

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Gumbaynggirr people, the Traditional Custodians of the land and waters where we live, learn and work.

NEXT MEETING MONDAY 25 JULY

Guest speaker: Mandy Dawkins, LifeHouse Care.

LAST MEETING



Our guest speaker was our own member **Geoff Royal**. Geoff informed us of his interest in **gemstone fossicking** dating back almost fifty years ago. He described the difficulties in travelling to some fairly remote locations, especially in an old two wheel drive Holden, including the Agate Creek Fossicking Area, which lies half way between Townsville and Karumba in north Queensland.



Geoff spent a lot of time scrambling up cliff faces to find promising spots to pick away at. Geoff brought along some stunning gemstone specimens, including a number he had faceted himself.

In addition to having a guest speaker, members were asked to prepare a two-minuter on the most interesting person I have worked with.

Dick was first cab off the rank:

Dick Matthews spoke about his experiences working for his Operations Manager, Alfred Kober, a German mining engineer, at the Goldsworthy iron ore mine in WA. *‘Alfred was a devoted workaholic, on the job 7 days a week, 52 weeks a year, and expected the same from his staff. This was made clear from the very beginning when I reported to his office at 2pm on a Saturday afternoon **after a 2 day drive from Perth**, when he welcomed me and instructed me to take a quick lunch and report to my office to take up my duties. On another occasion when the ore crusher broke down at 2 am, which I attended to at the time, and reported the incident to him the next morning. He demanded to know why he was not told earlier and when I said that I had taken appropriate action and did not feel it necessary to wake him, I was told in no uncertain terms that at any time production was halted, he demanded to be told immediately.*

On one other occasion when I was in Alfred's office at 3pm on a Friday afternoon, he was informed of an unscheduled stoppage at one of our new mine sites being developed by a large contracting company. He called the General Manager of the contracting company in Perth and informed him that he wanted the Site Manager replaced. Receiving the reply that it would happen on Monday morning Alfred replied " No, I want that man off the site immediately". On putting down the phone, Alfred said to me " Sometimes you have to be hard." A hard man indeed he was, but always fair.

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July is Transmission Month

Rotary International
 1.2 m members
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Pam went next:

Dilys was someone I worked with who had an amazing story. She had been sent from the UK to WA as a 10 year old by the Catholic orphanage her mother placed her in because she had to work to support the family. (Dilys' father had returned home from WWII blind.) She was told by the nuns that her mum had died. In WA the Catholic orphanage ran a commercial laundry and the kids were put to work. Dilys ran away to Melbourne at 15 but was lucky her first employer took her under his family's wing and made sure she got an education. Dilys survived, had five kids, gained a BA after her kids grew up and in her 50s reconnected with two sisters in the UK... a few weeks too late to see her Mum, who in fact had NOT died when Dilys was 10.

Other members will get the opportunity to deliver their two-minuters at future club meetings!

MEN'S HEALTH VAN

Suzanne Thompson from Rotary organises the **MERV van for men's health**. She has the van penciled in to be at Woolgoolga on the 19 & 20 October 2022. Dick will coordinate advertising of the van and organise both a parking area for the 2 days and a roster of Rotarians to assist. Julie has offered to provide accommodation for the van man and his wife for 2 nights. Please do what you can to spread the word to as many local men as possible.



Update from Patty: We have received a heartfelt thankyou from the **Rotary Club of Ballina on Richmond**. We provided a donation of \$2000 from the District Grant funds for 4x \$500.00 grants for people **affected by the floods**. The District Grant of \$4000 was allocated to a new project for the homeless. 30 sleeping bags and 20 tarps were donated to Pete's Place. LifeHouse Care received 15 and 5 were donated to Woolgoolga Vinnies. Additional blankets have also been donated to Vinnies.

Message from our treasurer: Dues are now due! \$120 for 6 months. BSB 082887, General Account Number 681600326. In the details field write your name.

CLUB NOTICES	2022
	2 Sept Sawtell Trivia , Sawtell RSL, 6.45pm 0419357864
	8 Sept Getting Out There Day
	24 Sept Woolgoolga Curryfest (Rotary stall)
	19 & 20 Oct MERV Men's Health Van
22 October Talent Quest (jointly with Woopi Lions)	

DISTRICT NOTICES	2022
	13-16 October RYMARINE (apply by 26 Aug)
	26-27 Nov D9660 AGM & Showcase , Tamworth West LC
	10-24 January 2023 NYSF www.nysf.edu.au
	29 April - 6 May RYLA 2023 (for 19-27 year olds)

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend				
Date	25 July Meeting	8 August Meeting	15 August Board	22 August Meeting
Reminders	Cex Wga Order meal by 6	Cex Wga Order meal by 6	Agenda items to Patty	Cex Wga Order meal by 6
Welcome/Fellowship	Geoff	Patty	4.30	Pam
Introduce Guest Speaker/s	Kim	David E	Visitor Info Centre	Rod
Vote of Thanks	Mary	David F	na	Julie
Guest Speakers or Event	Mandy Dawkins LifeHouse Care	tbc	na	tbc

- OUR LATEST PROJECTS**
- ◆ Water Purifier Mullaway PS
 - ◆ Sewing Group
 - ◆ DV Safe Phone
 - ◆ Sleeping bags, tarps, blankets & tents
 - ◆ Men's Health Van (MERV)