

DOT POINTS 02.09.15

Greg opened the meeting at 7pm and welcomed all.

Members present – John Clements, Greg & Meg Fallon, Barry & Lee Tait, Colin & Barbara Gard, Gary Latcham, Geoff & Lorelle St Clair, Steve & Trish Bennett, Paul Northrop, Louise Lemon, Neil Matthews, Peta Higginbotham, Phil Hughes, Rob & Louise Watson.

Apologies – Pam Fallon, Wendy Thomas, Peter Cox, Peter Fitz, Robin & Annette Bailey.

Service Hours – Lorelle reported that 454 hours for August. 157 hours at Chinchilla

John Clements – Chinchilla has been put on web site for next year – last weekend in August.

At charter the club was interested in lending a hand to Royal Flying Doctors but this has not worked out. Now talking to Care flight to do hands on work. Care flight is mainly in North area of Australia. John Ebbott will possibly be a guest speaker – John will organise. Geoff said that Care flight service the Chinchilla area. Care flight gets some government funding but also relies on fund raising. Kathlyn has also spoken to Monica from Care flight as possible guest speaker. Thanks to John for all the hard work.

Geoff reported on the Chinchilla adventure. It was a fabulously fantastic week. There were 13 members and 10 friends present as well as a Past District Governor, District Governor Elect, and Assistant Governor and their wives. Most attendees stayed for 8 nights – Les & Wendy Thomas (with John McNicol) and Allan Hunter 2 nights. The group stayed at the showgrounds for \$100 with great facilities. We bought rain to Chinchilla – about 1 / 1.5 inches. Farmers at the broad acre farms said they needed 1 inch so we did well.

Service Work – Gardening at the community centre, Expo set up and work on the day. Social – John McNicol hosted a BBQ at his home for Nomads and the Chinchilla Rotary members. Farewell drinks and nibbles at a member's home. Attended Chinchilla Rotary meeting with lots of fines. The RSL saw us visit for a few meals.

Vocational Visits – A visit to Broad Acre Farms, it was great to talk to farmers, Fish Farm with Murray Cod and perch. John McNicol showed us around the Kogan Power Station – which is the largest single turbine power station in Australia.

There was a lot of talking and shared meals and the ladies tried their hands at new crafts.

This week reinforced that we should try and aim for musters with Rotary Club involvement. The Nomads were invited back for next year's expo and to help with BBQ at Melon Festival in 2017.

John spoke about Relay for Life and change over. Need a commitment of 10 – 12 people. There are 5 Rotary Clubs and several Caravan Parks in the area. This needs board approval and DG invited to change over.

Greg spoke about the importance of early organisation and bookings of Van Parks etc.

John spoke about Relay for Life – Relaxed social event and not strenuous. He has e-mailed all Rotary Clubs and Presidents with generic e-mail so will start to make phone calls. It is time for a commitment to see if it is viable. Message to be put on Facebook and on e-mail to

members and a response ASAP. Replies back by 18th September. To get 4 or 5 people to help organise.

30 Second Talk – Rob and Louise have special visitor Chicca – an orphan Kangaroo. Louise is a wild life carer. Plan to open their property to travellers.

Steve & Trish are now camped at Gordonvale. Heading south to Townsville then Brisbane.

Barry & Lee had a great time at Chinchilla now in Talwood with rain.

Colin & Barbara Congrats on Chinchilla. In Derby for a couple of days. Flight to Horizontal Falls then off to Broome. Tweed Heads / Coolangatta Club have had association with Care flight. There was a medi-vac from falls at Litchfield NP by them.

Kathlyn is back from Bali – but not so fresh. Great 2 weeks, people friendly but Jet Star not the best.

Phil in Tassie 3 weeks. Has travelled across top to Hobart. In Oatlands -4 to -5 degrees at night. Son in Hobart at TAFE. Now at Port Huon.

Paul Make up at Crookwell Rotary. 25 members present & well received. Visiting his Mum

Louise Home now and builders still at house. Off to Bush Tracker event for 10 days next week. Chinchilla was so good.

Neil has been bush with no phone and low band width. Has built a big shed on farm for caravan. Trouble with heater – thought it could be hornets but discovered he had taped over exhaust – needs to be fixed.

Gary All's good – working hard. Celebration of his Mum's life this weekend.

Camilla Broke 2 wine glasses on the way home from Chinchilla. Motor home has gone in for repairs whilst she is at RVFR muster in Norfolk Island for 1 week from Saturday.

Meg Got a surprise when they got home – cattle got into front garden and trimmed the fruit trees and plants.

Mary & Allen Mary entertained 3 Kiwi ladies while Allen went to Chinchilla. Ladies did a lot of shopping and ate out.

Peta Busy at present so caravan in mothballs. Masters BBQ on 20th September.

John & Louise announced they are going to be grandparents for the 1st time in March.

General Business Items included Ipswich Muster & Brisbane Billy Cart Races. Shepparton and Wagga Wagga musters cancelled. Peter Fitz was organising the event with International Entertainment but cannot go ahead without incorporation.

Garry and Jenny Adams tendered their resignation. Vacancy for treasurer. Please let Greg or Geoff know if you are interested in this position.

Peter Fitz has requested leave of absence till after Xmas. Board has approved this.

Peta has received raffle tickets from District – to sell at Masters BBQ on 20 Sept. Wine project with Jindalee Rotary Club \$148 per dozen with \$30 to go back to Nomads. Design your own label. E-mail to go to Geoff so as it can be put on Facebook. Wine will be ready early November and Peta will investigate freight to Melbourne.

Geoff closed the meeting at 8pm. Good night to all and see you next week.