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THE GUARDIAN

From the desk of
District 9670 Governor
Graeme Hooper
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From DG Graeme's Desk...

How inspiring are our lives as we reach out and connect with other organisations and individuals around the world?

I am pleased to hear and read of many Rotary Clubs still supporting drought relief activities in our District, while still reaching out and supporting those communities impacted by the bush fires. My sincere thanks to everyone.

Rotary Clubs are connecting with projects in SE Asia, our own Oceanic Zone, Africa, and the Indian sub-continent with a range of caring and educational programs. Sanitation, maternal and child health, literacy, community and economic development, are all covered in these projects. I would encourage all Rotarians to support other Clubs and engage in these projects which truly put an international perspective to what our great organisation allows us to undertake.

Over the next few months, many Rotary Clubs will be considering where they distribute funds to within their communities. Please ensure you take time to partner with your selected organisations and share the good news stories. A photo of Rotarians as "People of Action" tells much more than a photo of handing over a cheque.

This Rotary year will quickly come to a close and all Rotary Clubs should have by now notified DGE David Roach of their new Boards and updated details through our District Webpage.

Speaking of online services, do yourself a favour and obtain a password and be challenged by the vast level of resources available on www.rotary.org. For an individual, there are now great learning modules that cover every aspect of Rotary; and a very simple proforma for Rotary Clubs to enter their strategic plans and goals for the year ahead and to keep track of them. Surprise yourself and take a look, it's not too late to enter details for the current year.

If you need help with using the correct logo and branding, please contact our Marketing and Communications team. They can steer you in the right direction. Having the correct branding is just one way your Rotary Club can improve its public image and how it is portrayed, whether it is Club tee shirts, marquees, signage on trailers, or through social media.

Our District Transition Team are working behind the scenes looking at how best the new District will evolve and be managed. My thanks to PDG Don Stephens, PDG Brian Coffey and Julie Dixon who lead our team.

March is Water Sanitation month and a good time to look and search for projects your Rotary Club could assist with, or take some ideas from Rotary Showcase.

As Rotary Clubs plan their year ends, please let me know when and where your changeovers will be held so we can ensure that District representation is available for your Rotary Club to be recognised for the excellent contribution you make to Rotary.

Sue and I are looking forward to seeing many of you at our District Conference over the weekend of 20-22 March at Belmont 16's. A great program of "Breaking Through Barriers" is on the agenda, so we'll see you there.



