PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Thanks to the committee and other members for all your work for the Paddock to Plate weekend. A lot has been done and there is still more to be organised but if we all do a bit I am sure it will be a great weekend.

This night would not be possible without the work of Ben and Joan Bentley. We greatly appreciate their generosity and the use of their shearing shed so once again a special thanks to Ben and Joan.

This Wednesday is a working bee at Ben’s Shearing Shed (Dimboola Rd, opposite the hospital) so wear your work gear and get ready to transform Ben’s shearing shed into a restaurant.

On the 17 of April, after the Paddock to Plate, we have the RYLA camp at Kangarooie in SW Victoria. We have two young people from Warracknabeal attending, which is great. As we are the host club, six of us will be going to Kangarooie for the final dinner on the Wednesday night. As you know, Rob and Pam deVries are the camp parents for the week so we wish them luck.

Don’t forget we are hosting the Wyndham club this weekend so it’s Pizza and Fellowship at our place on Friday night. We will be including a special farewell to Rob and Pam deVries so let me know if you’re coming, so we can organise catering.

Have a good week,

Chris

COMING DATES

Sat. 6th April  Paddock to Plate dinner. Silo and farm tours.
Wed 3rd July  RCW Changeover

APOLOGIES / GUESTS

Jean Wise
By lunchtime Tuesday
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or email to
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www.clubrunner.ca/warracknabeal

NEXT WPS BREAKFAST
Tuesday 2nd April
John Tonkin (pick up)
Tony Gregson
TBC
**Meeting 27th March - Planning for the Paddock to Plate weekend**

It was a very productive night with many plans finalised for this big event—our biggest for the year, and hopefully a good fundraiser for our club. Those members doing several jobs have been emailed.

Here’s a summary of our plans. It’s going to be a great night.

**Wed 3 April.** 6pm onwards. Working bee at Ben’s Shearing Shed. Wear old clothes. General room set up, tables & chairs in place, serving area, bar area, parking areas, table decs. Lighting etc. Saturday’s mini bus drivers complete paperwork with Bernie/Julie. Chef Randall will be visiting during the day.

**Fri 5 April.** Pizza and Fellowship with RC Wyndham friends at Chris & Glenda Hewitt’s. Farewell to Rob & Pam. All members and partners welcome. Time TBC. Pizzas. Drinks organised by fellowship C’tee.

**Sat 6 April.** Volunteer drivers collect buses at Woodbine. Meet at Rotary Shop at 9:45. Tours leave 10am.

Town tour, Sheep Hills Silo. Lunch at Creekside (soup & rolls). Brim Silos, Martin’s and Penny’s farms, maybe Hewitt’s. Maybe Wilken’s storage if time. Return Wbeal approx. 3pm. Wheatlands Warehouse open in arvo.

Calvin drives courtesy bus around town—pick ups at motels from 5:45pm. If you want Calvin to pick you up at home, please contact him. Drop off later—10:30pm onwards.

6:00pm—arrive, 6:30-Shearing demo, Welcome and talks (Chris H, Mayor, Tony) 7:00–9:00pm -Meal served. 9:30-10:30pm-Music & outside fire pit.

**Sun 7 April.** 9am onwards. Clean up.

**Numbers—Definite bookings 112. We’d like 10+ more... if you can help, please contact Chris G & Wendy.**
REPORTS

Secretary (Sue)

Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) - This is a great program, and a way to find out about the incredible depth, scope and opportunities that Rotary offers. We really just touch the surface of this big international service organisation—there's something for everyone. It's informative and interesting for both new members and long standing members alike, as RLI ‘graduates’ in our club will attest. District 9780’s RLI program consists of three full days of workshops (Sat or Sun) throughout the year in different venues – Ballarat, Charlton, Casterton, Geelong and Terang. The same program is run at each location, so you pick the location and dates that suit you. You also get to meet Rotarians from around our district, exchange ideas and see what their clubs are up to. See Sue if your interested and to find out dates or check out the D9780 website. Registration closes on 31 June and the $180 is paid by the club.

