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NEXT MEETING, 9 AUGUST 2017 Wes Nichols & Ian Cameron Supurunda Water Supply Project

We welcome Hon Rtn Wes Nichols of RC Toowong and Rtn Ian Cameron of RC Mitchelton to talk to us about their involvement in the Supurunda Water Supply Project in Papua-New Guinea. Wes and Ian recently travelled to PNG to inspect the area.



Supurunda Water Supply Project survey team

Wes and Ian also inspected an established water supply scheme at the Dudumia village, in Asaro District, outside Goroka, which has been in operation for 4 years. This project was funded by Rotary International, and the Rotary Clubs of Toowong, Belvoir-Wodonga and Goroka. The water supply which has been a great success uses a protected spring as the source, supplying 9,000 Litre poly tanks with poly pipe distribution to 32 taps in the village.

The Dudumia village water supply project is regarded as a model project, which can be replicated in other locations, provided a reliable spring source can be found above the villages.

During the visit to Dudumia, the need for a similar water supply project for the nearby Supurunda area was identified. The flow from the spring source has

been confirmed as being sustainable for the population of 3,000 persons. The spring source also has enough elevation to gravity feed all the potential customers.

It is proposed that the water supply scheme will consist of a diversion weir, strainer box, 9,000 Litre poly tanks and poly pipe distribution system serving taps in the villages near houses.

The water supply project will improve public health and eliminate the need for women and children to fetch water each day.

President Scott challenges us to consider this as a joint project involving RCFV. We look forward to hearing more from Wes and Ian.

(Refer to separate attachment for more information)

FUTURE MEETING 23 AUGUST 2017 DG Darrell Brown & Kerrie



We look forward to the visit of this year's District Governor Darrell Brown and his wife Kerrie. Darrell, an architect, is no stranger to building projects and we look forward to hearing his plans for building a stronger Rotary District. Also, to hear of the DG Partner's project from Kerrie. Kerrie is supporting ROMAC and its humanitarian health program.

RECENT MEETING, 26 JULY 2017

Emma Zhang

Ironbark Ridge Vineyard



Cara thanks Emma for her presentation

Emma and her husband Yang Zhang purchased Ironbark Ridge Vineyard at Purga 7 months ago.

Yang had been operating Dominoes at Mt Ommaney which he found stressful and was looking for a quieter business venture when they saw Ironbark Ridge Vineyard advertised. On inspection they fell in love with the property instantly. The vineyard's former owners were ready to retire. For Yang the decision was the right one with him losing 13 kilos in the first 6 months.

Emma, an Ipswich optometrist, also saw the move as beneficial. She said they find the surrounding mountain views very relaxing during the day as well as the Milky Way at night. Ironbark Ridge Vineyard had its beginning in the 19th Century when grape growing and wine making was a new industry in Ipswich. There were several award winning wineries in the area such as the Dick family winery located very close to Ironbark Ridge at Purga.

Ironbark Ridge Vineyard was established in 1984 with plantings of Chardonnay grapes. Verdelho, Grenache, Shiraz and others followed. On taking over, the grape vines were not in great condition. However, it was pleasing when they picked 500 kilos of quality Shiraz grapes as their first vintage. There are 6 acres of grapes on the 40 acre property. This year they plan to make brandy and with greater care being given to the grape vines expect a better vintage next year. They are very passionate about the vineyard and have great plans for its expansion in future.

Emma said that the vineyard is not well known to Ipswich people, which they plan to change by advertising on Facebook and Instagram. She indicated that their future plans are to build a family friendly restaurant where weddings and functions are possible. She invited us to send their way any potential bookings we know of where people might come to the vineyard and enjoy the county views. She hopes that when better known they can contribute to tourism in the Scenic Rim by promoting local wines, cheeses and olives.



G'day from Gundy

I am writing from my tent, this cold and frosty morning, situated in the cotton fields on the Moree plains just south of Goondiwindi, wishing that I was tucked up nice and warm at home. The month just gone has seen some interesting developments for the club. We are awaiting the arrival of our marquee, which will undoubtedly help to advertise our presence when the club is out in public. And we are in the throes of developing two new major events for our club calendar. More to follow on these as they hopefully come to fruition.

This coming month will see two important speakers at our dinner meetings. Firstly we will have a visit from Wes Nichols and Ian Cameron from Rotary District 9600, to talk about their work in helping to develop water infrastructure for the village of Ovia and the surrounding areas. Wes is well known to our club, being both an honorary member and the organizer of the annual visits by the Toowong club.

Secondly, we will get a visit from our District Governor, Darrell Brown. It will be good to hear Darrell speak to us, and I am sure he will provide some valuable feedback about where he sees the Scenic Rim Cluster sitting in the overall scheme of Rotary District 9640.

