PRESIDENT’S REPORT
Thank you once again to every one for all their work over the Paddock to Plate weekend. Wednesday night’s meeting was a good chance to review the weekend and all the photos showed just how much work had gone into events. I personally hope we can do it all again in the future.

Special thanks to our visitors for being so supportive—we enjoyed your company and look forward to catching up again in the future.

On the Friday night, before the big event, our members and families had a special gathering with our Wyndham friends which was an ideal occasion to say farewell to Rob and Pam deVries, as they make their future in Wyndham. Rob has been involved in all aspects of our club and we know that his passion, ideas and contributions, together with Pam’s support, will be most welcomed in the Wyndham club. Rob was presented with one of his favourites...a chocolate cake. A Rob deVries Operation Manual was also presented to his new club, to help them understand how Rob operates! In his speech, Rob highlighted with pride that there have been three consecutive generations of his family involved in our club—his father, Peter, and daughter, Johanna. Best wishes to Rob and Pam as they start their new journey.

Welcome to Megan and Mandy, our two new members. We look forward to your participation and contributions to our club’s programmes, projects and activities. It was fantastic to be able to induct you into our club.

Next week there will be no meeting in Warracknabeal but as we are the host club at RYLA, some members will be meeting at Kangaroobie on the Wednesday night. Other members might consider meeting at the Royal Hotel for a fellowship meal. (note the venue)

Have a good week,

Chris

COMING DATES
Sun 28th April  District Assembly, Ararat
Wed 3rd July    RCW Changeover

APOLOGIES / GUESTS
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**INDUCTIONS:** Christine Gumpula 4/4/2018  
**ANNIVERSARIES:** Sue & Malcolm Watts 16 April  
**BIRTHDAYS:** Lindsay Smale 8 April, Chris Hewitt 8 April, Leora Duffield 12 April

### Meeting 10 April - Reports, Inductions and Paddock to Plate weekend review

**Secretary (Sue)**
- Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) - Learn all about Rotary. See Sue and check D9780 website if you’re interested.
- Youth Exchange raffle books are out and about. Thanks to all members who bought tickets on Wednesday.

**President Elect (Tony)**
- President Elect needed by AGM in November 2019.
- Sunday 28th April -D9780 Assembly in Ararat. For all members, especially new members and board members. Register online.
- Formation of a Country Education Foundation committee underway. Tony (Chair), Chris H. (Treasurer)

**Community Service /Sheep Report(Peter)**
- Sun 14 April– 10:00am DMA BBQ at Golf Club. Sue (RCU), Helpers– Bernie, Chris H, Kelsea, Sue
- Y FEST Easter Sat. 11:30-2:30 Rotary BBQ lunch at Lions Park. Bernie, Julie, Sue, John A after 12:30. Others??
- Sheep Report– Sold 12 @$186, 4@$188. (Approx $3000) 35 left.

**Youth (John A)**
- Inbound Youth Exchange. Three families confirmed. We need a Rotarian as a counsellor, if this is to go ahead. End of April is the absolute deadline.... 4 weeks.
- RYL A-Callum Zanker and Jasmine Bull attending this coming week. We will see them at Kangarooobie.
- RYPEN– Three attending this weekend. 12-14 April. Sarah McPherson, Jayden Smith, Brooke Morrow.
Mandy Morcom

Classification: Nurse Practitioner

Mentor: Wendy Hewitt

RCW Committee: International Committee (Director: Helen Peters)

Mandy has been involved in our local community for over 30 years, both professionally and voluntarily. Mandy began her career as a nurse at Warracknabeal in 1982 and in recent years qualified to become a Nurse Practitioner, a demanding position she now holds at Rural Northwest Health, with its extra workload and responsibilities. Mandy is keen to be involved in our community and contribute in other ways, and thought that Rotary would be a good fit. Mandy is strongly committed to her family and had been actively involved in other clubs and organisations for many years while her four children were growing up. These included basketball, tennis, kindergym, netball, playgroup, kindergarten groups.

We look forward to Mandy joining our club, bringing new interests, skills, knowledge and ideas. As well as her dry sense of humour. Welcome Mandy. We hope Rotary will be inspirational and enjoyable for you in the years to come.

Megan Watts

Classification: Medical Administration

Mentor: Sue Watts

RCW Committee: Youth Committee (Director: John Aitken)

Megan is a current active member of our Rotaract Club of Warracknabeal. She is a founding member of the club that was Chartered in August 2015. Megan has held the following positions:

- Treasurer 2015/16
- President Elect 2016/17
- President/Secretary 2017/18
- Past President 2018/19
- Media Rep 2018/19
- Community C’tee 2015-2019

Megan is passionate about Humanitarian projects and local projects that assists members of our community.

