



Bob McFarland  
Club President 2018 - 2019

Meeting No. 1955  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2018



This evening our dinner meeting was held at McCracken's Country Club. In the absence of President Bob McFarland, PP Barrey Niven welcomed fellow Rotarians and our Guest Speaker Vic Dowling. Brian Rodan then recognised and acknowledged the Rotary Club of Lockerbie which he visited some years ago as a dinner guest. The RC Lockerbie is located in District 1020 in Scotland.

In his role as A/Sergeant Bob Hall conducted a successful Fines Session which was accepted in good humour as always.

After some fellowship time while eating the main course meal (\*see note below) Chairman Alan Kluske then formally introduced our Guest Speaker, Vic Dowling who spoke on the topic, "Going Feral at Fifty". Vic certainly held the attention of his audience, explaining the circumstances behind the title of his talk. When in his 50's, his plans to undertake extensive travelling were abruptly halted with the death of his wife. Over time and with help from friends he proceeded to embark on an unplanned adventure, with a six week trip turning into a 16 month journey travelling the world.

This began with him enjoying sailing on the One and All, which led to an opportunity to crew on a 65 ft ketch, with diesel motor, departing from Darwin with Israel as its destination. It proved to be quite an experience with many unexpected challenges. He then found himself living the life of a back-packer with further adventures and the opportunity to make many long-lasting friendships. Then finally he worked as 3<sup>rd</sup> mate on a very large Portuguese Square Rig which boasted 36 sails. I am sure there were many Rotarians who felt a slight pang of envy listening to Vic's story.

The meeting closed with the drawing of the weekly raffle donated by Madeleine Jenkins, and won by Mike Kelly, followed by the 200 club which was won by Reg Arnold.

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**\*Please Note**

**Absence not recorded:** The club found itself in the disappointing and unnecessary situation of having four members absent who appear not to have advised catering beforehand, as is required, that they would not be attending. (See p 3) The club has had to pay McCracken Country Club for these four meals, and it would therefore be appreciated if the members in question would contact Treasurer Alan Mullins at their earliest convenience.

**Correction:** In last week's Newsletter it was incorrectly stated that the inaugural Environmental Cat Award was won by Peter Manuel. The winner was Peter Francis. Even though there was this one small error, the notes of the meeting provided to me were much appreciated, and I'm comfortable with the thought that this unintentional error did not cause any great harm to either Peter.

# CLUB NEWS

## SUBSCRIPTION

A reminder from Treasurer Alan Mullins that club subs are now due. These are again \$200 p.a. They can be paid annually or half-yearly.

**Payment can be made online – however remember to include your name!**

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS



-  1. Club Service
-  2. Vocational Service
-  3. Community Service
-  4. International Service
-  5. Youth Service

Committee Meetings will be held next week Thursday August 9<sup>th</sup> and President Bob has asked all members to give some thought to what they can personally raise/contribute for discussion. This is the time when our Service Directors and their respective committees work on what can be achieved by our club this year.

## TREE PLANTING – Report from Brian Rodan – Team Leader, Environment



The tree planting working bee held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July was again at the Kent Reserve on the fringes amongst the sand dunes between the Reserve and the sea. Hundreds of native coastal shrubs were planted by our Rotarians with over a third of the membership involved in the project. Once again we were blessed with a

sunny morning and almost windless conditions. Morning tea & sandwiches were provided by Barry Pryor assisted by Bob Sedunary. Thanks to all concerned in making this a good fellowship occasion.

The plight of the homeless on the Fleurieu Peninsula will be the focus for a forum being held on Thursday, August 9 in Victor Harbor.

The forum, being held as part of Homeless Week, is being organised by the Fleurieu Community Foundation which has been financially assisting two local agencies to help the homeless in the region. It will be held at the Christian Gospel Centre from 5.30pm to 7pm on Thursday, August 9. Drinks and finger food will be provided.



If you wish to attend, please contact our Club's Community Service Director, Ken Carter, on 8552 9482.

## PROGRAM 9<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> August incl.

**Partners & guests very welcome**

For catering & attendance purposes if you will be an apology or are bringing guests you must advise  
**Fleurieu Crash Repairs 8552-4833** no later than **1600 hrs the day before (Wednesday)**.

Remember also to advise of any dietary requirements.

<b>MEETING NO.</b>	<b>1956</b>	<b>1957</b>	<b>1958</b>	<b>1959</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>THURSDAY August 9th</b>	<b>THURSDAY August 16th</b>	<b>THURSDAY August 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>THURSDAY August 30th</b>
<b>Guest Speaker</b>	<b>Committee Meetings</b>	<b>Fellowship Evening</b>	<b>Rotarian John Haynes</b>	<b>D.G. Kim Harvey</b>
<b>Topic</b>		<b>Guinness Book of Records</b>	<b>John will speak to us about the nature and challenges of Aphasia</b>	<b>Official Visit by 9520 District Governor</b>
<b>Chair</b>	<b>Bob McFarland</b>	<b>Peter Manuel</b>	<b>Deidre Hughes</b>	<b>Bob McFarland</b>
<b>Meet &amp; Greet</b>	<b>Barrey Niven Barry Pryor</b>	<b>Brian Rodan Des Schirmer</b>	<b>Marilyn Shaw Shirley Sunter</b>	<b>Paul Tipple David Virgin</b>
<b>Opening the Meeting</b>	<b>Phil Beckett</b>	<b>Graham Brown</b>	<b>Ken Buckley</b>	<b>Ken Carter</b>
<b>Raffle</b>	<b>Mike Kelly</b>	<b>Alan Kluske</b>	<b>Peter Manuel</b>	<b>Ian Moffatt</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>McCracken Country Club 6.30 for 7.00pm \$22 pp</b>	<b>Toc H Hall 52 Waggon Road Victor Harbor 6.30 for 7.00pm Cost TBA</b>	<b>McCracken Country Club 6.30 for 7.00pm \$22 pp</b>	<b>McCracken Country Club 6.30 for 7.00pm \$22 pp</b>

**If you can't meet your Roster commitment,** it is up to you to find a replacement.

**Chairing a Meeting** – helpful notes available on club website