

LAST MEETING

After President Peter opened the meeting, Peter Stevenson proposed a toast to the RC of Campbell River – the Host Club for Cerise, our exchange student of 20 years ago. Peter McGregor reported that Graham Henry is in good spirits and may be released from hospital at the weekend. (Graham intends to attend this week's meeting, health permitting).

Rod Fry will call for numbers for the Valentines night in 2 weeks.

Rod is also organising new signs for the Sausage Sizzle marquee.

On the S/S, Alan Wadsworth stated that several items from the trailer were missing and should be returned. He also commented that the BBQ is not left as clean as it should.

Rod requested that the sauces be taken home each time and left in the frig. The labels state "Refrigerate after use"!

Sergeant Laurie used his skills to conjure fines where none had appeared!

Ian Foster won H&T, Laurie Friedewald won the raffle.

Guest Speaker was Phil Hertz, Place Manager for Goldline, the contractors for the Rapid Transit system on the Coast.

This project is funded by the Australian & Queensland Governments, Gold Coast City Council and Translink – your taxes at work!

The light rail has the capacity to move 75,000 people per day. The first stage is 13km from Parklands to Broadbeach.

Phil showed and described the route which requires new bridges and various road re-alignment.

Because the Government selected 2 different contractors, Goldline were not able to lay the tracks at the same time as the early works.

The service will commence in June 2014.

THE BIGGEST LOSER

Richard Tomkinson reported after last week's weigh in that the first elimination will be held next week.

Richard says that Col Makin looks to be a front-runner. Just stay home from those dinners out Col. (My \$20 is on him – Ed.)

NEXT YEAR'S BOARD

The board for 2012-13 is now complete. We have:

President – Bruce Rogers
Secretary and President Elect – Alan Wadsworth

Treasurer – Peter McGregor
Club Admin – Richard Tomkinson
Membership & New Generation – Keith Knight

Service Projects – Col Makin
Vocational Service & Community Projects – Ian Foster

We look forward to another successful year with these members leading the club.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Great update on the light rail project, terribly disruptive construction process but will eventually be good for the coast.

On the home front we have seen the board for next year finalised. Thank you to all who have put their hand up to support Bruce in his Presidential year. At the next board meeting we would like to pencil in the Deputy Directors. As in past years all club members will be appointed to a directorship, so if you have a preference for a particular area, now is the time to let Bruce know.

Yours in Rotary

Peter

IT DOESN'T TAKE LONG

How do they serve alcoholic drinks on Italian cruise ships? - On the rocks

What vegetables do you get with dinner on Italian cruise ships? - Leeks

What's the fastest way to get off an Italian cruise ship? - Follow the captain

When the captain of the ill-fated Costa Concordia was asked if he knew where he was going he replied "off course."

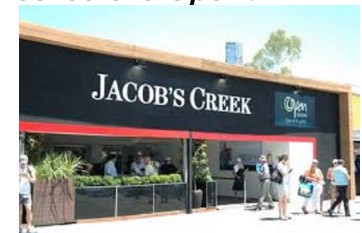
So the captain of the Costa Concordia will soon be in the dock. That's more than can be said for his ship.

HIGH EARNERS

OK, so it took him nearly 6 hours to win the Australian Open, but Novak Djokovic picked up \$2.3million on Sunday night, as did Victoria Azarenka on Saturday. The poor losers (Nadal & Sharapova) only got \$1,150,000 each!



Incidentally, did you notice who sponsored the Open?



VALENTINES DAY DINNER

Don't forget our big dinner at the hotel on Tuesday 14th February, 6.30 for 7.00. Cost is \$35 per head. This replaces our normal meeting on 15th February.

Being Valentines Day, it is naturally a Ladies Night.

Rod requires money to be paid next Wednesday 8th February – please.

Rod and Bill have organised a great night with plenty of activities.



1st February 2012

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