PRESIDENT’S REPORT

It was extremely interesting to hear our exchange student Laura Daniel make her presentation last Wednesday evening. Thank you Laura for your presentation you did a great job and I am sure you will represent the Warracknabeal Rotary Club with enthusiasm and pride on your youth exchange to Germany. We look forward to hearing about your adventure next year. Thanks must also go to Ian and Lorraine Penny for helping Laura and her family through this preparation process.

We would also like welcome Jack Daniel and his partner Nat to the Club. Jack’s counsellor is Tony G and Jack will join the Fellowship Committee. With Jack’s induction into the club, we look forward to the future as we start to rebuild our membership base.

Wednesday night’s dinner meeting will be as per normal at the Creekside, and our last meeting for the year will be a Christmas celebration on Sunday 16th December at our place.

Please keep the Smale family in your thoughts over this Christmas Period.

Have a good week.

Chris.

COMING DATES

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Christmas Dinner. Once again the Clayton family have generously offered to provide a Christmas Luncheon at the Community Centre for anyone in town who may be alone on Christmas Day. If you know of anyone who may be interested please see Sec Sue for details.

EMAIL SPAM BEWARE!!!

In recent weeks several members have received Spam emails claiming to be from an unknown Rotarian. Don’t open these emails!!!
On Wednesday, Laura presented the powerpoint that she will use to introduce herself, our club and our country to her host club in Germany when she arrives in January. The comprehensive summary included her family, her interests, Warracknabeal, Australian geography, history, culture, sport, flora & fauna and the projects of our Rotary Club. Lots of pictures brought the presentation to life. Well done Laura. Laura also told us a little about the small village of Ottersheim bei Landau and her first host family. While she has been teaching herself some German, Laura will attend language classes on arrival in Germany. President Chris officially presented Laura with her Exchange jacket, together with a range of small Aussie items to exchange with other students, to adorn their jackets. Laura spoke with pride about her family, her country and our club. We know she will be a great ambassador and we will be here to support her. Asked whether she had the same feeling about exchange now as she did at the start, Laura replied. “At first I was mainly interested in learning a new language, but now, after learning more about the exchange I’m looking forward to learning so much more about different cultures and meeting people from around the world.”

_Beste wünsche und haben eine tolle Zeit Laura._ (Best wishes and have a great time Laura)
YOUTH REPORT (John Aitken)

The final BIG BREAKY is on Dec 11th and some more helpers will be needed for the morning so please see John A and put the date in your diary if you can help.

On Dec 18th we will be presenting two $250 awards at the WSC Presentation Night. Both awards will support worthy year 11 students as they prepare for year 12 studies. Nicole Stewart, Careers Advisor at the Secondary College, was at Wednesday’s meeting and thanked the Rotary Club for the many ways we support the students.

Names for the 2019 RYLA program are now being called for. Please pass the word around your networks. The age group is 18-25. See John A if you have any ideas.

Please contact John A if you can help at the BIG BREAKY this Tuesday.... We need about 5 workers.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE (Bernie O’Connor)

I have organised a Vocational Visit to Joel Clark’s thriving new business LOUD SIGNS on Feb 6th.

AUSTRALIA DAY REPORT (Ian Penny)

With fewer members to run the day, we would really appreciate help from all available members. Please let Ian or Wendy know if you know you won’t be there, so that we know how many more helpers we’ll need.

FELLOWSHIP (John Liersch)

Names were taken last week for the Christmas Party. If you weren’t at Rotary, please let John Liersch know your intentions ASAP so that catering can be organised.

CLUB SERVICE / PRESIDENT ELECT (Tony Gregson)

I’m still looking for a President Elect.

Sgt Kylie Newell is our guest speaker this coming Wednesday. Consider inviting a guest to come along.

I’ve been in contact with Tim Fischer, Ambassador of the very successful Country Education Foundation in NSW, with a view to establish something similar in Victoria, and centred in Warracknabeal. The fund supports the further education, career and personal development opportunities of rural youth, especially those students who can’t afford post-school training or further education. This is a significant need in our community and several city Rotary clubs want to support us, so it’s a great opportunity for us to be proactive and get something established.

JEAN WISE — TWO MINUTE TALK– SOMETHING INTERESTING IN MY WORKING LIFE

I arrived in Australia from England when I was 14, and was allowed to leave school...so five days later my working life started. Over the years I had many jobs, often taken to places because my family moved. This provided a varied and rewarding life including sales assistant, book keeping, cloth making factory, food retail, TAB agency, Golf Course and finally the Warracknabeal Library. My tip for job seekers... Just go for it and take on whatever comes your way. You just need the power within you to get on with it.

CONGRATULATIONS ELLIE

Remember Bernie and Karen’s daughter, Ellie and her inspirational presentation last year? Well Ellie continues with her success as she was recently offered the position of Registrar in her first year at Ballarat Health Services as well as being a finalist in the 2018 Intern Professionalism Awards.
NOMINATION FORM

Criteria for all categories:
• Nominee must have a strong connection to Warracknabeal and district.
• Past winners can be nominated. Previous citation achievements can’t be included.
• Nominee must have significant achievement and/or contribution to the community
• Nominees may be chosen for involvement in several organisations

Categories (please circle)
1. **Citizen of the Year** (A person living within Warracknabeal and district).
2. **Young Achiever of the Year** (Aged (25 years and under as of 26. 01.19)
3. **Sports Person of the Year** (contribution/achievement as a player, coach &/or administrator)

NOMINATION: ____________________ Contact number: ____________________

NOMINATED BY:__________________ Contact numbers: ____________________

Other people who may be contacted for further information about nominee:

Name: ________________ Position: ________________ contact ph. ____________

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Citation

Please use more space than provided here. Expected length is around one page and computer-generated is preferred. Consider collaboration with other organisations to get the most complete citation. Please note: These are Warracknabeal and district awards. The Shire also has similar awards that you can nominate for as well - giving a double chance to be recognized.

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NOMINATIONS CLOSE: Friday 7th December 2018. Please forward to

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