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Guest Speaker 13 October 2021 Captain Wes Bust – Salvation Army Chaplain



Captain Wes Bust J.P. and wife Major Debbie Bust

We are delighted to have as our guest speaker Captain Wes Bust, Corps Officer of the Fassifern Corps, Salvation Army based at Kalbar. Wes has been a Pastor with the Salvation Army for 1he past 15 years. He has a passion to help first responders in emergency situations. He and his wife Debbie have 2 children

Captain Bust is also Salvation Army Chaplain to the Fire and Emergency Services for the area from Toogoolawah to Beechmont, SE Queensland.

Wes reports that he is kept busy juggling several balls at the same time maintaining a high level of agility required in response to COVID.

We look forward to hearing from Captain Bust and learning more of his ability at respond to the demands of office during these ever increasing crisis and emergence situations stemmed by natural and man-made disasters in our area.

Former Guest Speaker 22 September

Ben McCormick – Ipswich Toastmasters
President Scott and Ben demonstrating the alliance between Rotary and Toastmasters



Scott introduced Ben describing the alliance between Toastmasters and Rotary. Ben acknowledged thanking members for their presence and inviting questions. He began by speaking about Toastmasters which is approaching its centenary describing it as a public speaking organisation which overtime has focused on leadership

He stated that “a leader who can’t communicate isn’t much of a leader”. We have met people who were either a footballer, a coach or someone with great technical knowledge and poor communication skills. Toastmasters addresses this by attempting to find a way where such people can share themselves and or their story. Whether that be delivering a speech at a wedding or providing feedback in a way that is more receptive.

He spoke of long standing relationships in the US the UK and even Ipswich where Toastmasters have partnered with Rotary in conducting youth public speaking competitions in schools. It is about self improvement or the improvement of organisations where people come together to learn communication skills. He highlighted the close synergies which exist between Rotary and Toastmasters in being involved in the community or to improving the community for its members.

Toastmasters **have** developed a set of public speaking learning modules which are available through Rotary for Rotarians to use. These are available on the Rotary web site. They have been developed over time starting in the 1930s and continuing until now with the same objective being the need for people to connect with one another. Typically an older more experienced member will take a younger member and mentor them. Toastmasters have developed core topics for Rotarians such as; developing a speech, delivering a speech, an inspirational speech, interpersonal communication, networking, leadership basics, leading a team, and collaboration. Historically there have been excellent speech makers like Churchill who were relevant at a point in time, Today, if taken out of that context, these speakers may be irrelevant.

Hearing Ben expand on the relevance of Toastmasters to organisations such a Rotary and their common communicative demands, portrayed the symbiotic relationship the two organisations have effectively executing their own humanitarian agendas.

This unique strong alliance between the two long-standing organisations was formalized in May 2019.



Rotary & Toastmasters: An Exciting Alliance

September is *Basic Education & Literacy Month*, this Wednesday night we welcome our guest speaker from City of Ipswich Toastmasters Club, Mr Ben McCormack to educate members of our club about this strategic alliance and how we can draw on the strengths and similarities that are shared by both Rotary International and Toastmasters International. We will be meeting at the Flinders Uniting Church Hall, 6.30pm for a 7pm start. All are welcome, so if you would like to join us, please email sec.rcfv@outlook.com or call 0417 130 123 with your RSVP.






*From the
Secretary's Desk*

REMINDER – Applications required ASAP. Rotary Youth Transition Seminar (RYTS) 17.1.22 – 22.1.22 and Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) 25.1.22 – 30.1.22. Both of these events present amazing opportunities for young people to grow and develop. Please encourage suitable young people to apply.

THANKS to Club Members who, in the last month, have represented the Club at the Peak Crossing State School 150th Celebrations, Pig Races at the Peak Crossing Hotel, A Day in the Country at Neil & Jenny’s, in addition to our regular meetings. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Marjorie Porter – Secretary.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

| Date | Birthdays | Anniversaries |
|------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 7 October | Ross McInnes | |
| 12 October | Jenny Summerson | |





Greetings All

We have finally been able to get the changeover done, and I would like to thank Immediate Past District Governor Andy Rajapakse for officiating on the evening, Ann Kay for doing a great job as Master of the Ceremony, and everyone else, particularly those who travelled, for taking the time and making the effort to attend. It was a good evening of fellowship, and thanks to the club for presenting Neil Summerson and me with the Paul Harris Fellow recognition. Not sure about myself, but Neil's recognition has been long overdue.

