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MEETING, 9 NOVEMBER 2016

Warrant Officer John Baguley

Air Force Military Working Dog Supply
Flight – RAAF Base Amberley



John Baguley with Nadal at Point Cook Air Show 2014

Remembrance Day Commemoration Selection, Training & Role of MWDs

WOFF John Baguley joined the Air Force as Security Guard – Dog Handler, reformed and retrained as Police Dog Handler and then a Military Working Dog (MWD) Handler – Air Force Policemen. Employment in 1982.

Postings included RAAF Base Amberley, Butterworth Malaysia, Sydney and Townsville. John was an Air Force Drug Detector Dog Handler for seven years having completed the Australian Customs Drug Detector Dog Course in 1989. John work for four years as a Careers Advisor and Centre Commander in the Recruiting Unit at Townsville, followed by a posting to 82Wing RAAF Amberley as a Counter Intelligence Officer.

In 2006 John resigned from the permanent Air Force and assumed duties as inaugural MWD Supply Manger employed by the Australian Public Service – Defence. He continues as a Reservist.

John is responsible for breeding, development and supply of all Air Force Military Working Dogs.



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MEETING, 23 NOVEMBER 2016

RACQ – LifeFlight



Woman airlifted after truck rollover in Scenic Rim - 22 November 2015 -

A woman in her 70s has been airlifted by RACQ LifeFlight Rescue following a truck rollover near Boonah in the Scenic Rim. The woman suffered suspected leg and arm injuries in the crash, which happened on Beaudesert-Boonah Road.

The Toowoomba RACQ LifeFlight Rescue helicopter was tasked at 1pm, landing nearby the scene at the Queensland Moto Park in Coulson.

The patient was transferred by road to the waiting helicopter and airlifted to the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital. She travelled in a stable condition.

The above news release from LifeFlight is a regular occurrence around Queensland. LifeFlight is an Australian aeromedical charity, established in 1986. Its mission is to save lives, speed recovery and serve the community by providing the highest standard of rapid response critical care.

LifeFlight uses helicopters, aeroplanes and med-jets to bring a hospital level of care to the critically ill and injured.

We look forward to hearing more from Vicki James, Lifeflight Community Engagement Manager, when she visits us.

CareFlight is now LifeFlight

MEETING, 12 OCTOBER 2016

Anglicare – Roxanne Gellé



Chairman Arthur introduced Roxanne as a trained Occupational Therapist from Western Australia with 30 years experience in Community Services - 15 of which have been in Queensland. She is currently Manager of Anglicare, West Moreton Community Services. She indicated her husband's connection with Rotary, being a Paul Harris Fellow and his family's Rotary connection in the UK

She spoke of her professional and personal interest in aged care and its relevance to all approaching what she describes as the *Seener* Years which may be lengthy, fun, active and involved. She described her job as varied with the main beneficiaries of the services Anglicare provides being older people and those with disabilities.

Roxanne described retirement using the statistic which shows there are more people who die in their first year of retirement than their last year of work. This emphasised the importance of retirees being active, engaged and involved in doing things in their older years.

She mentioned a continuum of change made to aged care by government citing the National Health Reforms of 2010 followed by Living Longer- Living Better legislation in 2013 which examined public expectations in aged care. When she started in the 1980s during the International Year of the Disabled new opportunities were demanded by parents who actively lobbied government for people with disabilities to be given the right to have a normal life and become citizens like everybody else. She indicated that it was the baby-boomer generation who, as activists in the 1980s, were now moving into retirement while demanding a better life.

Roxanne spoke of her own personal experience with children with profound disability where she rendered assistance to a spectrum of intellectual need from classes focusing on toilet training to learning German. She cited the need to provide opportunities to all and mentioned a young wheel chair bound student who by year 11 was able to enter a regular school and who at the age of 35 has his PhD. Her message was that students with a disability today should be given opportunities which match their intellectual ability.

In 2014 there were 2,600 Australians who turned 100 years. In 2044 that was expected to increase to 18,000. Roxanne identified that the challenge before us is the provision of services for the larger number of those 85 and over to live well. Currently community services are provided to 36% of the population. She said the remainder over 65 live reasonably well with minimal services. Anglicare services about 20% of the population with 76% accessing residential facilities. While not a large number at present with the aging population this need is going to increase to allow these people to remain in their own homes.