Rotary District 9670

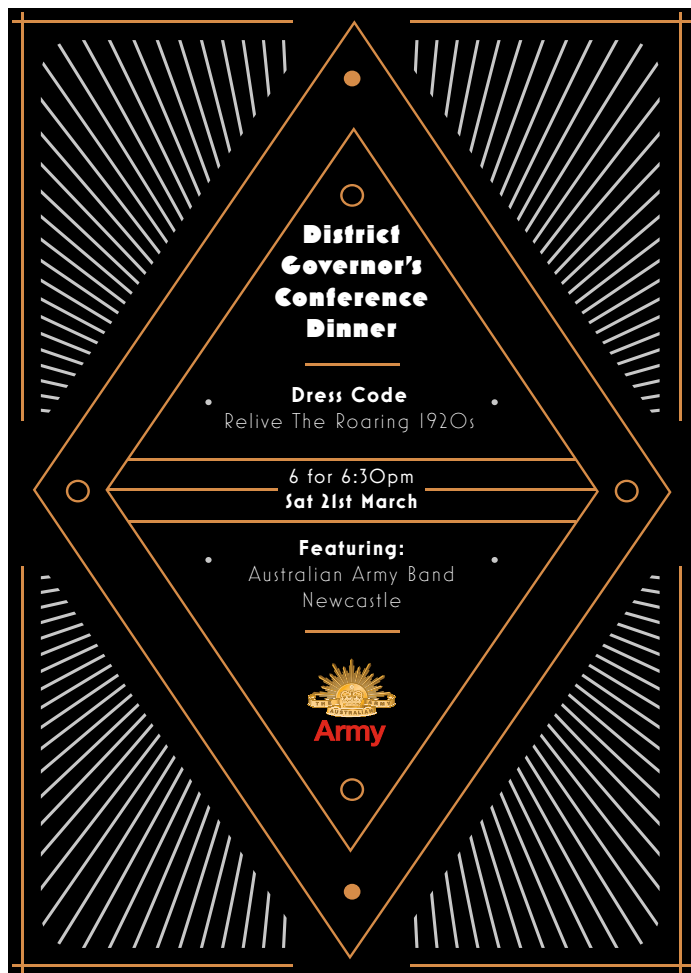
Competition time!
\$250 Hamper

Register for District 9670
Conference before March 13th at
5pm to go in the draw to win a
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Rotary uses its members' skills and passion to build awareness, fundraise, and encourage governments to donate to and support polio eradication efforts. Over one million Rotary members have volunteered their time and resources to help end polio.

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation



The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is the largest private source of funding for the GPEI. For every \$1 donated to End Polio Now, up to \$50 million per year, it gives \$2 for polio eradication. It provides technical support and invests in research to enhance polio vaccines, surveillance, and outbreak response.

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



The CDC deploys epidemiologists, public health experts, and scientists to investigate outbreaks of polio, identify the strain of poliovirus involved, and pinpoint its geographic origin.

UNICEF



UNICEF buys polio vaccine and manages its distribution. The agency spreads the word about the benefits of vaccination to gain community acceptance. On the ground, field workers immunize children with the help of local health workers and volunteers.

World Health Organization



WHO coordinates the management and administration of the GPEI and provides technical and operational support to ministries of health around the world. WHO is responsible for monitoring our progress and strategic planning.

<https://www.endpolio.org/partners-ambassadors>

Your donation helps Rotary and its partners reach every child with the polio vaccine. Thanks to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, your contribution will be tripled, making us even closer to a polio-free world.

<https://www.endpolio.org/donate>

Please support our own District 9670 initiatives to host the Iron Lung Roadshow and promote to people so they have a better understanding of the impacts that polio once had.



Isda's Column



MyOhMy! ...puppy time is really flying by. DG's conference is almost here.

Remember all those Club visits we did and from last month's Manaia? We said we'd want to have a least one photo (jpg format please) from each Club.

The time has come ... Isda has said!

You need to get these in to: **hoopergs@gmail.com** asap, like, by Wednesday 4th March, for a special showing.

February was a bit of an "on the road" and education month. I got to go to the YEP Debrief in Merriwa. I got to know about the new Area Governors and all those doors they're going to have to navigate when they open up next year.

Great to see RYLA back on the agenda too. Some of my mates; Kim, Nifty aka Snoops, and Paul Harris; they were part of the act too... and Pug. He's the echidna from Warners Bay. He's a bit spikey, but they still managed to have lots of hugs.

The photos tell the stories of "puppies in action"... and that Truro Ted! He actually stayed out of trouble when we got briefed about the ShelterBox display that's going to be at Conference.

Don't forget my concert! Tell all your friends and family! They can register at: www.trybooking.com/BHYXG \$25 per Adult.

It's going to be a bow wow of a time! See you there!



Donations to Integra Service Dogs Australia can be made, either direct to ISDA: www.isda.com.au with your Club name or Surname + "Rotary"

...or, to District 9670: Your Club name + "PP19/20"

...or, via direct banking: Bendigo Bank BSB - 633 000 Account no - 167718972 with "Rotary" as transfer description; will really help all my friends.



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Drought Reports...

Kotara Flying Bowlers

On Sunday 2 February, Gordon and Therese Hill, on behalf of their Rotary Club of Cobar, accepted two cheques for drought assistance for the funds to be distributed in the Cobar region.

The "Kotara Flying Bowlers" donated \$613.25 from the takings of their "Wrong Bias Tin", and the Kotara Bowling and Recreation Club donated \$2000.

Gordon and Therese both responded with passion and empathy as to how this money would be used and what it meant for the farming community to be able to support their families.



Pictured, left-right: Therese and Gordon, the "Flying Bowlers", with DG Graeme and Sue, following the presentation.

Narromine's Citizen of the Year – Jan Colmer

Jan and husband, Dean, arrived in Narromine approximately 28 years ago, with four children, and immediately became involved in the local community including; junior soccer coaching, Girl Guides, junior cricket, and senior cricket.