Interestingly, R U OK day was the following day, and it would seem that I clearly wasn't. Mental health is a huge problem in our society at the present, and with the extraordinary pressures that many are facing on a daily basis, it seems that it will only get worse. Time and money are probably the most limiting factors that many of us face as family members, members of the workforce and Rotarians. Often this means that we become overwhelmed, and consequently many of our dreams, both big and small, fall by the wayside.

These pressures, whether real or imagined, can make it very difficult to carry on when you feel that you have the weight of your world on your shoulders, and suicide can seem to be an option. Sometimes it seems like the only option, especially when you have no one with whom to talk. I personally thank God everyday that I have Jesus Christ to talk to, to unburden myself to, because He takes suicide off the table for me.

It seems to me that there is an inverse relationship between modern society's reduction in belief beyond anything but themselves, and the increase in the suicide rate in our community. And I believe that we of the older generations should be held responsible for not ensuring our kids are able to find a way to a faith that can save their lives. Now

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their only alternative is to find that for themselves, or to continue to find the "easy" way out.

But what can we do about the problem as friends, as Rotarians, and as nonbelievers, if that is who you are? It is imperative that we keep the channels of communication open in both directions. If you see someone struggling, not acting like themselves, take the time to talk to them. If you suspect they need help, find the time, because once that door closes you will have to live with the regret that you didn't help.

Conversely, it is crucial that you talk to someone if you are in that dark place mentally. Don't keep bottling your problems up, and most importantly don't take your troubles to your grave. That doesn't help anyone. I apologise for getting dark this month, but this is very important. Let's make an effort to build better awareness of the fight for mental wellbeing that our friends and family face by supporting the Lift the Lid campaign this month.

Scott Champion - President



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RCFV CHANGEOVER – 8 SEPTEMBER 2021



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Peak Crossing Car Display Day 3.10.21

The event saw 162 cars and just over 300 people attend the Day in the Country .

It was held in accordance with a COVID safe plan. In total \$7260 was raised for Rotary plus \$1850 raised from the silent auction of the wonderful 1930 Crown Stove lovingly restored by Wasył Malar.

The funds raised from the auction will go to 4 Aussie Heros the Foundation established to assist first responders with mental health issues.

An estimated \$30m worth of motor cars attended including a 1921 Rolls Royce Silver Ghost and a 1929 Blower Bentley. These two cars alone are worth millions of dollars.

This event is a private event (closed to public) and run in conjunction with the Jaguar Drivers Club of Qld.

The Clubs included the Mustang Club, the Alfa Romeo Club, The Austin Healey Club, the Ferrari Club, the Volvo Car Clubs, the Vintage and Veteran Car Club. The weather was excellent after receiving over 30mm of rain the week before just in time to green up the property and settle the dust”

Neil Summerson - Event Coordinator



Ross McInnes with Owen Seamons from the Rotary Club of Toowong with his Daimler sports



