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NEXT MEETING 11 OCTOBER 2017

President Susan Page

RC Beaudesert – Cambodia & Solomons Projects

Rotary Club of Beaudesert President Susan Page comes to us to share her enthusiasm for her Club's overseas projects in Cambodia and the Solomons. Joining her will be John Mann, a long time promoter of education projects in Cambodia, where he has been involved with Rotary Beaudesert in building three schools and a guest house, and Peter Aldridge who has participated with RAWCS in building high schools and primary schools in the Solomons. Following is John's story.

John Mann's Commitment to Educating Cambodia



John Mann with Hilary Lemaire

Mougins School has played a big part in education worlds away from the comforts of the South of France. The international school has raised awareness as well as significant sums for the charity Educating Cambodia.

The charity is run by the quietly dynamic John Mann, 68, English by birth and an actor by trade. Based in Australia for many years, he played parts in *Home and Away* and *Return to the Blue Lagoon*. He stumbled across his mission in life by accident when travelling in Cambodia. "I visited poor countries because they were cheap," said John. "In

Cambodia in 2005, a tuk-tuk driver invited me to his wedding. It was at Prey Veng, about as far off the tourist trail you could get. There was no electricity, no clean water, and no toilet. "When I gave a camera as a gift, the response was: 'Thank you, but can you give us a school?'

"I became inspired and set about raising funds. I never had a formal plan, or signed a document, but gradually it started to come together". Today we have a school teaching 1080 kids from 12 villages." So many pupils and limited space mean operating the school under a two-shift system. "Holidays" for the children of Prey Veng are timed so they can help their parents with the rice harvest.

Although boys and girls get an equal education, John says it is by the success of the girls' schooling that Educating Cambodia should be judged. "In the beginning the most widely-held belief was that girls were there to become wives and so didn't need an education. But the fate of a Cambodian girl with no education was often horrible. Thanks to the school, not one girl has been lost to sex slavery in the past seven years.

John thanks his long-time friend Hilary Lemaire, the Riviera's queen of theatre, for her valuable support. "Hilary's fund-raising productions have been so important for us. It was she who made the introduction to Mougins School." Not for nothing is the teachers' house Prey Veng named Chez Hilary.



FUTURE MEETING 25 OCT. 2017**Sage Smith****Rotary Youth Leadership Award 2018**

Sage Smith is the Rotary Youth Leadership Award, (RYLA) Junior representative on this year's Rotary Relations Task Group. Besides being a Police Officer, he is enthusiastically volunteering his time as the liaison for the promotion of next year's seminar. He is making himself available to answer any queries we may have about the program by visiting our club.

Since our Charter we have sent several Awardees away for the RYLA experience, having them report of their experience to us on their return. Through Sage we will be able to get a glimpse of the organisers' perspective of what goes into making RYLA such a profound experience for the attendees.

Each year the RYLA committee, with Rotary sponsorship, aims to send 100 young people away for this life-changing unique experience. This year they ask that each awardee pay a \$50.00 deposit towards their place.

Potential awardees may complete the online application form at:
<http://www.ryla9640.org/application-form/> and should specify that they are to be sponsored by the Rotary Club of Fassifern Valley.

Sage is offering to assist us find potential Awardees to attend RYLA and will advise us further when making his informative and engaging presentation.

The closing date for RYLA nominations is December 25th, 2017. This date is quickly approaching and he urges us to nominate Awardees as soon as possible.

Sage advises the committee's appreciation of Clubs' continual support for RYLA which they demonstrate by awarding the Rotary Club who sponsors the most Awardees with their annual Manning White Award at a Rotary Dinner Night in January.

Yours in Rotary,

Sage Smith

Rotary Relations Junior - RYLA 2018

RECENT MEETING 13 SEPT. 2017**Chaplain Rob Packer****Landscape Photography**

President Scott presents Rob with a Certificate of Appreciation and acknowledgement that a Digger Box will be sent in his name to troops deployed overseas this Christmas

Pres Scott introduced Captain Rob Packer as a man who grew up in Adelaide knowing that a forward pass was legal. After secondary school he worked in a bank for 10 years until he saw the light and began studying theology at Adelaide University which led to his serving as a Minister within the Uniting Church in 3 parishes in South Australia.

