

VALLEY VIBES

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BULLETIN

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NEXT MEETING 11 NOVEMBER 2015

Remembrance Day



As a break from the tradition of past years the Club will not be hosting a Remembrance Day service with a primary school in the Fassifern Valley this year. Regrettably this is due to the apparent unavailability of a Rotary Peace Fellow. It follows that there is no guest speaker on the evening of 11 November 2015 for the same reason.

RECENT MEETING 14 OCTOBER 2015

Helene Bo Morse

Bo, President of the RC Ashgrove -The Gap, gave thanks for her invitation to speak about the humanitarian work of Disaster Aid, while outlining her enthusiasm with anything to do with Rotary. She demonstrated the SkyHydrant, a water filter invented and manufactured on the Gold Coast, which delivers potable water to people in poor countries. She indicated it is truly a wonderful invention for which Australians should be proud. It is changing the world by improving the wellbeing of people in areas without safe drinking water. She said that without safe drinking water we have a disastrous situation; we may be able to survive for a while without shelter but we can't live without

water. Bo explained that a working model costs \$A5,000. She emphasised the importance of having a partner club in the areas of installation to assume responsibility for its maintenance.



Pres Lindy with Pres Bo Morse

Bo introduced some facts concerning Disaster Aid Australia stating it is an international service organisation formed by the Rotary Club of Endeavour Hills, District 9820 in Victoria, in 2003 and partnered with Disaster Aid International. Disaster Aid International have other partner clubs in the USA, United Kingdom, Ireland, Brazil, Malaysia, New Zealand, India, Philippines, Vanuatu, and most recently Taiwan.

Bo showed a video of the work of Disaster Aid in the Philippines, previously seen by some members 13 May 2015. It benefitted new and older members. Currently Disaster Aid International is providing shelter and fresh water to the earthquake stricken areas of Nepal and the tornado stricken areas of the Philippines.

RECENT MEETING 28 OCTOBER 2015 FASSIFERN COMBINED SERVICE CLUBS' DINNER

Craig Zonca

Host of ABC Country Hour



(L – R) Chairman Ross McInnes, Craig Zonca,
Pres Lindy Kirchner

Craig Zonca, an ABC radio and TV presenter, originally from Rockhampton, was clearly “at home” amid the farmers of the Fassifern Valley. He was a fitting guest speaker at the Fassifern Combined Service Clubs’ Dinner at Peak Crossing, which included Rotary, Lions, Inner Wheel and Quota. Regrettably, other emergency service groups, while invited, were unavailable. 54 members of these service clubs attended, to report on their projects within the Fassifern community and overseas.

It was Craig’s familiarity with service clubs and their contribution to rural communities particularly which proved his suitability as our guest speaker, having his father and mother, members of Rotary and Inner Wheel clubs respectively.

Craig left us in no doubt of his passion as the ABC Radio *Country Hour* host, and the intimacy he has with his audience. He spoke of the bond he feels with farmers as they go about their daily tasks while tuned into his program. It was further rewarding to travel to outlying areas to report stories and meet his loyal audience. On a recent visit to Longreach, to report the effect of drought on that community, coincidentally he was the overnight guest of our member Scott Champion’s parents on their sheep station.

Craig spoke of the anonymity with a radio audience who don’t know what you look like and that his ABC program was like “one big family”, sharing the benefits and challenges of the bush. He referred to an incident when a listener reported losing his job due to the drought, who by the end of the program, had received a phone call from another listener offering him a new job.

Having recently made the transition to ABC TV as their weekend weather reporter, Craig cited the hazard of capturing on camera certain natural animal behaviour likely to go unnoticed on radio. On mentioning his limited wardrobe consisting of a couple of neck ties, he received a bag of 30 ties from a sympathetic listener. He amusingly claims an advantage of TV is he can replay previous footage to see which suit he last wore so as to change for his next presentation. He described Macca on Sunday’s *Australia All Over* as an example of the bond ABC Radio is between city and bush communities.

Chairman Ross McInnes, a regular listener to the *Country Hour*, thanked Craig for his very appropriate presentation. Given the enthusiastic applause it was clear the audience approved. Devoted listeners to the *Country Hour* the next day were pleased to hear Craig acknowledge his visit to the Fassifern Valley.



Boonah Inner Wheel President Zelma Hanley, the successful bidder of fundraising gift by local artist Colleen Gardener



President's Note

Another month has flown by and soon it will be Christmas! At our recent Business Meeting we made some small changes to the Club By-laws, helped by our very capable lawyer Jon, so it was done correctly and "by the book" to coin a phrase!

The combined Service Clubs' Dinner held at the Peak Crossing Hall was a wonderful success. Craig Zonca, our guest speaker was an absolute delight and his passion for all things media shone through his speech and facial expressions. His love of the country motivates him to make sure the country people have a voice through the ABC Country Hour. The Service Clubs represented, were able to voice their Club's achievements and I came away from the night feeling that our small community benefits so much from the combined efforts of all.

