President’s Report

What a night of Rotary at RNH with an excellent program (our own Mandy Morcom) and a lovely collection of visitors. We are clearly lucky and privileged to have Mandy here in Warracknabeal performing a wonderful service to our community. It was inspiring to hear Mandy talk about her early life, the many years of training and now being one of only five Nurse Practitioners in rural Victoria. As I said last week, the best guest speakers often comes from within – true again last night.

Thank you to all of the weekend RCU helpers. Peter Martin has certainly kept Rotary in the community spotlight – community service at its best.

Breaking Warrack Show news: Ben corralled nearly everyone at the show to buy raffle tickets and exchange student Simon won first prize for his chocolate cake. What a versatile bunch we all are!

Next week is fellowship and a meal at the Royal Mail and then a Board meeting.

Yours in Rotary, Tony

COMING DATES

RLI 2 Geelong & Casterton Oct 12
World Famous Curry Night @ RNH Wed Oct 23
WORLD POLIO DAY Thurs Oct 24
Horsham & Horsham East RCs mtg Fri Oct 25
Guest Speaker- Gary Newton. (Polio Aust board member)
RLI 2 Terang Sat Oct 26
Membership & Public Image Seminar - Ballarat Sat Nov 2
RLI 2 Ballarat & Charlton Sat Nov 9
Simon’s biscuit working bee, Woodbine Sun Nov 10
PETS 1 Ararat Sat Nov 16
Membership & Public Image Seminar - Port Fairy Sat Nov 23
Foundation Seminar - Mt Gambier Sat Nov 30
District Conference Swan Hill 20 - 22 March 2020
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**President Tony:**
- Jessie Harman has been appointed as an RI Director, the first District 9780 member to ever serve on the RI Board. Congratulations Jessie.
- Remember the Polio Night at Glen Logan restaurant, Horsham, with Horsham clubs. Fri Oct 25th.

**Fellowship (Bernie O)**
- Make sure to book in for the curry night with Bernie ASAP to confirm your seats. It’s been a sell out every year so far.
- Fundraiser- Keg for a Cause.

**Community Service (Peter M)**
- Thanks to all Rotarians and partners who could help at the recent catering events on Sat 5th Oct, Sun 6th Oct and Thurs 10th Oct. A huge effort.

**International Service (Helen)**
- Simon has chosen his special project for the year. He plans to support Rotary’s mental health awareness signature project, Lift The Lid, by organising a fundraiser. We will be having a biscuit making working bee on Sunday 10th Nov. at Woodbine’s catering facility.

**Sheep Report (Peter)**
- We received $900 recently from wool sales.
Being a farm boy from Areegra there were the usual jobs for young boys like rousing for shearers, carting hay & driving trucks. But a memorable early job for me was working on the grape harvest in Coomealla, NSW. The timing co-ordinated well with our harvest here; as our grain harvest finished, their grape harvest started. I remember poor pay, long hours and uncomfortable humidity. But I also remember the warm hospitality of the farming families of Coomealla.

**MY FIRST JOB.... John Liersch**

**JOB TALK Mandy Morcom**

Mandy gave a candid and very interesting presentation about her passionate journey towards becoming a Nurse Practitioner at Rural Northwest Health. It was also a personal journey: “To adequately describe what a Nurse Practitioner does and how I actually came to be one, is to have an understanding of my personal journey”.

Mandy spoke of her family migrating to Australia when she was just a young girl, a challenging family life in WA, working hard to pass year 12 then catching a bus across the Nullabor to reconnect with her father in Horsham. Mandy started her professional journey in health care. She started work at Warracknabeal Hospital when 18, studied to qualify as an enrolled nurse, met a farmer, got married and by the age of 27 they had four children under six. Warracknabeal became home, and finally Mandy was in a community she loved and where she felt a strong sense of belonging. Her life centred around family, serving her community and the hospital.

In 2002, RNH funded Mandy as one of four nurses to undertake a Bachelor of Nursing because there was a real need for highly qualified, local staff. Mandy went on to complete university study at a Masters level and then extensive clinical training, and so become the most senior clinical nurse at RNH. Study didn't come easily; juggling a family, fulltime employment and university study was very difficult but Mandy was very determined.

After fulfilling more demanding requirements, Mandy and our health service embarked on the untravelled road in 2013 when she became RNH’s first Nurse Practitioner - just one of 5 in rural Victoria. This role has enormous responsibilities and is hugely challenging, but the need to fill significant gaps in our health service was a strong motivator. Every third week including after hours and weekends, Mandy can now provide direct patient care to urgent care presentations, acute ward patients, nursing home residents and sometimes people in their homes. We are so fortunate that Mandy’s work enables a more complete health service in our community. Mandy appreciates the tremendous mentorship from our local GPS, Donald and Franklin, and this enables the system to work. People often ask Mandy if she enjoys what she’s doing. Mandy replies that it’s tough, it’s challenging, it’s sometimes lonely, but “it’s the overwhelming acceptance I get from my community that keeps me focused”. **A fantastic presentation by our highly respected NP, Mandy Morcom.**
The Warracknabeal Show 2019

What a great event.....

- Congratulations to ‘Master Chef’ Simon.
- Thanks to all Devonshire tea helpers & raffle sellers.
- $708 worth of raffle ticket sales!
- PS. Did someone take a raffle book? Please let Jean know.
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WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER 2019: 6:00PM
$30 PER HEAD
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NOEL WILL PROVIDE THE WONDERFUL CURRIES AND BERNIE WILL
PROVIDE THE BUTLER AND DISHWASHING SERVICE.

Keg For A Cause
Pay what you want for your pot
Late afternoon, Friday 25th October, 2019, at the Creekside Hotel, Warracknabeal

All proceeds will be donated by Creekside to Woodbine.
All funds will be directed to reducing athletes’
costs for the Tri State Games in Semaphore,
Adelaide, this November.

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THE GENEROUS DONATIONS FROM NAMASKAR ARE GRATFULY ACKNOWLEDGED
Book your table now.

Elvis is coming ... Saturday 19th October, 2019
Warracknabeal Town Hall

7:00 pm Doors Open
8:00 pm Start
$55 per head

Drinks at moderate bar prices

Tickets available at Woodbine,
54 Craig Avenue, Warracknabeal.
Ph 5398 2166

What about a Rotary table?