PRESIDENT’S REPORT

The Christmas party was a joyous occasion with many guests and visitors and a great way to finish the first half of the Rotary year. Bernie and his committee did an excellent job in organising the evening, including the delicious food and the distribution of presents. And it was great to be back in the near refurbished Palace Hotel. I hope that Des and his crew can entertain us all again in the not too distant future.

The last primary school breakfast was a great try-out for our Australia Day function – some tweaking of the cooking arrangements will certainly help in making the Australia Day breakfast more enticing and efficient.

A safe and happy Christmas to all Rotarians, partners, friends and families. Let us all look forward to a safe and prosperous new year and our opening Rotary meeting on 8 January.

Yours in Rotary,
Tony

APOLOGIES / GUESTS
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By lunchtime Tuesday
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or email to
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CALLS TO ACTION
Happy Christmas to all

COMING DATES
Meals on Wheels (Two runs) 20th Jan 2020- see Jean
District Conference Swan Hill 20 - 22 March 2020
RCW visit to RC Wyndham 4-6 April 2020

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Inductions :
Birthdays: Gwen Hewitt 24/12, Robin Liersch 29/12, Calvin 1/1, Jean 2/1, Karen O’C 5/1
Anniversaries: Chris & Frosty Gunn 23/12

MEETING - DEC 18th- CHRISTMAS PARTY
Rotarians, partners, family members, Honorary Rotarians and partners enjoyed a wonderful night of fellowship at the Palace Hotel for the final meeting of the year.
Des Taylor, the new owner, was invited to tell us about his plans for the re-opening of the hotel.
Des lived in Warracknabeal years ago, lived in several places and after much travelling wanted to return to his home town. He wanted to buy the Palace Hotel and bring it back to its former glory, to be the hub of the town.
There have been months of renovations, more than expected..... as is usual with any renovations! Many windows were broken, there was a problem with pigeons and there were so many permits required. They are ready to open and are just waiting for the Liquor Licence. The kitchen is planned to open in the new year and the menu will be typical country pub fare.
Des and his wife were congratulated for their vision and presented with a donation by President Tony. We eagerly await the opening.
A delicious meal followed and then Kris Kringle gifts were distributed. Thanks to the Fellowship committee for organising a relaxing, enjoyable night.

(Several apologies were received for the night. One being exchange student Simon, who was enjoying a night out with his host family, the Golders. After a very hot day, they celebrated the end of the school year at the Horsham pool. Lucky Simon!)
AUSTRALIA DAY UPDATE

The Aust Day committee was pleased with the high quality nominations received for all three categories. Judges met with John Aitken to decide the 2020 award recipients and we are pleased to announce the following winners:

Citizen of The Year - Gwen Steinmeyer.
Young Achiever - Charlie Inkster
Sportsperson - Rikki Nitschke

- Gwen has been a dedicated community member for decades, contributing in several organisations including being a Woodbine volunteer for 62 years plus many years involvement with the Fire Brigade.
- Charlie has excelled in sport, school and Guides.
- Rikki is involved in several sports and has taken on many positions - player, coach, executive, fitness classes and childrens’ after school programs.

Could all members please spread the word about the winners so that interested people can come and support the winners. The winners will be included in the first edition of the Herald in mid January.

NOTE:
If you aren’t available to help on Australia Day please contact Ian, to help with job allocations.

There will not be a Rotary meeting on Wed. 29 Jan, in lieu of the Australia Day event.

More news

Patrick Lindsay recently received the good news that he has been accepted into the Agriculture/Commerce course at LaTrobe University. Patrick credits his experience at the Rotary Defy The Drift two years ago as a turning point in his life. It gave him a clear vision of a career path in agriculture, so was motivated to do his best in his VE studies. He wishes to personally thank our Rotary club for supporting him. Well done, Patrick.

Lily Eldridge, who spoke at Rotary several weeks ago, has had more success with her swimming. At the recent Victorian State Championships, she came second in the Breaststroke.

“HO HO HO. Seasons Greetings from all the crew at Wyndham. Hope the harvest has been a cracker and every one is well.”
Best wishes from Pam and I.

PS. Performed a couple of obligatory DeVries’ carols at our Chrissy break up which has left them wondering if letting us in was a wise move.

How’s this for marketing?! And look at the names that are out there!
Have you found your bottle yet?
See you in the New Year