

# VALLEY VIBES

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NEXT MEETING, 12 APRIL 2017

**Dr Ross Wilson BVSc**  
Veterinary Surgeon



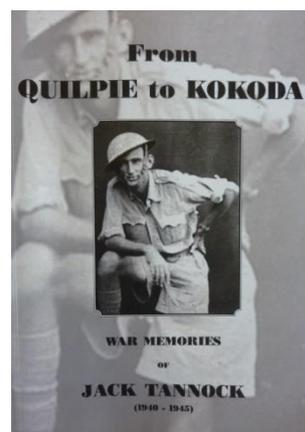
Dr Ross Wilson grew up in Brisbane and studied Veterinary Science at the University of Queensland, St Lucia. He held the position of Official Cattle Veterinarian at the Royal National Agricultural and Pastoral Show for a period of 10 years and holds a Bachelor of Veterinary Science Degree from UQ.

Ross is married to wife Diana and has three (3) children. His professional interests are in disease immunity and the immune systems of animals. He is community minded having served on the Board of Boonah Ambulance. He is a Life Member of the Boonah Squash Club and represented Australia in Track and Field at the 1970 Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Ross has lived in Boonah for 44 years working as a veterinary surgeon in private practice for 32 years and with Plasvacc at Kalbar as their Chief Scientific Officer for 18 years. He is currently working as a locum, supporting other veterinary practices in South-East Queensland and comes as guest speaker from Oakey where he is currently working and to where he returns after speaking to us. We are grateful to Ross for his generosity in visiting Rotary Fassifern Valley.

MEETING, 26 APRIL 2017

**John Tannock**



In commemoration of ANZAC Day we are privileged to have as our Guest Speaker, John Tannock, formerly of Peak Crossing and now Ravensbourne. John will be known to some members as having attended Ipswich Grammar School and travelled to school by bus. John graduated University as a Civil Engineer and has worked in Ipswich with Ipswich City Council.

John's father Jack Tannock was a World War 2 veteran, having fought in Syria and New Guinea. In the late 1980s Jack, encouraged by his family, put his war experience down on paper for the purpose of publication, on the condition this did not happen until after his passing. This occurred on 8 January 2013 at the age of 98. His memories have been compiled and edited by John and published as *"From Quilpie to Kokoda – War Memories of Jack Tannock (1940 – 1945)"*.

John will address his father's experiences as recorded in the book. An army mate, Roy Arthy, in paying tribute to Jack, states *"It was a privilege to serve in the 2/25<sup>th</sup> Australian Infantry Battalion with Jack Tannock... We looked to Jack as a stabilizing influence... Jack was an above average soldier. As an NCO in New Guinea leading numerous patrols, his men could rely on his judgement as to when to*

*engage the enemy and when it was best to pull back. He was an excellent bushman and always had the ability to lead the way through difficult terrain. With Jack's passing in 2013, I lost a good mate."*

We look forward to hearing more of Jack Tannock's war history.

## PAST MEETING, 8 MARCH 2017

# BlueCare Fassifern

### Joy Parcell and Pam Gill



(L-R) Pam Gill and Joy Parcell, Boonah

Chairman Scott introduced Blue Care Fassifern representatives Pam Gill and Joy Parcell stating that as part of the Uniting Church, the mission of BlueCare is to improve the health and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities by:

- Reaching out to people in need
- Speaking out for fairness and justice
- Caring with compassion, innovation and wisdom.

Scott welcomed Joy Parcell as Assistant Coordinator of Fassifern BlueCare inviting her to speak to us. Joy advised that she personally has worked in aged care for over 30 years with 21 years being with the Salvation Army Aged Care. Her 9 years with BlueCare has been 8 years in Ipswich in community care and respite and then transferred to Boonah in the last 12 months to run the Fassifern Community Care Centre. While having family connections with the Fassifern she is only now fully appreciating country life and loving it. She introduced Pam Gill as one of her team members who has worked in BlueCare Fassifern for 24 years.

As International Woman's Day, Joy took a moment to remember Sister Olive Crombie as a great inspiration to BlueCare. She made her first house call on 24 August 1953 in Brisbane. Today BlueCare, previously known as Blue Nurses, employs over 8,500 staff and 2,500 volunteers making 3 million community visits each year with 1500 vehicles travelling 32 million kilometres annually.

Pam Gill introduced herself speaking of her early days as a volunteer in the 1970s who coordinated the community groups assisted by service clubs fundraising appeal in Peak Crossing, Harrisville, Boonah etc to raise around \$11,000 annually. Blue Nursing Boonah started in Boonah on 22 September 1975 with 8 patients. The Boonah day respite centre has recently celebrated 30 years of operation. The serviced area extends from Purga, Mutdapilly, Mt Walker, Tarome, Aratula, Rathdowney and Wyaralong. They run 8 vehicles supporting personal carers from the Boonah Respite Centre.

Joy explained the aim of the organisation was for people needing care to remain in their home for as long as possible. BlueCare promotes independence in ageing, working with patients to achieve everyday tasks. They don't do the work but encourage patients to achieve what they otherwise would not be capable of without assistance. It is patient driven aimed at having the patient achieve their own aims.

