

**Rotary Clubs of Sale**www.rotaryclubofsale.org.au**Rotary District 9820**

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CLUB MEETING – MAY 25TH 2021

SPEAKER- Very Revd Susanna Pain



President Philip Davis thanks the Very Revd Susanna Pain for her address

After the usual formalities our guest speaker, Susanna Pain, was invited by the evening's chairperson, Jeanette Henwood, to address the meeting.

Born in Cowra NSW, Susanna's family moved around NSW and Canberra with her father's engineering work. Susanna attended boarding school in Sydney and went to Japan in 1975 as a Rotary exchange student. Her father was the President of the Rotary Club of Canberra/Woden.

Susanna told of arriving in Tokyo on a night with a full moon, speaking no Japanese, but being comforted by the thought that the same full moon was shining on her family in Australia. She said to herself, 'God is with my family and God is with me.'

Her host family spoke little English. Her room was the room with the family shrine. She had to learn a lot of new ways of doing things- her host family demonstrated how to take a Japanese bath using a doll! Susanna spent her first three weeks in intensive language classes and then attended Sacred Heart School

where she learned Japanese cookery, Judo, Calligraphy, Japanese dance and Ikebana, and went to Rotary on Wednesday nights.

She lived with four different families over her year in Japan. The first family had a Christian background, the 2nd a Buddhist father, the 3rd family were of the Shinto religion, and the 4th family were a bit of everything.

It was an amazing year. It was pre internet so communication home was by letters and a phone call on her birthday. Her family visited her at the end of her year in Japan. She learned lots of different ways to do things, and realised that there often was no one right way.



Susanna speaks whilst her husband Revd Nikolai Blaskow listens.

As the year went by, Susanna's mastery of the language improved and she began to think and pray in Japanese. She said that she learnt a lot about being a foreigner, a gaijin in Japan although the Japanese were very hospitable. She had her 18th birthday in the July and her Japanese host father turned 60 at the same time. He wore red, as in Japan, your 60th birthday marks a new beginning in your life as you have gone through the full cycle of the lunar calendar. She enjoyed the beautiful aesthetic, and the way that everyone's festivals were celebrated as the Japanese took the best of each faith.

When she returned to Australia, Susanna suffered from profound cultural shock. She undertook a Science Degree at ANU and her Japanese slipped as she was unable to keep it up. She greatly enjoyed doing the Rotary Youth Leadership

award. She then transferred to La Trobe University to undertake a Social work Degree.



Susanna draws the raffle guided by Jeanette Henwood

Susanna then worked as a social worker in Sydney for Care Force in the area of Adoptions and Foster Care, and then she worked in Ashfield with Migrants and Refugees.

Susanna studied Theology at St Mark's in Canberra and was ordained Deacon in Canberra in 1989. She was part of the movement for the Ordination of Women in the Anglican Church. She was to be ordained a priest in early 1992 in Goulburn, but a court injunction stopped her and the other ten women being ordained, whilst the ordination of the men in her group went ahead.



Straussy shows off his winning raffle ticket to Maree Ross

She moved to Adelaide to take up parish ministry and she was ordained a priest there in late 1992. Whilst there, Susanna was also a Chaplain at the Adelaide Advertiser newspaper, which she enjoyed very much.

She then moved to Sydney where her ordination was not recognised and she had to work as a Deacon, and then moved on to Cowra and Canberra to work as a priest and in chaplaincy, before coming to Sale. For Susanna, being a Social

Worker was not enough as she wanted to be involved in ritual with people. Vocation, she said, is using the gifts that God has given you.



Michael Page, Rachel and David Strauss, Trevor Watt, Ted Pickering and Laurie Smyth.

Susanna's great grandfather Arthur Pain was the first Anglican Bishop of Gippsland (1902-1917) and the builder of Bishopscourt. He came to Australia from England seeking a better climate for his health. Susanna has been involved in a number of commemorations for Bishop Pain and his wife Annie before she and her husband Nikolai were invited by Bishop Kay Goldsworthy to serve in Gippsland. Susanna is now the Dean of the Cathedral and has a role which enables her to enable and support others and to conduct rituals and vigils in times of grief, loss and celebration, eg ecumenical service after the bushfires.

