At last week’s meeting from left were Chairman David Smyth, eminent speaker The Hon Tim Fischer AC and President Barry Hickman. A summary of Tim’s talk is on page 2.

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December is Disease Prevention & Treatment Month
Hon T.A. Fischer AC: John Monash ‘The Maestro’

Speaker - 03 December 2015

peaking at Brighton Rotary about John Monash of Melbourne and Jerilderie, Tim Fischer has decried the composition of the list of officially denoted Australian Field Marshals.

“Two are of British orientation, Indian British and Greek British, the other was born at Wagga Wagga and was NOT our greatest General”, Mr Fischer said. “Sir William Riddell Birdwood was made a British Field Marshal on the 20th March 1925, just before becoming C in C in India, but also designated an Australian Field Marshal, Sir Thomas Blamey of Wagga Wagga on his sick bed was made a Field Marshal effective 1 January 1950 and Prince Philip was made an Australian Field Marshal 61 years ago.

“So Australians born and bred are a minority on this list, deserved posthumous promotion of Sir John Monash, our greatest “Citizen General” would help rectify this. Monash was born in Melbourne and grew up in and around Jerilderie in the Riverina.

Mr Fischer added that April 2015 will be a purposeful month of Remembrance as Australia and New Zealand embraces the Centenary of Gallipoli.

**REMEMBER ALSO THE GALLIPOLI WW 1 SURVIVORS**

“There are at least forty who survived WW 1 and went on to over achieve post war for their country, for example aviators Hudson Fysh, Ross MacPherson Smith, Kingsford Smith, Charles Ulm and George Jones and more. “S M Bruce and Richard Casey along with Norman Gilroy were all at Gallipoli and then reached top levels in their chosen professions.

“I salute the fallen but also the survivors for not dropping out post war and for giving so much for their country, Sir John Monash being one of the biggest contributors to the well being of Australia in so many ways”, Mr Fischer concluded.

A Media Release from the Jerilderie Shire Council stated that at its meeting of 27 October 2015, it unanimously passed a resolution in support of posthumously promoting Sir John Monash one step in rank to Field Marshal.

Mayor, Cr Ruth McRae, said that Council was determined to see long overdue recognition for Monash, who was a student at the Jerilderie Primary School in the 1870s, and returned years later to successfully defend Jerilderie downstream irrigators against upstream block weirs. “As we work through the various important centenaries of WW 1, including the 100th Anniversary of Monash conducting the first in the field ANZAC Day service near the Suez Canal 25 April 1916, now is the time to make this symbolic vital gesture”, Mayor McRae said. “Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull’s support is encouraging. Whilst he will want to consult further on both sides of the aisle on this, in August 2013 he stated categorically his support of the Jerilderie proposition”. Tim Fischer said the Jerilderie Proposition was very timely and helped drive forward, from the bottom up, the long overdue promotion of Monash.
**HIS WEEK’S MEETING - 10 December 2015**

**Chairman:** PP Alan Pinkus  
**Speaker:** Paul O’Brien  
**Location:** Milanos Bayview Room

**ROSTERS**

**Thurs 10 December 2015** - Milanos Bayview Room  
**Sergeant:** Alan Jarrott  
**Hosts:** Chris McGintick, Peter Henderson  
**Property:** PP Peter Sherman, Jim Hay  
**Front Desk:** Computer: Daryl Forge - Cash & Visitors: Ian Banks  
**Raffle:** PP Tony Nanfra

**First Meeting:**

**Thurs 21 January 2016** - Milanos Bayview Room  
Roster to be announced.  
The Manpower Roster for the Great Australia Day Swim has been drawn up and emailed to all Members by Graeme Wallace. He would like all members to check their responsibilities by clicking on the link in the email. If you are not able to perform the duties requested, please advise Tony Rouse ASAP. If you are not rostered, but are able to assist also please contact Tony Rouse 0401 637 521

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**ORTHCOMING MEETING/EVENT**

**Thursday 10 December** - Paul O’Brien - “Life & Leadership”  
**Thursday 17 December** - Children’s Christmas Party

**2016:**

**Thursday 21 January** - “Swimming” - speaker to be announced  
**Tuesday 26 January** - Great Australia Day Swim  
**Thursday 28 January** - David Smyth - ‘A First Fleet Voyage’

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On Wednesday 4 December the Bayside Senior Citizens Christmas lunch was held at Brighton International and a very festive and entertaining afternoon it was. Chairman James Tisdall reports that we have had some great feedback and looks like everyone enjoyed the food and entertainment.

