



DG 9780—Jessie Harman (Andrew) RC Wendouree Brky

AG Group 1—Ray Herbert (Deidrie)

## Wed 21st July 2010 Meeting No: 4010

### Sam Ianella and Sam Jones

#### Meeting rosters—Month of July

Green Badge: Neil Dickins  
 Reception: Alan Richardson  
 Mary-Anne Fenwick  
 Meeting Setup: Ian McDougall

#### MEETING SCHEDULE

1st Wed Committees  
 3rd Wed Board  
 4th Wed Sub Committees

#### Market Roster

Early Shift: (8am-10am)	Late Shift: (10am-Noon)
17/7 Alan Richardson	Ian McDougall
24/7 Brenton Jones	Bruce Ridland
31/7 Mark Bartetzko	Brenton Jones
	Jim Mulcahy
	John Buchanan
	Greg Duver

### OUR FAMILY OF ROTARY

#### Rotary Anniversaries

Peter McBain (8 years on 24th July)

#### Wedding Anniversaries

John and Mary Sullivan (22nd July)

#### Birthdays

Nil

#### Partner Birthdays

Nil

### MEETING CALENDAR

#### DATE

#### SPEAKER AND TOPIC

#### CHAIR

28/07  
04/08

Committee Meetings

*See Program Coordinator Alan Richardson if you have a suggestion for a guest speaker.*

### Unable to attend a meeting?

*Why not make up with friends at one of our neighbouring Group 1 clubs:*

**RC of Mount Gambier Lakes** Mondays 6:30pm Commodore on the Park  
**RC of Hamilton** Mondays 6:00pm (Vic) Grange Burn Motor Inn  
**RC of Mount Gambier West** Tuesdays 6:30pm Commodore on the Park  
**RC of Hamilton North** Wednesdays 6:15pm (Vic) Grange Burn Motor Inn  
**RC of Millicent** Thursdays 6:10pm Millicent & District Community Club  
**RC of Casterton** Thursdays 6:30pm (Vic) Glenelg Inn  
 You can also "make-up" on line at <http://www.rotaryclubone.org>

## THE ROTARY GRACE

O Lord, the giver of all good. We thank thee for our daily food.  
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways, Help us to serve thee all our days.

### REPORT ON MEETING No. 4009 Wednesday 14th July 2010

Visiting Rotarians and Guests	Partners		
Alexander Buck	Nil	Membership	30 + 1
Julie Florence		Present	22
		Make Ups	1
		<b>Attendance %</b>	<b>77%</b>

### FROM PRESIDENT ROB

*“Good evening Rotarians. Welcome to meeting 4009”*

Welcome to members and guests to the first meeting of the new Rotary Year.

Welcome back to Mark Jensen after an extended absence.

Thank you to all those who assisted with the meeting last week. I particularly wish to thank “Bob the Builder and Friends”, Ian McDougall for the set up and organisation, my wife Pam and the rest of the family, and Bruce and Mary Ridland for their assistance both before and during the evening.

### SPOT TALKS

#### CLUB COMMITTEES 2010/11

##### Mark Praolini

Our new exchange student, Julia Laserini, arrives in Melbourne on Saturday 31st July at 8.15 am. The only flight to Mount Gambier that day departs at 8.35 am and Julia will be unable to make the connection.

We need someone to meet Julia in Melbourne on the Saturday morning and to bring her to Mount Gambier. If you are able to assist, please contact Mark.

We are still looking for host families for some periods during the next twelve months. Once again, if you would like to become a host family, please contact Mark for details.

##### Ian McDougall

Again this week, there will be a one course meal served to members. Next week we will continue the trial and will then have a short forum to decide on the meal make-up. We will need to decide whether we

should continue with main course only or revert to the previous practise of a small main course and either a soup or desert.

On Friday, 6th August, there will be a Military Mystery Tour in Adelaide from 1 pm to 4 pm. The tour will commemorate the 95th anniversary of the Battle of Lone Pine. If you are interested in attending the Tour, please contact Ian for more details.

##### Rob Knightly

The Prostate Awareness night, to be presented by the Prostate Awareness Council, will be held on Wednesday 8th September. At this stage the venue looks to be at Tenison Woods College. We will have a short meeting at the RSL before attending the event. More details as they become available.

There will be a Rotary Foundation Day at Ararat Secondary College on Sunday 8th August. There will be two symposiums happening on the day. If you would like to attend, please contact Rob for

Please advise Ian by phone or e-mail if you are unable to attend a meeting  
Failure to do so will mean you pay for the meal

Don't forget our Website: [www.rotaryclubmtgambier.org](http://www.rotaryclubmtgambier.org)

## Meet the President

**Rob Knightly**, our President for this 2010-11 Rotary Year, was born in Mount Gambier on 6th October 1950, the second of three children. The family home was an eighty acre property at Worrolong which remains in the family to this day. Rob's father worked for Penola Timbers, now Carter Holt Harvey, as a head forester. Amongst his fathers duties was the organisation of the newly arrived Italian workers who migrated to Australia in the early fifties. He was also involved in early planting trials in the Mount Gambier area and in efforts to improve the return from the forests. In the fifties the return from a harvested pine was only 30%. The rest of the log was waste and remained on the forest floor.

On the family farm there were about thirty cows and the usual variety of farm animals, chickens, ducks, sheep and of course rabbits. All helped supplement the family diet.

Rob commenced school at Mil Lel primary in 1957. There were about forty students in the small school but these numbers were soon expanded when the school at Pleasant Park was closed and those students bused to Mil Lel. Growing up in that era was a time of freedom. On weekends you could disappear on your bike after breakfast and chores and not be expected to return until dinner time.

In 1963 Rob moved to the Mount Gambier Technical High School, now renamed the Grant High School. This was a secondary school for students who wished to have a career in the trades rather than attend a university. This idea is once again being pursued with students now having the opportunity to be taught the fundamentals of the building, electrical and automotive trades, in Mount Gambier, whilst still in school. Rob finished school at the Intermediate (year 10) level and graduated with skills which allowed him to gain an immediate apprenticeship. During his years at secondary school his father unfortunately passed away so Rob was man of the house. The decision was made to keep the farm and the children stepped up to make sure that the enterprise continued, even though it meant long days with much farm work being done both before and after school and on weekends and holidays.

In 1966 Rob met Pam at a YMCA dance and the couple were married in January 1971. They built a house in Mount Gambier and their first child, Simone, was born in 1972, with Josh following in 1975. Rob and Pam now have six grand children to keep them well and truly occupied.

Rob played football for East Gambier and he also played tennis and golf. As the family grew up they became interested in water skiing and Rob taught the sport to his children and many of their friends. His interests now include indoor bowls, where he plays for the Yahl club, and fishing in both the rivers and the ocean. He has been a scout, a Queens scout and a scout master. Community groups entered the picture in his mid twenties when he joined the Junior Chamber of Commerce. The JC's held meetings, raised money and assisted in community projects.

Rob has spend all his working life at cabinet makers MS Hein and Sons. He commenced work there as an apprentice after leaving school and, in 1985, took the opportunity to purchase a share in the business, along with a friend, when one of the Hein family left the area to move to a farming life in Queensland. The two friends purchased the remainder of the business when the opportunity arose in the early 90's.

In recent years Rob and Pam have enjoyed their travels, both in Australia and overseas. Rob is convinced that, somewhere in the tropics, there is a Bar-ramundi with his name on it.

Rob joined Rotary in 1985 and has been a quiet but effective member of the club. He has been made a Paul Harris Fellow for his work within the Club. He is looking forward to his Presidency of the Rotary Club of Mount Gambier.

