

Rotary Nomads Meeting 18/01/2017

President Geoff welcomed everyone especially Guest speaker PP John McNicol.

Rotarian Faye Powell read the 4 way test to start the meeting.

Present:- Robin & Annette, Geoff & Lorelle, Allen & Mary, Barry & Lee, Camilla, Colin & Barbara, Dennis, Don, Faye, Janelle, John, Mary, Mel, Phil, Wayne, Jim, Marlene.

Apologies:- Wendy, John, Steve & Trish (arrived late in meeting), - Gary, Pam (on extended leave).

Service Hours:- Robin 6 hrs – Bentleigh Markets

Club Visits:- Geoff (District Conference 2018 Planning) Camilla RC Archerfield;
Phil attended a make up.

Welfare:- Mary Hunter birthday.

Guest Speaker:- PP John McNicol spoke about his trip around Australia that he undertook with his wife, both on motor bikes with trailers attached. Left November 2015 and returned home November 2016. Travelled 43 thousand kilometres. Part way through spent 3 weeks in NZ. Exceptional talk and when asked would they do it again he said they would but with a 4x4 and caravan. Why – you can travel on a lot more roads with this set up than with road bikes. His advice was that everyone should do this as part of their bucket list. “Everyone has the same 24 hours in a day it's how you prioritise this time is the difference”.

General Business:- Contacting other members. 2 ways to do this when looking for contact details.

1st – Facebook secret site – go to pinned post – scroll down links until Members' contacts. All details are on this page – telephone / email etc.

2nd – Web site – Hit members only tab – password: nomads then username: gatton – general tab then members list. Same details as above.

Vote of thanks from President Geoff to Robin & Annette for continued work with Bentleigh markets and for funds from them.

2017 – 2018 Rotary theme - “Rotary – Making a Difference”.

John Clements asked if anyone is going to Alice Springs to ensure they book caravan site as soon as possible. (Don't always believe written feedback on web)

John is still looking for a couple more people to help with arrangements for handover at Berrie. Please call John.

Don spoke about meeting up with Mel in Parkes. Always great when we can meet like this.

Jokers Wild;- Once again the joker was missing in action. Both Louise and Mary failed to secure the joker. Jack pot next week

Colin gave an update on next week's chair Camilla and speaker Wayne.

Meeting closed 9.00pm

Don't forget that after the meeting you can remain on line for an open discussion with other members.