



## Engage Rotary - Change Lives

### Guest Speaker - Maureen Manning - District Governor

Intro: Pres Margaret

Thanks: Peter D

Maureen started by saying the role of District Governor is simply amazing, she is having a great time and is meeting incredible people. Recently she met with one of the ROMAC surgeons and the family of the Timor Leste child, at Canberra Hospital where the surgery had been performed. She also met the High Commissioner from Timor Leste and was invited for afternoon tea at the High Commission. She has met awesome Rotarians and encountered a diversity of projects which are currently being undertaken. She has also met the current Rotary International President - Ron Burton.

She said the new theme of Rotary - Engage Rotary: Change Lives, is the opening for Rotarians to be an amazing part of history. We are writing a new chapter in history with the nearing of the eradication of Polio throughout the world. We all can be very proud of what has been achieved, not only internationally but locally also. Maureen was having a conversation with a young lady in her office regarding the Polio project and the achievements so far. The young lady in all sincerity said to Maureen, "What is Polio?". Isn't it incredible we are starting to have a generation who does not even know what Polio is!

The writing of a new chapter for Rotary also includes the focus points of the current Rotary International President, Ron Burton. These points are:

To promote membership growth. If we don't grow into the future there will be no Rotary. New and younger members are the life-blood of the organisation in addition we must focus on retaining members. We need to make the experience of being a Rotarian fun. The work and effort of members should be relevant and also appreciated. These days a persons vocation is not as important as the intent of a person. If they have the desire to serve others then they should be considered as potential members. With this view recruitment ideas might need to change. You need to get people to meetings, get to know them, sound them out as to their interest in becoming a Rotarian and then put their name forward and invite them to join.

To enhance the humanitarian services provided through the Rotary Foundation. The Rotary Foundation is what allows us to do what we do in the world. The idea of Future Vision is to streamline how things are done in the foundation. When considering a project find out what the recipients want and need. Also utilize strategic partnerships, this means finding projects which have already been initiated and provide another level of support and input. Examples of this are: the Mercy Ships currently in use around the African continent. These ships provide medical aid but can be moved if they are placed under threat. There is also the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, this is a program which is to promote literacy rates, it was started by Dolly but is ongoing due to the input and donations of others. (continued on p.3)



Pres Hass & Maureen



Maureen



Peter D & Maureen

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**Engage Rotary - Change Lives****Rotary Theme of the Month - New Generations****This Week's News**

This year the District Conference is being held in Merimbula/Pambula from Friday 11th to Sunday 13th October - all are welcome to attend Pres Hass has a variety of information if you are interested in attending or further information is at [www.rotaryd9710.org.au](http://www.rotaryd9710.org.au) - you will have a Whale of a Time.

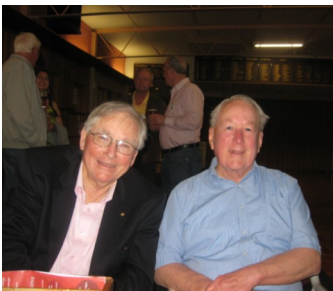
This is the last week to support the Woden Rotary Club raffle to help with raising funds for the Purple House. This is a Woden RC project to provide a place for Aboriginal people to get dialysis treatment. There is also a mobile unit which travels out to remote areas to provide services. The project not only provides dialysis treatment but also health education. If you haven't yet got a couple of tickets don't forget to bring your money this week. For more information about the project you can Google Purple House, Kintor.

1st prize - accommodation at Palm Cove + airfares, 2nd prize - a wine rack + 24 bottles of wine, 3rd prize - 3 nights in a deluxe villa at Big 4 Nelligen + 1/2 day bike hire & 1/2 day canoe hire

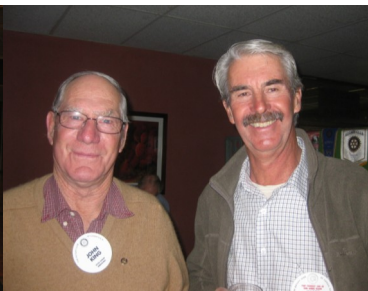
Peter D reported that a children's home in Pt Moresby, that the Club has supported was recently broken into by a group of Rascals who proceeded to totally trash the place.

He also received a call from Yvonne relating a recent \$1,000 donation from the club to the ROMAC project. She said our fund had gone towards supporting a child from Timor Leste who was born with a blocked oesophagus. The child has recently undergone surgery which has saved her life as she is now able to swallow.

