

# VALLEY VIBES

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Next Guest Speaker - 19 May 2021

**MELINDA PARCELL**

Executive Director. Community and Rural Services. West Moreton Hospital and Health Services.



Harrisville local Melinda Parcell is managing the expansion of Ipswich Hospital by the acquisition of adjacent City Council properties for a health hub.

Melinda values the power of building strong relationships with people and organisations that have the same objectives and clear vision - to provide excellent healthcare to the community by transforming clinical services.

30 years of experience in nursing and midwifery puts her in good stead to be a strong advocate for practice standards and the provision of safe clinical care. She is committed to ensuring that healthcare services meet the expectations of the community.

Melinda states that leading and sharing a vision of excellence in health care is important to her. It is behind her management philosophy to create a holistic hospital campus for Ipswich.

Make sure you are present to hear Melinda's vision for the way Ipswich Hospital is about to be transformed in order to deliver a revolution in the provision in healthcare for the people of Ipswich.

Recent Guest Speaker – 21 April 2021

**JOHN BRAITHWAITE**

Find a need and fill it. Find a hurt and heal it.



John began by questioning our motives for making decisions in our lives which have an effect on the lives of others. He asked what motivates us to act when there is a cause which elicits a response. He spoke of **Norman Vincent Peale** (May 31, 1898 – December 24, 1993) who was a revered American minister and author best known for his work in popularizing the concept of positive thinking, especially through his best-selling book *The Power of Positive Thinking*. Along with a psychiatrist Rev Peale established an Institute and Counselling Centre where both religion and psychiatry are used to heal lives. John suggested that many people need a personality transplant.

John advised us that he was fortunate in having other people in his life who show him how powerful it is to find a need and to fill it. He cited the story of Lifeline, an organisation created by Rev Alan Walker. His life's work was to **find a need and fill it. Find a hurt and heal it.** Another leader who greatly influenced him was Rotarian Sir Clem Renouf whom he had the privilege of meeting.

John emphasised that currently it was a special time for Rotary in Australia and NZ as it celebrates 100 years of Service in 2021. In 1921, four Rotary Clubs were created in Melbourne, Auckland, Wellington and Sydney. From there, Rotary and Rotaract clubs were created throughout Australia and New Zealand. We all share Rotary's centenary in 2021 which provides the opportunity of coming together, identifying need and finding solutions i.e. to **find a need and fill it**.

Other local examples are Bert Martin who with Everal Compton in the mid-seventies, recognised the need for an independent organisation to represent the interests of Australia's 2.9 million people aged 50 and over. *Later Years* was established and had 1,800 members by the end of the first month. Now, 40 years on, it has 200,000 members nationwide, *Later Years* is recognised as Australia's leading independent voice of the over 50s. Also, more recently, John Boyd of the Rotary Club of Toowong, established *International House and Residential College* at the University of Queensland for International University Students. Both *Later Years* and *International House* set out to **find a need and fill it**.

The experience and trauma of having his Aunt and Grandmother stricken with Polio brings John close to club members Ross and Marjorie whose mother contracted the disease. Responding to the need which Polio had on his family, John's Grandfather became a surgical bootmaker.

John described Barry and Judith Weston who identified a need among the lower socio-economic community of Carol Park and responded with a food program in fulfilment of that need.

As inaugural Chairman of the Board of St John's Anglican at Forest Lake, which identified a need for private and public education, John, with other Board members, worked with the Forest Lake community in providing independent education, again finding an educational need and filling it.

John referred to his initial employment with Jacaranda Press where he identified a need for an Australian Dictionary. School Dictionaries at the time were from Great Britain, such as the Oxford from Clarendon Press. His work encouraged the

development of the Macquarie Primary Dictionary as an essential reference tool in the Australian primary classroom for young readers and writers to use, explore and enjoy the richness of our language. His identifying a need and filling it, he claims it as his most satisfying life's achievement.

John says that his Ministry through the Uniting Church in Harrisville and Peak Crossing over 5 years was most rewarding. Its legacy is to identify and facilitate with Rotarians Graham Porter and Neil Summerson, a need for a rural-residential aged care facility by Wesley Mission. After a couple of false starts when vendor agreement on a land parcel couldn't be reached, 24.28 hectares was finally purchased in North Street by Wesley Mission, which is now well advanced in obtaining development approval through Scenic Rim Regional Council and State Government.

After a 3 year respite John is once again enjoying Ministering with the Uniting Church, this time to the congregation at Gatton. Here he is working with the Uniting Care Employment Agency in the development of housing and employment opportunities for disabled in the Gatton community.

To "find a need and fill it" and "find a hurt and heal it" have been the measure of John's philanthropic life. We hope his "Service above Self" mission continues at home and in his new found fields of Gatton. How appropriate is the 2021-2022 Rotary theme?



**2021-2022 Rotary theme**



Hello everyone!

Can you believe almost another calendar month has passed by!!?

Beve, Graham, Marjorie, Scott, Cara and I recently attended Boonah Rotary Club's 75th birthday celebrations. What a fabulous night of fun, food and fantastic auctioning by our local Federal Member, Scott Buchholz. Boonah Rotary celebrated in style and it was a pleasure to attend and be a part of such a significant milestone.

After a very brief time of planning, our Club attended the Peak Crossing Social Club's Bull Ride and catered for them with hamburgers and drinks. Andrew Casos, President of the Social Club, and his team, were an absolute delight to work with and our night was very successful, raising funds to the tune of approximately \$1,875. In fitting in with our theme of caring for our Community, we donated hamburgers to policemen in attendance and they were most grateful for the gesture.

