

# VALLEY VIBES

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**NEXT MEETING, 8 MARCH 2017**

**Helen Fraser**

**BlueCare Assistant Integrated  
Service Manager – West Moreton**

During the 1950s the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational churches pioneered many new community services. This was a time when churches were the centre of the local community, there were relatively few government welfare services, little regulation of services and minimal government funding. In 1953, the Blue Nursing Service started from the West End Methodist Mission in Brisbane with just one nurse.

The organisation rapidly expanded and diversified its capabilities to meet people's needs across the state. In the meantime, the Presbyterian Church was developing a portfolio of aged care services which later also became part of the Blue Nursing Service.

Now called Blue Care, this agency of UnitingCare Queensland today offers a diverse range of residential and community care services, operating from more than 250 centres.

Helen Fraser will enlighten us of the work undertaken by BlueCare locally, and the importance this is in assisting the sick and elderly to remain in their own homes while in nursing care. We look forward to hearing her valuable message.



**MEETING, 22 MARCH 2017**

**Brendan Wheeler**

**RYLA Awardee 2017**



Brendan recently became one of RYLA Awardees having been sponsored by RCFV. He lives in Brisbane and is studying counselling at Griffith University.

Brendan grew up in South Lismore and Ballina gaining his schooling at South Lismore Public School and St. John's College, Woodlawn.

Brendan's interest in Counselling originates from his interest in mental health and he would like to help people struggling with anxiety. A sufferer of anxiety himself and knowing how crippling it can be, he believes that giving back as a Counsellor will give him much professional satisfaction. We look forward to hearing his message.

## LAST MEETING, 8 FEBRUARY 2017

**David Roderick**

**David receives a Certificate of Appreciation**

Chairman Marjorie, when Introducing Guest Speaker David Roderick espoused her qualifications for doing so being that their families had known each other for over 100 years and that she personally had known him for over 60 years. Their fathers went to war together and their respective uncles married aunts.

David began speaking of his home – formerly known as the Roderick Estate from where 13 of his father's family lived. He spoke of his free childhood of riding horses without saddles and floating down the swollen Warrill Creek through McInnes's farm crossing barbed wire fences. He said the thought of it today horrifies him.

He spoke sadly of his younger brother Peter at the age of 9 dying of encephalitis – then an untreatable disease, and his courageous parents who had to carry on managing the farm throughout what was a very traumatic time in their lives. He reflected on his parent's insistence on their children being well educated despite the cost, resulting in both his brother Murray and his attending Ipswich Grammar School while his two sisters attended Ipswich Girl's Grammar School, all as borders. To this day he doesn't know how they could afford it. While a good student he was a country boy at heart and after sitting his Junior examination, he only wanted to return to the farm. Murray, on the other hand, had different ambitions and went on to become a chemical engineer.

As his father grew older he gradually succumbed to his war experiences with PTSD, not well understood at the time. This resulted in David taking greater responsibility in managing the farm. He admitted being "a bushie at heart" and holding the record for being the largest baby born at the former Harrisville Hospital. He spoke of his involvement in the community at an early age as a member of "Rural Youth" and the part that organisation played in the lives of its members.

David was a competent footballer playing A Grade Rugby League in Ipswich from the age of 18 and progressing to play for Queensland at age 23. He received offers to play professionally in Sydney, for not much money by today's standard, and felt the risk of injury too high should it prevent him from returning to the farm.

He spoke of his marriage to Gwen and having four children. His son Paul's management of the farm now allows him to do other things. He commented on the time when Ross McInnes worked for him in the 1970s was when up-sizing the farm. However, this was interrupted when David received a health scare with the diagnosis of cardio-myopathy. After a change of lifestyle, medication and closely following his Christian beliefs, he recovered.

With the farm under the able management of Paul, and regaining his health, he and Gwen were considering a change in lifestyle when child fostering entered their lives. Several foster children later and now caring for Cooper, as if their own, it seems as though they were restarting their lives. What more proof was needed when recommencing attending school P&C Meetings after 32 years?

Along with two others, Gwen has undertaken religious instruction in the primary schools of Peak Crossing, Harrisville and Roadvale for several years. At the end of each year they have run popular weekend camps for the students when in excess of 30 have attended. Looking to the future David indicated he tries to be a good role model and sees himself continuing in his service to the Harrisville community through the organisations he has served such as the Harrisville School of Arts, as Secretary for 43 years, Sexton of the Harrisville Cemetery Trust, Harrisville Lions for 33 years and the Harrisville Anglican Church. David reflected on the fortunate life he and Gwen are living and hopes it continues.



### Changeover Transition Begins

This weekend sees the official start of the transition into Scott's year as President for the 2017/18 year. The President Elect Training Seminar (PETS) is being held near Lismore on Saturday and Scott, Cara and President Nominee Andrew will attend.

This allows incoming Presidents an opportunity to get better accustomed into the running of their club and the roles and responsibilities of themselves and fellow directors. Meeting and forming relationships with fellow Presidents Elect is also a very important part of the day. District Assembly is then being held at Lismore on Sunday, and I would encourage as many members as possible to attend.

Scott and I have locked down our Changeover night for 27<sup>th</sup> May and while this is earlier than normal, it's needed to fit into everyone's schedule. Being that early will hopefully avoid the normal clashes that happen when 55 clubs endeavour to fit their changeovers into about 6 weeks.

