

# The Warracknabeal Bulletin



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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This week has been quite a busy one with much happening in the Rotary world.

With the RYLA camp, Paddock to Plate, a potential incoming Exchange Student and meetings, there has been much to think about. I do appreciate all the support I receive from everyone.

The presentation by Wendy Cohen from the Country Education foundation on Wednesday evening, certainly provided the club with 'food for thought' about how we can best utilise the opportunity she highlighted to support our youth in their study pathways. This project certainly fits in with Rotary values and how Warracknabeal Rotary Club perceives its role in the Community.

On Saturday I attended a meeting of the RYLA committee in Ballarat with Rob, Pam and Sue. As you are aware Warracknabeal is the host club this year, which means that we are expected to conduct a meeting on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> April at the camp which is situated in Kangarooie.

More RYLA participants are needed and so we have until the 31<sup>st</sup> of March to try and find a participant from Warracknabeal. Please have a think about this and give any suggestions of possible young people between the ages of 18 and 25 who may be interested, to John Aitken or myself as soon as possible.

At the upcoming Board meeting this week we will be discussing all of these issues as well as the opportunity for the Club to host and incoming exchange student. Your feedback will be sought and appreciated.

Have a great week

Chris



Club Meets:

Creekside Hotel

Scott Street, Warracknabeal

Unless otherwise noted

Contact Jean to confirm venue

Wednesdays

6.00 for 6.30 p.m.

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## APOLOGIES / GUESTS

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## NEXT WPS BREAKFAST

Tuesday 19th Feb

John Aitken (Pick-up)

John Tonkin

Tony Gregson



## COMING DATES

Fri 22nd—Sun 24 Mar

D9780 Conference, Maryborough

Sat. 6th April

Paddock to Plate Dinner

DUTIES	Wednesday 20th February 2019	Wednesday 27th February 2019	Wednesday 6th March 2019
Venue	6-6:30pm <b>Fellowship Meal at the Royal Hotel</b>	Creekside hotel	Creekside hotel
Time		6 for 6:30pm	6 for 6:30pm
Reception/Visitors		Ben Bentley	Julie O'Brien
Chairman		Christine Gumpula	John Liersch
Invocation		Helen Peters	John Aitken
Heads & Tails		Jean Wise	Chris Hewitt
Two Minute Talk <i>"Something funny/interesting happened at work"</i>		7:30 <b>Board Meeting at the Rotary Shop</b>	Ian Penny
Program		Graham Soawyer NBN Co	Royal Flying Doctor Service New local Mental Health Services
Vote of Thanks		Sue Watts	Chris Gunn
<b>INDUCTIONS: -</b> <b>BIRTHDAYS: Ron O'Brien 20 Feb.</b> <b>ANNIVERSARIES: -</b>			

### Meeting 13 Feb 2019

Guests: Wendy Cohen, Jessie Holmes, Therese Allen, Casey Phelan, Louisa Ferrier, John Richmond.

#### REPORTS

#### **PRESIDENT CHRIS**

**RYPEN is back** in action for our district. Adekate Lodge in Creswick. April 12-14. 15-17yo. Target group: Students who may not be in leadership positions but who exhibit the qualities of compassion, concern and commitment to community well-being– they often are the quiet achievers. See the latest DG News for more details, and see John Aitken if you know any young people who might benefit from this experience.

**DG Anthony's Challenge** leading up to the District Conference is **GET ACTIVE**. Knowing the multiple benefits of being active, for everyone, Anthony challenges all Rotarians to 'Be The Inspiration' – to their families and communities by getting more active & record their efforts from .

Wendy would love to collect our data. **Every member's total activity time over the period from March 14th and 6pm March 22nd is tallied, then divided by club member numbers. It's a bit of fun and it's also good for us :)**



## YOUTH ( John Aitken)

Inbound Exchange student from Germany. July 2019. We need more families so please ask around. One rotary family would be ideal.

## CLUB SERVICE (Tony Gregson)

After my recent attendance at the D9780 Grants Seminar in Geelong, our club is now qualified to apply for District and Global Grants.

The Wimmera Science and Engineering Challenge is on again, after its success in 2018. The date is 5 Aug. and we hope WSC students are keen to get involved again. We know John A, Tony and John T are excited!

## PADDOCK to PLATE (Wendy Hewitt) Ben's Shearing Shed. Sat 6 April. 6-10pm

Tony has sent out Keep The Date emails to Rotary Clubs (Horsham, Horsham East, Nhill, Wyndham, Doncaster, Geelong East, Kyneton, Essendon), and DG Anthony, DGE Rosanne, Emma Kealy MLA, Jessie Holmes & our shepherds.

