

# VALLEY VIBES

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**NEXT MEETING 9 MARCH 2016**

## Meet the Candidates

On Wednesday, 9 March 2016, Rotary is hosting a public function for residents to *Meet the Candidates* standing for the local government elections on Saturday, 19 March 2016. The venue is the Harrisville School of Arts, meeting from 6.30 pm for a 7.00pm start. Moderator for the evening is Honorary Rotarian Heather Wehl.

Such events provide the opportunity for candidates to present their credentials. In a democracy it is of value for voters to scrutinise the candidates' pleas for public office and to question their claims.

Speaking will be the 5 Mayoral Candidates and 2 Division 6 candidates for the Scenic Rim Regional Council.

The Mayoral candidates (in ballot paper order) are:

1. Greg Christensen
2. Tom Sharpe
3. Dave Cockburn
4. John Brent
5. Harry Wever

The Division 6 candidates are:

1. Duncan McInnes
2. Troy Coombs



Heather Wehl and Graham Porter discuss candidates

**RECENT ROTARY EVENTS**

## Country Day/Cattle Sale SILVERDALE, 5 MARCH 2016



Our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Country Day and Cattle Sale shared with the Rotary Club of Toowong on Saturday 5 March 2016 proved very successful both socially and financially. Before the Silverdale Cattle Sale, members of both Rotary clubs met at Plasvacc Pty Ltd for a vocational visit. We were hosted by Rochelle Cause and her three willing assistant daughters, who made us all very welcome.

Plasvacc is an Australian pharmaceutical company founded in 1996. Plasvacc manufactures and distributes high quality blood plasma products used to supplement the immune response system in animals. Plasma therapy shortens the course of treatments, reduces hospitalisation periods and lessens the quantity of drugs required to treat a variety of medical conditions.

Plasvacc is the only commercial producer of plasma for veterinary use and the only dedicated animal plasma production facility in Australia





Rochelle shows us a donation of frozen plasma

Our pen of three steers sold for \$3.55 per kg x 450 kg returning on average \$1,597.50 each. After purchasing feed for approximately \$500, the club cleared over \$1,000 per steer. We are indebted to Neil Summerson for donating a young beast and to Andrew Kay for fattening the animals on his property. The day finished with a sausage sizzle.



Scott checks out our cattle at the sale



Ron and Jon sizzle

## PETS & District Assembly ST STEPHEN'S COLLEGE COOMERA, 5 & 6 MARCH 2016

President elect Ross McInnes attended the President Elect Training Seminar on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> and the Club was well represented with 7 members attending the District Assembly on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> at St Stephen's College, Coomera.



RCFV members at District Assembly (L-R) Aleeta, Graham, Scott, Cara, Ross, Marjorie and PDG Arthur

It was enlightening to hear of the work undertaken by District Governor Elect Michael Irving in preparation for the 2016 – 17 Rotary year and to meet his extensive administrative team.



DGE Michael and his administrative team for 2016 -17

Each year it is a joy to hear the DG's partner's nominated charity. For next year Roz Irving has not disappointed, having chosen the Fred Hollows Foundation. We look forward to making our contribution to this valuable charity when the District Governor visits later in the year.

Each year it is exciting to hear the closing the gap report of Polio plus. Incoming RI President John F Germ from the Rotary Club of Chattanooga, Tennessee, USA hopes to see the end of Polio in .



the world during his term. He says his theme for 2016 -17 *Rotary Serving Humanity* could not be more apt were that to be realised during his year.

RI President elect John F Germ



Welcome everyone to the New Year and we all hope that this year will be kind to us all. It has commenced very well with Neil receiving an Australia Day Award and we can be all very proud of him and Graham (from a previous year) with the awards they have both received.

Our Christmas break up held at Normanby Winery was a wonderful success and all enjoyed the night. As usual, the food was plentiful and delicious, the company was enjoyable and the "Kay" Secret Santa was a real hoot, with everyone joining in the spirit of stealing gifts. Mick and Jenny joined us for the night and their wine was well received by all who partook!

