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MEETING, 12 OCTOBER 2016



Support you need for the life you want.

Anglicare Southern Queensland recently embarked on a large community outreach campaign to build awareness of its extensive range of services throughout Queensland communities.

Executive Director, Mrs Karen Crouch says “Tens of thousands of Queenslanders are benefiting daily from Anglicare’s range of services - Disability, Mental Health and Family Wellbeing, Foster Care, Homelessness and Help at Home services.”

“Anglicare provides ‘all of life’ support to the most vulnerable members in our community, from our youngest to our oldest Queenslanders.”

“This support is aimed at achieving our vision – *to deliver a more loving, just and inclusive society consistent with the teachings of Christ* – by supporting people in need and helping them live their lives in fullness and in hope.”

Last year, Anglicare SQ placed 1,700 at risk children and young people in homes through its Foster Care Programs and provided intervention and counselling services and specialist programs addressing domestic violence prevention, child and family support and drug and alcohol issues to 14,000 clients.

This number will increase significantly with the rollout of the National Disability Insurance Scheme, which will give Queenslanders with a disability control of what support they want to receive for the life they wish to lead. We look forward to hearing more of the work of Anglicare from Ms Roxanne Gellé on 12 October 2016.

MEETING, 26 OCTOBER 2016

Trevor Weatherhead

David Banks Biosecurity Lifetime Achievement Award, 2016



Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce, and Lyn O’Connell PSM, Deputy Secretary, Department of Agriculture present Trevor with the Award.

In 2011 when Trevor last spoke to us he reported then that there were around 10,000 beekeepers in Australia who collectively owned around 600,000 hives. However, he cautioned against complacency as the security and wellbeing of the industry was dependent of its ability to withstand the threat of diseases prevalent in other countries.

Trevor has been relentless in ensuring biosecurity procedures are in place and working. How successful has Australia been in the protection of the 600,000 hives he spoke of 5 years ago?

Trevor returns to us and to advise on industry outcomes and recognition he received this year, being awarded the prestigious *David Banks Biosecurity Lifetime Achievement Award* for his contribution to the biosecurity of Australia.

Trevor and the former head of Biosecurity Australia, the late Dr David Banks, realised there was a need to prepare Australia for the likely arrival

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of the highly invasive Varroa destructor mite. The pair implemented the National Sentinel Hive Program across the country in 2000 and set up 'readiness teams' of trained beekeepers

Lyn O'Connell PSM, Deputy Secretary, Department of Agriculture has said "With population expansion, climate change and an increasing number of people and goods moving around the planet every day, it is more important than ever for Australia to have a robust biosecurity system." She describes Trevor as a 30 year veteran of the beekeeping industry who has made an outstanding contribution to the nation's biosecurity.

Ian Zadow of the Australian Honey Bee Council says Trevor's efforts have helped shield bee populations from pests and invasive species that have devastated colonies worldwide, including helping Australia remain one of the last regions on the planet free of the destructive Varroa mite.

Be sure to attend on 26 October 2016 to help celebrate with Trevor his passion and hard earned *David Banks Biosecurity Lifetime Achievement Award 2016*.



Trevor on the lookout for honeybee diseases



PAST MEETING, 14 SEPTEMBER 2016 Mayor Greg Christensen



Mayor Greg and wife Denise at Main Table

Chairman Ron introduced Cr Christensen who referred to his previous visit and that it was his intention to expand on his views previously expressed to the club shortly after being elected as Mayor. He holds special his daily experience of "driving across one of the most amazing parts of the world", the Scenic Rim Region, when he sees many possibilities and potential opportunities.

The Scenic Rim population has recently exceeded 40,000 people, which is an increase of 10% over the past 8 years. Over the next 20 years that figure is expected to grow to 63,000 people. Greg believes that "while small, that growth needs to be managed as the right sort of growth". The combined *Council of Mayors of S-E Queensland*, of which Greg is a member, represents 1 in 7 Australians and he believes their role is to get the appropriate infrastructure for the S-E corner of the State to service that growth, which in 2 years, will represent 1 in 6 Australians. He says "this provides us with opportunities and dangers". Brisbane will double its population over the next 25 years by not greatly increasing its footprint, but its density, by the development of high rise units.

