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Richard Thomson WOOL, A WINTER WONDER

Club Changeover “Be a Gift to the World”

Join Richard Thomson, father of Sgt Matthew Thomson, as he tells his life story of working with wool, the agricultural commodity on which Australia was founded. Remarkably, wool has been continually developed throughout the years until now with fine wool used for high fashion garments worn in direct contact with the skin. Woollen *Jackie Howe* singlets today may be worn by sheep shearers, considered unthinkable in earlier times.



Richard began his career in 1959 as a junior office boy with Stock and Station Agent Dalgety & Co. Evenings, he attended a wool course at Brisbane TAFE. In 1962 he completed a Wool Classers Certificate and in 1966 was accepted into the ranks of the senior team and became a wool auctioneer. This began a 48 year career which as he says “was all about wool.” He toured Queensland visiting wool growers and was a wool judge at country shows and the Brisbane Royal Show. In 1984 Richard was appointed Queensland Wool Manager for Dalgety Winchcombe and in 1988 undertook a 7 week World Wool Tour. He retired in 2007.



Past President Marjorie and President Lindy exchange Rotary theme banners at Changeover overseen by District Governor representative PDG Wendy Scarlett

It must have been the company! The night was warm, the food was good and heaters weren't required to make for a very successful and enjoyable Changeover at Mackaway's Café, Harrisville. Our thanks go to Ben Casey and his team for their selection of foods and to the many Rotary visitors and friends present, which made for a satisfying evening. Under the competent chairmanship of Honorary Rotarian Heather Wehl the evening was seamless and on time. We could not have asked for more.

President Lindy and her Board were inducted by PDG Wendy Scarlett. Her Directors are Carolyn Thamm – Secretary; Bev Ward – Treasurer; PDG Arthur Devin – Youth; John Gormley – Vocational and PP Marjorie Porter.

Rotary



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After a wonderful four week holiday in and around Canada with friends and arriving back into Australia a few days before our Annual Changeover Dinner, the day certainly came round quickly! On Saturday morning July 25, our members helped me transform Mackaway's Café into our Rotary Dinner Venue.

The night ran very smoothly with Heather Wehl capably in the Chairman's role. Krystal Spark mesmerized us all with her beautiful singing whilst Ben from Mackaway's Café, served us up delicious food. Wendy Scarlett and Charles were our honoured guests, as well as Jon Krause MP and Councillors Brent and McInnes. On a chat with all guests on a walk around the room during the night, there were some lovely comments about all aspects of the evening. My sincere thanks to you all for making the night one to remember. I was proud and honoured to have all my family there, as well as life-long friends to celebrate the evening. Due to the generosity of all who attended, we raised almost enough to purchase a Disaster Aid Shelter Kit for one needy family.

Congratulations one and all!

August is Rotary Membership Month and wouldn't it be wonderful if we could all facilitate the growth of our Club during the year.

Thank you all in advance, for the support I will receive this year from you all. There is no "I" in team as the saying goes!!!

Our first venture for this Presidential Year, is our annual Car Shine Day at the Summerson's at the end of the month.

Till next month....

Lindy Kirchner
President

(See Changeover Photos following)

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Arthur's Rotary Notes

"It's not the size of the dog in the fight that counts, but the size of the fight in the dog which is important and it helps to have a bigger dog with great fighting ability" is a quote I have used over many years speaking to small Rotary Clubs. Rotary started with a meeting of four men and grew in size of their Club and into more Rotary clubs when others were invited to join them. Some of us have visited the many smaller Clubs in our Rotary District as well as visiting others in our travels away from home when the opportunities arise. At our Business meeting last Wednesday night, Secretary Carolyn restated that we should consider how Allora Rotary Club (membership 8 -15) operates within its limitations. Are we punching above our weight too often?

Most Rotary Clubs should be looking for new members during RI designated "Membership and New Club Development Month" of August. President Lindy's programme with a dinner meeting and a fun night each month can give us opportunities to bring a guest be they a past Rotarian, a business partner, a friend or someone who helped you or our Club and the list goes on. Therefore, please try to bring someone to our meeting on Wednesday night to learn what Rotary is about. Whilst that person may not become a member now or in the near future, they may become a "Friend of our Rotary Club" in the meantime, where all can benefit - they from our fellowship and we from their assistance when needed. Otherwise a win-win situation!!