In order for equity of services provided to persons over 65 the Commonwealth government has taken control of the system, as with the NDIS, with a shifting of funding rather than a reduction.

Previously Anglicare, along with other service providers, would assess the elderly in their own homes, to evaluate their social support needs, before offering their available services. The Commonwealth government, through *My Aged Care*, now makes that assessment to better manage the distribution of the wide range of services available from all service providers.

Through *My Aged Care*, recipients of services can now choose their preferred service provider

whether it be Anglicare, Ozcare , Blue Care etc. For basic services such as domestic cleaning this is now provided by the Commonwealth Home Support Program previously known as HACC.

From February 2017 the 40 separate home based care funding packages currently administered by individual service providers will be transferred back to the Commonwealth and redirected to individual recipients according to need. These will be replaced with a suite of consumer directed care packages ranging from \$7,000 to \$50,000 to best meet the client's needs which will then be administered by Anglicare and other service providers.

Roxanne explained that under the new arrangement it will be possible for multiple service providers to be involved in servicing a single client. The provision of home care packages will be means tested with recipients paying up to \$60,000 for up to 6 years where it is then capped. The complication with the system is for each recipient to be able to decide whether an aged care facility or a service provider is better able to provide the service the recipient wants. Previously a person nominated when they wished to enter an aged care facility. That has now changed whereby an aged care assessment team makes that decision after interpreting an individual's needs.

Roxanne explain the variety of enquiries she may receive in one day, from discussing a person's faulty vacuum cleaner to their need to attend to their medical condition, else they lose a limb. It allowed us to better understand the complexity and importance of her role as Manager of Anglicare, West Moreton Community Services, where she has a duty of care for the wellbeing of Anglicare clients and a responsibility to efficiently manage the Government Aged Care Program.

Few of us are in such roles which demand this balance. It was a pleasure to hear from Roxanne who demonstrated a high level of professionalism and dedication. Chairman Arthur in presenting our donation of \$250 to her for the work of Anglicare summarised the genuine appreciation of Rotary Fassifern Valley for the work she does and our *Support for the Life We Want*.



MEETING, 19 OCTOBER 2016 DG Michael and Roz Irving Visit – or was it *Biggles*?

Those who live by the paradigm of history, if you don't know where it's come from, you can't know where it's going, may agree with this fantasy of WE Johns when he reports of Captain Bigglesworth visiting Australia in 1955. Well, this Valley Vibes scoop can reveal *Biggles* did not go home and is still here disguised as Captain Michael Irving. He has been steering us with his professional gentlemanly air, on the straight and level all the year and on 19 October 2016 landed in Harrisville, not with his cousin Bertie and pilot mate Algy, an expert on unusual suspects, but with wife Roz - *Biggles* being married is also a VV scoop.

Is Roz really *Biggles*' wife?

This is becoming compelling reading so hope we have your attention.



Capt. Michael Irving, alias *Biggles* with mascot Kenny

Michael expressed his and Roz's delight to visit us as they have been with us in our journey since the day we chartered in 2010. He advised we are respected for our projects such as Digger Boxes and Youth Programs.

After 3 years as AG he was appointed DG Nominee where the role was training, training and more training, whether in New Zealand, Parramatta or San Diego, US.- sounding more like *Biggles* all the time He light heartedly mentioned the one thing overlooked with his training was what a DG was supposed to wear.

On mentioning this to his Club, members proceeded to outfit him firstly with a distinguished hat, Rotary tie and Rotary work vest, now worn by over 800 Rotarians in our District. It was embellished especially for him with pom poms. However, in jest he cautioned those aspiring to become DG, the most essential piece of apparel was his Superman shorts which allow him to perform miracles at the speed of light.- this confirms he is definitely *Biggles*.

Michael reflected on his meeting with current RI President John Germ whom he described as inspirational. He revealed himself as a very determined and practical leader calling for Rotary to change in order to survive modern lifestyle trends. He recommends that we try new ways of doing things while still enjoying Rotary fellowship.



With DG work vest, hat and superman pants, Michael shows he can now perform miracles at the speed of light:

Michael spoke of Sir Clem Renouf originally from Nambour Rotary Club and his initiative to eradicate Polio when RI President. He told us of John Germ's commitment to the polio eradication galvanised by his own father contracting the disease as an adult. He spoke of the financial support of the Bill Gates Foundation and is optimistic that DGN Terry Brown, in 2 years, will advise of no new cases of Polio.

