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President's Piece

Hello Fellows

I am writing this on Sunday evening at the end of another ANZAC day and the conclusion of an absolutely weather perfect autumn day.

My day commenced at Cape Cabarita around 7.30 am and along with 10 Rotarians and their partners, and a number of Cape Cabarita residents, enjoyed a breakfast of fruit juice, fresh fruit salad and bacon & eggs expertly cooked by Joe Campisi. Following breakfast we participated in an ANZAC Day memorial service, including a short history of the Parramatta River and its contribution to, and involvement during, the war years, a reading of Remembrance, a Digger's poem, a wreath laying ceremony, followed by the playing of "The Last Post" & "Reveille" a Piper also entertained us.

I wish to particularly thank Peter & Anne Manenti for co-ordinating the event and Bert & Carol Houston, Euan & Leedy Watson, Brian & Jenny Hennell & Stephen & Denise Taylor for their assistance..

Overall the ANZAC Day service at Cape Cabarita was a wonderful and moving experience

As from Wednesday night we will have 4 more sleeps until the "Bike the Park: event on Sunday 2 May. I only hope the weather will be at least half as good as it was on ANZAC Day.

Have a successful week

President Keith

To-night's Meeting

We welcome Michael Dillon as our guest speaker, whose subject will be "Documentaries"

Last Week's Meeting

Bill Carney gave us an interesting talk on the history of the legal profession and the work and responsibility of the Director of Public Prosecutions. The subject proved very interesting and Bill was invited to answer many questions from the floor.

Congratulations

Birthdays

28/4/2004 Janet Templeman

04/5/2004 Fred Haddon

Anniversaries

04/5/2004 John & Sue Leftwich

Polio Plus – Used Stamps

Rotary International's commitment to eradicate Polio is progressing very well, and funds have been and are being raised in many ways to support the program. Rotarian Aziz Moustafa (District 9750) has raised & presented proceeds to his District Governor through the sale of used stamps. He is in desperate need of large quantities of used stamps to continue his efforts, and through Ted & Mary Ingall has appealed to our members for support. Can you help?

Coming Events



Bike the Park 2004

Sunday 2 May 2004

Your Committee has this event very well organized – but remember, your presence and input on the day is vital to ensure it's success. Team leaders, set-up personal and course management staff should be on site no later than 6.30 am. Registration officials, marshals and other personal should be ready to start by 7.30 am.

Dinner – Woolwich Pier Hotel

Tuesday 4 May 2004 – Look forward to a great evening of excellent food and wine

Yulefest Long Weekend at

Jenolan Caves

Queen's Birthday Long Weekend = **12, 13, 14 June 2004**- All booked.

Club Change Over

Wednesday **23 June** at Strathfield Golf Club.

District Change Over

Saturday 26 June 2004

ANZAC DAY 2004 – (extract) A short history of the part played by the Parramatta River during our times of armed conflict

- Cockatoo Island Dockyard employed 2800 workers during WW1 to build and repair ships.
- 13 Corvettes were built at Mort's Dock, Balmain and Woolwich Dock was an important repair facility.
- Spectacle Island has been an Armaments depot since 1893. During WW11, 600 workers produced ammunition for all allied navies.
- Slazengers employed 80 workers at Kissing Point Bay during WW11 to build motorized wooden scows for the RAAF. They were designed to operate in the S-W Pacific.
- Steel ships were built by Tullochs of Rhodes at Brays Bay. Eleven of these 37 m long ships were built during WW11 from 1943 onwards.
- Halvorsen on the Ryde shore built fast motorized 34 m long wooden ships designed as torpedo boats & submarine chasers, known as *Fairmiles*
- In Homebush Bay lies the wreck of HMAS *Karangi* Built at Cockatoo Dock, this boom defence vessel of 971 tonnes was launched in 1941, and was in Darwin when that city was bombed on 19 February 1942.
- Sydney Harbour was attacked by 3 Japanese midget submarines on 30 may 1942. The only ship sunk was HMAS *Kuttabul*, a converted ferry being used as a hospital Ship.
- Nearing Parramatta, the stern section of the first HMAS *Parramatta* can be seen on the southern shore. The bow is on Garden Island near the memorial to those killed on HMAS *Kuttabul* HMAS *Parramatta* was a torpedo-boat destroyer which served in WW1

