



The Warracknabeal Bulletin

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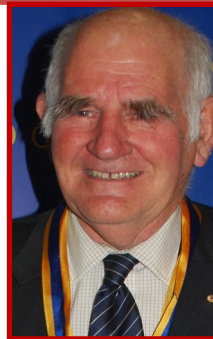


Club of Warracknabeal

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Rotarians will not be surprised to hear me say, again, that the best often comes from within. Wednesday night's presentation by Megan Watts on her experiences and observations when on a Rotary Friendship Exchange to Canada was another example of our own doing extremely well. As John Aitken said in his vote of thanks, it had everything: interest, humour, setbacks and delivered with assurance and aplomb. Importantly, the presentation was excellent background to a District request to register interest in hosting our own Friendship Exchange – the meeting decided, tentatively, to go ahead.



The Annual General Meeting went well; all reports were well received and all positions for the next Rotary year are now in place.

Yours in Rotary,
Tony

Club Meets:
Creekside Hotel
 Scott Street, Warracknabeal
Unless otherwise noted
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Wednesdays
6.00 for 6.30 p.m.

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Rotary jackets/shirts/caps/hats.
 Wendy will be catching up with new members with a view to ordering Rotary merchandise. 'Old' members can also order goods, remembering that vests are also available. We look good in public when we wear our Rotary gear. An order will be made in the new year.
Jackets \$60. Polo tops \$33 Caps \$17 Bucket hats \$15 Vest POR



WPS Breakfast 2019
Tues 26th November



John A (collect goods)
Mandy Morcom
Marie Aitken

COMING DATES

<u>Nominations due for Aust Day awards</u>	Fri Dec 6th
<u>District Conference Swan Hill</u>	20 - 22 March 2020
<u>RCW visit to RC Wyndham</u>	4-6 April 2020

DUTIES	Wednesday 4th December 2019	Wednesday 11th December 2019	Wednesday 18th December 2019
Venue	Creekside Hotel	<p>6:00-6:30 Fellowship meal at the Royal Mail Hotel</p> <p>7:30 Board Meeting at the Rotary Shop</p>	Palace Hotel
Time	6:00 for 6:30pm		6:00 for 6:30pm
Reception/Visitors	David Drage		Wendy Hewitt
Chairman	Kelsea Wall		Bernie O'Connor
Invocation	Ian Penny		NA
Heads & Tails	Chris Hewitt		NA
2 min talk 'My First Job'	Sue Watts		NA
Program	Energy Breakthrough Program Peter Loy		Christmas Party
Vote of Thanks	Mandy Morcom		Tony Gregson

Inductions : -
Birthdays : -
Anniversaries : -

Wed 27th November REPORTS

Julie O'Brien- Thanks to all Rotarians and partners for your support during Ron's recovery. Thanks also to John Liersch who stood in as Sergeant- At- Arms while I was on leave.

Sec Sue - A letter from WPS thanking Rotarians for the BBQ at the recent Gala Night. The school raised in excess of \$3000 - a wonderful effort.

Youth (John T) - RYLA. One applicant confirmed- Harry Butcher. Forms have gone to about 8 other young people. Thanks to Rotarians, Rotaractors and Nicole Stewart (at WSC) for promoting this most valuable program.

Fellowship (Bernie) - Christmas Party set for 18 Dec at the Palace hotel in the back room. We will hear about the future plans for the reopened hotel. Catering arrangements to be advised.

Public Image/publicity (Wendy) - The final 2019 Rotary column has been sent to The Herald; also an article on Laura in Germany.

Two Minute Talk- MY FIRST JOB Bernie O'Connor

I started my working career in the Public Service. ...doing a lot of shuffling papers and filing documents. Then one day I had a lucky break... I was involved in a project and I was commended on how well I did. That enabled my move to better things in that job, and from then on.



My Canadian Experience - Rtn. Megan Watts

In August of this year I was fortunate enough to experience a two week Rotary Friendship Exchange to Saskatchewan in Canada to visit District 5550.

