President Steve’s Message

You’ve probably heard the Oscar Wilde quote: “...A cynic is the one who knows the cost of everything and the value of nothing.” (Or something like that.) We should not (although we often do) reduce things to their dollar value. This is especially true in the world of work, where employees’ worth can be judged by their monthly or fortnightly pay cheque. (Many employees think they are paid weakly.) Each year our Rotary Club chooses to declare that there is dignity and value associated with doing work, which go beyond the dollar amounts produced by that work. This year, once again, we celebrate some of those in our community who have been proud to work for employers who have been proud to employ them and we hope that by doing so we will be helping to promote and raise standards and attitudes exemplified by this evening’s awardees.

Regards, Steve B.

Pride of Workmanship
3 April 2018
Welcome to the Award Recipients and their friends and family.

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Peter Lietzau was introduced to Rotarians by Rae Mackay, the speaker’s chairman for that evening.

Peter gave the club a talk on ‘Workways’ and how it works in conjunction with ‘Jobs Victoria’. ‘Workways’ is part of the ‘Jobs Victoria Employment Network’ (JVEN). Peter explained that there are several programs running - one being a program to help those transitioning from one job to another, e.g. from Hazelwood Power Station. Peter himself deals with the mentally ill, repeat offenders and refugees. ‘Jobs Victoria’ provides the funding.

The object of ‘Workways/Jobs Victoria’ is to help Victorian jobseekers gain employment. It’s a voluntary project therefore all Workways clients would be motivated and eager to work. ‘Workways’ provides the people with access to accredited training opportunities, experience and mentoring.

Peter’s focus is on disadvantaged Victorians who need assistance to gain employment. Most being those with a disability, or those who have mental health issues. JVEN offers flexible services designed to meet the needs of such disadvantaged jobseekers. Meanwhile, they engage with employers to identify job opportunities and address any barriers. Once in employment, that person is offered placement support.

Those released from prison face the hardest barrier. On release, ex-prisoners are given money to help them over the transition period (around six months) and during this period they feel they don’t need to look for a job. When they do look for work, they find there is always a police check. This is where ‘Workways’ can help. Peter went on to explain the ‘Workways’ program is aimed at breaking the six-month habit of unemployment.

During their time with ‘Workways’, all applicants have to complete a series of modules to ensure job readiness. When employed, both employers and applicants can access funds to cover work related expenses and clothing.

At one point during his talk, Peter gave two client examples – both were unemployed. Client one had a somewhat dubious history whereas Client two looked ideal. Members were asked which of those two they would employ. Several questions were asked which Peter fielded and then members gave their opinion. At the end, Peter explained both examples showed his personal history, demonstrating the different impression created by the wording, and the assistance he could offer to clients in helping them write a positive CV.

At the conclusion of his talk Rae Mackay presented Peter with a Rotary Club of Traralgon glass as a memento of his visit.

President Steve concluded the meeting by reminding us of this year’s theme:

Rotary Making a Difference.
This is your Rotary club!

A Rotary club is chartered by Rotary International, but who ultimately operates it? The membership does! All Rotarians pay the dues that allow the club to function, attend the meetings, and perform the work needed. In a sense, members are partial owners of the club in the way shareholders are of corporations. Rotary club membership can be just like a stock, except the dividends are derived from the active participation of the member!

By Michael Bucca, membership chair of the Rotary Club of Central Ocean – Toms River, New Jersey, USA

MUNA—MODEL UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY—Initiated and underwritten in District 9820 by the Rotary Club of Traralgon for over 7 years. Supported by the Rotary Club of Casey and Rotarians. Our contribution of $750 supports one team of two students from Traralgon Secondary College. Secondary School Students debate real resolutions that have been put to the United Nations. They ‘represent’ one of the member countries and must research that country’s attitudes in order to speak authentically for them. They develop diplomacy and debating skills.

Today’s youth will be our future leaders. An investment in our youth is an investment in the future of Rotary and the World.

Rotarians are invited to attend the MUNA workshop to see how it works. Traralgon Secondary College 154—184 Grey Street, Sunday 29nd April 9:30am to 1:00pm

It’s a beautiful Easter Sunday and we’re at Bunnings for a BBQ - come and join us raising money for club projects
This BBQ raised $432.

Last week the team raised nearly $600 at the Australian Paper 80 Anniversary.

Great job Captain Snag and the BBQ team.

Wet a line in Orbost
19th-22nd April 2018
The greatest fishing adventure in this District is on again! More information contact Don Osborne on 0400 901 110
Statistics for 20 March 2018

Members: 38
Apologies: 9
Late Apologies: 0
No meal: 0
Leave of Absence: 4
AWOL: 0
Rotarians Present: 25
Visiting Rotarians: 1
Partners: 1
Guests: 1
Total Present: 26
Booked for 24 meals
Actual meals 26

Celebrations and Anniversaries coming up:

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This is our Club’s 3614th meeting.

Club website: www.traralgonrotary.com check it out!

District Website: Information relating to Clubs within our District may be found via the following address: http://www.district9820.org

Facebook: ‘Traralgon Rotary’, like us and request to become a friend.