



## From our President....Jeremy Brennan



### How do you calculate the probability?

This week at our Club Meeting we will be hearing about an issue that is very close to my heart. My wife has just passed the 23 week mark of her pregnancy, so solar power and battery storage are extremely important issues to the two of us.

While I understand that there are many people in Australia who are not convinced about climate change, there remains an issue that stands out significantly for me: even if there is just a 5% chance that climate change is caused by human activity, and climate change threatens to change the world dramatically and dangerously for my son, I believe we need to do everything we can to defend against that 5% threat. I will certainly make sure my son gets all the vaccinations that risk illness below even a 0.5% chance, I certainly don't intend to ignore a chance as significant as 5%.

My wife and I have even considered which country would be most resilient to climate change. At this stage, we are thinking Iceland – it will have more arable land as the planet warms, it's population is highly educated, it has geothermal power and it is quite a long way from other countries. New Zealand would also be quite a good option.

I am eagerly looking forward to the meeting this week and look forward to seeing many of my fellow members there.

.....President Jeremy



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## Last Weeks Guest Speaker - Doug Malcolm

Doug spoke passionately about his bold idea to raise funds to help existing organisations continue the fight against modern-day slavery, which includes forced labour, child soldiers, forced prostitution. He defined slavery as those who have had their freedom taken away from them.

He doesn't want to re-invent the wheel. He wants to let the organisations at the coalface do what they do best; which is why he is focusing on raising funds and educating the Australian community about this scourge.

### Some confronting stats

- William Wilberforce successfully encouraged the English Parliament to outlaw slavery in 1833. 800,000 slaves were released.
- In 2017, a shocking 45 million are currently enslaved within 167 countries, including Australia (est. 4,300)
- 58% of those are in 5 countries: India 18+ million; China 3+ mill.; Pakistan 2+ mill.; Bangladesh 1.5mill; Uzbekistan 1.2+mill.
- Almost every country has laws against modern slavery; the problem is how it is policed.

### Paint4Freedom

While helping with some I.T. work for his friend's foundation 'The Freedom Project', Doug learnt and became passionate about the issue of modern-day slavery. His friend, Mike Newton Brown explained that two of the biggest problems were helping Australians and the world understand the extent and seriousness of this issue; and to raise sufficient funds for those working on the front line. Doug prayed about this, and dreamed up Paint4Freedom in an effort to bridge this gap.

Paint4Freedom, still at the feasibility stage, will be an Australia-wide annual or bi-annual art competition. It will be open to amateurs and professionals, across different categories and age groups.

He has been discussing his idea with the NSW Art Gallery and regional art galleries, art societies, the Sydney Festival team, art magazines, community spaces, and of course the Media Federation.

All levels of government assistance and cooperation will also be sought- local, state and federal.

Some of the organisations he has been in discussions with may be familiar names to us: Oxfam, Save the Children, Stop the Traffik, Global Slave Index (Andrew Twiggy Forrest) and more.

*Doug will form a board for Paint4Freedom, and will be seeking a principle and supporting sponsors. He is keen to encourage any help he can enlist from Rotarians, whether financial or business, accounting or helpers on the ground.*

He acknowledges that this is an enormous project but feels the anti-slavery fight is too important to ignore. He is confident that Paint4Freedom is a project that should capture the interest of many, and in doing so, help educate fellow Australians and hopefully bring new enthusiasm into the fight.



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# Calendar

2nd March Claire Ng, my RYLA experience and my Internship at the  
Aboriginal Legal Service (10 mins)

Carolyn Lee The latest in Solar Power & Battery Storage

9th March Club Activities Update

16th March Gemma Sisia "The School of Jude"

**18th March Crows Nest Markets - Saturday**

30th March "Pride of Workmanship Awards"

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**Front Desk & Room Set Up Attendance Required from 12:00pm**

2<sup>nd</sup> March Peter Lulic and Tony d'Arbon

9<sup>th</sup> March Silvio Gmur and Jeff McDougall

16<sup>th</sup> March Philip Brook and John Taylor

23<sup>rd</sup> March Ken Pratt and Tammy Chu

## **Carolyn Lee from The Energy Efficiency Experts**

Home energy storage (eg. the Tesla Powerwall 2) is very topical at the moment. Australians are embracing this technology which allows households to be largely self-sufficient.

