

VALLEY VIBES

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Welcome to 2019

December 1 was the club’s last get together for 2018 when we held our Christmas party at Neil & Jenny’s house in Brisbane. Thank you to Neil & Jenny for hosting, it was yet again another night of fun, laughter and friendship with many *negotiations* over “Secret Santa” gifts. The evening was capped off when we all went out the front and enjoyed Jenny’s hard work and amazing Christmas lights display.



We are now halfway through the Rotary year, and are looking forward to supporting Andrew in his last 6 months as President byway of a very busy and productive 2019. We especially welcome any prospective members to come along and join us at any time in our work within the local community.

Guest Speaker - January

When Kerry dairy farmer Peter Rohan was asked to help with some dairy activities in 2012, he exclaimed he was getting too old and the younger ones should be doing more.

His daughter Rachel and two of her friends started talking and decided to do something about it. From that initial conversation and as daughters from established Beaudesert dairy farming families, *Daughters of Dairy Farmers* was formed in 2013.

Whether it's campaigning against discount milk through social media, providing Ag education to School classes at local shows or providing Easter chocolates to farming families after the Cyclone Debbie floods, it's all in a week's activities for the DDF.



Rachel, Lisa Harrison and Jo Platell have played an extremely important and positive role for dairy, school and community groups for 6 years. Rachel will outline what she sees as the future of DDF.



Members Sharing

In early November, Ross McInnes had the opportunity to stay a night in Tenterfield on the way to Dorrigo for a dairy conference. He was accompanied by 3 other dairy farmers, and because we arrived late and leaving early, we headed for the local bakery for a little sustenance.

We decided to eat across the street and we came upon this scene in a grassed area near the Shire Council offices. The council workers were starting to prepare everything for the Remembrance Day celebrations later that week.



From the information supplied, about 950 young men from Tenterfield Shire enlisted and these 201 small crosses tragically represent the ones who didn't come home. In the early morning air, it was a poignant reminder of the sacrifices of earlier generations.

School Bursaries 2018

The end of the school year is always busy for our club, with one of our activities seeing us present a Citizenship bursary to a year 6 student from each of the seven schools covered in our area. This award goes to a student who displays the qualities of respect towards others; along with care, friendship and responsibility; demonstrates leadership and consistently participates in school & community events. Our members take pride in being able to present these awards at each schools' annual awards presentations.

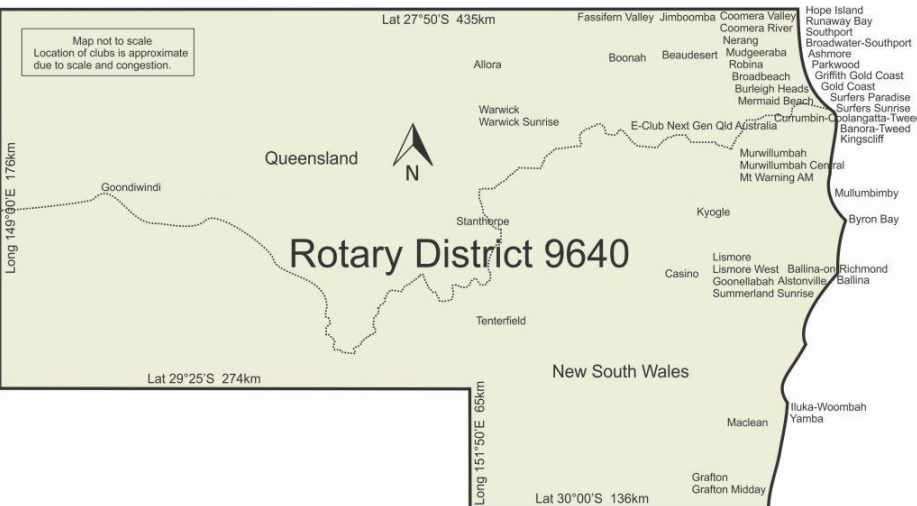


Marjorie Porter presenting awardee Tahlia Abbott with Principal Angela Chant looking on.

District Conference – “Celebrate in the Heart of Lismore”



District conference this year will be held in Lismore at the Lismore Workers Club from Friday 29th to Sunday 31st March 2019. Conference will coincide with the 2 year anniversary, to the day, since the City of Lismore and surrounds were devastated by the 2017 Cyclone Debbie floods. The community has had a long, hard and very painful recovery but the Lismore region



is very resilient and will present a great Rotary and community event for conference. There are currently 52 clubs and 1,220 Rotarians in our district. Conference is always a fantastic opportunity to listen to some amazing and inspirational guest speakers, enjoy meeting fellow Rotarians and catching up with old friends. If you would like to know more about District Conference please contact one of our members.

