PRESIDENT’S REPORT

It was good to be back at a “normal” Rotary meeting last Wednesday. As predicted the guest speaker, our own Tim Hewitt, entertained and informed us on his life story, from a budding engineer to very successful farmer, and on some family history of the Bangerang district. As I have said many times before, our own are often our best speakers, as was the case this time as well. The combined Zoom and physical meeting format in Rotary House worked well so here’s hoping that the technology behaves itself for the change-over evening.

Next week will be a combined Board meeting at Rotary House at 7.30 pm with new Directors Mandy Morcom, Kelsea Wall and David Drage attending for the first time. Only take-away meals are available from the Royal Mail so maybe those of us who usually eat before hand at the Royal Mail could, with our take-aways, congregate in Rotary House at say 6.45 to 7 pm.

Yours in Rotary,

Tony

Rotary Changeover

Members, Changeover this year will be at the Community Centre with a meal. Cost will be $30 per head but definite numbers are needed asap as we are limited to only 50 under COVID 19 restrictions. Can you please email your reply with your intention to attend with or without a partner by Monday 15th June to the Secretary.
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### Joint Board Meeting
- All current and incoming Board members

### Program
- **7:30pm**
  - JOINT Board Meeting

### Inductions :
- Birthdays :
- Anniversaries : Wendy & Robin Hewitt 13/6/87

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**RI CONVENTION 2020**

Now More Than Ever, Rotary Connects The World. This is the theme for the 2020 RI Virtual Conference and you can be there. Due to COVID 19, the biggest annual RI conference has shifted from Hawaii to your lounge room. You can sign up to any session and link up with Rotarians and Rotaractors from all around the world. It’s free and accessible to all. You just need to register.

Learn about the power of Rotary connections, learn new skills, explore thought-provoking topics, and discover inventive ways to engage and adapt to change.

For more information, refer to the email sent to you on June 7 by Sec Sue. Or visit the website [www.riconvention.org](http://www.riconvention.org)

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*Rotary*
Meeting Wed 10th June 2020

It was great to be back ‘face to face’ with Rotarians. It was our first sit down meeting since March and we were treated to a wonderful casserole tea provided by Woodbine Catering Services before being entertained by Tim Hewitt… giving his “Maiden Speech” in Rotary. We welcomed back Ben and Joan Bentley and zoomed in with Calvin Muller who is still in Kangaroo Island. Most of the items in Rotary house have been cleared, but the essential furniture and fittings for Rotary functions remain… as shown by Chris Gunn when we entered the room to pay for our meal. (read the fine print… Not For Sale. But free to a good home!)

International Service Report (Helen)

Our link up night with Simon has now been modified due to the significant time zone differences. We will now have an interview style link up, with questions from our members and families forwarded to Simon prior to the night, then Simon’s answers recorded and replayed to our club. Contact Helen before this Wednesday if you have questions you would like to ask.

Guest Speaker- Tim Hewitt

Tim spoke about his early life, history and farming, all based around themes of change and facing the unknowns. Tim was born in Warracknabeal and was raised on the family farm in Bangerang. On finishing year 12 in 1979 Tim was accepted to study Engineering at Melbourne University, but then he changed his mind. “I’m happy with the decision I made. I don’t know what sort of engineer I would have made but I’ve never regretted choosing farming and the opportunities it has given me”.

Tim explained that farming usually has a long history of family support and involvement to assist people to get a start in an industry that needs a land based to begin with. “In my case that began in 1851 when a family from Northamptonshire, near London, decided to come to a country they knew very little about. They mined for coal and gold in the first years then moved around in various jobs until settling in the Wimmera, selecting land at Rupanyup North in 1874. Then they moved on. They rode their horses to Bangerang, a place with no roads and few people. The closest town, Warracknabeal, had a population of just 200.

