

# VALLEY VIBES

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## RYPEN Graduates

We are pleased to welcome as Club guests our recently returned RYPEN Graduates who attended Camp Bornhoffen on the weekend of 20-22 May 2016. They are Hayley Muller, Tamara Gibson, Ashleigh Savery and Cameron Klan

Hearing graduates tell of their experiences is not only interesting but also important feedback for the Club to know whether to continue with the program in the future. In years past their responses have been positive. However, that can't be taken for granted and we need to measure each year on its merits, hence the significance of having graduates report yearly.

A rewarding consequence of youth programs is the enthusiasm which graduates have for giving back and becoming involved in organising future camps for others following. RYPEN is no exception. Leaders known as "purple shirts" continue to enjoy themselves as much as the students.

Two purple shirts of note are Jarrad Cartmill, a RYPEN graduate of Fassifern Valley Rotary and Kay Titmarsh of Boonah Rotary continue to give back with enthusiasm as seen in photo below.



2016 Purple Shirts celebrate the end of another successful RYPEN camp. Jarrad (top R) Kay (bottom L)

GUEST SPEAKER 25 MAY 2016

## Wendy Silcox

### Out of the frying pan into the fire



Wendy is thanked by President Lindy

### Teaching

Mark and Wendy were both teachers, working in different schools for 40 years and 35 years respectively. That is 40 years of institutionalisation – doing your job, getting paid but not having a say in how you do your job. Wendy likened it to being on a train - you either stay on board and go where the train takes you or you get off. She explained when they made the decision to "get off the train" both she and her husband had lost their passion for teaching, making it a good time to leave.

Wendy indicated that while retiring at the relatively young age of 55 she needed something to do. That came in the form of selling apples at the farmers markets in Brisbane, which they did for a couple of years. This gave them confidence in knowing they had the skills to sell, present and communicate with customers. The problem was that after working long hours each day there was very little financial reward.

While thinking about their options their son advised he had married a Vietnamese girl, who spoke no English, could not work and they were seeking help. This coincided with the Kalbar shop becoming available. After some due diligence it seemed to tick a few boxes and so they purchased it.

### New Career

After obtaining guidance from friends with shopkeeping experience on how to run the business, it was clear the most surprising and difficult element was managing staff.

While having an excellent cook in their daughter-in-law, cooking chips and hamburgers was a totally new experience for Wendy and Mark. Through the challenge of a new job including how to use a new sophisticated coffee machine, which initially they were too frightened to use, and through gaining other new experiences they slowly learnt the business. On changing from the physical requirements of teaching to the physicality of running a 7 to 7 shop, 7 days a week, resulted in Wendy losing 10 kgs. without trying.

Having a lifetime of community service through various organisation, their decision to buy the shop provided the opportunity to be of service to the community of Kalbar through convenience shopping and the employment of disadvantaged kids. While this has had its challenges it also has had its rewards.

### Challenges

Wendy claims understanding regulations that control small business is confronting and challenging. An example was recently paying ASIC \$246 to say the business could pay its bills. Food licensing, food safety, \$300 per month to use EFTPOS machine, understanding company law and regulations, superannuation, workers compensation, ATO, GST, pushy sales representatives, determining selling price of goods that is fair to customers and themselves, all these were unfamiliar to Wendy and had to be learnt. Wendy says as one with reasonable people skills, customer interaction and management, while challenging at times, has not been as bad as she expected.

### Staff

Wendy has 5 senior, 2 intermediate and 6 junior staff – all part time. The reason why the large number is necessary is to meet the personal requirements of the staff themselves, and her

ability to cover every shift. She is proud to acknowledge the benefit to Kalbar her shop provides e.g. two staff have bought cars and another two are attending university.

The shop sells take-away food, fruit and veg, groceries and cigarettes. Ordering, buying, pricing, displaying, cooking, food safety, consistency, stock rotation (use-by date of goods) and customer service are all skill sets staff have to acquire. Teaching staff to clean – sweeping and mopping are foreign to many and have to be learnt. Her daughter-in-law Phuong is the cook.

Wendy stated that she is very proud of her staff as they do a really good job. However, they need to be managed as some work better with certain ones than with others. Having a senior and a junior working together is desirable.

In closing, Wendy stated that while her business provides a service to the community by employment, the business also provides work and challenging opportunities for her and her family.

It was a delight to hear Wendy, as a local business owner, espouse so enthusiastically the Rotary ideal of service to her community through her business.