Subsequently he became an Army Chaplain and is currently serving at Amberley. However, his visit to us had little to do with Army Chaplaincy but his passion for landscape photography.

Rob claimed he had been taking photos since he was 12 years old, starting with his grandfather's Box Brownie. He then moved to taking slide photos, using Fuji film which cost him \$2 an image. Each image once developed and digitally scanned cost him \$4. As a university student this was unaffordable so his hobby had to wait

On graduation digital technology was evolving so he purchased a digital SLR camera and has specialised in landscape photography since.

He proceeded to show the wonderful images he has captured as he has travelled throughout Australia and New Zealand. It goes without saying they demonstrated his passion and mastery of his craft. Following are example of his work we were privileged to see.



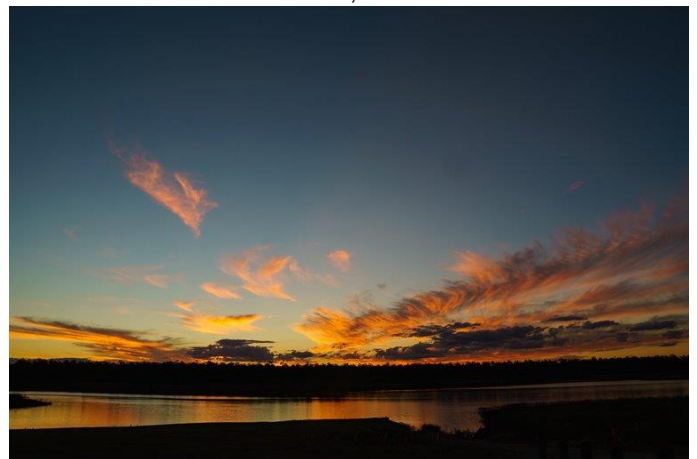
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Wivenhoe Dam, Qld



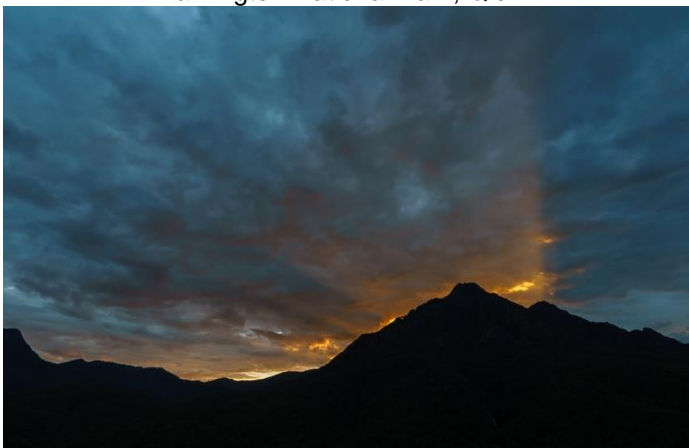
Laidley, Lake Dyer



Lamington National Park, Qld.



Moogerah Dam



Subject Unknown



Warrill View from Cunningham Lookout



RECENT MEETING, 27 SEPT. 2017

Darryl Prenzler**From Farming to Financial Planning**

Darryl addressing Club members

Marjorie as Chairman invited Steve Swanson, a professional colleague of Darryl, to introduce him.

Steve indicated that he and Darryl had worked together for 9 years and had been associated with financial planning practices throughout Queensland over that time. He claimed to know the difference between good and bad licensed financial planning businesses and ranked Darryl highly within their profession which had been beset with change for the past 30 years. This he expected to continue for at least the next 10. He stated that Darryl had been ahead of that change for the past 14 years, where he had always put the client first, not the case with many others in their industry.

Steve claimed Darryl's financial planning business as one of the best in Australia. His formula is his thirst for knowledge which he shares with his client. He indicated that Darryl has a "good moral compass" and is held in high regard within the industry. What is also a surprise to his peers is he lives in Boonah.

Darryl began telling of his transition to financial planning from dairy farming, where he was until 2002 after leaving high school, when he began questioning of the future of that industry. Darryl had spent 11 years on various dairy industry boards rising to executive level on the QDO, when he claims "the ongoing story of irrigation and droughts was telling him something". So in early 2002 at the age of 40 he began selling off his cows and machinery, and on 14 November 2002 made the last milk delivery.