Some of dignitaries that were there were James Long, The Mayor of Bayside City Council and his wife Cheryl, Deputy Mayor Laurie Evans, outgoing Mayor Felicity Frederico, CEO of Bayside City Council Adrian Robb and Bayside City Council Director Community Services Kaylene Conrick.

The fact that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Ex Mayor came along speaks volumes for importance of the day. The Mayor was very complimentary of the Rotary Club in his speech. President Barry also addressed the crowd and spoke of the tradition that we have continued in conjunction with the Bayside City Council for over 22 years.

The total attendance of guests, carers and Rotarians was around 250. There were 27 Rotarians helping including 6 Rotarian’s wives. A Christmas tree on the stage was kindly donated by PP David Grodski as were the plants on the tables. The entertainment consisted of Piano accordionist Joyce Stewart, The Ros Hendy Dancers, Ballad Singer Lawrie Merrigan, Brighton Primary School choir and Carols Singer Rebecca Kmit.

Well done James and committee and all the helpers on the day. Also thanks to the International staff. The tradition continues.
res. Barry thanked Chairman David Smyth and welcomed everyone to the Rotary Club of Brighton and said what an evening we had in store for us all.

Barry started by welcoming the very special guest The Hon. Tim Fischer AC. Barry said that he had a look at Tim’s background on Wikipedia and found out that he had a full life packed with significant achievements and that this would be an understatement. Barry then welcomed the rest of the guests.

Barry mentioned that our Danish exchange student Kristine was present at the meeting. Kristine had moved in with the Ward family who were her second host family. Apparently this is the first time she has lived with brothers.

The previous meeting, Barry said, we were blessed to have had 2015 Australian of the Year Rosie Batty speak at the club and what an evening we had. It was a full house and when Rosie spoke everyone was so captivated by what Rosie had to say that they did not touch their dessert. After hearing Rosie speak, Barry said he now understands why she had managed to get such buy in from the community and government.

On the night PP Ian Mence organised for white ribbons to be handed out in return for a gold coin donation. We raised $108 from the sale of the ribbons and a further $1,000 was raised when Greg Biggin masterfully auctioned Rosie’s book.
SERGEANT’S SESSION - Sgt Alan Jarrott

James Tisdall: Gave the Sarg a fine and then mentioned it in secretary’s announcements. Stole his show;
PP David Grodski: Arrived late and then went straight to the bar;
Geoff Shaw: Sarg said it was sad to fine a fellow sergeant but Geoff wished to contact Alan that day so he rang Colleen by mistake at work. Geoff then rings Alan and leaves a text message that said please ring him;
Hon Tim Fischer: Fined as he was seen fiddling with his dollars as if expecting a fine;
All those who have not voted for the Country or National Party: Sarg said he voted for them and voting for the Coalition didn’t count;
Fine across the floor for all Rail fans: Tim Fischer asked for this fine which also fined PP Tom Buxton, PP Bill Howley, Damien Hellard fined;
Hackers Year End BBQ: James Tisdall apparently hit a 250 metre drive. Who measured it asked the Sarg? ‘Bruce Crossley’ was the reply;
Sven Erik Bredenberg: Sven wasn’t at the meeting but the Sarg said it was too good not to fine him in his absence. At golf on Saturday Sven had a birdie 2 on the par 3, then a 4, a 5, a 6, a 7, a 9 and a 10. Almost a royal flush;
Stuart McIntyre: When he asked people to spare an hour in Mordialloc on a Sunday morning handing out flyers for GADS the Sarg thought it a bit odd that he said from 8am to 10am;
PP Paul Nicholson: Flew back from Thailand early especially to be at the Hackers on Saturday morning;