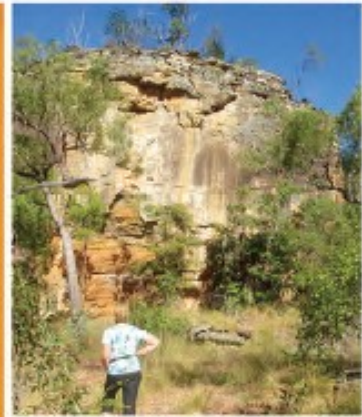
- Battery storage is revolutionising the way Australians access electricity
- It allows homes to become more independent of the grid
- Battery storage capacity is expected to grow 50-fold within a decade  
Australia is expected to be the number one market for home battery storage by 2018

Caro's presentation will bring you up to speed on the current solar rebates that are available and whether going down the solar power and/or battery storage path is right for you.

This is an extremely interesting presentation doing the rounds of Rotary Clubs at the moment. Caro will be speaking on Thursday 2 March and we would like to see a big roll-up, so bring your friends, bring your relatives, bring someone you'd like to electrocute and hear what Caro has to say. You may even be able to save on your future electricity bills



# LET'S MUSTER FOR A BIG YEAR OF MENTAL HEALTH!



Australian Rotary Health is launching a brand new mental health initiative called 'MUSTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH' as we approach another new year full of research possibilities.

**& VISIT THE DARWIN INSTITUTE!**



2017 is expected to be the biggest year yet for promoting the need for further mental health research, particularly to improve the mental health of young Australians.



Rotary Clubs are invited to get on board, as we 'hop on and hop off' across the country, in caravans, mobile homes and motor cars and come to the Darwin Institute. The Muster will contain 12 Runs, with the option to complete as little or as many as you want. Each stage will average around 15 days and overall take around 10 months to complete.



**HOP-ON HOP-OFF  
FOR MENTAL HEALTH**





Australian Rotary Health is challenging interested Caravaners and Recreational Vehicle enthusiasts to become Muster Friends and Companions prior to Hopping On! The challenge is to support Mental Health Research funding through your Rotary Clubs and be rewarded with a recognition level whilst on Muster.



## WHERE WILL THE MUSTER GO?

### THE MUSTER GOES TO THE INSTITUTE!

Sunday 16 July to 3 August 2017  
Drive 1 - Run to Rocky - Parramatta to Rockhampton

Friday 4 August to 15 August 2017  
Drive 2 - Run to Atherton - Mackay to Atherton

Wednesday 16 August to 1 September 2017  
Drive 3 - Run to Darwin - Atherton to Darwin:

**JOIN US AT THE 2017 ZONE INSTITUTE IN DARWIN!**

### THE MUSTER CONTINUES AROUND THE MAINLAND

Monday 4 September to 20 September 2017  
Drive 4 - Run to Broome - Darwin to Broome

Thursday 21 September to 11 October 2017  
Drive 5 - Run to Perth - Broome to Perth

Thursday 12 October to 7 November 2017  
Drive 6 - Run to Adelaide - Perth to Adelaide

Wednesday 8 November to 30 November 2017  
Drive 7 - Run to Mornington - Adelaide to Mornington

### SUMMER BREAK AND THE MUSTER BEGINS IN TASMANIA.

Sunday 4 February 2018 to 25 February  
Drive 8 - Run around Tasmania

Sunday 25 February to 17 March 2018  
Drive 9 - Run to Melbourne - Parramatta to Melbourne

Sunday 18 March to 6 April 2018  
Drive 10 - Run to Canberra - Melbourne to Canberra

Saturday 7 April to 7 May 2018  
Drive 11 - Run to Alice Springs - Canberra to Alice Springs

Tuesday 8 May to 3 June 2018  
Drive 12 - Run to Parramatta - Alice Springs to Parramatta

On the Road with a Purpose is to bring awareness and forums on Australian Youth Mental Health and Youth Suicide.

### CALL TO ACTION NOW FOR 2017-18 ROTARY YEAR!

Email [terry@arh.org.au](mailto:terry@arh.org.au) for details of the Drives.  
We look forward to hearing from you and your interest on what DRIVE you would like to be on the road for mental health.

**WE ARE ALL INDEPENDENT BUT NOT ALONE  
ON THE MUSTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH!**

**"MEET NEW FRIENDS"**



For all enquiries and expressions of interest, contact ARH Corporate Manager Terry Davies on (02) 8837 1900 or email: [terry@arh.org.au](mailto:terry@arh.org.au)



**HOP-ON HOP-OFF  
FOR MENTAL HEALTH**

**Rotary**  
Districts of Australia



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### **Drive One -Parramatta to Rockhampton**