He spoke of Rotary's charity, The Rotary Foundation (TRF) which is 100 years old next year. It started in 1917 with a donation of \$26.50 to which Rotarians have donated US \$3 billion, encouraging us to celebrate that achievement.

Roger, Roger. We read you. Over and Out

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



DG Partner's Project – The Fred Hollows Foundation

Following Michael, President Ross invited Roz Irving to speak of her chosen DG Partner's Project for the year, *The Fred Hollows Foundation*



The late Fred Hollows - Ophthalmologist

Ros explained her reasons for choosing the Fred Hollows Foundation as twofold. Her brother lost the sight of an eye at the age of 19 and she was greatly affected by observing the change it made to his life. The second reason is The Fred Hollows Foundation has a very close connection to Rotary having similar measurable outcomes, while supported by great governance.

Roz described the late Fred Hollows as a very pragmatic and practical ophthalmologist, similar in nature to RI President John Germ. She admired his determination to live amongst the Aboriginal population and to go into 3rd world countries, in Africa in particular, in his humanitarian goal to restore the sight of people blinded by trachoma and cataracts. She explained it was the goal of the Foundation to rid the world of trachoma by 2020 and that Australia was the only western country where there were still pockets of trachoma. She spoke of the debilitating effect of cataract blindness and for a small cost how victim's sight can be restored, improving their productivity, wellbeing and quality of life.

President Ross in thanking Roz for her project presented her with the Club's donation of \$250.

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MEETING, 26 OCTOBER 2016

Trevor Weatherhead

Honeybee Biosecurity



Trevor receives our thanks for his excellent presentation from Chair Jenny Summerson

Trevor set the scene saying the value of honey produced in Australia was \$100 million with Queensland's share being \$35 million. He refreshed our understanding of the structure of a honey bee hive with 3 types of bees, the queen, worker and drone and their function within the hive.

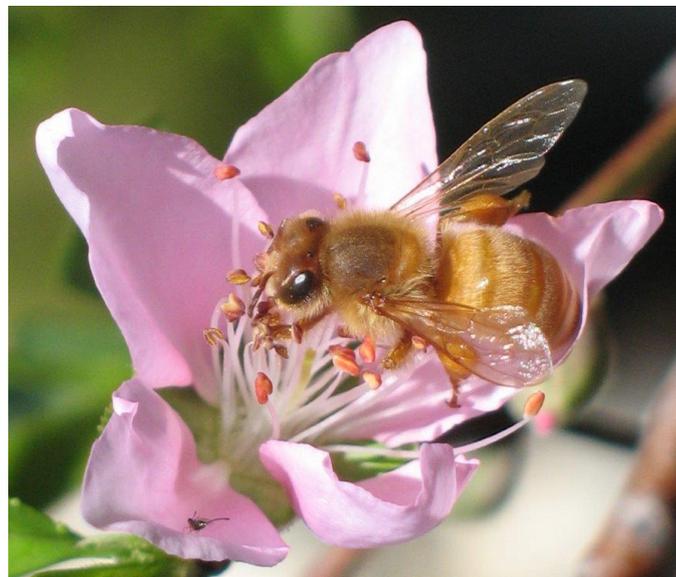
Australia produces about 20-25 thousand tons of honey annually. However last year that volume dropped to 14 thousand tons due to drought conditions. He likened the financial return, like dairy farmers, being at the behest of the supermarkets. The average Australian beekeeper produces 75 to 100 kg per hive per year, achieving this by migrating their hives to areas of higher honey production.



Full frames of honey comb before extraction

Trevor showed honey processing starting with uncapping the frame, (See photo following) placement in a centrifuge extractor and draining to an intermediate bulk container (IBC) holding 1,400 kg of honey, before sending to commercial packers paying approx. \$5.5 per kg or \$7,700/ IBC.

Pollination is the next most important function of the honey bee industry. Trevor stressed that 1 in 3 mouthfuls of food we eat is dependent on pollination by bees. It is estimated that the value of agricultural crops dependent on pollination in Australia is \$4 to \$6 billion annually. Almonds, rock melons, water melons and honey dew crops are all 100 per cent dependent on pollination. He light heartedly suggested the honey industry contributed to dairying through the production of seed for growing lucerne hay. Other dependent crops are onions and carrots.



