

# The Warracknabeal Bulletin



## Rotary

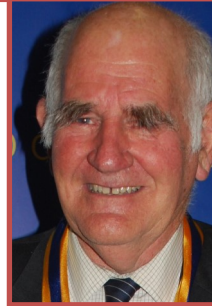
### Club of Warracknabeal



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#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Nine of us Zoomed in on Friday evening to the Rotary Club of Horsham's ROMP (Rotary Outreach Myeloma Program) presentation by the Rotary Club of Camberwell (RCC). The RCC has been associated with Myeloma Australia for twenty years and delivers quality support for people who are living with myeloma, a type of blood cancer that affects the inside of the bone marrow. For those diagnosed with myeloma less than half survive for more than five years. To provide regional sufferers support similar to that in Melbourne, the RCC has set up ROMP support groups across Victoria based on the four regional Rotary Districts. The Rotary Club of Horsham has had a special relationship with RCC for a long time; at the moment Horsham is the only support group in western Victoria, with others planned for Mildura, Warrnambool, and maybe Hamilton and Swan Hill. This is an excellent Rotary program (R100 certified) and deserves our support; we will contribute \$500 to their program.



Congratulations to Megan Watts on being appointed the District Chairman of RYPEN, another accolade for the Rotary Club of Warracknabeal.

I urge all Rotarians to read the article on our new RI President Holger Knaack in the July edition of Rotary Down Under. He comes from a bakery background, is relatively young for a RI President, is clearly very energetic, and has many refreshing ideas on how we should approach Rotary and indeed the future of Rotary.

Next week will be a Board meeting in Rotary House @ 7.30 pm. At this stage the Royal Mail can accommodate all Board members for a fellowship dinner as normal although take-away is still available. Given the current state of COVID-19 in Victoria be prepared for late changes in eating arrangements or even the venue!

Yours in Rotary,

Tony

**Club Meets:**

**Rotary House**

Scott Street, Warracknabeal

6.00 for 6.30 p.m.

Unless otherwise noted

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confirm venue & time.

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**Sheep Flock Report:**

Orphaned lambs have fallen  
on their feet.



**ALL ROTARY MEETINGS**

**Don't forget.....**

**APOLOGIES TO CHRIS GUNN**

**0487 159 242**

#### **COMING DATES**

**WRC visit to RC Wyndham**

**4-6 Sep TBC**

DUTIES	Wednesday 22nd July 2020	Wednesday 29th July 2020	Wednesday 5th August 2020
Venue	<p>6-6:30pm</p> <p>Fellowship dinner</p> <p>The Royal Mail Hotel</p> <p>7:30pm</p> <p>BOARD MEETING</p> <p>Rotary House</p>	TBC	TBC
Time		6:00pm -6:30pm	6:00pm -6:30pm
Reception/Visitors		J. Daniel	D. Drage
Chairman		C. Hewitt	T. Hewitt
Invocation		J. Liersch	P. Martin
Heads & Tails		M. Morcom	J. O'Brien
2 min talk 'Why I joined Rotary... My Rotary highlight'		I. Penny	H. Peters
Program		David Ward Establishing the Horsham Times newspaper	Rob McRae Maiden speech/job talk
Vote of Thanks		K. Wall	M. Watts

Inductions :

Birthdays : Ruth Shaw 10 July, Joan Bentley 21 July

Anniversaries :



*Congratulations Megan*

Megan Watts has recently been appointed as the **District 9780 RYPEN chair**. RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) weekend camps have been run in Rotary districts around Australia for decades. RYPEN is one of the signature youth programs that many of our local 14-17 year olds have experienced. Through a variety of fun, challenging and informative activities participants explore personal growth, team work, life skills and more, while interacting with other district youth from a wide range of backgrounds.

### ROTARY SUBS DUE.....

By now you should have received an email requesting payment of your Rotary Subs for the 2020-21 rotary year, plus an account for any outstanding 'fines' from previous zoom meeting. Please help treasurer Chris by finalising these accounts ASAP.

Wednesday July 17 2020

## Combined meeting “ROMP”



Nine RCW members joined Rotarians from RC Horsham, RC Nhill, RC Horsham East and RC Camberwell for the Zoom Rotary meeting on Friday night. The main purpose was to hear about the multi-club Centenary Rotary effort led by RC Camberwell called **ROMP (Rotary Outreach Myeloma Project)**. It is a very ambitious and important Rotary project. ROMP is the only specific myeloma charity in Australia, so thank you Rotary for taking this initiative.

Why RC Camberwell? Why us?

RC Horsham has had a long association with RC Camberwell, with many exchange visits and support for each other's projects over the years. The city club has been involved with Myeloma Australia for some years, and is now working with ROMP to establish regional and rural support organisations and groups. RC Horsham is a ROMP partner.

ROMP secretary **Peter Allen OAM** gave an informative presentation about myeloma and ROMP. Myeloma is an incurable blood cancer that develops from a type of white blood cells in the bone marrow. (It's not a skin cancer) There are about 4000 Victorians living with myeloma but there is a real shortage of dedicated specialists outside the major cities, hence the need for outreach support. The plan is for Horsham to become one of the ROMP hubs for regional Victoria.



Peter introduced Myeloma Australia CEO, **Steve Roach**, who spoke about the role and importance of support groups. He explained that there would currently be about 1000 rural Victorians with myeloma, but the impact of the disease has far reaching effects on patients, carers and medicos, estimating the extended myeloma rural community would be several thousand. The aim of a ROMP hub is to help locals access specialist myeloma health professionals. Once support groups are firmly established in regional areas with Rotary support, the new groups (8-10 in Victoria) will be sustained through MA. Country patients will not be alone.

