

VALLEY VIBES

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NEXT MEETING, 8 FEBRUARY 2017

David Roderick Dairy Farmer

David was born at Harrisville Hospital and believes he may have been its last birth. The words of Jesus come to mind (Matthew 19.30), "*many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first*" when assessing David's life and his achievements. He was born number 4 into a family of 5 children. Tragically he lost his brother Peter to encephalitis at the age of 9. With dairy farmer parents Bob and Elsie Roderick, it was a life of hardship and traditional country values. However, with a good education received at Ipswich Gramma School, he was imbued with excellence and quality values which stood by him throughout his life.

On leaving school in 1965 David worked on the farm assisting his father, who due to war injuries was becoming incapacitated. In 1973 David took over its management, giving him opportunities to introduce innovation and new technology. The herd size grew from 60 to its present 300 cows. David prided himself on the farm being self-sufficient again drawing on innovation. Being a labour intensive industry this could not happen without adequate human resources and this was satisfied by Ross McInnes working for David for 4 years from 1977 to 1982.

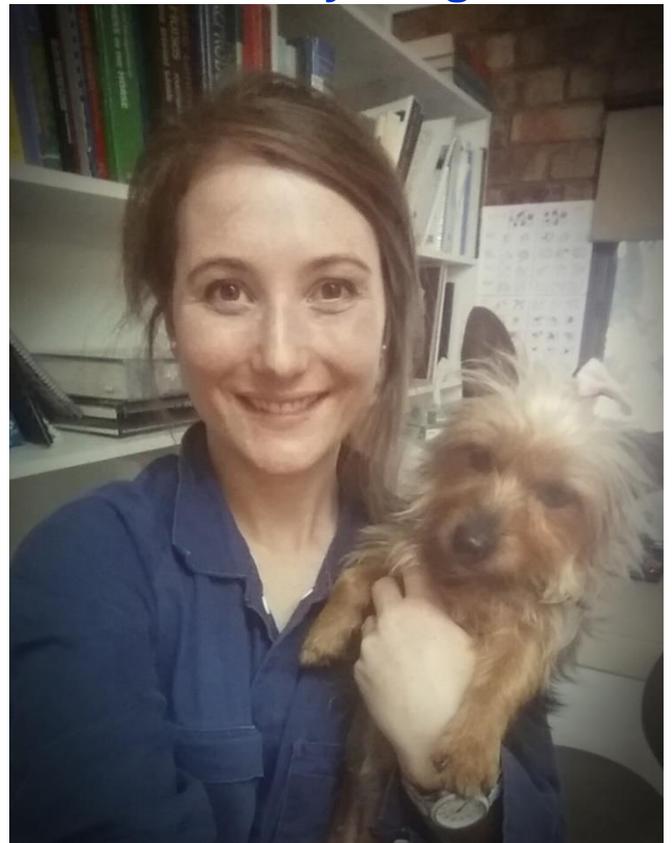
This was the dawning of a new dairy farming culture when farmers became more professional, recognising there had to be quality in their lives. David followed his passion for Rugby League, playing for Ipswich in the late 1960s, serving as Captain for 4 years. He retired after playing for Queensland in 1972.

In 1966 he demonstrated leadership, commencing a life of community service. This included participation with community organisations such as, Rural Youth (at age 16); Harrisville Lions Club in 1983 to present (34 years), and the Anglican Church. His rich cultural appreciation is seen through the talents of daughters Amy and Linda, However, David's greatest social contribution may be with his wife Gwen, serving for many years as foster parents.

We look forward to hearing more of David's life.

MEETING, 25 JANUARY 2017

Jennifer Rey Veterinary Surgeon



Jenn with her little dog Izzie

Chairman Lindy's introduction led Jenn to explain her French connection. Being of a French father and Australian mother, with Harrisville roots through her grandparents Jan Parcell and the late Mick, she proudly admitted being a "*cross breed with hybrid vigor*".

