PRESIDENT’S REPORT
Thank you to all past and present Rotary Club members for making Robin McCullough’s night such wonderful and hopefully memorable night.

Sincere congratulations must be extended to Robin and Velda on your contribution to the Community. To have contributed over 10,000 hours of Community service during your forty nine years with Rotary is a remarkable achievement. You really are a true inspiration to us all! Robin is the first person in our club to receive the Royce Abbey Award and it could not have gone to a more deserving person. Robin, you have had a lasting influence on the Warracknabeal Rotary Club and I hope you understand how much it meant to your fellow Rotarians to be part of your night.

This week we have the Board meeting and Dinner at the Royal Hotel. If anyone has anything that needs to go to the Board please contact either Sue or myself, as with all that has been on in recent weeks we may have missed something.

The Kyneton Club is Visiting October 26th and 27th.
The plan for the weekend is as follows:

  Friday Night Arrive in Warracknabeal 7pm. A Pizza dinner will be provided at Chris and Glenda Hewitt’s. All member welcome.
  Saturday Breakfast Café Peppercorn at 8.30a.m. Guests and Rotarians will be leaving for Silo Tour at 10.00a.m. Lunch will be provided at Lascelles Hotel around 1.00p.m. and Afternoon tea at Mallee Sunset Gallery on way home. Dinner will be at the Creekside Hotel upon return to Warracknabeal. 6.30 – 7.00p.m.

All club members are welcome to join the group please let me know so we can include you in any catering arrangements.
Have a great week, Chris
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Reports:
- Secretary Sue Watts: Warracknabeal Arts Council AGM Invitation 25th October.
- Community Peter Martin: Great day at the Show thanks to all Rotarians and Rotaracters. $340 taken for Devonshire Teas and 338 raffle tickets sold with Ben once again capturing everyone who tried to walk by. Thanks for all who helped at the Footy Club Event on Saturday. Sheep flock shorn and wool raised around $600. There are 57 fluffy little lambs prancing around the paddocks.
- Fellowship Rob de Vries: Two good night with the Curry Night and Footy night making $600 in drink money.
- Shop Report Rob de Vries: Working bee to be held to sort out what is in stock now to tidy up and get ready for next auction. Current set up to be kept with tables and chairs set up. Back room will be the auction room.
- Treasurer Chris Gunn: Books have been audited and all ready for November AGM.

Ben Bentley - 2 Minute Talk
Funny event: Ben spoke about two incidents that could make you laugh or cry depending on your point of view. He employed a person and let him stay at a property thinking all would be well. That is until he was told that the young man had twittered to his friends that the party was to be at his place (Ben’s) and there would be no one around to find out. Second one was about how a business profit margin was going down, but the cost of purchasing wasn’t. Turns out the delivery man, after delivering the lollies, offered to take the cardboard etc for recycling and was slipping the newly delivered stock out with the cardboard and on selling for himself.
**Royce Abbey Award**

In recognition of his great commitment to Rotary the Rotary Club of Warracknabeal presented PP PHF Robin McCullough with the Royce Abbey Award on Wednesday 17th October.

*The Royce Abbey Award is available to Rotary Clubs wishing to recognise Rotarians showing enthusiasm and commitment to the Ideas of Rotary. By doing so the club contributes AUD$1,000 to the Royce and Jean Abbey Endowed Fund through the Rotary International Foundation Permanent Fund. The purpose of the Royce Abbey Award is to encourage members who have shown enthusiasm and commitment to Rotary to use their talents to further the Object of Rotary at Club, District and International level. The Rotarian would be recognised as an enthusiastic and willing participant in club activities. Nearly 300 Royce Abbey Awards have been bestowed on Rotarians both domestically and internationally.*

Royce Abbey AO DCM was President of Rotary International in 1988/89 and a member of the Rotary Club of Essendon in District 9800, Victoria, Australia, from 1954 until his passing in 2014 at age 91

DG Anthony Olsen also presented Robin McCullough with a Certificated of Achievement for his work in Rotary over the past 49 years, calculating that Robin had attended 1258 Rotary Meetings and approximately 10,000 hours of community service over that time. He also congratulated Velda and Robin for recently celebrating their 68th Anniversary, (adding that Velda had also clocked up many years as a Rotarian’s wife ensuring Robin was always supported).

