**President’s Report**

Rotarian Peter Colgrave has released me from duty at Shadforth’s Postrate Cancer Golf Day in order to prepare my report, so it had better be a good one. What a magnificent day and it will be great to hear of its success on Thursday.

Wow! What a meeting last week with our guest speaker, son of President Elect Mike Kelly. Mike played host to his wife Debbie and Brad’s partner Ingrid. Brad spoke on the subject, “Parole System in Victoria”, he is employed in the Department of Justice and displayed a very thorough knowledge of his vocation. The parole system was introduced in 1957 with the passing of the Penal Reform Act 1956 and it now covers 11 public prisons and two private prisons which house as at October 2012, 5718 prisoners, 5317 of which are male. Brad reported that up to 60% of these prisoners have been in prison before.

There were a number of murders committed by parolees between 2008 and 2013 and on 19th April 2011 the Herald Sun published an article, “Free to Kill”. The new Liberal government came to power on a mandate of being tough on crime. They appointed Professor James Ogloff to review the parole system for offenders who committed murder while on parole and he produced 10 recommendations that were made public in August 2012, which coincided with the release of the Callinan Report, which made 23 recommendations. These reports and recommendations have resulted in three new Acts being passed this year and probably the most notable provisions include, electronic monitoring and the breach of parole to be a criminal offence, this will increase the arrest powers of the Victorian Police.

Brad concluded his very interesting address by identifying challenges moving forward which include, demand management, implementation of the new legislation and the Callinan Report, effective supervision of offenders on parole in the community and balancing risk management, community safety and offender rehabilitation. His presentation was enhanced by the generation of a number of excellent questions.

In his Rotary information report, Rotarian Peter Chalk spoke of work parties for 2014 to Fiji and their involvement in restoring existing homes to make them cyclone proof, rather than erecting new homes. Teams will be leaving after the International Conference in Sydney in June 2014. We await with keen anticipation for the teams report next month.

President Elect Mike Kelly reported that the Annual Report has been provided to board members for ratification at Thursday’s board meeting. Thank you to Secretary Tony Hartley for compiling this. It was also announced that Tony is on leave of absence for a few weeks. While he is away he will still take phone calls and emails (commendable dedication). Rotarian Matthew McConnell will collect the mail, President Elect Mike Kelly will attend to it and Rotarian Kevin Matthews, (the one who never says no) will be the minute taker at our board meeting.

We were blessed with a visit from our very own District Governor Bruce Buxton who reported that he has now visited all District 9830 clubs. Bruce recommended our participation in the tragic NSW bushfires and this will be discussed at our board meeting. In addition he drew our attention to the ongoing needs in the Tasman Peninsular.

International Service Chairman Rockie Lee distributed End Polio badges, $3 each and advised that Betty the trainee nurse from Timor will graduate in December and her father is booked to speak to us in December and will be the first Timor freedom fighter to address a Rotary club.

Until next week…..**Presley**

**Rotary Club of Devonport North**

**Program**

**2013-2014 Week 18 – 31 October 2013 – Meeting – 1953 – 39th Year**

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| **Date** | **31-Oct-13** | **07-Nov-13** | **14-Nov-13** |
| **Speaker** | Fellowship | Kate McIvor | Chalk, Wootton & Team |
| **Subject** |  | Fairwork Ombudsman | Fiji Housing Project |
| **Chairman** | Seelan Nair | Rod Owers | Steve Rockliff |
| **Presidents** | Kevin Matthews | Kay Kidd | Mike Doyle |
| **Table** | John Phillips | Mark Temple-Smith | Leigh Titmus |
| **Reception** | Peter Colgrave | Kevin Matthews | Suren Naiker |
|  | Glen O'Halloran | Bob Farr | Seelan Nair |
| **Rotary Info** | Conference Update | Ms Gil Whitehouse | Richard Quinn |
| **(Job Talk)** | Bobby Gray - Promotions | Rotary District Chairman |  |
| **Meetings** | Board | Sub Committee | Committee |
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| **Rotary** | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| **Anniversary** |  |  |  |

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| **Previous Meeting:** | **24th. Oct 2013** |
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| Attendance: | 31 members |
| Make Ups: | M. Russell (Motor Show Bobby Gray (E Club) S. Rockliff (Motor show & E Club |
| Apologies: | M. Russsell, M.Temple-Smith, G. Bull, B. Gowans, M. McConnell, L. Cox, M. Doyle, A. Patterson, S. Rockliff, J. Phillips. |
| Leave: | R. Campbell, I. Hutchinson. |
| Guest Speaker | Brad Kelly |
| Guests: | D. Kelly, I. Summers,(Mike Kelly) |
| Visiting Rotarians: | R. Dugdale, Ribblesdale, England |
| Apologies: | (Before 11am Wednesday) Contact Attendance Officer |
| Contact Officer: | Mark Temple-Smith - [markts@templesmith.com.au](mailto: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](http://www.rotary.org) |
| 9830 Conference | www.9830conference.com.au |

Future Events

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| **Day** | **Date** | **Event** | **Location** |
| Sunday | 27th October, 2013 | Prostate Golf Day | Devonport Golf Club |
| Thursday | 21st November, 2013 | Million $ Meal | Penguin Composites |
| Thursday | 05th December, 2013 | Degree C Opening | Ulverstone |
| Sunday | 08th December, 2013 | Fairbrother BBQ | ???? |
| Thursday | 12th December, 2013 | Christmas Dinner | Devonport Golf Club |
| Tuesday | 24th December, 2013 | Breakfast in Park | Round House Park |
| Sunday | 23rd March, 2014 | D'port Motor Show | Round House Park |
| Fri.Sat.Sun | 11-13 April, 2014 | District Conference | Devonport |