



This Week's Program:

District Governor Bill Degnan & Judy were our keynote speakers.

Bill was excited to finally get to a club meeting in the flesh although he did confess to having a bit of a struggle getting into his suit after weeks of sitting at his computer on Zoom.

Bill's presentation focussed on the following key issues.

The declining membership of Rotary worldwide and ours and neighbouring districts.

Promoting the Rotary "Brand" in the community as a means of attracting members.

At all events Rotary should have its banner

MEMBERSHIP

Clubs, and our District, are dropping in membership numbers.

- 1 Jul 2016 - 1,374 1 Jul 2017 - 1,336
- 1 Jul 2018 - 1,305 1 Jul 2019 - 1,230
- 1 Jul 2020 - 1,177 1 Jul 2021 - 1,131



displayed to help inform the public of what we do and who benefits from our work and fundraising.

Judy Degnan spoke of her partner's project which followed Bill's theme of promotion of the Rotary name. Many of the suggestions Judy mentioned were things our club had already made a start on doing but there plenty of other suggestions we could take up.

Examples of the correct use of the Rotary Logo was also informative (particularly for the Bullet Editor)

Pictured: President Gary Scanlon, District Governor Bill Degnan and his wife Judy .

This poster shown below struck a chord with Bill during one of his many training programs in the lead up to becoming District Governor. Covid caused many of these training programs to be done online and he has missed out on opportunities to attend overseas training programs and personally meet other District Governors. This has been unfortunate because such events are great experiences for leaders in these positions.



2021 Annual General Meeting - Tuesday 23rd November

I advise members that this club's 2021 Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at our dinner meeting on 23rd November.

I call for nominations for the following positions to be filled at the AGM:

President 2022-23; Secretary 2022-23; Treasurer 2022-23; up to **five (5) Directors 2022-23** (**NOTE: three of the current Directors have indicated their intention to nominate for another year**); and nominations are also sought for **President Nominee 2023-24.**

Nominations will be announced at our meeting on Tuesday 16th November.

Gary Scanlon

Next Week's Program:

The **Cup Eve Bar B Que** has been shifted to the **Rotunda at Bellbird Park.**

Copy this link to google maps if you don't know where to go.

<https://w3w.co/tamely.accolades.sprinting>

The same arrangements will apply 6.00 for 6.30pm.

BYO your own delights for the hot plate plus a salad or dessert to share.

The main reason for the re location is the uncertainty of the definition of what constitutes a venue. As Glynn and Liz so kindly offered their surrounds at the orchard, it was felt it would be safer (COVID 19 rules) for all concerned that Bellbird Park would be a great alternative.

Bring some Cash for the Melbourne Cup Sweep .

Next Face to Face Meeting

Tuesday 9th November at the Hong Kong Inn



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Covid Compliance

Any members who have not been at Rotary must remember to bring PROOF of your COVID Vaccinations to present to Bob Vogt.

These can be on your phone or a printed copy of your certificate

Program

- Tues 9th Nov To be confirmed
- Tues 16th Nov 5 Minutes from 5 Rotarians
Always an entertaining evening
- Tues 23rd Nov Our Annual General Meeting – more details to follow

Service Project - Ambulance Uniforms

The Drouin Branch has called for a special effort of de-badging over the next few weeks to get clothing for the 1500 volunteers (including *SES, St John's, Surf Life Savers, paramedic students in training*) being trained up to help Ambulance Victoria during the current "Covid Rush". Members, partners, family and friends are all invited to put up their hands for a box - or two - of shirts to de-badge. **AND** if you know of other organisations that may be interested in helping - Lions and Warragul Rotary are already involved - they would be welcome. **Call or email Tim Wills and get involved, at whatever level you can manage.**

On to Conference

CONFERENCE 2022 to be held at Traralgon on the weekend of February 25th – 27th 2022.

Several members are interested in going. Accommodation needs to be booked ASAP so if you are planning to go, let Gary know.

Traralgon Rotary are looking for Registrations which are now open.

<https://rotary9820.org.au/sitepage/district-9820-conference-2022/welcome>

Food Deliveries

Drop Off	October 29 th .
Drouin - *(Lampard's Rd.)	Bob & Anita Arrive 10:15am
Drouin - Residential	Tim & Max Arrive 10:30am
Warragul - Residential	Pauline & Brian Arrive 10:45am

Drouin Rotary Craft & Produce Market

Click on this link <https://www.facebook.com/drouincraftmarket> and like this page to help promote our Market.

Rotary Readers' Roundup - Response to Last Week's Homework.

Thank you to these members who ALL did their homework.

Bill Zeldenryk, Max Scott, Dick Van Leeuwen, Anita Coonan, and Keith Pretty.

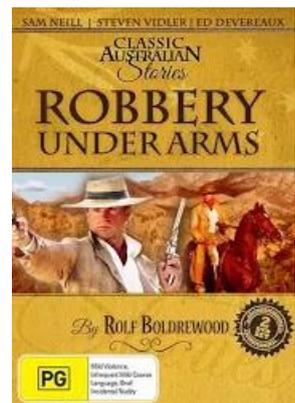
I have held 3 of these over till next week for space reasons.