Greg is overjoyed by this growth trend which he claims is dehumanising, as people move daily from the box where they live to the box where they work. He says that high density living cuts them off from their communities and the natural environment, urging them to escape at weekends when many head our way. They come to enjoy what we have every day and it is incumbent upon us to manage it appropriately and to protect it. He said urbanisation outside of our Region is good for us. Surrounded

by the environmental qualities of the Scenic Rim , we should plan for the next phases of world tourism i.e eco-tourism, agri-tourism, adventure tourism, cultural tourism, all having great potential in our Region.



Scenic Rim Mayor Cr Greg Christensen and wife Denise

Recent figures show that Scenic Rim attracts 50% of agri-tourism in southern Queensland. The Mayor's vision forward is to attract 50% of "a bigger tourism pie". To achieve that is to grow complementary attractions which will do that. He referred to the importance of the soon to be released S-E Queensland Regional Plan and its impact on the Scenic Rim. He wants to see greater protection given to critical land uses such as food production areas, industry and urban activity in order to minimise the threat of one to another.

Cr Christensen says Council, with its infrastructure investment program, should be looking forward at least 20 years – roads 20 years; bridges 80 years. He says "things have to be in the right place, otherwise if not, a lot of money could be wasted". He emphasised the importance of taking the recently prepared community plan and converting that into a meaningful strategic land use plan. He spoke of respecting the uniqueness of our local communities such as Mt Tamborine, Beaudesert and Boonah and a futures plan which strengthens their distinct qualities by encouraging further economic opportunities and development.

After several questions Chairman Ron conveyed our appreciation to Cr Greg for his attendance.



PAST MEETING 28 SEPTEMBER 2016

Royston Whybird 140 Years as Furniture Removalist



A very young Royston Whybird beside his furniture truck

Chairman Neil introduced Royston as having the honour of being the youngest member of one of Australia's great families, descending from the company's founder, and operating for 150 years until its sale in 1997. He said that is quite rare.

Royston commenced by joking about "his funny name" the origin of which was unclear, but proudly stated there was a town Royston in England named after him, where some of his family had lived. Since 1857 his family worked in and around Ipswich in road transport. He recounted that since then the mode of transport has changed but furniture removal hasn't. The industry involves handling people's most cherished possessions, and while it may appear to a stranger as "rubbish", it is the best its owners can afford.

In 2012 Royston was inducted into the *Road Transport Hall of Fame* in Alice Springs and shortly after was invited to speak to a Probus Club, which has led him to speak to us. He jokingly dismisses his topic "Furniture Removal" as being the 3rd most stressful event humans undertake after "marriage and divorce", hoping it wouldn't spoil our meal.

The founder of Whybird's Transport in 1857 was John Whybird who came from Stoke Pelham, a small village in England

He suggested records show a John W was fined 6d for damaging a neighbour's hedge and for assault.



However, he was grateful when this John W came to Ipswich the assaults ceased – could that be just a coincidence?

He spoke of experiencing the transition from horses to trucks, which due to his grandfather's pigheadedness, unlike himself, used draft horses in the business. This delivered benefits during World War 2 as feeding them hay was exempt from fuel rations. In his own experience the business went from the extremes of horse drawn drays to trucks and to air freighting works of art to art shows in New York, delivered the next day.

Royston referred to his grandfather Henry operating a dray which he took over from his father in 1905. In 1911 he then purchased a lorry for £49. As distinct from a dray, a wagon or a cart, which if incorrectly described to his father or grandfather, would upset them. Known as a horse drawn lorry, in England they were eventually motorised and became known as a motor lorry. In recent times a lorry was adapted and appropriately painted with black and white signage.

He referred to early company records of 1906 showing a receipt for two loads of furniture for 4/-. Their first motorised truck, a 1946 Ford, extended their range to Redcliffe which took four days.

