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

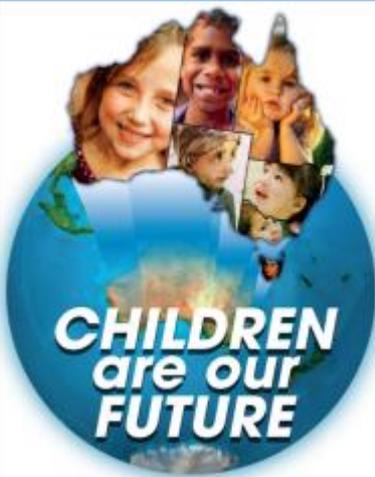
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TOAST: "To The Privilege of Community Service"

Editorial:

9820 District Conference 2017



Come Join us in Hobart 2017

for the 59th District Conference
MARCH 24th -26th

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 27.10.2016

Guests: Trish Vardy and Don and Krista Dwyer.

Attendance: 15 members

Activities: nine members helped at show, Iain attended Sale Rotary and Ross has been working on caravan shelter.

Swindle - after a mis-draw, winner was Ross Neilson.

Fines - happy bucks for Peter Quennell (have to think about what that was) and Pauline - daughter Rebecca McLaren a finalist in Northern Territory media awards.

Tonight Cath Noble talked about the mysterious murder at Wonnangatta Station. A full report follows.



The wonders of modern technology abound these days. Here I am in Port Macquarie soaking up the warmth and sunshine and yet still able, with the assistance of my sub editor Pauline Hitchins, to publish the weekly bulletin as if I were present at the meeting. The only thing missing is the fellowship.



Of course life is not all beer and skittles. Witness the Aladdin's cave of antiques my darling wife found in Blackheath. Happy buck here, she spent so long in here that when we got back to the Rangie

and van the battery was flat and we had to call the NRMA for a jump start.

The Murders

Wonnangatta Station manager James ("Jim") Barclay usually lived alone at the station but in December 1917 employed English-born John Bamford a cook and station hand.

The two were last seen alive in late December 1917 when they voted in the first Conscription referendum in Talbotville.

Neighbour Harry Smith visited on 22 January to deliver mail and stayed two nights, then returned on 14 February and found the homestead still empty and raised the alarm in Dargo.

A search party found Barclay's body south east of the homestead and a post-mortem found he had been murdered by a shotgun blast in the back. It was initially assumed he had been murdered by Bamford, until Bamford's body – bearing a bullet in the skull – was found near the Howitt Plains Hut in November 1918.

Rumours and theories abound and, although Cath has her own theory, she wasn't telling.



The Station



Her interest in the Wonnangatta is further enhanced by a family connection when her family purchased the station in 1934.

Grandfather Alex started A. Guy & Sons with (Cath's father) Arthur, Jack and Ned (who left when he married a couple of years later). The Station consisted of 1.100 acres (approx 444hc) freehold along the Wonnangatta River and 230 acres (approx 100hc) on Bennison Plains, which is now known as Guy's, sometimes called Bryce's.

Original access was by horse – or foot – with a string of packhorses following, from Crooked River, where the family lived.

Cath explained the musters would begin in autumn with the ride from the Crooked River with all that was needed on the packhorses.

They started on the Plains, cutting out the cattle to be sold, mainly bullocks and steers with some heifers that were not needed as future breeders. The sale cattle were walked from the Plains, down to the station river flats and onto Maffra via Dargo, Stockdale and Briagolong.

In the early days, Maffra was the nearest place to sell their cattle. Heyfield sales began in 1943.

A few weeks after the main sale, the family returned to the mountains, they cut out the cattle they wished to take back to the river flats, (cows and dry stock), the cows would calve there and the cycle would start again. On the Station, there was a large grazing area, apart from the flats – up the gullies and around the sides of the hills. The older cows 'taught' the younger cattle where they could graze and they became the herd leaders, very necessary when droving the stock to and from the Plains. They also walked some breeders to their Heyfield paddock where they stayed.

