

VALLEY VIBES

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REMEMBRANCE DAY

Let's We Forget

This year our Remembrance Day speaker is Simon Jackson who is a retired Major, serving with the Australian Army. Simon graduated from Duntroon in 1999 and deployed to East Timor and Iraq in his time with the Defence Force. After resigning from full time service, Simon still remains involved as a Reservist and will tell us about his journey and experience as we all reflect on Remembrance Day 2019.

Tony Gibb

Tony and Nick Gibb- 3rd generation farmers

Tony grew up at Ballandean, an idealic part of QLD near Stanthorpe. He is a 3rd generation farmer, who following the completion of Year 12, spent 6 months working at the Brisbane Markets. Tony, along with his brother Nick, began a partnership in small crop farming at Peak Crossing in 1997. The Gibb brothers now have bases in two parts of south east QLD, with the Darling Downs operation near Toowoomba, complementing the Peak Crossing Farm, which was enhanced by the purchase of an additional farm at Harrisville. This strategy works well by making the best use of the climate in each place at different times of the year.

Farming, as we know is hard work, often working seven days a week and public holidays is the norm, however the boys run a very successful wholesale small crops business and contribute their success to understanding what their customers want, when they need it, as well as what quantities of which varieties.

The farm at Peak Crossing utilizes bores but in recent times, the Gibb brothers have drought-proofed their property by investing in water infrastructure, laying underground pipes to tap into Moogerah Dam water irrigation supply. As the dry weather has hit the Valley hard this year, this was a decision worth its weight in gold. Their other major improvement, the shed at Peak Crossing has been designed to accommodate the future needs of customers with little change.



Labor is expensive but they are proud to provide employment for up to 80 people in this area. All workers are inducted properly before commencing employment, and they often provide employment for overseas workers who come to Australia on work permits.

Tony oozes passion for his business and rightly so. He is proud that his two children have studied at University, subjects that will enhance their part in the business and they are very keen to join the small crops business, so that it continues on with another generation. Tony feels that he benefits because the business is not as regulated as the dairy industry, and Gibb Brothers can supply vegetables to their customers, based upon confidence in the fact that the products are safe to eat and convenient to use.

They supply Woolworths, Coles and Aldi as well as other business owners. Retail customers like the product to be convenient to use and of a fresh, high quality, which the Gibb brothers pride themselves in providing on a daily basis. They grow celery in large quantities, iceberg lettuce, silver beet, broccolini and a small amount of kale. Despite the size of their operations, the Gibb brothers see themselves as humble small crop famers supplying good quality vegetables for their customers. They use minimal chemical sprays and test continually for pesticide residue. Fire ant pellets that are dropped from aerial spraying, are organically, based which is good to know.



To control would-be crop destroyers like ducks and hares, they use a green strobe laser lighting which deters these pests from eating too much of the crop. Believe it or not, kangaroos are not a nuisance in that regard, as they prefer to eat the green grass

and weeds which comes up from the rain/irrigation! Exclusion fencing is far too expensive and this green light solution is both humane, affordable and successful. The farm ploughs in crop left overs and green crops, to fertilize the soil and keep it in good condition, which also minimizes damaging pests and fungus that live in the soil. Tony quietly donates vegetables to our Rotary Club on a yearly basis to supply our fundraising activities, for which we are so grateful. It is absolute pleasure to have Tony and his brother in our midst.

Presidents Report

This year seems to be passing us by very quickly, we are already approaching the middle of November and still have a few things to get done before we can all have a well-earned break. Most members of our club attended the combined Trivia Night with the Rotary Clubs or Boonah, Beaudesert and Jimboomba Sunrise. Many thanks to all the clubs and their members for their contributions into making it such a fun and successful night. Also a massive thank you to Ross McInnes and Therese Russell for all of their work in putting together the questions, presentation and answer sheets for the night.

Ross did a great job and certainly had everyone thinking long and hard about some of the questions. A lot of fun was had by all who participated in the 'Nutbush' - little did everyone know

that it was not just to see who could complete the dance, a lot of questions were revolved around this song and it was interesting to see how many people paid attention to the words of the song.