President Elect (Tony)
• President Elect needed by AGM in November 2019.
• Bowelscan materials have arrived. Thank you Julie O'Brien for talking on the organisation of this project.
• District 9780 Assembly is on the last weekend of April.
• The next step for the formation of a country Education foundation is to establish a community committee.

Community Service (Peter)
• DMA is running a fundraiser day of golf and bowls at the Golf Club to support the club’s irrigation system appeal. Sun 14th April. Rotary have been asked to staff the BBQ lunch. Bernie to follow up. Contact Bernie if you can help.

Youth (John A)
• Inbound Youth Exchange. Two families keen. John has met one and they’re excited. We need two more, and a Rotarian as a counsellor, if this is to go ahead. End of April is the absolute deadline…. 4 weeks.
• RYLA- Applications registered for Callum Zanker and Jasmine Bull.
• RYPEN– Three applications confirmed. 12-14 April

Rotary Park (Ian P)
The committee met last week about plans for the park. We have accepted a quote from Marv Duncan to concrete the path up the shelter. $1870. The other quote was substantially more.

Paddock to Plate

RAFFLE ITEMS PLEASE

Please consider donating local produce items for the raffle, and give them to Chris this Wednesday or contact Chris re delivery. We didn't get much of a responses at the last meeting, so please think about it. (home made goodies, Sapporo beer, regional wine, olive oils, pink lake salt, local honey, country magazines, something woollen, water-wise plants .... be creative)
Hello from Ottersheim bei Landau,

I've been very busy and have plenty to share with you from my first couple of months in Germany.

A few weeks ago in the Winter Pagan holidays I went skiing with my host family and two of their family friends. The weather was lovely and warm and I got to experience snow for the first time which was an awesome experience. I also discovered that I'm not a horrendous first-time skier and I can't wait to go skiing again later on this year. I have not had my first German hospital experience but the year is most certainly not over.

Here’s a photo of my host brother and I having a snow fight, and another with my host mum on the ski slopes. I also went to a Fasching parade in a village not far from me called Bellheim, with some German people I had met and it was basically a massive street party with classic, though terrible German music, but it was a lot of fun. I FINALLY met all the exchange students in my district (pictured) and I have to say they are honestly my favourite people I have met. They have been so welcoming and helpful and I honestly feel like I am apart of a family. I leave for Eurotour in two weeks from today, and whatever happens on the tour I'm so happy that I get to experience it with these incredible people. I have also met the other newbie in my district, Joel who is from New Zealand. There has been a little rivalry and banter for obvious reasons, but I can confirm Pavlova is ours, as is Crowded House, Russell Crow and Anzac biscuits. Also the underarm bowling incident was an incredible feat of genius from Trevor Chappell that only enforced our superiority on all fronts, except rugby, but we had to give them something.

I have been travelling around a little with my host family and with some of the other exchange students and I'm absolutely in love with the area. My favourite place I've been to is Heidelberg with is a stunning city at the base of a castle with beautiful buildings and landscape. Heidelberg is a major tourist area for the Brits and Americans so there is plenty of English being spoken which is very comforting. Heidelberg is also home to a very good international university which I may checkout while I'm here. I've also hung out with some people in Mannheim which is a pretty cool city, if you know where to go. Worms is also a city in the area which is a major exchange meet up place for people in my district, because we can all get their for free with our transport cards. It also has really good ice cream for a euro and 2.50 kebabs.

If I can give you any advice for travelling cheap, I'd just say just ask an exchange student because they know the game better than anyone else I've ever met.

School has definitely been an adjustment and making friends has been difficult. I'm trying really hard but my class is very much in their own groups and happy that way but, I have made a friend at school, Alina and she is really lovely and another girl, Maria who goes to a different school but is in Ottersheim. Here is a photo with my new friends at a dress up … I'm at the bottom… as Mary Poppins!

The weather is warming up and I'm so excited for summer and summer holidays.

I will write again after Eurotour so expect some great photos from my travels. I'll do my best to keep you all in the loop of what I'm doing.

Bye for now,
Laura