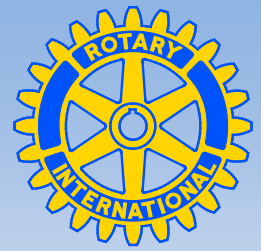




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This Week in Rotary

On Australia Day we come together as a nation to celebrate what's great about Australia and being Australian. It's the day to reflect on what we have achieved and what we can be proud of in our great nation. It's the day for us to re-commit to making Australia an even better place for the future.

Australia Day, 26 January, is the anniversary of the arrival of the First Fleet of 11 convict ships from Great Britain, and the raising of the Union Jack at Sydney Cove by its commander Captain Arthur Phillip, in 1788.

Though 26 January marks this specific event, today Australia Day celebrations reflect contemporary Australia: our diverse society and landscape, our remarkable achievements and our bright future. It also is an opportunity to reflect on our nation's history, and to consider how we can make Australia an even better place in future.

On Australia Day, over half of the nation's population of 21 million attend either an organised community event, or get together with family and friends with the intention of celebrating our national day. Many more spend the public holiday relaxing with family and friends.

Yet Australia Day is much more than barbeques and fireworks. It is more than another public holiday. It is more than the pride and excitement of new citizens who call themselves Australian for the first time on 26 January after being conferred citizenship.

At its core, Australia Day is a day driven by communities, and the celebrations held in each town, suburb or city – unified by the celebration of what's great about Australia and being Australian – are the foundation of its ongoing success.

The tradition of having Australia Day as a national holiday on 26 January is a recent one. Not until 1935 did all the Australian states and territories use that name to mark that date. Not until 1994 did they begin to celebrate Australia Day consistently as a public holiday

on that date.

The tradition of noticing 26 January began early in the nineteenth century with Sydney almanacs referring to First Landing Day or Foundation Day. That was the day in 1788 Captain Arthur Phillip, commander of the First Fleet of eleven convict ships from Great Britain and the first governor of New South Wales, arrived at Sydney Cove. The raising of the Union Jack there symbolised British occupation of the eastern half of the continent claimed by Captain James Cook on 22 August in 1770.

Some immigrants who prospered in Sydney, especially those who had been convicts or the sons of convicts, began marking the colony's beginnings with an anniversary dinner - 'an emancipist festival' to celebrate their love of the land they lived in. Governor Lachlan Macquarie, the emancipists' friend, made the thirtieth anniversary of the day in 1818 a public holiday, thirty guns counting out the years of British civilization, a tradition Macquarie's successors continued.

In 1826 at the centre of the anniversary dinner, 'Australia' a new word for the continent, entered the list of toasts. The term, recommended in his Voyage to Terra Australis in 1814 by Matthew Flinders, the skilful circumnavigator of the continent in 1801-03, and proposed by Macquarie to a reluctant British government in 1817, was taken up in Australia, especially by emancipists. The most famous of them, William Charles Wentworth with a fellow barrister had established the colony's first uncensored newspaper, the Australian, in 1824.

So strongly did some emancipists feel about being Australian that the anniversary dinner in 1837 was for only the Australian-born (Figure 1). Wentworth, invited to chair the dinner, declined, disapproving of this new development. Having become a wealthy landowner and squatter, he found that he had more in common with his former enemies, the exclusives, than his supporters who pressed for wider rather than narrower voting rights in discussions about political

reform. That year the celebration widened with the first Sydney Regatta, the beginning of a new tradition — one which still continues today. Five kinds of races, including one for whale boats, drew crowds to the shore of Sydney Harbour. 'It was', the official newspaper, the Sydney Gazette reported, 'a day entirely devoted to pleasure'.

President's Pen

Neville Parsons

Happy Australia Day.

Australia Day to me is a day that we celebrate all the things that at times we take for granted about life in Australia...

- Peace
- Harmony
- Mateship
- Safety
- Great environment
- Opportunities
- Volunteerism
- Caring for each other
- Good health system
- Good education facilities
- Fresh water
- Beautiful beaches
- Natural resources
- Our forests
- Our rugged diverse landscape
- Freedom
- Democratic rights

I am sure that you like me can think of many more and for most we take these for granted.

I ask that as we enjoy the celebration of Australia Day we give thanks for all of those past that have built this great country and in this community in particular those whose "blood, sweat and tears" have delivered this great community.

Indeed our challenge both individually and collectively as members of the Rotary Club of Wauchope is to ensure that we continue to build on this great legacy for the future generations.

By the time that I meet you all at our Wauchope Australia Day Celebrations I will have packed up the campsite at Hat Head and be refreshed and back to work.

Thank you to Past President Wil for sitting in the Chair on Tuesday 17 January 2012 and I understand that the ongoing issues with the Farmers Markets were again discussed.

