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## WEEKLY BULLETIN 40, Monday May 15th 2017

MEETING 3874	MEETING 3875
Monday May 22nd 2017	SATURDAY May 27th 2017
Chair: John Addinsall	Chair:
Program: Simon Wilson... Aerial Fire Spotting	Program: 80 <sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS
Cashier: Ian Black	JOBS WILL BE ALLOCATED THIS MONDAY
Bulletin: Leo Cummins	Bulletin:
Bar: Rose Howard	Bar:
Fines: Murray Menzel	Fines:
Set up: Kevin Safe	Set up:
Coming Dates	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hamilton 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday 27 May 2017</b></li> <li>• Casterton Art Show opens Thursday 8th June</li> <li>• Casterton 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday and Changeover <b>Saturday July 15<sup>th</sup> at 3pm (twilight event)</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Changeover dates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday 25 June DG Changeover Mount Gambier</li> <li>• <b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Hamilton</b></li> <li>• Wednesday 28 June Mount Gambier</li> <li>• Thursday 29 June Millicent</li> <li>• Monday 3 July Mount Gambier Lakes</li> <li>• Tuesday 4 July <b>Mount Gambier West</b></li> <li>• <b>Wednesday 9 August</b> Hamilton North</li> </ul>

## REPORT OF MEETING NO. 3873

**Chair Lorraine Wilson** opened the meeting and introduced President Noel who welcomed our guest speaker Rohan Fitzgerald CEO of Western District Health Services.

### **Presidents Notes.**

- \*Happy birthday to Lyn Brand on May
- \*Noel and Lorraine joined the North Hamilton Rotary Club for a BBQ to welcome the Chinese group on their walk from Adelaide to Melbourne commemorating the gold rush era in Victoria.
- \*President's dinner at Catalpa last Friday night was an enjoyable evening, with 13 members attending.
- \* Reminder for Rotarians – RSVP for the 80<sup>th</sup>. Birthday/ changeover evening closes on Friday 19<sup>th</sup>. May.
- \*Sheepvention. It was decided that our club would run with the BBQ this year. An organizing committee has been appointed.

\*Interleague football match last Saturday. Thanks to the Rotarians who worked on the gates.  
\* Treasurer Glen has been requested by the Board to arrange for a club corporate card.  
\*PP. AG Lorraine Wilson has been selected for a PHF award which will be presented at our 80<sup>th</sup>. Birthday celebration.  
\*Donation given to school in Uganda for solar powered refrigerator.  
\*A donation of \$500 went to the Cubs, for their generous help during the Steam Rally.  
**Secretary Bob.** The position of President Elect for the 2018/19 remains vacant. Members should give this serious consideration.

#### **Fines Master**

Richard Beks tested our memories in relation to the 80 years' history of our club. Questions such as "Who was the longest serving Secretary in our Club?" resulted in no responses. Given the stress he placed us under it was a relief when the fines box was full!

#### **GUEST SPEAKER**

Rohan Fitzgerald, CEO of Western District Health Service, gave a brief outline of the organization before moving on to the proposed oncology centre at the Hamilton Hospital.

WDHS employs 720 staff across the 3 campuses and boasts 300 volunteers involved in a wide range of activities.

The hospital vehicles transporting patients to other centres for medical services by volunteer drivers travel more than 200,000 kms per year.

WDHS has 175 aged care patients across the 3 campuses.

In relation to chemotherapy services at Hamilton there are 3 chairs which are utilized 5 days a week. Management are of the opinion that the facility is not meeting the needs of our community and have embarked on developing a new centre within the current hospital building which will 'look out' onto the existing courtyard. This facility will contain oncology services, as well as dialysis and patient registration facilities. The objectives for the oncology facility are:

- 1.To provide more acceptable and equitable access to oncology services for our community.
- 2.'Close to home' care.
3. To reduce the survival gap of patients between regional and metropolitan patients.
4. To co-ordinate services more effectively into the region.

Statistics indicate that the distance from professional oncology care is related to the survival rates for cancer patients.

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men followed by bowel cancer.

The new centre will provide for 6 chairs with a more relaxed environment for the patients.

The cost of the project is estimated at \$1.6-1.8 m, and will be funded by WDHS and the community.

Rohan provided us with a comprehensive outline of the project in a positive and enthusiastic manner.

#### **REMINDER**

Get your BowelScan kit from James Dean Pharmacy during MAY. Maybe you could convince your friends to also obtain a kit. Bowel screening does save lives.

Did you know BowelScan was initiated by the Rotary Club of Lismore in 1982 and adopted by Rotary Clubs across Australia.



**President Noel, with CEO WDHS Rohan Fitzgerald**