Saskatchewan is a Canadian province that borders the United States to the south. Grassland cover its southern plains, and to the north are the rugged rock of the Canadian Shield Plateau, coniferous forests, rivers and lakes. Saskatchewan is known for its grain farming and cold winters. It boasts magnificent sunsets, blue skies that stretch as far as the eye can see, and if you're so lucky, you can catch a glimpse of the northern lights. We were based around Saskatoon, the biggest city in the province. (pop. 273,000)

In the two weeks we were hosted by three clubs - Hudson Bay, Melfort and Prince Albert. All were keen to share their way of life, the features of their region and show us their Rotary projects. We came to understand a little of their region's history, culture and economy. My hosts included a doctor, nurse, army veteran, Rotary AAG and two Rotarians who exchanged to Victoria earlier in the year. I also stayed in some amazing locations - in log cabins, by lakes and in a very spacious basement. We visited farms, logging operations, timber mills, health services, museums, other Rotary clubs, agricultural tool manufacturers, orchards, a native Canadian trading store, Canada's synchrotron light source facility and a gin and vodka distillery. We enjoyed river cruises, scenic plane flights, walks in the National Parks and even joined our hosts on a Rotary Exchange' float in Melfort's local heritage parade. We shared lots of stories, laughs and fellowship with our host clubs, their families and other Rotary clubs. (I also swapped seven RC Warracknabeal banners)

Some highlights.

Travelling. Lots of it. For me, it felt like driving around rural Victoria - the vast, flatness of the land, with few landmarks besides farming machinery and silos. Something I did notice was the lack of fencing. We drove past miles of farmland, with no physical barriers separating fields.

RC Hudson Bay members took us to their pride and joy, their Rotary Crop Field. It's 160 acres of wheat. After harvest they split the profits between their club and the Food Grains Bank, created by the Churches of Canada to provide International Aid. In a good year they'll reap a profit of \$30, 000 for their Club.

With RC Melfort Rotarians we visited a Hutterite colony at Star City, something akin to an Amish settlement. The people are completely self-sufficient, and rarely leave the colony in search for goods.

With **RC Prince Albert**, we visited Waskesiu, probably my favourite location and activity of the entire trip. We started with a Boundary Bog Walk, which was a lot better than it sounds We trekked through the Prince Albert National Park, and Les my host, gave a fantastic tour of the local flora and fauna. This man is a well of knowledge in regards to the environment and the history of PA and Saskatchewan. It was also great to be in the outdoors!

I love **animals**, so I was so excited to see my first beaver in the lake by my first host home and I saw an elk on our trip to Waskesiu. It was on our drive back to PA when it finally happened -we took a different route home than the others, and boy were they sorry! A beautiful black bear was sitting in a valley by itself, just for a minute before venturing off into the forest. I was satisfied. But further down the road we saw another one, maybe 10 metres from the road. He scaled up a tree and we had the perfect view of him. Les reckons he was maybe 2 years old, fairly recently having left his mother. An amazing end to a fantastic day.

Cultural and historical tours taught us so much about Canada's first nation culture and the life of early settlers. We also learned about the Ukranian influence throughout Saskatchewan. Saskatoon has a Ukranian population of population of 273,000 - the world's third largest after Ukraine and Russia.

My Rotary Friendship Exchange ended with a quick flight back to Vancouver, before bingeing on 6 or so movies on the 15-hour flight back home. It was an amazing experience than I'm thankful I was able to partake in. I encourage all my fellow Rotarians to embark on their own exchange, and for everyone to visit Canada. They are a people much like us, there are many similarities especially through Saskatchewan, a place I most definitely long to return to, even if it's in their -40 degree winters.



The Rotary Club of Warracknabeal
**Warracknabeal Australia Day Awards
2020**



NOMINATION FORM

Criteria for all categories:

- Nominee must have a strong connection to Warracknabeal and district.
- Past winners can be nominated. Previous citation achievements can't be included.
- Nominee must have significant achievement and/or contribution to the community
- Nominees may be chosen for involvement in several organisations

Categories (please circle)

1. **Citizen of the Year**
2. **Young Achiever of the Year** (< 27 y.o.)
3. **Sports Person of the Year** (player, coach, administration etc)

NOMINATION: _____ Contact number: _____

NOMINATED BY: _____ Contact numbers: _____

Other people who may be contacted for further information about nominee:

Name: _____ **Position:** _____ **contact ph.** _____

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Citation

Please use more space than provided here. Expected length is around one page and computer-generated is preferred. Consider collaboration with other organisations to get the most complete citation. *Please note: These are Warracknabeal and district awards. The Shire also has similar awards that you can nominate for, giving a double chance to be recognized.*

NOMINATIONS CLOSE: Friday 6th December 2019. Please forward to

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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.