



## Meeting DOT POINTS ~28 January 2015

**WELCOME TO MEETING** - President Greg opened the meeting and advised everyone that our club was formally admitted into RI on 20/1/15. A congratulatory letter has been received from RI President Gary. So tonight is thus our 2<sup>nd</sup> official meeting of Rotary Nomads.

**APOLOGIES** - Mary & Alan Hunter, Wendy Thomas, Camilla Barker, Annette & Robin Bailey, Ros Hurn, Des Chilton, Kathlyn Rowlands.

**SERVICE HOURS** – Annette, Robin and Greg did 7 hrs each at the Masters BBQ in Melbourne. This was our first official BBQ, was a great day and raised \$630 clear profit. Peta H has also done 3 hours of service work at the RC of Jindalee Australia Day Ceremony. So far this January Nomads have done a total of 30 hours of service work.

**Nomads – where to from here?:** Discussion lead by President Greg

- Get involved with remote Clubs / members via Go To Meeting -
- Agricultural Scholarships for farmers' children? Requires funds
- Greg keen to find projects we can claim ownership of. Vital to keep members close knit and active as e-clubs have a history of decline after 18 months if no action.
- Peter Fitz – need to get ourselves known within the Rotary community and promote our national coverage
- Where do our raised funds go? Does some go to our club, some to Foundation, some to a cause or project???
- Projects can be local, national and international - where do we focus for now?
- Peter Fitz – believes 5 year plan required to smooth annual ups and downs of changing presidents. 5 point plan of governance, member benefits, community outreach, marketing and establishing partnering arrangements. Need to start small and then grow.
- Russ mentioned Grant applications close in 8 weeks time for D 9630.
- Colin suggested programs like RYPEN, RYLA, are good for the recipient short term and then possibly beneficial to Rotary in the long term as they may become members.
- We have 2 more BBQs in Victoria in the future months.
- John mentioned that we have contacts with RFDS already and also the guest speaker from last week to consider.
- If possible could the agenda be sent out to members in advance so we have time to 'think' about these questions

- **We all need to think about this and put ideas on the secret facebook site. Helps to read others ideas and add to the discussion.**

**NOMAD MUSTERS:** - Geoff started discussion

- Endeavour to organise 2 per year for major get togethers.
- Link this to community or vocational work in the area
- Suggestions thrown around – Henley on Todd at Alice Springs, Birdsville races, Mt Isa Rodeo
- John C to follow up with RC in Alice Springs re Henley on Todd for this year and if Nomad support is required - Greg and John to discuss further offline.
- Members requested to post ideas on Facebook and not by group emails.
- The need to have a 12-18 month plan is important so members can plan holidays etc

**Possible Nomad projects:**

- Royal Sydney Easter Show – request by DG Phillip Charles to help with raising funds to assist drought affected farmers in outback Qld. No detail on what this entails.
- “Easter in the Country” – Rotary Club of Roma Qld has requested assistance for this local project. Camping will be in other Rotarians’ properties so quite comfortable
- Maybe 6 – 8 members at each of these venues if possible - please let Greg know if you are available to support either of these projects.

**Charter Function update:**

- Accommodation and bookings have been finalized at caravan park in Broken Hill.
- A deposit has been paid by one member. All other payments to caravan park can be paid when we arrive.
- Run an “Egg & Bacon Roll Breakfast” for all caravan park patrons? Both a fund raiser and PR exercise
- Charter menu agreed on and costing done. A letter has been sent to Gary A confirming this.
- Catering for about 50 - meg read out names of those attending.
- Wine has been purchased by John C.
- Need to consider framing and storage of Charter document
- John Clements has emailed local Rotary Club Presidents to ascertain if there are any service opportunities whilst we are in Broken Hill
- Chris discussed video link back to District 9630 headquarters where other Rotarians (eg Woody Walker and Doug St Clair) will be holding a celebration as well for us. They may like to have some time to talk - Chris will ask for a copy of their speech just in case connection fails.
- Other possible GTM links with members not able to attend eg Louise in NZ.
- Another club in D9630 has made a donation to DG for Rotary Nomads
- Sergeant of Arms to be appointed by Greg for function and week.
- Reminder from Peta H for us to bring our pins to swap for charter pins.
- If you need stickers for your caravan please read and comment on Facebook post so they can be ordered.
- Neil asked that members be informed of any updates re charter - please read Facebook

- Charter Committee meeting again next week so more details will come to light after that.
- John has emailed RC Presidents in Broken Hill re service options but no reply as yet.
- John C to send Geoff contacts for RFDS in Broken Hill so he can send invites to.
- Geoff will send invites out asap.
- Overall there were lots of details revealed by Pres Greg – too much to list here – requires info page on our facebook / website so as all members can digest.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Colin mentioned 2 rallies suitable as PR opportunities if members can attend:
  - Motor Home Rally in Murray Bridge SA - 19-26 April - meeting of any service club members
  - “Stone the Crows” RV Festival in Wagga which is also in April (Easter)Colin to contact Peter Fitz re marketing if he wants more info.
2. Next week’s Guest Speaker will be Louise Clements and she will talk on Guide Dogs.