She explained the ways whereby persons in need of help may contact BlueCare emphasising that on 1 July 2015 the Commonwealth Government made major reforms to age care in Australia. Potential patient have to address the Government web site and access *My Aged Care* on line obtaining a registration number. From there the patient contacts the service provider of their choice nominating the service to be provided. Government officers will visit the patient to assess their need and make referrals to the patient nominated service provider. Should the service not be available in Boonah, assistance may be arranged from Ipswich. An example may be fixing rails in a bathroom. Her advice was to nominate all service requirements up-front, even if not required at the time, to avoid delays later on.

The speakers were thanked by Chairman Scott who presented them with a financial gift from the Club.

## LAST MEETING, 22 MARCH 2017 RYLA Awardee Brendan Wheeler



Brendan outdoors at Tyalgum

Brendan Wheeler of Brisbane, a recent RYLA Awardee sponsored by RCFV, was visiting to report on his RYLA experience. However, before doing so, Chairman and Youth Director Cara invited Jarred Cartmill to present the comments of our other RYLA Awardee, Joseph Davies from the Sunshine Coast, who was unable to attend.

### Joseph Davies report:

Joseph apologised for his inability to attend our meeting but thanked RCFV for its RYLA sponsorship of him. He advised being a third year student of Information and Communications Technology at Sunshine Coast University. He explained that RYLA was something outside his comfort zone but a good experience in many ways. He complimented the organisers for its smooth execution. He particularly appreciated those who spoke on professional development subjects. He is heading to South Korea later this year as an Australian Student Representative on behalf of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade where he will meet Australian and South Korean business leaders prior to his internship, following graduation. He particularly appreciated the outdoor activities RYLA provided. He was challenged by discussions on personal vulnerability which changed him for the better. He thanked us for his RYLA sponsorship stating he will never forget the experience and what he learnt.



RYLA group activity at Tyalgum

### Brendan Wheeler report:

He began thanking RCFV for providing him with "one of the best weeks of his life" - RYLA. Reflecting on his life since RYLA, he now realises how much he has grown and how RYLA provided him with a new outlook on life. In the days leading up to attending he pondered on his probable experiences consisting of "nerves, excitement and optimism". Afterwards he felt that "optimism" was an accurate description of that experience. He praised the environment as one which nurtured friendships by encouraging attendees to "step outside their comfort zones". He praised the different guest speakers, some of whom "got through to him". He gained confidence to "give it a go" which previously had been a major challenge to him. A while after RYLA he thought of the contribution RCFV had provided and thanked the Club for his RYLA experience. He now realises life is about giving and in return presented the Club with \$100 in appreciation, so another person may attend RYLA next year. While he realises he is still growing, he is a happier person due to RYLA, and thanks RCFV "from the bottom of his heart".



Chairman Cara thanks Brendan for his attendance



### Countdown to the Year's End

April and May present a busy period for our club. We have already kicked off with our Theatre Restaurant being a rousing success. The crowd of 110 thoroughly enjoyed the wonderful entertainment provided by David Kidd, Christine Howden and the very talented young dancers from PPDC Ipswich.

Sunday morning provided a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a lazy brunch at Lizzy's Kitchen at Mackaways Café, Harrisville. It was extremely nice to spend some time with friends in the casual atmosphere that Aleeta provides.

Planning is well underway for our visit by Toowong Rotary on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April for the cattle sale and Andrew has organised a visit to the newly opened camel dairy facility near Harrisville. Our young Brown Swiss steer is quietly munching away at his feed, so he will be ready as well.

Our members will represent Rotary again at the annual Anzac day services and plans are in place preparing the book bundles for the seven State Schools in our catchment area. This is a very important part of our contribution back into the local community and especially local youth.

District Conference at Ballina on the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> May is fast approaching with less than 4 weeks to go and no doubt DG Michael will be looking for a good representation from Fassifern Valley.

And it's less than 7 weeks til our Changeover at Roadvale to kick off Scott's year in the chair.

**Ross McInnes - President**

## Upcoming Events

**April 22** – Cattle Sale Day, Silverdale

**May 5-8** Rotary Conference Ballina keynote speakers: Ita Buttrose, Noel Pearson, Kerry O'Brien. **Make diary note NOW!**

**May 27** – RCFV Changeover



### Theatre Restaurant

With 24 hours to go, and Harrisville in the midst of a 'Major' flood with a number of people unable to leave their homes, questions were being asked if our Theatre Restaurant would go ahead. Not only did the event happen, it provided just the right stimulus for many locals and visitors to the town who had experienced a distressing couple of days. The 100 year old School of Arts never ceases to impress when dressed up for a special occasion.

Many thanks go to all those who assisted in making the evening a success both socially and financially. Our main artist for the evening, David Kidd, who for many years performed with The Ten Tenors, struck just the right balance of songs for the occasion with a variety of popular classics and songs from Musical Theatre. Christine Howden, a very accomplished mezzo soprano from Ipswich, was a class act with her choice of numbers and provided a charming segue into David's bracket by their combining for a duet.

