

**ROTARY CLUB of LISMORE WEST Inc**  
**WESTWARD HO BULLETIN - Thurs 5 October 2017**  
**Volume: 57 No. 14 Dinner No. 2874**

**President Barry Mason** opened our Club Meeting at 6.02 pm, welcoming all, followed by Rotary Grace. President Barry welcomed our Guest Speaker, Major Susana Fernandez (Mrs Sana Henderson) and Heather Brown partner of Club member PP John Remyne.

**ATTENDANCE:** 26 (24 members)

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** RC Summerland Sunrise Hat Day breakfast \$25 Fri 20 Oct 7.05am at Tattersalls, Keen St. RSVP by 10 Oct to [mail@josephinesaunders.com](mailto:mail@josephinesaunders.com)

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** – Graeme Hargreaves

**\* THERE WILL BE NO ROTARY MEETING 12 OCT. The Inner Wheel Dinner at the Workers Club on Wednesday 11 Oct. Now booked out.**

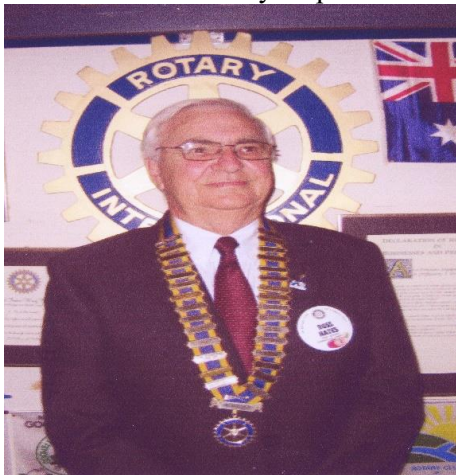
\* Summerland Credit Union is holding free seminars “Get Smarter With Your Data” in Lismore on Tues 10 Oct. at 10 am and 6.00 pm at their offices in Molesworth St. Join industry experts to discuss current scams and how to better protect yourself. To register for your FREE attendance visit: <https://summerland.com.au/news/70-get-smarter-with-your-data>.

\* The Lismore Show Rotary BBQ is coming up Thurs 19- Sat 21 October. The Rotary Club of Lismore would be pleased to enlist any help that may be able to be offered from Lismore West Rotary Club. Rosters will run from 9.30 am to 2.00 pm and from 2.00 pm to 7.30 pm each of the 3 days. Names will be put on the Rotary helpers list at each of the 3 entry gates so an entrance fee will not be charged. Members should wear their Rotary shirt and check their name off the gate list on entry. Please either phone Rod Sproule on 0427245973 or email him on [rodsproule@dodo.com.au](mailto:rodsproule@dodo.com.au) with your availability so he can advise the spots required to fill the staffing roster.

\* **Thurs 26 Oct is a Rotary Ladies Night.** Guest Speaker is Bob & Helen Barnes’ daughter Jackie Patterson, who will talk on “Australian Survivor”.

\* **Wed 8 Nov** - a combined Rotary Clubs Polio Plus funds raiser pre-release movie night **MURDER on the ORIENT EXPRESS** at the Lismore Cinema at 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm. Cost \$25 pp includes pre drinks and nibbles. Tickets available from Gae Ferris at the Lismore Base Hospital Crawford House Reception Desk, in the Hunter Street part of the Lismore Base Hospital.

**3 Minuter** – Ross Hayes spoke about his & Rhonda’s caravan tour visit to Woomera Range Complex.



The RAAF Woomera Range Complex, a division of the Australian Defence Force, is a major Australian military and civil aerospace facility and operation located in South Australia, about 450 km north-west of Adelaide, covering an area of 122,188 square kilometres, and is a restricted air space. It is named after the Aboriginal speak-throwing device, a woomera. It began in 1947 and operated during the Cold War. Nine nuclear tests were conducted at its Maralinga site. Since then it has and continues to do tests on missiles, aircraft weapons, drone aircraft and rockets. Woomera village was a closed town 1947 - 1982 and reached a population of 7,000. After 1982 the general public could visit and stay at the Woomera village. Today its population is 103 with a school of 6 students. Public visitors to Woomera village exceed 70,000 per annum.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:**

**CLUB SERVICE:** “Doc” Dorahy - absent

**VOCATIONAL SERVICE:** Rod Fayle – Rotary Ladies Night Wollongbar TAFE Thurs 23 Nov \$35 pp.

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**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Ian Mulligan –The Macadamia Processing Company BBQ lunch at the Clunes Coronation Hall went well today. Thanks to Elio for his preparatory work and the roster of volunteers.

**INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:** John Egglestone – NIL

**Youth Service:** PP Doug Ridley – absent

**BIRTHDAYS for OCTOBER:** 1 – Broughton Weaver; 6 – Joan Denny; 21 – Hugh Baker; 26 – Bob Frith; 31 – Eric Hocking

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES for OCTOBER:** 1 – Fred & Jo Rudwick; 5 – Doug & Joy Ridley

**OCTOBER INDUCTIONS:** 4 – Bruce Young; 7 – Barry Mason; 24 – Ray Seiffert; 27 – Doug Ridley

**WHAT IT'S:** Ticket No. 55 Trevor Hopf.

**SERGEANT:** John Remyense – got out of hospital at 2.00 pm – fined all present \$2 each.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Major Susana Fernandez, Australian Army Aviation (AAAVN)

Major Susana Fernandez is a Brisbane girl. A Science graduate from Canberra's Australian Defence Force Academy in 1995 and the Royal Military College in 1997. Graduating to the Australian Army Aviation Corps as a Kiowa Helicopter pilot in 1997. In 1999 she was deployed to East Timor as a line



pilot and mission commander with 161 Reconnaissance Squadron. Promoted Captain in 1991 she was deployed with the British Army Anti-Tank Squadron, 3 Regiment on Exercise Long Look flying Gazelle Helicopters in Cyprus. In 2002 on return to Australia she was posted as Helicopter Troop Commander on a combat role in East Timor. In 2003 she was awarded Army Aviator of the Year. In 2004 she was posted as Staff Officer to the commander of Headquarters 16<sup>th</sup> Brigade (Aviation). Promoted to Major in 2005, she became Brigade Major and was awarded a Land Commander's commendation for her efforts. In

2007 she qualified as a CH-47D Chinook Helicopter pilot and posted to C Squadron, 5<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment. In 2008 she was then posted to Afghanistan as the Chinook Task Group Commander, being the only female Combat Task Group commander to serve in Afghanistan. On return to Australia, she was appointed Officer Commanding of C Squadron, 5<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment. Major Fernandez was then posted as a tactics instructor at the Land Warfare Centre, Canungra. She resigned from the regular Army in 2014. Major Fernandez continues to serve as a Reservist providing instructor support at Canungra and as a Project Officer in the Helicopter Systems Division of the Defence Material Organisation. Major Fernandez is married to Jerrod Henderson, a project engineer. They have three sons and one daughter: Rohan, 10; Aidan 8; Eva 4 and Drew 2. They live on a farm at Corndale.

**ROSTER:**                      **Thurs 19 October**                      **Thurs 26 October – Rotary Ladies Night**

**WELCOMER:**                      “Doc” Dorahy                      President Barry

**INTRODUCER:**                      “Doc” Dorahy                      Bob Barnes

**THANKER:**                      “Doc” Dorahy                      President Barry

**GEAR IN & OUT:**                      Elio & John K.                      Elio & John K.

**3 MINUTER:**                      Gary Frith                      Cec Denny

**SERGEANT:**                      Cec Denny                      Trevor Hopf

**GUEST SPEAKER:** **NIL – Board Meeting**                      Jackie Patterson

**THOUGHT:**                      Hugh Baker                      Rod Fayle

**CLUB MEMBERS on LEAVE:** Merv Bryant.

**THOUGHT:** Gary Frith *“Some people are like clouds, when they disappear, it’s a beautiful day”.*

*Norm Robinson* - Bulletin Editor