Susanna finished off by reading extracts from a letter her great grandfather wrote in Sydney 101 years ago in the time of the great Spanish Flu epidemic. She thought it had strong echoes of the present situation. In the letter Bishop Pain complains about how badly Victoria has handled the situation, how they were compelled to wear masks and couldn't have church services, and reflected on the anxieties of the time.

Susanna was thanked by President Philip and presented with a pen. She drew the raffle which was won by David Strauss. David Strauss in turn cheered us all up with a joke.

President Philip announced that all documentation for the Sale Wetlands Trail has been signed and \$300,000- should be in the bank by the end of the week, and survey and detailed design work can begin. There will be a meeting on 2nd June for all club members wishing to be involved. (Now postponed due to COVID lockdown). There are a number of areas that members can get involved with – eg. stakeholders, communication, signage, hands on labour.

Jeanette announced that the club is a Centurion Club for the fifth year running

PHF nominees are now in. See coming dates below. District Assembly has increased member's fees by \$13-. Laurie Smyth was congratulated on being awarded a Life Membership of Touch Football Australia. Next week's meeting Nicole O'Connor Chairperson with speaker Garry (Pudd) Howard as guest speaker. (Now postponed due to COVID lockdown).



Nicole O'Connor, Kerry McMillan, Meg and Don MacRaild, Alan Lewis, Elisabeth Hutchinson and Robert McKimm.



**Birthdays for May – Happy Birthday to
Mike Smith 7th May, Rachel Strauss 17th May,
Keith Miller 24th May and Kerry McMillan 26th May
HUMOUR!!**



**This is a Dublin tram
that has just run into a
Dublin bus.**



Now have a look at the ad on the side of the bus that the Tram went into..... You couldn't make it up!!!!!!!!!!

FUTURE MEETINGS and EVENTS:

Tuesday 1st June- CANCELLED DUE TO LOCKDOWN

Tuesday 22nd June – Club Assembly and Special General Meeting

District Changeover is on Sunday 27 June and RSVP by 16 June. Register with PDG Don Ripper

Our Club Changeover is on Tuesday 29 June at the Criterion. Please book your place early and let Secretary Adrian know how many guests you will be bringing.

25th to 27th February 2022 District Conference Traralgon

Any queries re future meetings contact Adrian: Mob. 0408 517 062 (Text or call) Email arijs47@gmail.com

Please send Bulletin contributions to Sandra at sandrah@vic.australis.com.au

***Next Rotary meeting- TBA
Tuesday ? 6.00pm Sale Greyhounds
You must book with Adrian by midday.***

Last Name	First Name	Spouse/ Partner
Burgess	Lisa	Paul
Callinan	Gerard	Jenny O'Neill
Cartledge ^{PP PHF}	John	Liana
Castle	John	Pam
Davis ^{Pres PHF}	Philip	Elizabeth
Dyer ^{OAM PP PHF}	Graeme	Alida
Exton ^{PP PHF}	Rod	Gillian
Henwood ^{PP PHF}	Jeanette	
Houghton ^{PHF}	Sandra	
Hutchinson	Elisabeth	Alan Lewis
Jeremiah	Laurie	Helen
Lewis ^{PP PHF}	Alan	Elizabeth
MacRaild ^{OAM PHF}	Don	Meg
Mani ^{PP}	Raj	Tracey
McDonald	Andrew	Leanne
McKimm ^{PP}	Robert	Kathy
McMillan ^{PHF}	Kerry	Don
Miller ^{PHF}	L. Keith	Gwen
O'Brien	Danny	Vicki
O'Connor	Nicole	Patrick
Page ^{OAM PP PHF}	Michael	Jan
Pickering ^{PP}	Ted	Margaret
Rijs ^{PP PHF}	Adrian	Louise
Ripper ^{PP PDG PHF}	Don	Jude
Ross ^{PHF}	Neil	Maree
Smith ^{PHF}	Mike	
Smolenaars ^{PP PHF}	Daniel	Norissa
Smyth ^{PP PHF}	Laurie	Jill
Strauss ^{PP}	David	Rachel
Strauss ^{PP}	Rachel	David
Thomas	Jenni	
Tulloch ^{OAM PP PHF}	David	Judy
Vassiliou	Catherine	Wayne Gray
Versloot ^{PHF}	Andy	Debbie
Watt ^{PP}	Trevor	Liz
Webb	Carmel	
Wilson	Shae	Ben