### The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- **FIRST.** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- **SECOND.** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- **THIRD.** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- **FOURTH.** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

## Recent Fundraising Events

### Wyaralong Dam Masters Rowing Regatta



Cara Champion and Pres Lindy sizzle at Masters regatta

We are grateful for the opportunity provided to RCFV by Rowing Queensland for us to cater at the first Masters Regatta held at Wyaralong Dam on 7 May 2016. Thanks to several members including Cara and Lindy (above) we made approximately \$700. While with any first event there are issues to overcome, Lindy recommends we repeat again next year so we may use our experience to the advantage of all.

### Boonah Show 28 May 2016 - Rotary Bar



(L to R) Graham, Marjorie, Ross, Ann Kay, Andrew Kay

We were fortunate to have the opportunity to assist Boonah Rotary operate the Show Bar for the first time at this year's Boonah Show. The occasion provided us with the first opportunity to wear our new high-viz *Rotarian at Work* vests.

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

### Stamps and Donations in Kind

PP Thyrlene is our used stamp representative. She collects and forwards our stamps to the District Representative Russell Thompson, of Burleigh Heads Rotary, who collects the stamps for our District and negotiates them into currency. He is pleased to advise that \$1,030 has been raised (this year) for forwarding to Donations in Kind to assist with the shipping costs. This has come from recent stamp sales.

The May District Governor's President's Update suggests Clubs remind members to continue collecting stamps (which are an increasingly rare phenomenon) for this worthy purpose.

Our thanks go to both PP Thyrlene Devin and Russell Thompson for this worthwhile project.

### Congratulations Thyrlene



President Lindy presents flowers to Past President

We were all delighted to congratulate PP Thyrlene recently on the occasion of her 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday. May there be many more.

### Upcoming Events

**June 18** Fassifern Valley Changeover, Harrisville

**June 30** Boonah Rotary Club Changeover

**August 28** Peak Crossing Car Display Day

**5-8 May 2017** Rotary Conference Ballina

Key note speakers: Ita Buttrose, Noel Pearson, Kerry O'Brien, Max Walker **Make diary note NOW!**



Secretary: Jon Gormley  
Editor: Graham Porter OAM PHF



### MY JUNE COMMENT

At our last Dinner Meeting, we welcomed Wendy Silcox as our guest speaker and now I have decided that we need to have our learn-ed Politicians listen to people like Wendy who made the brave decision to open a small business after a lifetime of teaching Primary School children!

Her message was pure and simple. Small business is jolly hard work and each day faces different challenges. The monetary rewards are very small but it is the benefit to the community that small businesses bring, in the form of employment and having people feel valued for the service they give. The fruit of service is peace.

Preparations are well underway for our Change Over on June 18<sup>th</sup>. It will be a fabulous night for us all and our guests.

As I sit here typing this President's Note for our wonderful Valley Vibes producer Graham, the rain is tumbling down, saturating the parched earth and already the plants and crops have responded. Our beautiful valley will once again, and continue to be, a spectacular place to reside.

Till next time....Be safe, be kind to yourself.

Lindy Kirchner – President

## 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?

## Arthur's Rotary Notes

### BECOMING A ROTARIAN

Just after I first joined Rotary in Boonah over fifty years ago, I was told by a Past District Governor that I did not have sufficient management seniority in Boonah Shire Council, as Shire Engineer, to be a Rotarian. My boss, the Shire Clerk, disagreed with the ruling. He stated that because all Rotary Clubs were autonomous, in certain areas, for instance member classification, I should remain a member which I did

The rules have relaxed over time since then. The recent Council of Legislation (Rotary's body on governance) is recommending to the Rotary International Board that **persons of good character and willing to serve be invited to be Rotarians.** With this relaxation, is there a neighbour, a friend or a relative you know who would fit this specification? Ask our membership officer, Graham Porter how to propose a new member.

Realising that most people have highs and lows in their everyday lives, I believe that Rotary has made my life much richer over the fifty years I have been a Rotarian when with other Rotarians I have been able to help those in need to have better lives. Hoping that you have been able to experience this whilst you have been a Rotarian and be able to pass it on to someone else, so that they too can experience being a Rotarian. **Most potential Rotarians are only waiting to be asked.** Only one Rotarian I know continued to attend the weekly Rotary meeting for about two years without being formally asked and finally after being inducted, ended up as an Assistant Governor, so great was her enthusiasm for Rotary.

**PDG Arthur Devin PHF OAM**

Club Trainer

## Club Changeover 2016-17

### 18 June 2016, Harrisville School of Arts

Invitations have been sent and some acceptances already received for what should be an exciting Changeover this year. President Elect Ross McInnes and incoming Secretary Marjorie Porter have demonstrated their experience in pre-planning and hopefully avoiding last minute panic.

