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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"



New Year's Day is a national holiday celebrated on January 1st, the first day of the New Year, following both the Gregorian and the Julian calendar. This New Year's holiday is often marked by fireworks, parades, and reflection upon the last year while looking ahead to the future's possibilities. Many people celebrate New Year's in the company of loved ones, involving traditions meant to bring luck and success in the upcoming year. Many Cultures celebrate this happy day in their own unique way. Typically the customs and traditions of happy New Years involve celebrating with champagne and a variety of different foods. New Years marks a date of newly found happiness and a clean slate. For many celebrating New Years, it is their opportunity to learn from the prior year and make positive changes in their life.

New Year's Day Holiday History

New Year's is one of the oldest holidays still celebrated, but the exact date and nature of the festivities has changed over time. It originated thousands of years ago in ancient Babylon, celebrated as an eleven day festival on the first day of spring. During this time, many cultures used the sun and moon cycle to decide the "first" day of the year. It wasn't until Julius Caesar implemented the Julian calendar that January 1st became the common day for the celebration. The content of the festivities has varied as well. While early celebrations were more paganistic in nature, celebrating Earth's cycles, Christian tradition celebrates the Feast of the Circumcision of Christ on New Year's Day. Roman Catholics also often celebrate Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, a feast honoring Mary. However, in the twentieth century, the holiday grew into its own celebration and mostly separated from the common association with religion. It has become a holiday associated with nationality, relationships, and introspection rather than a religious celebration, although many people do still follow older traditions.

New Years France

The French typically celebrate New Year's with a feast and a champagne toast, marking the first moments of New Year's Day with kisses under the mistletoe, which most other cultures associate with Christmas celebrations. The French also consider the day's weather as a forecast for the upcoming year's harvest, taking into account aspects like wind direction to predict the fruitfulness of crops and fishing.

New Years Phillipines

In the Philippines, celebrations are very loud, believing that the noise will scare away evil beings. There is often a midnight feast featuring twelve different round fruits to symbolize good luck for the twelve months of the year. Other traditional foods include sticky rice and noodles, but not chicken or fish because these animals are food foragers, which can be seen as bad luck for the next year's food supply.

Greece

Greeks celebrate New Year's Day with card games and feasting. At midnight, the lights are turned off, followed by the Basil's Pie, which contains a coin. Whoever gets the piece of pie containing the coin wins luck for the next year.

New Years Soviet Union

The Soviet Union's New Year's Day celebrations have been greatly affected by the Union's history. As religion was suppressed and Christmas celebrations were banned, New Year's, or *Novi God* celebrations often include Christmas traditions such as decorated trees, which were reconsidered as New Year Fir Trees. As the suppression left, these traditions stayed part of the New Year's Day celebration. The holiday is also celebrated with feasts, champagne, and wishes.

New Years Spain

Spaniards celebrate New Year's Day with the custom of eating twelve grapes, each eaten at a clock-stroke at midnight.

Cold-water plunges

In colder countries close to water, such as Canada, parts of the United States, the United Kingdom, and the Netherlands, it is customary to organize cold-water plunges. These plunges and races, sometimes called a Polar Bear Plunge, often raise money for charity or awareness for a cause. For thousands of years, New Year's has been a festival of rebirth and reflection, allowing people all over the world to celebrate another great year.

New Year's Song

The song, "Auld Lang Syne," is sung at the stroke of midnight in almost every English-speaking country in the world to bring in the new year. At least partially written by Robert Burns in the 1700's, it was first published in 1796 after Burns' death. Early variations of the song were sung prior to 1700 and inspired Burns to produce the modern rendition. An old Scottish tune, "Auld Lang Syne" literally means "old long ago," or simply, "the good old days."

UPCOMING EVENTS

There was no meeting on the 5th of January, so here is a reminder of some of the exciting events that are coming up in the new year.

JANUARY 12TH.



FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW YEAR.

**COACH TRIP TO SEASPRAY.
COACH DEPARTS DUART AT 5.45PM SHARP.
BE THERE NO LATER THAN 5.30PM TO
SECURE YOUR SEAT FOR A GREAT, FUN
EVENING OUT.
COST \$15 FOR THE COACH PLUS DINNER AT
YOUR OWN EXPENSE.
BYO FOR THE COACH TRIP IF NEEDED.**



SUNDAY 15TH January: Bunnings BBQ in Sale.

If you have not seen the board for duty on this day, please contact Dianne Honey so that rosters can be finalised. This is usually a good fund raiser and at this time of year there will be plenty of handymen and holiday makers around just hanging out for one of our gourmet sausages.

Friday 24th March – Sunday 26th March 2017. Rotary District 9820 59th Annual 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. Take a few days before or after the conference, there is so much to see and do. The region is famous for its wineries and cheese tastings. There is the infamous town of Richmond with its heritage bridge, Wine Glass Bay and the historic village of Port Arthur are places not to be missed. There is also the

Tahune Air Walk, Mona Art Gallery and for the more adventurous Rotarians, you can hike up or around Cradle Mountain or visit the magnificent waterfalls and nature walks on offer. 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. Trevor and I look forward to seeing you there 'Come and join us!' 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



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
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.

BODILY FACTS

That dust on rugs and your furniture is not only dirt. It's mostly made of dead skin cells. Everybody loses millions of skin cells every day which fall on the floor and get kicked up to land on all the surfaces in a room. You could say, "That's me all over."

It takes food seven seconds to go from the mouth to the stomach via the oesophagus.

A human's small intestine is 6 meters long.

The human body is 75% water.

Your blood takes a very long trip through your body. If you could stretch out all of a human's blood vessels, they would be about 60,000 miles long. That's enough to go around the world twice.

The strongest bone in your body is the femur (thighbone), and it's hollow!

The width of your arm span stretched out is the length of your whole body.

The average human dream lasts only 2 to 3 seconds.

The average American over fifty will have spent 5 years waiting in lines.

The farthest you can see with the naked eye is 2.4 million light years away! (140,000,000,000,000,000 miles.)

That's the distance to the giant Andromeda Galaxy. You can see it easily as a dim, large grey "cloud" almost directly overhead in a clear night sky.

The average person has at least seven dreams a night.

Your brain is more active and thinks more at night than during the day.

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.

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.



PROGRAMME

Date	Programme	Host
12 th Jan	Seaspray Coach Trip Partners and friends welcome	Duart 5.30 for 5.45pm departure
19 th Jan	Committees and Board Meeting	Sue Gray
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	Committees and Board Meeting	Sue Gray

CARAVAN ROSTER

Date	Deliver	Pick Up	Booked by
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	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, Neil Wishart, John Watts
March	Pauline Hitchins	John Osborn, Neil Wishart	Ross Neilson	5 th : Graeme Hemming, Sharon Knight, Cath Noble	4 th : Brian Gray, Hans Van Wees, Jean Heasley

MILESTONES 30th December 2016 to 18th January 2017.

MEMBER	MEMBER'S B/DAY	PARTNER'S B/DAY	WEDDING ANN.	JOINED ROTARY
Peter Quennell		Sue Lawrence 8 th Jan		
John Watts				14 th Jan 2016
Rob Noble	15 th Jan			
Shane Smallwood	15 th Jan			