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by 9.00pm Monday

Dinner Fee: \$18.00 if it is a normal Dinner Meeting.

Tonight: Senior Sergeant Joe Sustokus speaks on the topic, "Policing in Sale".

Meeting Date:	This Week – 13 September	Next Week – 20 September
Chairperson:	Harold Watson	Viv Braham
Registration:	John Teychenne	John Castle
Fellowship:	Di Rowarth	Stephen Chalmer
Invocation:	Brendan Walker	Marcus Fox
Toast:	Trevor Watt	Doug Dyer
BTB (Partner):	Peter Kluge	Rob McKimm
Scribe	Garry Gray	Shane Chilcott

BIRTHDAYS:

Member's Birthdays

Partner's Birthdays

Jan Chalmer 8 September

Rotary Birthdays

Brendan Walker 7 September

David Hollonds 9 September

Wedding Anniversary

Athol and Elva Jones 9 September

WHAT'S COMING UP??

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20 September

Gary Silgard, Plant Manager at Longford Oil and Gas Stabilisation Plant will be our guest speaker.

DIARY DATES:

11 October

Official Visit

Partners' Night

District Governor Ray and Shelley

28/29 October

Sale Show

Parking and Gate Duty

4 December

Christmas Party

APOLOGIES - Could everyone who needs to send an apology this week please use Kerrie's home phone number as she will not be in the Sale Office and will not get messages. Alternatively, John is always happy to have a phone call too.

REPORT OF LAST MEETING

Members and guests gathered for an enjoyable dinner before many went off to the theatre to see "Carmen". Several members were unable to attend the dinner, but joined the rest of the group at the theatre. An enjoyable evening was had by all. It is great that Sale has a venue in which first rate productions can be presented.

FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Hurricane Katrina ... the tragic aftermath in New Orleans and the Gulf region

Earlier this month I wrote to the Governors of Rotary Districts 6200, 6820 and 6840 in the USA expressing the deep sympathies of our Rotarians and families. At the same time, I advised our Clubs that I was giving thought to suggesting a way (or ways) of providing assistance. The RI website has a number of addresses where Rotarians can send donations to specific funds or The Rotary Foundation. I have come to a view that a tangible way for us to give support, is to make donations to Shelter Box. Why? Well, almost immediately after the devastating event, Shelter Boxes were being delivered throughout the Gulf coast. Some 1,500 have now provided accommodation for around 30,000 people left homeless - the value of that aid is almost A\$2 million. The Shelter Boxes were packed with two tents, as sleeping bags were not needed (the Salvation Army supplied cots). The scale of devastation is unimaginable: who would have thought that the Shelter Box program would be providing vital assistance for mass homelessness in the USA? More are required, and boxes being deployed need to be replaced quickly so, my suggestion is that we make a special effort to donate funds to Shelter Box Down Under. Club cheques payable to 'Shelter Box Down Under'; individual cheques (for tax deductibility) to 'Shelter Box Down Under (RAWCS)' - both to the Rotary Club of Endeavour Hills PO Box 152 Endeavour Hills Vic 3802.

Ray Stewart

Thousands sheltered by Rotarian effort
By Tonya Weger. (Photo - District 6200 Governor-elect Richard Churchman)



Shelter-boxes arrive at Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Rotarians are diligently working to provide refugees with shelter from the storm, as they have been since Hurricane Katrina made landfall on 29 August. To date, their efforts have provided emergency accommodation for up to 24,000 survivors via 1,200 Shelter Boxes — containing tents and necessary equipment — delivered throughout the U.S. Gulf Coast.

"This is the first time [Shelter Boxes] are needed in the U.S. since there's standing water in a whole city," said Jerry Hearn, a past district governor of District 6960 and active member of Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch, Florida, where Shelter Box is an ongoing community service project. Hearn's district was hit hard by Hurricane Charlie in 2004. "But it was nothing to this scale, we could stay in our homes," he said. Due to the mass homelessness caused by Katrina, boxes were altered to accommodate two tents that house 10 people each. "We omitted 10 sleeping bags because the Salvation Army had enough cots for everyone," Hearn said. The distribution of Shelter Boxes is one of the main Rotarian relief efforts for Katrina at this time, and it's being coordinated throughout the entire United States. Rotarians are working closely with agencies such as the Red Cross and Salvation Army. "We continue to let them know what we have," Hearn explained. "We don't just drop [the boxes] off."

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