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Lest we forget

CAPTAIN NICHOLAS PERRIMAN DSM



Captain Perriman was born in Melbourne and educated at Mazenod College, Mulgrave. He married his wife Pamela in 2012. They have no children.

Rotary's youth programs RYLA, RYTS and RYPEN nurture our leaders of tomorrow, believing that leadership starts at an early age. Captain Perriman (Nick), demonstrated his leadership potential at the age of nine, when selected to join the National Boys Choir of Australia (NBCA sings the Qantas advertisement), spending the next six years performing around Melbourne and Australia.

In 2002 Nick was accepted into the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) where he completed a Bachelor of Arts (History and Politics).

Upon graduation from ADFA he entered the Royal Military College, Duntroon where he completed his Army Officer training, graduating as a Lieutenant and the recipient of the Blamey Award and the Infantry Prize. He was commissioned into the 5th Battalion of the Royal Australian Regiment (RAR) in Darwin. The highlight of his time with 5 RAR was his appointment as Officer Commanding Support Company overseeing the Battalion's largest company of 200 infantry soldiers and 40 armoured fighting vehicles. Whilst posted with 5 RAR, Lt Perriman deployed on multiple occasions as Platoon Commander in Iraq on Overwatch Battle Group, and to Malaysia and Brunei as Platoon Commander on Rifle Company, Butterworth. His promotion to the rank of Captain followed.

Nick later deployed to Afghanistan on Operation SLIPPER as Commander of a combined arms team mentoring an Afghan National Army infantry company of over 60 soldiers within remote Uruzgan Province. There he regularly engaged in close combat with the enemy and regards this as his most challenging and rewarding to date, relishing the opportunity to command multi-national combined arms teams in the field whilst engaged with the enemy. Captain Perriman was subsequently awarded the Distinguished Service Medal (DSM) for "*distinguished and superior levels of courage, initiative and leadership in action against the enemy.*"

Returning to Australia in 2012, Nick was posted to Headquarters as current operations Watchkeeper where he deployed as Liaison Officer to the Queensland flood relief effort in 2013; Okinawa Japan with the United States Marine Corps; and later as Senior Watchkeeper for Talisman Sabre.

In late 2013 Nick transitioned to the Army Reserve to pursue a career in law enforcement with the Queensland Police Service. He was sworn in as a Queensland Police Officer in 2014 with the Brisbane City Tactical Crime Squad. He is currently completing a Master of Arts (Strategy and Security)

RECENT ROTARY EVENTS**6 APRIL 2016****Photography
with Heather Wehl**

President Lindy with Hon Rotarian Heather Wehl

Heather spoke of her life after leaving Council in 2012. After pondering on her options she chose photography. In discussion with her late husband Peter, when told of the price of the camera she wanted to buy, nearly had a seizure. She explaining that it was a third the cost of his boat and that she would use it every day. She justified it by not wanting to have camera envy ever again.

Heather loves photographing her grandchildren unguarded with her long lens at a distance. She draws a comparison with adults, whom she says are not as natural as children and babies.

She spoke of the challenges and joy of photographing weddings and the extraordinary effort they can require. This may be all day, from the dressing of the wedding party in the morning to cutting the cake later in the day at the reception.

Heather spoke of recently learning the techniques of food photography. She stated the difference between food and other subjects to be the light source being behind the subject with a wide aperture of f2 or lower. Unfortunately she was unable to demonstrate this in her presentation. *Good photography needs good light* was her mantra. She claims that we are poorer photographers today than they were a generation ago. She spoke of the technology and software available today to enhance or change subjects,

particularly in landscape photography. She mentioned that rarely does she trust a photograph as being the truth, for often it has been selectively edited.

Heather finished advising that she was setting up her old dairy at home as a photographic studio and the excitement of having additional specialised lighting to create ideal conditions for her subjects.

23 MARCH 2016.**“My Life” - Aleeta Wozencroft**

Aleeta grew up in Ipswich, where her parents worked hard to provide many opportunities for their children. Their parents developed in them a compassion for others. Having moved several times as a child, Aleeta is envious of people who, like many in this community, have a generational connection to where they live. She attended Blair and Raceview State Schools, before completing secondary school at Bremer High School.

While at school Aleeta worked part time jobs in a newsagency, bakery and Woolworths, which she enjoyed, as it gave her regular contact with a range of people in the community.

In 1996 Aleeta married her husband John, who has worked in her father's business for over 30 years. They bought their first home in Raceview where they lived for 17 years before moving to Harrisville with their children Erica (born in 2000) and Damian (born in 2003).