All those who were at the Past President’s dinner recently: Sarg was reliably informed that the wine bill was double the food bill;
Pres. Barry: He went to the Senior Citizens Lunch but Barry called it the Elderly Citizens Lunch several times in his powerpoint;
Pres. Barry: Had to repair a hole in his fence recently that his dog Dusty had broken through;
PP Tom Buxton: Forgot to organise the bookseller to be at the meeting to sell some of Tim Fischer’s books and he had organised Tim to be the speaker;
PP Geoff McGearry: Must have been nervous coming to the meeting as he was booked twice for going through a red arrow which might have been after or before an early lunch with Phil Mellett. By early he meant 12noon to 3.30pm;
Phil Mellett: Phil announced the arrival of a new grandson during the week;
Geoff Shaw: Sarg said that normally when you go out fishing you go out by yourself in a boat and catch your own fish. Geoff hired a commercial fisherman to take him out and the catch was worth more commercially than the hire fee;
Brendan Kierce: Has gone the early call and said that Geelong will win the flag. All Geelong supporters fined;
Hackers Capt Bruce Crossley: Went to Hackers golf on Saturday morning and forgot his golf shoes. Broke protocol and played in his Saturday evening ‘high heels’ walking all over the greens;
PP Stan Rankin: Obviously a good footy tipper and must be a good sailor because after seven races he is No 1;
Fine across the floor: PP Tom Buxton was delighted that the Sarg fined all Rail buffs but pointed out that the Sarg should be fined as he has a railway station named after his family at ‘Jarrott’. Sarg said as he was so important then he shouldn’t have to pay a fine.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF MEETING 3 DECEMBER

WHAT A MAGNIFICENT BULLETIN YOU GUYS HAVE!

ROSE BATTY. WHAT A CHAMPION!

HELLO SAILOR! DROP IN A DOUBLON OR TWO!

SO THAT’S WHAT IT MEANT WHEN YOU SAID YOU HAD TO TRAIN A LOT!

SO BARRY WOULD I BE A SENIOR OR AN ELDERLY CITIZEN?

GEE KRISTINE YOU LOOK LIKE YOU HAVE MORE ‘MEDALS’ THAN MONASH!

SO EXPLAIN TO ME AGAIN STUART. HOW LONG IS AN HOUR?

ROFFLE RESULTS

Last week’s raffle was run by PP David Efron with the help of ‘Robina’ Nicholes.

The winners of bottles of wine were:
1. Paddy Michaelson
2. Phil Mellett
3. Graham Gude
UPCOMING SPEAKERS IN JANUARY 2016

First Meeting for 2016
Thursday 21 January
Guest Speaker: TBA
Topic: “Swimming”
Prior to the Great Australia Day Swim the Club will seek a prominent swimming identity to speak to the Club.

Thursday 28 January
Guest Speaker: DAVID SMYTH
Topic: “A FIRST FLEET VOYAGE”

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays December 2015:

Darren Donnellan 05 December
Chris Sparrow 05 December
Geoff Cunningham 13 December
Rob Foster 13 December
PP Pat Kearns 13 December
PP Stan Rankin 17 December
Erik Vandenberg 23 December
Rod Potter 26 December
Lindsay Jones 29 December

Anniversaries December 2015:

Andrew & Lisa Bird 04 December
Paul & Joy Laband 04 December
Jim & Kathleen Hay 07 December
PP Peter & Vera Sherman 10 December
Daryl & Jennifer Forge 15 December
Darren & Marina Donnellan 16 December
Barry & Jane Hickman 17 December
Kien & Laykin Teh 24 December

PART 28 OF THE 50 THINGS EVERY ROTARIAN SHOULD KNOW:
“WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE”

World Community Service is the Rotary program by which a club or district in one country provides humanitarian assistance to a club in another country. Typically the aid goes to a developing community where the Rotary project will help raise the standard of living and the quality of life. The ultimate object of World Community Service is to build goodwill and understanding among peoples of the world.