Presidents Report



G'day all,

I hope everyone had an opportunity to have a break over Christmas with family and recharge the batteries for the rest of the year. We were kept busy leading up to our Christmas break, with Peak Crossing being a focus area for our club. RCFV was very pleased to be able to help support the new Remembrance Day memorial opposite the Peak Crossing School with a \$1,000 donation.

Our food van was then given another workout at the Peak Crossing State School concert. Apart from securing some much needed funds for the club, we were able to give a \$290 donation back to the P&C from the night's proceeds.

The Christmas breakup was a very successful and joyous occasion again and I thank Neil and Jenny very much for hosting this event.

Our 2019 Business Directory will be finalised and ready for distribution in the next week and I thank all businesses for helping to support this club activity. The first business meeting for the club is this week to outline our program leading into the back half of the 18-19 year.

One issue of concern for everyone is the ongoing dry conditions across much of the State. RCFV was very pleased to facilitate payments to Charleville and Longreach from the proceeds of the Peak Crossing Car Day, and I am sure everyone was hoping for "normal" conditions to return.

The media highlighted the devastating effects of the drought and urban populations were extremely generous in their support. Unfortunately media attention has a very short attention span, and the drought continues long after the media attention ceases. The sad fact is that many areas will need 2 above average seasons, just to return to some sort of normality – here's hoping.

YIR,

Andrew Kay

President 2018/19

Youth Matters

experience.

Cara Champion

Youth Director 2018/19

Well it had been very quiet for us over the past couple of months, but the RYLA team have continued to meet up to ensure that they are ready for this year's awardees to attend the RYLA camp at Tyalgum from Saturday 2nd to Thursday 7th February. This year our club has sponsored three awardees to attend, we look forward to when they return and can come and tell us all about their



From the Secretary's Desk

Welcome to 2019 and our first newsletter of the year. After having a break for the Christmas and New Year period, members are looking forward to getting back into the swing of Rotary Business.

Prior to our break, we had the opportunity to use our food van at the Peak Crossing State School Christmas Concert. This was a great opportunity to have the van out and about in the community. Feedback from the school was positive and that having someone else to cater for the event, allowed all parents, including their hardworking P&C members, time to enjoy the night. We hope to continue to be able to provide this service for them at further events where possible.

On Wednesday 16 January, we held our first informal members get together at Lizzy's Kitchen in Harrisville. We were able to enjoy a light discussion of possible projects and events for the 2019 Calendar year over a hearty meal. We were also presented with a possible opportunity to further utilise our food van, with further details to be discussed at upcoming meetings.

The first six months of our Calendar are always busy with the following workshops/events coming up for those that are interested in attending.

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| • 10 February | Leadership Workshop | South Tweed Sports Club |
| • February | Paul Harris Dinner | TBA |
| • 23/24 February | PETS | Stanthorpe High School |
| • 29-31 March | District Conference | Lismore |
| • 19 May | District Assembly | Warwick State High School |
| • June | Changeover Dinner | TBA |

Further details for these events will be forwarded as more information is available.

Aleeta Wozencroft
Secretary 2018/19

Something to think
about!



Upcoming Events

January	February	March	April
	2 nd – 7 th : RYLA 23 rd – 24 th : PETS, Stanthorpe Paul Harris Dinner: TBA	29 th – 31 st : District Conference, Lismore	



Birthdays	Wedding Anniversary
06 January – Anna Martin 13 January – Neil Summerson 02 February – Eddy Waddy 16 February – Marjorie Porter 24 February – Duncan McInnes	12 January – Lindy & Jim Kirchner

Meeting Program and Duty Roster: Jan / Feb

DUTY ROSTER	Wed 23 January '19 Dinner Meeting	Wed 30 January '19 Social Evening	Wed 06 February '19 Business Meeting	Wed 13 February '19 Dinner Meeting
Duty Officer	Lindy Kirchner	N/A	N/A	TBA
Chairman/ Rotary Reflections	Ross McInnes	N/A	President Andrew	
Meeting Venue & Time	Royal Hotel, Harrisville 6.30 for 7pm	Jim & Lindy Kirchner's 6.30pm	Harrisville State School 6.50 for 7pm	
Program and/or Guest Speaker	Rachel Rohan			

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)