These are a major fundraiser and a community service exposure for our Club and I together with your Board will again review and ensure that we have implemented the prior agreed process for ensuring that we meet our commitments to the markets.

The biggest challenge that we all have is to ensure that we each introduce one new member to our club between now and the end of this Rotary Year. Our community needs an active Club and an active Club needs members to spread the workload.

I ask that we each take this as our major challenge between now and 30 June 2012.

To assist this endeavour the following content was included in our Ad in the Gazette to promote Australia Day.

Rotary membership is for you if you want:

- community involvement
- personal development
- professional networking
- good old "aussie" mateship with fellow members
- and satisfaction from making a real difference in your own community and in communities around the world

"Rotary is what Rotary does and being a Rotarian enables me to make my community, my country and indeed the

world a better place for not only our generation but for future generations to live, work & play."

Have an enjoyable week,

Neville.

The Bean Counter Raelene Monkley

Members, half yearly fees are now due. Direct Deposit Banking details are:

Name: Wauchope Rotary Club

BSB: 802214

Acc No: 14218

Please use your name as the reference so I can allocate your payment.

Any cash purchases on behalf of the Club will only be reimbursed by filling out the [claim form](#) on the Club's web site. The **original cash receipt** must be attached to the claim form. This process keeps us within the taxation guidelines.

Raelene

The Lighter Side

It is a slow day in a little Greek Village. The rain is beating down and the streets are deserted.

Times are tough, everybody is in debt, and everybody lives on credit. On this particular day a rich German tourist is driving through the village, stops at the local hotel and lays a €100 note on the desk, telling the hotel owner he wants to inspect the rooms upstairs in order to pick one to spend the night. The owner gives him some keys and, as soon as the visitor has walked upstairs, the hotelier grabs the €100 note and runs next door to pay his debt to the butcher. The butcher takes the €100 note and runs down the street to repay his debt to the pig farmer. The pig farmer takes the €100 note and heads off to pay his bill at the supplier of feed and fuel. The guy at the Farmers' Co-op takes the €100 note and runs to pay his drinks bill at the tavern. The publican slips the money along to the local prostitute drinking at the bar, who has also been

facing hard times and has had to offer him "services" on credit. The hooker then rushes to the hotel and pays off her room bill to the hotel owner with the €100 note. The hotel proprietor then places the €100 note back on the counter so the rich traveller will not suspect anything. At that moment the traveller comes down the stairs, picks up the €100 note, states that the rooms are not satisfactory, pockets the money, and leaves town.

No one produced anything. No one earned anything. However, the whole village is now out of debt and looking to the future with a lot more optimism.

And that, Ladies and Gentlemen, is how the bailout package works.

The Coming Weeks

This Week: 24 January 2012
Moved to **Australia Day 26th January**
Place: Bain Park.
Time: **TBA**

31 January 2012
Partner's Night
Place: Club Rooms
Time: 6:00 pm

7 February 2012
Social Night
Place: Modishe
Time: 6:30 pm

14 February 2012
Valentine's Day Themed Night
Place: Club Rooms
Time: 6:00 pm

Cluster 3 Meeting Times & Places

Port Macquarie Sunrise: Friday 7:00 am
Sails Resort, Port Macquarie

Port Macquarie: Wed 6:00 pm
Port Panthers

Port Macquarie West: Tues 6:30pm
Westport Bowling Club.

Laurieton: Monday 6.30pm
Laurieton United Services Club

Rotary Four Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

Is it the truth

Is it fair to all concerned

Will it build goodwill and better friendship

Will it be beneficial to all concerned

Interesting Links

[The December issue of Rotary On The Move Newsletter for Zone 7B & 8](#)

[eNews Bulletins](#)

[Cluster Bulletins](#)

Rotary International Online Training Tools

Looking for ways to orient new members? [Rotary Basics Online](#) offers videos, audio presentations, and other materials to help new members understand what it means to be a Rotarian.

Police Contact Number

If you see anything suspicious around town, anytime of the day, contact the NSW Police on their state wide number 131 444. If we report all occurrences of unlawful activity, we may get 24 hr Policing back in Wauchope.

Club Invocation

As we join together as members of the Rotary Club of Wauchope, we give thanks for good friends, for good food and the ongoing opportunity to make a difference in our community through our Rotary values & service

Duty Roster

Date	Invocation	Welcome Guests	Intro/Thank Guest Speaker	Stewards	Guest Speaker	Topic
17/1/2012	Marie Winter	Andy Neal		Stuart Weir & Kevin Whitbread		
26/1/2012	Australia Day, Bain Park					
31/1/2012	Bob Gilligan	Kathy Jones		Margaret Whitbread & Marie Winter		
7/2/2012	Social Night – Modishe Cafe					

Please notify Marie Winter by [email](#) or telephone 0409 156 333 if you are unable to attend or if you are bringing any guests.

A good friend of the Rotary Club of Wauchope



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