Thank you to each of the members for all of your wonderful efforts. This year's RI theme is *Making a Difference*, and if we keep working together as we have been, we certainly will.

Scott Champion - President



Peak Crossing Car Display Day

Plans are progressing for this year's Car Display Day at the Summerson's home at Peak Crossing on Sunday 27 August. Again, our thanks must go to Neil and Jenny for their generosity in opening their property for the occasion. Each year the number of participants grows and this year is no exception, so now it is up to the weather to do its part.

Club Dues

A gentle reminder to all members that Club Dues are now owing, with fees for 2017-18 remaining the same as 2016-17. Speak to Treasurer Beve if you need to discuss further.

Changeovers

Local Changeovers have continued recently with a number of our members joining with the RC Beaudesert for their Changeover Dinner. The following week saw several members attending the Harrisville Lions Dinner. Next week is the Blue Care AGM in Boonah, and Thyrlene has volunteered to attend on behalf of the Club.

Celebration Time – a quiet time this month, with only one special date

Wedding Anniversary
18 Aug Jon & Kit Krause

Marjorie Porter -
Club Secretary 2017-18

Rotary 4 Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

- Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to all Concerned?
- Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Youth Matters

Cara Champion
Youth Director

As this is a quiet time of the year for any youth programs, it is the perfect time to start thinking about the year ahead and look for awardees whom our club can sponsor for the upcoming 2017-2018 youth programs for District 9640. The three main youth programs are:

RYTS - 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 Year 12. Held at Tyalgum Ridge Retreat from Saturday 2nd to Friday 8th December 2017.

RYLA - Leadership development program designed to promote personal and professional development for young adults aged 19-28. A week full of inspirational speakers, team building and goal setting activities. Held at Tyalgum Ridge Retreat, from 20th January to 25th January 2018.

RYPEN - A weekend camp to help build personal qualities and life skills for 14-16 year olds. Held at Bornhoffen PCYC from Friday 25th May to Sunday 27th May 2018.

Previously awardees have returned full of enthusiasm and gratitude for the opportunity they have had to attend one of the programs. They are highly recommended and a great chance for our youth to build their skills and meet a fantastic group of new people. Please let me know if you know someone who is eligible to attend any of the camps.

Cara Champion - Youth Director 2017-18

Upcoming Events

Aug 27 – Peak Crossing Car Display Day – Summersons' home
Sept 8 & 9 – Beaudesert Show to assist RC Beaudesert with Catering Van (4 to 5 people) 1.00 – 6.00pm each day



It's a Laugh!

WHY TEACHERS DRINK

Apparently these questions were set in last year's High School exams. The answers are from 16 year olds.

Q. Name the four seasons

A. Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar

Q. How is dew formed

A. The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire

Q. What guarantees may a mortgage company insist on

A. If you are buying a house they will insist that you are well endowed

Q. In a democratic society, how important are elections

A. Very important. Sex can only happen when a male gets an election

Q. What are steroids

A. Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs (Shoot yourself now, there is little hope)

Q. What happens to your body as you age

A. When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental

A woman goes to the Doctor, worried about her husband 's temper.

The Doctor asks: "What's the problem?"

The woman says: "Doctor, I don't know what to do. Every day my husband seems to lose his temper for no reason. It scares me."

The Doctor says: "I have a cure for that. When it seems that your husband is getting angry, just take a glass of water and start swishing it in your mouth. Just swish and swish but don't swallow it until he either leaves the room or calms down."

Two weeks later the woman comes back to the doctor looking fresh and reborn.

The woman says: "Doctor that was a brilliant idea! Every time my husband started losing it, I swished with water. I swished and swished, and he calmed right down! How does a glass of water do that?"

The Doctor says: "The water itself does nothing. It's keeping your mouth shut that does the trick".

Meeting Program and Duty Roster: August

DUTY ROSTER	Wed 2 August '17 Business Meeting	Wed 9 August '17 Dinner Meeting	Wed 16 August '17 Business Meeting	Wed 23 August '17 Dinner Meeting
Duty Officer	N/A	Marjorie Porter	N/A	Jenny Summerson
100 Club , Stamps and/or Raffle	N/A		N/A	N/A
Chairman/ Rotary Reflections	Ross McInnes	Andrew Kay	Scott Champion	Scott Champion
Meeting Venue & Time	Harrisville State School Library 6.45 for 7.00pm	Royal Hotel, Harrisville 6.30 for 7.00pm	Harrisville State School Library 6.45 for 7.00pm	To be advised
Program and/or Guest Speaker	Club Business	Ian Cameron RC Mitchelton and Wes Nichols RC Toowong	Club Business	District Governor Visit DG Darrell Brown & Kerrie

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).