**President’s Report**

Two very proud, dedicated Police officers and valued Devonport North Rotary Club Rotarians, Bobby Gray and Scott Poke, conducted a tour comprising two groups to inspect Devonport’s new Police Station. I still recall Scott informing our club how professional he felt when he moved into the new premises. He said it made an enormous difference to the way he approached work. I am sure everyone who attended were privileged to visit the new station and can now appreciate exactly what Scott was talking about.

Prior to this we met at the usual time at Kalahari Oasis Café for a single course meal which was presented in a timely manner. We finished at 7.40 which allowed ten minutes before we left for our scheduled arrival time at the Police Station at 7.00. At the meeting Rotarian John Cook advised the club that all is in place for RYDA next week and Rotarian Ian Macleod told us MUNA was successful and we would receive a more comprehensive report when SBSC join us for our meeting on June 5th.

Back to the Police Station, the group I was in was led by Bobby Gray. He explained the original design would have cost $9M, however that was amended and the building cost $6.1M. It was constructed by the local builder, Meadcom. The station is home to 35 uniformed officers, 12 CIB, 7 drug squad, 16 prosecution and a community officer. The first room we visited was the Forensic Room where photos are taken. Next there were two interview rooms. We then ascended the stairs which features glass panels imprinted with enlarged finger prints. Of special interest are the prints of our own former member Tom Burley and Penny Burtt. First room we visited here was the Major Incident Room. This is where officers meet to plan their strategy, a good example of this would be the recent rape incident at Latrobe. There are two more interview rooms and the CIB room. We also visited the Staff Recreation Room. This has a liquor license, although Bobbie explained in- house socialising is a lot less than it was a few years ago. Outside this room is a delightful open area for fine weather recreation. We then visited the Uniform Operations Room where up to eight officers can be working at any one time. This room includes a link up to Devonport Council and Station CCTV. Close by is the Armoury Room, here equipment such as wheel clamps are kept.

We then moved across to Building B, which is the location of the old Imaginarium site. This building houses the Riot Squad section, SES area for training and storage, filing, stolen property and evidence store. There is a separate area for seized vehicles and a forensic room for vehicles.

As we moved back to the main building we inspected the Police Bus which is used for an on-site office, again the recent Latrobe rape case is an example, and on location for booze control is another use. We also inspected the interior of a paddy wagon.

Back to the main building we were taken through the process when a member of the public is brought in for questioning which included the holding cells. They were displaying the “vacancy” sign, so everyone in Devonport must have been on their best behaviour to coincide with our visit. We then returned to the Conference/Media Room where it all began and met up with Scott Poke’s group. We were told about the 6kg. of equipment they are required to wear and the circumstances that would require their use.

I believe this is one of the highlights of the year and I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Bobby and Scott for providing such an interesting experience.

Until next week . . . . **Presley**

**Rotary Club of Devonport North**

**Program**

**2013-2014 Week 48 – 29th May, 2014 – Meeting – 1981 – 39th Year**

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| Week | 48 | 49 | 50 |
| **Date** | **29-May-14** | **05-Jun-14** | **12-Jun-14** |
| **Speaker** | Board Meeting | Saint Brendon-Shaw College | Professor Tom Marwich |
| **Subject** | No Guest Speaker | Teachers & Students | Menzies Research Institute |
| **Chairman** | Rod Owers | Ian Macleod | Mike Kelly |
| **Presidents** | Peter Colgrave | Kevin Matthews | Suren Naiker |
| **Table** | Ian Hutchinson | John O’Donnell | Merran Doyle |
| **Reception** | Lance Cox | Bernt Genssen | Ross Stewart |
|  | Paul Crabtree | Bruce Gowans | Ian Murcott |
| **Rotary Info** | Bobby Gray | Rockie Lee | Gillian Whitehouse |
| **(Job Talk)** |  |  | Youth Exchange Chairman |
| **Meetings** | Board | Sub Committee | Committee |
| **Birthdays** | Nil |  | Anne Gowans 13Jun |
|  |  | Roslyn Chalk 11Jun |  |
| **Rotary** | Nil | Seelan Nair 09Jun (2) | Brian Chandler 16Jun (38) |
| **Anniversary** |  | Alan Pattison 11Jun (21) | John Cook 16Jun (38) |
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| **Previous Meeting:** | **22nd MAY** |
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| Attendance: | 34 members |
| Make Ups: | Peter Colgrave (post conference meeting), Rick Campbell (food plants ), Kay Kidd (RYDA) |
| Apologies: | Richard Colbeck, Buz Green, Bruce Gowans, Rockie Lee, Mark Nugent, Julien O'Brien, Leon Peck |
| Leave: | Paul Crabtree, Seelan Nair |
| Guest Speaker | nil - million dollar meal at Kalahara followed by visit to Devonport Police Station |
| Guests: | Dean Halley |
| Visiting Rotarians: | nil |
| Apologies: | (Before 11am Wednesday) Contact Attendance Officer |
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|  | 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** |
| Monday-Thursday | 26th-29th May, 2014 | **RYDA** |  |
| Sat - Wed. | 1st - 4th June, 2014 | International Conf. | Sydney, NSW. |
| Tuesday-Friday | 10th - 13th June,2014 | **RYDA** |  |
| Thursday, | 26th June, 2014 | **Board Meeting** | Advocate Office, Dev. |