Jenn grew up in a small rural town near Lyon, with stone houses and mountain views. Having not lived there since she was 16, she now admits not appreciating its ancient charm of old stone buildings and mountain scenery until recently, when returning there on holidays.

Jenn spoke of her native language of French and the lengths her mother went to for her to be bilingual, having English as a second language. She humorously indicated that this was done surreptitiously, with her mother conversing in English while she replied in French. Watching cartoons in English, such as *Flintstones*, was a win for her mother. When visiting Harrisville on holidays, her mother would enroll her in the Harrisville School. She was seen by fellow students as a novelty who everyone wanted as a friend. She enjoyed the experience which she recalls as relaxed with shorter days finishing at 2.30 pm, whereas in France she finished between 4.00 to 5.00 pm.



Jenn's childhood French home near Lyon, recently taken by her sister

At the age of 16 Jenn moved to Australia into a private school on the Gold Coast where she experienced the culture shock of wearing a school uniform for the first time. Her ambition was to be a vet and applied for a university place after she finished high school. Not happy with the wealth driven high school culture she had experienced, Jenn took a gap year and worked in Central Queensland on cattle properties while waiting to hear the outcome of her university application.

Jenn had been cautioned that with English as a second language she may have difficulty entering university so as a fallback considered following her father, a trained chef, into hospitality.

While travelling Jenn heard her application for a university place in veterinary science was successful, so on accepting an offer at James Cook University, Townsville, in preference to University of Queensland, deferred a year and continued her travels throughout Spain and South America.

Jenn commenced an internship in a 5 star hotel in Spain, where she then learnt Spanish. From there she went as a volunteer to Argentina where she taught English in a small school in the Andes Mountains for 4 months, living with a host family. After 7 years Jenn is excited at the prospect of seeing her host family this year.

After teaching she traveled to Peru and Bolivia where her now Spanish skills allowed her to absorb the culture which she loved. It was while in Peru she decided on the vet science course offered by James Cook University in Townsville, where she then spent the next 5 years.



An *Aubrac* breed of cow and calf in France

Jenn thoroughly enjoyed her course and the experience of working on Australian cattle properties, learning Australian cattle management practices. She explained how different these were from those of France. She is pleased she did not allow others to discourage her from veterinary science in the belief she would have difficulty due to English being her second language.

She has two sisters, one in France in hospitality with her father while the other is at Uluru in Central Australia. Before choosing veterinary science as a career she did initially consider medicine. However she preferred the challenge of working out what is wrong with them, while compliance is only reliant on the client not the animal.

A mix of animals is an interesting challenge to her. Recently on one day she treated a pig, goat, dog and cow.

Jenn is delighted to be working with Veterinarian Ian Wilbraham at Peak Crossing and is pleased to now call herself a local. We too are pleased she is.



Time to get the Cobwebs out

Welcome back to our first Valley Vibes for 2017. I hope every one of our members and our Rotary friends have had some well deserved rest over the Christmas period albeit escaping the ongoing hot weather.

This month sees two dinners that several of our members will be attending. The Paul Harris Anniversary dinner will be hosted by Jimboomba on the 25th February and we will have a strong contingent representing our club for the evening.

On the 18th, Allora has its 50th Anniversary function and we will be represented by Arthur and Thyrlene and others. Arthur and Thyrlene are no strangers to Allora and were in fact in attendance at the charter dinner in 1967. This exemplifies the lifetime of service that the Devins have given to Rotary.

Arthur and Thyrlene have also been extremely generous with the donation of their second car to the Boonah Community Centre to be used by young drivers with limited access to a vehicle in the completion of their 100 hours training to comply with their driving licence requirements. The car will be donated in the name of the Rotary Club of Fassifern Valley and our club has resolved to support the venture with \$1,000 to help with ongoing running costs.

Our club also supported two awardees at the Rotary Youth Leadership Award Camp (RYLA). Both of these young men were nominees of the eClub, and while our club was disappointed not to have had some local attendees, we were more than happy to reciprocate the generous support of other clubs over the years.