He made the courageous decision to "let go" of dairying, while not knowing what career direction to take. This changed while attending his last dairy conference in Toowoomba when he met David Pidcock. David offered him a position with a Toowoomba financial planning firm, subject to his obtaining the required qualifications.

On obtaining his Diploma of Financial Services in May 2003 he was accepted as an Authorised Representative of AXA Financial Planning. He stayed in Toowoomba where he set up his own business, *PDP Partners*, in February 2004 after completing an Advanced Diploma in Financial Planning in 2006.

In June 2008 there was a business name change to *Elodus* which preempted his leaving Toowoomba to establish his own business *Insync Financial Solutions* in Boonah. Now, 9 years later, he has a staff of 7 which he plans on increasing to 10 in early 2018, as well as opening a satellite office in Toowoomba.

Darryl attributes his success in financial planning to accepting that "it is never too late, and you are never too old to change". His courage to "dare to dream and have a go" is what has led him to the success he shares today. While he learnt a lot from the dairy industry he believes there is "No such thing as a mistake, unless you don't learn from it".

Darryl claims that transition to retirement is not about money but overcoming uncertainty. His aim is to provide that certainty for his clients.



The President's Report

Hi All,

Since the assistance that we provided to the Beaudesert Club for their show, it feels a bit like we have taken a small Rotary breather over the past month. Except for our two PR powerhouses that is, Cara and Aleeta have just returned from the RLI and PR workshops. Check out the wonderful things that they have been doing with the new website and the Facebook page. It looks great!

Speaking of Beaudesert Rotary, I love the way we have been able to develop a closer relationship with this club, it gives us a chance to learn new ways of doing business as well as to increase our connections in Rotary. As an example of this, as most of you know that we have agreed to purchase the small catering van that was excess to their requirements. This I plan to pick up later this month, all going well, and hopefully this will prove to be a wonderful new asset with which we can expand our work in this community.

Another item that has been bubbling away in the background is the development of the strategic plan, particularly including an international focus as part of this. In an effort to achieve this we have had some other clubs speak to us about their efforts overseas, and next week will hear from the managers of two projects being run by the Beaudesert Club. I would like to get the strategic plan signed off soon though, because we need to focus on our work in the Fassifern Valley.

The Business Directory is one area that needs all of our immediate attention. To paraphrase a famous line from our time, "Let's make it great again!", so if you have some time available, or can make time available, please get out and approach potential advertisers. Make a plan to show them how you can help them to see how we can help them out here.

Scott Champion – President

Youth Matters

Cara Champion
Youth Director

Recently I was able to attend the first day of the Rotary Leadership Institute workshop, followed by a Public Image workshop. A busy weekend but well worth the effort, because I have found that no matter what age, we all continue to learn and grow as people, improving both our personal and professional lives. Through attending such workshops we learn new skills, gain more confidence and meet new people. Communication and networking is an invaluable tool that can take us places we never thought we wanted to go. You never know who you will meet, or what connections you will make, or the experiences that you will have. There is an old saying that 'in life it is not what you know, but who you know'.

Rotary holds workshops constantly to help improve skills for their members, some of the most important of those workshops are the Youth Programs they facilitate. RYTS (Rotary Youth Transition Seminar) is fast approaching and what better time in your life to learn leadership skills than at the age of 17/18 or a young person going into Year 12. On 25 October we will have Sage Smith, who is on this year's RYLA committee, come to talk to the dinner meeting about RYLA. RYLA is an invaluable seminar that will help young adults to learn and grow in a positive way. Please bring young people that you know who might be interested along for the night, or contact us if you would like more information about attending RYTS or RYLA in January which is for 19-28 year olds.

Cara Champion - Youth Director 2017-18

Rotary 4 Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

- Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to all Concerned?
- Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



From the Secretary's Desk

Rotary Learning Institute & New Rotary Public Image Institute

Cara Champion and Aleeta Wozencroft last weekend attended the first day of the Rotary Learning Institute (RLI) at the Gold Coast, and then stayed overnight to represent our Club at the Public Image Institute. Cara and Aleeta reported that both days were enjoyable and informative as well as allowing them to network with other Rotarians in the District. They will be returning to the Gold Coast at the end of this month for the conclusion of the RLI. We thank them for their dedication of time, energy and enthusiasm.

