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Rotary Club of Maffra

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The Rotary Club of Maffra meets every Thursday, 6 pm for 6.30 pm

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TOAST: "To The Privilege of Community Service"

ROTARY CLUB OF MAFFRA 2017 MARDI GRAS LAUNCH

Article and photo contributed by Pauline Hitchins

Meg Knobel from Maffra Football Netball Club is, so far, the only entrant in this year's Rotary Club of Maffra Mardi Gras, launched on Thursday evening by Cr Darren McCubbin.

The Football Netball Club is raising funds to complete the netball pavilion, corporate box and supporters bar.

Cr McCubbin said the number of entrants was immaterial as the fundraising over the next six weeks and street celebration on 18 March, demonstrated the district's strong community spirit and was among the reasons we all chose to live in the area.

He noted that the Mardi Gras was the shire's oldest continuously held fundraising event which has raised millions for local charities and praised the Rotary Club of Maffra for its ongoing role in the event.

The annual street festival and parade – which will be Saturday 18 March with the theme of Beauty and the Beast for parade entrants - is a popular family outing.

Meg (nee Nener), who was born in Maffra, says she has been involved with the club since her father and brother played football for Maffra, and now supports her husband Trent, a former AFL player (Brisbane, Richmond and St Kilda). She also has many friends who play netball.

She said the club fielded four football and six netball sides in the Gippsland League, providing sporting opportunities for 150 people on a weekly basis.

Meg and Trent returned to Maffra about 18 months ago to bring up their children – Emily 14 and Max 12 – in an ideal country environment. Meg works at Maffra Community Sports Club.

She is looking forward to a wide range of activities that the Football Netball Club has already planned. Next week there will be the first of several coffee mornings, TGIF at Matt and Jodie Davis' and a Progressive Dinner on 18 February. There will be a Cocktail Party and Silent Auction at Powerscourt on 24 February and a Day on the Green at Mewburn Park on 6 March and a major car raffle.

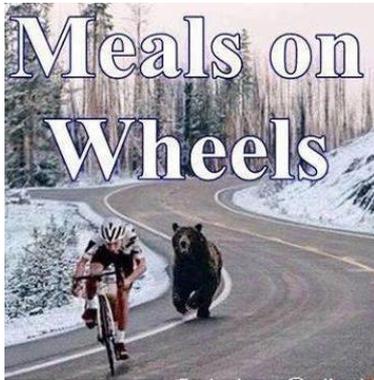
Most successful fundraiser in 2016, Kelly Morris from Maffra Gymnastic Club, provided an update on the Club's fundraising for an extension of the Gym. She said, after 17 years, the club was now at the top of the list and hoped they would see more progress soon. She said the club had 580 members with 100 on the waiting list. In addition to last year's Mardi Gras success, the Club had been named Victorian Gym Club of the Year.

As a relative newcomer to Maffra, she said being involved had provided an excellent opportunity to get to know many other club and committee members and she thanked the Rotary Club for its support of the event.

Mardi Gras Committee chair Pauline Hitchins said there was still an opportunity for another group to enter this year but, regardless, there would be a busy calendar of events for all to enjoy, culminating in the Street festival and parade on 18 March.



Wellington Shire's Cr Darren McCubbin with last year's top fundraiser Kelly Morris from Maffra Gymnastics Club (left) and 2017 entrant Meg Knobel from Maffra Football Netball Club



MEETING SNAPSHOT

19 members present for an, at times lively and entertaining meeting.

Guests: Cr Darren McCubbin, Ness Noble, Paul Burke, Meg and Trent Knobel, Kelly Morris, Rotaractor Michelle Worsley, Exchange student BJ. (snake handler extraordinaire).

The swindle was won by Sandra Houghton and Sue Gray.



A reminder that **next week is Meals on Wheels**, so be aware if you have put your name down. Check with Pauline Hitchins if you are unsure.

Last year's Mardi Gras winner, Kelly Morris, spoke of how the Gymnastic Club had benefited from the Mardi Gras. They now have 580 members and 100 on the waiting list. They also won Victorian Gymnastic Club of the year.

Sunday Market BBQ cancelled. Rather than go into direct competition with our Mardi Gras entrant who was selling Bacon and Egg rolls, we donated our sausages and bread to her and took the morning off.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Here is a reminder of some of the exciting events that are coming up in the new year.

Rotary Club of Maffra Mardi Gras, 18 March 2017: The theme for 2017 will be "Beauty and the Beast."