Royston comically referred to the change in the removal industry over the years with the move to built-in furniture. While reducing some items such as wardrobes and kitchen cupboards, there were then new items such as refrigerators, washing machines and driers, barbecues etc. Amusingly he recalled it was a time when the toilet was outside and you ate inside. Now the reverse is true. His father used to say when people moved crockery

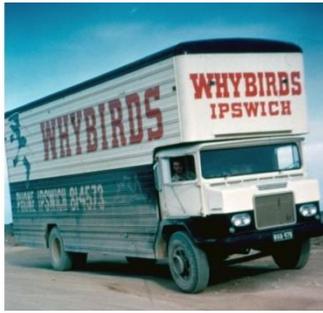
they put is all in a galvanised tub - now you need 50 tea chests. He recalled his first trip to Melbourne before any freeways. On travelling down Swanston Street he saw a sign saying *Vehicles Over 30 Feet Not Permitted in Swanston Street*. When pulled over by the police and having it drawn to his attention, he had to ask "Could you please tell me where Swanston Street is?"

In 1965 Royston drove over the Nullarbor Plain. For the school teachers present he amusingly corrected the definition of Nullarbor- meaning no trees, pointing out one tree on the horizon. He entertained us telling of a farmer reporting "It nearly rained yesterday" to helping out the Post Office by taking a bundle of Christmas mail 96 miles "just down the road", and placing it in a white 44 gallon drum on the roadside. He referred to crossing flooded rivers in the Gulf by use of railway bridges, to the devastation of Darwin after Cyclone Tracey only leaving downstairs laundries with no houses above. He has moved house contents from all places such as from Hermannsburg to the coast at Hopevale and from Yarralumla to Ipswich. He spoke of the benefits of timber guideposts for making a cup of tea, when flattened by a truck, over the more modern plastic ones with a reflector.

Royston spoke of his time as a tuba player with the Salvation Army Band, and the success of his pupils who progressed to major bands and the Queensland Symphony Orchestra. When asked if he played golf his reply was no – he carried pianos, and you can't play golf with a bad back. A memorable piano removal contract required the removal of 14 pianos with 11 taken up 22 steps to the top floor. Weighing over 200 kg each, after that he would go home with bruising over the shoulder, caused by the strap



Chairman Neil with Royston after his presentation



Royston amusingly referred to a removal to Kings Cross when on arrival he thought "it must have been a high class lingerie shop, as all the girls were walking around in their underwear". "Unfortunately the one who had the key was busy with a client so another had to help out".

He referred to a long awaited instruction since commencing work at the age of 14. This came when travelling in New South Wales at age 72 on seeing a roadwork sign on the side of the road – End of Work, and that was the end of his story.

Chairman Neil thanked Royston with our customary Certificate of Appreciation advising a Digger Box will be sent to a soldier in his name at Christmas.

PAST MEETING 21 SEPTEMBER 2016

Stuart Heal

The Winds of Change - Video

It was a delight to make our first visit to Lizzy's Kitchen (Mackaway's Café, Harrisville) and be the guests of Rotarian Aleeta Wozencroft. Given the favourable comments following the delicious curry it definitely will not be our last visit.



OCTOBER

Our Rotary Club will host District Governor Michael and his wife Roz this month, and it will be a great opportunity for members to hear Michael's update on his year to date in the DG job. I hope every member can be available for this night. It is also another chance to sample Aleeta's delicious offerings.

Michael will no doubt reinforce his District goals, and it is an opportune time to see where our club is placed to achieve our goals for the year.

Assistant Governor Peter Truer, in his visit to our club this week, noted the strong support for DonateLife throughout District 9640 and we should surpass the club's target for this goal.

We have resolved to support Outback Links, which is another of Michael's goals. In an ironic twist, our Treasurer Ron had committed to travel out to Charleville, but was advised not to travel because of wet weather. After all the dry weather, who would have thought that would be a problem?