“I’ve always been interested in history and I enjoy the fact that as I work around the farm I can stand at the place that my great grand father and his brothers built their first hut on arrival. I can walk through timber paddocks… and marvel at the amount of work it must have taken to clear the land”. My forebears farmed with horses and cleared vast areas of land with small implements, work was very labour intensive and transport routes were mere tracks. Our farm is alongside the Borung Highway, but in the early days there were no roads or fences, so this path was most likely just a poorly defined horse track. Fast forward to today. “As I sit in my air conditioned satellite guided tractor, with drinking quality water delivered by pipe line to the corner of the paddock, I watch 68t. trucks doing 100km/hr along that same Borung Highway”. Farms have consolidated into bigger entities, crops are so diverse, understanding of technology is paramount, and there are far fewer farming families. “Just as those who came before us could never contemplate what was coming, neither do we know what is in store for farmers, businesses, service clubs or the people who will live and work in Warracknabeal in the future. In the last 140 years there have been dramatic changes, bringing many positive things to our lives, but if we are ready to change and adapt I think there is a bright future for us…. I think the strong sense of community Warracknabeal enjoys is due to a large degree to the improvements and facilities resulting from the hard work of local people now and in the past. It gives us a direct link to them, and a feeling of ownership. People saw a need and acted on it.”
1. Which planet is closest to the sun? Mars, Earth, Venus, Mercury

2. Who did Cassius Clay defeat to win the World Heavyweight Boxing title the first time?


4. What is the name of the sheep dog in the children’s TV show Shaun The Sheep?

5. Cat Steven’s ‘Morning has Broken’ was one of his greatest hits.
   a) What album was it on?
   b) Where did the song come from? And...
   b) Who plays the piano on it (really difficult!)

6. What is the name of the world’s largest known artwork, a 4 km long engraving near Maree, SA

7. Fingerprints are unique to each person, making them an amazing phenomenon. At what stage in our life are they developed?

8. What does the Rotary wheel represent?

9. Put the following artists in order from earliest to latest. Picasso, Michaelangelo, Rembrandt, Dali, Van Gogh.

10. A charter member of the Rotary Club of Warracknabeal also founded another Warracknabeal organisation which bears his name. Who was he and what is the name of the organisation?

11. I have brown tinges on my rose flowers. Why? A. Not enough water  b. Too much water  c. Thrips

12. Which Rotarian sheep breeder is most likely to have wool in floor coverings?

13. How many movie (not TV) adaptations have been made based on the book ‘Little Women’ by Louisa May Alcott?

14. The LG Corporation produces electronics and telecom products, but what does LG stand for?

15. Which Australian female TV personality drove the 2,000,000 Australian built Falcon off the assembly line at Broadmeadows?

16. In what year was Advanced Australia Fair proclaimed as the National Anthem by the Governor General? 1980 1982 1984 1986

17. The keyboardist from an English 1970’s/80’s band recently died from COVID 19.
   a) name the band and...
   b) their greatest hit for which he wrote the harpsichord part. (difficult)
   c) controversially, what was this song about? (really difficult!)

18. What is the largest organ in the human body?

19. What was the name of the world’s first artificial satellite?
BABY SHANEET

This photo will be of interest to those Rotarians who participated in the RotоHomes project in Fiji several years ago.

Pictured is Selwyn Shaneet’s little boy. Selwyn was our foreman when we were building houses in Fiji. Secretary Sue was one of the participants and recalls “on one occasion we led him astray and he got so inebriated he couldn’t go home that night and had to stay with us at the house”.

Rotary Shirts

There are many items of Rotary clothing available online through RDU - dress shirts, polar fleece a, caps, hats and jacket. We are transitioning to the ‘Rotary United’ style polo top in the coming years. The current jackets and vests we have are the water repellent Geneva style, but you can alternatively get them in polar fleece fabric. There is also a lightweight jacket.


PLEASE ORDER YOUR OWN ITEMS.

We can add Warracknabeal and our own names in a bulk order with a local business at a later date.

QUIZ ANSWERS

Eating Out at Home.

At our Rotary meeting on Wednesday we enjoyed a fantastic ‘home cooked’ meal from Woodbine Catering Services. While some Woodbine services have been curtailed due to COVID 19 restrictions, the catering services have been busy. Here is a list of what’s available, if you haven’t seen it on Facebook already. Deliveries are even possible. Try some!