In 2008 her sister encouraged her to consider a university degree in education which she undertook as a full time student, finishing in 2012. She has had the opportunity to work in many of the schools in the Fassifern District and has enjoyed seeing many of the children in this district grow and change. Last year she was blessed to have her own classroom at Harrisville State School and care for the children whose parents she now consider good friends and neighbours. This year she began working in a relief teaching role while undertaking a Diploma of Business Administration, which she expects to complete this year.

Through her new life to Harrisville, Aleeta has been able to make new friendships through her involvement in the Catholic Church, her Aunt Sandra and the CWA, and more recently as a member of the Rotary Club of the Fassifern Valley.



Welcome to a warm Autumn season so far! Our days are still hot but the cool of the evening shadows makes it very special to be living in the Fassifern Valley!

Our annual cattle sale activity was a huge success once again. Our sincere thanks to Andrew for all the work put into the fattening of the steers and for Neil and Jenny's kind donation of one of those steers. Andrew bought us another steer on the day and he is now well and truly on the way to producing some meaty profits for next year!

Our *Meet The Candidate's Night* for the Scenic Rim Council elections was well attended by people representing many areas of Division 6. The night was informative and chaired extremely well by Heather Wehl. The speakers kept within their time limits and questions from the floor ran smoothly. Supper was a sumptuous affair with a huge variety of foods provided by our Rotary Club members to have with tea or coffee. It was lovely to see so many people staying back and talking with Council Hopefuls and one needed to turn the lights out in the hall for the hall to be vacated!!

We have had several guests at our last two dinner meetings. Aleeta spoke of her family to give us an interesting snap shot into her life, as one of our newest members, and we were joined by Maurie and Myra Toombs who also live very close to Aleeta in Miles Court. Maurie and Myra catered for our Combined Services Dinner held earlier on in the year.

Heather Wehl delighted us as guest speaker last week and spoke of her journey into a Photography vocation upon which she embarked a few years ago. Cameras are very expensive and one can spend a fortune on equipment! Heather photographs weddings and scenery but her passion is photography and especially new babies capturing their innocence and beauty. We were delighted to be joined by our new Mayor, Greg

Christenson who openly displayed his passion for our community. Richard Christenson also joined us on the night, and his enthusiasm for life in our community was also on display. Wendy Silcox, owner of the Kalbar Shop joined with our Club that night as well, and thoroughly enjoyed meeting new and old acquaintances. She fondly remembers the kindness of Arthur and Thrylene who warmly welcomed Wendy and her late husband Mark to the Boonah community more than 30 years ago.

Graham has kindly arranged a guest speaker for our ANZAC Dinner Meeting on April 20th so we look forward to that meeting..

Till then....Be safe, be kind to yourself and others.

Lindy Kirchner – President

Youth Matters

by Arthur Devin OAM
Youth Director

Who is coming to RYPEN?

We are keenly looking for young people who would derive so much from attending the Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) which will be held at Bornhoffen PCYC on the Nerang- Murwillumbah Road from Friday 20 May - Sunday 22 May 2016. This 3 day camp is designed to develop skills that will assist them in the transition to adulthood. Participants are involved in a variety of workshops and activities which help them to personally develop, gain self-confidence, communication skills, challenge themselves, build friendships and develop life skills.

Do you know any young person in Year10? Please don't let this opportunity pass them by. Contact Arthur on 5463 1343 with names.

For further information -

<http://www.rotary9640.org/SitePage/rypen>



Upcoming Events

May 6 - 8 District Conference, Murwillumbah
May 20 - 22 RYPEN, Camp Bornhoffen
June 18 RCFV Changeover Dinner, Harrisville

It's a Laugh!



“Those who don’t study history are doomed to repeat it. Yet those who *do* study history are doomed to stand by helplessly while everyone else repeats it.”



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 Slightly older
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Meeting Program and Duty Roster: April-May

DUTY ROSTER	Wed 20 April '16 Dinner Meeting	Wed 27 April '16	Wed 4 May '16 Business Meeting	Wed 11 May '16 Dinner Meeting
Duty Officer	Bev Ward	NO MEETING IN LIEU OF ATTENDANCE AT ANZAC DAY SERVICE		Bev Ward
100 Club , Stamps and/or Raffle				
Chairman/ Rotary Reflections	Cara Champion		Lindy Kirchner	Graham Porter
Sergeant at Arms				
Sergeant's Assistant				
Meeting Venue & Time	Royal Hotel Harrisville 6.30 for 7.00 pm		Harrisville State School – Library 6.45 for 7.00 pm	Royal Hotel Harrisville 6.30 for 7.00 pm
Program and/or Guest Speaker	Cpt. Nicholas Perriman DSM Topic: ANZAC "Lest we forget"		Club Business	Richard Christensen Topic: <i>Florist World</i>

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 President Lindy of the change (Mob 0497 004 589).

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