One important way to find a club in some other part of the world which needs help on a worthy project is to use the WCS Projects Exchange, a list of dozens of worthy activities in developing areas. The exchange list is maintained in the RI Secretariat in Evanston and is readily available upon request. It outlines projects, provides estimated costs and gives names of the appropriate contacts.

Clubs which need assistance, or are seeking another club to help with a humanitarian project, such as building a clinic, school, hospital, community water well, library or other beneficial activity, may register their needs. Clubs seeking a desirable World Community Service project may easily review the list of needs registered in the Projects Exchange. Thus, the exchange provides a practical way to link needs with resources.

Every Rotary club is urged to undertake a new World Community Service project each year. The WCS Projects Exchange list is an excellent tool to find a real need, a project description and cooperating club in a developing area. The job then is to “go to work” to complete the project, and at the same time build bridges of friendship and world understanding.

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n Sunday 6 December about 99 Rotarians and friends gathered for the Annual Christmas Lunch at the Victoria Golf Club and a great occasion it was. Our host Greg Biggin ran a tight ship. PP Jack Joel ran a tight ship. Our host Greg Biggin delivered the Grace and The Toast and we were away. The entertainment was provided by Sarah Martin and Alan Venn who sang beautifully with a variety of well known songs from Crowded House to Nina Simone in two sets.

After the first music set Damien Hellard delivered the Christmas message. He said that the celebration of Christmas on the 25th December started with Pope Gregory XIII’s reconstruction of the Christian calendar in 1582, and since that time it has undergone lots of change. The old pagan ritual was the bringing of a cut sapling into the home during the bleak northern hemisphere winter and the Christmas tree is now the most identifiable symbol of the season. Now Christmas is a mixture of Christian celebration, end of year sales, holidays and a chance to take time off and get together with family and friends. One aspect of Christmas that has lasted since the first Christmas in Bethlehem 2015 years ago, is the giving of gifts. Damien reflected on past Christmases celebrated with his family and remembered gifts that were left by Santa to be discovered in the lounge room in the early hours. Santa sometimes included socks, underwear, shorts and beach towels in the booty and even included books from the reading list of next year’s school year. The focus was on the family having fun together. Nowadays the department stores and the large toy franchises are advertising for Christmas as early as October. The emphasis seems to have moved from simple pleasures to an importance of having the latest and most elaborate gifts.

Damien said he sees children who get dozens of expensive presents, many of which lay abandoned and forgotten shortly after Christmas. How was all this commercialisation able to happen Damien wondered. It was of course because of us as it was our desire to give our children something more each year that has led to Lego being the biggest tyre manufacturer in the world, and led to the Star Wars movie series reaping billions more in profits from selling figurines than it does from the actual movie. And while all this is happening there are children in our suburbs who will get nothing. The plight of their struggling family made all the more obvious to them by the images on television of toys and games that they have no chance of receiving. Wouldn’t it be good, Damien said if our children and grandchildren could forgo one present this year in order for that present to be given to a child in Braybrook, St Albans or Dandenong, who otherwise would get nothing. Damien said Christmas is about sharing not just of gifts but of experiences so let’s all work to ensure that every child gets at least one gift. Afterall, if a child born in a stable can get presents from men from lands far away surely children in our own city can get something on Christmas day too.

At the end of the lunch President Barry delivered his Christmas speech in which he remembered earlier family times when he played Santa for the kids and said that Christmas was a time for the family to get together. He also reflected on his year so far and said the future looked bright. He also mentioned Julie Avery who has been a long time sponsor of the club. Barry then awarded PP Pat Kearns with a Paul Harris Fellow in recognition of his outstanding commitment to the Club and our community. Barry also awarded Norm Thomas, one of the clubs quiet achievers, with a Paul Harris Sapphire. Norm joined the Club in 2001. He has been the Chairman of the Bayside Art Show for a number of years now and is currently Director of Marketing, Sponsorship and Public Relations. Norm inaugurated the Youth Sailing program and has been on many of the clubs international community projects to East Timor. Norm had already been awarded the Paul Harris Fellow and received this new award in recognition of his continued outstanding commitment to the Club and our local community and international.

