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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"**



### MEETING SNAPSHOT

**PP Ross Neilson** chaired tonight's meeting.

11 members present.  
Dianne, Graeme and Helen at Conference.

Sue & Brian on Norfolk Island (2<sup>nd</sup> honeymoon?)  
13 assisted at Mardis Gras.

Shane attended Ladies Probus Club changeover.

Stephanie Duursema and Eric guests of club.

Michelle Worsley visiting Rotaractor.

Rob Noble conducted a lively sergeant's session managing to fine everyone present.

**The swindle** was won by John Watts, again, and he was not present.

**Special mention for Neil and Jan Wishart** celebrating 60 years of wedded bliss next Thursday.

**Behind the badge** was Shane Smallwood who gave a brief history of his life and adventures.

**Ross and Shane** spent over an hour on Friday morning working on the caravan. The taillights now work (brake and indicator) and a new length of chain has been added for convenience.

### Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March Meeting (subject to weather conditions)

- Magical Mystery Bus tour and Dinner.
- \$30 per head.
- Meet at Duart at 5.55pm sharp for a 6.00pm departure.
- Partners and friends' night.
- Pick up at Tinamba at 6.10pm.
- Heyfield Police Station @ 6.20pm.
- Wear flat shoes and warm long sleeves.
- If this evening is half as good as the trip to Seaspray, then it will be a night not to be missed.
- Numbers to Veronica Dwyer at your earliest.

## Teacher Arrested at JFK

A public school teacher was arrested today at John F. Kennedy International Airport this morning as he attempted to board a flight while in possession of a ruler, a protractor, a compass, a slide-rule and a calculator. At a press conference just before noon today, Attorney General Eric Holder said he believes the man is a member of the notorious Al-Gebra movement. Although he did not identify the man, he confirmed the man has been charged by the FBI with carrying weapons of math instruction.

'Al-Gebra is a problem for us', the Attorney General said. 'They derive solutions by means and extremes, and sometimes go off on tangents in search of absolute values.' They use secret code names like "X" and "Y" and refer to themselves as "unknowns" but we have determined that they belong to a common denominator of the axis of medieval with coordinates in every country. As the Greek philosopher Isosceles used to say, "There are 3 sides to every triangle." The Attorney General went on to say "Teaching our children sentient thought processes and equipping them to solve problems is dangerous and puts our government at risk."

## ROTARY MEMBERS MEET WITH EU OFFICIALS TO EXAMINE ROTARY'S ROLE IN ACHIEVING PEACE

By **Bryant Brownlee**

More than 240 Rotary members and other guests gathered in Brussels, Belgium, on 8 March for Rotary at the European Union, a special event that explored how Rotary and the European Union can work together to achieve peace.

The meeting was the first of its kind at the European Union (EU) and was modelled on the tradition of Rotary Day at the United Nations. Rotary members, EU officials, and business leaders at the two-hour event asked how business and civil society organizations like Rotary can work with the EU to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and build more peaceful and stable societies.



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Françoise Tulkens, a professor and former vice president of the European Court of Human Rights, moderated the meeting, which included presentations from Karmenu Vella, European commissioner for environment, maritime affairs, and fisheries; Jean de leu de Cecil, general secretary of the board of Colruyt Group; Rene Branders, president of the Belgian Federation of Chambers of Commerce; and John Hewko, Rotary general secretary.

Vella emphasized the importance of working with business and civil society to achieve the development goals. He also recognized the important role Rotary can play in this global effort.

"You have a massive asset, your vast network, and you can use it to bring community stakeholders together in order to turn the SDGs into reality. Rotary International is uniquely placed to create transformational alliances between business and civil society, pushing forward the implementation of our common agenda,"

Hewko highlighted Rotary's efforts to address the ongoing migration crisis and foster inclusive economic development.



*Rotary secretary General John Hewko and Belgium District 2170 Governor Nathalie Huyghebaert at the European Union in Brussels*

"At Rotary, we believe that we can only respond by forming smart partnerships in which the EU, governments, civil society, the private sector, and other organizations all play an important role. This is why the growing relationship between Rotary and the European Union is a cause for optimism," said Hewko.

