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Club Information

Every Thursday at 6.00 PM for 6.30 Start

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**The Four-Way Test
of the things we Think, Say or Do.**

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL & BETTER friendships?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



Invocation:

Oh lord and giver of all good, we praise thee for our daily food.

May Rotary Friends and Rotary ways help us to serve thee all our
days.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO ADVISE MARIE ROTHE OF
APOLOGIES (MEMBERS) AND ATTENDANCES
(FRIENDS/PARTNERS) EACH WEEK
(Ph: 8563-2156 Mob: 0411 524 156)**

Hear Hear!



Speaker Natasha Rogers with Rotarian Pru Maitland

Last night the Barossa's only paediatric audiologist spoke to Rotarians about the Roger Focus.

But first, a little about the very qualified Ms Rogers! After obtaining a science degree at Flinders University she continued her studies in WA at Curtin University where she obtained her PhD in audiology. Thereafter followed work in Geraldton where

she worked with a holistic team, flying around to cover an area of 35,000 sq km, to supply help to people in regional Australia, especially to Aboriginal peoples who suffer high percentages of ear, nose and throat infections and problems. She continued her work in Aboriginal health at Kununurra Hospital WA and then in Alice Springs.

After 26 years of practice, Ms Rogers is now working at Health on Washington in Angaston. She is self-employed, not a government worker but works consistently with Community Health Connect supporting them.

Ms Rogers spoke of how not hearing correctly can impact a child with APD (Auditory Processing Disorder); delayed speech, struggling to hear, spatial processing dysfunction and dyslexia. She explained how when a child is struggling to hear they are so busy listening that it impairs their memory and speech development.

Enter the Roger Focus. The child wears a small receiving device like a hearing aid and the parent or teacher wears a pen-looking device around their neck. Whilst not a hearing aid, it puts vocal input of the speaker directly into the ear at 25 decibels louder than the noise floor. In turn this allows the child to focus solely on the words. The device has a remarkable success rate but isn't cheap. With no government rebate, as the children who need this are not technically deaf, parents need to find \$2,200 for the device!

Announcements

Christmas Dinner, Thursday 19th December (See details below)

Sandie and Bill will hand out meal tickets when payment is made (to Marie and Bev as usual).

Bubbles and orange juice will be served on arrival, and the Bar will be open upstairs.

Pre-dinner nibbles will be supplied.

Money raised through the purchase of Christmas tree donation tags at \$5 each will be donated to the Community Kitchen at the House of Hope in Nuriootpa, for their Christmas dinner for people in need. This amazing group receives no funding other than donations from the community.

There also will be a raffle with the prizes being a gingerbread house or a Christmas cake just in time for Christmas
Please be aware that meals have been pre-ordered, therefore any last minute cancellations might still require payment.

Soiree, Thursday 9th January 2020:

Venue is Hans Haan's property again (Thanks Hans!).
Please choose either Salmon or Chicken on the list sent around at each meeting.
Remember to bring some extra cash for raffle tickets.
If you want to attend but cannot make it to any meetings to access the list, please forward your choice (and your guest/s) to Bill via phone or text 0409 851 730 or email sandbsimons@bigpond.com.
We require volunteers to prepare and serve salads and sweets please – let Bill know if you can help out.

Tour Down Under Fellowship and Family Picnic, Tuesday 21st January 2020

Venue: Bethany Wines
This is purely a social get together with the added excitement of seeing the peloton whiz past five times, at 11.04am, 11.49am, 12.34pm, 1.19pm and 2.04pm!
BYO everything for a picnic lunch EXCEPT alcohol. Plentiful amounts of top notch booze will be available for your drinking pleasure. Please remember this is a vineyard without licences for BYO alcohol and to respect fellow Rotarian Geoff Schapel's generosity.
The forecast is for 25C, so remember the hats and sunblock.

Christmas Dinner Meeting, Thursday 19th December

A list will be sent around at meetings on 7th and 14th November, to indicate whether you and your guest/s are coming to the Christmas Dinner Meeting AND your meal choices.

When: 6.00 for 6.30pm
Thursday 19th December
Where: The Clubhouse
What: PRE-ORDER REQUIRED

Choice of Roast Turkey OR Salmon OR Steak

Plum Pudding with Brandy Sauce

OR Panna Cotta

Cost: \$35 each

BYO Wine

Bring some change for the Gift Tree



Birthdays

Ro Forgan - 13 November

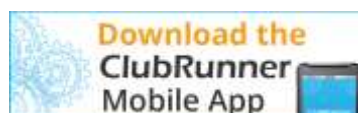
Anniversaries

Geoff Zerk - 15 December 2011
(9 years)

Attendance Report 5 December 2019

Total Club Members Attending	35
Total Friends Attending	8
Partners Attending	0
Visiting Rotarians	0
Guests Attending	1
Apologies/Leave of absence	1

Duty Roster		
	3208 19 December 2019 Venue: The Clubhouse	3209 9 January 2020 Venue: Han's property
Invocation	Brian Helbig	
Loyal Toast	Roxane Canning	
Sergeant	Ray Fiebiger	
Chairperson	Bill Simons	B. Simons
Speaker	Xmas Party	Soiree
Subject	Xmas Party	Soiree
Rotary Info		
Bulletin	Roxane Canning	Roxane Canning
Setting Up	FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE	
Cashiers	Marie Rothe & Bev Stephenson	Marie Rothe & Bev Stephenson
Clothing Bins Angaston Nuriootpa Tanunda	12 Dec - 26 Dec P. Martin B. Lillecrapp B. Simons	26 Dec - 9 Jan R. Blenkiron T. Robins D. West



"We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them."
Albert Einstein



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