Beginning in 1957, this community fundraiser is one of Wellington Shire's oldest events. Local community groups nominate an entrant to represent their organisation, and a friendly six-week period of fundraising rivalry, precedes the event. The Rotary Club of Maffra Mardi Gras will culminate with a street parade in Johnson Street followed by the announcement of the winner.

The Mardi Gras runs from 4 pm to 9 pm and will include market and food stalls, street entertainment, carnival rides, face painting and an animal nursery before the street parade. The Mardi Gras is a proven family-friendly event, with opportunities for many community organisations to raise some much-needed funds at the beginning of the calendar year.

Friday 24th March – Sunday 26th March 2017. Rotary District 9820 59th District Conference,



District Governor (2016-2017) Lynne Westland and Trevor, together with the Rotary Club of Casey, invite you to "COME AND JOIN US" in Hobart. The Wrest Point Convention Centre is located on the stunning Derwent River, opposite the famous Constitution Deck. The Conference will be held in the world class auditorium at Wrest Point and will include the Saturday morning at Salamanca Market. Getting there is easy ... you can fly or go over on the Spirit of Tasmania which offers an incredible experience with great entertainment and good food. There are

accommodation choices to suit all tastes and accommodation at Wrest Point is now open. **Book by telephoning 1800 030 611 and quote 699172.** Or go to the website: <http://district9820.org/> for more information.

April 30th Rotary Club of Maffra will conduct a world record attempt for the most throwers of gumboots.



The most people throwing Wellington boots simultaneously is 431, achieved by Burwell Village College Primary (UK), in Burwell, UK, on 1 July 2016.

While this is a lot of fun, it is also for a world record attempt, so there are rules and no doubt, a bean counter from Guinness World Records will be there to ensure everything is done properly.



Guinness World Records have given their approval and PP Dianne Honey is busy organising all the intricate ins and outs for this attempt. This will also be an excellent opportunity to raise some much-needed funds for community projects, as well as give Rotary a high public profile and hopefully attract a few potential members.

Be part of history on this day by attending, and assisting in the organising. See PP Dianne Honey for details. Go to the website: <http://www.guinnessworldrecords.com> to find out more about Guinness World Records.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES 2016-2017

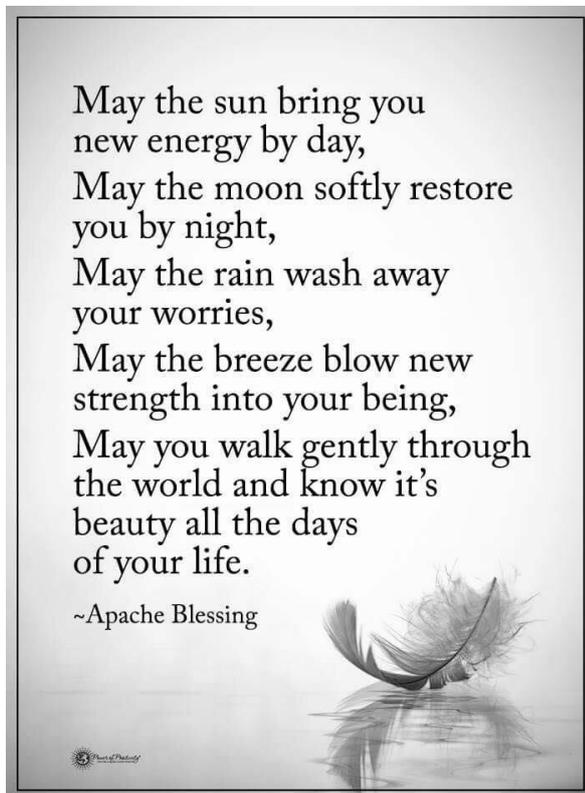
BOARD MEMBERS

President	Sue Gray
Immediate Past President	Ross Neilson
Secretary	Dianne Honey
Treasurer	Graeme Hemming
Club/Vocational Service Director	
Community Service Director	Pauline Hitchins
Foundation/International Director	Shane Smallwood
Youth Service Director	Sharon Knight
OTHER ROLES	
Sergeant at Arms/Fines	Rob Noble/Ted Mitchell
Program Co-ordinator	Brian Gray/Veronica Dwyer
Club Bulletin and Publicity	Shane Smallwood
BBQ Co-ordinators	Hans Van Wees/John Watts
Attendance	Neil Wishart
Arthur's Swindle	Cath Noble/Sandra Houghton
Family of Rotary	Dianne Honey
Club Protection Officer	Sjors Duursema
On to Conference	Ross Neilson
Club Website	Logan Connolly

