**President’s Report**

After last week’s epic, I promise a much shorter, easier reading report this week.

Our Christmas function was an exceptional occasion and a big thankyou to Fellowship coordinators Rotarians Tony Davies and John Phillips. I drew so much satisfaction from sitting back and being surrounded by the sounds of laughter and festive merriment. The performance from Sergeant Mike Doyle and his series of look a likes was truly a highlight. Thankyou Mike it must have taken hours to put that together, not forgetting your vivid imagination in conceiving such a novel idea. Santa, despite the difficulty with his apparel was another amusing interlude and I am confident the ladies appreciated the gifts they received.

Two notable apologies came from Rotarians Buz Green and John Phillips. They were in Canberra, meeting The Honourable Julie Bishop, Minister for Foreign Affairs with the purpose of furthering the benefits of Food Plant Solutions. I have checked with Buz and he was very upbeat on the outcome. Most of the discussions were with the minister’s minder for overseas aid. Buz described this as very much the preliminary bout. However, there are protocols to be followed and he is confident there are very positive possibilities available.

Community Service Chairman Seelan Nair received a request from the East Devonport Community House for $1,000. This will go towards this group catering for between two and three hundred people for Christmas dinner. Seelan has this money in his budget and did not hesitate to agree to the request and it received unanimous support from board members present.

Our final meeting for the year will be a breakfast meeting at the Eli, Thursday 19th at 7.00 am.

I take this opportunity to wish members and all those near and dear to them a happy Christmas and best wishes for 2014.

Until next year… **Presley**

**Rotary Club of Devonport North**

**Program**

**2013-2014 Week 25 –19th December, 2013 – Meeting – 1960 – 39th Year**

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| Week | 25 | 26 | 28 |
| **Date** | **19-Dec-13** | **26 Dec 13 & 02 Jan 14** | **09-Jan-14** |
| **Speaker** | Breakfast Meeting | **No Meetings** | Venue , Maritime Museum |
| **Subject** |  |  |  |
| **Chairman** | Mike Kelly |  |  |
| **Presidents** |  |  | Glenn O'Halloran |
| **Table** |  |  | Rod Owers |
| **Reception** | Lance Cox |  | Matthew McConnell |
|  | Paul Crabtree |  | Max McCormack |
| **Rotary Info** |  |  | Steve Rockliff |
| **(Job Talk)** |  |  |  |
| **Meetings** |  |  | Committee |
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| **Rotary** | Nil | Nil | Wayne Tucker 12Jan (2) |
| **Anniversary** |  |  |  |

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| **Previous Meeting:** | **12th December** |
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| Attendance: | 30 members |
| Make Ups: | Mark Temple-Smith (Fairbrother), Buz Green (Food Plants) John Phillips (Food Plants). |
| Apologies: | Richard Barnard, Gavin Bull, Brian Chandler, Richard Colbeck,  Paul Crabtree, Bob Farr, Bobby Gray, Buz Green, Rockie Lee,  Ian Macleod, Matt McConnell, Mark Nugent, Julian O'Brien, Scott Poke, Richard Quinn, Steve Rockliff, Herbie Waltran. |
| Leave: | Ian Hutchinson, |
| Guest Speaker | nil |
| Guests: | 30 partners |
| Visiting Rotarians: | nil |
| Apologies: | (Before 11am Wednesday) Contact Attendance Officer |
| Contact Officer: | Mark Temple-Smith - markts@templesmith.com.au |
|  | or 0418 337 104 |
| Club website: | www.rotarydevnorth.org.au |
| Motor Show: | www.devonportnorthshow.com |
| Eclub | www.rotaryeclubone.org |
| Rotary International: | www.rotary.org |
| 9830 Conference | [www.9830conference.com.au](http://www.9830conference.com.au/) |

Future Events

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| **Day** | **Date** | **Event** | **Location** |
| Thursday | 19th December, 2013 | Breakfast Meeting | Elimatta |
| Tuesday | 24th December, 2013 | Breakfast in Park | Round House Park |
| Thursday | 9th January, 2014 | Normal Meeting | Maritime Museum ?? |
| Sunday | 23rd March, 2014 | D'port Motor Show | Round House Park |
| Fri.Sat.Sun | 11-13 April, 2014 | District Conference | Devonport |
| Sat - Wed. | 1st - 4th June, 2014 | International Conf. | Sydney, NSW. |