PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Wednesday night was a busy but very productive night. Thanks to everyone who helped to clean up the shop and Wendy for organising the meal. Tony held the first meeting of the Warracknabeal and District Country Education Foundation, which will be an incorporated body, independent from Rotary. Tony has put in a great deal of work to establish this Foundation and it is great to have both Tony and Jessie Holmes Yarriambiack Shire CEO as initial office bearers.

The Board has decided to allocate $2000 from the Paddock to Plate profits, to the Foundation, as Warracknabeal Rotary’s contribution for it’s establishment.

John Aitken has advised the Board that we now have enough families to ensure that we can host an inbound exchange student this year. Many thanks must go to John for his hard work in making this happen. Also many thanks to Helen Peters and Jack Daniels for agreeing to be student counsellors.

Another decision of the Board was that we will no longer be accepting stock for Auction from the shop. It is increasingly difficult to get staff for this and we have unfortunately lost our two prime movers. We are working with Ben to re-vamp the front room of the shop because it remains a great asset to both Rotary and Rotaract. Thank-you Ben.

The young people who attended RYPEN, and hopefully their parents, will be attending Rotary nest Wednesday, so please think about bringing a guest and let’s make the night something special.

Have a great week,

Chris.

COMING DATES

Sun 26th May       D9780 Changeover. Swan Hill. RSVP.
Wed 29th May        Rotary Shop. Int Night. Club photo by Glen Miller at 6:30pm.
Sat 8th June         BBQ at Football reunion, Anzac Park. 10:3-3:30
Wed 3rd July        RCW Changeover. Community Centre.
Fri-Sun Oct 4-6     Visit to RC Kyneton.
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**INDUCTION:** John Aitken 20/5/88 (31 years)  
**BIRTHDAY:** Marion Addinsall 18 May

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### KEEP THE DATE FREE–

**Monday 20th May:** Shire Offices. Opening night of Woodbine Art Show  
**Saturday 19th October:** Woodbine Cabaret. “ELVIS”

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### YARRI LINKS BBQ

Hungry Grade 5-6 Primary School students flocked to the Rotary BBQ for a hearty BBQ lunch during their Yarri Links tree-planting day on Friday 17th May. While Peter, Bernie & Karen manned the BBQ cooking hamburgers, sausages, vegie burgers and onions, Tony was chief server, offering a topping of coleslaw to complete the lunch. An estimated 100 serves kept the team busy, on what was a very productive and enjoyable day.

Yarri Links coordinator, Tim Inkster, and Tracy Dart, were most appreciative of Rotary’s support. The Rotary team has such a good time, that we’re booked in for next year. :)

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May is Bowelscan month and kits are available from Warracknabeal Pharmacy at a cost of $15.00. It’s easy to use and could save your life.

**Have you picked up your Bowelscan kit yet?**
Meeting 15th May

BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

- Inbound exchange hosts acquired, acceptance of inbound exchange student from Germany. Host families Keam, Golder, Byron and Bell.
- Counsellors for Inbound Exchange student Jack Daniel and Helen Peters
- RYPEN night guests Jayden Smith, Brooke Morrow, Sarah McPherson, Nicole Stewart and parents 22nd May
- CEF Community Education Fund has been registered, First meeting has been held to establish Board and members Chris Hewitt Chair, Tony Gregson Secretary & Jessie Holmes Treasurer. Now to be submitted to Consumer Affairs
- Clean up and a final Garage Sale to be held at Rotary Shop. Date TBC
- 2 PHF accepted
- Annual donation $1000 to Rotary Foundation Polio Plus
- Costs being investigated for a Rotary coffee machine and van
- BBQ for Football Club reunion Saturday 8th June (long weekend). Approx 10am-3pm
- Contacting VicRoads for new Highway Clean up signs
- Woodbine will mow Rotary Park
- Joint Rotary/Rotaract night 12th June at Rotary Shop, Rotary to organise meal, Rotaract to organise fellowship evening

International Committee report
Firstly Christine and I would like to welcome Mandy Morcom to our International committee. Our International night is on 29 May 2019 at the Rotary shop. Please feel free to invite anyone you would like to. We will be sharing our International recipes with lots of different flavours to be tasted on the night. By bringing food and it will only cost you the cost of a raffle ticket with a chance to win a great surprise! We will be focusing on our Youth Exchange Program with some firsthand accounts shared from a few past Exchange students, an exchange student parent, a host family, and a counsellor’s experiences. Hopefully if there are any questions from anyone becoming a new host family they can be answered and make hosting a lot simpler. Looking forward to the night See you there. Helen – International Committee Director.
What’s happening in Wyndham?

Greeting from your “Sister Club”.
Firstly I think I need to come back to Warrack for a rest. I seem to be becoming the BBQ king down here. Wyndham have BBQ’s happening everywhere. The most demanding so far was the “Gunfire” brekky on Anzac Day when Pam and I were up at 3am to start cooking at 4am for an expected 700 attendees. The photo attached was taken on Thursday at Eagle Stadium (a GIANT version of Warrack’s sporting complex) where (L-R) Eddie Szatkowski, myself and John Campbell cooked lunch for 120 clients of all abilities from GEN U and their carers. Pam and I also did the Bunning’s BBQ on Monday arvo. We have also started a Coffee Club every Monday morning as a casual social gathering, plus Pam has become involved with making masks for an opera night that the Club has coming up.
Another reason for writing is, I am also putting together and looking for sponsors for a 50Km walk to leave M.S. behind (50K in May). One of our Rylarians has MS and while on this year’s camp was told they found more lesions on her brain and were putting her on to a different medication to keep it under control, (I think that I have the facts right). Zara 22, was the girl who put together and conducted the choir on the RYLA concert night. I am organising 10 Rotarians (minimum) to walk 5Km, to make up the 50K in May, hopefully dressed in an appropriately inappropriate manner and sponsored at $10 per Km. Anyway thought you may see fit to sponsor Pam and myself and hopefully help one of our local Rylarians in the process, although due to the Club’s work load the walk won’t happen till June 9.

Anyway, that’s what is happening down here.
Hope all is well and everyone has had some decent rain.
Cheers,
Rob de V

Rotary Shop Working Bee

Thanks to all Rotarians and partners who came on Wednesday to clean up the Rotary Shop in preparation for our International Night on Wed 29th May. Kebabs, icecreams and Fellowship drinks were on hand to sustain the workers. ............
Back in the day....

We've had a donation of some old newspaper cuttings that feature Rotary events from years gone by. Perhaps you remember these events and people.....