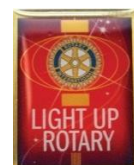


Rotary Club of Bright

Rotary



The Grapevine



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The next Meeting of the Rotary Club of Bright to be held at Ringer Reef, 6835 Great Alpine Road, Porepunkah on Thursday December 18, 2014 commencing at 6.15pm for

Dinner at 6.45.

Members who cannot attend, or Members with Guests who haven't booked please advise The Chalet by telephoning 5755 1833 by noon on the day of the meeting.

President's Message

Members and Partners who have advised they will be attending the Club's Christmas Dinner this Thursday, December 18 have been booked with Ringer Reef. Anyone with special dietary requirements needs to advise Bruce by email or telephone 5755 1696.

Rob Moore has arranged for a very special Guest Speaker, Shirley Shackelton, to speak at the Club's meeting on January 15. Please see details in this edition. That meeting will be a Partners Night so please put it in your diaries to attend.

And finally, a great story which truly captures the Spirit of Christmas. Members will remember John Dodd's grandson Mitchell who is around 12 years old and attended our

Football Night recently won \$1000 worth of sports goods in a raffle...and he donated half of his prize to disadvantaged children! Well done Mitchell.

And a few word from Acting President Lindsay.

"We had a great presentation from Minori on her visit to the Japan-Australia culture event in Melbourne, her Mittagundi experience and her final Dookie visit. It is always interesting to hear of members' past lives, and Andrew's presentation was no different. Geoff gave us a presentation on Rotary information; how do we get young people involved in Rotary? Graham will be attending the Bright P-12 presentation on behalf of the club this week. Sue and Michelle are after help for the Christmas Carols' night. Ken is helping; more are needed. Patrick is still chasing people for the water slide. If you have not yet, please let him know of your availability. Geoff brought in the Bendigo Bank defibrillator for us to look at. Patrick will discuss with Bruce Mac and Geoff about which defibrillator we will seek to borrow; that from the football club or from Bendigo Bank? Thanks Minori for filling in for me at this weekend's sausage sizzle."

"Light Up Rotary" in 2014/15



**Graham and Minori
after her
Presentation**



**Andrew Pook giving
us a rundown on his
life**

Looking Ahead". Club Programs for December

December 18...Christmas Dinner...Partner's Night

December 25...No meeting

January 1... No meeting

January 8... Club Night

January 15... Guest Speaker

January 22... Guest Speaker TBC

January 29... No Meeting

Attendance for Thursday 11th December

Terry Gibbons	Stuart Hargreaves	Ron Kool	Rob Moore
Bruce Kilpatrick	Lindsay Jolley	Graham Cocks	Ken Hart
Patrick O'Shea	Sid Dalbosco	Dee Hedley	Andrew Pook
Geoff Tually	Ray Borschmann	Steve Gilliver	Sue Manning
Michelle Chalwell	Bob Lease	John Martin	

Minori (Exchange Student)

Apologies:-

Michelle Sharpe Stephen Webb Allan Poyner Geoff Hall Diane Gibbons

Excused

Bruce McDonald

BRIGHT ROTARY CLUB SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTER December 2014.
SETUP by 9am CLOSE by 1pm (subject to sufficient business.)



Date	Cook	Server	Cashier
Dec 20	Sid	Sue	Ron
Dec 27	Graham	Pony Club	Dee

Reserve.....Steve Gilliver

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO WORK YOUR SHIFT. PLEASE ARRANGE A SWAP WITH ANOTHER MEMBER ON THE ROSTER.

Pony Club 4th Saturday monthly as per their Club's roster.

Chris Young volunteer please email roster to... y.chris@iinet.net.au

Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

*A Happy Birthday to:-
John Manning 20th December
Wedding Anniversary:-
Sue and John Manning 20th December*

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Re - Shirley Shackelton - Rotary Club of Bright International Night Thursday  
15 January 2015

In October 1975, 5 journalists covering the invasion of East Timor by the Indonesian Military were murdered by the invading troops. The Australian Government knew of this within hours of the deaths of the 5 journalist, yet kept it hidden for years and went along with the Indonesian excuse that they were killed in the cross fire on the day.