The evening started with children from the Performance Plus Dance Centre in Ipswich 12 and Under group presenting a very energetic number, followed by solo items from Charlotte Ridley, Addison Ridley and Hayley Jackson.

Our MC for the evening, John Brent, did a great job in keeping the night running to schedule and creating the warm atmosphere which was appreciated by all.

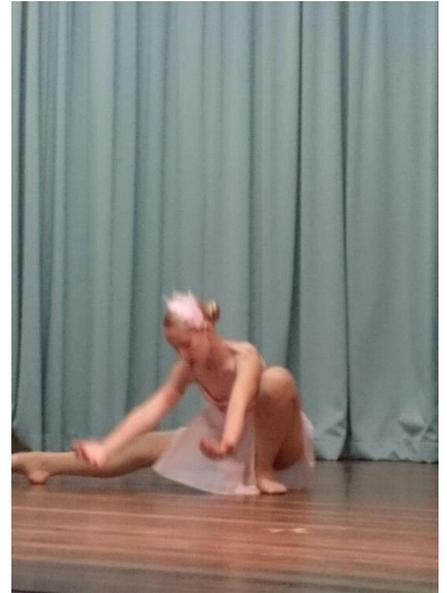
Thanks to Jon and Melita Gormley for manning the bar during the evening. Our caterers, Maurie and Myra, provided a lovely meal and as a testament to the success of the occasion, members are now talking about plans for our 'next' Theatre Restaurant.

### RCFV Changeover.

Our Club Changeover has been organised for Saturday evening 27<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at the Roadvale Hall, when President Elect Scott Champion takes over from President Ross.

### Marjorie Porter – Secretary

# RCFV THEATRE RESTAURANT SNAPSHOTS



Ipswich Performance Plus Dance Centre ballerina Hayley Jackson (Age 11)



(L) Mezzo Soprano  
Christine Howland with Sally  
Linneman as accompanist

(R) Tenor David Kidd

(Below) PPDC 12 & under group  
and soloists with MC John Brent





Party Time

**Birthdays**

1 April  
11 April

Lindy Kirchner  
Thyrlene Devin

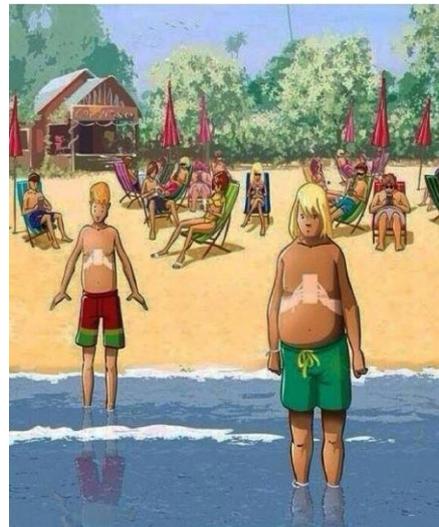
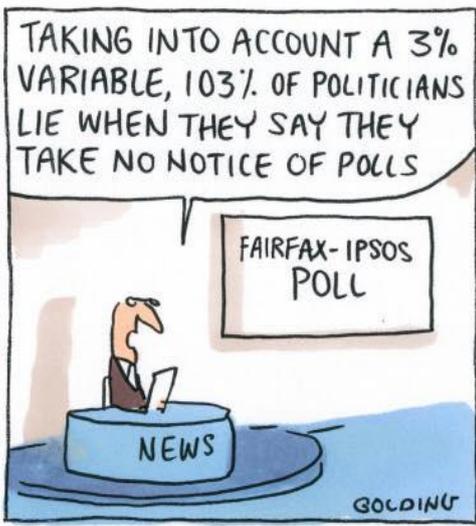
**Wedding Anniversaries**

10 April  
20 Apr

Scott & Cara Champion  
Duncan & Mary McInnes

**It's a Laugh!**

Why do supermarkets make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.



**Meeting Program and Duty Roster: April**

DUTY ROSTER	Wed 5 Apr '17	Sun 9 Apr '17 Social Meeting	Wed 12 Apr '17 Dinner Meeting	Wed 19 Apr '17 Business Meeting	Wed 26 Apr '17 Dinner Meeting
Duty Officer	<b>NO MEETING</b>		Bev Ward		Aleeta Wozencroft
100 Club , Stamps and/or Raffle		N/A	N/A	N/A	Thyrlene Devin
Chairman/ Rotary Reflections		Ross McInnes	Ross McInnes	Ross McInnes	Marjorie Porter
Meeting Venue & Time		Lizzy's Kitchen at Mackaway's Cafe. From 9.30am	Royal Hotel, Harrisville 6.30 for 7.00pm	Harrisville State School. 6.45 for 7.00pm	Royal Hotel, Harrisville 6.30 for 7.00pm
Program and/or Guest Speaker		<b>Brunch</b>	<b>Dr Ross Wilson</b> Veterinary Surgeon	<b>Club Business</b>	<b>John Tannock</b> ANZAC Memorial

**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).