Unfortunately, I finish on a sad note reporting the passing of our member Lindy's mother last month. While always a sad occasion, I hope the support of Rotary friends helps in a meaningful way.

Ross McInnes - President

Club President: Ross McInnes
District 9640 Governor: Michael Irving
Rotary International President: John Germ



Youth Matters

Cara Champion
Youth Director

2017 Kick-off

2017 has kicked off to a great start with another very successful Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) camp from the 21st – 27th January. The seminar, an intensive week long program, aimed at building confidence and empowering the attendees to be the best they can be, saw an enthusiastic group aged between 19 and 28 develop a range of skills.

Each year RYLA is run by a team of previous attendees who are guided by a few 'old hand Rotarians' who facilitate and organise the camp. RCFV's newest member Jarrad Cartmill, a previous attendee, returned again this year as a volunteer to help facilitate the camp helping to ensure the 2017 attendees had an enjoyable and memorable week.

Set in the natural beauty of the Tweed Valley in northern NSW, the Tyalgum Ridge Retreat which sits high inside its northwest perimeter, is the home for the attendees for the week. This year our club sponsored 2 members from the E-Club to attend the camp, and from all reports they had a very enjoyable week, making lifelong friends, listening to motivational speakers and participating in team building and self-confidence generating activities.

Cara Champion – Youth Director

Upcoming Events

March 11-12 – PETS/District Assembly

March 18 - 50 years of Rotary at Allora

March 25 – 113th Rotary Celebration Jimboomba

April 1 – Theatre Restaurant, Harrisville

April 8 – Rotary Peace Fellow Seminar UQ.

May 5-8 Rotary Conference Ballina keynote speakers: Ita Buttrose, Noel Pearson, Kerry O'Brien. **Make diary note NOW!**



*From the
Secretary's Desk*

Business Directory

Our Club's Fassifern Business & Community Directory for 2017 has now been distributed, and thank you to all our Advertisers who again have supported this venture. Thank you also to Wagtail Graphics for their ongoing professional contribution to make this a success.

PETS/ Assembly

President Elect Scott Champion has advised that he will be attending the PETS Training on 11/12 March 2017 at Goonellabah and his wife Cara is also going. PETS provides the launching pad for the incoming President and we wish Scott a positive and beneficial experience.

Theatre Restaurant

Plans are being finalised for the upcoming Theatre Restaurant to be held at the Harrisville School of Arts on Saturday 1st April 2017. Thanks to Lindy and Graham for their organisation of this event.

Rotary Tour of New Zealand

Club members Jenny and Neil Summerson have reported that they have accepted the invitation of the RC of Pakuranga (Auckland, NZ) to join the NZ Tour for Australian Rotarians. The 2 week-long tour covers both islands and includes a Rotary host couple and professional Tour Guide. We wish Jenny and Neil well on this tour and look forward to their report on how Rotary operates across the Tasman.

Marjorie Porter - Secretary



2 Feb **Eddy Waddy** (Birthday)
16 Feb **Marjorie Porter** (Birthday)
24 Feb **Duncan McInnes** (Birthday)

Rotary's Anniversary and World Peace and Understanding Day

(Source: DG February D9640 Newsletter)

On **25 February 1905**, Paul Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele and Hiram Shorey convened for the first meeting of Rotary. The term Rotary was used as the four Rotarians rotated their meeting locations.

Rotary has now grown to have over 1.2m members and its achievements over the last 112 years are truly legendary. What is not well known is Rotary's role in promoting world peace and understanding.

February is Rotary's Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution month and 25 February has been retitled World Peace and Understanding Day, in recognition of Rotary's commitment to world peace. At the 1921 Rotary convention in Edinburgh, Scotland, Rotarians unanimously agreed to incorporate peace making into Rotary's constitution and bylaws.