Rotary International now includes "New Club Development" in August, the previous month noted for Membership. Having very little chance of forming a new Rotary Club in our Catchment, I refer all to Marjorie Porter's suggestion some time ago that we investigate a community based Interact Club in Harrisville with some of the students who exit the School buses in Harrisville each afternoon of school days. My research reveals that two such Interact Clubs exist in Australia which numbers indicate to me that it would be a difficult process. An Interact E - Club may be an alternative. Whilst I think that an Interact E-Club will have its issues (most of which would be lost on me including there is probably that none exists in the world), I wonder if a meeting place for Marjorie's Fassifern Valley Interact Club could be an *i* phone or an *i* pad in the hands of High School students who could become



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Interactors. Such a Club could overcome such issues as meeting times, meeting places and costs.

Today's ABC "Macca" highlighted a great Australian Rotary fundraiser, the Mt. Isa Rotary clubs Mt Isa Rodeo . It is in its 57th year and is the largest Rodeo in Australia. I believe that the four Rotary Clubs of Mt. Isa combine to conduct this four day Event. Whilst it is not as large as the Calgary Stampede which has been conducted since about 1914 and has over 3000 Rotarians and helpers involved, The Mt Isa Rotary project is a great fundraiser. Our Club has been successful in combining efforts of other Clubs with the Award winning "A Day on the Farm".

PDG Arthur Devin OAM, PHF – Club Trainer

Fifth Wednesday Fun Night at the Brewery

Some couldn't wait. Others were not so sure. A Rotary meeting in a brewery they asked?

Wednesday 29 July being a 5th Wednesday was a designated Club fun night. It was held at the Pumpyard Brewery in Ipswich, which seemed a guaranteed formula for fun.

This new facility is owned by Wade Curtis of Peak Crossing, our Club's first Secretary. Wade has for many years had an interest in "home brewed" beer. He has now taken the quantum leap into developing his 4 Hearts Brand at a brewery/restaurant on the old Ipswich State High School site at Ellenborough and Limestone Streets, Ipswich.

The evening was progressing well until it came time to order the drinks. It needed a motion from the Rotary meeting to decide which of the dozen or so taps to choose. It was an education, albeit very pleasant, with some members game to try an Indian brew. Given its potency, it may well serve a dual role of helping out by topping up the fuel tank when low. The food was exquisite. We should return.

Ed

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Upcoming Events

26 Aug '15	RC Toowong 50 th Birthday Dinner
30 Aug '15	Neil & Jenny's Car Display Day
9 Sept '15	District Governor Anne Egan visit

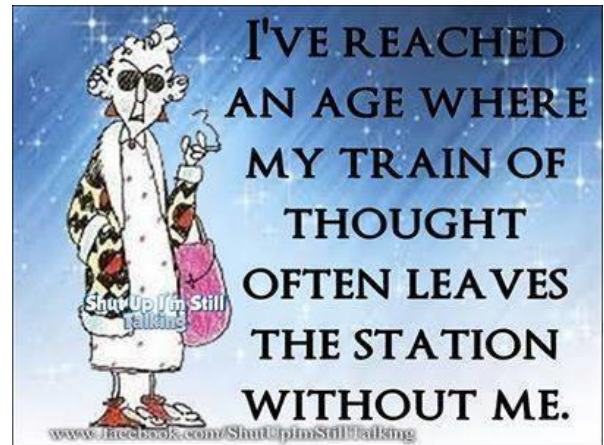
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It's a Laugh!



Meeting Program and Duty Roster

DUTY ROSTER	Wed 12 Aug '15 Dinner Meeting	Wed 19 Aug '15 Business Meeting	Wed 26 Aug '15 No Meeting	Wed 2 Sept '15 Business Meeting
Duty Officer	TBA	N/A	NO MEETING TOOWONG CLUB 50TH ANNIVERSARY IN LIEU	N/A
100 Club , Stamps and/or Raffle	TBA	N/A		N/A
Chairman & Rotary Reflections	TBA	N/A		N/A
Sergeant at Arms	TBA	N/A		N/A
Sergeant's Assistant	TBA	N/A		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 Library 6.45 for 7.00pm
Program and/or Guest Speaker	Richard Thomson Wool Classer Rtd. <i>Wool – A Winter Wonder</i>	Club Business		Club Business

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).

