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Peak Crossing Car Display Day

Sunday 26th August 2018 proved to be the most successful car day ever for the Fassifern Valley Rotary Club, this was despite the fact that it didn't start out as well as we had hoped with a few showers hanging around. We had seen some showers on Saturday and early morning Sunday started out the same, however there were a few bits of blue sky showing through and it was a great indication that the skies would clear to see another beautiful day. The irony of this situation could not be missed with a vast area of Queensland in need of a great deal of

rain. We weren't going to let it stop us from enjoying the day even if it had persisted, and while the dark skies and showers did prevent a few participants from attending and displaying their beautiful cars, it was certainly not enough to stop the majority of ever faithful participants who look forward to, and make this day an annual pilgrimage each and every year to Peak Crossing



in the beautiful Scenic Rim. Ultimately though it was through the generosity of the hosts, the fabulous RCFV members Neil & Jenny Summerson, the help of Tony Nelson and a group of fantastic people who put in their time and effort into organizing this event we were all able to enjoy a fantastic day.

For our rotary club, a great deal of the planning and hard work over a number of months came together to make this day the success that it proved to be. As mentioned previously, much of the nation is experiencing one of the worst droughts on record, and because of this our club had

decided to donate \$5 from each gate entry to our country cousins in their time of need during the ongoing drought this year. The Cars started to roll up the driveway at about 8am and continued in a steady stream, and as always we all look on admiringly as cars from old to new drive past and take their place so they can be admired by each other. Thanks to the outstanding generosity of the members of the attending car clubs, the financial outcome of the day far exceeded our expectations, which has enabled us to send \$6,000.00 to the drought ravaged communities of Charleville and Longreach.



This was the first year we had our chip van up and running (the hot chips on a drizzly day proved to be a great hit), and our rib fillet burgers served with a homemade tomato relish were as popular as and tastier than ever. We would like to thank the attendees for their generosity, and hopefully next year will prove to be just as successful. But more importantly, hopefully we won't have the specter of drought hanging over us again.



District Governor Terry Brown

District Governor Terry Brown and his wife Carol made their first visit to our club for the year. Terry started off the night by giving us a brief overview of his journey and goals for the coming year. Terry spoke about the inspiration he gets from Rotary International President Barry Rassin from the Bahama's. This years' theme 'Be the Inspiration' and logo which depicts waves in shades of blue, represents the sea that connects us all together. DG Terry's goals for the coming year overlap with RI goals in many ways. District goals include each club gaining new member; to establish 6 new Satellite Clubs; for every club to contribute \$100 US to the Rotary Foundation; for every club to contribute \$40 US to End Polio; for all clubs to support nominations for all Youth Programs and for all clubs to achieve a Presidential Citation. DG Terry spoke about the 2018/19 Conference to be held at the Lismore Workers Club from 29-31 March 2019. The conference holds many memories for the Rotary Members of Lismore as it is the anniversary of the 2017 floods. Guest speakers include Ridley Bell ho is the founder/ owner of Mountain Blue farms in NSW; Professor Peter Silburn AM who is a world expert neurologist in the treatment of Parkinson's disease; Clyde Campbell who in 1987 founded Machinery Automation & Robotics; Sarah Brown who is a remote area nurse that reshaped 'on country' dialysis services for Aboriginal people in central Australia; Kelly Foran from Glen Innes who created Friendly Faces Helping Hands in 2011; Rhett Butler who is Foundation Chairman of SkyJuice and Chair of the Research Committee at National Centre for Excellence for Desalination (NCED); Dr Jonathan Parkyn a teaching academic and researcher at Southern Cross University; Corrina Grace who is the Founder and Executive Director of SERES; Perter Drysdale AM and Jo-Anne Wigg (Jo). DG Terry is promoting the conference as 'Lismore Heart of the Rivers' and presented President Andrew with a heart with our clubs name on it. DG Terry's also spoke about the drought funding and the involvement the Rotary has with District support toward the ongoing appeal. The District helped to fund the Burrumbuttock Hay Run which has been delivering hay to drought affected areas since 2014, founder Brendan 'Bumpa' Farrell has completed 11 hay runs to properties in NSW & QLD. RAWCS (Rotary Australia World Community Service) in conjunction with the National Farmers Federation, Channel 9 and Rotary in Australia established an appeal which as raised in excess of \$10 million, with \$4.5 already being distributed direct to farmers and their families.



