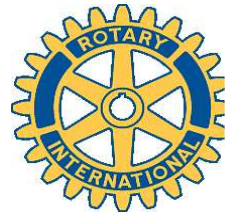




Bulletin of the Rotary Club of
MOUNT GAMBIER Inc.
 Chartered 11th October 1928
 ABN 41 889 631 240 Club # 18243



DG 9780—Brian Trenergy (Jenny) RC Warnambool

AG Group 1—Ray Herbert (Deidrie)

Wed 21st December 2011 Meeting No: 4082

6.00 pm for 6.30 pm meeting start

Christmas Dinner at the Silver Birch

Meeting rosters—Month of December

Green Badge: Willem Moors
 Reception: Mike Ryan
 Dylan Walker
 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)
17/12 Peter Fairchild	John Buchanan
24/12 Allen Smith	John Waters
31/12 Alan Richardson	John Sullivan
	John Waters
	Julian Mattay
	Ian McCubbin

OUR FAMILY OF ROTARY

Rotary Anniversaries

Nil

Wedding Anniversaries

Brenton and Sylvia Jones (2nd January)
 Bruce and Mary Ridland (3rd January)

Birthdays

John Waters (23rd December)
 John Buchanan (29th December)
 Dylan Walker (5th January)

Partner Birthdays

Nil

MEETING CALENDAR

DATE

SPEAKER AND TOPIC

28/12
 09/01
 11/01

Meeting Cancelled
 Combined meeting at Mount Gambier Gun Club
 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
RC of Hamilton
RC of Mount Gambier West
RC of Hamilton North
RC of Millicent
RC of Casterton

Mondays 6:30pm
 Mondays 6:00pm (Vic)
 Tuesdays 6:30pm
 Wednesdays 6:15pm (Vic)
 Thursdays 6:10pm
 Thursdays 6:30pm (Vic)

Commodore on the Park
 Grange Burn Motor Inn
 Commodore on the Park
 Grange Burn Motor Inn
 Millicent & District Community Club
 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. 4081 Wednesday 14th December 2011

Visiting Rotarians and Guests	Partners		
Gavin Hogg (guest speaker)	Sandy Castle	Membership	32+ 1
		Present	24
		Make Ups	
		Attendance %	75%

FROM PRESIDENT MARK

“Good evening Rotarians. Welcome to meeting 4081”

We have received an e-mail from DG Brian alerting us to a scam in which Rotarians are being targeted via e-mail. The scam asks Rotarians to provide funds for a visiting Rotarian from overseas. If you receive such an e-mail, ignore it.

Next week our meeting is our Christmas dinner. It will be held in the restaurant of the Comfort Inn Silver Birch, on Jubilee Highway East. Starting time is 6.00pm for 6.30pm. Our guest speaker is the new Council CEO, Mark McShane. There will be a three course meal and the cost is \$35 per person. You are also requested to bring along a Kris Kringle gift, for a member of the opposite sex, to the value of \$5 to \$10. If you have not advised Ian McDougall that you will be attending, please inform him NOW.

Due to the Christmas — New Year break, the meeting which would normally be held on 28th December has been CANCELLED.

The meeting to be held on 4th January has been moved to Monday 9th January and will be a combined meeting to be held at Mount Gambier Gun Club on Gladigau Road, 6 for 6.30 pm start. Each of the three Clubs is invited to field a team of ten shooters for the competition. All Rotarians and partners are invited to attend and may have an opportunity to shoot after the main event. The Lakes Club trailer will provide meals and drinks will be available after the shoot. The cost for the night will be in the region of \$15 a head. We will be looking for numbers attending the event at the Christmas dinner.

SPOT TALKS

Greg Duver

Thanks to all the members who participated in the BBQ at the opening of the Main Corner complex last Sunday. We had a successful day and made a profit of about \$550.

John Sullivan

Next Wednesday (21st) we will be providing a BBQ at the Valley Lakes for Children with a Disability. It looks as though we will have between sixty and seventy children and about forty parents and carers attending.

Ian will be doing up a jobs list and contacting Rotarians who will be assisting on the day.