Bill Zeldenryk

I was never a book person when I was younger. "Robbery Under Arms" was a novel I had to read as part of English literature at school back in 1960's.

The book went on to become one of the classics in Australian folklore and more than likely laid the foundations for my interest and travel in the Australian Outback.

Robbery Under Arms; A Story of Life and Adventure In The Bush And In The Australian Goldfields

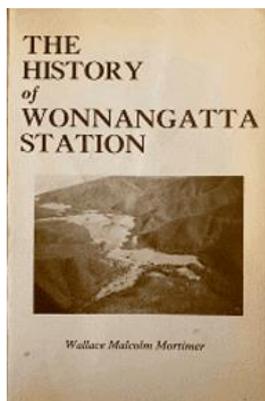


Another of my favourite reads is the History of Wonnangatta Station. In late 1917 the

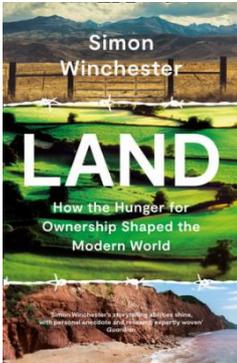
station manager was murdered. To this day it has never been resolved. It's ironic that just over 100 years later this valley once again has gained notoriety in that 2 people from our own community have gone missing from this valley. At the time of writing this review this also has not been resolved.

The station had been established in the 1860s by Oliver Smith, a North American, who came across the valley while prospecting for gold. Smith's common law wife Ellen or "Nancy" and her son Harry joined him, and a homestead was built near the junction of the Wonnangatta River and Conglomerate Creek.

I first travelled into Wonnangatta valley nearly 30 years ago. It's regarded as one of the must go locations for keen 4-wheel drivers.



Max Scott

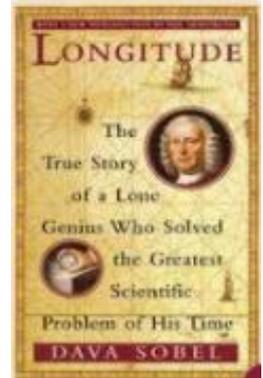


My reading is diverse, and I go through phases. I might have a fiction binge, then a spate of current affairs, but a recurring preference is what I would call “big picture non-fiction”. For this my go to authors are Bill Bryson, Oliver Sacks, Jared Diamond, Dava Sobel, Simon Winchester and Niall Ferguson who are all gifted in telling a story pulling together a wide viewpoint.

I recent read was Simon Winchester’s “Land”. He discusses historical and contemporary concepts of land ownership, how the desire to own land drove the

colonisation of the new worlds, and the conflict between people over land borders.

A good easy read that still stimulates this old brain to a bit of thinking.

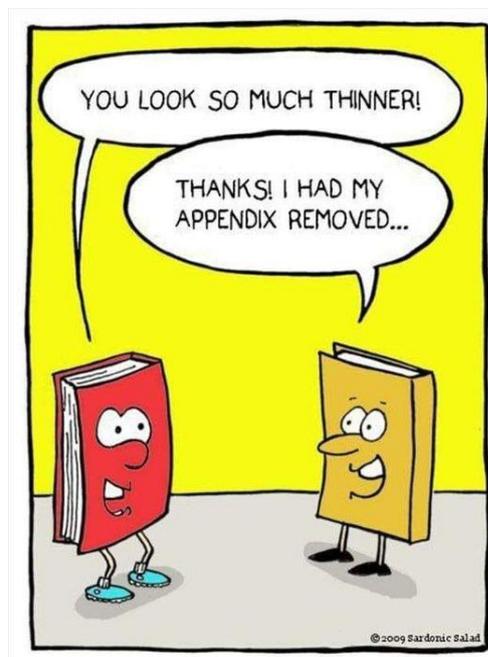


Homework For Next Week:

Thank you to those members who have provided material for this part of the Bulletin. The Editor has really enjoyed reading your contributions and has expanded his reading list.

There is **no homework this week.**

The contributions from [Dick Van Leeuwen](#), [Anita Coonan](#) and [Keith Pretty](#) will be published next week.



Drouin Rotary Club Leadership Team 2021/22

President: **Gary Scanlon**
Secretary/Administration:
Treasurer/President Elect/On-to-Conference:
Past President/Asst. Youth/ Rotary Centenary Directors
Community Service/Projects:
Director Rotary Foundation:
Membership & COVID Support:
Sergeants-at-Arms:

Terry Blundell
Roger Playdon
Russell Ford



Work Force and Resources: **Kevin Roberts**
Youth/New Generations: **Sharryn Marshall**
Insurance & Risk Management: **Ian Haughton**

Bill Petschack
Ian Symons
Bob Vogt
Ian Haughton/Jane Playdon

Administration Assist Secretary in all areas of administration

Protection Officer: **Ian Symons** Rotary Family: **Pauline Maunder**
Attendance: **Peter Konjevic** Property: **William Wong**
Grants Coordinator: **Terry Blundell** Club Historians: **Don Blackley/Russell Ford**

Market: Manage preparation for and delivery of the monthly 'Drouin Rotary Craft & Produce Market'
Manager: **David Veal** BBQ Control: **David Proposch** Support & Manpower: **Max Scott**

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