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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
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"

GUEST SPEAKER PROFESSOR KAREN DWYER

A fascinating and wide ranging talk that kept everyone enthralled.

Karen was born and raised on a Newry dairy farm. She was a Girl Guide, winning a Baden Powell Award. She also took part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. She is married to Rob and they have 4 children.



President Sue Gray and Professor Karen Dwyer

Karen began her medical career in 1989, doing her internship at Melbourne University and then Geelong and Warrnambool Hospitals. She did her physician training at St Vincent's in Renal Medicine and Nephrology from 1999 to 2001. A PhD in 2002 was followed by a move to Boston to attend Harvard Medical School from 2004 to 2006. She also ran the 2005 Boston Marathon.

In 2006, she returned to St Vincent's and in 2011 became the Co-Director specialising in Research of Kidney Disease and transplantation. Currently Karen is Deputy Head of the School of Medicine at Deacon University and a Professor of Medicine.

Currently Karen is a clinician researcher. Her work consists of 10% Clinical work, 30% research and 60% leadership and education.

In March 2011, she led the team that performed the first hand- transplant in Australia.



*Separated at birth??
Rob Dorris & Graeme Hemming*



MEETING SNAPSHOT

17 members present on a memorable evening. Certainly, one of the best we have had this year.

Guest Speaker: Professor Karen Dwyer

Guests & visitors:

(Karen's family) husband Rob Dorris, children Jack, Alec, Cam & Tess.
John Dwyer (Veronica & Steve's son)
Tanika Smith (Nathan & Tash's daughter & returned Y E student).
Sara & Linda from Finland
Lynne Neilson
Helen Noble
Denise Smallwood
Jan Wishart
Steve Dwyer

BowelScan kits have arrived and Ted is looking for volunteers to deliver pamphlets to promote this project. Kits no longer need to be returned to pharmacies but can be mailed directly to the pathology centre.

2nd May, a Tuesday. Southern Rural Water has asked that the club cater for 150 people to be served a sausage on a roll at an event they are holding. Service is required between 12 noon and 12.30pm.

We have been **offered \$4 per head** for this project. Volunteers are required on the day to cook and serve, then clean up. See Dianne Honey if you are available.

No sergeant's session or swindle tonight due to the time required for Karen to deliver her talk. Double up next week.



Since 1988, we've seen a worldwide reduction in polio cases of 99.9%. Last year we only saw wild polio cases in three countries.

[Read the Full Report](#)

**Afghanistan
03 Reported Cases**

2014: 28
2015: 20
2016: 13

**Pakistan
02 Reported Cases**

2014: 306
2015: 54
2016: 20

**Nigeria
00 Reported Cases**

2014: 06
2015: 00
2016: 04

The Facts

- 01** Polio mainly affects children under age 5.
- 02** There is no cure, but polio is preventable with a vaccine.
- 03** Only three countries remain endemic.
- 04** We've reduced cases by 99.9% since 1988.
- 05** Until we end polio forever, every child is at risk.



A global public-private partnership has reduced the poliovirus caseload by 99.9% over the last 30 years, but there's still plenty of work to do.

Story Written By: John Hewko, General Secretary, Rotary. Jan. 13, 2017

\$60 billion: the cost of infectious disease epidemics per year

The spread of infectious diseases is consistently among [the world's top 10 risks in terms of impact](#). The eradication of polio will mean no child will ever be paralysed by this debilitating disease again. However, we must use the knowledge and infrastructure built up over many years by the GPEI to take on other global health threats.

Dramatic progress on improving children's health beyond polio is already underway – resulting in a decreasing number of children dying from other preventable diseases in countries with strong polio infrastructure. Polio drops are now often delivered alongside essential services including nutrition support, primary health care and other vaccines.

By identifying the overlap between what the polio programme has to offer and country-level priorities for strengthening health systems, we can make a lasting difference to global health overall, and significantly reduce the gap in the [impact of infectious diseases](#) between middle income and poorer countries.

20 million: the number of volunteers participating

Since the GPEI was launched in 1988, Rotary and other volunteers have raised funds, built awareness, and advocated for their national governments to support polio eradication.

volunteer can administer the two drops of oral polio vaccine to a child, and participate in National Immunization Days, which attempt to vaccinate every child under five years of age in endemic or at-risk countries. Millions of health workers are also helping us reach children who have never before been vaccinated.

\$1.5 billion: the amount needed to eradicate polio

This may sound expensive, but, in the words of Dr. Jonas Salk, who invented the first effective polio vaccine, "which is more important, the human value of the dollar, or the dollar value of the human?"

Funding has already contributed to many important successes of our programme. In 2016, Rotary funded the work of 52,676 vaccinators and 2528 supervisors in Iraq to keep up strong immunization coverage. Investments made to polio eradication are also contributing to future health goals by documenting the knowledge, lessons learned and assets of the programme.

Funds also make possible the programme's extensive surveillance and laboratory network to tell us where polio does (and does not) exist – a painstaking task given only one in 200 cases of polio results in paralysis. This network is already instrumental for taking on public health challenges beyond polio, such as [Ebola](#).