Bee pollinating a peach flower

CROPS DEPENDENT ON BEES FOR POLLINATION

Almonds – 100% (180,000 bee hives to pollinate 1 crop of almonds in Mildura) No honey yield
 Apples and pears – 100%
 Canned fruit – peaches, nectarines dependence varies
 Cherries – 100%
 Avocados – male & female flowers, pollination difficult
 Canola, wheat, barley, sorghum – wind pollinated
 Mangoes – fly pollinated
 Strawberries – larger and sweeter crop if pollinated
 Cucurbits – 100% (water melons, rock melons, honey due, kiwi fruit)
 Raspberries, blueberries, blackberries – 100% approx
 Water melons (seedless) – 100%
 Butter nut pumpkin – 100%
 Canola – male & female complicated (120 hives/ 40 ac)
 Sunflowers – complicated by weather
 Carrots - 10 hives per hectare

The value of pollination in Queensland is \$1 billion and growing. 90 per cent of pollinators on Australian farms are honeybees. A beekeeper gets only 10 per cent of his annual return from pollination, considered a service to agriculture.

Trevor spoke of dependent industries of the honey industry such as almonds which collaborate in funding threats to the honeybee industry. *Varroa jacob sonar* is a parasitic mite and pest to the honey bee which is its host. It entered Australia through Townsville and is the subject of an eradication program costing \$2.5 mil over 4 years.

In California 1.5 million bee hives are used to pollinate a crop of almonds. It is estimated that by 2022 another 50,000 beehives will be required for almond pollination. Almonds are Australia's second largest export horticultural crop.

Trevor spoke about the various virus threats to the Australian honey bee caused by parasitic mites hosted by the pest Asian honey bee, the natural host of the *Varroa* mite. He showed mites on host bees and the spread of wild bee colonies. He said many enter Australia via shipping freight terminals and colonise wharves where they are eliminated if found. He spoke of the Northern Australian Quarantine Strategy (NAQS) which has an area from Townsville to Broome under surveillance.

A new weapon in this war is the smart phone, placed in empty hives at ports where foreign bees may colonise. Another is female bee pheromones, on adhesive traps on the ground and helium balloons in the air, to attract male Asian bees.



Hive with smart phone at Port of Brisbane

"Food security depends on the honey bee" and "food security needs bee security". This is a message of a promotion campaign to politicians for the protection of the honey bee industry.

Trevor spoke of his winning the *David Banks Lifetime Security Award* this year. The award states that Trevor has amassed more than 30 years of service to Australian biosecurity and the beekeeping industry. We congratulate him.



NOVEMBER

It has been another busy month for our Rotary Club including our Club hosting District Governor Michael and Roz. DG Michael gave an excellent address covering his Rotary year to date and Roz gave us a thorough outline of her project for this year, the Fred Hollows Foundation. We were able to help support their good work with a small donation.

Michael had the added honour of inducting our newest member Jarrad Cartmill. Jarrad's father Kel was also able to join us for the evening. We warmly welcome Jarrad into our midst and his passion for Rotary programs is evident to everyone. Jarrad received the symbolic club dummy as the newest member, so will be helping to find a suitable candidate to pass on the "honour".

We had the pleasure two weeks ago of hearing another great presentation from Trevor Weatherhead on the bee and honey industry and on a wider front, the implications on the Biosecurity of all our country. Unfortunately the importance of biosecurity is taken for granted by some in the general community, but all members are extremely proud of the work that Trevor and Marion have done and this has culminated in Trevor being awarded the prestigious *David Banks Biosecurity Lifetime Achievement Award 2016* for his contribution to biosecurity in Australia.

Last week saw our Annual General Meeting held with Scott Champion being endorsed as President Elect for the 2017/18 year. Andrew Kay was also elected as President Nominee for the 2018/19 year. I would like to personally thank both Scott and Andrew for their commitment to Rotary.

This week marks the 70th Anniversary of the Charter of our mother Club, the Rotary Club of Boonah. Congratulations, Boonah, and thanks to PDG Arthur and PP Thyrlene for representing our Club at their celebration dinner.

Ross McInnes – President



*From the
Secretary's Desk*

Digger Boxes

With Christmas on the horizon, our Club is currently gathering items for inclusion in our Digger Boxes, soon to be sent to Defence Force personnel serving in the Middle East. Although the cut-off for postage is early December, we know from experience that the sooner the boxes are sent away, there is more likelihood of their being received in time for Christmas. Bad weather can cause delays in mail getting through.