We are delighted that PDG Sandra Doumany and Sam are the appointed District Governor representatives and the former Scenic Rim Mayor and Honorary Rotarian John Brent, our Chairman for the evening.

Regrettably there will not be new member inductions as previously proposed.

We look forward to the entertainment for the evening being provided by a young Queensland Conservatorium of Music voice graduate, tenor Iain Henderson. He will sing:

- *This is the Moment* from Jekyll and Hyde;
- *Serenade* from The Student Prince;
- *Nessun Dorma* from Turandot.

## Iain Henderson : Tenor

We are privileged to have young tenor, 28 year old Iain Henderson from Brisbane, sing for us at changeover. Iain comes from Brisbane where he was born and raised. He grew up in the Redlands area south of Brisbane and went to school at Sheldon College. As a kid he spent a lot of time at his Grandparent's house in Grafton where they were always playing music - usually something like the Irish Tenors, Mario Lanza or the Three Tenors. His first experience of a stage show was when he was 13 and saw *The Secret Garden* with Anthony Warlow after which he decided that he was going to be a performer.

It wasn't until after high school that he took lessons in Classical and Operatic music because his teacher at the time thought he had the voice for it. In 2011, after studying a Business Degree at Southern Cross University, he started at the Conservatorium in Brisbane and also got his first contract with Opera Queensland in the chorus of *The Girl of the Golden West*.

Since 2011, Iain has been a member of the Opera Queensland Chorus and in 2015 made his Principal role debut in Bernstein's *Candide* in Brisbane, Australia.



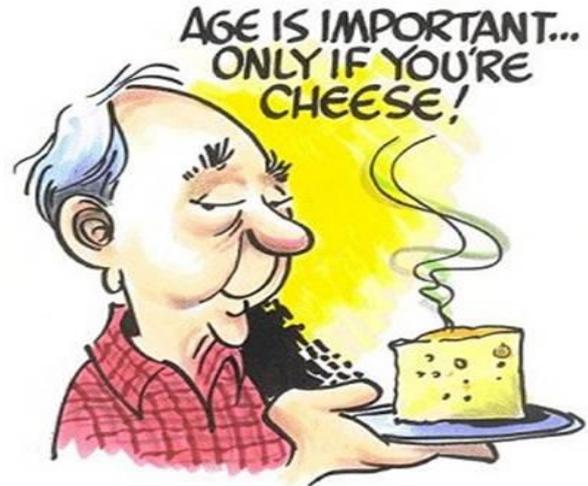
Young tenor Iain Henderson

Past concert appearances include solos in major works by Bach, Mozart, Handel, Schubert and Wagner. In 2014, Iain has performed as a guest Artist with the Worldwide phenomenon, BBC's Dr Who Symphonic Spectacular with the Queensland Symphony Orchestra.

Iain has recently been overseas for auditions, training and a little bit of work and intends going back overseas again at the end of this year to do it all again.

His intention is to attend one of the high calibre training Studios in Europe for the next two years and then make the leap into full time, professional opera singing. It is his goal to sing on the main opera stages of the world and above all to enjoy every moment of his career. We wish him well and look for to his singing to us.

## It's a Laugh!



Do you know why people cheat and lie?

because they know it's easier to get **FORGIVENESS** than **PERMISSION.**

## Meeting Program and Duty Roster: June

DUTY ROSTER	Wed 8 June '16 Dinner Meeting	Wed 15 May '16 Business Meeting	Sat 18 June '16 Club Changeover	Wed 22 June '16 Dinner Meeting
Duty Officer	Bev Ward		To be advised	<b>NO MEETING IN LIEU OF ) CLUB CHANGEOVER (2<sup>ND</sup> STATE OF ORIGIN)</b>
100 Club , Stamps and/or Raffle	Thyrlene Devin (Stamps)			
Chairman/ Rotary Reflections		Pres. Lindy Kirchner	John Brent OAM	
Sergeant at Arms				
Sergeant's Assistant				
Meeting Venue & Time	Royal Hotel, Harrisville 6.30 for 7.00 pm	Royal Hotel, Harrisville 6.30 for 7.00 pm	Harrisville School of Arts 6.30 for 7.00 pm	
Program and/or Guest Speaker	<b>RYPEN Students</b>	<b>Finalise club changeover arrangements</b>	<b>Club Changeover</b>	

### 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).