Because the EU supports the global polio eradication effort, organizers of Rotary at the European Union are confident that there are other opportunities for collaboration between the organizations.

The event was coordinated with the European Commission and organized by Michel Coomans and Hugo-Maria Schally, RI representatives to the EU, with the support of Kathleen Van Rysseghem, Philippe Vanstalle, and Nathalie Huyghebaert, the governors of the Rotary districts in Belgium and Luxembourg.

Read more at: <https://www.rotary.org/en/news-features>

### **Very eloquently put ... Don't you think?**

**Maxine on "Driver Safety"** - "I cannot use the cell phone in the car. I have to keep my hands free for making gestures."

**Maxine on "Lawn Care"** -- "The key to a nice-looking lawn is a good mower. I recommend one who is muscular and shirtless."

**Maxine on "The Perfect Man"** -- "All I'm looking for is a guy who will do what I want, when I want, for as long as I want, and then go away. Or wait nearby, like a Dust Buster, charged up and ready when needed."

**Maxine on "Technology Revolution"** -- "My idea of rebooting is kicking somebody in the butt twice."

**Maxine on "Aging"** -- "Take every birthday with a grain of salt. This works much better if the salt accompanies a Margarita."



## 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
<b>OTHER ROLES</b>	
<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

**Who to spend time with:**  
 Those who make you better.  
 Those who want to see you grow.  
 Those who see the greatness in you.  
 Those who are good for your mental health.  
 Those who are inspired, excited, and grateful.  
 Those who force you to push yourself up a level.



### 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.



### April 30<sup>th</sup> Rotary Club of Maffra will attempt 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. 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.



### OUR 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 22<sup>nd</sup> April at Miranda Hair in Johnson Street.**

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.

It's Daylight Savings Time!  
 Remember to change your wine from Red to White.



## 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**.



When told the reason for daylight savings time the Old Indian said, "Only the government would believe that you could cut a foot off the top of a blanket, sew it to the bottom, and have a longer blanket."

DATE	PROGRAMME	CHAIR
30 <sup>TH</sup> March	Magical Mystery Bus Tour	Veronica Dwyer
<b>6<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Mardi Gras wrap up. Partners' Night.</b>	<b>Pauline Hitchins</b>

CARAVAN ROSTER Date	Deliver	Pick Up	Booked by
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Hans Van Wees	Shane Smallwood	St John's Uniting Church
7 <sup>th</sup> April	Rick Dare	Nathan Smith	Maffra Catholic Women's League
13 <sup>th</sup> April	Brian Gray	Peter Quennell	Tinamba Red Cross
28 <sup>th</sup> April	Rick Dare	Cath Noble	Maffra Secondary – Alpine School
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Hans Van Wees	Shane Smallwood	St John's Anglican Church
12 <sup>th</sup> May	Rick Dare	Nathan Smith	Maffra Lioness
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Brian Gray	Peter Quennell	Boisdale Playgroup
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Nathan Smith	Cath Noble	Maffra Agricultural Society
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Hans Van Wees	Shane Smallwood	Maffra Volleyball
9 <sup>th</sup> June	Rick Dare	Nathan Smith	Boisdale Consolidated

Jan & Neil 30<sup>th</sup> March



Happy Diamond Anniversary!

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

### MILESTONES 30<sup>th</sup> March to 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

MEMBER	MEMBER'S B/DAY	PARTNER'S B/DAY	WEDDING ANN.	JOINED ROTARY
Neil Wishart			Jan & Neil 30 <sup>th</sup> March (60 yrs.)	
Helen Lanigan	2 <sup>nd</sup> April			

1. During your lifetime, you'll eat about 60,000 pounds of food, that's the weight of about 6 elephants!
2. Recycling one glass jar, saves enough energy to watch T.V for 3 hours!
3. One quarter of the bones in your body are in your feet!
4. There are no words in the dictionary that rhyme with: orange, purple, and month!
5. A giraffe can clean its ears with its 21-inch tongue!
6. Chewing gum while peeling onions will keep you from crying!
7. Bats always turn left when exiting a cave!
8. A person uses approximately fifty-seven sheets of toilet paper each day!
9. One gallon of used motor oil can ruin approximately one million gallons of fresh water!
10. More money is spent on gardening than on any other hobby!