Jan has also maintained active roles in many of her Parish Church committees as well as in the Church Diocese.

Jan was a long time popular school teacher at St Augustine's culminating in the role of Principal for 11 years. In this time, she oversaw the funding and construction of the major upgrade at St Augustine's.

Jan has also been an active Rotarian for 16 years, an executive member and Club Treasurer for 13 years, and always a willing helper at fundraisers.

Jan has been instrumental in administering Rotary's drought assistance programs in recent times. Jan has also been recognised as a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow.

Congratulations Jan – well deserved!



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For a great read about the city folk helping their country cousins in D9670 and other areas with the drought, check out the articles in February's edition of Rotary Down Under on pages 31 and 32.

<http://www.epubs.media/rotarydownunder/ezone/2020/624/>

ROMAC Report



As the incoming Eastern Region Chair of ROMAC, it is my privilege to present a short report of the happenings of ROMAC. The Eastern Region of ROMAC comprises Districts 9670, 9675, 9685, 9700 and 9710.

Firstly, my congratulations to Jim Klumpp who, I am delighted to say, has agreed to take on the role of District 9670 Chair for ROMAC. Many thanks to our outgoing Chair, Lyn Thorpe, for the many hours she has given to ROMAC and the dedication she has shown to the organisation. Your work has been much appreciated Lyn.

During the 2018-2019 Rotary year, the Eastern Region has admitted and treated 6 children ranging in age from 3 months to 16 years. These children came from the Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste and Vanuatu. It is with thanks to the District chairs who, with their teams, arranged for the care and surgery to take place.

All those who work for and with ROMAC are volunteers and the funds for the treatment and management of the children are frequently at the centre of conversation when one is discussing ROMAC. These funds come primarily from Rotary Clubs and I am pleased to report that, in the first half of this Rotary year, District 9670 was responsible for 23 of the 47 donations received.

With the very difficult year we have had and the priority for the drought and the bushfires it is not easy to ask for money; however your funds are very much needed to allow ROMAC to continue the excellent work and your donations would be much appreciated.

Donations can be made electronically by going to <https://www.romac.org.au> and clicking the DONATE tab.

PDG Helen Ryan
Ph: 0409 842 455

RYLA is Back!

It has been a few years since RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) program has been run in District 9670 and recently, it made a come-back, with 16 participants spending three days, in a RYLA Mini Camp at Tocal.

The participants had a fantastic weekend where they were asked to get out of their comfort zone, challenge themselves, and gain confidence, in order to develop their professional skills. These skills included leadership, mindfulness, public speaking, different personalities, financial planning, goal setting and visioning for the future.

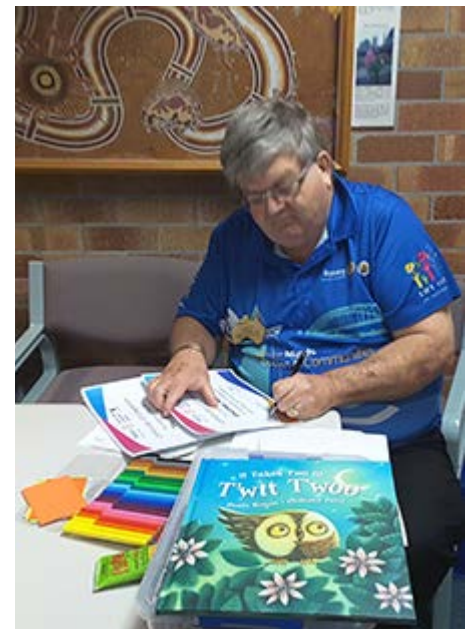
In the short space of time, we saw an impact made in the attendees, through the incredible transformation.

The participants were also supported by strong team-leaders of RYLarians from District 9650; 9675; 9685 and 9710. We were very fortunate to have them willing to come to the District and assist us.

The whole weekend wouldn't have been possible without the assistance of several Clubs in sponsoring the participants, and a few of the Rotary Clubs in catering for the event. Thank you for your support.

We hope that Clubs will continue to support the program with more Clubs being a part of this fantastic program next year.