This year we are also packing some boxes on behalf of the Rotary Club of Hope Island. Thanks to PDG Sandra Doumany for contacting our Club and making these arrangements and then providing some of the content for the boxes. Also thank to DG Michael for promoting our Digger Boxes in his latest President's email.

DonateLife

Thanks to all our members who spoke to friends and family about the positive aspects of completing the DonateLife forms. DG Michael encouraged all Clubs to assist in raising awareness of the Organ Donor Register. Our Club had sent away 70 forms.

Garage Sale Trail

From little things, big things grow, and perhaps next year the Garage Sale Trail will attract more interest. Three local ladies contacted me and were on the job early on Saturday morning 22nd October 2016 to set up ready for business. As well as having locals pop in throughout the day, there were also people from afar who were following the 'Trail'.

Business Directory

Our cut-off for the Business Directory is fast approaching, so if you have anyone in mind to ask to advertise, please get the forms completed and back to Andrew and Ann as soon as possible. I still have spare forms should anyone need them.

Christmas Break-up

Our Christmas Party will be at Jenny and Neil's Peak Crossing home on Saturday evening 10th December. More details via emails to members. Thanks Jenny and Neil.

Marjorie Porter – Secretary

Youth Matters

Cara Champion
Youth Director

Over the next few months our youth camps are being conducted, the first being the RYTS camp.

RYTS is a one-week residential camp for students who have just left school and are aged 17/18 years, and for Year 11 students who will be taking on leadership roles in their Year 12.

When: Saturday 3rd to Friday 9th December 2016

Where: Tyalgum Ridge Retreat, Tyalgum NSW

If anyone you know would like to attend this leadership camp, Nominations close 15 November 2016, please contact us for an application form and more information.

Cara Champion
Youth Director



Nov 3 **Phyllis Lee** - Age 109 - Qld's oldest woman and Mother of PDG David Lee (RC Stanthorpe) and Marion Weatherhead (Peak Crossing) Our special Congratulations to the Lee family

Nov 5 **PDG Arthur Devin's birthday**

Nov 27 **Jim Kirchner's birthday**
(husband of Rotarian Lindy)

Nov 29 **Mary McInnes' birthday**
(wife of Hon Rotarian Duncan)

Nov 30 **Carolyn Braithwaite's birthday**
(wife of Hon Rotarian John)

Upcoming Events

Dec 3-9 – RYTS Camp, Tyalgum

Dec 10 – RCFV Christmas Party – Peak Crossing

Jan 23-29 – RYLA Camp, Tyalgum

Mar 11-12 – PETS/District Assembly

May 5-8 2017 Rotary Conference Ballina keynote speakers: Ita Buttrose, Noel Pearson, Kerry O'Brien.

Make diary note NOW!



(Above) DG Michael Irving arranged Rotary pin for Jarrad Cartmill at his induction as a Member of the Rotary Club of Fassifern Valley. Jarrad is an architecture student at QUT and has come into the Club as our first Student Member.

The Club offers financial assistance to students enabling them to become Rotarians. This assistance extends until graduation whereupon their classification changes from Student Member to a vocational classification.