Kalbar Swap Meet – 15 October 2015

President Scott has arranged for our Club to have a stall at the Kalbar Swap Meet on Sunday 15 October. This is a very popular event attended by people from a wide area across S-E Qld. It will be a further opportunity for us to promote our Club and be seen being active in the community. We have water left over from the Car Display Day and intend to give that away. We will also promote Polio Plus by offering Purple Pinkie to everyone.

Rotary 113th Birthday Dinner

Our Rotary Club will host the next annual Rotary Cluster Dinner in February 2018. Date and venue will be confirmed as soon as possible.

Fassifern Business and Community Directory

Andrew has distributed Business Directory order forms, and we encourage all members to obtain as many orders as possible to make this a success. This year, Colour ads are being offered and many businesses will be interested in this option.

Future Project – Cunningham Lookout

Our Club's Community Grant Application to Scenic Rim Regional Council was not approved, however our discussions with Cr Duncan McInnes have been positive and it is our intention to prepare a site plan prior to further meetings with Council in order to prepare a development site program.

Club Website

Aleeta has spent considerable time in developing our Club's website and it is looking great! There are just a few details to iron out and hopefully very soon it will be available for all to see. Thank you to Aleeta and Cara for driving this.

Leave of Absence

With a few of our members away overseas and unable to attend Rotary meetings, Leave of Absence has been granted to Bev (holidaying in Europe) and Jenny and Neil (in Ireland). We trust you are all enjoying your time away and catching the end of their summer.

AGM – 1 Nov 2017

All members please note that our Annual General Meeting will be conducted at the Harrisville State School on Wednesday 1 November at 7.00 pm. The normal monthly meeting will follow the AGM.

