

Rotary



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## Rotary Club of Maffra

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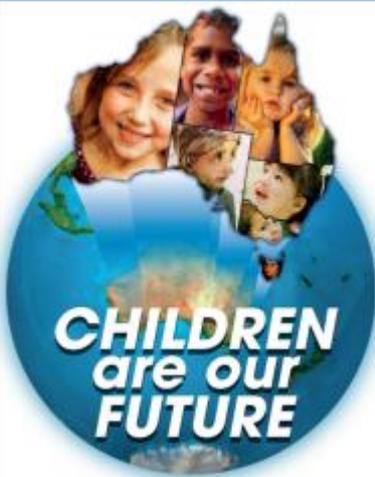
The Rotary Club of Maffra meets on Thursday, 6 pm for 6.30 pm

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"**

### D9820 District Conference 2017



Come Join us in Hobart 2017

for the 59th District Conference

MARCH 24<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup>

**SPEAKERS**

**GETTING THERE**

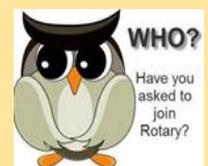
**REGISTER NOW!**

Registration forms are now available, and all information regarding guest speakers, tours, registration etc. is available on the above link. Accommodation is at the Wrest Point Casino, but bookings are up to the individual.

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#### MEETING SNAPSHOT 10.11.2016

Ted Mitchell opened the meeting with the toast. President Sue welcomed the members and guest John Burley, who is to speak re the American Truck Historical Society.



**Apologies:** Brian Gray, Shane Smallwood, Sharon Knight, Peter Quennell, Pauline Hitchins, Veronica Dwyer, Hans Van Wees, and Sandra Houghton.

**Reports:** \*Secretary Dianne reported the Guinness World Book of Records, Wellington Gumboot Throwing attempt will be held in Maffra on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

\***26<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> November**, catering for the Truck Show, board to go around requesting helpers. People asked to do 3 hour shifts.

\***Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November**, a meeting at Bunning's, for groups that wish to use their facilities, i.e. BBQ, Iain Stewart has volunteered to attend.

**Attendance** as reported by Neil: 17 present, 8 apologies, Community tasks performed: BBQ – I Stewart, H Van Wees, G Duursema and J Osborn. T Mitchel. I Stewart & H Lanigan attended the Sale Conference meeting, B Gray delivered the caravan, ? some-one returned it!!! H Lanigan attended the District Annual General Meeting and a Foundation Seminar.

**Fines**, by Ted Mitchell & Rob Noble: highlight – John O who attended the Jack Kelly sale, purchased a large pot with lid. He gallantly assisted a local widow with chairs she purchased, backed his ute to assist another lady with a large item, in the process backed over a table that another widow? had purchased and then dropped and broke the lid of his newly purchased pot.

**Rob Noble welcomed our Guest speaker, John Burley** to address the meeting. John spoke of the upcoming American Truck Historical Society Show, to be held at the Maffra Recreation Reserve. The Australian Chapter was formed 15 years ago and has 4/500 members in Victoria. They hope to have exhibitors from NSW and Tassie as well as Victorians attend. Shows are also held at Lancefield, Kyabram and Echuca. . It is the 3<sup>rd</sup> time the show has been in Maffra. John's truck is a Morris Commercial. The Club hope to have trucks from the 1920's up to late latest model, including a band new Cat, also hope for new Kenworth and Mac trucks this year, exhibitors are not necessarily American. The most unusual brand they hope will attend is a 1930 Diamond T, with timber frame and a rare Commer Knocker and Ross assures me that it is a 1950/60 prime mover that 'makes a lot of noise'. The definition of a truck is "a goods carrying vehicle". John was asked some questions re trucks and the upcoming show, was thanked by Rob and the Club.

**And finally, many thanks to Pauline and Cath for taking the notes from the last4 meetings while I have been away.**

## **AN UPDATE ON THE PROGRESS OF THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROPOSAL PUT FORWARD BY IPP ROSS NEILSON : *From: Carol Pandak***

*Sent: Tuesday, November 8, 2016 1:38 AM*

*To: ross.neilson8@bigpond.com*

*Subject: RE: Rotary International Memorial Scholarship*

*Hi Ross, the scholarship materials are now in the hands of our National PolioPlus Committee Chairs in Pakistan and Nigeria. I think the right time for an announcement will be when they identify the first class of students which is still several months away. I hope this is helpful. Best regards, Carol*

### **ROTARY AND POLIO**

#### **Polio**

Polio (poliomyelitis) is a paralyzing and potentially fatal disease that still threatens children in some parts of the world. The poliovirus invades the nervous system and can cause total paralysis in a matter of hours. It can strike at any age but mainly affects children under five. Polio is incurable, but completely vaccine-preventable.

#### **PolioPlus**

In 1985, Rotary launched its PolioPlus program, the first initiative to tackle global polio eradication through the mass vaccination of children. Rotary has contributed more than \$1.6 billion and countless volunteer hours to immunize more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries. In addition, Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by donor governments to contribute more than \$7.2 billion to the effort.

#### **Global Polio Eradication Initiative**

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative, formed in 1988, is a public-private partnership that includes Rotary, the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and governments of the world. Rotary's focus is advocacy, fundraising, volunteer recruitment and awareness-building.

