



ROTARY NOMADS

Meeting Dot Points



08 October 2014

- **John:** International Toast - [Rotary Club of Lake Muskoka](#), Ontario Canada
- **Geoff:** Tech update
 - Face book has been updated with quicklinks to website at top.
 - The website has been updated to include a big new section on caravanning and motorhomes.
- **Behind the Badge:** John - 5 major parts to my life:
 1. Job - Phys Ed Teacher starting out in Karoonda then many parts of South Australia. Met Louise soon after starting out as she was a Home Ec teacher, I was a Phys Ed teacher and was always seeking her out as he was hungry!
 2. Teaching with Louise in 8 different parts of South Australia.
 3. Service - originally joined Apex for the social side, his dad had been in Apex. Continued with Apex then Louise joined Rotary & 2 years later so did John. Both are past presidents and have had 17 exchange students & currently are hosting a student from China through a different organisation. Have kept in touch with these students and have had 3 overseas trips travelling back to stay with their families.
 4. Illness - Bowel Cancer
 5. Having now recovered from Bowel Cancer as some of you know, I resigned from the Public Education System and decided it was time for a better life balance and I am a firm believer that things happen for a reason. I am now very involved with the Cancer Council of SA and also Relay for Life. Full time work ends at the End of the Year hopefully.

Family We have 2 kids Tristran is 27 and living in Alice Springs – might possibly be moving to Qld with a new job. Drew is 21 and very involved in Rowing as well as studying Engineering at Uni. In fact it is more a case of full time rowing and part time engineering!

Now really excited about the Nomads and this great opportunity we have to continue working with communities and meeting new people.

- **CMCA Update** - In Camilla's absence Greg presented the update. Great reception by many people. Displayed our banner, used the PowerPoint and provided details to many people. Spoke to reps of 4 Rotary Clubs – Nelson Bay, Darwin, Denman and Tweed Heads who are all interested in possible linking with the Nomads. Also provided brochures to 7 interested individuals whose details we have to follow up.

Greg passed on our congratulations to Camilla and Terry for their great work in promoting the Rotary Nomads as they have done. Well done!

- **BROKEN HILL Muster and Charter**

There are 20 powered sites available and Meg will be making the booking on Friday so if you are thinking of coming but have not decided please email Greg or Meg. There are many more unpowered sites available but please let us know. More details to follow.

- **General Business**

- Russ H Partner Organisation Opportunity - Recently met with Kate Parsons, National Volunteers Co-ordinator, Frontier Services www.frontierservices.org
- This organisation is part of the chaplaincy programme of the Uniting Church. They are always looking for volunteers to assist mostly in rural communities looking after properties when the owner needs to go away

–illness, holiday or whatever.

- Sounds like a good fit for the Nomads and Russ has sent the details to Geoff to put on the website. Usually need people for 1-2 weeks and will provide them with a tank of fuel.
- **Annette and Robin B**, our soon to be newest members are currently travelling and staying on properties for longer periods doing similar things. They have not yet been able to join our meeting because of their remoteness, but when they do, no doubt they can tell us more.
- **Problems with Citrix (GoToMeeting)** so many members had trouble logging on and staying so meeting was closed earlier than normal.

MEETING START TIMES WITH DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

- NSW, VIC, TAS – 7pm
 - QLD – 6pm
- SA & NT – 6:30pm
 - WA – 4pm