Carol Brown introduced her partner's project which is to raise money and awareness for the Human Brain Research Project. The goal is to raise funds for a PhD candidate for research into Parkinson's Disease. Carol is a very creative person and has a handmade rocking horse that she takes to all the club visits. At the end of the visits each club's name will go into the draw to win the rocking horse.

DG Terry concluded his visit with the presentation of a PHF for one of our most deserving members, Lindy Kirchner.

Lindy is a Past President and has shown time and time again that she puts service above self and is truly a worthy recipient of this prestigious award.



Guest Speaker – Anna Martin

On Wednesday 12 September we welcomed Anna to talk to us about her journey to becoming a Veterinarian in Laidley. Anna was born in Brisbane and was the eldest child to her parents John & Nell, then when she was 4 years old she was joined by her brother John. Until the age of 6 her family lived jointly between Brisbane and her grandparents commercial and stud Simmental farm in Mt Colliery, near Killarney. Anna started school at Bulimba State School but every weekend and school holidays were spent helping out at the farm. Anna considers herself to be very lucky as she grew up having the 'best of both worlds'. When she was 7 years old her parents separated, but instead of this having a negative effect on Anna she considers it to be one of the best things to happen as after her mother remarried she was blessed with a little sister, Ella as well as an extra parent Matt who considered Anna and her brother John as his own. Anna then attended high school at Somerville House where she played Hockey, was very involved in Pony Club and enjoyed riding and competing as well as 'studying her butt off' to get herself into vet school. She was very fortunate in always knowing exactly what she wanted to do, so after finishing high school she was accepted into James Cook University to study a Bachelor of Veterinary Science. At 17 years of age Anna put everything she thought she would need into one suitcase and a carry-on bag and moved to Townsville. She admits that the humidity was a bit of a shock, but they were ultimately the most exciting, stressful and emotional 5 years of her life. During her final year Anna did a 2 month externship at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, which has the newest and biggest large animal medicine and surgery facility in the USA. She spent half her time there in the Production Animal Medicine/Surgery Hospital and the other half in the Equine Medicine ward.



The externship gave Anna the chance to treat a huge variety of species and to work on cases that economically are not an option in Australia.

At her graduation in December 2016 Anna had all four of her parents and her Nan on hand to watch as she proudly walked across the stage accept her degree in her pappy's old university gown. Soon after graduation Anna moved to the Lockyer Valley to be close to her partner Lachlan and started working full time as an associate Veterinarian at the Laidley Veterinarian Surgery working as a mixed practice vet that treats small animals as well as the production of animals and horses. Some of Anna's big passions in the industry are bovine reproduction and herd health medicine. Anna calls herself a very lucky little human because she can say without a doubt that she adores the work she does and she's sure this was what she was put on the planet to do – not many people can honestly say that.



Presidents Report



G'day all,

It is a rule of nature that when a Rotary Club organises their biggest day of the year in the middle of a drought, it will be guaranteed to rain. Our Peak Crossing Car Day was no different with the weather conspiring to keep some of our friends in the car clubs from attending.

The absolute generosity of everyone involved with the day was magnificent. There is no other way to describe it. The efforts of Neil, Jenny, Tony and their many helpers to coordinate the day ensured its success.

Even though numbers were down, the fundraising for the day was significant and many people who couldn't attend sent money through after the event.

This fundraising has allowed our club to send cheques of \$3,000 to the Rotary Clubs of Charleville and Longreach to provide vouchers for people in need and to support local businesses in those regions. Scott and Cara travelled to Longreach last week and were able to present the cheque to the club at their meeting.

District Governor Terry Brown and his wife Carol attended our meeting in August and Terry gave a rundown of his goals for his Presidential year and his desire for clubs to "be inspired" for his year. Carol's project for the year is the Human Brain Research Project.

Our dinner meeting on the 10th October will see a visit from our Assistant Governor Karen Thomas who will have the pleasure of inducting a new member into our club. This is always a very positive occasion for any club.

Other events coming up for our club will be the Kalbar Country day on the 20th and a vocational visit to Sue Russ at our local lead lighting shop on the 24th.

YIR,

Andrew Kay

President 2018/19

Youth Matters

them up for a successful senior year and help them prepare for life after school. Applications close Monday 26th November 2018.

RYLA is a premier youth leadership development program for people aged 19-28. This is a week long program designed to promote proactivity, personal and professional development through a range of inspirational speakers, team building exercises and leadership training. The skillset learnt

from the development of communication skills, problem solving, conflict resolution, self-confidence and self-esteem are the key objectives of this program and is a 'once-in-a-lifetime' experience. Applications close Tuesday 25th December 2018.