#### **Polio Today**

Today, there are only three countries that have never stopped transmission of the wild poliovirus: Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan. Less than 75 polio cases were confirmed worldwide in 2015, which is a reduction of more than 99.9 percent since the 1980s, when the world saw about 1,000 cases per day. The polio cases represented by the remaining one percent are the most difficult to prevent, due to factors including geographical isolation, poor public infrastructure, armed conflict and cultural barriers. Until polio is eradicated, all countries remain at risk of outbreaks.

#### **Ensuring Success**

Every dollar Rotary commits to polio eradication will be matched two-to-one by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation up to \$35 million a year through 2018. These funds help to provide much-needed operational support, medical personnel, laboratory equipment, and educational materials for health workers and parents. Governments, corporations and private individuals all play a crucial role in funding.

#### **Rotary in Action**

More than one million Rotary members have donated their time and personal resources to end polio. Every year, hundreds of Rotary members work side-by-side with health workers to vaccinate children in polio-affected countries. Rotary Members work with UNICEF and other partners to prepare and distribute mass communication tools to reach people in areas isolated by conflict, geography, or poverty. Rotary members also recruit fellow volunteers, assist with transporting the vaccine, and provide other logistical support.

#### **El Tour de Tucson**

On 19 November, Rotary General Secretary John Hewko and a [team of Rotary staff](#) will join Rotary members to bike up to 104 miles in El Tour de Tucson, an annual bicycle race in Arizona, USA, to raise funds for PolioPlus. The team's goal is \$3.5 million, which will be tripled by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, for a total of more than \$10 million.

Last year, Rotary members in Tucson along with Rotary staff raised over \$13 million, and DDF contributions from districts were a big part of that success. Riseley will visit the district that donates the most. In addition, the five districts that contribute the most DDF to PolioPlus from 1 July to 30 April will be recognized onstage at the 2017 Rotary Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. El Tour de Tucson is one of the top cycling events in the U.S., attracting more than 9,000 cyclists every year. The Rotary team from Evanston, Illinois, will be joined by Rotary members from Arizona and around the world.

#### **'This Close' Campaign**

Rotary has a growing roster of public figures and celebrities participating in its "This Close" public awareness campaign, including Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; actresses Kristen Bell and Archie Panjabi; WWE superstar John Cena; supermodel Isabeli Fontana; Nobel Peace Prize laureate Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu; action movie star Jackie Chan; boxing great Manny Pacquiao; pop star Psy; golf legend Jack Nicklaus; conservationist Jane Goodall; premier violinist Itzhak Perlman; Grammy Award winners A.R. Rahman; Angélique Kidjo and Ziggy Marley; and peace advocate Queen Noor of Jordan. These ambassadors help educate the public about polio through public service announcements, social media and public appearances.

## 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, Iain Stewart, 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.



***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.***

### OLD FART PRIDE

It's not a bad thing to be called an Old Fart

Old Farts are easy to spot at sporting events; during the National Anthem, old Farts remove their hats and stand at attention and sing without embarrassment.

They know the words and believe in them.

Old Farts remember World War II, Normandy, Spitfires and Hitler. They remember the Atomic Bomb. Vietnam, the Korean war, the cold war, the Moon Landing and all the Peacekeeping Missions from 1945 to 2005.

If you bump into an old fart on the footpath he will apologise. If you pass an Old Fart on the street, he will nod or tip his cap to a lady.

Old Farts trust strangers and are polite, particularly to women.

Old Farts hold the door for the next person and always, when walking, make certain the lady is on the inside for protection.

Old Farts get embarrassed if someone swears in front of women and children and they don't like filthy language on TV.

Old Farts have moral courage and personal integrity. They seldom brag except about their children and grandchildren. It's the Old Farts who know our great country is protected, not by politicians, but by young men and women in the Air Force, Army and Navy.

This country needs Old Farts with their work ethic, sense of responsibility, pride in their country and decent values.

We need them now more than ever.

Thank goodness for Old Farts.

**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
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Committee and Board meetings	Sue Gray
24 <sup>th</sup> November	AGM and Club Forum	Ross Neilson
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Hannah Nichols- outbound YEP student	Sharon Knight
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Anne Andrews – History of the Maffra Herd Improvement Society	Rob Noble
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Committee and Board meetings	Sue Gray
22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Christmas Dinner	Santa Claus

**CARAVAN ROSTER**

Date	Deliver	Pick Up	Booked by
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Brian Gray	Peter Quennell	George Gray Auxiliary
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Hans Van Wees	Shane Smallwood	St Marys

**CLUB DUTIES**

DATE	GREETING	REGISTRATION	PROPERTY	MARKET BBQ	WOOLIES BBQ
Nov	Cath Noble	Logan Connolly, Veronica Dwyer	Ted Mitchell	6 <sup>th</sup> : Hans Van Wees, Pauline Hitchins, Helen Lanigan, Roger Malouf	12 <sup>th</sup> : Ross Neilson, Peter Quennell, Graeme Hemming
Dec	John Osborn	Pauline Hitchins, Rick Dare	Robert Noble	4 <sup>th</sup> : George Duursema, Veronica Dwyer, Dianne Honey	10 <sup>th</sup> : Ted Mitchell, Robert Noble, Shane Smallwood

**MILESTONES 18<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> November None this week**

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

Husband (a doctor) and his wife are having a fight at the breakfast table.  
Husband gets up in a rage and says, "And you are no good in bed either," and storms out of the house.  
After some time he realizes he was nasty and decides to make amends and rings her up.  
She comes to the phone after many rings, and the irritated husband says,  
"What took you so long to answer to the phone?"  
She says, "I was in bed."  
"In bed this early, doing what?"  
"Getting a second opinion!"