



Rotary Club of Sale

Rotary District 9820

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www.rotaryclubofsale.org.au

Last Meeting:

Monday April 18 2016

**Barry Heard
Life Since Vietnam**

**Duart Maffra
6.00 for 6.30pm**

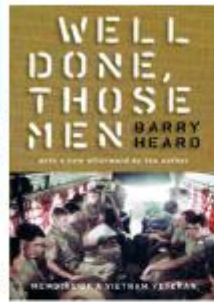
Guest Speaker: Barry Heard.

Chairman: Keith Miller.



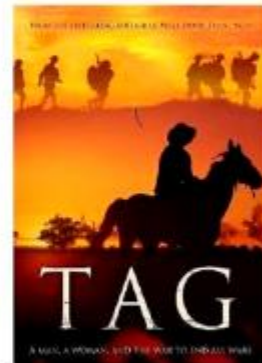
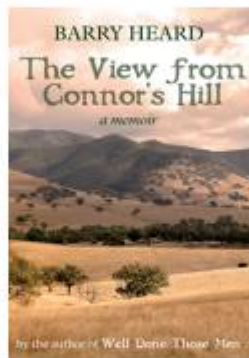
Members and guests gather at Duart in Maffra.

Barry Heard, renowned author and Vietnam veteran, kept his audience of Rotarians and guests enthralled with the story of his early life and his experiences in Vietnam. With members from three cluster clubs in attendance, Barry outlined some of his often confronting experiences whilst in Vietnam as a radio operator conscript in his book “Well Done Those Men”. He also outlined the experiences of his early life in his book “The View from Connor’s Hill” and his tribute to the horses involved in WW1 campaigns in his book “TAG”.



Available
in audio

A film contract was signed for
Well Done Those Men in 2012



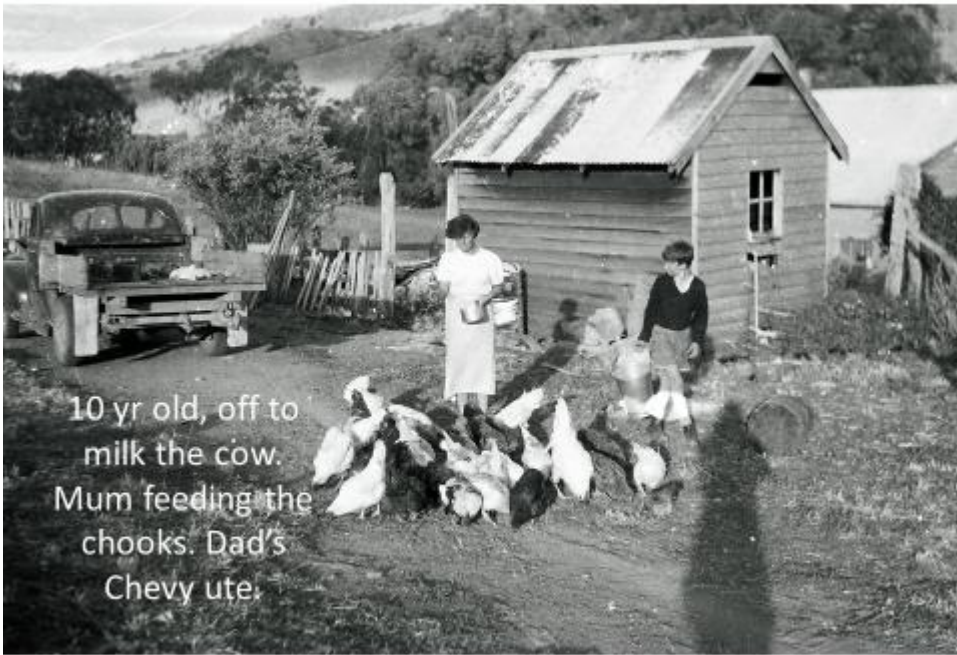
I have a web page at
www.barryheard.com.au

Also on *facebook*
as *Barry Heard*

The following are some of the visuals from his presentation:

