

## Rotary Club of Melton Mowbray

Club Membership Meeting at 2.15 pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2014

Sysonby Knoll Hotel

### **Present**

Diana Osborne, Brian Gromett, Peter Briggs, David Morris

### **Apologies**

Bill Hill

### **Matters Arising from Previous Meeting**

There are no matters arising which are not included in the agenda for this meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were agreed to be a true record of what had taken place.

### **Membership Recruitment Evening**

87 personal invitations have gone out for this event.

There are a further 11 persons named for whom contact details are being sought.

50 chairs are being arranged by I Neale: it is forecast that we could get 20 guests plus 20 members.

The Melton Belvoir and Aurora Clubs are being represented.

The format for the evening will be similar to last year with an introduction by the president and questions planted by DM

There is no kitchen at Sysonby Acres: if we want to make coffee we will need to bring kettles / water heater.

DMO confirmed she is organising the catering with help from others.

### **RI / RIBI / District Membership Initiatives**

In view of the continuing fall in membership throughout the territory covered by RIBI, a number of initiatives are being implemented:

11<sup>th</sup> August RIBI MDC webinar to promote the setting up of a national e club.

13<sup>th</sup> August RI webinar on entitled "membership: before it's too late!"

9<sup>th</sup> October District Membership Seminar entitled "Growing Rotary".

Club members should be encouraged to attend the District seminar.

### **New Member Handbook**

This will be completed and ready for issue in time for the proposed membership recruitment evening

### **Club Visioning Review of Membership Issues**

All club committees have agreed to present their proposals at the September Club Council for the implementation of the Visioning Exercise.

A draft report on the membership recommendations will be presented for consideration at the next membership committee meeting.

### **Mentoring**

A mentor has not been invited to mentor new member Dick Colgrove who was inducted last week.

In view of the further membership lost reported since the last committee meeting, the question was asked whether there had been sufficient and adequate mentoring of the two ladies who have resigned. Certainly some mentoring has been carried out on the recent new members which has been highly effective. Two areas it was suggested were mentoring could be improved was when a mentor goes on holiday that we ensure there is someone available to stand in; the other matter involves understanding the scope of what is included within mentoring. It was proposed that before the next membership recruitment evening there should be a meeting of potential mentees to prepare and agree a "mentoring brief". Certain club members were named, including members of the membership committee. DM will bring up at Club Council for the Club's agreement.

It was also considered whether the mentoring of a new member could be shared between existing members. This would help the new member to circulate and get to know the rest of the Club.

### **Friends of Rotary**

It has been agreed previously that the membership committee should keep control and communicate with the persons who have shown interest in the business support group. Whilst these are all potential club members, it was agreed that it would not be appropriate to include these persons under the "Friends of Rotary" banner. The club has many friends and it was suggested that the names of these should be assembled, maintained and communicated with by the Club Communications committee.

### **Attendance at Club Meetings & Events**

Due to holidays a current report was not available.

### **Any Other Business**

Nothing further was raised.

### **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 2.15 pm