Megan is currently employed full time by the Tristar Group in an administrative role, assisting practices around Australia. She is also casually employed by Ambulance Victoria as an Ambulance Community Officer.

Megan has a passion for animals and enjoys tennis, music and computers. Megan has many skills to offer our club and will be a valued member. Tonight is a club milestone as Megan is our first joint member of Rotary and Rotaract. Sue and Megan are also our club’s first Mother-Daughter concurrent Rotarians.
Paddock to Plate Success

Over 70 visitors arrived in Warracknabeal over the weekend to experience the best of our region, our country hospitality and our local produce. Organised by the Rotary Club of Warracknabeal, visitors came from the Rotary Clubs of Essendon, Wyndham, Geelong, Swan Hill, Horsham East, Nhill, Beaumaris, Belmont and Maryborough.

Friday night was an informal Pizza Night welcome, especially for our Wyndham Rotarian friends. The Warracknabeal and Wyndham clubs have had a strong 10 year relationship, initiated by Rob deVries, who now lives in Wyndham. The city club has generously donated over $5000 towards our Warracknabeal Primary School Free Breakfast program that runs every Tuesday during the school year. The clubs have regular reciprocal social visits, and it was nice to host them for this big weekend.

On Saturday more visiting Rotarians and friends joined us for guided tours of the town, the Silo Art Trail and local farms. Five busses, kindly supplied by Woodbine Inc, transported the group to the Sheep Hills and Brim Silos, the Penny, Martin and Chris Hewitt’s farms, and the impressive Wilken Grains facility. As this was the first farm visit for many, it was a real eye opener to see and learn of the complexity and high tech world that is farming today.

Ben Bentley’s eight stand shearing shed was transformed into a restaurant for the Saturday night signature event, the Paddock to Plate dinner. Over 130 people—locals and visitors—dined in the ‘rustic meets elegant’ setting for a three course meal and entertainment.

The evening began with a skilful shearing demonstration from talented young Wimmera shearers, Sean Brazendale and Josh Bone. Experienced ex-shearer and Warracknabeal wool trader, Stan Deans brought the history of the great Australian wool industry to life, as he gave a very interesting and informative commentary during the shearing.

Mayor Graeme Massey welcomed guests with an overview of the significant economic contribution of Yarriambiack Shire agricultural industries to Victoria and beyond. Rotary President Chris Hewitt, followed, describing our pride in living in this region, and our aim of the weekend to promote our place, people and produce. Rotarian farmer, Tony Gregson, briefly explained our grain/legume/sheep industry, and its positive future, and then described the menu chosen for the night.

The meal, catered by well-regarded Digby chef, Randall Scott, featured our local produce. Entrée consisted of a sharing mezze plate of largely Mediterranean flavours-tasty lamb kofta in chick pea crumb, falafel with a yoghurt dipping sauce, olives, mini quiches and damper with dukkah and olive oil. To promote Luv a Duck, the delicious hoisin duck pancakes completed the entrée.

The main meal consisted of saltbush boned lamb with chick pea, pistachio and spice stuffing, topside roast beef and gravy, jacket potatoes and salads. Dessert was an individual tangy lemon tart with wattle seed ice cream and a fruit platter.

Available from ‘The Baaaaa’, you could try Sapporo beer, which uses the high quality Wimmera barley that is favoured by the Japanese brewery. Also on offer were award-winning regional wines from Norton Estate (south west of Horsham) and Bests at Great Western.

Raffle prizes of local produce and vouchers from Country Essentials and Bentley’s Fuel, were won by our Essendon visitors—taking a bit of the Wimmera with them.

In his closing remarks, Chris Hewitt outlined the Warracknabeal Rotary Club’s ambitious plans for establishing a Country Education Foundation in Warracknabeal, the first in Victoria, and servicing our local area. Chris said “The foundation would provide grants and funds to assist local children with their post secondary education needs.”

By the end of the night, The Rotary Clubs of Wyndham and Essendon had given $2500 towards the foundation, with pledges from the other clubs present. This is a great example of the power of a large organisation like Rotary to help to make change and improve the lives of others. Plus we meet a lot of great people and have fun while doing this.

The night itself raised approximately $4000 for our club, and hailed as a great success.

Chris thanked everyone involved in organising and supporting the night. A special thank you to our sponsors—The Bentley Group, Woodbine Inc, Wimpak, Norton Estate winery, Luv a Duck.

The night finished with a lot of fellowship, laughs, conversations with new friends, and listening to the talents of John Butcher and Frosty Gunn.

P2P review: Thanks for members’ input. Overall, a very successful event. Full report at next Board meeting. Six bottles of Norton’s Rockface shiraz & 12 bottles Asahi beer for sale - see John L.