The Committee is meeting each week, next week at 7pm before the Board Meeting. If you have any ideas, please see Chris H, Chris G, Sue, Tony, John A, Jack, Bernie, Helen, Ben, Peter, Wendy. Full report next meeting.

## Country Education Foundation of Australia —Wendy Cohen, CEO (cef.org.au)

Wendy travelled from Orange, NSW, on Wednesday to address Rotarians, partners and key people in local government, community groups and secondary education. Guests included Shire CEO, Jessie Holmes, WSC Principal Therese Allen, WSC Acting Assistant Principal, Casey Phelan, Birchip P-12 Principal John Richmond and Birchip Cropping Group Engagement & Services Manager, Louisa Ferrier.

The idea of a CEF started in Boorowa, NSW, 25 years ago when a group of community members came together to raise funds for students who couldn't afford post-school training or further education. The idea soon spread and now there are 44 local education foundations run by more than 400 volunteers around Australia- but none in Victoria. Funding from the private sector, individual donations and corporate, philanthropic and educational partners, and bank interest have enabled the CEF to financially support nearly 5000 students with over \$9 million worth of grants and scholarships.

Young people from rural and remote Australia face barriers and obstacles in being able to access further education, creating significant disparity between aspiration and opportunity.

"Your postcode shouldn't determine if and where you can go for further education, or limit the career path you take" said Wendy.

The Rotary Club of Warracknabeal is very keen to drive the establishment of such a foundation in our region, as our young people face many of the same obstacles and barriers that Wendy identified as common in rural areas. It makes sense to follow a successful model. Through associating with the CEF any new Foundation has access to assistance with governance, policies, practices and strategies for volunteers. It is a registered Not for Profit charity with Tax Deductible Gift status. The high success rate of CEF recipients completing course and finding employment in chosen fields, together with the steady growth of the CEF, are more reasons for thinking seriously about this model for our area. Thanks to President Chris for initiating the vision after being offered support for drought relief from several Rotary sources. And thanks to Tony, through his contact with CFE Ambassador, Tim Fisher AC, for following up this concept



and securing Wendy to speak at our meeting.

*"An investment in education gives the best returns"*

*Benjamin Franklin*



**TONY GREGSON– Two Minute Talk. “Something interesting/funny that happened at work.”**

Back in 1979 I was a Professor of Chemistry at the University of North Carolina, living in the university town of Chapel Hill.

I remember clearly one memorable class. My students were sitting an important exam, when there was a suspicious bomb scare followed by evacuation. I reset the date of the next exam, but didn't let the students know the date. No bomb scare then.

While living in the US, I was absolutely astounded at the almost non-existent knowledge of Americans about Australia and the lack of news about Australia in the media. I remember only hearing about Australia TWICE in the news.

1. In 1979, NASA's premier space station, Skylab, plummeted out of orbit and crashed to earth, with parts scattered around WA.
2. Famous actress Merle Oberon died. The US reported that she hailed from a small island just off the coast of Australia, called Tasmania. Tony's wife, Jane (a Tasmanian) was incensed!

**From the Secretary:**



**CELEBRATE Earth Day on Monday 22nd April. Will we take part?** The theme is “Protect Our Species”... There are ideas for things our club and members might do on the D9780 facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/D9780PPE/> and for more information visit <https://www.earthday.org/campaigns/endangered-species/earthday2019/>. There will be a display table at the district conference too from the Rotary Preserve Planet Earth committee.

**Kerang Rotary Art Show.** If you're travelling that way over Easter, and if you get your paints out now you can knock up an entry. More info on the latest DG News .



**There's still time to register....be inspired!**

**Visit the website for more information and registration** [rotary9780conference.com.au](http://rotary9780conference.com.au)

- *Entertaining, thought provoking, networking, interesting.....*
- *Great speakers– local, national and international..... Including our own Johanna Parker ( deVries)*
- *What are other Rotary clubs doing? RI displays.*
- *Social events: Conference Dinner, Golf, discovering Maryborough, Partner's trips.*
- *See our club get the prize.... For the Winner of The Great Inter-club Exercise Challenge. :)*

**So far the following members and partners are booked in for accommodation in Maryborough.**

**Chris, Glenda, Sue, Helen, Wendy, Robin, John, Marie and Tony. (Anyone else will need to organise their own accommodation.)**

**Don't forget to register.....**

**The theme for the conference dinner is Gold Rush and it always adds to the night when lots of people dress up....as we always do :)So we will need someone to coordinate our themed outfits. Any volunteers?**