

Rotary



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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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*(Apologies and visitors to Nathan Smith by 1 pm. Telephone (03) 5147 1985)*

**TOAST: "To the Privilege of Community Service"**

### MEETING SNAPSHOT

08.06.2017

**Many thanks to deputy editor Cath Noble for this report.**

**Apologies:** Brian Gray, Logan Connolly, Sandra Houghton, Shane Smallwood, George Duursema, Veronica Dwyer.

**Guests:** Lynne Malouf, Luke, Casey Alex and Gabby Nicholls and BJ. The Smith family attended in time to hear BJ's talk.

**Ted opened the meeting** and proposed the Toast, President Sue welcomed all our visitors.

### REPORTS:

**Secretary** – request from Adam Vardy – would Maffra Rotary like to provide a BBQ at auction at Centre Line, in Maffra Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June. Club members agreed.

**Thank you card** from Jude Ripper re dinner and congratulations to the club on 70 years of service.

### Notice from McKean Park,

**Solicitors**, re R.I. rules and by-laws. Members will have opportunity to discuss and consider after distribution of the info.

**DVD of the Gumboot** Throw available, \$5.00?

**Fines:** Another interesting and financial rewarding session for the Club. Thanks Ted

**Attendance:** Neil reported – 13 present, 7 apologies,

### Community actions –

**Caravan** – Shane

**Market BBQ** – Hans, Cath, Brian and John O.

**District Leadership meeting** – Helen.

**Shire Seminar** – Dianne Honey.

**From Sharon:** National Science application interview next week – Sharon, Ted and Helen to conduct the interview.

### IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REGULATIONS

notice is given of a Special General Meeting of the Rotary Club of Maffra to be held on Thursday 22nd June 2017 at Duart, McLean St, Maffra, 6pm for 6.30pm.

### Business of the Extraordinary General Meeting

- A)** Alter the current Committee structure from four Committees to the proposed Committee structure of three Committees,
  - B)** Election of Board of Directors for 2017-2018 including Secretary, Treasurer and Past President as Vice President
  - C)** Election of three ordinary Members to Board positions.
- Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.

### Sharon introduced BJ to give his talk.

BJ thanked his host families for being present, and started his report by saying it was 'life at the max' at the Nicholls farm. Coming from Germany, where there is very little open space, he found Munro very quiet and peaceful, lots of birds and native animals, able to walk 7km and not see another person, be driven on unsealed roads, always something to do e.g. collect firewood, feeding animals – chooks, pigs, sheep, introduced to sheep shearing.

When BJ was living with the Smith's he had trip 6 sisters, always something happening. Nathan took him 4-wheel driving and mountain bike riding, became a Richmond supporter, snorkelling at Cairns and other outdoor activities.

Enjoyed school, made a lot of friends, talked about interaction between teachers and students in Australia compared to home. Large range of subjects available here, at home there was 15 fixed subjects plus sports and homework. More focus on the student in Aust. Christmas with the Nicholls family was a new experience – no snow, large family gathering, backyard cricket and water fights. Played Volleyball with the Maffra Club including the National Competition in Melbourne, played D grade cricket for Sale College, there is no cricket in Germany. "Gave football ball a crack" but 'did his knee'. The Rock to Reef was an amazing experience: The Outback, 12 hours driving and not seeing any buildings, only sand and scrub, staying underground at Coober Pedy, the landscape and rock formations, especially at King's Canyon. Visited Uluru and Kata Tjuta (Ayers Rock and Olgas), had Aboriginal paintings explained. Tried throwing a boomerang, went bungy jumping and snorkelling, was in the background on Sunrise Morning TV Show. Also took part in the Ride to Conference in Tasmania.

Values he learnt: believe in yourself, always someone to help- family or friends, seek advice from others, surround yourself with people who you are able to learn from, able to laugh at/about yourself, 3 good mates better than lots of friends.