We will be required at the Valley Lakes from about 11.30am to 3.00pm.

Trevor Buck

The Mini Safari is to be held in our area over the weekend of 13th to 16th January. We need a couple of Rotarians to assist with the transport of the exchange students back to Portland on Monday 16th. If you are able to assist, please contact Trevor.

Alan Richardson

Michael Silvy, who was to be our guest speaker tonight, has been unable to attend. At short notice, Gavin Hogg will be stepping up to the podium to tell us about his wine.

Willem Moors

The market roster for the period January to March is being circulated via e-mail and hard copy. Please note that Julian and Mike Toogood have agreed to be on the reserve list.

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

Doug Castle

For the past few years Doug has been an Honorary member of our Club as he made the transition from full time work into retirement. He and Sandy are finally retiring at the end of this week and, as a consequence, we will not see them in Mount Gambier as often as we have in the past.

Doug thanked members for their friendship over the years.

During his transition into retirement, Doug and Sandy did two stints on the Mercy Ships to Africa. His most recent visit was to Sierra Leone, where there is only one dentist per million people. The Mercy Ships have recently been given a grant from the Rotary Foundation Future Vision to assist them in carrying on this important work in bringing medical aid to some of Africa's most impoverished countries.

Julian Mattay

The next race meeting will be on Thursday 22nd December. This will be the family Christmas meeting and, as a large crowd is expected, we will need six volunteers on the day. We expect to commence in the ticketing booths at about noon. I will contact each volunteer before the meeting.

Peter Fairchild

Last week each member was provided with a form to nominate a potential new member. Peter is looking for the return of those forms in the New Year.

Graeme Earl

Those of you who have been the ABC news in the past couple of days will have heard that Rotary were involved in the transportation of a sick baby and her mother, from one of the Islands to the north of Australia, to a hospital in Australia. A successful emergency operation was performed on the baby and it and the mother are expected to return home within a few days. Without the operation, and the assistance of Rotary, the baby would have died. It is good to see such a positive story about Rotary on the news.

InfoSpot with Bruce Ridland

At the recent Zone 8/7b Rotary Institute in Brisbane one of the speakers was the recently appointed Rotary International General Secretary John Hewko. He leads the professional staff of 600 at RI Headquarters at Evanston, USA and the 200 who are employed at the Regional offices. Together they service the over 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide. Upon accepting that role John spent some months initially visiting the regional offices and acquainting himself with Rotary worldwide. He identified about 320 opportunities for change or refinement.

A presentation was made to D9810 which, during the previous Rotary year, had donated the equivalent of US \$107 per Rotarian to the Rotary Foundation, this being the highest amount per capita from an Australian District. This money would have been donated by individual Rotarians as part of the Centurion or RF Sustaining Member programs or through club fund raising.

In the interest of efficiency and good management, efforts are now being made to have districts of at least 1,200 members. In recent years three districts in Western Australia were consolidated into two and moves are currently being made to combine two of the Sydney districts.

Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker **Gavin Hogg** was introduced by Greg Duver.

Gavin has been in the wine business for over thirty years, both as a grape grower and a wine maker, and has seen many changes in the industry. There are over three thousand small wine producers in Australia who make up only 10% of the market. The big four produce over 80% of our wine.

The two major supermarket chains control over 70% of wine sales, and these large retail outlets dictate what the producer will produce and the return for his product. Small producers have been forced to be innovative and seek out other markets.

Gavin started in the industry in a laboratory in Swan Hill in 1976. In 1979 he went overseas on a scholarship and worked with wine makers in America and Europe. He has been able to mix the traditional methods of wine making practised in Europe with the more technical methods of Australia.

The climate and the soil are the key ingredients in good wine making. Coonawarra makes the best Cabernet in Australia and is in the top five in the world. Coonawarra Shiraz also enjoys a reputation as a top drop.

Members at the meeting enjoyed a sample of Gavin's 2002 and 2004 Coonawarra Shiraz.

Have you spoken to someone this week who you would like to invite to a meeting and who may be a potential new member? The future of our Club is in YOUR hands