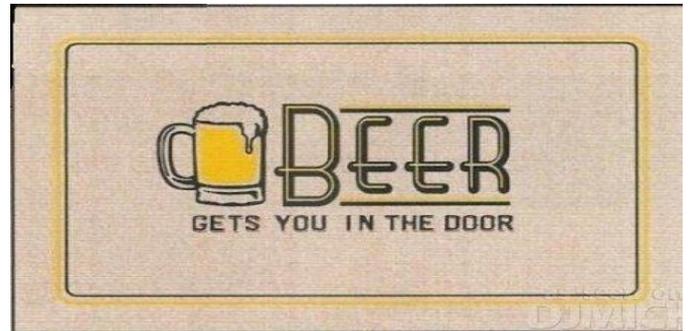
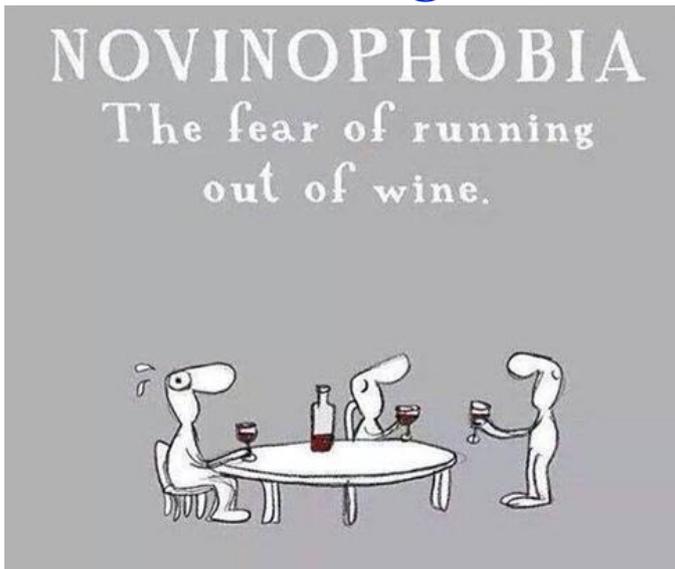
At the 1940 Rotary International Convention in Havana Cuba, Rotarians adopted a resolution calling for "freedom, justice, truth, sanctity of the pledged word and respect for human rights". This resolution became the framework for the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights

In 1942, British Rotarians convened a conference to plan for a world at peace. This conference was attended by Ministers of Education from around the world, and led to the establishment of UNESCO in 1946. In 1945, 49 Rotarians served in 29 delegations to the United Nations Charter Conference, and each year there is a Rotary Day at the United Nations in New York to celebrate this partnership.

Rotary has established educational programs to encourage understanding of other cultures. In 1947, Ambassadorial Scholarships were the first of these programs, followed in 1965 by Group Study Exchange, Youth Exchanges in 1974 and in more recent times the establishment of Rotary Peace Centres.

To view the work of the Peace Fellows, you are invited to attend the Rotary Peace Fellows Seminar at the **University of Queensland on Saturday 8 April 2017**. So, as you celebrate 112 years of Rotary doing good in the world, reflect on the many Rotary programs that facilitate world understanding and peace.

It's a Laugh!



Meeting Program and Duty Roster: February 2017

DUTY ROSTER	Wed 1 Feb '17 Business Meeting	Wed 8 Feb '17 Dinner Meeting	Wed 15 Feb '17 Club Assembly	Sat 25 Jan '17 Rotary Day Dinner
Duty Officer		Cara Champion		
100 Club , Stamps and/or Raffle		Thyrlene Devin		
Chairman/ Rotary Reflections	Pres. Ross McInnes	Marjorie Porter	Pres Ross McInnes	
Meeting Venue & Time	Harrisville State School 6.45 for 7.00pm	Commercial Hotel, Boonah 6.30 for 7.00 pm	Harrisville State School 6.45 for 7.00pm	Hills College Cafeteria Johanna St Jimboomba 6.30 for 7.00 pm
Program and/or Guest Speaker	Club Business	David Roderick Dairy Farmer	Club Assembly	113th Rotary Day Celebration Dinner Jimboomba RC

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).