Later this month our club will have the opportunity to meet RYLA Awardee Brendan Wheeler from the E-Club. We were happy to support Brendan and Joseph Davies of Rotaract on the Sunshine Coast to attend RYLA this year. Brendan will report to us on his RYLA experience. Kaye Titmarsh will also be visiting the club for the evening.

Toowong Rotary will again be visiting us on 22<sup>nd</sup> April for the Annual Rotary cattle sale and while this is a bit later this year, the hot weather has played havoc with getting cattle ready at a suitable time. The cattle are a bit like us in hot weather – drink more and eat less. To add to the day's experience for our Toowong friends we will be visiting the Australian Wild Camel Farm at Summerland.

### Ross McInnes - President



## From the Secretary's Desk

### Theatre Restaurant

Bookings are coming in for our Theatre Restaurant planned for Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017. As well as two very talented singers who will provide much of the evening's entertainment, we are also delighted that Performance Plus Dance Centre (PPDC), Ipswich has agreed to provide a small group to start the evening's enjoyment. They are a very talented group, and sure to delight.

Each booked table of 10 will receive 2 bottles of wine, so gather your family and friends to join us for a wonderful evening.

### RCFV Changeover.

Our Club Changeover has been organised for Saturday evening 27<sup>th</sup> May 2017, when President Elect Scott takes over from President Ross. Venue is still to be confirmed.

### PETS/Assembly

We wish President Elect Scott Champion, President Nominee Andrew Kay and Youth Director Cara Champion well this weekend at PETS/Assembly, and look forward to all they have to share from their training.

### Marjorie Porter – Secretary

## Upcoming Events

**March 11-12** – PETS/District Assembly

**April 1** – Theatre Restaurant, Harrisville

**April 8** – Rotary Peace Fellow Seminar UQ.

**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!**

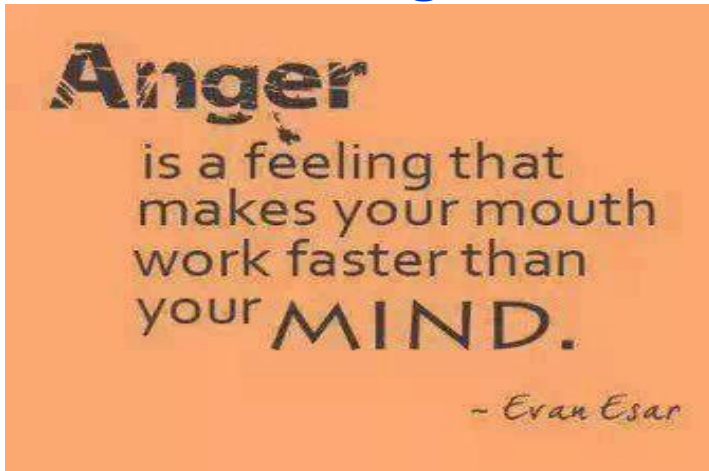
**May 27** – RCFV Changeover



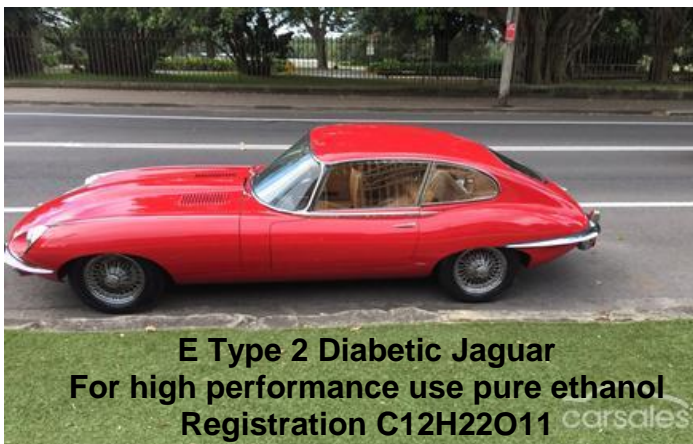
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22 March  
27 March  
28 March

Jon Krause  
John Braithwaite  
Scott Buchholz  
Andrew Kay

## It's a Laugh!



After stewing in his emotions, emo veg comes to the conclusion that the root of the world's problems is that people don't seem to carrot all...



## Meeting Program and Duty Roster: March

DUTY ROSTER	Wed 8 Mar '17 Dinner Meeting	Wed 15 Mar '17 Business Meeting	Wed 22 Mar '17 Dinner Meeting	Wed 29 Mar '17 Business Meeting
Duty Officer	Jenny Summerson		Bev Ward	
100 Club , Stamps and/or Raffle	Thyrlene Devin		Thyrlene Devin	
Chairman/ Rotary Reflections	Scott Champion	Ross McInnes	Cara Champion	Lindy Kirchner
Meeting Venue & Time	Royal Hotel, Harrisville 6.30 for 7.00pm	Harrisville State School. 6.45 for 7.00pm	Royal Hotel, Harrisville 6.30 for 7.00pm	Harrisville State School. 6.45 for 7.00pm
Program and/or Guest Speaker	<b>Helen Fraser Blue Care</b>	<b>Club Business</b>	<b>Brendan Wheeler RYLA Awardee</b>	<b>Club Business – Theatre Restaurant Arrangements</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 Secretary Marjorie of the change (Mob 0419 781 264).