PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Another first for our Club – a Zoom Board meeting which I think went very well. The Board decided that as far as possible the weekly meetings should continue with our regular segments. Further, that we should recognise that with no dinner costs we should continue with our weekly contribution for guest speakers and the continuing general Club expenses. So this means that each of us will contribute $10/month while we have Zoom meetings. As well the Sergeant will continue with birthdays, anniversaries, and fines etc spread as far as possible across the whole Club. Each fine will be a standard $2. Money collection will be via an honesty system to be paid at the end of each month, quarter or at the end of the Zoom meetings. The Treasurer will keep a close eye on this! We also decided that a 7.30 pm start to our Zoom meetings was more convenient for the majority of members.

Each week we will try to have a short program to emulate our normal weekly meeting. Next week Cam Whelan will be reporting back to us on our support for the fire victims at Walwa. The following week will be on the Rotary Foundation. As well, Directors are encouraged strongly to have Zoom meetings with their own committees (and including maybe next year’s Directors) to map any thing they could do up to the end of this Rotary year and then to plan activities for when our COVID 19 restrictions are lifted.

A very slightly revised Constitution will be resent out soon with the view of holding an EGM to approve in a few weeks time.

Finally we can report that our exchange student Simon has returned safely to Germany and is bunkered down at home with his father for the mandatory two weeks.

Yours in Rotary,

Tony

COMING DATES....

D9780 District Assembly Thursday 30 April
WRC visit to RC Wyndham 4-6 Sep TBC

Farewell Simon.

An eerie atmosphere at Tullamarine Airport as Counsellor Chris farewells exchange student Simon.
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**Invocation**

**Heads & Tails**

**2 min talk ‘My First Job’**

- Ian Penny
- Calvin Muller
- Jean Wise

**Program**

- Cam Whelan: Walwa fire relief update
- Rotary Foundation Brian Trenery
- TBC

**Vote of Thanks**

- Peter M
- John T
- TBC

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**ROTARY INDUCTION ANNIVERSARY**

15th March 2006  Sue Watts

I was inducted by President Ben Bentley, sponsored by Martin Monk. Interviewed by Martin and Julie. I came into Rotary with Deb Holland which made it a bit easier coming into the unknown. Over the last 14 years Rotary has developed my self-confidence and ability to public speak (can't shut me up, some may say), leadership skills and my awareness and empathy towards others less fortunate. My knowledge of Rotary International and Foundation and what a difference we all make in the world has grown immensely. I love to have a laugh with fellow Rotarians and Rotaractors (who are my passion), but am also very proud to be a Rotarian and take very seriously what I can contribute/offer as a Rotarian to my club, community and RI. :)
REPORTS and EVENTS .... BOARD Meeting Wed 22nd April 2020

* Alteration made to RI Constitution, members to disregard previous document and revised copy will be sent to all members to be adopted
* Funds allocated for Mental Health $1500 to be discussed with Warracknabeal Secondary College
* Dog Park quote for 2.4 meter high fences held over due to COVID19
* Use of Rotary House use by other organisation held over COVID19
* RCU maintenance ongoing
* Thank you letter from Stan Deans. Virtual Meeting of night on Facebook for members and public
* Simon Ossing is home safely in Germany, isolating with father
* Dental Grant documentation signed/completed to be sent to Paul Barrett Grant Chair
* Wyndham visit dates suggested September 4th-6th, members to be asked to make this weekend available
* Sarah Brown’s presentation re: Purple House on Facebook page for all members to view
* One solo lamb sold for $274 last week
* International committee will still try to have a special night on the 20th May

MEETINGS

- All ZOOM meetings now at 7:30pm
- Admin costs considered due to virtual meetings. Members to pay $10 per month, treasurer will invoice members at end of each month. Fines at virtual meetings minimum of $2, evenly fining across members. Honesty system for members to pay, bank account details published in Bulletin.
- Guest speakers will be attending virtual meetings starting with Cam Whelan and then PDG Brian Trener. 10-15 minute allocation.
- Guests from other Rotary clubs, honorary Rotarians and Rotaractors may also attend. Tony will include the Zoom meeting invitation on the weekly bulletin for non members to access. Please contact Tony if you would like to join us. 0419 504 499
- We will start having different Chairs of the meetings if members are comfortable.
- Apologies to Jean (attendance ph 0487 159242) and Tony.
- Fines will go ahead. Two minute talks will continue, just on the bulletin.

Important to remember when attending a Zoom Virtual Meeting to keep you microphone muted unless addressing the meeting or asked to. Background noise disrupts the meeting and the speaker cannot be heard properly. Please respect the person who is speaking.

Meetings may be recorded and streamed on Facebook for non attending members and the community.

For next week:

Tony Gregson is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Weekly Rotary meeting
Time: Apr 29, 2020 07:30 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82906555329

Meeting ID: 829 0655 5329

STOP PRESS: Latest from the District 9780 Meeting... Paint a fingernail purple for Immunisation Week. (It doesn’t matter if you mess it up... you’re not out in public much. But it will remind you to have your flu shot! No purple polish? Then hit it with a hammer) Please send a photo to me for next week’s bulletin!
News from the District

DISTRICT 9780 ASSEMBLY

Attention all members, especially new Board members for 2020-21.

This year’s District Assembly will be a virtual meeting over several sessions, starting from an opening meeting on Thurs 30th April, through to Sun 31st May.

There will also be short Learning Activities expected that attendees, usually Board members, will participate in, starting from Thursday 30th.

Personal invitations will be sent out this week to incoming Board members with step by step instructions on how to access these activities. Contact Sue for more information.