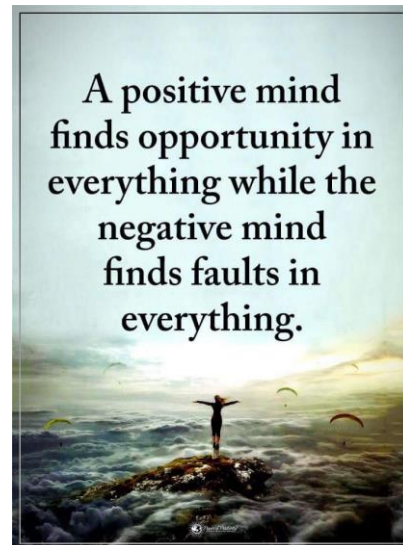
BJ thanked Maffra Rotary Club, special mention to Sharon, Ted and Roger for their support, to his host families for hosting him and allowing him to have 'the adventure of a lifetime'. He then presented his host mums with a bunch flowers each.

Please take note of your roster, **IT CAN AND DOES 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.

DATE	PROGRAMME	CHAIR
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Kim Coleman: Girl Guides	
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Extraordinary General meeting	Sue Gray
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Club Changeover	



CARAVAN	Deliver	Pick Up	Booked by
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Nathan Smith	Cath Noble	Maffra Uniting Church

MEETING DUTIES	GREETING	REGISTRATION	PROPERTY	MARKET BBQ with Hans van Wees	WOOLLIES' BBQ
June	Sharon Knight	John Watts, Brian Gray	Neil Wishart	4 <sup>th</sup> : Cath Noble, Brian Gray, John Osborn	Next BBQ Sept 9 <sup>th</sup> .
July	Logan Connolly	Cath Noble Hans van Wees	Sue Gray	2 <sup>nd</sup> : George Duursema, Veronica Dwyer	Next BBQ Sept 9 <sup>th</sup> .

**MILESTONES 15<sup>th</sup> June to 21<sup>st</sup> June 2017. None this week**

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

**CHANGEOVERS**

Date	Club	RSVP
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Macalister Valley-Newry Lions	18 <sup>th</sup> June Dianne Honey
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Sale Central Rotary Club	\$45 per head
9 <sup>th</sup> July	District 9820	23 <sup>rd</sup> June to <a href="mailto:helenlanigan@bigpond.com">helenlanigan@bigpond.com</a>
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Sale Rotary Club	To be advised
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Yarram Rotary Club	To be advised



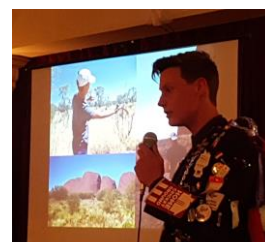
NOT REALLY HAPPY TO SEE HIM GO,  
JUST GLAD HE CAME



SHARON, B J & TED



HOST FAMILY GROUP



BJ's slide presentation





**Today, in Mount Hope Cemetery** near the southern edge of Chicago, there is a "work in progress" known as the Paul Harris Memorial. It is a memorial to Paul P. Harris, who founded the Rotary movement. A few feet away from the humble resting-place of Harris is his long-time friend Silvester Schiele, the first president of the first club of Rotary - ROTARY/One in Chicago, IL.

The Rotary Club of Blue Island, IL makes its annual pilgrimage to the gravesites to honour the significance of "this place" and to memorialize that they were in essence in the presence of the "seed" and "roots" of a worldwide organization today known as **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL**. It would be known as the "lighthouse" for many service organizations to follow.

It was during his participation in the pilgrimage of the 1985-86 Rotary year that Governor Dr. Cedric A. Pope, District 645 conceived the idea of creating a memorial for Harris and Schiele and realized the importance of securing the land between and around their two gravesites.

Under the leadership of Governor Dr. Cedric A. Pope, assisted by members of the Rotary Club of Blue Island, IL and other Rotary clubs, that land was secured as well as land needed to assure easy access to the memorial site. The 8-foot granite memorial monument, unveiled by the then current president of Rotary International Charles Keller, was dedicated on December 2, 1987.

