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WHO?

Have you
asked to
join
Rotary?

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"



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The love of field and coppice,
Of green and shaded lanes.
Of ordered woods and gardens
Is running in your veins,
Strong love of grey-blue distance
Brown streams and soft dim skies
I know but cannot share it,
My love is otherwise.

I love a sunburnt country,
A land of sweeping plains,
Of ragged mountain ranges,
Of droughts and flooding rains.
I love her far horizons,
I love her jewel-sea,
Her beauty and her terror -
The wide brown land for me!

A stark white ring-barked forest
All tragic to the moon,
The sapphire-misted mountains,
The hot gold hush of noon.
Green tangle of the brushes,
Where lithe lianas coil,
And orchids deck the tree-tops
And ferns the warm dark soil.

Core of my heart, my country!
Her pitiless blue sky,
When sick at heart, around us,
We see the cattle die -
But then the grey clouds gather,
And we can bless again
The drumming of an army,
The steady, soaking rain.

Core of my heart, my country!
Land of the Rainbow Gold,
For flood and fire and famine,
She pays us back threefold -
Over the thirsty paddocks,
Watch, after many days,
The filmy veil of greenness
That thickens as we gaze.

An opal-hearted country,
A wilful, lavish land -
All you who have not loved her,
You will not understand -
Though earth holds many splendours,
Wherever I may die,
I know to what brown country
My homing thoughts will fly
Dorothea Mackellar



australia day

Celebrate what's great



AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS NOW BIGGER THAN EVER



HAPPY AUSTRALIA DAY

**All Rotarians are urged to attend our Australia Day event
which will replace our regular meeting.**

PROGRAM

- 4.30pm** - Entertainment commences -
Garry Rose (and maybe Georgia too)
- 5.00pm** - Community BBQ
- 5.30pm** - Flag Raising
(Maffra Scouts, National Anthem Maffra Band)
- 5.45pm** - Speeches and awards - Quiet Achiever, Group and Junior
- 6.00pm** - Entertainment continues - Maffra Band (with singer TBC),
whip cracking and horseshoe throwing.
- 7.00pm** - (At latest) Event concludes.

Enquiries: Pauline Hitchins Phone 0437 29 69 25

Attendance at Seaspray:	18 members 11 guests 1 Rotaractor (Michelle Worsley) 3 Woolies BBQ
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Attendance at last night's meeting:	19 members 1 Rotaractor (Michelle Worsley) 1 guest: Will Gafa (Rick's grandson) 9 Bunnings BBQ. (\$369.00)
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Swindle:	John Watts X 2 Neil Wishart
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Recreation reserve shed clean-up:	Tuesday 24 th January. All who are available please attend to assist Graeme.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

JANUARY 26TH: AUSTRALIA DAY IN VICTORIA PARK.

MUSIC, FUN, FOOD AND AWARDS.

Go to the website: <http://www.australiaday.org.au/> to see more and find out how to celebrate Australia Day your way.



Australia Day



Rotary Club of Maffra Mardi Gras, 18 March 2017: The theme for 2017 will be "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 some much-needed funds at the beginning of the calendar year.

Organisations may also raise funds by operating one of the many activity and food stalls on the evening. Entrants in the Parade compete for financial prizes, which are available for several different categories.

Friday 24th March – Sunday 26th March 2017. Rotary District 9820 59th District Conference,



Come and join us in beautiful Hobart.
District 9820 Conference
24th-26th March 2017
Wrest Point Convention Centre

District Governor (2016-2017) Lynne Westland and Trevor, together with the Rotary Club of Casey, invite you to "COME AND JOIN US" in Hobart.

The Wrest Point Convention Centre is located on the stunning Derwent River, opposite the famous Constitution Deck. The Conference will be held in the world class auditorium at Wrest Point and will include the Saturday morning at Salamanca Market. Getting there is easy ... you can fly or go over on the Spirit of Tasmania which offers an incredible experience with great entertainment and good food. There are accommodation choices to suit all tastes and accommodation at Wrest Point is now open. Book by telephoning 1800 030 611 and quote 699172.

Our theme is 'Children Are Our Future' and our guest speakers will inspire and amaze you. More information will be available throughout the year. Make a note in your diary now and start planning for our fantastic 2017 Rotary D9820 Conference.

go to the website: <http://district9820.org/> for more information.

April 30th Rotary Club of Maffra will conduct a world record attempt 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 no doubt, a bean counter from Guinness World Records will be there to ensure everything is done properly.



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.

Go to the website: <http://www.guinnessworldrecords.com> to find out more about Guinness World Records.

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

Facebook Friends

I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles. Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later and with whom. I give them pictures of my family, my dog and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch and doing what anybody and everybody does every day. I also listen to their conversations, give them the "thumbs up" and tell them I like them. And it works just like Facebook! I already have four people following me: two police officers, a private investigator and a psychiatrist.

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, Iain Stewart, John Osborn, 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.