The theme for the new Rotary year is:

[Image of Rotary's new RI logo for 2020-2021]
TWO MINUTE TALK  My First Job  Tim Hewitt

Like most farm children it all started for me with chooks, dogs, burning in the incinerator and lawnmower duties. In time I started in the pig industry in a very small way when my father would produce between 5 to 10 very small piglets that I would mix powdered milk twice a day for and then onto grain and other things that only pigs would eat.

It is at this time that I remember hearing Helen Peters mention that she would never forget the smell of some farmers’ feet in a shoe store job! I don’t think I will forget the smell of Denkavit (powdered milk) mixed with luke warm water, and to a smaller degree the smell of kerosene that went in the storm lantern for late feeds in the winter gloom.

After a time, my father and I would go over to the pig shed early before school to catch pigs that he would take to the Horsham saleyards. This is where I learnt how effective the design and use of a pig net could be if there was an escape. Pigs do not need to be greasy to be difficult to catch!

After what I suspect was some manipulated accounting taking into account the cost of the milk etc. I was always happy with what I thought was a large amount of income at the time.

I spent 4 years part time learning to be a Professional Woolclasser in what I soon was to learn was a relatively unrealistic classroom. The first shed that I worked in other than our own turned out to own some of Australia’s worst lice-effected sheep and arguably some of the poorer food that I had seen offered to shearers. It is always good to see how others do things to appreciate what you have, and over the years many enjoyable times and valuable pocket money.

As I have heard from some other members, I also did the grape picking thing and it was here that I learnt that I was not suited to piece-rate type work and graduated to working on the cart picking up the dip tins of grapes and spreading the grapes on the drying racks to turn into sultanas which was paid an hourly wage. Ash Wednesday was a day to be remembered for many reasons; in Mildura, we started work at 5.00am and from memory it was 46 degrees by 9.30am when we finished up! There were far fewer air conditioned buildings in 1982/1983. I would have to admit very little money was brought home but great friendships were made and my investments in the Wentworth Club (pokies) have still not paid off.

The only job type interview that I have had in my time so far has been to join the Rotary Club of Warracknabeal which was a completely painless experience thanks to the good work of John T and Peter M.

ANZAC DAY 2020

Ian and Lorraine Penny had a memorable Driveway Anzac Day service, ‘joining’ many others around Warracknabeal yesterday at 6am. The sound of the Last Post across town at dawn was so very special, as was seeing the flickering candles of neighbours and echoes of private online Anzac services. Lest we forget.
Thanks to Mel Byron for these photos of Simon’s Safari, as it was going to be.....
Remember Brandi Richardson? Early 90s.....

Here’s a collage of Brandi Kupchella when she visited. She commented on Simon’s post on FB.

As a former exchange student to Warrack, this makes me so sad for dear Simon that he missed his full year. My time in Warrack changed my life forever. I wish I could do it again!!! Hopefully he can come back. I feel so badly for him and all the other students who were disrupted in their exchanges. God bless you all, and thank you to the Warrack Rotarians for all you did for me and for all your students!!!!

Reply from Sue W.

Thank you Brandi for your kind words, I have heard members speak of you and it was many years ago when you visited Warracknabeal. It is a life changing experience for all exchange students and the friendships made last forever. We hope you may come back and visit one day too, Simon hopes to eventually return to Australia to continue his adventure. All the best from our club to you and your family. xxx

Brandi Kupchella Thank you so much! My husband and I visited in 2007 but I’m planning to come back with our kids this time! Here’s a fun collage I just threw together, I ran into these pics the other day. Love the memories. Didn’t love the stone I gained from all the hedgehog, but netball helped with that! Lol! Stay safe and well my friends!
After an amazing lunch we again broke off into some smaller group sessions. To round the day out we heard from a lady named Kaye. Now Kaye as I’m sure you all remember from our very first conference was a political prisoner in Laos. Knowing that she had already presented her story to us she decided to shake it up a bit and tell us about her recovery period mostly in the Middle East. She was excited to tell us she had joined Rotary and was travelling the world doing great things for many unfortunate women. As the end of the day neared we all eagerly awaited an afternoon stroll along the beach. We walked out of the auditorium and you guessed it... the not so sunny Gold Coast broke open again and poured! We ran, hoodies pulled up, towels over head, umbrella (Marc was clever enough to pack one) all the way to the tram stop. Sunny beach walks were out... We instead went home to prepare for the Gala dinner. Scrubbed from top to toe and back again we took some photos atop out beautiful sky scraper and headed for the door. It was dry so we decided to walk.... 1km in the wrong direction. Until a very helpful Kiwi Rotaractor waiting at his tram stop enlightened us that Sam had once again led us the wrong way. We arrived in glitz and glam to be greeted by none other than Brad Pitt himself, waiting at the foot of the red carpet to the grand ballroom. The room was decked out with gorgeous table settings, a photo booth, more red carpets and gorgeous people everywhere. In the corner stood a lonely man, standing behind a table, looking ever so sad that he could not join in. Some of us spent the night checking up on him every so often to make sure he was ok, the bartender was very appreciative of our attention but said it was his job to stand behind the bar. We danced the night away until we quite literally broke the dance floor. Many hands make light work, we all chipped in and put it back together before continuing out dancing and very out of tune singing. When leaving the ball that evening the skies had not relented for quite some time, there were inches of water across the roads, and most of us had open toed shoes. None the less we bolted for the tram platform, and then once at our stop bolted the 350metres to our front door. Soppy and wet, of course we took pictures, then headed upstairs before we all caught the cold. Dried dressed and hot drinks in hand we retired for the night wondering what our last day on the coast would bring us. Rain, hail or shine, we would get Simon to the beach, and we would have more sushi train.

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