

VALLEY VIBES

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Guest Speaker 21 October 2020

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SIMON MCQUILLAN



Simon McQuillan is a guest of Ross Blanch. He currently lives in Ipswich but grew up at Tallegalla on his parents' beef cattle property and spent 35 years associated with cattle. He moved out of primary industry into open cut coal mining where he worked 6 years at the open cut mine, Rosewood. Here he began the next phase of his career driving heavy vehicles and began to appreciate the inherent associated costs. He became associated with the development of accessories for improved transport efficiency. This led Simon to form his own company, Atlas Balance Co. where he is developing an automatic wheel balancing device for trucks and buses. Previously, where poorly balanced wheels might deliver 100,000 kms, Simon believes his invention can deliver 290,000 kms by continuously having properly balanced wheels. This has led to Simon appearing on TV where he has demonstrated the benefits of his invention.

Simon's life has been complex and rewarding. However, it has been further complicated by his being a victim of epilepsy since age 18, leading to his being prescribed medicinal cannabis to cope. We look forward to hearing his story.

DR CHRIS RAYMONT (Paediatric Dentistry)

President: Ipswich City Rotary



The purpose of Chris's visit was to promote cooperation between the three Rotary Clubs - Rotary Club of Ipswich City, the Rotary Club of Boonah and the Rotary Club of Fassifern Valley in the provision of bus transport for patients wishing to attend the Ipswich Hospital. A Boonah based community group - Carinity Community Services, conducted a community survey in 2019 and found there was a need for such a service. However, it was unable to implement such a service and sought the assistance of Rotary with the assistance of a Rotary financial grant.

As President of Ipswich City Rotary, Chris advised that his Rotary Club would be able to coordinate such a service through James Sturgess – CEO, Ipswich Hospital Foundation and Phil Bell – Chairman, the Ipswich Hospital Foundation. He could see the benefit of three Rotary clubs working together on such a worthwhile common goal.



Hello to everyone!

Well what a topsy turvy year for the Club so far! COVID 19 has indeed made its mark in many community groups like ours.

Our much anticipated Car Day did not eventuate in August or September so it has been cancelled for this year. Many thanks to Neil and Jenny who have spent endless hours in planning this day. BUT there may be a good news story to come out of this!! Stay tuned!

Thank you to Ross and Therese for the leadership with the Strategic Plan regarding Membership and Public image. We now have a base to start with and build upon. A visit from Rowan Johnstone towards the end of the year will address our way forward.

Thank you to Steph, Tim and Steph's young siblings who painted our hay bale for an entry into this competition. I have lodged the form with the Kalbar business Beary Crafts. Steph has been delighted with Facebook Likes by various community members outside of Club. Our Face Book page is being updated weekly so please log on, like and share our stories with others.

Our guest speaker for this month's Dinner Meeting will be speaking on Epilepsy. As he is a local fellow, this will bring his message close to home. That will be on October 21 at the Roadvale Hotel so please make that a date in your calendar. Thank you to Ross Blanch for this contact.

Polio Plus Day is fast approaching and our Club will decide what we can do, to support this worthy cause and send the message to our Community about the importance of Rotary and the eradication programme continuing today.

It is fantastic to see Marjorie heal so well post knee op. I hear she will soon be doing the two step!

Till next time be safe, be kind and keep well

X Lindy



From the Secretary's Desk

Proposed Skate Park in Harrisville

In response to a request received by the Scenic Rim Regional Council from one of the teenage residents of Harrisville, a public meeting was held in the Harrisville School of Arts on Saturday, 10th October to discuss the possibility of constructing a skate park on Council land. This meeting was well attended by interested community members and organisation representatives, and by Division 6 Councillor, Duncan McInnes. Rotary was represented by Ross McInnes.

The proposal was well received by the attendees, and it was agreed that a committee should be formed to research design and funding options and prepare a presentation to gain wider community support for the project.

Ross and I attended the inaugural meeting of the Committee on Thursday evening, 15th October. The Committee has members from Rotary, Lions, the Harrisville State School, parents and interested community members.

This will be a long-term project which has the potential to have a very positive impact on the town of Harrisville and provide the youth of the Scenic Rim with a quality recreational facility.

During the week, Ross and I also had an opportunity to attend the Harrisville State School Parents & Citizens meeting, and we spoke about our Rotary Club, and the steps involved in seeing this community project through to fruition. We were warmly welcomed and invited to provide a flyer about our Club, explaining who we are and what we do, to be distributed with the School newsletter.

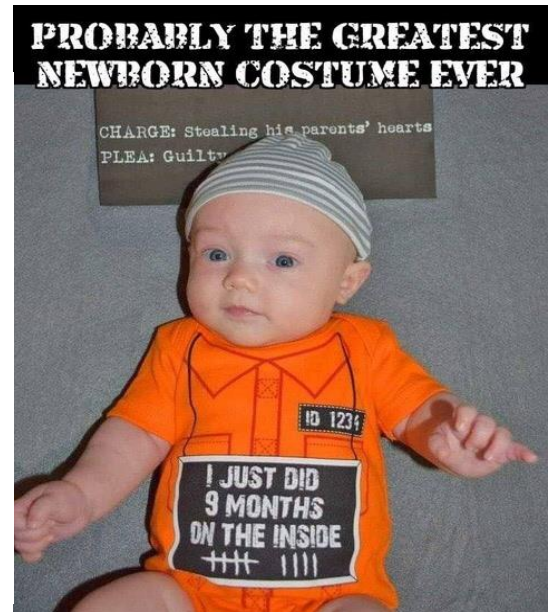
This has highlighted the need to improve our visibility by being in touch with other groups, understand our community's needs and be able to inform them about our purpose, to serve our community.

Therese McInnes - Executive Secretary

It's a Laugh!



When you do squats are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on an aluminium can stuffed with celery?



Birthdays	Sept - Oct	Anniversaries
9 Sep Cara Champion		27 Sep Graham & Marjorie Porter
7 Oct Ross McInnes		
12 Oct Jenny Summerson		

Meeting Program and Duty Roster: Sept-Oct

DUTY ROSTER	Wed 16 Sept '20 Business Meeting	Wed 30 Sept '20 Progressive Dinner Meeting	Wed 7 Oct '20 Business Meeting	Wed 21 Oct '20 Dinner Meeting	Wed 4 Nov '20 Business Meeting
Duty Officer	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Chairman/ Rotary Reflections	Pres Lindy Kirchner	Pres Lindy Kirchner	Pres Lindy Kirchner	Ross Blanch	Lindy Kirchner
Meeting Venue & Time	Royal Hotel Harrisville 6.30 for 7.00pm	Lindy's Cottage 6.30 pm for 7.00	Lindy's Cottage 6.30 pm for 7.00	Roadvale Hotel 6.30 pm for 7.00	Lindy's Cottage 7.00pm
Program and/or Guest Speaker	Business Meeting Membership	Dr Chris Raymont Pres Rotary Club Ipswich City	Club Business	Simon McQuillan <i>His Life's Work while a Victim of Epilepsy</i>	Annual General Meeting

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 Jill of the change (Mob 0411 468 959).