



ROTARY NOMADS

Meeting Dot Points



12 November 2014

Guest Speakers - Kate Parsons and Geoffrey Bond

- Kate Parsons from 'Frontier Services Outback Links' spoke about the organisation which has been set up to connect volunteers with farmers who need support.
- Support might be needed for a variety of reasons – loneliness, drought, mental health issues, disadvantage, isolation, injury, illness, workload, etc
- Volunteers usually spend a couple of weeks supporting the farmer and his family by providing a variety of skills which can vary from farmhand tasks, housework, helping with cooking, supporting school aged children etc.
- Prior farm experience is not necessary but is a welcome bonus.
- Volunteers help with restoring positivity and hope to these people and just being there to provide some company is a huge thing as well.
- Accommodation is usually provided by the volunteer who often travel out in vans and motorhomes.
- Volunteers need to be screened by a 'working with children check' (varies for each state but this is usually free) as well as a 'police check' which costs the volunteer about \$29 and is valid for 3 years.
- Geoffrey Bond is a volunteer who has done many placements in SA / NSW and Sth Qld. He spoke about his and his wife's personal experiences of helping out and how a couple of weeks of support can have a big impact on these families in need.



Getting involved

Do you know someone who needs help?

Or could you lend a hand?

Please contact Outback Links:

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Membership

- Greg spoke about pending new members

Technology

- Thanks to those who have sent in their recipes. Any recipes, great camping spots, free camps, etc. are most welcome to be added to the website. Just send them to Greg or Geoff to be uploaded.

General Business

- Greg discussed the option of having the Charter day in Broken Hill moved forward one day so that it will now be on Monday 9 March for a lunch. This will allow District Governor Phillip Charles more time to get back to Toowoomba for his District Conference. Members were in favour of this change.

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MEETING START TIMES WITH DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

- NSW, VIC, TAS – 8pm
- SA – 7:30pm
- QLD – 7pm

- NT – 6:30pm

- WA – 5pm