Barry also acknowledged PDG John King for 50 years of service to Rotary. Before he asked John up to receive the certificate he read a letter from his first club Warracknabeal and a letter from the Rotary International President R. “Ravi” Ravindran. John thanked the Club and spoke about the his life with Rotary. He did however neglect to mention the wonderful help and support that his wife Elaine has given him throughout the years and John asked the Editor to mention it here. All in all it was a great day.
**Dates for your Diary**

**Thurs 17th Dec Children’s Christmas Party with Santa.**

Children and grandchildren of Members are welcome to attend and Santa will give a gift to each. Children are encouraged to bring a near-new, preloved toy, wrapped, to be given to charity. Bookings are essential, please contact Stephen West 0409 942 890

**Tues 26th Jan 2016, Great Australia Day Swim.**

**Thurs Jan 28th. Ladies Dinner at the Marine** (for those who are in town......due to popular demand!!!) For those of you who were unable to make our Christmas Luncheon, I do wish you all a very Happy, Safe Christmas and a wonderful 2016. See you all in the New Year.

*Angie Biggin*

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Rotary Toast
“To Australia, The Queen of Australia, Rotary International & the Rotary Club of Brighton.”

The first Saturday of summer attracted 14 Hackers, most bare-legged and resplendent in shorts. Arthur Hubbard claimed the pre-game putting competition and then continued his good form with a par on the first, along with Rob Foster, David Lee and Ivan Vojlay. Nearest-the-pin on the fourth hole was closely contested, with someone from each group being closer than the previous group. Ivan Vojlay was the ultimate winner from Paul Nicholson, Sven-Erik Bredenberg and Ron Stark. Ray Street played his best shot of the day on the 5th hole but with Bruce Crossley’s ball from the 6th fairway! Ron Stark produced a giant 230 metre tee shot on the longest drive hole (7th), only to be outdone by David Lee. Both Arthur Hubbard and Rob Foster also did really well on this hole to snare birdies. Meanwhile Hacker champion and stalwart Ian Cole was having “one of those days”. Venus king Graeme Wallace went from the ridiculous to the sublime, with a 3 metre drive on the 5th to a chip-in from the bunker on the 6th. John Carroll finished with the most consistent score-card including seven sixes! However, the star of the day was David Lee who won three gongs - off-the-stick (39), handicap (27) and longest drive. Rob Foster and Daryl Forge were not far behind, taking silver and bronze respectively for both off-the-stick (41 & 43) and handicap (29 & 30). Tom Buxton played his usual steady golf but missed a place on the podium. A great morning’s golf and fellowship was rounded off over coffees, tim tams and chocolate royals.

Front Desk Report: Thursday 03 December
Attendance: 42 Percentage: 37%
Member’s Make-ups: Nil;
Member’s Apologies: George Jerzyk, PP Tony Nanfra, Alex Spear, PP Ivan Vojlay, PP Robert Ward;
Club Guests: Tim Fischer;
Member’s Partners: Angela (Greg Biggin), Beverley (Mac Chapman), Helen (PP David Grodski), Jane (Pres. Barry Hickman), Colleen d’Offay (Alan Jarrott), Elaine (PDG John King), Leone (Geoff Shaw);
Member’s Guests: Gunnar Oksis, Doreen Stockdale, (Greg Biggin), Catie Kirke (Jim Hill), Wendy Davis (Rob Nicholes);
Visiting Rotarians/ Visitors: Robyn & Maurice Lichter, Kristine (Exchange Student).
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This year it will be held at 6pm on Thursday the 17th of December 2015.

If you have children &/or grandchildren under 16 years of age, then we’d love to have them come along on the evening & enjoy the fun.

Please email Stephen with their names, ages & gender by Tuesday 8 December - so that we may organise the venue and presents.

As with previous years, we encourage your children/grandchildren to bring a near-new pre-loved toy wrapped to be given to charity.

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