PRESIDENT’S REPORT
It was good to be back in the tent at the Creekside for last week’s meeting. The atmosphere seems so much more conducive to easier communication and fellowship, with many people staying after the meeting to chat.
Our guest speaker for the evening, Emma Kealy, was inspirational and her ‘down-to-earth’ practical approach to politics was encouraging to hear. Her generosity with her time was also much appreciated as she was driving herself back to Melbourne after the meeting. Many thanks to Tony for organising Emma’s visit.
I have been contacted by Marg from the Rotary Club of Kyneton. They are hoping to come up for their silo visit on the weekend of the 27th-28th October. We will be looking for billets for that weekend so will keep you informed.
Many thanks to Leo Casey for his continued commitment to the upkeep of Rotary Park. He has also sprayed the Rotary corner at the end of Scott Street.
I am just heading out to the Auction now. Hope everything sells well. Have a great week.
Chris

COMING DATES
Saturday 25th August
Sheep Chasing
Tuesday 4th September
Stan Deans’ 50 Yrs in Rotary celebration in Geelong
Thursday 11th October
Warracknabeal Show
Sat 27th– Sun 28th October
RC Kyneton visit

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

BREAKFAST 2018
21st August
No breakfast due to school sports

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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Membership Fees are now due for 2018/2019
Fees are $210.00 p.a.
They can be direct deposited
Acc. Name:
Rotary Club of Warracknabeal
Bank: CBA BSB: 063 544
Account No: 1002 1494
Note Surname / Invoice Number when paying via bank transfer
See Treasurer if you wish to pay in instalments.
DUTIES

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No birthdays, anniversaries or inductions this week.

GUEST SPEAKER: Emma Kealy MP.

Emma is our local member for Lowan and is currently the Shadow Minister for County Health, Women and Senior Victorians. Emma’s family is the sixth generation of farmers in the Apsley/Edenhope area. Her country upbringing has instilled in her the importance of building relationships with everyone in the community and this understanding has been crucial throughout her career. After graduating from University with a Biomedical Science degree, Emma worked in Pathology Labs in the Northern Territory health system. A person to take opportunities when they arise, Emma moved on to become Regional Manager for Health Scope and worked to ensure that fairness and quality in health services was available to rural and remote communities. Emma returned south to work in Hamilton at the health service, where her focus was to improve the journey of patients, with an emphasis on using new technologies such as video conferencing and digital theatres. When she took on the very rewarding role of CEO in her home town health service in Edenhope, Emma continued to be innovative and focus on local needs. Emma entered politics in 2014 and has learned much about the processes of politics... the nomination process, elections, parliamentary protocol, working with the media, the grandstanding of some politicians and the frustrations of short term politics. The next election is in November and Emma was questioned about being in a very safe seat, to which she replied “Never take your position for granted”.

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TWO MINUTE TALK: Bernie O’Connor

Bernie was asked recently to talk at a Warrack Eagles Football/Netball function and when looking around at the crowd, he noticed how many people he knew because of their connection to Woodbine. Bernie’s two minute talk reflected on that observation. He talked about connections in a small community, and as an example highlighted just how many crossover connections there were between Woodbine and the community. For instance, there are 11 businesses in Warracknabeal that are related to Woodbine—Country Essentials, the Laundromat, Craftworks, catering, gardening are some. The Rotary Club, with 19 members, has seven members with a direct relationship with Woodbine. Going by the 2016 census figures, nearly one in eight people in Warracknabeal work for a Woodbine enterprise. And the connections continue. Bernie and the whole Woodbine community should be rightly proud of the genuine contribution that Woodbine makes to our community.

SHOP REPORT: Sat 18th August Auction

It was quite a successful auction, with numbers up and quite a few bargains were to be had. Just when it was looking like an average income from the day, one customer came along and boosted the overall takings to $723. A Rotarian from Camperdown also popped in for a look and was impressed with our venture. Thanks to everyone who came and helped on the day. The event was further enhanced by the presentation of a delicious chocolate cake made by the President’s wife who has now been seconded as an honorary member of the Fellowship Committee. Thank you Glenda! Our shop rent is now up to date or in credit so things are all set for another successful year of fellowship and fundraising. At our recent meeting, the required funds were unlocked from the safe by Rob deV and then payment was witnessed by all present. Landlord, Ben Bentley, then generously donated the $ to President Chris.

Bulletin Editor: A BIG thank you to Past Editor, Jean Wise, for doing the first six bulletins for this Rotary year while I was away, and then spending time with me to go through the ropes. Such patience Jean! You are a saint. Thank you :) Wendy