PRESIDENT’S REPORT
Well done to Bernie and anyone else involved in organising and supporting last Wednesday’s great night of fun, good food and fellowship.

Chef Noel, from Namaskar in Dadswell’s Bridge, is a terrific supporter of our club and we really appreciate his generosity and talents. The money raised went to a very worthy local cause, the Elli Matha Foundation, a fund to assist families of children with transport costs for medical appointments.

This coming week we look forward to hearing of the challenges, achievements and dreams of young Lily Eldridge, our local swimming sensation. Bring some friends along to hear Lily’s story.

Yours in Rotary,
Tony

COMING DATES

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

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Birthdays : Frances Casey 30 Oct  
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**Wed 23rd October meeting**  
**Curry Night & Entertainment. Fundraiser for The Elli Martha Foundation.**  
A great night was had by all at the third annual Rotary Curry Night at Rural Northwest Health on Wednesday. Once again, Noel and Laura Maslamoney from Dadswell’s Bridge Namaskar Restaurant, provide a feast of delicious curries for the appreciative crowd of about 45. Musical entertainment was provided by Mary and Shai, capping off a wonderful evening. Noel and Laura generously offered a raffle prize of a four course curry dinner for six people cooked in the winner’s home. Bernie will, of course, be the star of the night as the chief waiter and dish washer! Angie Cox was thrilled to win the prize.  
Proceeds of the night ($750) will go towards the Elli Martha Fund, a very worthy local cause that assists families with transport costs for medical appointments for sick children.
Hi all,
Just giving you the heads up regarding a couple of RFE for 2020 if everything goes through okay. Have had two Rotary district contact me D 5060 Central Washington and British Columbia Canada and D 5970 Iowa - neither of these two Districts have done a Friendship Exchange before so its all new to them.

At the moment I need to find clubs that will host so I have sent the attached off to D.G.Rosanne to get the information in the D.G.’s newsletter.

So please ask your clubs if they are interested as you know what a great experience it was and how much you enjoyed it. I will be in touch directly with the club secretaries and Presidents shortly to see if I can get hosts.

Thanks,
Gail Barrett-Chair D 9780 Rotary Friendship Exchange.

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**POLIO NIGHT - HORSHAM Friday 25th October**

At the combined Rotary clubs meeting in Horsham, Gary Newton spoke from the heart and talked about his life with polio and the good work being carried out by Polio Australia helping people whose lives have been controlled by the ongoing effects of polio. He also spoke of the significant support of Rotary International’s Polio Plus campaign to help eradicate polio world wide. Both RC Horsham East and RC Horsham donated $1000 on the

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**Cook for a Cause.......**

Inbound exchange students have been encouraged to undertake a service project of their choice in their community so Simon has chosen to organise a fundraiser for the Rotary mental health program, Lift The Lid.

There will be a biscuit cooking working bee at the Woodbine kitchen on Sunday 10 Nov in the afternoon. Hopefully some Rotarians, Rotaractors, Honorary Rotarians can come along to help Simon. Partners, host families and friends are also welcome.

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

**Rotarian, Peter Martin** - Honoured with a Woodbine Life Membership at the recent AGM.

**Rotarian, Ben Bentley** - Retiring from his position as a Woodbine board member after 42 active years of service and support. Ben promises to remain a strong supporter of Woodbine.

**Honorary Rotarian, Ray Duffield** - Honoured with a Warracknabeal Fire Brigade Life Membership jewel.
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO HOST D9780 ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE.

Rotary Friendship Exchanges are a great way to meet new people in new countries. Out bound and In Bound Friendship Exchanges are normally for 2 weeks with a team of 10 – 12 people – usually Rotarians, who travel to another country and stay with Rotarians and visit their District and their Rotary Clubs.

At the moment two Rotary District have expressed an interest in a Friendship Exchange with D 9780 so we are looking for host clubs. Is your club interested? 3- 4 nights is the length of stay in each place-The Rotary Club members then organize for the team to visit places of interest and attend Rotary meetings or attend Rotary functions.

D 5060 North Central Washington, USA and British Columbia Canada in Okanagan Valley. The summer is beautiful with amazing lakes and rivers. Our District is vast allowing you to explore much of the Okanagan Valley as well as many wineries. If you prefer colder weather, we have lots of winter activities including skiing – cross country as well as downhill and snow shoeing.

D 5970 Iowa USA – Cedar Rapids has a population of around 130,000 and the Rotary District borders on the east of the Mississippi River. The geography varies from rolling hills with the forest in the northeast to flat farmland as far as the eye can see.

As the planning is in the early stages as yet, I need at least 4 clubs for each incoming team to host – so will need 8 clubs all up to offer to host.

What time are you able to host? Again if your club is interested I need to know when it would be suitable for the team to visit your area – what month?

Gail Barrett – Chair D9780 Rotary Friendship Exchange.