A line of Mustangs



A Ferrari with a boot full of power



1948 Fiat Topolino



(Left) 1921 Rolls Royce Silver Ghost





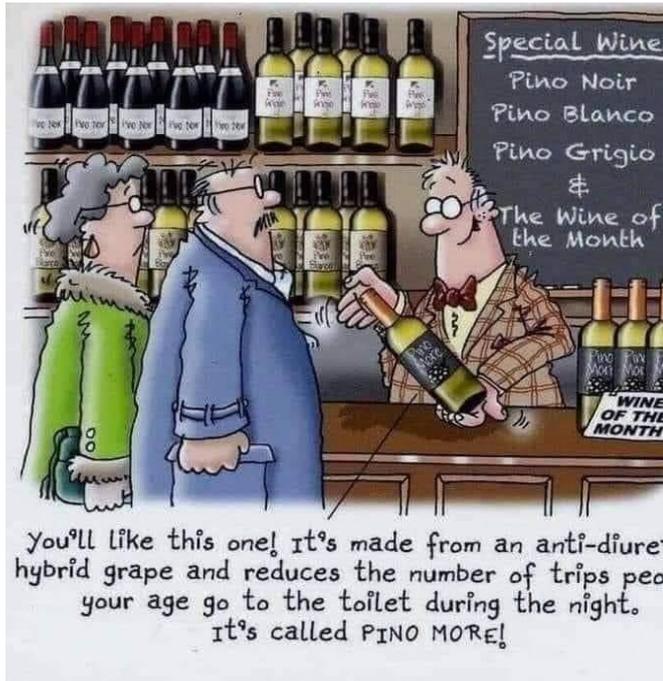
1929 Blower Bentley



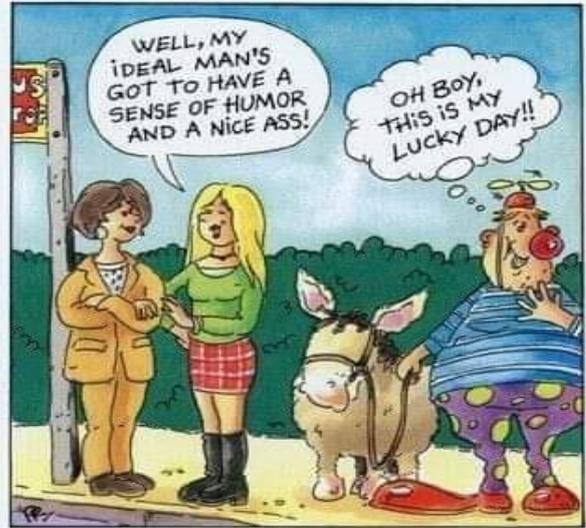
(L) RCFV President Scott Champion extends a welcome and words of appreciation to Jaguar Car Club President Tony Nelson and event MC for coordinating another splendid Day in the Country.

(R) Wasyl Malar stands by the wonderful 1930 Crown Stove which he lovingly restored. Its sale at a silent auction raised \$1850 for Rotary.





It's a Laugh!



Now that you've smiled at least once, it's your turn to spread the stupidity and send this to someone you want to bring a smile to (maybe even a chuckle)...in other words, send it to everyone. We all need to smile every once in a while.

Meeting Program and Duty Roster: October

| DUTY ROSTER | Sun 3 Oct '21 | Wed 6 Oct '21 | Wed 13 Oct '21 | Wed 20 Oct '21 | Wed 3 Nov '21 |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Duty Officer | Neil Summerson | | | | |
| Chairman/ Reflections | | Scott Champion | | Scott Champion | Scott Champion |
| Meeting Venue & Time | Summersons' Residence. | Flinders Uniting Church Hall | Flinders Uniting Church Hall | Flinders Uniting Church Hall | Flinders Uniting Church Hall |
| Program / Guest | A Day in the Country | Business Meeting | Guest Speaker: Captn Wes Bust | BBQ | Business Meeting & AGM |



ATTACHMENT

Scenic Rim Rotary Field Day

P.O. Box 96, Kalbar QLD 4309



Many of you know of the great work that Rotary does throughout the World, but this is something new for your part of that world. The *Scenic Rim Rotary Field Day* will be held at Silverdale on the 8th and 9th of April 2022. Organised by the Rotary Club of Fassifern Valley, the purpose of this field day is to provide an event at which businesses based within the Scenic Rim, and those businesses external to the Scenic Rim but wishing to better promote their products and services within the Region, are able to do so.

We envisage that the *Scenic Rim Rotary Field Day* will cater to the needs of the local farming community with modern up to date farming machinery & equipment on display, and all manner of trades and services also on show. The ultimate aim is to facilitate the passage of information to the local landholders, particularly those new to the area, to make better use of their land, to physically touch and see the products that they can use in their homes and on their properties, and to talk face to face with suppliers of goods and services.

This event will require a significant amount of organisation, and work on the ground immediately prior to, and on the day of the event, in order to reach its full potential. To achieve this, Fassifern Valley Rotary will call on all of the other Rotary Clubs in and around the Scenic Rim, in addition to the other local service clubs and school P&Cs.

We are also inviting a selection of local businesses to come on board to assist with the planning and initial organisation of the event through our Corporate Membership program. This is a new style of membership for our club, which will enable a business to directly participate in the development of the field day, in addition to site selection and marketing advantages.

In a nutshell, the Corporate Membership:

- Includes a standard site (6x6 m) at a 10% lower rate
- Includes a half page advertisement in the Fassifern Valley Rotary Business Directory
 - to be used as a site directory for the field day
 - given to all ticket purchasers at no cost
- Allows member to nominate alternates to attend meetings in their place
- Is Tax deductible for eligible businesses, and
- Can be paid by a variety of alternatives:
 - Full upfront payment
 - A monthly or quarterly subscription
 - Work in kind basis when opportunity presents

To provide a better understanding of the Scenic Rim Rotary Field Day and the opportunities presented to local businesses by the Corporate Membership program, the Rotary Club of Fassifern Valley will be holding a BBQ followed by an information night at the Peak Crossing Uniting Church Hall, at 6:30 pm on Wednesday October 20, 2021.

Please come along so that we can show you how we can increase your exposure in the community, and also how being a member makes a real improvement in the world in which we live.

If you able to come, please call or text me on 0417 130 123 as soon as you can, for catering purposes and as we are only able to have 55 people attend the event due to Covid restrictions.

Kind Regards,

Scott Champion