We are at present working on filling up our Digger Boxes to be sent overseas to our Service men and women, in honour of our guest speakers. Club members can purchase them as well in their family's name, to make Christmas for these deserving men and women a little brighter.

On November 28th, our Club is going to hit the Tivoli Drive-in Theatre for a night out with a difference! This will take the place of the December 2 Business Meeting. \$10 per car so we can pack us all in for a very small cost!

Go Team K! All the way! Thank you all for your support and kindness toward others.

Lindy Kirchner – President



MOVIE NIGHT *Last Cab to Darwin*

Rex is a loner, and when he's told he doesn't have long to live, he embarks on an epic drive through the Australian outback from Broken Hill to Darwin

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt3680410/>

Club President: Lindy Kirchner
District 9640 Governor: Anne Egan PHF
Rotary International President: Ravi Ravindran

Arthur's Rotary Notes

"I have a dream, a dream that all men will be treated equally....." was Martin Luther King's great dream Likewise Michelle Payne had a dream as a little girl that as a jockey she would ride the winning horse in a Melbourne Cup and hopefully she would be the first female jockey to do this. Last Tuesday, to the delight of many Australians she had both of her dreams come true. There would be some consternation from the many punters who did not back Prince of Penzance for a win or a place.

One of my dreams when I was President of the Rotary Club of Boonah in 1972 was to see a Rotary Club operating in the Peak Crossing Harrisville Kalbar area and in December, 2010, Graham Porter made it happen becoming the Club's Charter President of the Rotary Club of Fassifern Valley. I wished that it had happened in 1998/99 when RI President Jim Lacey's theme was "Follow Your Rotary Dream" and I was privileged to be one of Jim's District Governors The presentation had the background music of *The Impossible Dream* which showed why the idea of a Rotary Club in the area had taken its time.

My present Rotary Dream is to see the RCFV becoming one of the leading District 9640 Rotary Clubs by being involved in assisting more youth in our catchment area to have opportunities to better themselves. Hopefully, Past President Marjorie may see her dream of an Interact Club/ Rotaract Club/ Early Act club chartered to allow our youth to benefit further from the Club's service to our Communities, but it may take time to proceed from *The Impossible Dream* stage!

Arthur Devin – Club trainer

Upcoming Events

Nov 11 Dinner Meeting

Nov 18 Bus Meeting

Nov 25 Packing digger boxes meeting 6pm then dinner at Royal

Nov 28 Tivoli Drive in Theatre Night 6pm dinner at café Movie: *Last cab to Darwin* 7- 8.30 pm. instead of meeting Dec 2

Dec 12: Club Breakup dinner DETAILS TO BE ADVISED.



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It's a Laugh!

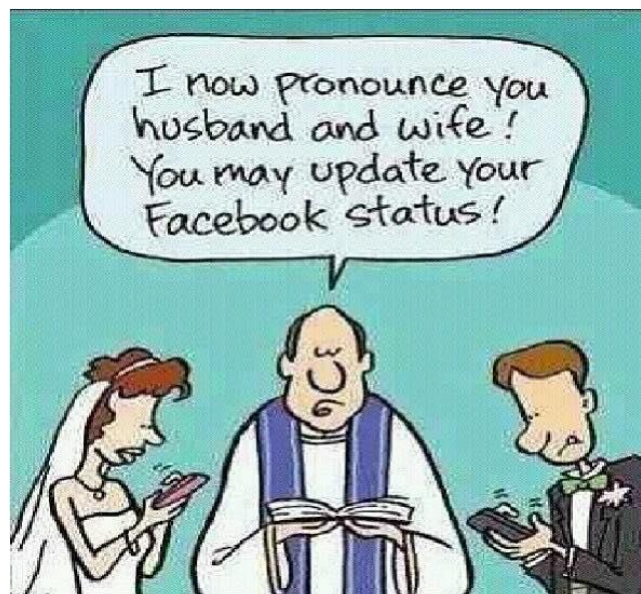


LAW CLASS

Law of Mechanical Repair - After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee.

Law of Gravity - Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible place in the universe.

Law of the Bath - When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone will ring.



Meeting Program and Duty Roster

DUTY ROSTER	Wed 11 Nov '15 Dinner Meeting	Wed 18 Nov '15 Business Meeting	Wed 25 Nov '15 Special Meeting	Sat 28 Nov '15 Movie Night
Duty Officer	Marjorie Porter			
100 Club , Stamps and/or Raffle	Thyrlene Devin			
Rotary Reflections	Scott Champion			
Sergeant at Arms	N/A			
Sergeant's Assistant	N/A			
Meeting Venue & Time	Royal Hotel Harrisville 6.30 for 7.00pm	Harrisville State School Library 6.45 for 7.00pm	Harrisville State School 6.00 pm sharp	Tivoli Drive – In Theatre 6.00 pm
Program and/or Guest Speaker	Remembrance Day	Club Business	Packing Digger Boxes then dinner at Royal Hotel	Movie Night Last Cab to Darwin

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 0407 160 141).