*Nicole Shanks, RYLA Chair
Rotary Club of Dubbo West*



Pictured left: RYLA Puppy supervision

L to R: Isda, Kim (Greenhills Maitland), Nifty aka Snoops (Dubbo W) and Paul Harris (Wallsend-Maryland) with Pug the echidna keeping them in order

Pictured above: DG Graeme signing RYLA certificates

Pictured below: RYLA - Class of 2020 in action



Rotary International Convention

"Aloha Rotary"

Honolulu • 6-10 June 2020

Check out the promotional video here: <https://vimeo.com/313026044>

Register at: <http://riconvention.org/en/honolulu>

Katrina Henningham (& Craig) RC Warners Bay

E: convention@rotary9670.org.au

Register NOW – and Join the FaceBook group: [D9670 Convention 2020](https://www.facebook.com/D9670Convention2020) to find lots of ideas for accommodation, tours and other things to do while you're in Hawaii.

It's very exciting to see that we have 22 Members from D9670 attending the Rotary International Convention in June.

Many thanks to Glenda Kociszewski, from Warners Bay RC, for co-ordinating two events for our District members whilst in Honolulu. There will be a dinner on Tuesday 9th June, during Convention, and a Disney Characters Breakfast on Friday 12th June at Aulani Resort.

Check out the "Events" tab on the FaceBook group – if you haven't already done so, please let Glenda know, as soon as possible if you will be attending one or both of these events – thank you!



ShelterBox

The District's ShelterBox team recently got together to check out their resources for their display in the Rotary Expo for our District Conference.

The team were briefed on recent disasters, updated on ShelterBox administration, and had an enjoyable and fun morning at the home of the boss, Chris and Helen McGrath.

Make sure you visit the display where you will also be able to

purchase Mike Greenslade's photographic book, "2020 Vision – Eyes wide open in the disaster zone". The book features his work as a professional photographer while on deployment for overseas ShelterBox missions. Mike is the CEO of ShelterBox Australia; and will be the breakfast speaker on Saturday 21 March. Proceeds from the book will go to ShelterBox disaster relief. www.shelterboxaustralia.org.au



Photo of Carol Bailey, Maitland Sunrise RC; and Chris Bartlett, Nelson Bay RC; checking out the ShelterBox display banner in readiness for our Rotary Expo.

Roach Rattlings



dependent on all clubs fulfilling these requirements.

During April, we will be running a one day program BETS (which incorporates President Elect Training and District Assembly) in both Singleton and Dubbo. Correspondence will be sent out soon for enrolment for these days. Please complete these documents and return them quickly so that we can complete our organisational arrangements.

My thanks to both Singleton on Hunter and Dubbo West Rotary Clubs who are responsible for the catering on the day. It is important to note that clubs are not charged for any District expense associated with the day and that all costs are catering costs only and are passed on to these clubs.

Could clubs please finalise their incoming executive on the District's ClubRunner as this information is required by our District and RI.

Hope to see you all at Graeme's Conference in Belmont.

Cheers, David

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Neil Sharkey as our District Child Protection Officer from the Rotary Club of Dubbo West. My thanks to Neil for taking on this extremely important role. Neil, Des Dowdy our District Insurance Officer, and I underwent training with our insurer, who outlined our requirements for compliance with NSW legislation and insurance requirements. It is important to comply with any requests Des and Neil make regarding Child Protection and insurance issues as our certification and insurance is



Area Governor Training

Club Macquarie, Argenton – Saturday 15 February

As we prepare for a new District for the 2022-23 Rotary year, I have commenced structural changes to position us for a smooth transition. The introduction of Area Governors is a key component of this process.

During February, five Area Governors undertook a full day training session to prepare them for this role. Our Area Governors are Joy Adams, Mudgee Sunrise for Zone A; Phil Gorton Wallsend-Maryland for Zone B; Christine Walmsley, Maitland Sunrise for Zone C; and Craig Henningham, Warners Bay for Zone D; and Pam Dean-Jones (Elect) Toronto Sunrise who will be assisting Craig.

In our District, the four Zones will be led by these leaders, tasked to support Clubs to strengthen partnerships, act as sources of information for Clubs, develop Club leadership skills, and to represent the District Governor at various functions.