Club members Scott, Aleeta, Jill, Brian and myself had a great day catering for the Vintage Dirt Bike Riders Australia a couple of weekends ago. We were lucky enough to have been in a great spot where everyone could find, but we also had some great views of all the

bike action. It was a very successful and entertaining day which kept us all busy. We are also

well under way with finding new and existing advertisers for our Annual Business Directory which gets distributed, free to all households in the Harrisville, Kalbar, Boonah and Peak Crossing communities in January. There is still plenty of time to get a full colour or black and white add in – such a great way to get your name out and about in our local community. We have been busy buying and collecting items to go into our Digger Boxes which we send overseas annually to serving men and women who are away from their families at Christmas time.

As the weather is staying dry and hot, we keep all the families struggling with the drought and now the fires in our thoughts and prayers, and hope that sometime soon there will be some relief.

Yours in Rotary,

Cara



From the Secretary's Desk

Another busy month has passed, with members attending the Combined Rotary Clubs Trivia Night in Beaudesert on the 19 October. A big thank you to those organizers for a fantastic night.

In October, we were fortunate enough to have been offered a catering opportunity at the Washpool Vintage Bike Club Scrambles. It was a hot, loud and dusty day for our workers at the home of Darren Yarrow, where we made our fantastic steak burgers, sausages on bread and hot chips that were well received by the children. Our successful day made a profit of over \$950 to our fundraising efforts.

This month, we will be putting together our 'Digger Boxes' ready to be sent to troops serving overseas at Christmas time. Members have been busy organising the many contributions to these boxes and look forward to sharing the Christmas spirit as they are packed.

Aleeta Wozencroft

Secretary 2019/20

Youth Matters

RYTS – Rotary Youth Transition Seminar

Do you have a young person aged 16-18 years of age or a student finishing Year 11 going onto Year 12? This amazing leadership camp will help attendees gain the knowledge and confidence they need to succeed in their senior year and beyond.

When: Thursday 12th December – Tuesday 17th December 2019

Where: Bornhoffen PCYC, 3510 Nerang-Murwillumbah Road, Natural Bridge QLD 4211

During the program, participants will explore & develop -

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interpersonal skills • Communicating & listen skills • Public speaking skills • Personality types • Group dynamics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relationships in all areas of life (work, personal) • Stress management skills • Short/long term goal setting • Characteristics of effective leaders • Various styles of leadership
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Contact any member of our club so we can sponsor your young adult to attend this camp.

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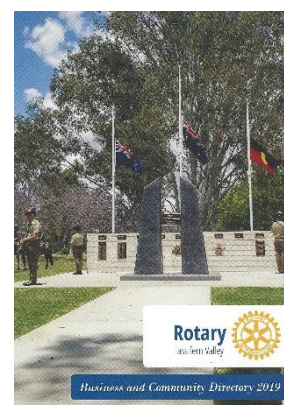
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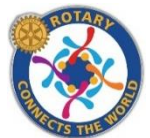
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<https://www.fassifernvalleyrotary.org.au/>

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Upcoming Events



November	December	January	February
13th - Remembrance Day, Guest Speaker Simon Jackson. 20th - Packing Digger Boxes	6th - Catering Peak Crossing State School 7th - Christmas Party	Break	29th - Murder Mystery Night, Harrisville School of Arts. More details to follow.





Birthdays		Wedding Anniversary
5 th Nov - Arthur Devin 27 th Nov - Jim Kirchner 29 th Nov - Mary McInnes 30 th Nov - Carolyn Braithwaite	November	

Meeting Program and Duty Roster: November

DUTY ROSTER	Wed 13 Nov '19 Dinner Meeting	Wed 20 Nov '19 Packing Digger Boxes	Wed 27 Nov '19 Planning Meeting	Sat 7 th Dec '19 Christmas Party
Duty Officer	Jill Surawski	N/A		
Chairman/ Rotary Reflections	Ross McInnes	N/A	N/A	N/A
Meeting Venue & Time	Royal Hotel, Harrisville, 6.30 for 7pm start	Neil & Jenny's Place, Peak Crossing	Peak Crossing Pub	Lindy & Jim Kirchner's home
Program and/or Guest Speaker	Simon Jackson	Social Evening	Planning for Peak Crossing school catering & end of year awards at schools.	

MEMBERS NOTICE:

1. To ensure a punctual 7.00 pm start, members are requested to arrive no later than 6.45pm.
2. When you have duties on the Roster and are not available, could you please arrange for someone else to fill in, and advise Secretary Aleeta of the change (Mob 0433 822 036)
3. Members please note: RSVP is important, if you don't RSVP there will be no meal for you - meals are only ordered if you advise you are attending.