

**Rotary Club of Sale**

Incorporated

Rotary District 9820**Last Meeting – Monday December 17 – Breakfast Meeting with Rod and Gill**

We had a most enjoyable breakfast with Rod and Gill Exton again, an event that is truly appreciated by all members every year. As with many Rotary partners, Gill does a great amount of work in support of Rod's and Club initiatives.

President Lyndon welcomed everyone, including Club and Sale legend Bill Jennings OAM, and formally thanked Rod and Gill. He then congratulated Jim and Marion Freshwater on their recent marriage, which was a pleasant surprise for most of us. It is now obvious that it was not just overcoming some health issues that have made Jim look full of beans.

Other Matters

Alan sought volunteers for Australia Day duty and seemed happy with numbers. Full details will be provided by Alan in due course.

One item not announced at the AGM is that Sharyn Bolitho will follow David Strauss as our president in 2015-16, which is welcome news.

Tom Davies has recently resigned as a member of our club.

Next Meeting January 7 – Sale Museum – Including Release of the New Club Web Site

The night at the Sale Museum will be a partner's night. David and Christine will organise food and "guess who" will provide drinks. Time from about 1800 (That's 6pm Kevin)

Chairperson	Laurie Smyth
Sergeant	Kevin Maxfield
Welcome	Noel Langley
Set Up	D2 and Keith

Christmas greetings

David Crouch has traditionally sent out Club Christmas cards and President's message. A family problem has prevented him from doing so this year, so here is a facsimile of the card and our President's message.

*Dear Club Member and Family,
Best wishes for the festive season and for the coming
year from President Lyndon, the Board and all your
friends at the Rotary Club of Sale*

~ Peace and Goodwill ~

Christmas 2012



Rotary Club of Sale

President Lyndon's Christmas and New Year Message

Whatever your plans are for Christmas, I want to wish all members of the Rotary Club of Sale, their partners, families and friends my best wishes for this holiday season.

Whether we pursue the Christian faith or not, at Christmas we can take some time to reflect on the year, both locally and globally, and look forward to a productive year of Rotary service in 2013.

RI President Sakuji Tanaka has given us the theme of "Peace through Service", one that is particularly apt in these troubled times. We can be thankful that we don't live in the various areas where peace has become a dream.

We can't change the world but, through our Rotary service and the other contributions our members make to our community, we can assist others not as fortunate as ourselves and, in this way, help to make the world that little bit better.

Thank you all for your support of our Club this year. Each person's efforts are so important and play a role in making our Club the vibrant vehicle for peace and good that it is.

I wish you all a healthy, safe and happy festive season.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lyndon".

Lyndon

It was my intention to also send a copy of these words with the card – D2

Desiderata

Max Ehrmann - 1927

Go placidly amidst the noise and haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible without surrender be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even the dull and the ignorant; they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain or bitter; for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals; and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.

Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here.

And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labours and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul. With all its shams, drudgery, and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be careful.

Strive to be happy.

The road ahead

Monday December 24	No meeting due to impending arrival of Santa
Monday December 31	No meeting
Monday January 07	Sale Museum – Launch of our new website
Monday January 14	Club Night – at Relish
Monday January 21	Seaspray SLSC – Partner’s Night
Saturday January 26	Australia Day Celebrations – Botanical Gardens
Monday January 28	Australia Day Holiday - no Meeting
Monday February 4	Back at Relish
Monday March 25	At ‘Tara’ – the home of David and Judy Tulloch – Stratford



Peace

Through Service

