PRESIDENT’S REPORT
Thank you Bernie for organizing a very interesting Vocational night. You wouldn’t expect to find such an amazing story tucked away in a small shop in the main street of Warracknabeal. Well done Joel for your drive and entrepreneurial skills.

The Paddock to Plate committee met and the invitations are on the way to other clubs. Our resident ‘Master Chef’, John Aitken is working on the Menu and we will then start sourcing the local ingredients.

Next Sunday we have a meeting in Ballarat for the RYLA camp. Warracknabeal is the host club this year and to date we do not have any local attendees. If anyone knows of any young person aged between 18 and 25 who may be interested in attending, please contact John Aitken.

This week we have Wendy Cohen CEO of the Country Education Foundation as our guest speaker so it would be a good night to invite some guests along.

Have a good 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

NEXT WPS BREAKFAST
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**NO INDUCTIONS: BIRTHDAYS: ANNIVERSARIES:**

**Have you heard the news?**

**MELBOURNE** has been selected as the host city for RI Convention 2023. Our own PDG Steven Lamont is on the Host Organisation Committee, and one of his roles is to organise the volunteers (recruitment and training) .... so save the date in your diary so you can be part of this great event - **May 27-31 2023.**

**Feb 6 Vocational Visit**

Members and guests enjoyed an informative evening when they visited **Loud Signs** and **Menace Toys**, two of the newest businesses in town. Owned and managed by an entrepreneurial young couple, Joel and Jo Clark, these businesses are offering a new range of goods and services ... and doing well.

Joel left school and Warracknabeal when 16, worked in printing for 10 years, then returned home to Warracknabeal with his young family about four years ago. After completing a two year apprenticeship at the Herald, Joel set out to establish his own digital printing business. He now operates a $65,000 printer, has shops in other towns and is very keen to expand his business. If you’ve noticed a new sign around the region, it has probably been done by Joel. He does tarps, cars, trucks, t shirts, windows, vinyl wraps on cars, road side signs, honour boards and more and on any surface. Anything that can be done in Melbourne, can be done here. (He just can’t do tattoos!) Jo Clark owns Menace Toys next door. With her background in graphics, Jo has built up a jewellery, clothing and fabric business, with over 60 stockists in Australia and overseas for her products. Joel also has the Australia Post delivery contract! Congratulations Joel and Jo!
REPORTS

VOCATIONAL SERVICE (Bernie)

- Wed 1 May – Interview with local business Foodworks’ new owner: Amit Gupta

YOUTH (John A)

- We have been offered to exchange a German boy from July 2019 – June 2020. We need four families and Wendy James has already found one definite family and one interested, from our community. We need a Rotary family and a Rotarian to be the counsellor.
- RYLA – We don’t have anyone at the moment, so please John ASAP if you have any suggestions. Our club is hosting RYLA this year, so a participant would be good.
- RYPEN dates – 12-14 April. 14-17 yo. Forms due March 22, 2019. (See Feb DG Newsletter)
- No WPS breakfast this week.

PRESIDENT-ELECT and PROGRAMS (Tony)

- We still need someone to put up their hand for the President Elect position for next year.
- I recently visited RC Nhill to learn about the Sky Hydrant Water Project in Burma. This very successful project is for the Karen communities there who have very limited access to clean water.
- This coming week we will be hearing from the NSW Country Education Foundation CEO. This could be a very worthwhile project to establish here, so invitations to the evening have gone out to local principals and our shire CEO, Jessie Holmes.

AUSTRALIA DAY (Ian)

- Thank you to all Rotarians, partners and friends who worked hard to help make it another successful Australia Day.
- Extra special thank yous to Leora (catering), John L (BBQ), Ray (sound), Rotaractors (entertainment), Phil Lienert (getting a plane), musicians, guides and scouts., David Ward and the Herald (media coverage).
- Thanks to the Australia Day committee who worked many tireless hours preparing for this event – it was once again a pleasure to work with you. Thanks to Wendy for organising the Australia Day Honour Board, which will feature prominently in the Community Centre, recognising the outstanding achievements and contributions of Warracknabeal and district people. Thanks to John A and the judging panel – a difficult task! I believe they chose well as all were worthy of their awards.
- The crowd was slightly down on previous years, maybe influenced by the extreme hot weather leading up to the day and the fact that Monday was a public holiday. Many reported though that guest speaker Rob Spicer was an excellent choice.
- The committee will be having a debrief meeting soon. Any ideas or comments to Ian.

Paddock to Plate (Wendy) Sat April 6

Committee: Wendy, Chris H, Tony, Helen, Chris G, Bernie, Peter, John A, Ben, Jack.

Purpose: Promoting our local produce and country hospitality, especially to city Rotary clubs that we have built relationships with.

Venue: Ben’s Shearing Shed. Capacity: 120

Invitations – ‘Keep the Date’ emails sent to local Rotary clubs, DG, RC Wyndham, Essendon, Doncaster, Kyneton, Geelong East.

Cost – Approx $60 plus drinks

Chef: Randall Scott

Accommodation – Motels. RC Wyndham looking for billets. (At least 5 couples)

Other weekend activities: Farm tours, silo tours
Two minute Talk–Something interesting or funny that happened at work.

CHRISTINE GUMPULA

I arrived in Australia in 2013, and while I was a fluent speaker of English, I wasn't prepared for the many new Aussie terms I was about to encounter. Here's one example.

When starting work at Woodbine I carefully studied the Work Diary where the Rules for Employees were clearly outlined. I didn’t want to make mistakes.

Then I came across the words... SLIP, SLOP, SLAP. Oh no, what does that mean? I don’t think I really should be slapping someone in my work place!!! I was confused and VERY worried about the potential for an early INCIDENT REPORT on me.

I was relieved to learn about the Anti Cancer Council promotion ... and it just

From the Secretary:

A RAWCS project has been set up for donations to aid people affected by the North Queensland floods.

The disastrous flooding in North Queensland has left many families in need of assistance for their recovery. The appeal is designed to help those families and individuals whose needs are not covered by government assistance or insurance.

The sponsor club is the Rotary Club of Townsville South West (District 9550). RAWCS chair for District 9550 is PDG Robert Tardiani. (m. 0408 874 20)

Donations can be made via the RAWCS Home Page. When you open the page, click on the donate button and the donation form comes up on your screen with all the relevant details. Thank you.

Regards to everyone, Noel Howard (m. 0439 311 053)

RCBS Community Assistance Raffle 2018/19

Results

The draw for the RCBS Community Assistance Raffle was held at the Ballarat Market (Ballarat Show Grounds) on Sunday, February 10th at 12:30 pm. Mayor of Ballarat, Samantha McIntosh drew the winning tickets:

1st Prize:  A. McKinnon. Ticket no: 011357.
This ticket was sold by Burrumbeet Soldiers Memorial Hall.
2nd Prize:  F. Lidgett. Ticket no: 077506
This ticket was sold by Myrniong Fire Brigade.

Congratulations to the winners.

Thanks to Ballarat Mazda for their support of this Raffle.

There were 106 clubs who sold 102,006 tickets in the Raffle, earning for themselves $163,209.60 to support their local projects. Thank you to all those who purchased tickets in the RCBS community Assistance Raffle this year.