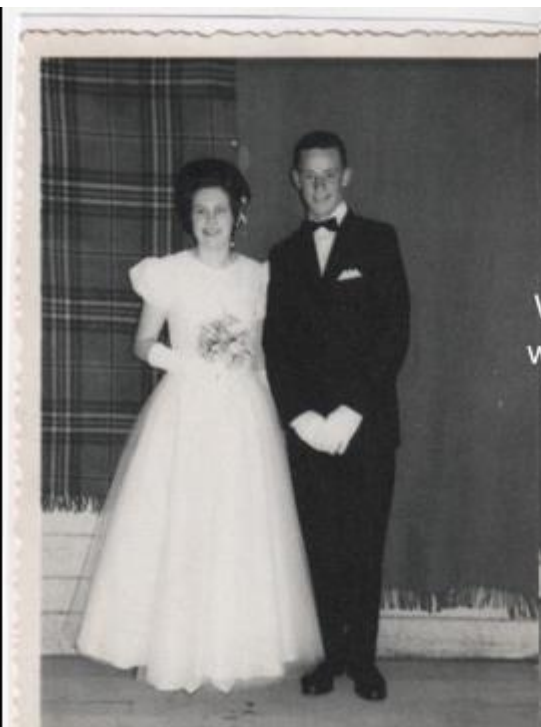
One year old.
Living in
Collingwood.
Melbourne.





10 yr old, off to milk the cow.
Mum feeding the chooks. Dad's Chevy ute.

**Debutant
Ball at
Swifts
Creek**



Within a year, I was conscripted into the army.



Taken at Puckapunyal army base Victoria. Feb 1966.

Getting picked up from Base Camp 1st April 1967.



The photo used on the front cover of the book. It is a stark summary of Vietnam. Solemn blank looks, head-down stares. We had been drinking very heavily until our departure. It took one day to get to Australia. From war – to home, with family. It was bizarre

**We were treated badly, abused, spat on and
NO ONE supported us.**

We were banned from joining the R.S.L.

We couldn't march on ANZAC day.

They said -

**"It wasn't a war...we had it easy compared to
other wars..."**

**Veterans drank, retreated, suffered anxiety and
isolation.**

Then suicides...

SHAME on you Australia ... but then...

A welcome home march in Sydney 1987 !!!
What the F...



This horse and soldier wearing gasmasks led the march on ANZAC day 2010.
We lost 1000,000 horses in WWI. It took 90 years to recognise the poor animal.



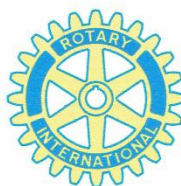
Sale Central president John Cartledge with Barry Heard and Chairman Keith.

President's Announcements:

- **President Rachel** thanked everyone for coming and was pleased to see three clubs represented.
- We will be supporting **Sale Police** in the running of a **Blue Light Disco**. A police spokesman will outline the project at our meeting on 16 May.
- **Charity Auction**: 6 weeks to go. Helpers needed to distribute promotion leaflets and several other jobs. Let **Rod** know if you are available to assist. Menu options were displayed with calls for further comment. Members urged to commence inviting guests.
- **ANZAC day** next week – **no meeting on 25th**.

Adrian advised:

- **Next program on May 02** will be **Drs Campbell and Barry** who will report on the **Monash Rural Health Program**.



Rotary Club of Sale Annual Charity Dinner Auction

Saturday 21st May, 2016
Lakeside Club
Foster St, Sale

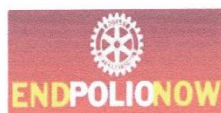
Two course meal
\$40 per head
Drinks at Bar Prices

Tickets available from
Leo O'Brien Property

The Club is most appreciative of the generous support we have received from local businesses in past years.

Rotarians will again be calling on businesses in the near future, seeking support for this year's event. Items for our Silent Auction to the value of \$20 to \$100+ will be sought.

We understand that not all businesses will be able to support us at this time.



Next Meeting:

Monday May 02 2016

**Drs Campbell/Barry
Monash Rural Health Program**

**Bowling Club
6.00 for 6.15pm**

Chair: Bob Davis

Sergeant: Leo O'Brien

It is **very important** to **ring** (not email) Laurie **before 12.00 noon** on the day
of the meeting with apologies and/or guests.

Emails are often delayed and the **Club may be charged for late
apologies.**