There was a fair amount of discussion at the Business meeting this week about membership into the future and it's probably a good opportunity to have a conversation with DG Michael about this subject when he visits.

Ross McInnes – President

Upcoming Events

Oct 19 – Official Visit DG Michael Irving & Roz
Oct 22 – Garage Sale Trail, Harrisville
Nov 2 – RCFV Annual General Meeting
May 5-8 2017 Rotary Conference Ballina keynote speakers: Ita Buttrose, Noel Pearson, Kerry O'Brien. *(It is with regret and sadness that we advise the recent untimely death of Max Walker and have amended the speaker program accordingly).*
Make diary note NOW!

Congratulations John and Carolyn Braithwaite



Rotarians of RCFV extend sincere congratulations to Honorary Rotarian John and Carolyn Braithwaite for their marriage on the 17 September 2016.. The photo shows them at Kings College Chapel, University of Queensland, as they sign the Marriage Register before witnesses, John's son Greg Braithwaite, Carolyn's daughter Sharon Stedman and the officiating Minister, the Reverend Russell Reynoldson.



From the Secretary's Desk

Garage Sale

RCFV is facilitating a Garage Sale Trail Day on 22 October at Uniting Church at Harrisville. If you know of anyone interested in a site for a gazebo in the church grounds, please have them contact me.

DonateLife

Our Club is still collecting Donate Life forms and will continue to do so for a few more weeks. Please encourage all family/friends to complete the forms after discussing with their immediate family.

2017 Business and Community Directory

Andrew and Ann have printed additional order forms for the Business Directory, so if you want more, please ask me. A reminder that the discount period ends in little more than a week. Please give advertisers the opportunity to benefit from this.

Queensland State Library

Copies of our Club Bulletin, Valley Vibes, and earlier Provisional Club Bulletin have been archived with the Queensland State Library.

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be conducted at the Harrisville School on Wednesday 2nd November followed by our normal monthly Business Meeting.

Marjorie Porter – Secretary

Club President: Ross McInnes
District 9640 Governor: Michael Irving
Rotary International President: John Germ



Youth Matters

Cara Champion
Youth Director

The Rotary Clubs in District 9640 are starting to look for young people to sponsor to attend one of Rotary's Youth Leadership Camps. Young people who are seeking to improve their life prospects, and would like to experience a fantastic opportunity can attend RYTS, for Year 11/12 students in Nov/Dec or RYLA, for 19-28 year olds, held in January 2017. They each run for a week.

Reports from participants who have had the opportunity to attend any of the Rotary Youth camps have come back to visit our Club with reports such as 'the best experience of my life', 'I had an awesome time'. These camps are opportunities too good to miss, so if you know of an eligible youth who could attend and benefit from either, please contact us.



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It's a Laugh!



If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?

Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?

Meeting Program and Duty Roster: September

DUTY ROSTER	Wed 5 Oct '16 Business Meeting	Wed 12 Oct '16 Dinner Meeting	Wed 19 Oct '16 Training Meeting	Wed 26 Oct '16 Dinner Meeting
Duty Officer	N/A	Bev Ward	Lindy Kirchner	Scott Champion
100 Club , Stamps and/or Raffle	N/A	Thyrlene Devin	N/A	Thyrlene Devin
Chairman/ Rotary Reflections	Pres. Ross McInnes	Arthur Devin	Pres Ross McInnes	Jenny Summerson
Meeting Venue & Time	Harrisville State School 6.45 for 7.00 pm	Royal Hotel Harrisville 6.30 for 7.00 pm	Lizzy's Kitchen at Mackaway's Café 6.30 for 7.00 pm	Royal Hotel Harrisville 6.30 for 7.00pm
Program and/or Guest Speaker	General Business AG Peter Truer	Anglicare Roxanne Gellé <i>Support you need for the life you want</i>	DG Michael Irving D9640 Matters DG Official Visit	Trevor Weatherhead <i>Honey Bee Industry Biosecurity</i>

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 Marjorie of the change (Mob 0419 781 264).