- *It is always a proud special moment to attend the launch of great Australian Rotary events.*
- *The Australian Rotary Health Muster for Mental Health starts a huge year with a launch ceremony at Parramatta Park at .. pm on Sunday July 16.*
- *This is the start of 12 drives conducted over almost 1 year.*
- *Drive One is from Parramatta to Rockhampton staying at Hawks Nest, Port Macquarie, Coffs Harbour, Gold Coast, Brisbane, Noosa, Hervey Bay, Bundaberg, Gladstone and on into Rockhampton on Tuesday August 1.*

*Highlights are plenty including many Rotary Club group meets. Explore Gold Coast and O'Riellys, Brisbane for culture and RiverCats, Beach drive from Noosa to Rainbow Beach, Access to Fraser Island, Bundaberg coach tour, Gladstone Harbour and a Drive One Celebration at Rockhampton.*

### **Drive Two - Rockhampton to Atherton**

- *From your Rockhampton celebration and welcoming of new members we travel on along the coast deep in sugar cane country to stop in wonderful Mackay for a Rotary Mental Health promotional review. Next you turn east at Proserpine out to Airlie Beach for a spit roast Rotary gathering. You will have time to take a cruise to Hamilton Island.*
- *Next it's time to head inland through cattle country to the amazing historic Charters Towers where a walk down main street will astound you.*
- *Best return to the coast to make our way north so into Townsville for 2 nights and a breakfast meeting before the amazingly scenic run via Ingham Rotary Club and on to Cairns for a long weekend of Cable Cars and trains, the northern beaches, the many tourist attractions and the reef over 4 nights.*

*You then travel the long way to Atherton via Mossman Gorge, Port Douglas, Mareeba, Tinaroo Dam and the fantastic Tablelands horticultural area for 2 nights including a big end of Drive Two celebration at the historic WWII Rocky Creek Atherton Rotary Club restoration project.*

### **Drive Three -Atherton to Darwin**

- *Today we welcome new members as we follow the Kennedy Highway south down off the tablelands via Ravenshoe and Millstream then head west, via Innot Hot Springs and Mount Garnet. We join the Gulf Development Road beginning to recognise the beauty of the Savannah Way and its vegetation type. You have time to slip into the Undara Lava Tube region before continuing on to Georgetown.*
- *Next day explore Croydon before cruising into Normanton for 2 nights. This enables a short drive up to Karumba for fish n chips or a quick fishing charter. Or a picnic at Burke and Wills Camp 117 a little west of Normanton. Get your photo with Charlie to huge croc in the main street!*
- *Just to be sure about Burke and Wills we stay at the famous roadhouse owned by the son of a Cairns Rotarian. Yes we travel on the Burke Development Road.*
- *Mount Isa via Cloncurry really offers contrast in country and rich mining and Royal Flying Doctor Service history. Take in lunch and the history at Cloncurry.*

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### **Drive Three -Atherton to Darwin continued....**

- *At Mount Isa you will be welcomed by the Rotarians. Stay 2 nights at a park with a bountiful mining staff mess hall. There is much to see including supermarkets, the mine and fossil display and the Royal Flying Doctor Service facilities at the hangar.*
  - *Onward west, following the Barkly Highway into the famous Barkly Tablelands cattle region via Camooweal. This is a long drive but you are in big country and will love it. The Barkly Roadhouse has good atmosphere and tucker.*
  - *Destination Cape Crawford today northward on the Tablelands Highway, gives an appreciation of the vast cattle stations including the famous Brunette Downs and Alexandria Stations. Then a surprising scenic change as you enter McArthur River Country and visit Heartbreak Hotel. Next day it's an easy car only run to Borooloola, King Ash Bay Barra Fishing Mecca and the compelling Lost City at Caranbirini Conservation Reserve.*
  - *The Carpentaria Highway is an easy drive across the top of the Barkly Tablelands leading to the iconic Daly Waters Pub and WWII memorial. Seeing is believing.*
  - *Mataranka is a short drive north on the Stuart Highway so there is time to explore Elsey Station (We of The Never Never) history and take in the hot springs, yes in late August.*
  - *Next you enter Kakadu National Park staying 2 nights at Coinda which boasts the Yellow Waters Guided Bird Cruises, best at 6.45AM. Then move on to explore Kakadu.*
- Finally it is another vegetation change on the run into Darwin on the Arnhem Highway via Mary River, Adelaide River and Humpty Doo, in time for the Institute, including the Australian Rotary Health Dinner and Drive 3 celebrations.*

