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*On the eighth day  
God created whiskey  
to keep the Irish from  
taking over the World.*

## Rotary Club of Maffra

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The Rotary Club of Maffra meets every Thursday, 6 pm for 6.30 pm  
Duart Receptions, 20 McLean Street, Maffra

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

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



### MEETING SNAPSHOT

**17 members** present, plus Rotaractor Michelle Worsley, and BJ.

**Graeme and Dianne and Helen** were at Tri district PETS at Ballarat. 2 members were on the Woollies BBQ, Sunday BBQ was rained out.

**BJ gave a report** on his cricket matches and his fishing expedition. He is playing with Stratford and is a menacing fast bowler in the style of Harold Larwood. Patrolling the boundary, he was texting on his phone when a cricket ball dropped into his hand. It smashed his phone, so he will be more aware in future.

His fishing expedition at Orbost resulted in him and his partner landing 38 fish between them. He took the prize for the biggest Luderick at 41cm.

### GIPPSLAND IRRIGATION EXPO

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March.**

**Volunteers for BBQ duty are:**

**8.30/9 am - 10.30 am:** Helen, Pauline, Graeme, Dianne, Nathan

**10.30am-12.30pm:** Helen, Ted, Nathan, Graeme, Brian, Pauline, Dianne

**12.30 - 2.30 pm:** Shane, Rob, Nathan, Brian, Graeme, Pauline, Dianne

**2.30 - 4pm:** Shane, Nathan, Graeme, Pauline, Cath

### MARDI GRAS ROSTER

is being circulated. Please offer your services for set up, stall holder direction, parade marshalling etc. on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>, and help clean up on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>.



*President Sue Gray, Jan Sigley,  
PP Dianne Honey*

Jan's involvement in Recycled Sound came about through a chance remark she made to a guest speaker from Blamey Saunders about how good it would be if all old hearing aids could be recycled. It has grown from there with 1700 hearing aids worth \$4 million placed into the community for those in need.

**Recycled Sound** is a Community Service Project initiated by the Rotary Club of Toorak to collect, clean, reprogramme and recycle hearing aids for people in our community with a special need and unable to meet the expense of hearing aids in the private market.

**The Rotary Club of Toorak** has partnered with audiologists *Blamey Saunders hears* and *Better Hearing Australia* to undertake specialist cleaning and reprogramming to enable the hearing aids to be recycled.

**The cost of a pair of hearing aids** through the private market ranges from \$5000 to \$10,000. Many are unable to meet this expense.

**Available Federal Government programs** allow limited options for accessing a hearing aid. This means many people simply struggle to live with their hearing loss. The issue mainly affects people in their 30's, 40's and 50's, who represent our community's most marginalised and disadvantaged. Between the ages of 24 to 65 there is no subsidy for hearing aids.

**Restricted access to hearing aids** can also force many people to leave the workforce early. We know hearing aids play a critical role in overcoming hearing loss and can greatly influence quality-of-life and the ability to gain and keep employment.

An unaddressed hearing loss inevitably leads to isolation and in many cases a reliance on social services for support, which then impacts the broader community and the economy.

**The Victorian Hearing Aid Bank** contributes at least \$650,000 to the Victorian economy each year through recycled heading aids, the contribution to the economy through improved economic participation remains unmeasured.

With the help of Recycled Sound BHA will now be able to help more people in need. This is an exciting opportunity to empower more Victorians to take control of their hearing loss.

### Recycled Sound.

[www.recycledsound.org.au](http://www.recycledsound.org.au)

**Jan Sigley, a member of the Rotary Club of Toorak,** was introduced by Dianne Honey. Jan first paid tribute to Dianne and the club for their heavy involvement in supporting the programme which recycles hearing aids.

## 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

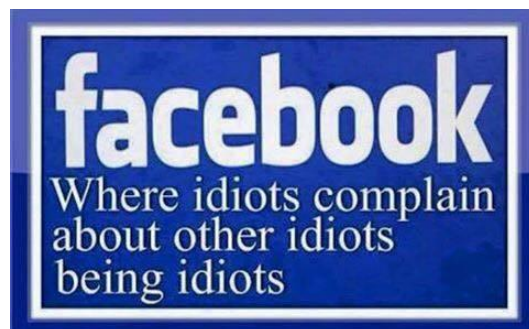
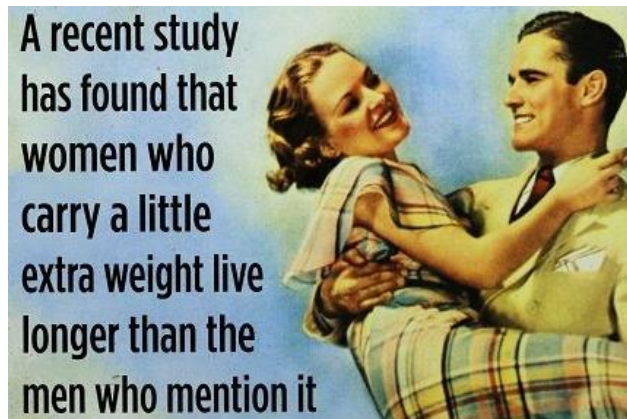
### OTHER ROLES

<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

### COMMITTEES

Community Service	International Service/Foundation
<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, John Osbom, Neil Wishart
Youth Service	Club Service/Vocational Service
<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.



### UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

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

**Rotary Club of Maffra Mardi Gras, 18 March 2017: The theme for 2017 is "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 much-needed funds.



**April 30<sup>th</sup> Rotary Club of Maffra will attempt a world record 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 regulations.

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 Dianne Honey for details. Go to: <http://www.guinnessworldrecords.com> to find out more about Guinness World Records.



## 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.

DATE	PROGRAMME	CHAIR
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Committee & Board Meetings	Sue Gray
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Fellowship and trivia night	
6 <sup>th</sup> April	Mardi Gras wrap up.	Pauline Hitchins

Two blondes were driving to Disneyland. The sign said: Disneyland left.. So they started crying and headed home.

www.facebook.com/DiedLaughing



CARAVAN ROSTER Date	Deliver	Pick Up	Booked by
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Peter Quennell	Shane Smallwood	Mardi Gras.
25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> March	24 <sup>th</sup> Cath Noble	27 <sup>th</sup> Brian Gray (TBC)	Relay for Life
7 <sup>th</sup> April	Rick Dare	Nathan Smith	Maffra Catholic Women's League

MEETING DUTIES DATE	GREETING	REGISTRATION	PROPERTY	MARKET BBQ with Hans	WOOLLIES' BBQ
March	Pauline Hitchins	John Osborn, Neil Wishart	Ross Neilson	5 <sup>th</sup> : Rick Dare, Graeme Hemming, Ted Mitchell	4 <sup>th</sup> : Brian Gray, Jean Heasley, Robert Noble
April	Rick Dare	Ted Mitchell Cath Noble	Peter Quennell	2 <sup>nd</sup> : Pauline Hitchins, Sharon Knight, Sue Gray	11 <sup>th</sup> : George Duursema, Dianne Honey, John Watts

### MILESTONES 16<sup>th</sup> March to 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017.

MEMBER	MEMBER'S B/DAY	PARTNER'S B/DAY	WEDDING ANN.	JOINED ROTARY
Roger Malouf			17 <sup>th</sup> March 	



RI President-Elect  
Ian H.S. Riseley

**RI President Elect Ian H.S. Riseley** gets up from his desk, and he is tall. He has white hair, a firm handshake, and no tie. Early on, you sense that he likes the sort of energetic exchange that can swerve from serious to light-hearted, which makes him very good company. He exudes competence – which makes him seem like the right person to advise you on vexing tax issues. That's good, because it's what he has done for the last 40 years.

Riseley is a practicing accountant near Melbourne, Australia, and principal of Ian Riseley & Co., where he advises local and international businesses. He received Australia's AusAID Peacebuilder Award in 2002 in recognition of his work in the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste. He also received the Order of Australia medal in 2006 for his service to the community.

A member of the Rotary Club of Sandringham since 1978, he has served RI as treasurer, director, trustee, RI Board Executive Committee member, task force member, committee member and chair, and district governor. He received The Rotary Foundation's Regional Service Award for a Polio-free World and its Distinguished Service Award.

His wife, Juliet, is also a Rotarian (but not in the same club) and is a past district governor. The Riseleys are multiple Paul Harris Fellows, Major Donors, and Bequest Society members.



## Blood donors needed in Sale - can you help?

Sale needs around 130 additional blood donors this month to help patients experiencing cancer, blood disorders, trauma & surgery. A donation takes less than 1 hour and can save up to 3 lives.

**Please donate at the mobile at the Greyhound Racing Track**

Date:		Appointments available:
Monday	6 March	Between 3.00pm – 6.30pm
Tuesday	7 March	Between 12.00pm – 5.00pm
Wednesday	8 March	Between 1.00pm – 7.00pm
Thursday	9 March	Between 9.30am – 3.00pm
Friday	10 March	Between 8.30am – 1.00pm
Monday	13 March	Between 3.00pm – 4.00pm
Tuesday	14 March	Between 11.30am – 4.30pm
Wednesday	15 March	Between 11.30am – 4.00pm
Thursday	16 March	Between 9.00am – 3.00pm
Friday	17 March	Between 8.30am – 2.00pm

To make a booking please call **13 14 95**

**Red25:** To make your donation count towards your organisation's tally, visit <http://www.donateblood.com.au/red25/join-red25-group>