1. Alone on Mars, the curiosity Rover sings itself Happy Birthday every year on August 5.
2. The word 'Gorilla' comes from a Greek word that means 'A tribe of hairy women'.
3. Commonly mistaken as an ancient Greek tradition, the Olympics torch relay was actually a Nazi idea.
4. Studies show that babies carefully choose whether to imitate an adult's actions based on how credible they think the adult is.
5. The IKEA HQ in Delft, Netherlands had to stop offering their 1 Euro breakfast on weekends because the highways couldn't handle the traffic it attracted.
6. During World War II, prisoners in Canadian war camps were treated so well, many of them didn't want to leave when the war ended.
7. Bubble wrap was originally designed to be used as a textured wallpaper.
8. South African scientists have discovered that 400-year-old tobacco pipes excavated from the garden of William Shakespeare contained cannabis.
9. Researches in New Zealand have developed a tearless onion. It turns off the gene which produces the enzyme that causes a person slicing an onion to cry.
10. Puppy pregnancy syndrome is a psychosomatic illness where the sufferer believes that they are pregnant with puppies after being bitten by a dog.
11. Adolf Fick, the inventor of contact lenses got the idea from popcorn kernels stuck in his teeth.
12. Studies have shown that people really do take longer to leave a parking spot when someone's waiting for it.
13. Mobile phone throwing is an international sport that started in Finland in 2000. Participants throw mobile phones and are judged on distance or technique

HOUSEKEEPING PAGE

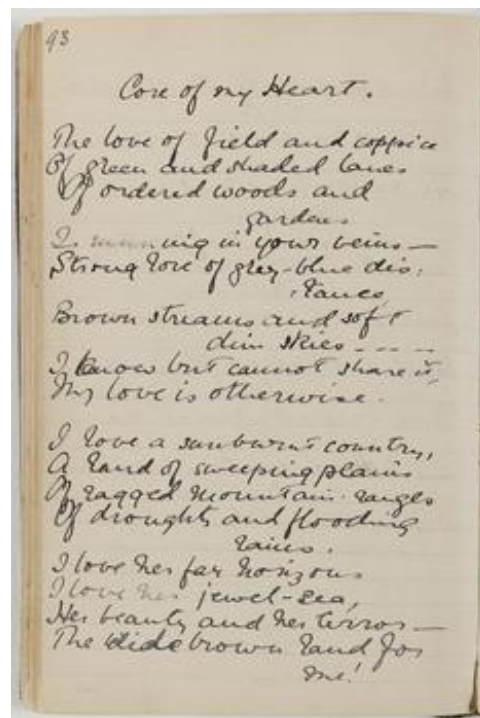
Please take note of your roster.

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
26 th Jan	Australia Day @ Victoria Park	Sue Gray
2 nd Feb	Mardi Gras Launch	Pauline Hitchins
9 th Feb	Emma Crisp Returned Youth Exchange	Sharon Knight
16 th Feb	Recreational Vehicle Fellowship of Rotary	
23 rd Feb	Extra ordinary general meeting Committees and Board Meeting	Sue Gray



CARAVAN ROSTER

Date	Deliver	Pick Up	Booked by
28 th - 29 th January	Not required	Not required	Maffra Fire Brigade
3 rd Feb	Brian Gray	Cath Noble	Maffra Cricket Club
10 th Feb to 17 th March			Hold for Mardi Gras bookings.
7 th April	Rick Dare	Nathan Smith	Maffra Catholic Women's League

MEETING DUTIES

DATE	GREETING	REGISTRATION	PROPERTY	MARKET BBQ with Hans	WOOLIES BBQ
Jan	Iain Stewart	Roger Malouf, Peter Quennell	Logan Connolly	1 st : New Year's Day. No Market.	7 th : Jean Heasley, Veronica Dwyer, Cath Noble
Feb	Roger Malouf	Shane Smallwood John Watts	Hans Van Wees	5 th : John Watts, Shane Smallwood, Logan Connolly	11 th : Roger Malouf, Helen Lanigan, John Watts
March	Pauline Hitchins	John Osborn, Neil Wishart	Ross Neilson	5 th : Rick Dare, Sharon Knight, Cath Noble	4 th : Brian Gray, Cath Noble, Jean Heasley

MILESTONES 26th January to 1st February 2017.

MEMBER	MEMBER'S B/DAY	PARTNER'S B/DAY	WEDDING ANN.	JOINED ROTARY
Rob Noble		Helen 29 th Jan		
Rick Dare				1988

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.

7 RULES OF LIFE

1. Make peace with your past so it won't affect your present.
2. Don't think about what others think of you.
It's your life. Not theirs.
3. Time heals almost everything. Take time.
4. Don't compare yourself to others and don't judge others. Each of us has our own journey and stories to tell.
5. Stop thinking too much.
Worrying does not help except burden you.
6. No one else is in-charge of your happiness.
Except yourself. It's your choice.
7. Smile. Count your blessings.
All things shall pass. So enjoy everything!