Our first dinner meeting for the year saw two outstanding young men from RYTS Camp, Hamish and Sam, speak enthusiastically about their experiences during the Camp. I sat there listening to their well-prepared speeches and admired their zest for life beyond camp, with a mission to 'sell' the camp to their school's up and coming students and booking spots for their siblings when they become of age. These boys make wanting to raise money for youth programmes all worthwhile. A huge thank you to Arthur for his hard work in making it all happen for our young people.

We joined with Boonah Rotary to provide food at the Qld Rowing championships at Wyaralong Dam. Those who could help on the day, enjoyed the company of another Club and we all learned valuable skills from the experience.

The Paul Harris Dinner night was hosted by Boonah Rotary at Simons on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Our Cattle sale on March 5 with our Toowong family was a delight.

March 9 sees us organising a Meet the Candidate Night for our up and coming Division 6 Council elections at the local Harrisville Hall.

Be safe, be kind to yourself and others.

### Lindy Kirchner – President

Club President: Lindy Kirchner  
 District 9640 Governor: Anne Egan PHF  
 Rotary International President: Ravi Ravindran

# Youth Matters

by Arthur Devin OAM  
 Youth Director

In part of my Rotary Notes for November 2015, I wrote:-

*"My present Rotary Dream is to see the RCFV becoming one of the leading District 9640 Rotary Clubs by being involved in assisting more youth in our catchment area to have opportunities to better themselves. Hopefully, PP Marjorie may see her dream of an Interact Club/ Rotaract Club/ Early Act Club chartered to allow our youth to benefit further from the Club's service to our Communities, but it may take time" (to achieve).*

Last Sunday, I attended the annual District training for all D9640 Rotary Clubs, the District Assembly. It gives me the opportunity to keep up to date and meet new friends with new ideas. I hope other team members gained as much as I did from the day. I was pleased to meet members of the School's Interact Club and of the EarlyAct Club, the latter being the **only Primary School Youth program in D9640**. D9640 introduced it some years ago from D9600 which has EarlyAct Clubs in Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast with students in years 4 for 6. PE Ross's new, active and enthusiastic Youth Director, Cara may have her team investigate the viability of an EarlyAct Club in one of the seven Primary Schools in our Club's Catchment area.

Over many years, I have been passionate about training of people involved in any organisation because I consider there are so many benefits not only to the organisation, but to the individuals, their associates, the industry and our country. Without training, I consider that one obtains expertise from a shrinking supply by buying it at an ever increasing cost. Therefore let us expand our training and expertise by using Rotary's systems such as District Assemblies, District Conferences and workshops where attendees often have the most effective methods of doing the work being discussed.

District Governor Elect Michael Irving wants all Clubs to use the most effective methods of achieving outcomes. **LET'S DO IT**



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## Upcoming Events

**March 9** Meet the Candidates Harrisville 6.30pm

**May 6 - 8** District Conference, Murwillumbah

**May 20 - 22** RYPEN, Camp Bornhoffen

**June 18** RCFV Changeover Dinner, Harrisville

## It's a Laugh!



Don't blame IKEA



## Meeting Program and Duty Roster

DUTY ROSTER	Wed 9 Mar '16 Public Meeting	Wed 16 Mar '16 Business Meeting	Wed 23 Mar '16 Dinner Meeting	Wed 30 Mar '16 5 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday
Duty Officer			Bev Ward	
100 Club , Stamps and/or Raffle				
Rotary Reflections			Marjorie Porter	
Sergeant at Arms				
Sergeant's Assistant				
Meeting Venue & Time	School of Arts Harrisville 6.30 for 7.00pm	Harrisville State School Library 6.45 for 7.00pm	Royal Hotel Harrisville 6.30 for 7.00 pm	
Program and/or Guest Speaker	<b>Meet the Candidates</b> (Local Government Election for SRRC)	<b>Club Business</b>	<b>Aleeta Wozencroft</b> Topic: <i>A Thumbnail Sketch of her life</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 President Lindy of the change (Mob 0407 160 141).

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