PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A near full house of host families, guests and Rotarians heard a well structured, clear, and informative presentation from our exchange student Simon. In his own new word it was “awesome”. Well done Simon for a really interesting talk.

Our three RLI students: Mandy Morcom, Megan Watts, and Rotaract President Sam Shultz have completed stage 1 of their course. They have already found RLI to be interesting and very informative about Rotary.

I had lunch last Friday with Horsham and Horsham East Presidents Don Perry and Tom Gallagher: Horsham East have posted “The 8 Rotary myths” on their facebook page; well worth a look!

And a great turnout for the highway clean up this morning with 7 Rotarians and 5 other volunteers all making our piece of the Henty Highway just that little bit cleaner, tidier and more attractive to visitors to our town.

Next week is fellowship at the Royal Mail and the Board meeting.

Yours in Rotary,
Tony

COMING DATES

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WPS Breakfast 2019

Tuesday 20th August

Tony (Pick up)
Sue
John T
Sue

Membership Fees are now due for 2019/2020
Fees are $210.00 p.a.
They can be direct deposited

Acc. Name: Rotary Club of Warracknabeal
Bank: CBA BSB: 063 544
Account No: 1002 1494

Note Surname / Invoice Number when paying via bank transfer
See Treasurer if you wish to pay in instalments.
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No Inductions, Birthdays, Anniversaries.

**Meeting: 14th August**


**REPORTS**

**Secretary Sue:**

Megan has arrived safely in Saskatoon, Canada, with other Rotarians from District 9780 on a Friendship Tour. Watch this space for future updates.

**Community Service (Peter):**

Sat. 17th Aug. 9am Highway clean up. Meet at Rotary Park shed. BYO gloves.

Sat 24th Aug. Lamb marking. Details TBA

Sun 25th. Aug. Fundraiser BBQ. Lions Park. 11am. Details TBA

**Fellowship (Bernie):**

Curry Night coming. But not on a Wednesday.
Simon Ossing – Exchange Student

Simon has settled in well to life in Warracknabeal and is embracing every opportunity to learn new things. He tells us that he has learned a new word recently – ‘sensational’. What a positive word to include in your already expansive English vocabulary, Simon. Good choice! We hope you get to use that word on many occasions during your stay with us.

Simon spoke at Rotary on Wednesday and gave a SENSATIONAL presentation, giving us an idea of his life in Germany. Simon spoke about Germany, his local region in the south west and then his life in the small village of Herschbach.

With a population of 3000, Herschbach might seem like it could be similar to Warracknabeal. It has a small community feeling, not many shops, its own colours and sports teams, and farms nearby. However there are many differences. Herschbach is surrounded by many other small villages nearby, with Cologne (pop. 1 million) an hour away, and Frankfurt (pop. 740,000) within an hour and a half. While Warracknabeal Secondary College has just 180 students, Simon’s local school, which is 50 minutes by bus, has 1200 students. There are farms surrounding Herschbach, but when Simon saw the size of the farms here and the enormous tractors, he was amazed.

Simon’s father is a policeman who works in security at the Frankfurt Airport. Simon’s mother works in her family’s business which produces welding machines for the local and international market. Simon’s sister is nearly 18 and is currently studying Information Technology.

Simon’s home Rotary Club is the RC of Westerwald, of which his mother is a member. Simon’s impression of Aussies so far are that people are open and friendly. We think the same of Simon, so it looks like being a sensational year!

It was Simon’s 16th birthday so counsellors Helen and Chris organized a decorated birthday cake and two very Aussie gifts – an Akubra hat and a West Coast Eagles beanie. (you might ask why this choice for his AFL team. Its because he likes their colours. We’ll see if its still the same after a few Rotarians gets in his ears!)
Dear Rotarian,

Greetings from RID 3181 for the New Rotary Year!

We from the Rotary District 3181 are conducting an International motorcycle ride/four wheel drive event called Ride for Rotary.

The first 3 editions of Ride for Rotary was a great success to which we have closely 50 participants from 12 different countries attended and had a wonderful experience.

This year we are planning to make it bigger and better by adding four wheel drive too. Our aim is to promote International fellowship, exchange of Rotary views & the funds raised by this event will completely go to The Rotary Foundation.

Event will be from 16th to 28th January 2020.

Below mentioned are the event highlights:

A 12 days event commencing from Mangalore (India) that can either be a motorcycle ride or a four wheel drive.
The ride will cover 4 Rotary Districts, many Rotary Clubs along with temples, churches, Tiger Reserves, forests, Beaches and via some breath taking beautiful roads in the lap of nature.
Participants/ Riders will be provided motorcycles/cars, fuel, stay, food, riding gears, mechanical support, medical support for the event period.
Showcasing Indian Heritage, Culture & Diversity.
Cultural activities and fellowship will be part of the event.

Participation Fee:
For Individual: 3000 USD + 18% Tax
For Couple: 5000 USD + 18% Tax

We request you to register for this event and make the event a great success.

For more information please log on to www.rideforrotary.com

Regards,
Rtn, Kanthraj C
Secretary
Ride for Rotary