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WEEKLY BULLETIN 29 MONDAY FEBRUARY 26th 2018

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| MEETING 3909 | MEETING 3910 |
| MONDAY MARCH 5TH 2018 | MONDAY MARCH 21ST 2018 |
| Chair: | Chair: Leo Cummins |
| Program: STRATHDOWNIE | Program: COMBINED MEETING WITH HN. |
| Cashier: Noel Howard | Cashier: |
| Bulletin: | Bulletin: Lorraine Wilson |
| Bar: | Bar: |
| Fines: | Fines: |
| Set up: Willis Duncan | Set up: |
| COST - \$25 for meal. \$5 for bus. 5.30pm at Uniting Church | |

REPORT OF MEETING NO. 3908

Chair Murray Menzel

Toast to the Queen and the people of Australia

President Leo

Welcome to Guest Andrew Dufty, who will be our guest speaker.

Announcements

- I believe our joint meeting with Hamilton North was a great success and I look forward to joining our two clubs together. I have contacted DG Ray to get further advice on the procedures required. When we formally join at the end of June this year both clubs have the chance to renew rotary presence in Hamilton. It would be good to get a significant project going to make our presence felt, so get your thinking caps on. In the meantime, the incoming board will have a major planning role for how we will function next year. President Heather and President elect James and myself have acted as a nominating committee to ensure that we will have some representation. I will have a list of the recommended board to hand out for your perusal. If you have any suggestions to make (including additional nominations if you think that is necessary) please let me know as soon as possible. We propose to present the recommended list to the joint club meeting on Wed 21st March for endorsement. This meeting on the 21st March will also be the combined services club meeting, so this vote needs to go smoothly and quickly. This proposed board will be larger than normal for the year 2018/19 and is then expected to fall back to normal after that.
- Challenge Cancer Camp** is on again. It will be from 12-15 April, and we will be catering on Friday 13th, from 6pm onwards. Please help with food. I will present the list as an attachment, so if you can do something, please let me know.
- Ride for a Cause.** The Werribee RC is running this event on March 15th and there are 30 cyclists taking part.

- **Strathdownie.** The annual trip to Strathdownie is on March 5th. There will be a bus running from outside the Uniting Church, at 5.30 pm, at a cost of \$5 pp. The meal will be \$25 pp. If you are unable to go, please register on Trello.
- **District Conference.** This is on in Mount Gambier on 6-8 April. If you haven't registered please do it asap.
- **Donations to Foundation.** For those wishing to donate, please do so via the District website.

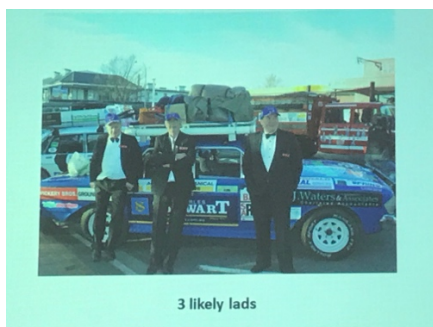
Chairman Murray

Reports:

Event/fundraising: Peter Walscott is looking into catering for the Dunkeld Rodeo on 10/3. There are quite a few costs involved with this. We have a few dates available to do the Coles BBQ in April. We also will be doing the Anzac Day BBQ.

GUEST SPEAKER- ANDREW DUFTY

Chairman Murray introduced Andrew Duffy, who is speaking about the 2017 Variety Bash, in SA. The Variety Bash is a hard, fun event, which raises money to help disadvantaged children, all over Australia. In 1985 Dick Smith became involved with this, and it was then Redex. They raised \$250,000. The event was so popular that there is a Bash in every state. Some of the Western Victorians like to go to SA. There are Bashes which go to Broome, Darwin, and Townsville as well. Around \$12 million is now distributed annually to children. In 2016, in Port Lincoln, the "Runaway Brides", a group of women who wore bridal gowns the whole of the Bash, raised a huge amount in 8 days. Last year, \$70,000 went to remote schools for computers. One of the sponsors is the AWI. Andrew and two friends, dressed as 3 Likely Lads, set off in an old Rambler, which gave them many problems along the way.



The 3 Likely Lads



A young Dick Smith, in 1985, with his wife.

There is a mobile workshop which travels on the Bash and supports any cars which break down. They pay to go on the trip as well! Each participant pays \$9000 to enter. Around 350 people enter and are fed and entertained each day. The cars ages range from 25-30 years old. Andrew and the rest of the crew had so many problems with their car, so changed it to a falcon ute.

This year's event is going to Central SA, Flinders Ranges and the Eyre Peninsula and Port Lincoln.

It was a very interesting story told to us by Andrew. We thank him for it.

Noel was the Fines Master, and he decided that instead of fining everyone, we each give a donation to the V.



Andrew and Pres. Leo.



A change of vehicle!



A most important tool!