PRESIDENT’S REPORT

As I mentioned last week the Board decided that we should try, as far as possible, to make our weekly meetings as “normal” as possible. I think our last meeting fulfilled this objective well. The President welcomed all present and especially our guest speaker Cam Whelan from our local fire brigade, Ian and Lorraine Penny who were mastering Zoom for the first time, former Rotarians Ray and Leora Duffield, Calvin Muller Zooming in from Kangaroo Island, and late in our program Damian Leech from the Rotary Club of Campbelltown in Adelaide who was keen to experience some interstate fellowship! It was very pleasing to see so many Rotarians and visitors join our meeting. Chairman Sue kept us all in line, the sergeant was up to her usual tricks, and the guest speaker as good as always and brought us all up to date on how our fire relief contributions from Warracknabeal and district were helping the people of Walwa. Apart from missing a little individual camaraderie we were nearly back to a “normal” weekly meeting.

We now need to start thinking about our next Rotary year. Already a virtual District Assembly beginning has been held (last Thursday evening) with DGE Phil Beasley setting out our learning requirements through May. Final reporting back and summaries etc will be on 31 May. I hope all of next year’s Directors have now logged into “My Rotary” and have begun to explore at least a few of the topics pertaining to their portfolios. Secretary Sue is only too happy to help and guide you when and where necessary. There is also an opportunity for current Directors to Zoom with their Committees and to report back at a subsequent weekly meeting.

Next week we will hear about the Rotary Foundation from District Chairman Brian Trenery. The current District contribution for this year is quite low which will have major implications in three years time when some of this years contributions will be returned to the District.

Yours in Rotary, Tony
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ROTARY INDUCTION ANNIVERSARY

5th April 1976 Calvin Muller

It’s 44 years since my induction into the Rotary Club of Warracknabeal.

I was interviewed by my friend Stan Deans and the late Greg Shreck. I was inducted by the late Wilf Hewitt.

I was inducted with the classification FARM MANAGEMENT. At the time I was doubtful if I could fit in the time off farm work and stop work at 5pm each Wednesday afternoon, but this social outing half way through the week has been well worthwhile. Many miles of travel, hours spent at meetings, BBQs and working bees and meeting Rotarians from all over including overseas has been great.
REPORTS and EVENTS .... Meeting Wed 29th April 2020

- 16 present, no apologies
- Guests-Cam Whelan, Ray & Leora Duffield, Damien Leech, RC Campbelltown, SA.

Secretary (Sue)
The new RI constitution will be emailed to all this week.

Publicity, Public Image (Wendy, Sue)
Our facebook page has been visited more regularly, so thanks to Sue for posting interesting stories and photos. Sue & Megan are recording our regular meetings and posting them on our Facebook page. Have a look!
The bulletin will have a weekly a quiz during May. Thanks to those who have sent in questions… only a few to be received now.
Wendy intends to resume the monthly column in the Herald, so items from Rotarians will be most welcomed.

CEF Update (John T)
John has been in touch with the four recipients and they are coping well with online university.

International Service (Helen)
We are planning a night to link up with Simon on June 3rd.

Youth (John T)
Plastic gloves have been purchased for use at the WPS breakfast when it resumes.
The National Youth science Forum is still planning to be help in January.

Bowel Scan (Julie)
Bowelscan has been postponed. The public will need to organise it at the Post Office.

GUEST SPEAKER- Cam Whelan, W’beal fire Brigade Captain
Cam updated the club on the Wimmera’s bushfire relief effort for Walwa. A staggering $90,000 + was raised. The Walwa community has been overwhelmed by the generosity of Wimmera people. And now the community needs have been magnified with the devastating effects of COVID 19 on local businesses and the local people.
All truck drivers who transported goods and supplies after the fires have been reimbursed and the Bush Nursing Hospital employed someone to apply for grants to maximise the funds. Fourteen grant applications have been submitted to support various community projects. Cam has kept in contact with the Walwa community and has heard countless heart warming stories from individuals. Recent rains have been most welcomed by all and the farmers are looking forward to a positive year ahead.
On behalf of the local committee (Nadine Whelan, Stacey Drage, Julieanne Phelan, Tenille Jonasson and Cam) and the Walwa community, Cam thanked Rotary for significant and early donation made by the club. A combined example of seeing a need and taking action.

Paint a fingernail purple for Immunisation Week.
Thanks Bernie (right) for getting out your purple polish. Nice.
Wendy (left) couldn’t find any purple polish but had success with the hammer. (Ans 1,8,5)
DISTRICT 9780 ASSEMBLY

This year’s District Assembly will be a series of online sessions from 30th April to 31st May.

Could all new board members please send a short report to the Bulletin by the June 1 to share their learnings and ideas with club members from the assembly. Thanks.

JUST FOR A LAUGH......

It is a slow day in the small Saskatchewan town of Pumphandle. Its streets are deserted. Times are tough, everybody is in debt; everyone is living on credit.

A tourist visiting the area drives through town, stops at the motel, and places a $100 bill on the desk saying he wants to inspect the rooms upstairs to pick one for the night.

As soon as he walks upstairs, the motel owner grabs the bill and runs next door to pay his debt to the butcher.

The butcher takes the $100 and runs down the street to retire his debt to the pig farmer.

The pig farmer takes the $100 and heads off to pay his bill to his supplier, the Co-op.

The guy at the Co-op takes the $100 and runs to pay his debt to the local prostitute, who has also been facing hard times and has been offering her "services" on credit.

