



The Weekly Bulletin of the

Rotary Club of Essendon North

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This Week:
Greg McDonald (Vocational speaker)
"Air traffic control"

Chair: Russell Benallack

Greg McDonald: Senior Operational Specialist at Airservices Australia

Airservices Australia: We are a government-owned corporation providing safe, secure, efficient and environmentally responsible services to the aviation industry. We manage air traffic operations for over 80 million passengers on more than four million flights every year.

We provide the aviation industry with aeronautical data, telecommunications, navigation services and aviation rescue and fire fighting services.

We have an important role to play at the centre of the Australian aviation industry. We employ around 3800 staff working from numerous sites across Australia.

Our staff include around 1000 air traffic controllers who work from two major centres in Melbourne and Brisbane, four terminal control units and 29 towers at international and regional airports. We also employ more than 280 technical officers around the country and approximately 740 aviation rescue and fire fighters who work at 22 of the nation's busiest airports. We also recruit people to specific roles in areas including finance and human resources.

Philippines Flood Relief

Noel Osborne: Secretary and International Committee

Last Friday I travelled to Ardeer to meet a delegation from the Rotary Club of "Metro Ilo Ilo" who had made a brief visit to Australia to thank supporters and for aid follow up. I joined them in the evening for discussions and a meal. Our hosts for the evening were Melvin and Frances Espiga President of IAVC (Ilongo Association Victoria Club). Ilongo is both an island and one of several languages spoken in Fiji.

Melvin was born and grew up on Bayas Island but has lived in Melbourne for the past 23 years. He, together with IAVC have raised many thousands of \$'s for the recovery effort and received a certificate of appreciation on the night.

In the early part of the evening I was able to talk to the current president of RC Ilo Ilo, Allan Tan, PP John Michael Ng and Past DG (D3850), Ramon Locsin together with Sonny and Elisa Gomas from RC Kilmore, concerning progress with relief effort. As well as speaking in general about the recovery in general they were able to give me details concerning Bayas Island, the island we have provided some support to via the RC of Brimbank Central and RC Ilo Ilo.

The initial response was to provide tarpaulins for temporary shelter and basic food supplies.

The next stage was to deliver building materials, wood and CI roofing. These materials they were able to source through international aid and then they arranged transport to the island. Allan was able to confirm that most of the island population were now in (small) wood and CI housing.

John Michael added that the current problem is clean drinking water and there are still some "political" issues to resolve before this can be progressed. My understanding is that this is basically the government appointed contactor who sells them clean water doesn't want to loose his business by others giving them their own water. There may well be another explanation.

Allan confirmed that they had been able to get basic food to distribute to Bayas Is by local boat, from International Aid agencies.

Allan also confirmed that eight new fishing boats have been made and provided to the people of Bayas to replace fishing boats destroyed. I attach a photo of RC Ilo delivering a boat load of food in one of the new fishing boats.



RC Ilo meet: (Left to Right) Hosts Frances and Melvin, Sonny, John Michael, Allan, PDG Ramon and wife.



RC Ilo AT meet: President Allan and PP John Michael (second row)

I was pleased to meet the Ilo Ilo group and hear their story direct and partake in a night of fellowship. President Bert and Angie, Past President Lou, President Elect Nilda and Director International Michael from RC Brimbank Central were also present.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to Judith Whelan: June 4th, Cheryl Harvey June 9th.

Happy anniversary to Grant and Anne Maggs: June 4th, John and Barb Boundy: June 6th.

**Gateway
Rotaract
Club** 

INVITES YOU TO THEIR ANNUAL CHANGEOVER

Help us celebrate our 5th birthday
and the Rotary theme of LIGHT

<p>When: Sunday, 6th of July Time: 12:30pm Cost: \$30 p/person Includes lunch & dessert</p>	<p>Where: Pascoe Vale Hotel 12 Railway Pde, Pascoe Vale RSVP: Friday, 20th of June to gateway@rotaract9800.org.au</p>
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Dress Code: Smart Casual (avoid denim, please)



Coming Soon...

- June 18th: Introducing Eline (our exchange student) to make a final presentation. Chair: Judith Whelan
- June 25th: Handover Gala Evening: Goodbye to David P, and welcome David U!
- June 29th: 2014 District 9800 Changeover Luncheon, The Peninsula Room, Central Pier, 161 Harbour Esplanade, Docklands.
- July 6th: Gateway Rotaract Club Changeover, Pascoe Vale Hotel



We gratefully acknowledge sponsorship by the Strathmore Community Branch of the Bendigo Bank.

Rotary Club of Essendon North meets every Wednesday at 6.00pm for 6.30pm at Fredricks, Mt. Alexander Road, Essendon. www.home.vicnet.net.au/~rcessnth/

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