#### **ROTARY CLUB of**



# **WAGGA WAGGA KOORINGAL**

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#### **SEPTEMBER**

#### **NEW GENERATIONS MONTH**

*New Generations* became Rotary's fifth Avenue of Service in 2010. It is defined in the standard Rotary Club Constitution –

New Generations Service recognises the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities, involvement in community and international service projects and exchange programs that enrich and foster work peace and cultural understanding.

Ref: Introduction to new Generations Service p1

# MEETING 45 - 12 10 September, 2014

Attendance Members - 23 Apologies - 10 Leave - 3 Absent - 0 Make ups - 0

**Guests** Caitlin Miller, Juliet Miller

International Toast Rotary Club of Jomtien-Pattaya, Thailand, chartered in 1987 has 27 members and meets on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm at the Royal Cliff Grand Resort. Rotary had arrived in Thailand long before but it wasn't until 1972 that Pattaya had grown large enough to charter its own Rotary club. The diverse group including local, foreign, ex-Rotarian and transient members brought language problems so in 1987 an English speaking club was formed.

During the 1960's and the war in Vietnam, Pattaya developed rapidly as the United States sent soldiers to build the airbase at U-Tapao. Many took to spending their leisure time and money in Pattaya. As the military later used Pattaya for R&R bigger hotels and entertainment places were built to cater for them. Sadly in this community, the sexual exploitation of children is not unknown as this week's guest speaker will discuss later.

### **PROGRAM**

# RESCUING CHILDREN FROM SEXUAL SLAVERY

#### Guest Speaker - Caitlin Miller, district advocate for Destiny Rescue

Caitlin Miller, a student in Year 12 at Wagga Wagga Christian College is raising money with the hope of increasing awareness and generating funds to restore children from sexual slavery.

According to UNICEF (2009),

- one child is sold into slavery every 26 seconds.
- 1.2 million children are sold into slavery each year.
- 21 million people live in slavery
- one guarter are children 5.25 million child slaves.
- child trafficking is a \$32 billion illicit business.



Destiny Rescue is dedicated to rescuing children from human trafficking and sexual exploitation.

It helps rescue the sexually exploited and enslaved, restores the abused, protects the vulnerable, empowers the poor and is a voice for children that can't speak up for themselves. It provides kids rescued from sexual exploitation a safe, loving home to grow up in, medical care, counselling, schooling, vocational training and all daily needs required to be integrated back into society

successfully.

It also helps protect vulnerable children from being trafficked. It offers them financial assistance, a good education, vocational training and, in some instances, a place to live.

Destiny Rescue has been rescuing children since 1999 and has projects in Philippines, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Burma, India and Mozambique.

It sources funding from Australia, New Zealand and USA.



Above - Richard Strong, Caitlin Miller and Dennis Bishop

# By 2020, its vision is to have rescued 100 000 children.

Destiny Rescue works in conjunction with trafficking and law enforcement agencies in all areas. Now it has over 1500 children in 40 institutions receiving care and being provided protection and intensive rehabilitation, vocational training and employment opportunities.

**Sunrise Children's Home** in Hoy Kohm of Chiang Rai province is a prevention home for children at risk of being trafficked into sexual slavery due to extreme poverty, lack of education, drug dependant families or minimal employment opportunities. Six staff work on site to care for 57 children and conduct a pig breeding program to assist families break the cycle of poverty.

Hill tribe people in Thailand are not recognised as Thai citizens and have no constitutional rights. The villages have a history of sending their children into prostitution.

Children are sponsored by members, friends and supporters of Cairns Sunrise and Cairns Rotary Clubs.

**Fund a Project** - Caitlin distributed a handout about Destiny Rescue's many projects and costs ranging from the provision of vocational training of hairdressers, the need for motorbike transportation, office equipment, maintenance equipment through to providing a safety barrier at a high risk facility to ensure girls safety on upper levels.



In January 2013, a Rotary Action Group against child slavery was officially recognised.

**Rotarians can assist by** helping fund the building of the next stages of Sunrise Children's Home, by sponsoring & funding child rescue, by volunteering overseas or by hosting an event or speaker.

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Past Rotary International President 2006-2007, Bill Boyd of New Zealand wrote 'Rotary provides a much-needed example of solid integrity, international co-operation and the spirit of volunteerism'. Do you live your daily life guided by Rotary's 'Four Way Test'?