While we undoubtedly still have work to do and funds to raise, we are confident in the good work of our volunteers and members to get us to our goal of eradication. Read and be inspired by their stories and successes [here](#) – a world free from polio is certainly within our reach.

4: the factor by which health savings exceed the cost of polio eradication

Immunization as a public health investment is incredibly good value. Every dollar spent on vaccinations in the US saves \$3 in direct healthcare costs and \$10 societally. A polio-free world will reap financial savings and reduce healthcare costs by up to \$50 billion through 2035. In fact, we've already saved \$27 billion since the GPEI was launched, and low-income countries account for 85% of the savings, not to mention the immeasurable alleviation of human suffering.

Conversely, if we allow polio to spread again, it would cost upwards of [\\$35 billion](#) more in treatment expenses and economic losses, so it's a no-brainer that we have to commit all our resources to finish the job once and for all.

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, John Osbom, 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.

YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED!

Our adopted Rotaractor, **Michelle Worsley**, is participating in **The World's Greatest Shave**.

She will be donating her locks at **10.00am on 22nd April at Mirada Hair in Johnson Street.**

Donate at:

<http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/michelleworsley>

She has been attending our club regularly and volunteering for our BBQs and other events so, I think it only fair that as many of us support her on the day. Let's be there to cheer her on.



April 30th 2017
Rotary Club of Maffra
will host an attempt at a world record
for the most throwers of gumboots
@ 12 noon.



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

The Rotary Club of Maffra is aiming to beat this record with the help and participation of keen and interested community participants.

Guinness World Records have given their approval for this attempt.

While this will be a lot of fun, it is also for a world record attempt, there are rules and there will be stringent documentation and recording of the event to satisfy the requirements for recognition of a world record.

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.

There will be market stalls, food and entertainment for both young and old. Trade and allied services stalls will also be on display.

For the children, there will be plenty for them to do such as carnival rides, face painting and a jumping castle. They could even place an entry into the best decorated gumboot section or participate in the egg and spoon race wearing gumboots, or the three-legged race also wearing gumboots!

All the family is invited to join in the fun and throw a Wellington gum boot. Be part of history on this day by attending, and assisting in the organising.

See Dianne Honey for details.

Go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/259735> to book

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
20 th April	Committees and Board	Sue Gray
4 th May	Jack Hargreaves 2016 R C Maffra Awardee	
18 th May	Committees & Board	Sue Gray
25 th May	R C Maffra 70 th Birthday	Sue Gray

I'm not so sure about an inner child, but I have an inner idiot that surfaces every now and then.



CARAVAN ROSTER Date	Deliver	Pick Up	Booked by
28 th April	Rick Dare	Cath Noble	Maffra Secondary – Alpine School
5 th May	Shane Smallwood	Hans Van Wees	St John's Anglican Church
12 th May	Cath Noble	Nathan Smith	Maffra Lioness
19 th May	Brian Gray	Peter Quennell	Boisdale Playgroup
26 th May	Nathan Smith	Cath Noble	Maffra Agricultural Society
2 nd June	Shane Smallwood	Hans Van Wees	Maffra Volleyball
9 th June	Peter Quennell	Nathan Smith	Boisdale Consolidated

MEETING DUTIES DATE	GREETING	REGISTRATION	PROPERTY	MARKET BBQ with Hans	WOOLLIES' BBQ
April	Rick Dare	Ted Mitchell Cath Noble	Peter Quennell	2 nd : Rob Noble Sharon Knight, Sue Gray	8 th : George Duursema, Dianne Honey, John Watts
May	Ted Mitchell	Rob Noble, Graeme Hemming	Shane Smallwood	7 th : Brian Gray, Cath Noble, Roger Malouf	13 th : Pauline Hitchins John Osborn, Graeme Hemming

MILESTONES 20th April to 26th April 2017. None this week

MEMBER	MEMBER'S B/DAY	PARTNER'S B/DAY	WEDDING ANN.	JOINED ROTARY
Ross Neilson				19 th April 2007
Neil Wishart		Jan 20 th April		
Rick Dare	26 th April			

The Washington Post has also published the winning submissions to its yearly contest, in which readers are asked to supply alternate meanings for common words. And the winners are:

- Coffee, n. The person upon whom one coughs.
- Flabbergasted, adj. Appalled by discovering how much weight one has gained.
- Abdicate, v. To give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.
- Esplanade, v. To attempt an explanation while drunk.
- Willy-nilly, adj. Impotent.
- Negligent, adj. Absent mindedly answering the door when wearing only a nightgown.
- Lymph, v. To walk with a lisp.
- Gargoyle, n. Olive-flavored mouthwash.
- Flatulence, n. Emergency vehicle that picks up someone who has been run over by a steamroller.
- Balderdash, n. A rapidly receding hairline.
- Testicle, n. A humorous question on an exam.
- Rectitude, n. The formal, dignified bearing adopted by proctologists.
- Pokemon, n. A Rastafarian proctologist
- Oyster, n. A person who sprinkles his conversation with Yiddishisms.
- Frisbeetarianism, n. The belief that, after death, the soul flies up onto the roof and gets stuck there.
- Circumvent, n. An opening in the front of boxer shorts worn by Jewish men.