Marjorie Porter -

Club Secretary 2017-18



Birthdays

7 Oct	Ross McInnes
11 Oct	Aleeta Wozencroft
12 Oct	Jenny Summerson

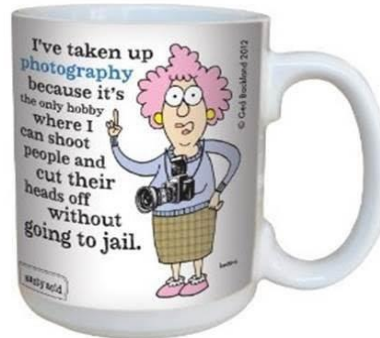
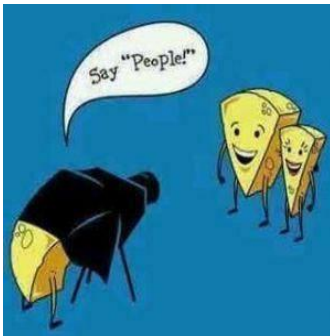
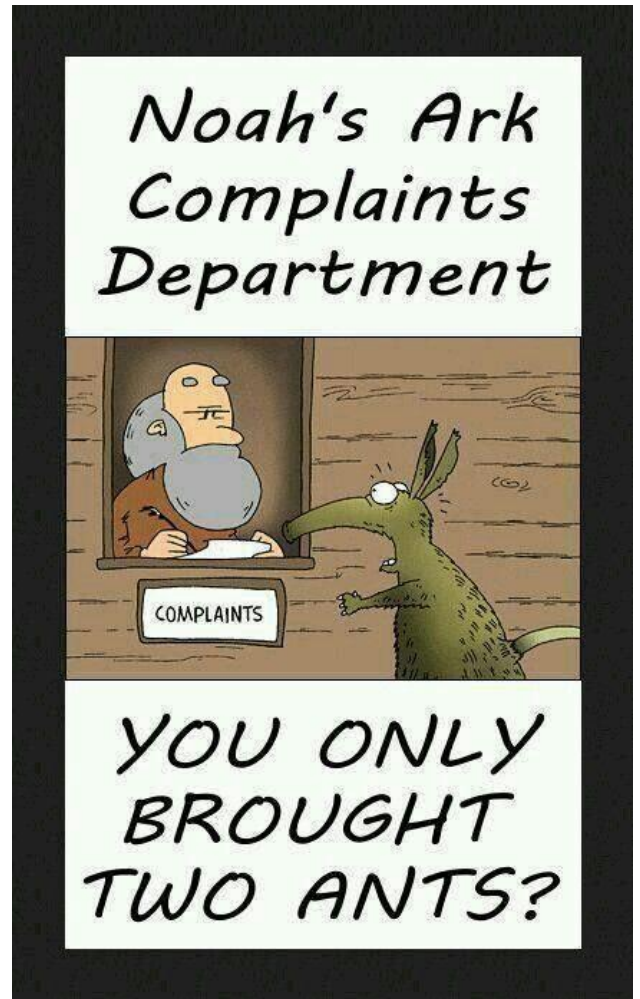
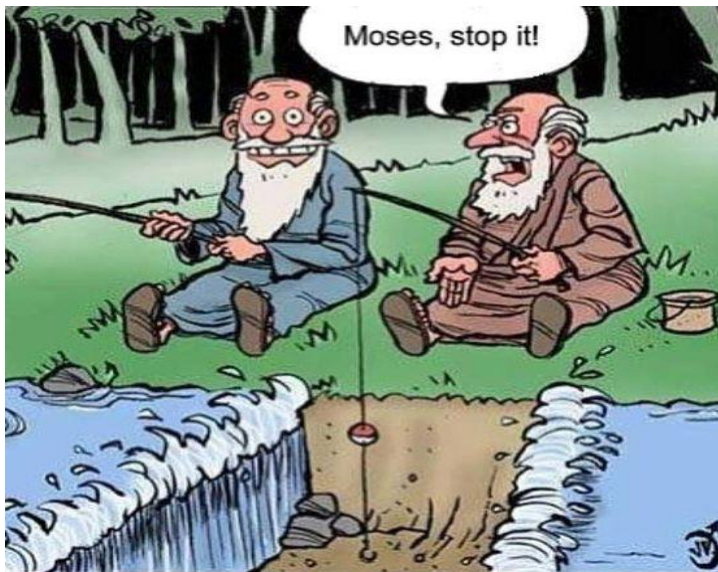
Wedding Anniversary

5 Oct 1996	Aleeta & John W
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Upcoming Events

- Oct 15** – Kalbar Swap Meet
- Oct 28** – RLI 2nd Day – Cara & Aleeta
- Oct 28** – Beaudesert Rotary- 60th Anniversary
- Oct 28** – Gold Coast – 40th Anniversary
- Dec 2-8** – RYTS Camp, Tyalgum
- Jan 20-25** – RYLA Camp, Tyalgum
- Feb** – Cluster Dinner – date to be confirmed
- Feb 24-25** – President Elect Training Seminar
- Mar 9-11** – District Conference – Sea World
- Mar 25** – RCFV Duathlon (tentative)
- Apr 4-15** – Commonwealth Games – Gold Coast
- May 6** – Opera in the Vineyard - Stanthorpe
- May 20**- District Assembly – Northern (Boonah)
- May 25-27** – RYPEN Camp, Bornhoffen
- Jun 30** – District Changeover

It's a Laugh!



Meeting Program and Duty Roster: October

DUTY ROSTER	Wed 4 Oct '17 Business Meeting	Wed 11 Oct '17 Dinner Meeting	Wed 18 Oct '17 Business Meeting	Wed 25 Oct '17 Dinner Meeting
Duty Officer	N/A	Marjorie Porter	N/A	John Braithwaite
100 Club , Stamps and/or Raffle	N/A		N/A	N/A
Chairman/ Rotary Reflections	Pres Scott Champion	Pres Scott Champion	Pres Scott Champion	Cara Champion
Meeting Venue & Time	Harrisville State School Library 6.45 for 7.00pm	Mackaway's Café, Harrisville 6.00 for 6.30pm	Harrisville State School Library 6.45 for 7.00pm	Royal Hotel Harrisville 6.30 for 7.00pm
Program and/or Guest Speaker	Club Business	Pres. Susan Page RC Beaudesert Cambodian Schools Project	Club Business	Sage Smith RYLA Program 2018

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).