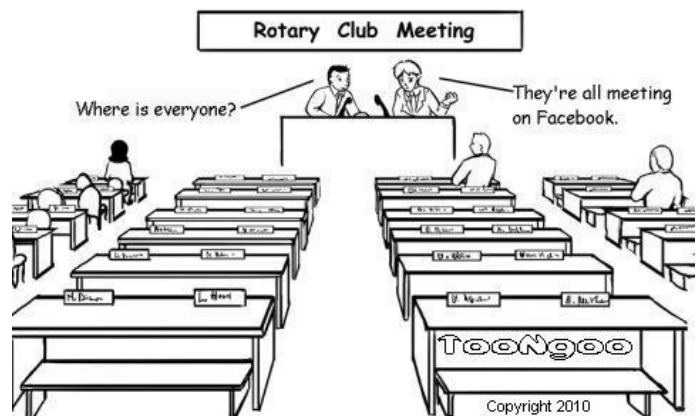
A brick walkway was completed, provisions were made for displaying the flags of all countries with a Rotary presence and the ten granite benches for sitting and reflecting were installed.

### THE EVOLUTION OF THE ROTARY WHEEL



With landscaping completed, the Paul Harris Memorial site is frequently used by Rotary International to conduct memorial services as well as other significant events recognizing the purpose and progress of Rotary. Visiting Rotarians to RI Headquarters in Evanston, IL often take time to visit and sign the guest register. Local Rotary Clubs hold club meetings throughout the summer months learning more of Rotary's history.

All monies used to create this Rotary memorial have come from Rotary Districts, Rotary Clubs and individuals.



**ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES 2016-2017**

**BOARD MEMBERS**

**President** Sue Gray  
**Immediate Past President** Ross Neilson  
**Secretary** Dianne Honey  
**Treasurer/President Elect** Graeme Hemming  
**Club/Vocational Service Director**  
**Community Service Director**  
**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**  
**Club Website** Logan Connolly

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

**Don't ever feel bad for making a decision about your own life that upsets other people. You are not responsible for their happiness. You're responsible for your own happiness. Anyone who wants you to live in misery for their happiness should not be in your life to begin with.**

**COMMITTEES**

<b>Community Service</b>	<b>International Service/Foundation</b>
Cath Noble, Hans Van Wees, Veronica Dwyer, John Watts, Brian Gray, Nathan Smith	<b>Shane Smallwood (Director)</b> Rob Noble, John Osbom, Neil Wishart
<b>Youth Service</b>	<b>Club Service/Vocational Service</b>
<b>Sharon Knight (Director)</b> Logan Connolly, Sjors Duursema (Protection Off.), Ted Mitchell, Sandra Houghton, Roger Malouf.	Sue Gray (Pres), Dianne Honey (Sec), Graeme Hemming (Treas), Helen Lanigan.

**SIGNS OF THE TIMES**

**Outside a restroom**

"Toilet out of order. Please use floor below."

**In a laundromat:**

Automatic washing machines: please remove all your clothes when the light goes out.

**In a London department store:**

Bargain basement upstairs...

**In an office:**

Would the person who took the step ladder yesterday please bring it back or further steps will be taken.

**In an office:**

After tea break, staff should empty the teapot and stand upside down on the draining board.

**Outside a second-hand shop:**

We exchange anything - bicycles, washing machines, etc. Why not bring your wife along and get a wonderful bargain?

**Notice in health food shop window:**

Closed due to illness...

**Spotted in a safari park:**

Elephants, please stay in your car.

**Seen during a conference:**

For anyone who has children and doesn't know it, there is a day care on the 1st floor.

**Notice in a farmer's field:**

The farmer allows walkers to cross the field for free, but the bull charges.

**Message on a leaflet:**

If you cannot read, this leaflet will tell you how to get lessons.

**On a repair shop door:**

We can repair anything. (please knock hard on the door - the bell doesn't work.)

**Something went wrong in jet crash, expert says**

Really? Ya' think?