

Rotary Club of Gungahlin (Inc)

District 9710

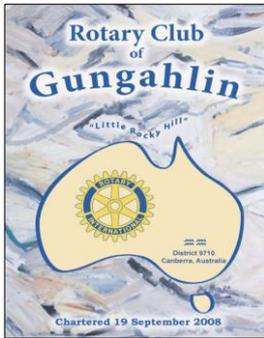
The Key

20 June 2016

Meetings: Mondays 6:30 for 7pm
Current Venue: Belconnen Soccer Club, McKellar



Be a gift to the world



President: Sandra Mahlberg

Secretary: Ian Foster

Next Monday, 20 June

Virginia Dixon spoke to the club in October last year (19/10/2015) five months after the Nepalese earthquake caused an avalanche which completely destroyed the village of Langtang, north of Kathmandu. The Langtang village was a community that Virginia, as a nurse, had devoted considerable effort developing their health services, through Langtang Valley Health (LVH) which she had established several years earlier and had been supporting since then. With all her work completely destroyed, Virginia was forced to review how she could best use her nursing and administrative skills to help the Nepalese people following the earthquake. On Tuesday Virginia will be speaking about coming to terms with the devastation of the earthquake and her new plans to train and assist the Nepalese to develop their skills to provide health services to remote communities in Nepal.

Last Monday, 30 May 2016

It was a long weekend and for those not seeking an escape from Canberra, the Club had a Games and Pizza Night at President Sandra's. Who won?



Movie Marathon?
Why are we promoting it?

We have been selected as one of the 16 beneficiaries from the profits, so all those members who worked hard

to form good links with these organisations can now see it come to fruition. **Now, get out there and encourage as many as possible to attend.** Further details, including the great movies, are on <http://www.lda.act.gov.au/gungahlin/movies>

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Inter-Club Links - Four Rotary Clubs Get-together in Harden – Sat 4 June

One of the pleasures of being a Rotarian is the welcome received when you get the chance to visit another club – particularly one in another district or even country. Sometimes these visits arise out of links that were formed some time before.

In 2010 the country areas of NSW were suffering a severe drought which had been going on for a number of years. This was causing a significant increase in the suicide rate of those on the land.

The Rotary Club of Hall formed a partnership with the Rotary Club of West Wyalong and came up with a project to assist. The Hall Club built a film trailer which they donated to the West Wyalong Club. West Wyalong Rotarians arranged film and social events in small rural communities in Western NSW to provide those communities an opportunity to get together. The West Wyalong club continues to use the film trailer regularly in their rural communities.

The Hall and West Wyalong Clubs continue to meet periodically for a friendship exchange and they met again, this time at the Irish Restaurant in Harden, inviting the Rotary Club of Murrumburrah-Harden to join them. Our Treasurer elect AG Brain also joined the get-together to make it a four-clubs friendship exchange.

At the end of the evening an impromptu fine session was held to help the family of a local 15 year old boy who unfortunately died after a tackle at a recent football match. The young footballer, Lui Polimeni, was from Jugiong where his family run the local fruit and vegetable store. Lui loved his football and played in competition for the Gundagai Tigers Rugby League Club. In the spirit of the evening the members of the four clubs put their hands in their pockets and donated \$540 to assist Lui's family following the accident.

Our club recently received the following feedback from the Murrumburrah-Harden Club

The night was a great success, and those of us that attended from Harden had a very enjoyable night. The more noise Rotarians make, the more successful the meeting. It was certainly a noisy crowd of us there. Hope to catch up with you again some time

Yours in Rotary

*Mark O'Connor
Treasurer*



Who said Rotarians were boring?

When Gloria and Vance were members of our club, before their return to their Victorian roots, we never could predict what would happen next.

Vance was a respectable real estate agent(?) who from time to time was mobilized to deliver flowers.

Vance's flair with bush poetry and Gloria's flair with almost anything were memorable. Both are still going well, with Vance popping up with rants on Facebook from time to time.