Shirley's husband Greg was one of those killed and has fought ever since to bring out the truth of what happened on that day, and so far unsuccessfully, to have the remains of Greg returned to Australia.

Shirley's story is of intriguing, fascinating and concerning to anyone who has an interest in East Timor and the events of that time.

We have the great pleasure of having Shirley as our guest speaker on the 15th January to tell her story, we would love to have your company on the night but spaces are limited so let us know as soon as possible.

The Rotary Club of Bright meets at the Bright Chalet on the Great Alpine Road at 6.15 for 6.45pm and our meal cost is \$20.

Bookings/indicative numbers to John Martin 0417 532745  
[bright@brightrotary.org.au](mailto:bright@brightrotary.org.au) by December 24<sup>th</sup> if possible.

Dear Bruce and Rotary members

Sunday was the North Eastern Zone State showjumping and dressage qualifiers held at Bright Pony Club grounds, with your generous sponsorship we forwarded on monies to the North East Zone PCAV who arranged saddle blankets embroidered with Proudly supported by Rotary Club Of Bright to each winner in grades 1- 5 dressage and grades a - f showjumping.

Our club would like to thank you and acknowledge the great support of our club and the riding community.

Pictured is my daughter Kimberley who competed in the many competition in the zone accumulating points to become the F grade Champion of North East Zone showjumping which was presented to her on Sunday by the zone committee.

Another lucky winner from our club was Elise Zorzutti who won grade 1 dressage.

Bridie Armstrong and Elise Zorzutti have been selected to represent the North East at State in February, Elise Dressage riding and Bridie B Grade showjumping

Thank you again for the support

Best regards

Nikki farmer

### One of the Showjumpers in the Competition



**Kimberley, Nicki Farmers  
Daughter**

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### **Rotary Information -- 11th December 2014.**

#### **Junior Rotary – A new Concept!!!!**

(Rotary Down Under, August 2014. Page 10).

**Public Relations and membership are a constant with Rotary. Do we need a rethink in some of the names we use to increase the relevance of Rotary??**

“Ask people, what is Interact? Most people (including some Rotarians) would not know what it is, because the name has no relevance to Rotary. If Interact was changed to “Junior Rotary” children and parents would be able to identify with that concept”. What do members think??

When I first heard the name of Interact, I did not know what it was and then I found it was an attempt to engage high/secondary school students in the ways of Rotary and community service, with the hope that students would develop an interest in Rotary and continue on with involvement with Rotaract and then Rotary itself. Has this strategy worked? Probably Not.

Interact and Rotaract, whilst a worthy strategy, I believe, need to be revisited, both in benefits to young people and how to involve Rotarians as mentors.

Ideas for change are every Rotarians preserve. I like the way our club involves the pony club with our sausage sizzle. This is a two way opportunity. Gives our Rotarians a chance to meet the young members and for the young ones to see what Rotarians do. However, some times the parents come instead, but at least the pony club assist in earning the money we provide them from time to time. Rotarians can be catalysts for the community.

Rotary is a well-known name in most communities and has, I believe high credibility. Youth Exchange is just an example of Rotary credibility, where parents entrust their 16/17 year old children to us to travel the world to experience other cultures.

What do we really offer young people with Interact and Rotaract? Just a name change may help, but we need to look at benefits of the programme, as there are few Interact clubs in any District in Australia and not many Rotaract Clubs. Is this a lost opportunity for Rotary?

Putting it simply, it's about credibility of these Rotary programmes

**Rotary is more than a Service Organisation – it's a way of life.**



Three men died on Christmas Eve and were met by Saint Peter at the pearly gates.

“In honour of this holy season” Saint Peter said, “You must each possess something that symbolizes Christmas to get into heaven.”

The first one fumbled through his pockets and pulled out a lighter. He flicked it on. “It's a candle”, he said.'

“You may pass through the pearly gates.” Saint Peter said.

The second man reached into his pocket and pulled out a set of keys. He shook them and said, “They're bells.”

Saint Peter said “You may pass through the pearly gates.”

The third man started searching desperately through his pockets and finally pulled out a pair of women's lacy under garments.

St. Peter looked at the man with a raised eyebrow and asked, “And just what do those symbolize?”

The man replied, “These are Carols.”

And So The Christmas Season Begins.....