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## WEEKLY BULLETIN 35, Monday 20th 2017

<b>MEETING 3869</b>	
<b>Monday April 10th 2017</b>	<b>MONDAY April 17th 2017</b>
<b>Chair:</b> Willis Duncan	<b>Chair:</b>
<b>Program:</b> Maryanne Martin (Macarthur research)	<b>Program:</b> NO ROTARY - EASTER MONDAY.
<b>Cashier:</b> Glenn Howell	<b>Cashier:</b>
<b>Bulletin:</b> Kevin Safe	<b>Bulletin</b>
<b>Bar:</b> John Addinsall	<b>Bar:</b>
<b>Fines:</b> Richard Beks	<b>Fines:</b>
<b>Set up:</b> Rose Howard	<b>Set up:</b>
<b>Coming Dates:</b>	
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Challenge Camp.</b>	
<b>National Steam Rally – 21-23 April. Names on Roster please. It will be a big weekend and we need all the helpers we can get.</b>	

## REPORT OF MEETING NO. 3868 Monday April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017.

**Chairman Kevin Safe** opened meeting 3867 and welcomed Rotarians. We then said Rotary Grace, toasted the Queen and the People of Australia, then the International toast to the CUSO Volunteer Organization, in Peru, where there is a Women's Health team supported by the Rotary Foundation.

**President Noel** welcomed our visitor and speaker, Ian O'Connell, dog trainer, and former Apexian, from Casterton.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Birthdays – Liz Cummins 26/3: Peter Milburn 2/4: Leo Cummins 4/4.
- Challenge Camp....Friday evening. Hamilton Bowls Club open from 4pm.
- National Heritage Rally...please add your name to the roster.
- Board Meeting next week.
- 2017 Chinese Walk from Robe to Melbourne celebration. They will be in Hamilton on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 160 years on.
- RC of Portland Bay have a pre-loved art sale on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

- “Ride the Bellarine”, for Polio Plus, is on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April.
- Millicent Art Show is from 7<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> April.
- Warrnambool RC free vehicle check is at Bunnings Warehouse, Warrnambool, on 6/4, from 6pm – 8pm

#### REPORTS:

- Murray Menzel told us that the Baptist Church celebrated 150 years, and former Rotarian Clarrie Edwards was in town. (our scribe recalls him as being a “cheery fellow”.
- Murray also reported that Jenny Clark, who raised money for furniture in a Tanzanian kindergarten, is now raising money for a solar refrigerator for them.
- Kevin Safe reported that as the new school term starts, there will be a new roster for the transport of the Casterton students to and from the Skills Centre.
- Lorraine Wilson and Rose Howard reported on the 2017 Conference. Rose was very impressed with Kim Ledger (father of actor Heath) who talked about the sometime abuse of prescription drugs. He is the patron of ScriptWise, an organization trying to get a National Register of all patients, in the hope of preventing the abuse of scripts.

Lorraine went to a warehouse where an Organization called Geelong Mums pack items for babies and children, and then give them to mums who are very much in need of things for their children. A very worthwhile project.

Rose and Lorraine said that all the speakers were great, the dinner was amazing and that it was one of the best Conferences ever.

**FINES:** Murray Menzel changed the style of “heads and tails” and totally confused us all. It was really short and sweet but the kids from Bali were the real winners.

#### GUEST SPEAKER

Kevin introduced Ian O’Connell, kelpie (not ‘dog’) trainer extraordinaire! He was born in Casterton, boarded at Monivae, and initially was a shearer and contractor.

He accumulated 1200 acres of land in marginal country then went to Mill Rd to live.

Training kelpies starts with nurturing their basic instincts of rounding up, bringing the “kill” to you, and being praised for all the good things they do. A pup of 1 year old is the equivalent of a 7yo child, so when in training, the pup is only given tasks that it can understand, for its mental age.

Ian had a chart he goes by, showing us the steps he takes in training a kelpie, and the harder tasks, like paddock work, are not given to the animal until it is around 2 years old. The dog won’t be fully trained until it is 3. His chart shows the 12 levels of training required. He only requires 5 minutes, twice a day per dog.

Ian ran the Australian Kelpie Muster for 7 years, and when he finished that, he started his dog trialing, dog schools, and judging all over Australia. A good trained up Kelpie will sell for \$20,000. Ian maintains that most farmers have no idea what they are doing, and try to make their pups work far too early. Ian trains them through positive words, pitch of voice, actions that don’t scare the pup...work with the head and eyes, rather than feet and hands.

He also loves to go bike riding and running, from which he has gone on to run marathons. A most impressive and dedicated person with much energy to burn, either on the bike, or on the track.