### **Drive Four - Darwin to Broome**

- *With wonderful Darwin and the Institute appreciated and new friends welcomed, you now head for Katherine. Set off early to give morning tea time at Adelaide River. With 3 nights at Katherine you have time to visit the Nitmiluk National Park, Katherine Gorge, Edith Falls, Katherine Hot Springs and meet and learn about the 4<sup>th</sup> largest NT City from the local Rotarians.*
- *Heading West to Timber Creek on the Victoria Highway you start to experience amazing scenery around every sweeping bend. Become fascinated with Boab Trees, escarpments and waterways.*
- *Eat up all your fruit and veges as we approach the serious fruit block next day just short of Kununurra.*
- *Kununurra for 4 nights give time for private local touring. Lake Argyle via an Ord River cruise, El Questro, Wyndham and the local agricultural development. You may even end up with a piece of 1.2 Billion year old zebra rock. We meet with local Rotarians who know the region closely. The closest Club is 515 klm away at Katherine or 1000 Klm at Broome. Imagine being an AG! This is the Kimberley.*
- *Moving on along the Great Northern Highway to the Bungle Bungle caravan park you may take a tour to this amazing geological feature.*
- *Next you overnight at the popular Mary Pool Freedom Camp on the Mary River.*
- *Onward to Fitzroy Crossing where Giekie Gorge awaits your exploration. Check out the flood levels in the roof of the information rotunda and cruise the gorge.*



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- *Derby is famous for the Prison Boab Tree but there are plenty more right up the main street. Check out the wharf with a 13 metre tidal range and come visit the R FDS base at the airport.*

*Broome for 3 nights includes a celebration breakfast meeting with the very active Rotary Club. Broome has so much to offer including flights to the Horizontal Falls. A Pearl farm tour, Camels and Cable Beach or even a quick run up Cape Leveque are options.*

### **Drive Five -Broome to Perth**

- *Southward now with new friends and great expectations of the Pilbara and beyond. Drive on Eighty Mile beach to a fishing spot and sunset. On to Port Hedland in time for an amazing harbour tour on Saturday morning. Mix it with the mining road trains as we head south to Karijini National Park stopover. Next visit the huge Mine at Tom Price. Then back to the coast at Giralia Station for 3 nights exploring Exmouth, Ningaloo Reef or Coral Bay. On to the Rotarians at Carnarvon then on to Monkey Mia and Denham for 2 nights.*

- *Travel through Murchison River country to Geraldton to visit the HMAS Sydney Memorial and meet the Batavia Coast Rotary Club Members.*

- *Australian Rotary Health Hat Week starts for you with a cool run via Mount Magnet and Leonora and on via the Goldfields Highway to Kalgoorlie for 2 nights to meet the Rotarians of the 3 clubs.*

*Now heading to Perth via Corrigan Club gathering and Helena National Park to the celebration event convened by Rotary Clubs of Perth during the 4 night stay.*

### **Drive Six - Perth to Adelaide**

*With new friends and great cheer you head south to meet the Bunbury Clubs, then via Pemberton on to Margaret River Club and a few tips on the wine industry to occupy your 2 night stay. A short run through mostly forest country to Pemberton which also has wine, the Gloucester Tree, art and waterfalls before you head into Albany for 2 nights where 2 Rotary Clubs await and the whale Station is always open.*

- *There are 3 alternative roads from Pemberton to Albany. Consider Shannon National Park, Broke and Peaceful Bay.*

- *Eastward the nearest Rotary Clubs are at Esperance 480 klm so off you go starting early and enjoying this wonderful country. 2 nights here includes time with the Rotarians.*

- *OK it's time to line up the Nullarbor so northward through the salt lakes to Norseman, fuel up and on to Fraser Range Station. Next day you head for beautifully named Cocklebiddy via the longest straight stretch of road in Australia a mere 146.6 klm. Next stop is Eucla and you are still in WA, it's a big country!*

- *You now move from sheep to sheep wheat country and peer out to Bass Strait. You may even play a little golf! Next day is a short run on via Ceduna to Streaky Bay for 2 nights and a little rest.*

- *Port Lincoln and Coffin Bay region is a gem so you have 3 nights and will meet the Rotarians to learn more of the Eyre Peninsula before travelling up via the fascinating seaside villages of the east side to Whyalla to meet Rotarians.*

- *On via morning tea with Port Augusta Club to meet the Peterborough Rotarians before travelling on to Clare for an evening Club meeting. Deep in wine country you move on to the Barossa Valley staying at Nuriootpa with the Rotary Club as hosts for 2 nights.*

*Adelaide sees you settled in for 4 nights of culture, exploration, Melbourne Cup and the celebration of Australian Rotary Health Muster Drive Six.*

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## **Drive Seven - Adelaide to Mornington.**

- *Welcome to this fantastic drive which takes you to the birthplace of Australian Rotary Health, Mornington.*

