

# Presidents Report – 24th July, 2016

Enjoyed last week (24<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> July 2016) as Club President. Firstly we had the race Day meeting at Elaine DeVries home on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July. We discussed:

- Sponsorship of the races. To date we have 5 of the 8 races with sponsorship. There are 2 more possible sponsors, awaiting for a reply to confirm which leaves one more sponsor, any suggestions as Elaine has exhausted her efforts.
- Tables for race day are being sold. To date we have about 15 tables sold. Please book your tables for your guests and yourself. We are aiming for about 360 people to be at the race day.
- Prizes, so far we have received \$100.00 cash to purchase prizes for the balloon raffle etc. We need more cash donations to purchase quality prizes and good quality prizes for the live and silent auctions. Money raising events on the day will be:
  - Silent Auction,
  - Heads and Tails,
  - Balloons both \$10 and \$20,
  - Table raffle,
  - Wine Fridge (including wine).
  - Live Auction.

The Race Day is on the 12<sup>th</sup> November. There are plenty of things to do in preparation and tasks that need to be done on the day. Thank you to Elaine for organising the event.

Secondly, the vocational visit to Flagstaff Group at Nolan Street Unanderra was good value. Firstly a big thank you goes to Karen Burdett, for hosting us and organising the breakfast and guided tour. Often you look at the front of the building and have little understanding of what goes on beyond the front doors.

The Flagstaff Group is a Social Enterprise as it applies market based strategies to achieve a social purpose for the good of the community. Flagstaff's primary purpose is to create meaningful employment for people who face barriers to work as a result of a disability.

**Their vision is;** "To be the industry leader in creating employment opportunities for people with disabilities."

**Flagstaff's Mission Statement is** "To enhance the lives of people with disabilities by building skills and capabilities that facilitate independence through choice of authentic and meaningful employment in a sustainable business environment."

The Group owns and manages different business operations:

- Light engineering

- Commercial Laundry
- Frozen meal production and packaging
- Paper, cardboard and plastic recycling
- Printing, mailing and document scanning
- Assembly and packaging
- Coffee roasting, packaging and distribution
- Café Vizioné and corporate catering

We enjoyed a great breakfast consisting of Bacon and egg bun, fruit and yogurt, Potato, muffin, fruit juice, coffee and tea

After breakfast we were guided around the different business operations by Karen Burdett and Cheryl Woods. It was interesting to see how labour intensive the business units are. An example of this was the catering section as each plate was given its correct proportion of food.

Cheryl Woods who accompanied us was saying that Flagstaff is looking to expand into a newer building. The future looks good for Flagstaff Group; the employment and training of people with a disability within our community.

Thirdly, After 68 valued years of service to the local community, the Rotary Club of Bulli has decided to cease being a club. There has been an offer of their BBQ trailer, after discussions with PP Tony and PE Lee, I emailed our interest in the BBQ trailer. There will be more to come regarding Bulli and their final meeting date.

Look forward to our meeting this week at the Novotel Hotel at 7:00am for 7:15am start.