

The Warracknabeal Bulletin



Rotary



Club of Warracknabeal

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It was great to see a good crowd of members, partners, Rotaractors and guests on Wednesday night. Our guest speaker, Leading Senior Constable Linda McLennan, from Horsham police, talked about her career as well as the 100 year history of women in policing in Victoria. Our local officer, Sgt Kylie Newell also came along and answered questions from the floor.

Thanks to Rotaract PP Megan Watts for her report of the club's activities in the first six months of this Rotaract year. The Club is to be congratulated for doing so much in our community, and is really increasing its profile and presence.

Several Rotarians and partners gathered at the Shop on Saturday. The front room has been cleared and goods in the back room have been reorganised. The shop is ready for meetings and the functioning and future of the shop will be discussed in the new year.

Thanks to Rob and Pam for returning to help out. Rob also brought 20 Care Packs of personal items, which have been donated by the RC Wyndham. They will be given to Naomi Malcolm for distribution before Christmas to families in need. Thanks again to our Wyndham friends.

I look forward to seeing you at our Christmas Party on Sunday. And if you can't join us, I hope you and your family have a Happy Christmas.

Chris



Club Meets:

Creekside Hotel

Scott Street, Warracknabeal

Unless otherwise noted

Contact Jean to confirm venue

Wednesdays

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COMING DATES

Tues 18th December WSC Presentation Night. Two Rotary Awards presented

Tues 8th Jan 2019 11.30 am—Men's Probus BBQ Lunch—Boat Ramp

Wed 9th Jan 2019 Breakfast Meeting – Café Pharmacino

Christmas Lunch . 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 contact Sec Sue for details.

ROTARY SHOP WORKING BEE

and MEETING

This Saturday morning

10-10:30am.

Everyone welcomed

DUTIES	Sunday 16th December 2018	Wednesday 9th January 2019	Wednesday 13th January 2019
Venue	Chris & Glenda Hewitt's 17 The Avenue, WBeal	Café Pharmacino	6-6:30pm Fellowship meal at the Royal Mail Hotel
Time	6 for 6.30 pm	7 for 7:30am	
Reception/Visitors	 CHRISTMAS PARTY	Welcome back Breakfast	7:30pm Board meeting at the Rotary Shop
Chairman			
Invocation			
Heads & Tails			
Two Minute Talk <i>"Something funny/interesting happened at work"</i>			
Program			
Vote of Thanks			

BIRTHDAYS: Lorraine Penny Dec 16

INDUCTIONS: Christine Gunn 16 Dec 2008

Leading Senior Constable Linda McLennan—100 YEARS OF WOMEN IN POLICING IN VICTORIA

Linda started her policing career in 1981, where she worked in various stations and departments in Melbourne, including Russell Street Headquarters. Thirty years ago she transferred to Horsham and has taken on several roles in addition to general policing, such as sex offences, school liaison, Youth Resource Officer and being a member of the Community Engagement Unit.

Linda focused on the interesting history of women in policing in Victoria. In 1917 two women began duty as Victoria's first Police Women. They had no powers of arrest, no uniform and received half the pay of **men**. From 1943 until the 1970s, women could not be included in the General Police Ranks, and so were only allowed in the Women's Division. In the early days policewomen were concentrated in areas of crime prevention rather than detection. Their roles focused on the moral welfare of girls and young women, child welfare and the prevention of prostitution.

By 1924, Police Women achieved equal pay and hours of duty as they were fully fledged members of the Victorian Police. During the years of WW2 women were employed in the Women's Police Auxiliary to overcome the shortage of men, and took on roles such as drivers, clerks and receptionists. By 1948, women were taking on roles in street patrols and over the coming years the struggles and discrimination faced by women in the force have been largely overcome to create a much more diverse, respectful and inclusive organisation. Now women take up about 12% of the force.

On a local and personal note, Linda stated that one of the biggest changes in her career has been the increase in the reporting of male violence against women and children. Now domestic violence is regarded as a crime which is a big cultural change in attitude.

Sgt Kylie Newell answered questions about our new Police Station. The station will be purpose built to provide far better facilities such as separate interview rooms, better lock up facilities and separate offices. Current staff numbers and hours will remain the same. Sgt Newell announced that there are plans for an Open Day in 2019.