Rosters - Registrations / Friendship / Property / Caravan / BBQ Shane Smallwood

COMMITTEES

Community Service	International Service/Foundation
Pauline Hitchins (Director) Cath Noble, Rick Dare, Hans Van Wees, Veronica Dwyer, John Watts, Brian Gray, Peter Quennell, Nathan Smith	Shane Smallwood (Director) Rob Noble, Ross Neilson, Iain Stewart, John Osborn, Neil Wishart
Youth Service	Club Service/Vocational Service
Sharon Knight director) Sjors Duursema (Protection Off.), Logan Connolly, Sandra Houghton, Roger Malouf, Ted Mitchell	Sue Gray (Pres), Ross Neilson (IPP) Dianne Honey (Sec), Graeme Hemming (Treas), Helen Lanigan.



Did you ever stop and wonder.....?

- Who was the first person to look at a cow and say, 'I think I'll squeeze these pink dangly things here, and drink whatever comes out?'
- Who was the first person to say, 'See that chicken there... I'm gonna eat the next thing that comes outta it's bum.'
- Why do toasters always have a setting so high that could burn the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?
- Why is there a light in the fridge and not in the freezer?
- Why do people point to their wrist when asking for the time, but don't point to their bum when they ask where the bathroom is?
- Why does your Gynaecologist leave the room when you get undressed if they are going to look up there anyway?
- Why does Goofy stand erect while Pluto remains on all fours? They're both dogs!
- If quizzes are quizzical, what are tests?
- If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, then what is baby oil made from?
- If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?
- Why do the Alphabet song and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star have the same tune?
- Stop singing and read on.....*
- Do illiterate people get the full effect of Alphabet Soup?
- Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him on a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?
- Does pushing the elevator button more than once make it arrive faster?

HOUSEKEEPING PAGE

Please take note of your roster, it can change.

When you are rostered on for duty and you are unavailable, please arrange your own swap.

Special instructions for those on the BBQ rosters, please make sure you collect the tear drop flag.

PROGRAMME

Date	Programme	Host
9 th Feb	Emma Chrisp Returned Youth Exchange, Poland.	Sharon Knight
16 th Feb	Recreational Vehicle Fellowship of Rotary	
23 rd Feb	Extra ordinary general meeting Committees and Board Meeting	Sue Gray
2 nd March	Tour of Sale Police Station	Snr Sgt David Markum



CARAVAN ROSTER

Date	Deliver	Pick Up	Booked by
10 th Feb to 17 th March			Hold for Mardi Gras bookings.
7 th April	Rick Dare	Nathan Smith	Maffra Catholic Women's League

MEETING DUTIES

DATE	GREETING	REGISTRATION	PROPERTY	MARKET BBQ with Hans	WOOLIES BBQ
Feb	Roger Malouf	Shane Smallwood John Watts	Hans Van Wees	5 th : John Watts, Shane Smallwood, Logan Connolly	11 th : Roger Malouf, Helen Lanigan, Sharon Knight.
March	Pauline Hitchins	John Osborn, Neil Wishart	Ross Neilson	5 th : Rick Dare, Graeme Hemming, Ted Mitchell	4 th : Brian Gray, Jean Heasley, Iain Stewart

MILESTONES 9th to 15th February 2017. None this week.

MEMBER	MEMBER'S B/DAY	PARTNER'S B/DAY	WEDDING ANN.	JOINED ROTARY

Find new members

The top two reasons people join Rotary are to meet new people and to get involved in their communities.

Many of the non-Rotarians you know are looking for the same things.

Invite them to help with a service project, attend a networking night, or participate in a club gathering so they can see for themselves how Rotary connects leaders to make positive change.

Consider these potential candidates for membership:

Friends and family members

Business and professional acquaintances

Younger community leaders who are already connected to Rotary through Rotaract, RYLA, peace fellowships, Youth Exchange, and other programs

Don't forget to regularly check your online membership leads for prospective members.

[Creating a Positive Experience for Prospective Members](#) offers tips and advice to help turn your leads into members.

PLEASE APOLOGISE!

if you cannot attend the meeting.

If you do not apologise you will be asked to pay for the meal that has been provided for you and for which the club has had to pay.