

Rotary



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## Rotary Club of Maffra

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

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

***“To The Privilege of Community Service”***

### Editorial:

**First up, and most importantly,** we have a much admired and valued member on the sick list. Ross Neilson, having coped last year with the desperate plight of his clients, has been admitted to Epworth with cardiac issues. Not all going to plan, unfortunately, so our heartfelt wishes for a speedy recovery are with him.

**Staying on health,** a day that slipped by almost unnoticed on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> was World Suicide Prevention Day.** The factors that lead to the decision to take your own life are not well understood. The best remedy is for each of us to be aware of those around us, and close to us, and be prepared to ask the question **“Are You OK?”**

**Suicide rates** are at a 10 year high, the rate among men aged 55 to 64 increased by 58%, women in the same age group rose 50%, the rate among women aged 15 to 24 jumped 50%. It is the leading cause of death in Australians aged 14 to 44.

Because it is not a **“physical”** ailment like a broken arm, we tend to ignore what is an insidious disease, especially among farmers who are greatly disadvantaged in the current economic climate.

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### MEETING SNAPSHOT 08.09.2016

15 members present for a quieter than usual meeting. And short too!! But lots of fun and fellowship.

2 members on caravan duty.

1 member on District duty.

Once again an absent member won the swindle – Roger Malouf.

The main topic of conversation on your scribe’s table was the best way to hypnotise chooks, and whether it should be done at a future meeting. Yabbies were also featured heavily in the discussion, with Pauline making reference to Google and YouTube to confirm the facts. Along with Sandra telling blonde jokes it was a great night.

Our guest speaker, Mary Ward, was unable to attend so we were treated to a riveting expose of Brian Gray’s life and times.

Briefly Brian is the eldest of 6 boys, born in Koo Wee Rup and schooled in Poowong and at St Pat’s College Sale.

He rode horses better than he played football so his focus was on riding and other equestrian interests.

He worked on his parent’s dairy farm and at hay carting. Transported cattle from Tinamba to Newport 5 days a week for a time, and got a job as a casual at Sale racecourse and worked his way up from there. What you might call stable employment.

Brian and Sue were married in 1985, and they purchased the 57 acres at Tinamba with a 2-bedroom house. They have one son, Adrian, and three daughters, Lauren, Rochelle and Selena. All the girls have been on Youth Exchange through Rotary.

Despite the late change a very good night was had by all.



## ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES 2016-2017

### BOARD MEMBERS

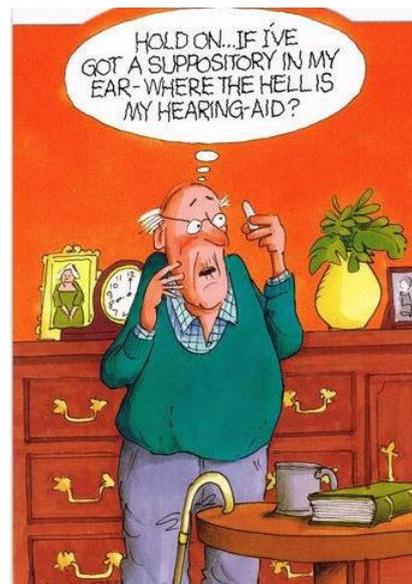
<b>President</b>	Sue Gray
<b>Immediate Past President</b>	Ross Neilson
<b>Secretary</b>	Dianne Honey
<b>Treasurer</b>	Graeme Hemming
<b>Club/Vocational Service Director</b>	
<b>Community Service Director</b>	Pauline Hitchins
<b>Foundation/International Director</b>	Shane Smallwood
<b>Youth Service Director</b>	Sharon Knight

### OTHER ROLES

<b>Sergeant at Arms/Fines</b>	Rob Noble /Ted Mitchell
<b>Program Co-ordinator</b>	Brian Gray / Veronica Dwyer
<b>Club Bulletin and Publicity</b>	Shane Smallwood
<b>BBQ Co-ordinators</b>	Hans Van Wees / John Watts
<b>Attendance</b>	Neil Wishart
<b>Arthur's Swindle</b>	Cath Noble / Sandra Houghton
<b>Family of Rotary</b>	Dianne Honey
<b>Club Protection Officer</b>	Sjors Duursema
<b>On to Conference</b>	Ross Neilson
<b>Club Website</b>	Logan Connolly

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

**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.*



### COMMITTEES

<b>Community Service</b>	<b>International Service/Foundation</b>
<b>Pauline Hitchins (Director)</b> Cath Noble, Rick Dare, Hans Van Wees, Veronica Dwyer, John Watts, Brian Gray, Peter Quennell, Nathan Smith	<b>Shane Smallwood (Director)</b> Rob Noble, Ross Neilson, Iain Stewart, John Osbom, Neil Wishart
<b>Youth Service</b>	<b>Club Service/Vocational Service</b>
<b>Sharon Knight director)</b> 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.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Location	Time
October 26 <sup>th</sup> 2016	Maffra Show	Recreation reserve	All day
March 3 <sup>rd</sup> to 5 <sup>th</sup> 2017	Multi District PETS	Ballarat	All day
March 24 <sup>th</sup> to 26 <sup>th</sup> 2017	District Conference	Wrest Point Casino Hobart TAS	All day

Donald Trump goes on a fact-finding visit to Israel.  
While he is on a tour of Jerusalem he suffers a heart attack and dies.