The homestead burnt down in 1957 by 'people on foot' as opposed to bushwalkers.

A 1963 road for the timber industry enabled the family to truck cattle down and the Guy family purchased their first 4-wheel drive – a short wheel base Landrover although neither of the Guy brothers enjoyed being behind the wheel.

But four wheel driving itself soon became very popular in the area with some unpleasant – rubbish, thefts and vandalism – outcomes.

In 1970 the Arthur and Jack Guy sold Wonnangatta Station and the Guy's paddock, plus a small paddock at Glenmaggie to Bob Gilder of Licola, who in turn sold it to the Cain Government in 1988. All that country is now part of the Wonnangatta/Moroka National Park, managed by Parks Victoria.

Cath also talked about her great grandfather Edward Remington 'Yorkey' Guy who arrived in Australia 1853, marrying Elizabeth Jane Wilson and, by 1868 settling in Talbotville where they ran the Pioneer Hotel. They had 11 children, with nine living to adulthood and marrying.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES 2016-2017

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Community Service Director	Pauline Hitchins
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Youth Service Director	Sharon Knight

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Sergeant at Arms/Fines	Rob Noble /Ted Mitchell
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Club Bulletin and Publicity	Shane Smallwood
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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

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.



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 Osbom, Neil Wishart
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At the end of the tax year, the ATO sent an inspector to audit the books of a local hospital. While the agent was checking the books, he turned to the executive of the hospital and said "I notice you buy a lot of bandages. What do you do with the end of the roll when there's too little left to be of any use?" "Good question," noted the executive. "We save them up and send them back to the bandage company and every once in a while, they send us a free roll." "Oh," replied the auditor, somewhat disappointed that his unusual question had a practical answer. But on he went, in his obnoxious way. "What about all these plaster purchases? What do you do with what's left over after setting a cast on a patient?" "Ah, yes," replied the executive, realising that the inspector was trying to trap him with an unanswerable question. "We save it and send it back to the manufacturer and every so often they send us a free bag of plaster." "I see," replied the auditor, thinking hard about how he could fluster the know-it-all executive. "Well, what do you do with all the remains from the circumcision surgeries?" "Here, too, we do not waste," answered the executive. "What we do is save all the little foreskins and send them to the tax office, and about once a year they send us a complete prick."

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
3 rd November	Cody Dyce. 2016 Australian Junior Motocross Champion	

CARAVAN ROSTER

Date	Deliver	Pick Up	Booked by
28 th October			Not required
4 th November	Iain Stewart	Nathan Smith	Maffra Cricket Club
11 th November	Rick Dare	Cath Noble	Maffra Volleyball
18 th November	Brian Gray	Peter Quennell	George Gray Auxiliary
25 th November	Hans Van Wees	Shane Smallwood	St Marys

CLUB DUTIES

DATE	GREETING	REGISTRATION	PROPERTY	MARKET BBQ	WOOLIES BBQ
Oct	Graeme Hemming	Helen Lanigan Sharon Knight	Roger Malouf		8 th : Iain Stewart, Helen Lanigan, Dianne Honey
Nov	Cath Noble	Logan Connolly, Veronica Dwyer	Ted Mitchell	6 th : Hans Van Wees, Pauline Hitchins, Helen Lanigan, Roger Malouf	12 th : Ross Neilson, Peter Quennell, Graeme Hemming
Dec	John Osborn	Pauline Hitchins, Rick Dare	Robert Noble	4 th : George Duursema, Veronica Dwyer, Dianne Honey	10 th : Ted Mitchell, Robert Noble, Shane Smallwood

MILESTONES 4th to 10th November None this week

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

Seniors Computer Skills Tech support: How may I help you?

Tech support: 'Okay Bob, let's press the control and escape keys at the same time.
That brings up a task list in the middle of the screen.
Now type the letter 'P' to bring up the Program Manager.'

Customer: I don't have a P.

Tech support: On your keyboard, Bob.

Customer: What do you mean?

Tech support: 'P'.....on your keyboard, Bob.

Customer: I'M NOT GOING TO DO THAT