The training was led by our Leadership and Development team and my thanks go to Craig Johnson and his great team for their insight and time in the preparation and

delivery of this program.

My thanks also to Patrick Healey for his session on Governance; Trudy Grice from Rotary International Parramatta, speaking about My Rotary; and to Neville Parsons from D9650 who is part of their training team for his insight and participation on the day.

DGE David Roach, Rotary Club of Rylstone-Kandos



DGE David and AG training with his team

Lost and Found

Found: Jasper and I were a bit sad when we had to find our own way out of that "box" trailer at Christmas time. Lucky us pups can be a little creative at times, otherwise we could have ended up who knows where. With a little bit of help, we found a way out, just by jumping for joy, "Christmas Joy".

Lost: Rotary won't ever stop connecting the world, but when all those doors open up next year, I'm going to be a little lost. But what are they going to open up to? If you know, please let Katrina know at districtnewsletter@rotary9670.org.au by **Tuesday 17th March**.

Congratulations!

- ◆ Rotary Club of Singleton for celebrating 80 years.
- ◆ Rotary Club of Singleton On Hunter for celebrating 30 years.

DG Graeme presented each Club with a letter of congratulations from Rotary International President, Mark Daniel Maloney.

- ◆ February Conference registration lucky draw winner of **\$500 hamper**, courtesy of *Everything Floral*, Wallsend, is **Narelle Moran**, Rotary Club of Morisset.



Singleton RC: The 80th birthday cake being cut by Sarah Hutchinson, youngest and newest member; and Bobby Stacey, Honorary member-overseen by President Elect Neil White, and "Bazza".

Singleton RC 80th birthday link to Singleton Argus

<http://www.singletonargus.com.au/story/6648527/rotary-club-of-singleton-celebrates-milestone/?cs=1534>

Classifieds

Notices

- ◆ To show and tell your success stories, please send articles with good quality photos to: districtnewsletter@rotary9670.org.au by the due date
- ◆ Check the Weekly Connect for more details
- ◆ **Deadline** for the April District Governor's Newsletter is **Sunday 22 March 2020**



Something you wouldn't know about DG Graeme & Sue, unless you asked...

Before DG Graeme and Sue met, Graeme had attended RYLA in Cambridge, New Zealand in 1975; and Sue had attended RYLA in Bendigo, Victoria, in 1974. Their two children are also RYLarians.

Club Change-Overs

- ◆ Club Changeovers in 2020 - if your Club has a special request for DG Graeme and Sue to be present at your 2020-21 Changeover, please advise the date ASAP direct to: governor2019-20@rotary9670.org.au - please also note DG Graeme and Sue will be contactable but unavailable 4 June - 8 June, and 25 June - 28 June



"Breaking Through Barriers" 2020 District Conference • Notices

- ◆ If you wish to read about our Conference Speakers, go to: <https://www.rotary9670conference.com.au/our-speakers>

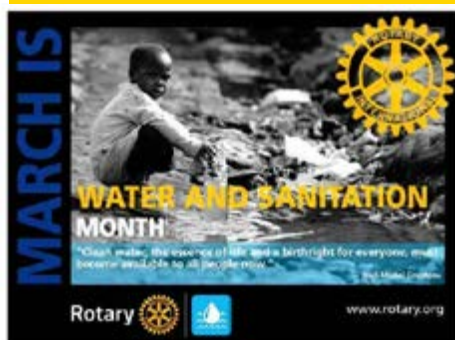
With such a line-up of high calibre speakers, there is always going to be a condition that they may have to withdraw for various reasons. Such is the case with Dr Freya Jephcott. Freya has been seconded to China with the World Health Organisation to work on the coronavirus outbreak. As we go to print, a replacement is being negotiated.

