

Rotary Club of Eastwood



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PROGRAM

24th of June 2009 Meeting #871

Club Assembly – Where to now? This is an opportunity to hear what President-elect Loretta has in mind for the 2009-2010 Rotary Year, and maybe to have your say!

Sat 27th of June 2009 Meeting # 872

CHANGEOVER DINNER

At *The Feathers* Hotel.

Out with the old – in with the new!!! Don't forget, the theme of the Evening is ... Feathers!

Last Meeting (No 870)

President Judy welcomed Guest Speaker, **Emma Adcock** and guest **Kevin Stevens**.

Apologies: Rod Flett, Annie Trabilsie, Paul McGavin, Rod Flett, Peter Johnston, Anil Thayuman, Virinder Singh

Leave: David Neale

Club Business

Don Will reported that President-elect **Loretta Rettig** has joined the **Healthy High** project of Drug Arm youth welfare program. Other members agreed to participate by going contributing \$1 per drink during this time. Don noted that members drinking straight from the bottle should check the "Standard number of Drinks" on the label 😊.

Don is also planning to confirm billeting arrangements for the Great Australian Bike Ride as soon as possible. Sponsorship will assist the Rotary Health Research Foundation.

Elliot Dwyer reported on his meeting with the Preserve Planet Earth working group preparing the Climate Change Seminar in September. It will be held at Elder Hall, University of Adelaide and many Rotary Clubs have reported a high level of enthusiasm for the event which will feature a range of highly respected science, academic and business speakers covering both climate impacts and adaptation as well as the effects of the proposed emissions trading or Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme.

Valuing Adelaide - What are we worth?

Mark Redmond introduced **Emma Adcock** our nominee for the GSE team in the USA in August-September.

Emma has worked for Adelaide City Council for more than 7 years as a property Valuer. She is one of 3 City Valuers who assess the value of property for rating purposes. Adelaide has some 20,000 residents and growing, many of whom are international students and the City is workplace to around 100,000 workers.

The Valuers carry out more than 22,000 assessments each year, one for each tenant in the Local Government Area. Adelaide Council is one of only a few Councils that base their rates on value of tenancies rather than value of property and/or improvements.

The annual valuation program runs from September to the following June and runs through a number of phases including Assessment, Objections, Adoption etc following which Council sets a "rate in the Dollar" to raise the funds it needs to meet its annual program objectives.

Notices are posted in July each year and rate payers have 60 days in which to object to the valuation. Around 100 objections are received each year, most of which are accepted on good grounds.

Emma says that the approach used in valuation is:

- comparison – an overview of rental information, the market and agents and tenants views
- information gathering
- kerbside inspection (peeking over the back fence etc)

- Desk compilation
- Follow-up drive-bys – what will it be at financial year's end?

Adelaide has a good variety of properties in its area – residential, commercial, retail etc – and Valuers consider such issues as availability of parking, location and layout. Curiously, open space offices are more highly valued than divided accommodation as it allows tenants greater freedom to choose their own layout

Thanks Emma for an insight to the machinations of our local government.

Jack Garrett advised members that a few boxes of Celebration Cakes are still available – please see Jack!

And Jack announced that our now regular visitor **Kevin Stevens**, will be inducted as a new member in July.

Brian Lange explained his recent absence, saying that he had joined the annual Rotary Club of Hyde Park trip to the Outback, during which long term Rotarian Robin Hill was made a Paul Harris Fellow for his efforts in raising some \$40,000 through the tour for the Rotary Health Research Foundation.

Invocation: For good food, good fellowship and the opportunity to serve through Rotary, we give thanks.