

VALLEY VIBES

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Guest Speaker – Keir Tierney

This month we have Keir visiting us to talk to about the NBN. Keir is a Community Ambassador for **nbn**TM. He is local in QLD, and as such he is tasked with speaking to community groups about all things **nbn**TM. Generally, the topics covered include:

- What is the **nbn**TM?
- What do you need to do to connect?
- How the **nbn**TM effects your existing Home Phone & Medical Alarms?
- How to protect yourself from scams

Please note **nbn**TM is a wholesaler and the presentation is designed to be informative only. Keir will be happy to answer any questions you may have about the **nbn**TM.



DG Harry Bolton

We had a great number of members, as well as ex member Natalie Klan and incoming member Therese Russell attend our Dinner Meeting on August 15th with DG Harry. It was Harry's first official visit to Fassifern Valley, where we took the opportunity of having him induct a new member and recognize two of our members as Paul Harris Fellows. Harry started off the evening with the induction of our newest member Therese Russell. We welcome Therese into the club and look forward to having as a valuable member.



President Cara Champion, Sponsor Ross McInnes, Therese and DG Harry Bolton

She has a background in senior administration; reporting; health and safety; working with health organizations, including Indigenous Health as well as property and finance experience.

Harry then presented two of our members, Beve Ward and Aleeta Wozencroft, with Paul Harris Fellowships, on behalf of our club.



President Cara Champion, DG Harry Bolton and PHF recipients Beve Ward & Aleeta Wozencroft

The PHF's were presented to express our appreciation for the substantial contribution that they both have made to the club since becoming members. Beve is our current Treasurer, and has generously fulfilled this role for the past three years. Aleeta has been instrumental in organizing and helping to manage our catering van and is working tirelessly for a second year in a row as Secretary. Congratulations to both recipients, it is well deserved.

Harry then talked to the club about the year ahead, his goals for his year as District Governor. He raised some good points that we should think about not only as Rotarians, but as individuals in our everyday roles.

- Communication - how do we connect with mainstream Australia and how do we connect with each other and with our community. In today's society we can talk or text anyone on our mobile phones, but *Are We Really Communicating?* As Rotarians, our roles will become more important into the future as more people seek help with our ever changing world.
- Technology has moved along at an exceptionally fast pace, everything moves so fast. As an organization Rotary can help people in the future to cope with life's fast pace.
- Rotary's sense of community helps people to connect. Rotary needs to think about how it is going to move forward into the future.
- Membership - clubs need members who want to *share* the sense of community and not target certain age groups or vocations – but members of any age & background who *want* to be involved. Clubs can operate with little or big numbers but in Harry's view the optimum No. of members is 25, too much over this and clubs begin to stop communicating. Membership needs to be about quality members, not just numbers.



Harry then wrapped up the night talking about his wife Shauna's project, as she couldn't accompany Harry on this visit. The Malaria Vaccine Project is vital in developing a vaccine against this disease which takes the lives of so many.

Peak Crossing Car Display Day 2019

Sunday the 25th August was a beautiful day to host our Car Display Day. The team in the van were ready to go with Bacon & Egg burgers for breakfast and then over the day sold Rib Fillet Burgers, Chips, Dagwood dogs and crumbed sausages. Jenny had a spectacular display of all the great raffle prizes that were on donated and as always had a good supply of the very yummy lamingtons that everyone comes to have. This day is marked in everyone's calendar and has become a favorite with car clubs, particularly the JAG Club and everyone loves spending the 'Day in the Country'. The morning started with the first car arriving just before 8am and then continued with over 180 cars on display. Our hard working Rotarians on the gate were kept busy as they all rolled through the gate and set up for the day in their respective car make, amongst the clubs present were JAG, Alfa Romeo, Rolls Royce, MG, Bentley, Lamborghini, Aroca & Austin.

This year we promoted 4 Aussie Heroes Foundation which is in the process of establishing a facility at Milora, just outside of Peak Crossing. The foundation is raising the money to build the facility so that they can provide their 'Triumph over Trauma' program on a more regular basis. The program runs for 12 days and is for current and ex-military personnel and civilian first responders who are suffering from PTSD. Funds raised at the Car Day will go to the foundation and help in some way with the construction of the facility.



Presidents Report

August has been a very productive month for our club. Our fundraising for 4 Aussie Heroes has had a great start, first hosting a movie night at Limelight Cinemas Ipswich with the new war film 'Danger Close: The Battle of Long Tan', followed by another very successful Car Display day at Peak Crossing. We were lucky to have our District Governor Harry Bolton visit in time to induct a new member in Rotary's Membership month, as well Harry had the honour of presenting PHF's to two of our deserving members, recognising the dedication that they have displayed to not only our club but within the community. It was lovely to have the opportunity to get a photo with all but one of our Club Presidents, one of the benefits of have small and younger club.