Is it the TRUTH? Is it FAIR to all concerned? Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

# **REPORTS**

#### Youth: Gavin Davies

- Youth Exchange Compulsory training for outbound students is being held this weekend and 22/23 November. A club representative should be present.
- NYSF Orientation session to take place Thursday 11 Sept at Graham Centre CSU from 5:00pm. The three students being sponsored by the club will address the meeting on 24 September.

#### Service: Kevin Pascall

- Jazz & Blues Festival Gavin Davies informed members that this festival had returned to its
  original timing of the second weekend in September 13 & 14 September and our
  assistance would be required.
- Murrumbidgee Turf Club (MTC) Aggies Race Day (20 Sept) is approaching. Please check the roster for your availability.
- AFL Parking & Gates Club members are required to complete service work on Sat 13. Doug Masterson passed around availability sheet.
- Rugby League Final Parking & Gates Please also check your availability for Sun 28.
- Sunflower House Project co-ordinator Richard Pottie advised that Sunflower House has
  received funding from Beyond Bank to assist with the kitchen upgrade but the club will need
  to raise funds to meet the shortfall. This will require the full support of all club members and
  the implementation of some creative, unique and new fundraising ideas.

#### Foundation: Phillip Tome

 reminded members it is time to consider becoming a Centurion and giving to Rotary's own charity The Rotary Foundation which provides grants for local and global projects.

#### Club Administration: Richard Pottie

• ASAP Working with Children Check - Please complete and return your forms as soon as you can to Club Protection Officer Dennis Bishop.

#### Treasurer: Wayne Hooper

- thanked Richard Strong for acting as treasurer.
- please ensure semi-annual dues and meal fees have been paid.

#### Secretary: Rod Francis

- received a letter of thanks from Country Hope for the club's donation which would assist local families in need.
- advised members that applications for the District Vocational Awards are due by end of October. If you any suggestions for nominations, please speak with him.

#### President: Greg Guttler

- advised members that the 5th Royce Abbey Oration would be delivered on Sunday 21
   September at 1:00pm at the monument on the banks of the Wollundry Lagoon, Best Street.
- reminded members that the club was <u>unable to sustain the charges</u> incurred for those who were AWOL and there was no choice but to pass on those costs to members.
- advised that the task of presenting the International toast was to be shared around the members. A CD of all international clubs is available to assist selection.

#### FOR YOUR CALENDAR

#### **IMPORTANT DATES to CELEBRATE**

# **Congratulations !!**

12 Sept Malcolm Nixon- 23 yrs 13 Sept Sue Guttler

11 Sept	Youth	NYSF Information Session		
13 Sept	Service	Farrer League AFL Finals		
13 Sept	Youth	Training for Youth Exchange Program – Outbound Day 1		
14 Sept	Youth	Training for Youth Exchange Program – Outbound Day 2		
17 Sept	Meeting	Future of Print Media Paul McLoughlin		
20 Sept	Service	MTC Races - Aggies Race Day		
21 Sept	Peace	5th Royce Abbey Peace Oration at Wollundry Lagoon		
24 Sept	Meeting	Club Assembly - Change of Venue to Elements		
28 Sept	Service	Wagga Rugby League Finals		
01 Oct	Meeting	Dept of Fair Trading Kim Jenkins		
08 Oct	Meeting	Hat Night for Australian Rotary Health		

#### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

MEETING	45-13	45-14	45-15
COMING UP	17 September	24 September	1 October
Program Topic	Future of Print Media	Club Assembly	Dept Fair Trading
Guest Speaker	Paul McLoughlin	at	Kim Jenkins
		Elements @ the	
		Gardens	
Set Up	Doug Willers	Doug Willers	Doug Willers
Toast to Australia	Michael Haggar	Wayne Hooper	Greg Johnson
Grace	Harry Nixon	Malcolm Nixon	Doug Masterson
Fines Session	Arthur Garthon	John Goodwin	Jack Morgan
Introduce Speaker	Malcolm Nixon	Change of Venue	Richard Pottie
Vote of Thanks	Richard Pottie		Reg Miegel

2014 – 2015 - Dinner Program Co-ordinator, Doug Masterson
Bulletin Reporters - Phillip Tome & Ted Wolfe / Photographer - Dennis Bishop

# **REMINDERS**

Please complete your check **on-line** <u>www.kids.nsw.gov.au</u>, **by phone 02 9286 7219** or **ask Dennis for assistance** 



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MEETING Wednesdays - Wagga Country Club, Plumpton Rd - 6:00pm for 6:30pm

Apologies – Ken Post on 0418 693 648 by noon on Tuesday.

Absence without an apology will require payment.