**President’s Report.**

It was great to be back again and a big thankyou to President Elect Mike Kelly. I received some excellent reports and so 2014 and 2015 is looking good.

An excellent speaker in Patrick Haddock provided an enthralling insight into life in Antarctica. Patrick spent a whole year there in 1985 at Davis Station and his presentation was enhanced with some fascinating pictures.

Antarctica is 2 ½ times the size of Australia and we occupy 60% of the continent, the remainder is shared with 53 countries. He was transported there on the Nella Dan and said going by ship helps to acclimatise as opposed to going there by plane as some do today. Unloading the ship is a very delicate operation and when completed there is the task of loading all the rubbish to be returned. The year Patrick spent there he was in company with twenty during the winter and two hundred in summer.

It is the driest continent on earth as it never rains, only snows. Water has to be melted from snow and this means using valuable fuel, so water is a very valuable commodity. In summer the temperature gets to -3 degrees and -45 in winter. He told us the blizzards, to use his words are ”spooky”. To find the way to the toilet or the mess there are two cables at the dorm, if the wrong one is selected it necessary to go back and start again.

There is no place for politics or religion and this provides for a harmonious community, when he was there it was male only. He said the Emperor Penguins are fascinating and have no fear of man, to lie down and remain still will attract them for closer inspection and they will walk around quite close.

Well done Rotarian John O’Donnell and judging from the conversation after the meeting we can expect a return visit from Patrick some time in 2014.

Motor Show Chairman, Ian McCleod reported that Super Cheap would continue as naming right sponsors. JMC and Shannon’s are platinum sponsors and Chas Kelly a gold sponsor. They have decided to include a Featured Collector for 2014 and the initial collector will be Chas Kelly.

Shadforth’s Financial Services Prostate Golf Day Chairman Peter Colgrave advised that there are now 33 teams registered, so there is only three spots left.

Until next week…

**PRESLEY**

**Rotary Club of Devonport North**

**Program**

**2013-2014 Week 12 – 19 September 2013 – Meeting – 1947 – 39th Year**

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| Week | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| **Date** | **19-Sep-13** | **26-Sep-13** | **03-Oct-13** |
| **Speaker**  | District Governor's Visit | Fellowship  | Baard Maehle |
| **Subject** | Rtn. Bruce Buxton |   | Airport Manager-Devonport |
| **Chairman** | Mike Kelly | Glenn O'Halloran | Wayne Tucker |
| **Presidents** | Mrs. Buxton | John Van der Woude | Buz Green |
| **Table** | Mrs. Kelly | Gavin Bull | Leon Peck |
| **Reception** | John Phillips | Brian Chandler | Bernt Genssen |
|  | Richard Barnard | Peter Colgrave | Ian Macleod |
| **Rotary Info** | Ian Macleod | Conference Update | John O'Donnell |
| **(Job Talk)** |   | Mike Kelly - Speakers |   |
| **Meetings** | Sub Committee | Board  | Sub Committee |
| **Birthdays** |  |  |  |
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| **Rotary** | Bob Farr 19Sep (11) | Nil | Mark Temple-Smith 04Oct (9) |
| **Anniversary** |   |   |   |

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| **Previous Meeting:** | **12th September 2013** |
| Attendance: | 25 members |
| Make Ups: | Ian McCallum(Board) |
| Apologies: | Bruce Gowans,Bernt Genssen,Julian O'Brien, Ian McCallum, Rockie Lee, Leon Wootton |
| Leave: | Bruce Buxton,Rick Campbell,Peter Chalk,Ian Hutchinson,Max McCormack,Seelan Nair,Suren Naiker,Mac Russell,John Van de Woude,Paul Crabtree, Buz Green, Richard Colbeck,Tony Davies |
| Guest Speaker | Patrick Haddock |
| Guests: | Dan Tattersall,  |
| Visiting Rotarians: | Yvonne Haddock |
| Apologies: | (Before 11am Wednesday) Contact Attendance Officer |
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