(Below) Jarrad wearing his newest Club member dummy



PROPOSED CHANGES TO ROTARY DISTRICT 9640 & 9630 BOUNDARIES

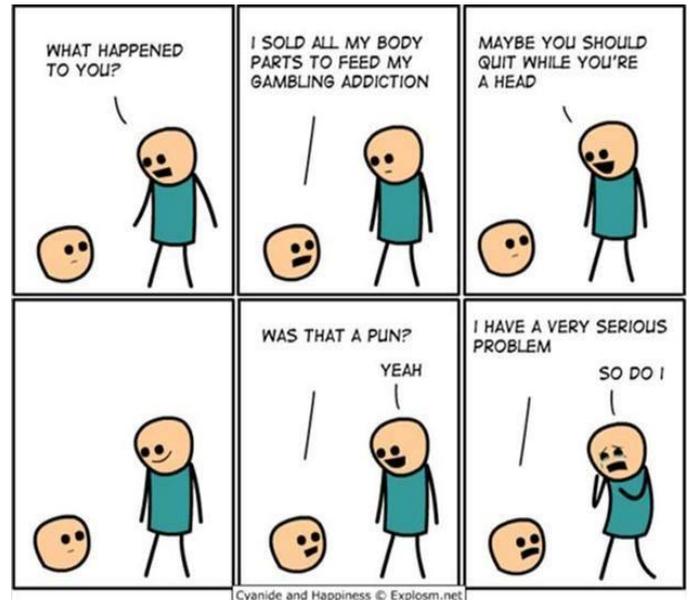
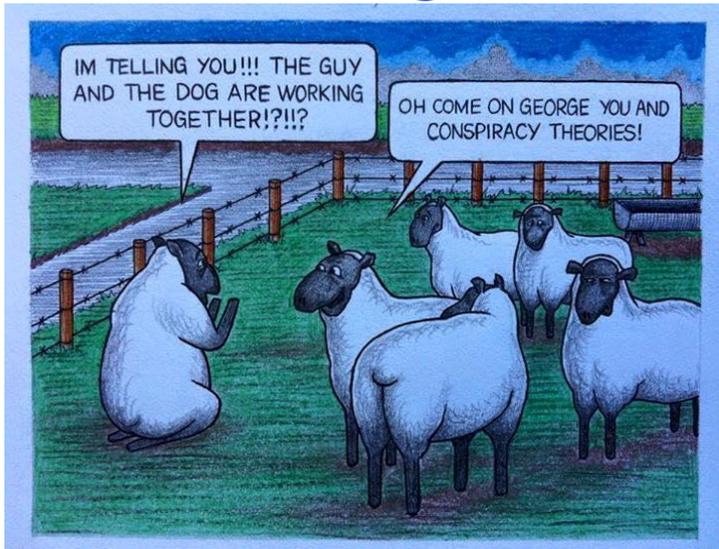
During his recent visit, the RCFV Board discussed our unique situation with DG Michael Irving where as a District 9640 Rotary Club holding meetings in Harrisville, those meetings are in the neighbouring Rotary District of 9630. DG Michael has advised that at a recent meeting with RI Director Noel Trevaskis, three radical proposals were discussed which make major changes to the way our Districts are structured and operate. Discussions included reducing the number of Rotary Districts in Australia and New Zealand. The number of Districts in Australia would be reduced from 21 to 15-16.

The three proposals are:

- 1. Merge District 9630 and District 9640.**
Advantages are enhanced cooperation between clubs in both Districts which share population growth corridors of Ipswich/Fassifern Valley and Logan/Jimboomba.
Disadvantages include different State requirements for Youth Protection and financial reporting.
- 2. Merge all Rotary Clubs in Queensland in Districts 9630 and 9640**
Advantages are a single state legislated requirement for financial reporting and youth dealing solely with the Queensland Government.
Disadvantages would be experienced in persons in NSW who seek medical and, tertiary education, shopping and other services in Brisbane and the Gold Coast. Due to these close ties many NSW Clubs prefer to remain with the Queensland Clubs in District 9640.
- 3. Merge District 9630 with all Rotary Clubs in District 9640 on or above Latitude 29 degrees south.**
Advantages are those Clubs excluded such as Grafton, Yamba, Iluka-Woombah have a stronger affinity with NSW services at Coffs Harbour and Armidale.
Disadvantages include loss of fellowship

Teresa Dawson, District 9640 Webmaster has invited comment from D9640 Rotarians to the proposals by 1 December 2016..Please advise your comments to President Ross.

It's a Laugh!



Meeting Program and Duty Roster: November

DUTY ROSTER	Wed 2 Nov '16 Business Meeting	Wed 9 Nov '16 Dinner Meeting	Wed 16 Nov '16 Business	Wed 23 Nov '16 Dinner Meeting	Wed 30 Nov '16 Social Night
Duty Officer	N/A	Andrew Kay		Neil Summerson	
100 Club , Stamps and/or Raffle	N/A	Thyrlene Devin	N/A	Thyrlene Devin	
Chairman/ Rotary Reflections	Pres. Ross McInnes	Scott Champion	Pres Ross McInnes	Cara Champion	
Meeting Venue & Time	Harrisville State School 6.45 for 7.00 pm	Royal Hotel Harrisville 6.30 for 7.00 pm	Harrisville State School From 5.00 pm	Royal Hotel Harrisville 6.30 for 7.00pm	TBA
Program and/or Guest Speaker	Annual General Meeting	John Baguley Remembrance Day Commemoration Selection, Training & Role of <MWDs	Packing Digger Boxes Dinner following at Commercial Hotel, Harrisville	Vicki James LifeFlight	Social Evening

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).