

This Week's Program:

This week's program had been suggested by Don Blackley.

And who would have thought that a large group of Rotarians would listen spellbound to an Audio CD.

Len Beadell has been named the "Last True Australian Explorer" for opening up over 2.5 million square kilometres of rugged Australian Outback.

He found and developed roads to the sites and layouts of

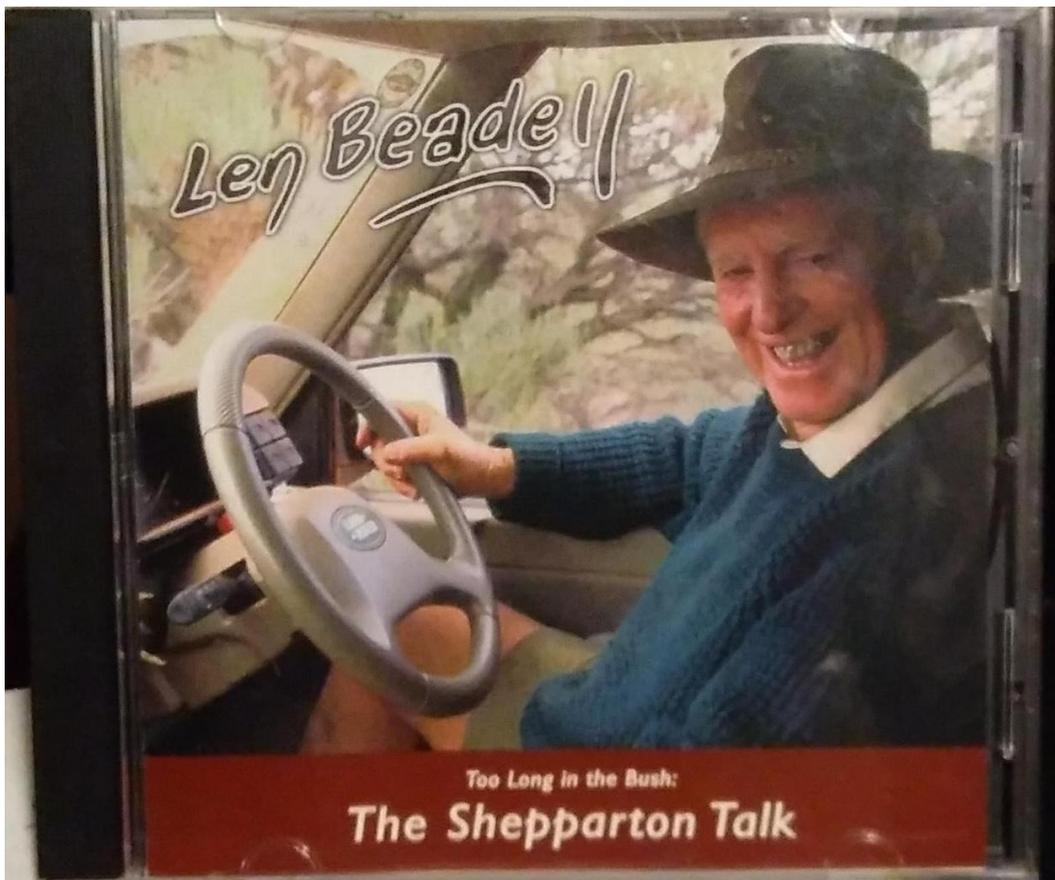
- The Woomera Rocket Range,
- Emu Fields (the site of the first Nuclear Test on the Australian Mainland
- Maralinga where large numbers of nuclear test were carried out from 1955 to 1963.

The CD was an address by Len Beadell to Annual Conference of Rotary District 982 at Shepparton Civil Centre 2 March 1991' –

It was brilliant. Thanks, Don Blackley, for the suggestion.

A DVD version (with pictures) can be purchased online for \$33 at

<https://www.lenbeadell.com.au/product-page/too-long-in-the-bush-the-shepparton-talk-with-pictures>



Last Week's Program:

Partner's night at the Hong Kong Inn & guest speaker **Jan Henry**, Team Leader Gippsland for **The Smith Family** speaking on the organisation's services for Gippsland children.

Chair - **Pauline Maunder**.



I have included some notes Jan provided which I believe are well worth reading, particularly for those of you who were not at the meeting. As an organisation made up of the more privileged members of the community it is a reminder of the unfortunate circumstances of many families.

The Cycle of Disadvantage

LOW-INCOME FAMILIES: Challenges include sickness, disability, unemployment, difficulty affording basic living costs, inability to provide resources for their children's education, limited access to digital technology and skills, and a lack of knowledge or confidence about how best to support their educational development.

POORER EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN: Children are behind in essential skills when they start school, without the items they need to fit in, they may start to fall behind at school and then have difficulty catching up. They have limited or no access to positive adult role models to guide their subject choices/study/career paths.

