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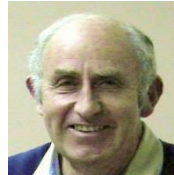
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Editorial:

Just Inspirational!



.This is the only way one could describe the presentation from our guest speakers at our recent meeting with Daniel and Daryl Giles.

It brought to mind a story that I came across recently about the American inventor Thomas Edison.

One day he came home from school and gave an envelope to his mother. He told her, "My teacher told me to only give it to my mother." His mother's eyes were tearful as she read the letter out loud to her child. "Your son is a genius. This school is too small for him and doesn't have enough good teachers for training him. Please teach him yourself."

Many years later after Edison's mother had died, he had become one of the greatest inventors of the century. One day he was going through the old closet and found the folded letter which was given to him by his teacher for his mother. He opened it and the message written in the letter was,

"Your son is mentally ill. We cannot let him attend our school anymore. He is expelled."

Edison became emotional reading it and then wrote in his diary, "Thomas Alva Edison was a mentally ill child whose mother turned him into the genius of the century."

And still today we are learning that there are many on the autistic spectrum who are high functioning

thinkers at the cutting edge of new understandings in many fields of endeavor.

The list of such people includes names such as Bill Gates, Charles Darwin, Albert Einstein, Steve Jobs, Stanley Kubrick, Sir Isaac Newton, Michelangelo, Wolfgang Mozart and Lewis Carroll.

Behaviors that branded them as different often saw them bullied and lonely in their young lives. As we experienced in Daniel Giles case, with understanding and caring guidance from parents and teachers, some people with autism can become well-adjusted independent individuals capable of amazing achievements. His Hons Degree in Graphic Design and the award of Order of Australia are testimony of this.

The term "Autistic Spectrum" indicates that the conditions range from severely handicapped to high order functioning thinking. Autism in one of its many forms affects one to two percent of the population and is four times more prevalent in males.

By sharing Daniel's journey with others in forums across Australia and Asia, Daniel and his Dad Daryl, are bringing hope to families who are struggling with severely troubled young children with the condition.

We thank them for sharing their presentation to our Club and their vision with us and we wish them well in their future endeavors. RG.

Birthdays in October

Bruce Ramage

Keith Kelly

Ian Randall

John Crammond



Anniversaries in October

Peter Searle 41 years

Doug Turnbull 25 years

Ian Randall 61 years

Well done Peter.

With the 80th Anniversary of the Club on the 29th September, long-standing member Peter Unmack, has been working long hours compiling a summarised history of our Club. As one who has been involved in proof reading his work we have to thank him for the effort that has gone into this huge task.

Reading through all the Annual Reports and then deciding what needs to be included and what can be omitted and then saying it all in as few words as possible has been a tough ask – so “Well done Peter, we are truly grateful to you!”

A sustainable future for us all

As Australia grapples with a record breaking year of temperatures, drought and Spring bush fires in tropical rain forests that have not burned for centuries, there are some new technologies and developments across the country that are positive steps towards the new and challenging future we face.

The Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ArenA) puts out a regular newsletter “Arenawire” that can be found on the internet.

Here are some of the interesting projects reported on in recent newsletters.

In Parkes NSW, the inland city with one of the greatest uptakes of Solar Power Generation, one of now many large scale solar farms was completed and fully energised in 2018.

It comprises 227,000 highly efficient solar panels and has a generating capacity of 66MW.

It feeds into the Eastern Seaboard Grid which supports the greatest concentration of power users in the nation. These large scale solar farms were generating over 3000MW of power for the Grid by December 2018.

Another in SA near Port Augusta has around 850000 panels capable of generating 220MW.

Current rate of installation is expected to see around 4000MW of generation capacity from large scale solar farms by 2020.

In our sun-drenched country with large areas of land these projects are proving the science.

For land holders in areas devoted to sheep grazing large solar farms are proving to be financially beneficial as the grasses can still grow under the solar panels which also provide shade for the stock which maintains the land around the solar array– truly a win-win situation for all concerned.

The latest report on renewables in Australia indicates that our country is installing new capacity at world leading pace with prediction that total output will reach 40,000 GWh by 2020. And improved efficiencies are making wind and solar the cheapest forms of energy generation in Australia.

Another recent announcement is the installation of a \$50 million ultra-fast charging network along the major traffic routes in the country from Melbourne to Brisbane with additional sites in Adelaide, Far north Queensland, Perth and between Hobart and Launceston. ARENA is providing \$15 million towards the first 42 sites which will all be wholly powered by renewables!

The charging sites will provide up to 350 km of range within 15 mins and will be suitable to all types of electric vehicles.

South Australia which currently produces over 50% of its power from renewables now has several batteries in the system and is looking at several sites for pumped hydro storage, one of which will be commenced in the near future.

ArenA has also provided almost \$41 million in funding for a renewable hydrogen project being established by well-known firm BOC Gases. The plant will be built north east of Brisbane near the mouth of the Brisbane River.

This project advances on the company’s existing hydrogen production from fossil fuels at Altona in Melbourne.

So there are many cutting edge developments happening in our country despite the almost daily bad news about slow advancement in use of low carbon technologies in our country.

