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May is Rotary's Youth Service Month

Tonight; Paddock to plate
Introduction: Dale Wilford
Vote of Thanks: Yvonne Young

Future Programs:

16 May; Tiny Homes

Introduction: Ed Zonneveldt

Vote of Thanks: Phil Brown

23 May; Whitewash Magazine

Introduction: Simon Brown

Vote of Thanks: Robin Cantrill

30 May; TBA

June is Rotary's Fellowships Month

27 June; Club Changeover

Partners – Family and Friends' Night

July is Rotary's Maternal and Child Health Month

PLEASE NOTIFY apologies and guests to Louise Garrett, 0432 091 991 loumgarr@optusnet.com.au by NOON ON MONDAY.

If you don't notify your non-attendance, the club will need to charge you.

If your attendance is in doubt, please apologise and if you turn up, the caterer will not mind extras.

If a member nominated for a duty is unable to fulfil this function, or does not wish to do it, PLEASE arrange a replacement and let the Bulletin editor know.

A member to take meetings' notes and photos is required for 9 May, I am away, please volunteer.

Meeting report; 2 May 2023

President Bernard Jones opened the meeting and welcomed all (60+ attendees), members, partners, Fiona Phillips MP, Mayor Amanda Findley, local community members and members of the Surf Club, Service Clubs, Rotarians, Apex and Probus and of course His Excellency, Mr Ambassador Ufuk Gezer, Ambassador of Türkiye in Australia, wife Şebnem, sons Çınar and Baris.

The Turkish family were taken for a tour by Tim Trescowthick, Dale Wilford and Issa Shalhoub, thank you, the Harbour, Mollymook Beach, Light House, followed by a guided visit to the Surf Club led by the Surf Club President Rod Austin.

Thank you, Louise Garrett, for preparing the hampers.

Thank you, President Bernard, for providing their accommodation.

Thank you, Tim Trescowthick, for arranging the visit of the Ambassador.

Thank you, Gayle Dunn and her team, for an excellent meal and their hospitality.

Registered Nurse Bill Power, accompanied by wife Debbie, gave a summary of the Men's Health Education Rural Van's visit to Ulladulla. The project is a Rotary initiative and now taken care of by the Rotary Club of Warrens Bay, blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar are tested. The van averages 22 patients a day and 2-3% are sent immediately to the hospital for urgent care.

Tim Trescowthick toasted Türkiye.

Tony Fondacaro gave the Club Service report.

Directors Tim Trescowthick, Avril Pryor, Yvonne Young and Ian Tibbles gave a summary of their portfolios, so attendees get to know of what we do.

The guest speaker His Excellency, Mr Ambassador Ufuk Gezer, Ambassador of Türkiye in Australia, was introduced by Tim Trescowthick, the ambassador arrived in Australia in January 2023, he spoke on the Gallipoli blood bath which started the friendship between the two countries.

The ambassador spoke on the earthquake, in 1999 they had one which killed 18,000 people, this year's the figure was three times that figure. He spoke highly of the generosity of our government and the search team we sent to Türkiye.

The earthquake left 2,5 million homeless, but he said 'people are resilient and will rebuild', after working out the mistakes which occurred in the building industry.

He started his foreign affairs journey in Kenya then Kabul where the Turkish government has built schools, including ones for girls which are still operational. Türkiye is surrounded by fragile environments, Syria – Iraq, Russia – Ukraine, Armenia – Azerbaijan and Kosovo – Serbia.

With a population of 85 million, they have more internet connections than people, 60% inflation rate and election later this month, Türkiye and Australia have a good relationship and he is trying to get a direct flight between the two countries, trade, commerce, tourism, investment opportunities, AI and digital technology will bond our countries.

President Bernard presented the family with presents and His Excellency presented Pres Bernard with a symbolic ceramic mosque tile.



End of report.