The undertaker tells the American Diplomats accompanying him,  
'You can have him shipped home for \$50,000, or you can bury him here, in the Holy Land for just \$100.'

The American Diplomats go into a corner and discuss for a few minutes.

They come back to the undertaker and tell him they want Donald shipped home.

The undertaker is puzzled and asks, 'Why would you spend \$50,000 to ship him home, when it would be wonderful to be buried here and you would spend only \$100?'

The American Diplomats replied, 'Long ago a man died here, was buried here, and three days later he rose from the dead. We just can't take the risk.'

## **MORE NEWS FROM A BROAD**

### **A European Vacation with the Connolly's**

This is your foreign correspondent in Europe bringing you news from Austria. Sorry it has taken so long but we have been very busy, travelled far and walked the soles off our shoes.

We arrived in Amsterdam (it seems months ago) to cold and drizzle for 24 hours then had a week in the mid to high 30's. In Amsterdam they told us that week was their summer.



We collected our new Citroen C4 Cactus in Amsterdam on August 24, set the GPS for Andernach on the Rhine and headed off avoiding all motorways (and tolls) so that we drove most of the way alongside the Rhine. We stayed for two nights in Andernach which is a small medieval village with parts of the old wall still in place. We sat in a river bank bier garden watching ore carrying long ... very long ... boats cruising back and forth along the Rhine, a site which became quite common as our journey continued. This photo is of the original entrance to the town.

From Andernach we went for a day trip into Cologne which was flattened during the war, this is all that remains of one of the original cathedrals. Our next stop was Rudersheim, also built on the banks of the Rhine and also an old medieval town right in the middle of the Rhine winemaking area and specifically noted for its Rieslings which come in sweet, medium or dry. A beautiful town with many squares, cafes and restaurants like this.



From Rudersheim we left the Rhine and headed east and stopped at Rothenberg, a fabulous medieval town still completely surrounded by the original stone wall. Along the way we stopped at Miltenberg which is also one of the ports of call on the Amsterdam to Budapest river cruise. It was quite beautiful with cobble stone streets and charming old buildings lining all the winding streets of the town. Here you will see river cruise boats in the distance.

After a couple of days in Rothenberg we headed off towards Regensburg, another port of call for the river boat cruises. Again so much to see, cathedrals to visit, town squares and cobble stone streets lined with cafes and restaurants. However, in Regensburg where the window of our hotel which I had booked online opened to a magnificent view of the town cathedral, we were woken by cleaning works on the cathedral which started very early in the morning and we decided one night in Regensburg was enough. This was the view taken from our window.



We left Regensburg later that day and you will have to wait for the next instalment. We are now in Hall in Tirol in the Austrian alps surrounded by magnificent mountains. More later.

I hope this has it been too boring, that you can find something useful in it for your next release and that it finds you all fit and well. Next instalment in time for next week's bullie - with a hit of luck.

*Logan & Tanina*

## HOUSEKEEPING PAGE

Please take note of your roster.

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
15 <sup>th</sup> September	Tim Clark - Pharmacist	Roger Malouf
22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Committee & Board meetings	Directors
29 <sup>th</sup> September	District Insurance – Frank Spiteri	President Sue Gray

### CARAVAN ROSTER

Date	Deliver	Pick Up	Booked by
16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Iain Stewart	Nathan Smith	Maffra Secondary College Parents Club
23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	Brian Gray	Rick Dare	Maffra Football Netball Club
30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Peter Quennell	Shane Smallwood	Not Required
7 <sup>th</sup> October	Peter Quennell	Shane Smallwood	Maffra Uniting Church Quilting

### CLUB DUTIES

DATE	GREETING	REGISTRATION	PROPERTY	MARKET BBQ	WOOLIES BBQ
Sept	Sandra Houghton	Veronica Dwyer, Iain Stewart	George Duursema		
Oct	Graeme Hemming	Helen Lanigan Sharon Knight	Roger Malouf	2 <sup>nd</sup> : Hans Van Wees Cath Noble, John Osborn, Peter Quennell	8 <sup>th</sup> : Iain Stewart, Helen Lanigan, Dianne Honey

### MILESTONES 15<sup>th</sup> Sept to 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept.

NAME	MEMBER'S B/DAY	PARTNER'S B/DAY	WEDDING ANN.	JOINED ROTARY
None this week				

#### Seniors Computer Skills Tech support: How may I help you?

Customer: I can't get on the Internet.  
Tech support: Are you sure you used the right password?  
Customer: Yes, I'm sure. I saw my colleague do it.  
Tech support: Can you tell me what the password was?  
Customer: Five dots.