If you know of someone aged 17/18 who would benefit from attending RYTS or someone who would like to enhance their skills & leadership qualities by attending RYLA please contact myself or any other member of our club.

Cara Champion

Youth Director 2018/19

Once again we are heading towards the time of year where we are looking for awardees to attend the Youth camps. **RYTS** is a leadership camp for students going into year 12, but even if students aren't taking on leadership roles within their school, this program will set

WTF IS RYTS?

ROTARY YOUTH TRANSITION SEMINAR.

DECEMBER 2018.

WHO RYTS is a one-week residential camp for students who have just left school and are aged 17/18 years, and for Year 11 students who will be taking on leadership roles in their Year 12.

WHEN Monday 3rd December to Sunday 9th December 2018.

WHERE Tyalgum Ridge Retreat, 783 Tyalgum Creek Road, Tyalgum, NSW 2484

WHY The focus of the program is the development of skills needed to make the transition from school into post-secondary education and employment. RYTS provides practical advice on topics such as renting, budgeting, goal setting, career choice and self-confidence.

COST \$590 per awardee. Clubs can sponsor multiple awardees.

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From the Secretary's Desk

Peak Crossing Car Day

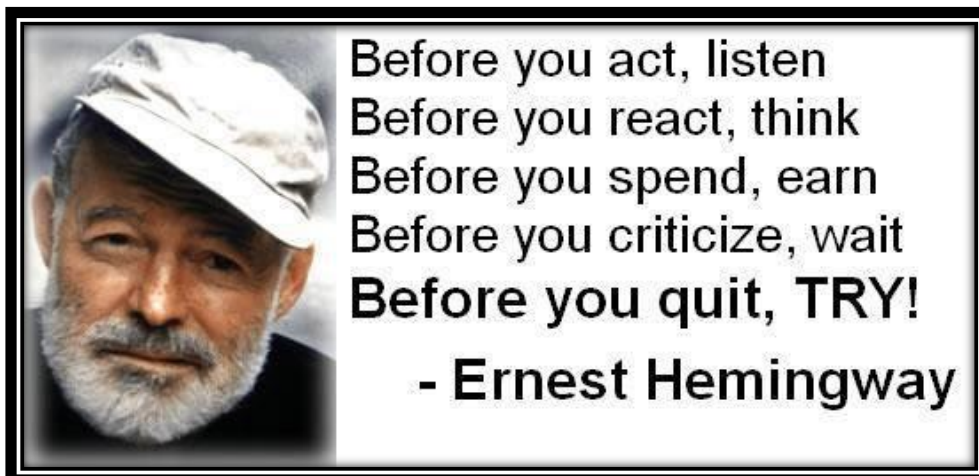
On 26 August, the Rotary Club of Fassifern Valley had the pleasure of being involved with the annual Peak Crossing Car Display Day held at the home of Neil and Jenny Summerson at Peak Crossing. A big thank you to Neil and Jenny for the huge effort they put in to organise this event each year. Prior to the event, a record number of over 250 cars had registered for the event, however forecasts of much needed rain predicted, numbers were down on previous years. Despite this, it was an amazing day and the rain did not dampen the spirits of those who were able to attend.

Kalbar Country Day

Members look forward to selling steak burgers and chips from the catering van on 20 October 2018, at the Annual Kalbar Country Day. This will be a great opportunity to meet with people from Kalbar and the surrounding area.

Aleeta Wozencroft
Secretary 2018/19

Something to think about!



Upcoming Events

October	November	December	January
Wednesday 10th AG Karen Thomas visit and induction of new member Anna Martin.		TBC Christmas Party	



Birthday	Wedding Anniversary
09 September - Cara Champion	17 September - John & Carolyn Braithwaite
07 October - Ross McInnes	27 September - Graham & Marjorie Porter
12 October - Jenny Summerson	5 October - Aleeta & John Wozencroft

Meeting Program and Duty Roster: August

DUTY ROSTER	Wed 3 October '18 Business Meeting	Wed 10 August '18 Dinner Meeting	Wed 17 August '18 TBA	Wed 24 August '18 Social Evening
Duty Officer	N/A	N/A		
Chairman/ Rotary Reflections	President Andrew	President Andrew		President Andrew
Meeting Venue & Time	Harrisville State School 6.50 for 7pm	Royal Hotel Harrisville 6.30 for 7pm		Lizzy's Kitchen 6.30 for 7pm
Program and/or Guest Speaker		AG Karen Thomas & induction of new member Anna Martin.		Attending Lavender Leadlights prior to dinner with Sue Russ.

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)