Darrell had some sad news to share regarding Dr Bob. Darrell was speaking to him last week and he didn't sound like his old self so during a recent trip to Sydney Darrell dropped in to the home where Dr Bob lives. Darrell was quite taken aback by Dr Bob's appearance and demeanour, he is not the man we used to know. He has been moved into a room which provides a higher level of care which is what he now requires. Darrell feels it will not be too long before we receive the news that Dr Bob has passed.

**Photo Gallery**

Dugald &amp; Ken



John K &amp; Tony S



Marilyn, Darrell, &amp; Maureen



Mark C &amp; David B



Patrick &amp; Tom



Rebecca &amp; Les



Robb &amp; Geoff



Richard &amp; Graham

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: Des T**

**I like long walks especially when taken by people who annoy me.**

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**WE MEET WEDNESDAYS 6.00PM FOR 6.30PM**  
**AT THE COOMA BOWLING CLUB, MAWSON LANE, COOMA**

**Maureen cont.**

The third focus point is To strengthen the network of Rotary along with the fellowship of Rotary. The idea is to grow the Rotary family. We already think of club and district as family but we need to expand this idea to include those who participate in youth camps, RYPEN, RYLA, the Youth Exchange Program and the GSE. Many of these participants are not from Rotary families but they embrace the ideals of Rotary. One idea for re-engaging past participants is to have a family day where they can come with their families and subtly remind and re-enforce what Rotary is and does. We need to talk about Rotary and what Rotary does big and small projects, locally and internationally. If we don't expand our network then we will intimately cease to exist and many people will not be given a hand up.

Maureen finished by mentioning a new project which has recently been instigated, it is the Children's Medical Emergency fund. This is a fund which can provide financial assistance to a family in medical need, it is not just for the major things like surgery but can cover things like getting to medical appointment or accommodation if the appointments are away from the families home.

Then there is the motor cycle ride which will be leaving Merimbula on 4th October and concluding in time for the District Conference. The group will be travelling through the District wearing vests with the Rotary logo and the End Polio Now logo so people who see them will know who they are and what they are doing. The local clubs are being encouraged to have an event when the group is due in their town. There are banners and a variety of promotional material available.



Maureen and our latest RYPENeers  
Tai and Will receiving their participant  
certificates at Mogo



**This Weeks Attendance:** 85.3%

**Visiting Rotarians:** Maureen Manning - District Governor

**Guests:** Rebecca (Club), Marilyn Gaukroger (Darrell G)

**Apologies:** Alyson, Elaine M, Jim H

**Leave:** Peter A, John V, Dave L, Brian J, John M, Ken P, Claire N

**We Also Missed:** None      **Make-ups:** None

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<b>ROSTERS</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>October</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	Dugald M Kevin D	Elaine M Claire N
<b>Property</b>	Peter D Graham F	Marco Elaine S
<b>Fellowship</b>	Margaret E Claire N	Rob S Tony S
<b>Markets</b>	John K- Co-ord Alyson H-J - PA Dave H - Res Neil B Joe V Les S Tony S Robb S	John K - Co-ord Alyson H-J - PA Tom B Geoff B David B John C Ashley C

## SOME SIMPLE RULES ABOUT ROSTERS

**GENERAL** Members rostered on and not able to attend are to make arrangements with another member to take their place.

**MARKETS**

Those nominated to tow the caravan or chuck wagon are to be at the Rotary shed no later than 7am. Ensure you get the key to the shed from John King PRIOR TO THE EVENT so the equipment can be set up early. If you are unable to tow the van or chuck wagon PLEASE ASK SOMEONE WHO CAN, or advise Mark John-Natley before the event. Others nominated should be at the park by 8.30am.

<b>Upcoming Program</b>	<b>Three Minuter</b>	<b>Thought of the Week</b>
<b>Guest Speaker: Allan Spencer - National Busking Competition</b>	<b>02 Oct - Joe V</b>	<b>02 Oct - Darrell G</b>
<b>Intro: Wolfgang L</b>	<b>09 Oct - Peter D</b>	<b>09 Oct - Pres H</b>
<b>Thanks: Mark J-N</b>	<b>16 - Kevin D</b>	<b>16 - Katrin H</b>

**Upcoming Guest Speakers -**

- 09 Oct - Adrian Oakey - Trial & Tribulations of Wind Farming
- 16 Oct - Club Assembly

**MEMBER HAPPENINGS**

<b>BIRTHDAYS</b>	<b>ANNIVERSARIES</b>	<b>JOINING DATE</b>
Alan D - 5 Sept  Claire N - 19 Sept  Darrell G - 25 Sept  Helen spouse of Graham - 2 Sept	John & Rosie K - 12 Sept  Alan & Catherine D - 26 Sept	Katrin H - 13 Sept

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