*Welcome to our new friends as you set off to visit the 3 clubs of Victor Harbour, staying 2 nights so you can explore. Travel to Berri via Murray Bridge for morning tea with the members then on to meet Talem Bend members for lunch. Visit Renmark on the way to Mildura for 2 nights and a Club visit. Likewise at Robinvale then on to Swan Hill following the mighty Murray on the Murray Valley Highway. You will love the river history including at Echuca where the Echuca Moama Club awaits.*

*Leaving Echuca you are in the heart of the Goulburn Valley Irrigation area as you travel to Ky-  
abram Club for morning Tea then on to Tatura for lunch before arriving for 3 nights in Sheppar-  
ton to visit the Mooropna and Shepparton Clubs. Continuing north back up to the Murray River  
again you arrive at Wodonga via the Rotary Club towns of Numurkah, Cobram, Yarrawonga,  
Mulwala and Rutherglen. Here you have time to explore Lake Hume and environs before taking  
the Hume Highway south to Wangaratta for a meeting.*

- *Now for a weekend in the beautiful foothill country of the Ovens River Valley staying at  
Bright with the Rotary Club. Take your time and visit the many interesting towns on the Alpine  
Way. Back to Benalla via Oxley and Winton. Seymour Club is south down the Hume highway.  
Now for the big day. Leaving Seymour you head along the Goulburn River to Yea. Yea to Yarra  
Glen and on to Lilydale, Ringwood when you travel on the M3 through Dandenong and on to  
the Mornington Peninsula finally arriving at Mornington.*

# 2017 Australia Tour

Catch up with Gemma and  
Winrose in your area

## > Event Details

Rotary Club of North Sydney  
Thursday 16th March  
12:00 noon for 12:20 pm start


The North Sydney Leagues Club  
12 Abbott Street, Cammeray

Lunch  
\$35 pp visitors \$30 for Rotarians

RSVP 12th March

## > Book

Jenny Thomas OAM  
jenny@jmexec.com.au



Former Aussie teacher Gemma Sisia opened the gates to The School of St Jude in Tanzania 15 years ago and now, thanks to the support of thousands of Australians, it provides a free, high-quality education to 1,800 promising yet impoverished students. Gemma and St Jude's graduate Winrose will share their inspirational story.

## **PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP: 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017**

**The 2017 Club Pride of Workmanship Awards** will be held on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017**.

**Nominations Close on 16<sup>th</sup> March** - Please nominate someone outside of Rotary who you consider does a wonderful job and goes beyond helping others in the community.

Please put your nomination in writing and give to me at one of our meetings. My email is not working.

Kevin Thomas

## Humour by Geoff Prichard

If you love something, set it free. If it comes back, it will always be yours. If it doesn't come back, it was never yours to begin with.

But, if it just sits in your living room, messes up your stuff, eats your food, uses your telephone, takes your money, and doesn't appear to realize that you had set it free....you either married it or gave birth to it.

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Little Johnny was in class and the teacher announced that they were going to try something different to help everyone get to know each other a little better, and to help with their spelling.

She explained, "I want you to stand up and give us the occupation of your father, spell it, and say one thing he would give us all if he was here today."

The first student raised her hand to volunteer.

"Marcy," the teacher said. "You may go first."

Marcy replied, "My father is a banker. B-A-N-K-E-R and if he was here today, he would give us all a shiny new penny."

The teacher said, "Very nice, Marcy, who wants to go next?"

Kevin stood up and announced, "My father is a baker. B-A-K-E-R and if he was here today, he would give us all a freshly-baked cookie."

"Very good," the teacher told Kevin.

Jeff was next, and he said, "My father is an accountant. A-K, no wait, A-C-K, no..."

Before he could attempt to spell it once more, the teacher cut him off and told him to sit back down and to think about it for a while. When he thought he knew how to spell it, he could stand back up and try again.

Little Johnny raised his hand in excitement hoping to be acknowledged by the teacher.

The teacher called on little Johnny to go next.

Johnny said, "My father is a bookie. B-O-O-K-I-E and if he was here today, he would give us all 20:1 odds Jeff will never be able to spell "accountant."

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## **Birthdays**

March 1 Lily Lee

## **Anniversaries**

March 23 Ken & Dorothy Pratt

## **Rotary Attendance 23rd February 2017**

### **Visitors & Guests:**

Chung-Hou Lee

Doug Malcolm (speaker) Rotary Visitor

### **Apologies**

Jeremy Brennan

Philip Brook

Tony d'Arbon

David Field

Robert Lau

Peter Lulic

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John Taylor

Kevin Thomas

### **Leave of Absence:**

George Bauer

Rob Sheldon