

**Bulletin # 17 – 6th November 2014**

<http://portal.clubrunner.ca/9528>

**Our Guest Speaker tonight was**

**RAAF Group Cptn Daniel Reid** BEng (Hons) MSc (Hons) MIEAust CPEng

The F/A-18 Hornet: Capabilities & what it takes to keep it flying.

**Daniel** gave us an excellent presentation of the RAAF F/A-18 Hornet. Although already some years overdue for replacement, they are kept up-dated by a team of contractors (600) and RAAF personnel. It replaced the ageing Mirage and was a huge technology leap forward in manoeuvre ability, fly by wire control system; upgraded yet again in the 2000s, structurally, new avionics & weaponing capabilities and still represents "state of the art" today. From the 75 acquired 71 remain in service. See action video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FGrCG4nOi2E> Scenery may look familiar.



In 2010 the retiring F-111 was replaced by 24 Super Hornets F/A-18F, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nF8jnJlkq-k> a 10 year bridging programme to the JSF. Operating Support costs ~\$160m Acquired with a Total Support Contract from a sole contractor.



The JFS is single-seat, single-engine, all weather stealth multirole fighter undergoing testing and final development. The 5<sup>th</sup> generation combat aircraft is designed to perform Ground attack, reconnaissance and air defence missions. The JSF presents many problems due to its complexity Technology rich, far more complicated to maintain and manage than anything the RAAF ever had. It will place limitations of our local industry involvement. This leaves RAAF an OM only workforce, with all depth passed off to industry. The JFS in action: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k55ruxj5DoU>



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**Congratulations**

**Members birthdays:**

11<sup>th</sup> Nov. Judith Mitchel

**Wedding anniversaries:**

None

**Lady Luck**

**Heads & Tails:**

Nadine Versell  
(exchange student)



**Raffle winner:**

John Cropley  
Mike Mobbs

**Duties next Meeting**

**Door:**  
Mike Mobbs/Ed Parker

**Loyal Toast:**  
John Sully

**Meet and Greet:**  
John Shaw/Bob Westbury

**Bulletin:**  
Phill Smith

**Intruduce Guest Speaker:**  
Ian Faulkner

**Thank Speaker:**  
Bart Richardson

**Apologies/Extras: to Ros Cribb by noon on Wednesday**  
**Phone or Text to: 0401 450 239**

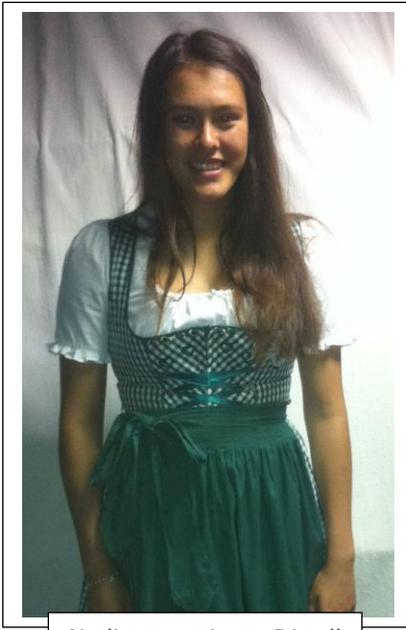
**Nadine Versell**, exchange student from Austria, currently hosted by RC Salamander Bay and PP Harry Parker until end of December, when she will move to the Cropley Family. First, she presented our club with a banner from her sponsoring club in Austria, RC Feldkirch.

The town of Feldkirch geographically located on the western tip of Austria just across the border from the principality of Lichtenstein. Nadine showed pictures from her family, home town & school she left behind.

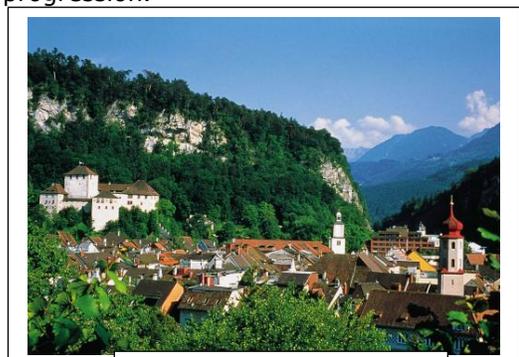
The picture here shows her wearing a "Dirndl" a traditional Austrian dress that has become very fashionable in recent times. She has an Austrian father and a Japanese mother and therefore her family stretches across two continents.

Nadine has adapted very well in her new environment at Tomaree High School & has made many new friends.

She has taken up surfing in preparation for summer, plays tennis and volley ball, therefore beach volleyball will be a natural progression.



Nadine wearing a Dirndl



Feldkirch



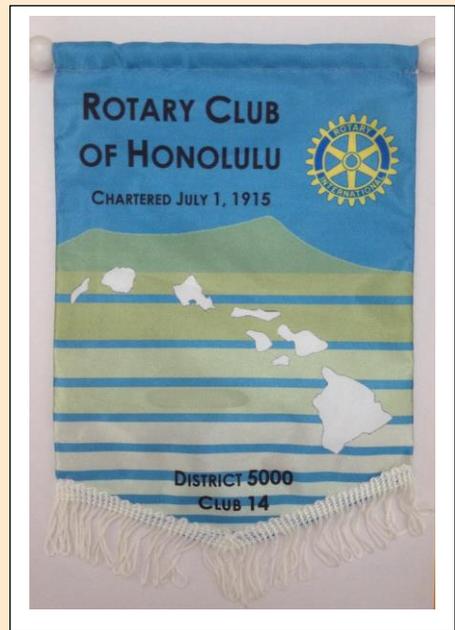
The Surf is UP Surf School



Nadine's family w. mom in the middle

**Rotarians on Tour**

Richard Tuner recently returned from his visit to his son in New York. He made two make-ups while away and presented the club with banners from Hawaii and New York. Also interestingly he noted that the dinner fees of \$44.- (A\$50.-) in Hawaii and \$95.- in NY were substantially more than what we pay. In view of that I think the \$23.- are excellent value.



## The Myall Lakes weekend

This last weekend was the annual Myall Lake Environment Study weekend, immensely enjoyed by all that went.

The organising committee must be thanked for the fantastic weather, expertly catered for by Bill Michel, Oysters & punt (for transport) provided by Geoff Diemar, and gourmet meals prepared by Pres. Chris.

The trip to the camping spot is an experience itself not to be missed. Departing from Soldiers Point in the morning with a stop in Tea Garden for that mandatory meat-pie from the bakery and arriving at Rivermouth Camp shortly after mid-day, camp was set up and the tent jigsaw puzzle commenced.

Pres. Chris must have had a self-erecting tent as he beat the other contenders in the competition by some 15min.



## Guests at the meeting

- Harry Parker (PP RC Salamander)
- Nadine Versell (exchange student)
- Daniel Reid (guest speaker)



## Philosophers Corner



- Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish, and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day.
- It's always darkest before dawn. So if you're going to steal your neighbour's newspaper, that's the time to do it.
- Before you criticize someone you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes.
- Always remember that you're unique. Just like everyone else.
- A closed mouth gathers no foot.
- There are two theories to arguing with woman. Neither one works

## Next Meeting

Mark Richardson

*"Who ran over that elephant in the room?"*



Rates of road-kill are increasing. The facts are confronting. A general lack of awareness and frequent indifference to the topic needs a different approach. "The My Roadkill" website is an initiative that is hoping to change perceptions and provide positive outcomes for everyone.

<http://myroadkill.com.au>