It was a great night of teamwork by all who could attend and my sincere thanks to everyone who helped me with the barbeque. A huge thank you to Steph and Tim whose connections with Andrew Casos made this event possible. (Photos next page)

ANZAC Day service at Harrisville was yet again, another wonderful event. Marjorie and Graham attended the Dawn Service and Cara, Beve and I were able to attend the 11 am Service and donated gifts of book sets to our seven schools in the District. The event was held outside the Harrisville Hall this year due to indoor COVID restrictions.

Thank you to Graham and Marjorie for organising those books sets for us. Cara and Beve have kindly offered to make sure all schools receive these gift sets this week. Thank you so much on behalf of all our Club.

John Braithwaite was a great guest speaker at our recent Dinner Meeting and it was wonderful to catch up with him and his wife Carolyn again. His

involvement with Neil and Graham from our Club, in the ongoing planning for a Retirement Village in Harrisville is making good ground which is fabulous news!

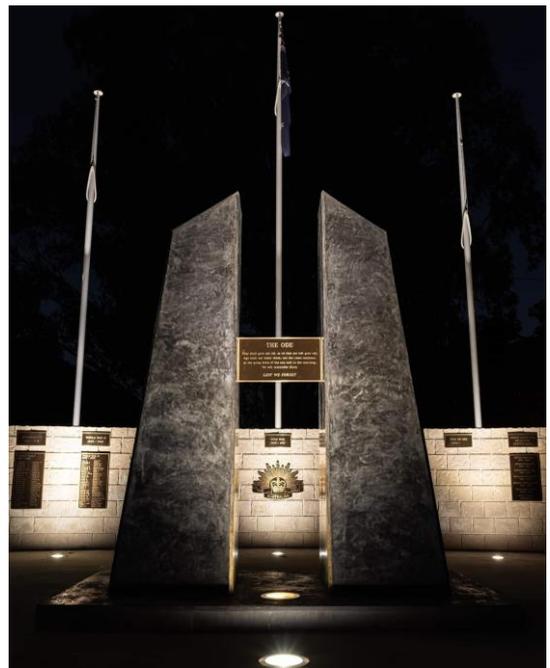
The weather of late is absolutely beautiful- Autumn in our beautiful Fassifern Valley at its best!

Till next time, keep safe and show kindness in all we do..

**X Lindy**



Beve, AG Cara and Pres Lindy at Harrisville cenotaph with ANZAC Memorial gifts to Fassifern Valley schools.



Peak Crossing cenotaph at dawn service

Peak Crossing Social Club's Bull Ride



Club President: Lindy Kirchner  
Assistant Governor : Cara Champion  
District 9640 Governor: Andy Rajapakse.  
Rotary International President: Holger Knaack

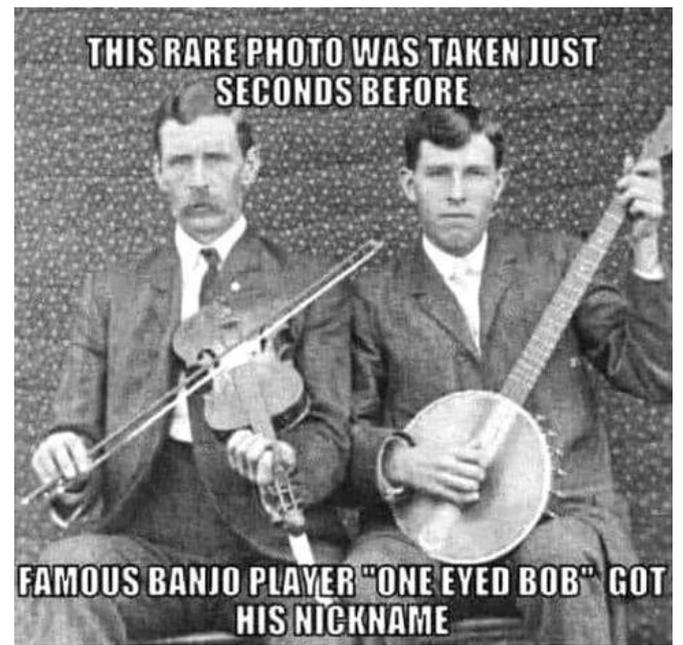


Club Secretary: Jill Surawski  
Minute Secretary: Therese McInnes  
Club Treasurer: Neil Summerson AM  
Editor: Graham Porter OAM

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

Date	Birthday	Anniversary
May 1		Andrew & Ann Kay
May 3	Stephanie Vanderwestern	
May 6	Beve Ward	
May 13	John Brent	
May 25	Ross Blanch	Neil & Jenny Summerson
May 30		
22 Jun	Graham Porter	

**If you boil a funny bone it becomes a laughing stock. That's humerus.**



**I relabeled all of the jars in my wife's spice rack. I'm not in trouble yet....but the thyme is cumin.**

**It's a Laugh!**



**Meeting Program and Duty Roster: May - June**

DUTY ROSTER	Wed 5 May '21	Wed 19 May '21	Wed 2 June '21	Wed 23 June '21	Fri 26 June '21
Duty Office	Pres Lindy Kirchner		Pres Lindy Kirchner		
Chairman/ Reflections					
Meeting Venue & Time	Lindy's Cottage	TBA	Lindy's Cottage	TBA	Peak Crossing Hotel
Program / Guest	Business Meeting	Guest Speaker Melinda Parcell	Business Meeting	Dinner Meeting	Pig Races Peak Crossing