PRESIDENT’S REPORT
A happy and safe New Year to all Rotarians and their families and welcome to the second half of the Rotary year. Our annual breakfast start to the calendar year was enjoyed by all – visiting Rotarian Kerre Wilsher was again visiting her home town and exchange student Simon interrupted his busy schedule to attend as well.

Please spare a thought for those less fortunate than us who have battled drought and now the tragic fires across much of south eastern Australia. The DG’s request for help will be discussed at the Board meeting next week.

Four things are on my agenda for the next six months: the Rotary Australia Day event, Rotary Park, Clem Quick’s 50 years in Rotary, and of course membership.

Enjoy fellowship at the Royal Mail next week before the Board meeting.

Yours in Rotary,

Tony

RAFFLE TICKET SALES (Jean)
Just a smiley reminder for those who haven’t as yet returned their raffle ticket stubs and money to me as we are into the last few weeks to sell and return tickets to Ballarat.

Fri 10th - Thanks to Kerre Wilsher for joining me on Friday.
I have booked IGA Sat 11th, Thur/Fri/Sat 16-18 to sell the last 16 books I am still holding. Can you help? Contact Jean :)

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

Kerre gets acquainted with Moses.
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OOOPS..... YOUTH REPORT FROM DECEMBER (John T) My apologies John. (Ed)

Final Breakfast: Dec 16 Many Thanks to John A, Wendy, Tony, Sue & Megan and Bernie and Karen for assisting on the busiest Primary School breakfast of the year. The kids loved the egg & bacon muffins especially. Clearly the go for Australia Day! Particular thanks to John A who ordered the additional provisions and sorted the RCU. As all who assisted know, it’s not easy to be on deck that early in the morning!!

Presentation Night: Dec 16
I presented two Rotary awards on the evening, each worth $250 .
The V.C.A.L. Scholarship was awarded to Year 11 student Kael Zanker
The VCE Scholarship was awarded to Year 11 student Lily Duncan
The money is held in trust at the school so Kael and Lily can draw down on it to pay for books and other expenses incurred over their Year 12 year in 2020.

Breakfast at Pharmacino....YUM
- A happy, satisfied crowd
- Eggs Benedict voted most popular
- David gives a ‘thumbs up’ to Peter’s sheep purchase.
- A perfect start to the year.
AUSTRALIA DAY UPDATE

- Posters soon going up in shops and the big sign to be put on Kebab Shop fence.
- Honour Board is updated and will be positioned in the Community Centre.
- Sound System: As Ray is unavailable on the day, other options are being pursued.
- Articles are going in the papers next week.
- Some new local Australian citizens are keen to take up our invitation to come.
- Can anyone offer to decorate the Rotary Shop window? See Wendy.
- Egg and bacon muffins being trialed this year, after success at the WPS breakfast.
- Donation tin for fire ravaged areas.
- Walter Sholl’s book of photographic images showcasing a day in Warracknabeal will be launched.
- Program basically the same as previous years.

ARE YOU COMING?

We are always so grateful for all the support we get on the day to put on this community event. To help with planning, the committee would like to know who is available to help on the day, and who isn't. This includes, members, partners, Honorary Rotarians and Friends of Rotary.

This is our very incomplete list of helpers so far: Tony, Ian & Lorraine, Chris G, John L, Wendy, John & Marie, Leo, Peter, Tim, David, Chris & Glenda, John T. Bernie, Mandy, Julie, Mick & Carol Morcom, Rhonda Glare.

If you’re not on this list could you please text Wendy with your intention.

Ben, Joan, Tony and Jean will be around to help … until having breakfast in the Community Centre with other OAMS and our guest speaker.

Final planning details will be covered at the meeting on 22 January.

- Could all members please spread the word about the day…… the breakfast, the award recipients, (Gwen, Charlie, Rikki), the guest speaker Josh Gunn and the musicians, Sofia Habel and the Band.

MEETING- 8th January 2020

A delicious cooked breakfast at Café Pharmacino was enjoyed by a big gathering of Rotarians and partners together with Simon and visitors Kerre Wilsher (RC Whyalla) and John Butcher.

REPORTS

Community Service (Peter)
- Johns T. & L. helped Peter with a BBQ for the Men’s Probus breakfast recently. Thank you.
- Meals on Wheels- Helpers needed for Monday 20th Jan. Tim Hewitt has offered to do one run. Another helper is needed for the other run. Please contact Jean.

Sheep Report (Peter)

At the recent Hopetoun market, 15 good quality Merino ewes were purchased to re stock our dwindling flock. Just 1.5 years old, we should get a good 5 years service from them. (David Drage was at the sale, and thinks it was a good buy…thanks Peter) We have 52 lambs still in the paddock, to sell in autumn.

YOUTH EXCHANGE (Ian)

Time has flown and Laura Daniel will soon be home after her wonderful 12 months exchange in Germany. Laura returns home on Sunday at around 6:20pm. The family is very excited as you can imagine! Jack’s getting some photos for us so we’ll have them in the next bulletin. It will be great to catch up with Laura in a few weeks to hear some of her stories. Laura will be attending a Rebounders Day in Horsham on Sunday 9th Feb. with the other returning exchange students and councillors from our district. This is an important time for students to review, celebrate and re connect after their amazing experience and an opportunity to support students as they return to their families, schools and communities.

CEFWD - Country Education Foundation of Warracknabeal & District (Tony)

All interviews will have been completed before the committee meets this coming Wednesday to allocate funding for the first year of operation.