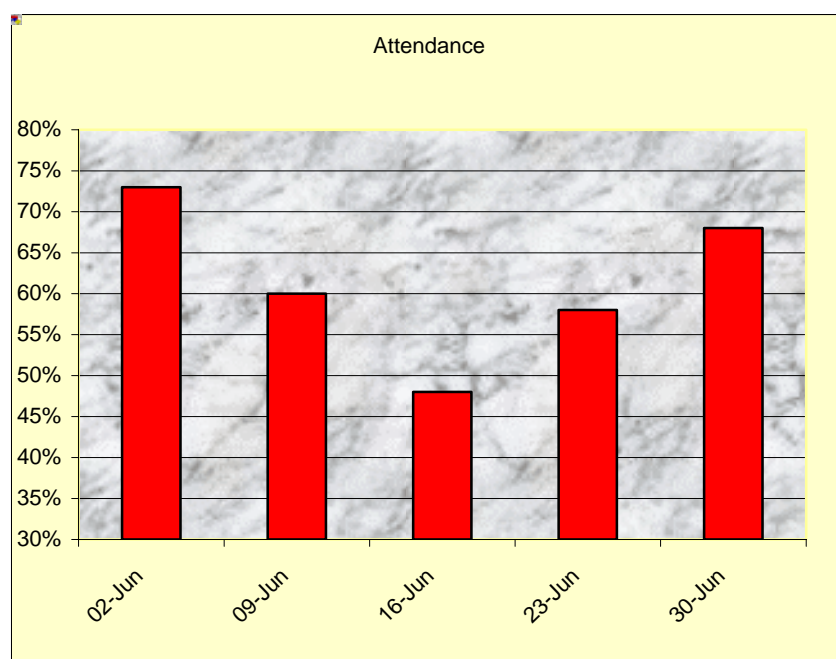
Club meeting—June 30, 2006

Attendance: 30 members out of 44 = 68%

Club Guests-nil; Visiting Rotarians-Nil; Red Hats-David Finney; Sandy Bennet; Door Prize-Bill Campbell; Make Up-Tony Harrison

Guests of Members: Cameron Voss, Mile Sorel, Matilda Paton, Andrew Bolden, David Green (Terry White); S. Zaccaria (Ken White)

Guests-Nil; Visiting Rotarians-Nil; Red Hats: David Finney; Sandy Bennet; Door Prize-Bill Campbell



AND FINALLY

Why God Created Lawyers

Satan was complaining bitterly to God, "You made the world so that it was not fair, and you made it so that most people would have to struggle every day, fight against their innate wishes and desires, and deal with all sorts of losses, grief, disasters, and catastrophes. Yet people worship and adore you. People fight, get arrested, and cheat each other, and I get blamed, even when it is not my fault. Sure, I'm evil, but give me a break. Can't you do something to make them stop blaming me?"

And so God created lawyers.