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President's Message

Now that we are over the Easter and ANZAC day break our thoughts can turn to upcoming events for our fellowship.

The Easter weekend saw a contingent of Australian IFFR members meet up with our counterparts in Nelson New Zealand for a joint Australian and New Zealand Fly-in. The weekend weather was very pleasant but on Sunday it



made things very difficult for the organizers. There were other activities we could attend that were a little drier. The highlight of the meeting was the fellowship shared by

our members having a common aviation theme. It would be great to share these activities with others, but I don't know what the answer is to recruiting younger members into our ranks, but that is a problem that is affecting many service clubs, not just Rotary. Our next Fly-in is to South Australia, to Kangaroo Island. More information about that trip in this newsletter.

Safe flying

Andrew Mladen

Fly-in.

19-22 April, 2019.

Nelson, New Zealand.

This joint meeting was initiated by the NZ IFFR President, Gary Gordon. It is true that in the early days, members from both sides of the Tasman Sea crossed over for each other's Fly-ins. This practice dwindled a bit after the NZ IFFR became an independent Section. This must have been a real test of endurance for the organizers, particularly Chris Allison, to arrange accommodation, sight-seeing, meals etc. for people from two countries on a week-end that virtually closes everything down. Still, we were able to have our first gathering on Good Friday at the Lone Star restaurant. Next morning was an opportunity to visit the city centre and splash out at the farmer's market before we were whisked off to the Nelson Founder's Park, a great collection of early buildings filled with memorabilia about the early settlement of Nelson and surrounds. Both NZ and Australian Sections joined to hold our respective AGM meetings. Secretary Lynne will distribute Minutes of that meeting in due course.



After lunch we attended the world famous WOW (World of Wearable Art) and Classic and Collection. These two collections, in my opinion, were the best displayed

collections of clothes and cars I have seen.
See for yourself

<https://www.worldofwearableart.com/museum/>

and

<https://www.wowcars.co.nz/>



We visited the Garden City Rescue Helicopter where the crew gave up their time to give us a very detailed look into their rescue operations which covers a huge area to the top of the South Island in NZ. They had answered all our questions and we were all ready to depart, when an emergency call came in. The crew put the helicopter back into operational condition after closing the various panels opened to us interested enquirers, and got airborne, fully outfitted, in a little over four minutes.



Next morning we departed under heavy skies to Omaka for their airshow, We were lucky enough to see the opening displays, but as the day drew on, it became more and more difficult for the display pilots. Our members came prepared for the worst. Witness NZ IFFR President Garry and Joce.



There are a few museums to see on the field and we were kept out of the weather

Kangaroo Island, South Australia Fly-in, 27th September – 30th September 2019.

This Fly-in will appeal to all who appreciate the beautiful wilderness and remoteness of the south coast of South Australia. Kangaroo Island was named by Matthew Flinders when he called on the Island while mapping the country. The Island's remote location has preserved many unique and outstanding natural features. The wildlife is friendly and you will be made most welcome.

Due to the high demand on accommodation during the Spring season, we have changed our registration options to include the hotel room bookings. Please see the attached Registration Form. You will see that we have been offered three nights accommodation at the Ozone Hotel in Kingscote for \$474.00. We have 20 rooms booked and we are required to advise the hotel as registrations are received, so that they are able to track bookings. On the 1st of July, room bookings will be reviewed and any un-allocated rooms may be returned to the hotel for sale.

Please give this your urgent consideration and indicate to Treasurer Laurie, before the 1st of July that you will be attending the Fly-in.

We have booked a 2 day "Best of Kangaroo Island" tour for Saturday and Sunday. This is a comprehensive tour of all the major attractions on the Island. Please see the attached itinerary.

Getting to Kangaroo Island by air is easy with both Rex and Qantaslink providing multiple flights out of Adelaide. Two ferry companies operate to Kangaroo Island and sail from Cape Jervis. Both companies provide a bus shuttle service from Adelaide. Or you can join us in your own aircraft as we find a long way round to Kangaroo Island.

We look forward to seeing you.



Long Way Round to Kangaroo Island, Wed. 25th – Fri. 27th Sept. 2019



A good place to meet would be Pooncarie in N.S.W. This town was an important river port on the Darling River and has interesting features left from that time. Accommodation at the Pooncarie Hotel.



On Thursday we will fly to Wellington to get fuel and then fly to Goolwah. At Goolwah we will join the “Spirit of Coorong” for a 3.5 hour Eco-tour of all the features of the Murray River mouth and surrounding ecosystem. This will include some walks and lunch.



On Friday morning we will fly to Kingscote on Kangaroo Island to meet up with our fellow IFFR members. Let me know if you will join the Long Way Round. Andrew. Ph 0490 502 621

Notes from your Committee.

Your Committee has been meeting both electronically and physically. Items requiring attention were:-

The AGM considered the IFFR annual fees.

The re-appointment of Treasurer Laurie Chapman.

A revamp of the IFFR Aust. Constitution to comply with NSW Corporations Acts. On-going.

An update to the www.iffir.org.au web-site. On-going.

Preparations for the April 2020 Fly-in. On-going.

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