YOUTH REPORT (John Aitken)

The final BIG BREAKY was a big success at the Primary School last Tuesday. A busy team of John A, John T, Tony, Bernie, Karen, Mick Morcom, Marie Aitken and Evelyn McColl served eager students a total of 120 slices of bacon, 120 pieces of egg bread toast and all with a cup of fruit juice. Thanks to all who helped.



RYLA applications are now being called for, with names to be in by January. Could all Rotarians consider possible candidates (18-25yo) from their network of friends, work place and families. See John A if you have any ideas.

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. Catering— Salads from members A– M, Sweets N-Z.

Breakfast orders were also taken for the Jan 9th breakfast at Café Pharmacino. Please contact John L re your attendance and food order.



ROTARACT REPORT....

It's been a while since we've updated our Rotary Club on our happenings since our Changeover, so here's a six month overview of what we've been up to...

August saw a few members assist Rotarians with the lamb marking on the 25th, and later that night the club held our first social for the Presidency year with a game of Spicks and Speck. Some of you may be familiar with the television show. - It's a game show revolving around random music trivia.

September 13th we organised, recorded and posted our R U OK video, that was our community event for the month, our media director, Megan will tell you it was a full on job for herself, but it came out alright, thanks to our newly bought camera and some fancy editing skills.

Our social for the month was a catch up BBQ at the Lions Park following our official meeting.

October was a busy month starting on the 7th with our second running of Rotaract Does Dogs – our dog wash fundraiser where we raised just over \$200 on the day, and the club decided to match the funds raised, totaling \$433.30 for the Yarriambiack Animal Rescue Group, Megan and Kelsea made home-made dog biscuits that were given out to every dog washed.

The 10th was the Football Club's Family Day, where Rotaractors conducted face painting for children on the day. On Show day, having not much luck the past few years running events ourselves, we instead offered our assistance to Rotary to help with the Devon-shire tea and selling raffle tickets.

Our social for the month was on the 21st, the Joy of Painting with Bob Ross, Rotaractors attempted to follow along with a Bob Ross YouTube video, to recreate one of his paintings. There were mixed results.

We finished the month off by assisting the Linc's Superhero Day down at the racecourse on the 27th by running the BBQ and drinks station for the Love 4 Linc committee.

November 15th saw Rotaractors running 'Pick-a-Stick' at Gala Night, and we had a lucky winner who pulled the #1 stick for the grand prize—of a box of chocolates.

On the 18th we gathered our tools and headed down to the Rotary hoe for a long day of cutting back trees, scraping moss from pavers, sweeping and shovelling debris, before hauling it away. After all that, we didn't end up even painting the posts! We will be back to finish that off when we can find a nice day and some members available.

We ran a BBQ for the Kindergarten Art Fair on the 30th to close out the month of November.

December is a busy one—although it's usually busy without being in a service club anyway!

On the 2nd we ran the BBQ for the Yarriambiack Has Talent event hosted by the local Youth Action Group. This past Sunday the 9th we held our last Dog Wash for the year, raising \$215 through dog washing and donations, which we decided to raise to \$500, so for the whole year of 2018 we have raised and given the Yarriambiack Animal Rescue Group a total of \$1263.30, which we're pretty chuffed about. We also sent the dogs home after their wash with a cute bow-tie or bandana which Megan and Kelsea also made.

And that brings us up to date. Our upcoming events are our Christmas Breakup on Saturday 15th, and the WAG Christmas Festival Sunday 16th. The new year will see us at Australia Day, we'll be hosting another dog wash sometime in February or March, we will be attending the Relay for Life in Horsham on the 15th and 16th of March, and we'll be conducting our annual Trivia Night on the 21st of June in 2019. We have some other events in mind for 2019 to be organised, a sneak peak of one is running a casino night hopefully, as another Rotaract club has successfully ran one this year, and we'll be after some pointers from them.

Something we have incorporated this new term is running Brainstorming sessions which we hold once every month or two, to come up with and further develop and detail future or upcoming events. This has been a very helpful addition for coming up with social and community ideas, so we have Wyhatt Godden and Sonya Russell running those meetings. The club is running well, we are constantly looking for new members, and will be pushing for more membership-oriented drives and events in 2019.

PP Megan Watts

Media Director

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