Daniel and Daryl Giles Presentation to a gathering of 42 of our members



This panned view of the audience was taken by Dennis Dole.



Past President Doug Turnbull thanked Daniel and Daryl and made the usual presentations on behalf of the Club.

Movie Night October 3rd

The movie next month will be a fine 2018 movie which is a wonderful tribute to the comic characters Laurel and Hardy. Titled "Stan and Ollie" it has received excellent reviews from several critics.

Critics "Rotten Tomatoes" give it a rating of 93% which is higher than most of their ratings.

It stars Steve Coogan and John C Reilly who the viewers say could not have been more perfectly cast deliver performances that are among the best either has ever given.

The film runs for 1 hr 39 min and is classed as a Comedy/Drama with plenty of laughs.

Usual time, 7.30 pm at Henkel Street Long Gully.

Spring Book Fair 2019

Preparations are proceeding well and we are all becoming acquainted with the new organizational structure. Both team leaders, Peter Searle and Bryan Baker are working together to ensure setting up, running the two days and packing up will flow smoothly without any hassles.

This time the time slots will be for just 2 hours so we just need to fill the spots on the roster and make sure we are giving it our best shot while on duty.

80th Anniversary Celebration

This will be at the National Hotel in High Street at 12.00noon on 29th September exactly 80 years from our Club Charter back in 1939.

The meals are to be ordered individually

Australian Region Convention

This event will be at the Kangaroo Flat Club rooms commencing on Friday 4th October.

Friday 4th Meet and Greet 6.00pm to 8.00pm at the Y Community Hall

Saturday 5th Australian Region Meeting
9.30 Tea/Coffee etc.

10.00am Region Meeting until 2.00pm.

2.30pm Afternoon activity, visit The Great Stupa of Universal Compassion. 4.00pm Return to Kangaroo Flat and free time.

6.30pm Meet and greet for evening Dinner 7.00pm
Dinner Program commences.

Guest speaker, Colin Lambie, Chair, YMI Green Team.

Sunday 6th 9.30am until 10.00am Devotional Service at Y Community Hall 10.00am Morning Tea

The cost is \$20.00 per person

Let us know that you are coming particularly for the Lunch and Dinner on Saturday, tour on Sunday and the BBQ Lunch. Please note at this stage there is a maximum of 50 places available for the Dinner on Saturday Night and that drinks (apart from Tea /Coffee) are not included in this offer on the weekend. Sunday Tour has maximum of 20 people to 1 guide so important that you respond so that an additional guide can be arranged.

Please email Bill Schmidt

schmidts@bendigodomain.com.au

Please reply by Friday 20th September



Y Service Club Programs for October 2019

Strathdale Community Centre

Crook Street Bendigo

Fellowship from 5:45 pm for 6:30 pm dinner

Come along and enjoy our fellowship & activities! \$15.00

October 2019 Programs

Thursday October 3rd Business Meeting.

Table Talk: Rob Green **Reflection:** Peter Unmack **Squire** Bruce Ramage

Duty Team #1: Doug Turnbull (Captain), Bryan Baker, Kevin Lockett, Stan Thomas.

Thursday October 10th To be decided.

Duty Team #2: Ken Morrison (Captain), Bryan Curnow, Jon Lebek, Ken Ludeman,

Thursday October 17th, Cathie Steele Chair Bendigo Foodshare

Duty Team #3: Keith Kelly (Captain), Ian Randall, Alan Campbell, Bruce Ramage, Peter Searle

Thursday October 24th Stephen Dean Walking in Europe

Duty Team #1: Doug Turnbull (Captain), Bryan Baker, Kevin Lockett, Stan Thomas

Thursday October 31st Malcolm Douglas Social Housing

Duty Team #2: Ken Morrison (Captain), Bryan Curnow, Jon Lebek, Ken Ludeman

Thursday November 7th Business Meeting

Table Talk: Kevin Lockett **Reflection:** Bryan Baker **Squire:** Dennis Dole

Duty Team #3: Keith Kelly (Captain), Ian Randall, Alan Campbell, Bruce Ramage, Peter Searle

A Change to duty Teams.

As we have now lost Dave Coles and seldom see John Howes it has been decided to make a few changes to the duty teams so please check in the new bulletin.

Team 1. Doug Turnbull (Captain), Bryan Baker, Kevin Lockett, and Stan Thomas.

Team 2. Ken Morrison (Captain), Bryan Curnow, Jon Lebek and Ken Ludeman.

Team 3. Keith Kelly (Captain), Alan Campbell, Peter Searle. Bruce Ramage and Ian Randall.

Program Planners for November.

Program Planners for November are Rob Green, Jon Lebek and Alan Campbell.

Quotes by HRH Prince Philip

* "The only active sport I follow is polo – and most of the work's done by the pony!" 1965.

* "Bugger the table plan, give me my dinner!" 2004 at a dinner party.

* "I have never been noticeably reticent about talking on subjects about which I know nothing." Addressing industrialists in 1961.

* "I wish he'd turn the microphone off!"

At an Elton John concert in 2001.

* "If it has four legs and is not a chair, if it has two wings and it flies but is not an aeroplane and if it swims and is not a submarine, the Cantonese will eat it!" Said to a World Wildlife Fund meeting in 1986.