PP PHF Robin McCullough—Date of Birth 27/11/1928


Robin has served Rotary in many capacities over the past 49 years.

President in 1978/79 - Director of Community Service, Director of Fellowship, served on the Youth Committee, Rotary Information Chairman, long standing Club Historian, Bulletin Editor, and is a Life Member of FAIM.

Robin has been a very active member, especially within the community, being Chief BBQ Chef for the Club on hundreds of occasions. In recent years he was instrumental in the Memorial Jack Pickering Kiosk at the Warracknabeal Showgrounds, spending many hours of manual labour ensuring the project would be a significant statement about a fellow long serving Rotarian. He also proposed to the Club the development of a Rotary Shop that could be utilised for meetings, events and selling goods donated to Rotary. He has shown a passion in the Rotary Shop, and is there most Saturday mornings organising, selling and collecting goods. This has snowballed into having auctions during the year, of which Robin manages and supervises the events (and fellow Rotarians).

The Warracknabeal Rotarians thank Robin for all your years of service to Rotary and to this Club, where you have made many friendships and have gained the respect of all members.
Back when Rob Mc joined the Rotary Club of Warracknabeal this was a very different Club, (for a start, Clem had hair).

Seriously though, things were so much more formal, or were they??

Partners nights were called “Ladies nights”

Members wore suits, ladies wore long dresses and furs.

This was still happening even when I joined all those years ago.

My first memories of Robin and Velda were of them and my parents at such functions, dress resembling more for a night out at the opera than a Rotary meeting.

Not withstanding the formality of Rotary back in Robin’s early days, I think in many ways, our Club was a lot more adventuresome way back then.

E.g. I remember the “sex change night” out at Clem Quick’s circa (1976/77). Very formal Rotarians dressed in their wives’ Sunday best, high heels hats, gloves and make up. What a pity one car with 4 Rotarians in it broke down half way out to Clem’s, so here were 4 very respectable Rotarians in drag trying to hitch a ride by lifting up their skirts.

Musical item at a Rotaract old time cabaret - 4 Rotarians stripped to the waist, large top hats resting on their shoulders covering their faces, with faces painted on their chest, while my old man dressed in tails and a gorilla head conducted them while they moved their stomachs in and out to the theme of “Bridge on the River Quai”.

Who will forget the infamous “colour TV raffle” the Club ran when colour TV first arrived. It must be the only raffle in history where the winner complained about and objected to winning first prize, (it was a black and white TV with the sides, top, screen etc painted in different colours)

And of course, the “Warracknabeal Hair Oil Newspaper”. A copy of which I’ve brought along tonight.

This is the Club that Robin was involved in, in the “early days”.

While some of the activities may have changed, Robin’s “Rotary ethic” has not, and part of the reason for me becoming part of the “two Robbies” in the shop was that he was going to wear out our members who were trying to keep up with him, or do himself an injury by trying to do too much.

At first, I wasn’t sure if I was welcome, however once we had sold our ford ute he seemed to warm to me.

In a 2-minute talk to our club several years ago on the topic of “who is your Rotary Hero” one name to me was obvious, and that was Robin.

As Chairman of Fellowship, or as I prefer to call it the Fellowshop Committee, it has been a wonderful experience spending each Saturday morning down the shop with Robin and the gang, (admittingly having Glenda’s scones & chocolate cake, Pam’s pikeletes and Joan’s slice does help) it has not only been a wonderful opportunity to get to know your fellow Rotarians and their families, but more importantly to get to know our community and make them aware of the work rotary does, and this would not have been possible without some hairbrained idea that some “old fart Rotarian” had, and that Rotarian was Robin McCullough.