We have a few projects coming up to finish off our 2019 year, in November we will be packing our Digger Boxes which are sent to servicemen and women who are serving overseas over the holiday period. We send a variety of items including toiletries, sweet treats, the ever favourite Tim Tams, a

homemade beanie, lollies and stationary. And because these are received over Christmas there are usually some Christmas decorations packed as well. These packages are always appreciated and every year we receive thank you letters from personnel who have received them, which as a club we love to hear about. We spend the year collecting little motel toiletries and items, however we welcome any donations could be used in the Digger Boxes. We usually pack 60 boxes, all coming in just under the 2kg weight. If you do have any items you would like to donate, we would graciously appreciated them. Please contact myself or any of our members if you would like to know more about our Digger Boxes or any other project that we do. Looking forward to the next few months before the Christmas break.

Yours in Rotary,

Cara



Club Presidents of Fassifern Valley with DG Harry Bolton

2015-16 Lindy Kirchner, 2017-18 Scott Champion, 2018-19 Andrew Kay, 2010-11 & 2011-12 Graham Porter OAM, 2014-15 Marjorie Porter, 2012-13 & 2016/17 Ross McInnes, 2019-20 Cara Champion and DG Harry Bolton. Absent 2013-14 Club President Thyrlene Devin



From the Secretary's Desk

August has flashed by with many busy moments for our members. At the beginning of August, we enjoyed seeing the screening of *Danger Close: The Battle of Long Tan*, which was the beginning of our fundraising for the 4 Aussie Heroes Foundation. Given the short notice for the screening, the movie night was well supported by members and the community. We look forward to again hosting another movie night at the Limelight Cinemas in Ipswich.

Our Annual Peak Crossing Car Display Day was again well supported by members of the various Car Clubs. This year, the weather was kind to us, with much needed rain holding off to make way for a glorious and sunny winter day.

Aleeta Wozencroft
Secretary 2019/20

Youth Matters

As this school term is almost done, then there is only one more school term for this year. Many senior students will certainly be on the countdown, and if you know of someone is 16-17 or currently in Year 11 and continuing their education, RYTS - Rotary Youth Transition Seminar is a one of a kind opportunity to develop interpersonal and profession skills for young adults. It is held at Bornhoffen PCYC and runs from the 17th - 22nd November. Please contact any member from our club if you would like more information or you could have a look at <https://www.rotary9640.org/page/ryts>



Something to think about!

Recycling bottle caps to make 3D printed mobility aids for disadvantaged children everywhere

TURNING WASTE INTO OPPORTUNITY

BOTTLE TOP DROP POINT

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For more ways to support go to: www.envision.org.au

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SCHOOL BOTTLE CAP RECYCLE COLLECTION PROGRAM WYNDHAM CITY

RECYCLE 1,000,000 BOTTLE TOPS

How you can assist us

Target 1,000,000 is a joint initiative between Grow With Joe, Envision, Wyndham City, Rotary and Lions. Together we will be gathering 1,000,000 bottle caps from a network of schools and community groups and transforming them into 3D filament, prosthetic hands, and other usable STEM items.

Check us at www.growwithjoe.org and www.envision.org.au

Plastic bottle caps are an essentially non-recycled waste product, also one of the top polluters in our oceans. We need you to collect as many as you can, then email us with your school's details. We will organize to pick them up and recycle them into 3D filament, prosthetic hands, and other usable STEM items for your school and others in the community.

School talks and demonstrations can be organized please, email us School poster and info download packs available [here](#)

BOTTLE CAPS ARE FULLY RECYCLABLE. UNFORTUNATELY, AS REPORTED ON ABC'S 'WAR ON WASTE' THEY AREN'T RECYCLED. BOTTLE CAPS FALL THROUGH MACHINERY AND GET SENT TO LANDFILL.

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<https://www.fassifernvalleyrotary.org.au/>



Upcoming Events

September	October	November	December
11 th - Guest Speaker, Kier Teirney - NBN & AG Karen Thomas 25 th - End Polio Movie 'Ride Like a Girl', Limelight Cinemas Ipswich		Digger Boxes	Christmas Party - TBA



Birthdays	September	Wedding Anniversary
9 th - Cara Champion	September	17 th - John & Carolyn Braithwaite 27 th - Graham & Marjorie Porter

Meeting Program and Duty Roster: September

DUTY ROSTER	Wed 4 September '19 Business Meeting	Wed 11 September '19 Dinner Meeting	Wed 18 September '19 Planning Meeting	Wed 25 September '19 Social Evening
Duty Officer	N/A	Lindy Kirchner	Marjorie Porter	N/A
Chairman/ Rotary Reflections	Cara Champion	Jill Surawski	N/A	N/A
Meeting Venue & Time	Harrisville State School, 6.50 for 7pm start.	Royal Hotel Harrisville, 6.30 for 7pm start	TBA	TBC
Program and/or Guest Speaker	N/A	AG Karen Thomas Keir Tierney NBN		Social Evening

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 Aleeta of the change (Mob 0433 822 036)
3. Members please note: RSVP is important, if you don't RSVP there will be no meal for you - meals are only ordered if you advise you are attending.