PRESIDENT’S REPORT

It was good to see our guest speaker Lyall Wheaton back in Warracknabeal; he was President of our Club in 1981/82 and importantly started my Rotary journey by inducting me into Rotary 37 years ago!

Lyall gave an excellent talk on Timor Leste covering the development of a new country so close to Australia, its independence, and Rotary’s involvement.

Lyall also had the great fortune to witness me induct his ‘Rotary grandson’, David Drage, into Rotary. Welcome to Rotary David and Narelle. We all hope you both enjoy Rotary as much as we do.

Next week we look forward to DG Rosanne Kava’s visit to the combined meeting with Horsham and Horsham East, in Horsham.

Yours in Rotary,

Tony

COMING DATES

Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) 1
7 Sept 2019 Ballarat
Lamb Marking Sun 8th Sep
Defy the Drift, Longerenong Sept 23-25
RI Pres. Mark Maloney dinner. B’rat Tues 24 Sept
RC W’beal visits RC Kyneton Fri-Sun 4-6 Oct
Golf Club Kozi event BBQ Sun 6th Oct. 5pm
World Famous Curry Night Wed 23 Oct
District Conference Swan Hill 20 - 22 March 2020

WPS Breakfast 2019
Tues 3rd September

John T (Pick up)
Tony Sue

APOLOGIES / GUESTS

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

Membership Fees are now due for 2019/2020
Fees are $210.00 p.a.
They can be direct deposited

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**Inductions -**

Birthdays: Leo Casey 5th Sep

**Anniversaries -**

**TWO MINUTE TALK – “My First Job” Ben Bentley**

I had my first job when I was 12 years old. I built my own piggery, which turned out to be a very successful venture.

Being on a farm, I was able to drive at an early age. At 14 I left school and soon was able to drive the truck and tractor. At 16 I was allowed (by my father at least) to drive a truck to cart grain to nearby silos (Beulah, Morton Plans etc) I even remember having a chat to the local policeman on one trip. As I was becoming more capable, I was ‘promoted’. One day I took a load to Horsham and a police officer stopped me and asked to see my licence, which of course I didn’t have because I was under-age! I was asked to bring it to the station.

I used my older brother’s name, so he went to the station, showed the licence and claimed he was the driv-
Wed. 4th September  REPORTS

PRESIDENT (Tony)
- Re Combined clubs meeting at Glen Logan, Horsham this week—Bernie’s bus will be leaving from the PO at 5:30pm. Please bring your dinner badge.
- Sep 24—RI President visit to Ballarat. Last call for Rotarians interested in going. Please see Tony. We have been asked to give an brief outline of our special program so thanks to Sue for putting together a ‘Sheep Report’.
- Those visiting RC Kyneton are Tony, Chris H, Wendy, John and Marie A.
- Polio Plus Campaign … Good news—From Aug 21, Africa is now Polio—Free. Disappointing news—Pakistan and Afghanistan still have cases of polio, and may be increasing slightly.

SECRETARY (Sue)
- Working With Children Checks. We could be audited this year, Sue is checking on a few that need updating.
- Car raffle tickets have arrived.

COMMUNITY SERVICE (Peter)
- Friday 6 Sep. Lunch time BBQ in Scott St. for ‘We Love Warracknabeal’ MIX FM promotion. Sue will register the BBQ on Streatrader. Helpers are: Bernie, David, John T, John A, Tony.
- Sun. Sep 8 10am- Lamb marking. Directions: Birchip Road from W’beal, turn left at Sheep Hills Road, first turn after is Homebush Rd (no sign?) There’s a gate at the corner. Go through and after approx. 500 m you’ll see the sheep yards. Ring Peter if lost!
- Meals on Wheels this week. Jean has offered to do this. Thanks Jean.

FELLOWSHIP (Bernie)
Wed. 23 Oct. Note change of date. The world famous Curry Night is on again, with our favourite Dadswell’s Bridge chefs and some great entertainment. Ask your friends to come along and let’s make it another sell out event! Funds go toward the Elli Martha Fund. Chef Noel is also offering a fabulous raffle prize—a curry dinner party cooked in your home.

Welcome to Rotary David and Narelle Drage

At our last meeting Peter Martin introduced members and guests to his nearest farming neighbours, David and Narelle Drage. After attending several Rotary meetings and events, David was inducted as our newest member on Wednesday 4th September.

David has been an active community member for many years and is a passionate farmer and family man. After enjoying his time in APEX, David was keen to continue his contribution to our community and beyond so joining Rotary was a good fit. We welcome David and Narelle and as Peter said, “David will bring experience and wisdom to our club”.

David’s classification will be Wool Production. His sponsor is Peter Martin, his counsellor is Chris Hewitt and David will join Bernie’s Fellowship committee.
Lyall Wheaton—East Timor 20 Years On.

It was a pleasure to welcome Lyall back to his old Rotary Club, and to hear him talk about his experiences with East Timor when he was living in Darwin 20 years ago.

A few facts about East Timor (now known as Timor Leste).

- Population—255 million c/f Australia—25 million.
- Size—Approx 600km x 100km, with a mountainous central ridge. Rainfall—like Darwin.
- Enormous gas reserves in the Timor Sea—lucrative for Timor Leste (& therefore Indonesia) and Australia.

On 30th Aug 1999 East Timor held a vote for independence from Indonesia and 79% of the population voted in favour. The Indonesian government was incensed and so went about to destroy the new country. Over 100,000 people were killed and much infrastructure was destroyed. Aid was needed from other countries and organisations, and Rotary was soon there to help in any way it could.

East Timor and Rotary

At this time Lyall was living in Darwin and as Assistant Governor of District 9550 was asked to be part of a Rotary project to help the East Timorese. He became the contact person for all of Australian Rotary clubs for Rotary aid. To access Rotary grants there needed to be a local Rotary Club, which there wasn’t. Lyall and other Rotarians found the solution—they worked hard to get a club established in the capital city of Dili. Now there are two Rotary clubs, four Rotaract clubs and a very active ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children) program.

Lyall became the District chair of ROMAC. He described this time as “the busiest time of my life and also the most rewarding”. In the three years of Lyall’s chairmanship, 33 East Timorese children were sent to Australia for medical treatment for significant facial, heart or burn conditions. Sadly not all children survived, and that was traumatic for all. Thankfully most survived and came to live healthy lives.

ROMAC is now in all Aust & NZ districts. Over 500 children have been helped, and currently the cost is about $25,000—$30,000 per child. ROMAC is such an important Rotary initiative.