The hooker rushes over to the hotel and pays off her room bill with the hotel owner. The hotel proprietor then places the $100 back on the counter so the traveller will not suspect anything.

At that moment the traveller comes down the stairs, states that the rooms are not satisfactory, picks up the $100 bill and leaves.

No one produced anything. No one earned anything... However, the whole town is now out of debt and now looks to the future with a lot more optimism.

And that, ladies and gentlemen, is how a Stimulus package works.

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Have you ever done a team work / trust building workshop?
This might be familiar.

Tony Gregson is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Just click on the link below at 7:25 on Wednesday, just before the meeting starts.

Topic: Weekly Rotary Zoom Meeting
Time: May 6, 2020 07:30 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81147580123

Meeting ID: 811 4758 0123

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TWO MINUTE TALK   My First Job   Ian Penny

Like many of my fellow Rotarians I grew up on a farm and I too had chores such as feeding animals and helping my Father with farm jobs. All unpaid in a monetary sense but repaid many times over with the help my parents afforded me.

My first paid job was as an apprentice Motor Mechanic with B & S Schubert in Lyle St where Ben Bentley’s Tyre Service is currently located.

I started a 5 year apprenticeship in February 1963. This meant attending trade school at the Horsham Technical School one day a week for 4 years, but because I started at the end of Form 4 (year 10) rather than Form 3, the first year of trade school was excused.

Duties included sweeping the workshop floor daily (which I disliked) so I was very pleased when the next apprentice started. I learned basic Mechanics and gradually was given more responsible jobs such as engine rebuilds etc.

Cars were serviced at 1000 mile intervals (1600 KMs) as distinct from where most cars are now serviced at 10 to 15 thousand KM intervals. So there has been massive advances in engine technology and oil quality.

About half way through my apprenticeship I was transferred from working on cars and trucks to tractors. I really enjoyed this change as I was able to travel to customer’s farms and do small repairs and services. Larger repairs such as engine, transmission and differential repairs were all carried out in the workshop.

Schuberts had a BMC (British Motor Corporation) franchise and the American made Twin City Tractors.

This was an exciting time in the motor car industry as the Morris Mini was being sold in big numbers and the Morris 1100 was released with the revolutionary fluid suspension. The Morris 1100 was named Car of the Year by Wheels magazine in 1964.

In 1966 the mighty Mini Cooper S won Bathurst and indeed filled the first 9 places. This record has never been broken and was against the might of Holden, Ford and Valiant.

When I started at Schubert’s the workshop, showroom and office complex was being built. I recall helping Bert Schubert complete the showroom ceiling during the 1967 drought.

The Schubert Bros, Bert and Sig were great people to work for. At this time there were approx. 12 mechanics, 2 salesmen and 3 office workers. These numbers were replicated in many businesses in Warracknabeal so it’s not hard to understand why our population has got less and older.

So I guess for me the wheel has turned a full circle as I started working for no pay and I am doing the same now.

MAY MASTER MINDS

May is quiz time here in the RCW bulletin. Thanks to all contributors so far and if you haven’t yet, please get your questions and answers to the bulletin ready to start the quiz next week.

Here’s a starter for you...

(Answer at bottom of p.3)
Part FIVE... the last day, but is it the end of the experience?

We clambered out of bed Sunday morning, and made our way slowly to the last day of the conference. Not quite as peppy as the day before but warming up as we got closer to the uni. Our first speaker of the morning had to work extra hard for all the people in the room wearing sunglasses! He went by the name of David Pattemore. He spoke to us about a young man he knew that changed careers. The entire time he was told to go back to what he knew and he’d never make it. He didn’t listen and was set to become an Olympian at the very sport that ended his life, something he never dreamed he would even achieve, with everyone telling him he couldn’t.

Post morning tea, we were wowed by the winning bid for ARC 2021! A Melbourne cruise! We all pre registered and left the conference, smarter, happier and more ready to take on the world with our top draw happy pants on. Eager to help Simon experience the “Sunny” Gold Coast.

As we were already quite close we thought we’d drop into a small place called Harbour Town for lunch….straight into Sushi train. After lunch we were all off to the beach and Markets!

Yes Simon finally laid eyes on the warm white sand of Surfers Paradise. Although we didn’t go into the beach due to the entire population of the world already filling it, he took his obligatory photo with the arch and Sam led him straight to another must see in Surfers. As they walked through the door the words we remember Simon uttering were “WOAH, I thought places like this only existed in movies!” We had arrive of course at Time Zone. Where else would any normal 20 something year olds spend their last night!? Player cards cashed up, we spread out to enjoy our final night of freedom! There was bowling, horse riding, mole (the animals that is) whacking, giant Jenga, underwater adventures! You name it we did it. Now we’re not sure how much you know about Time Zone but at the end the hardest part aside from running out of money and having to leave, is using the points you’ve acquired from games to purchase prizes.

It took us probably 2 maybe 3 hours to make the decision! And what might you ask did Simon choose as a souvenir to remember his time on the coast? Shark socks of course! They were brilliant. There was a game of air hockey on the way out, Marc vs. Simon. Can you guess who won? We all decided dinner was a fend for yourself affair and we all went on our merry ways to find whatever deliciousness we wanted. Ten points if you can guess where Simon and Sam were found... SUSHI TRAIN

The last thing on Simon’s bucket list was an old time cowboy photo he’d seen on the very first day. Some of us donned the old timey costumes and joined Simon. It really was a brilliant evening!

We all went back to our apartment, packed for our 5am start in the morning and then proceeded to sit on our devices and play games together until it was almost time to get up.

End part 5…. Nearly home, but not quite yet!