- ◆ The fundraising concert on Friday evening is open to the general public, so please ask your family and friends to register at: www.trybooking.com/BHYXG
- ◆ Send "puppy in action" photos to Sue by **Wednesday 4 March**

to: hoopergs@gmail.com. More information in the Weekly Connect and Isda's Column

- ◆ Register between 1 March and 5:00pm 13 March to go in the draw to win a \$250 gift hamper, courtesy of "Everything Floral" www.trybooking.com/ZWHT
- ◆ Last day for Conference registration is Friday 13 March. Late registrations will incur a late fee. If you haven't registered, go **NOW** to: www.trybooking.com/ZWHT
- ◆ District Conference Sunday 22 March 2020 - In Memoriam - please send details with a good quality photo of Club members who have passed away since District Conference 2019 to Katrina Henningham: hello@katrinahenningham.com by **Monday 16 March**.

Rotary Themes: March & April



How do we Create Adaptive Change?

At the last President's and Chair's Information Session, Ann Morris, an external consultant, gave us some interesting insights into community organisations, peoples' perceptions, and what works - emotion or logic?

Ann raised the issue, "Why aren't people queueing at the door to join your organisation?" Rotary's achievements are enormous, but its growth is currently in

developing countries and in rapid decline in the developed world. Our membership churn is enormous and why is this?

Ann talked of the iceberg principle which outlines how major organisations focus on all the formal elements of the organisation, but rarely go under the waterline and look at all the informal beliefs and culture that apply to organisations.

Ann posed a simple question, "Why does a picture of an injured koala solicit such an incredible donation response on social media, while a photo of a child receiving a polio dose is ignored?" A point to ponder.

If you would like a copy of Ann's presentation, please email DG Graeme:

governor2019-20@rotary9670.org.au



Ann Morris

Getting to Know Your Youth Exchange Students



Raissa Moreira look out waves, here I come!

Home Country: Brazil

Host Rotary Club: RC East Maitland

Where are you going to school: Maitland Grossman High School

Favourite music: Body-Lound Luxury

Favourite movie: "Mamma Mia! Here we go again"

What do you like to do in your free time: Stay with my friends and family, yoga listen to music, meditate, read, play soccer

What do you like most about your Exchange: The people I met and be the best soccer player in a class with only boys (in Brazil it's so hard)

What is your dream place in the world to visit and why: Iceland, because of the beautiful natural landscapes

If you were given a million dollars, what would you do with it: Invest, travel, and create big projects to help the earth environment

You have \$5 in your pocket to spend on food. What would you buy to eat: • Meat pie • Vegemite & Cheese sandwich • Lamingtons • Chocolate • Ice Cream • **Something else – what:** Tim Tam (could even buy more than 1 package) yummyyy!

Samuel Bydal thumbs up for a Rotary apron at a Bunnings BBQ with Mike Baudinette & Bernie Fitzsimons

Home Country: Land of IKEA (Sweden)

Host Rotary Club: RC Morisset

Where are you going to school: Morisset High School

Favourite music: I listen to just about everything

Favourite movie: "Forrest Gump"

What do you like to do in your free time:

What do you like most about your Exchange: A good snag at Bunnings on a Saturday afternoon, but the people have been pretty alright as well!

What is your dream place in the world to visit and why: I would like to go to space sometime, but then again, that isn't really the world... so Nepal or Tibet is my second pick

If you were given a million dollars, what would you do with it: So, at my canteen in the school, garlic bread costs

\$1.50, so with \$1million I can buy 666665 and have money left for a chocolate milk

You have \$5 in your pocket to spend on food. What would you buy to eat: • Meat pie • Vegemite & Cheese sandwich • Lamingtons • Chocolate • Ice Cream • **Something else – what:** Clearly the meat pie is the best option for me as I am more of a savoury person and, even though I like Vegemite nowm, I would prefer a meat pie



Ming Che Lee (Mickey) chatting with a 'make believe' cuddly local and Rtn Colin Shanks messing around in the background

Home Country: Taiwan

Host Rotary Club: RC Dubbo West

Where are you going to school: St John College

Favourite music: Avamax Salt

Favourite movie: "The Hitman", "Bodyguard"

What do you like to do in your free time: Watch movie

What do you like most about your Exchange: Go to Tasmania

What is your dream place in the world to visit and why: Meet friends in South Africa
If you were given a million dollars, what would you do with it: Save in the bank

You have \$5 in your pocket to spend on food. What would you buy to eat: • Meat pie • Vegemite & Cheese sandwich • Lamingtons • Chocolate • Ice Cream • **Something else – what:** Meat pie