PRESIDENT’S REPORT

It was great to see so many Rotarians at the Royal Hotel before the board meeting.

Rob is advising the Wyndham club that we are unable to come down for our return visit on the weekend of the 24th of August. It came as a surprise to us that the Wyndham Club were expecting us then, as Rob was unaware that they were expecting us to come.

It’s a shame we couldn’t get enough numbers to go as our last visit was a lot of fun. Thank you to those who helped with the school breakfast again on Tuesday morning. It is still creating much interest in the community and a number of people have offered to help who are not Rotarians.

As some of you may be aware, a partnership has been formed between Rotary Australia, Channel 9 and the National Farmers’ Federation to help our drought-stricken farmers. A fundraising appeal was launched on Channel 9’s Today show, on Thursday.

It seems finally the public has realised there is a crisis in a large area of NSW and QLD. Families on the land are suffering and they need help. Channel 9 and Rotary Australia have partnered with the National Farmers’ Federation, launching an appeal to big business and everyday Australians, so we can provide some emergency relief. 100% of donations go to the farmers and is tax deductible via Rotary and RAWCS.


The RAWCS website home page has the link also: http://rawcs.org.au/

Our District 9780 is looking at what support we may be able to give Anthony has been in contact with me but we are still unsure about what our season may bring.

On a happier note we did get 11mm of rain on Friday. Thank you to all the directors for their reports. They will be given at club assembly this week. There are some get ideas and we will have a full year of activities. Have a great week Chris.

APOLOGIES / GUESTS

Jean Wise
By lunchtime Tuesday
0487 159 242
or email to wbealbulletin@gmail.com
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**Wedding Anniversary:** Ben & Joan Bentley 30th July

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**Rotary info ....**

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30 July 2019

To every 2019/20 Club President

We are making a real difference in the area of mental illness research. That's us, Australian Rotarians, through Australian Rotary Health and our Lift the Lid campaign.

While wishing you well in this year leading your Club, I ask you to go to our website and see what wonderful research work is being done through ARH. With your successor and Club members, get involved and for at least the next few years, make Australian Rotary Health part of your Club’s focus.

There are more and more charitable calls on our clubs each year, we know that, but also know that ARH is a great Australian Rotary program which has saved tens of thousands of lives since 1981, from the death through to better mental health outcomes.

To those whose Clubs are already heavily involved, as Chairman I thank you on behalf of our Board of nine and our staff of seven. To those who have let ARH drop from your radar, I invite you to see what wonderful work is being done, from mental illness research to our Indigenous health scholarships.

Lift the Lid on Mental Illness is our national campaign which will be promoted to the general public in September and particularly October, mental health month. Adopt a Scientist is our new corporate and social media initiative encouraging public involvement in any of nine areas of mental illness research. Again, go on line and see what it’s all about.

Why is mental illness prevention so important? When nearly one in two Australians suffer from a mental illness in their lifetime, half by the age of 14, and that more work hours are lost through mental illness than for any other reason, these statistics must not be ignored. Rotary is one of few organisations that can really change this in the future. Please encourage every one of your members to help us create through research a mentally healthier, happier Australia.

Warmest wishes for your year of leadership,

Gregory Ross
Chairman