PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Firstly, a big thank you to every one for all your hard work on Australia day. The Australia Day celebrations are our Club’s biggest project and it is an inspirational activity in our community. Special thanks to the organizing Committee, but also to all past and present members of the club, Rotoract and friends of Rotary. It was a real team effort and extremely well organised and executed.

Congratulations to all the award recipients. It’s great to hear of all the hard work they are doing in support of our community.

I know that Ian had a lot of trouble finding a guest speaker this year but he found a real gem in Rob Spicer. Rob’s life story from his Childhood in Warracknabeal to captaining some of the largest ships in the world was amazing and inspiring.

Finally happy Golden wedding anniversary Lorraine and Ian.

Have a great week

Chris

COMING DATES

Fri 22nd—Sun 24 Mar  D9780 Conference, Maryborough
Sat. 6th April  Paddock to Plate Dinner

APOLOGIES / GUESTS

Jean Wise
By lunchtime Tuesday
0487 159 242
or email to
wbealbulletin@gmail.com

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**INDUCTIONS:** Jean Wise 3/2/1999—20 years. Congratulations and thank you jean.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Malcolm Watts 25 Jan, Christine Gunn 26 Jan, Sue Watts 30 Jan.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** John & Robin Liersch 22 Jan, Ray & Leora Duffield 28 Jan, Ian & Lorraine Penny 1 Feb (50 yrs), Graham & Marion Adinsall 2 Feb.

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**Bowel Scan Program MAY 2019**

Thanks to Julie for taking over the important BowelScan program from PP Lindsay Smale.

150 kits and 1,000 pamphlets have been ordered by Lindsay Smale. Wendy will collect these at the district Conference. Kits will be delivered to Warracknabeal Pharmacy in early April and will be sold for $15ea.

In 2018, this Multi District Program produced 2,666 positives from 16,685 tested. The Rotary Club of Warracknabeal sold 134 kits and there were positives recorded. The people concerned were detected early therefore the condition could be treated more successfully.
COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT—Jean Wise

- Raffle tickets have all been sold, so thank you to all members for your efforts. This is a big fundraiser for our club. The tickets have been delivered in Ballarat …. and we now just wait for one of us to be a winner of a new car :)

PRESIDENT’S REPORT—Chris Hewitt

- Mental Health project. Last year, our club worked in partnership with RNH and the Warrack Eagles Football Netball Club to run a very successful Community Health Night. There is a real concern about the lack of mental health services in our region and our needs are gradually being recognized by government. As a result, RNH and the Royal Flying Doctor’s Service have been funded to secure the services of two full time mental health care workers for the Warracknabeal, Hopetoun and Boort communities. Great news. More information to come.

- DG Anthony Olsen had indicated that there is money available to clubs in our district for drought relief but if we want to look into mental health programs etc, we will need to apply for it.

SECRETARY’S REPORT—Sue Watts

- The Rotary Club of Nhill invited our members to their meeting on 30 Jan to hear about the Clean Water Project in Burma. Tony went along and may give a report next meeting.

- We received a thank you card from Velda McCullough and family after the passing of our esteemed member, Robin.

- SES are celebrating 40 years of service in Warracknabeal and district. We have been invited to join their celebration at Anzac Park Community Centre on Saturday 23rd March. The two course meal will cost $35pp. RSVP is Fri 15 Feb. Please let Sue know if you’re interested in going.

- Ten new RCW banners have been purchased. Laura took eight with her to give to clubs that she visits.

- Board has moved that the club subsidises the cost of four Rotaractors to attend this year’s Rotaract Conference in Adelaide. ($1400)

- Board has also moved that the Rotaract Club can use the Rotary Shop for their meetings.

- Thank you to Jean for submitting a Shire grant application to help with Aust Day costs. We received $400.

YOUTH REPORT—John Aitken

- WPS Breakfast starts on Tues 12 Feb.

Chris Gunn- TWO MINUTE TALK—Something interesting/funny that happened at work…..

There’s not a lot of humour in the day to day routine of data collection in a hospital. But sometimes the drive to work can be interesting...like the time I was passing the River Heights driveways just on the outskirts of Horsham on rubbish collection day. It’s a long way to take your bins up your driveway when you live well back from the highway. One resident had an ingenious method to overcome this. He would connect his bin to his tow pull on his car and drive it to the corner! However on this one day he forgot about the bin being connected and just proceeded to drive into town—bin clunking behind. Chris followed at a distance and wondered how he would reply to his wife when asked that evening…. “Did you put the bins out, dear” ?
Hallo all,

I am nearly two weeks into my exchange and I’m having an absolutely amazing time. I celebrated a pretty cold Australia Day complete with homemade lamingtons made by my amazing host Dad, and an inflatable kangaroo. I conned my host parents into trying Vegemite and the results were as expected!

I have started school and am still adapting to the norms of a German school which is very ‘old school’ with chalkboards and old fashioned pen and paper in every class, which for me, who has only ever received and submitted assignments over Edmodo (ie. electronically) is a pretty big switch. Though, I will say that one thing I am really liking about German school is that, although I have to wake up early to get to school by 7:55, school finishes at 1:00 which leaves me an entire afternoon to do as I please. Currently that is cramming German grammar and vocabulary, so I can at least know what subject is being taught to me! I’m starting to make friends at school and have completely settled within my host family.

Although I don’t feel that confident speaking German, I am able to read aloud with little difficulty but zero fluency. I am able to understand small words in conversation like the whos and whys and have a small vocabulary of just general words such as Papagei (parrot), Spiegel (mirror) and my Subway order. (For anyone wondering, Subway smells exactly the same over here)

I start a language course this week and am being placed in a Year 5 German class until I have some fluency.

I’m loving Germany and cannot wait for it to warm up a little so I can see a bit more of it.

Bye for now,
Laura.