DIFFICULTY GETTING A JOB: particularly if they leave school early with few or no qualifications which means fewer job opportunities. These children may have limited connections to community networks and services.

POORER OVERALL LIFE OUTCOMES: Inability to get ahead in life, health and wellbeing affected, passing on disadvantage to the next generation.

Intergenerational poverty and disadvantage are very real. Not for all families. Some of our families have been travelling well and it only takes a single event to lead to something like homelessness. Not all one stereotype – many different issues.

DISADVANTAGE is a complex, pervasive and dynamic concept, that is often generational. In Australia 1.1 million children and young people live in poverty. Some of the complex and often compounding challenges faced by students receiving our support include:

All of them live in low-income families- but that does look different for different families. They don't all present like children in TV ads.

More than half live in a single parent family, with up to 6% living with another relative or in foster care. Sometimes these are older grandparents and there have been some real challenges here which I can talk about later if you are interested.

Around 40% of students and 50% of their parents/carers have a health or disability issue.

Around 60% have a parent or carer who didn't finish Year 12.

More than 70% of students have a parent or carer not in paid employment.

One in five students in Years 5-12 have attended four or more schools.

Three in ten 'Learning for Life' families/children do not have a computer or tablet connected to the internet at the end of 2019. I'll come back to this when I talk about the impact and program during COVID.

Program

**Tues 14th
December**

Christmas Breakup Partners Night

and last meeting for the year

At **Middel's** \$30 per head. Buy your own drinks.

Contact Gary on 0408 149 802 for the few spaces left.

Please bring proof of Covid Vaccination if Bob Vogt has not already sighted it

**Tues 18th January
2022**

First Meeting for 2022 at Hong Kong Inn

Food Deliveries

Drop Off	December 10 th .	*December 17 th .	December 22 nd .
Drouin - * (Lampard's Rd.) with some residential.	Peter & Bob Arrive 1:15pm	* Ian & David Arrive 10:15am	<i>Volunteers Needed</i>
Drouin - Residential	Rob & Dick Arrive 1:30pm	Bob & Anita Arrive 10:30am	<i>Volunteers Needed</i>
Warragul - Residential	Pauline & Brian Arrive 1:45pm	Bill & Gwen Arrive 10:45am	<i>Volunteers Needed</i>

Please note

- the Shortage of Volunteers for the Special Delivery on Wednesday 22nd Dec
- Start times on Fri Dec 10th are 1:15, 1:30 & 1:45 pm

Drouin Rotary Craft & Produce Market Saturday Dec 18th

Thanks to Rob Coustley for volunteering to be Santa.

Volunteers are needed for the jobs below:

- ~~1. NO PARKING signs at Civic Park (5pm Friday 17 December)~~
- ~~2. A FRAME SIGNS AT TOWN ROUNDABOUTS (7am Saturday 18th December)~~
- 3. COVID MARSHALLS , TO CHECK STALLHOLDERS (7AM Saturday)**
- 4. BBQ CASHIER, FIRST SHIFT (6:30 - 9:30AM Saturday)**
- 5. BBQ COOK, SECOND SHIFT (9:30-12:30 Saturday)**
- 6. BBQ SERVING AND SAUCES, SECOND SHIFT (9:30-12:30)**
- 7. BBQ CASHIER , SECOND SHIFT (9:30-12:30)**
- 8. STALLHOLDER ORDERS (9:30 - 11:00)**
- 9. COVID MARSHALL X2, FIRST SHIFT (8:00- 10:00)**
- 10. COVID MARSHALL X2 , SECOND SHIFT (10:00-12:00)**
- ~~11. COLLECT NO PARKING SIGNS (7AM SATURDAY)~~
- 12. COLLECT A FRAME SIGNS (SATURDAY AFTERNOON)**

Contact Max Scott on 0407 361 611 or scottmaxwell13@gmail.com

Christmas Bar B Que for Football Club

Two Bar B Que cooks are required for

Friday 17th Dec

5:30 to 7:30 pm

Western Park

Moulin Rouge – Social Night Out

Glynn needs 6 more people to come to Moulin Rouge,



on **Saturday 29th January at 2pm.**

Tickets start at \$119 plus the bus from Drouin to city \$20 - \$25 roughly.

If we have full bus, it will be \$20.

He has asked you to pay by cash rather than cheque.

Tools for East Gippsland Fire Victims

Kevin now has room in his shed after taking the second delivery of tools to East Gippsland.

Kevin pictured here with some of the Tools collected or donated by Rotary Members and their friends.



Thanks to William and his team at the Hong Kong Inn for supporting the Rotary Club of Drouin during this difficult year.

Merry Christmas to you all

Rotary Reader's Roundup

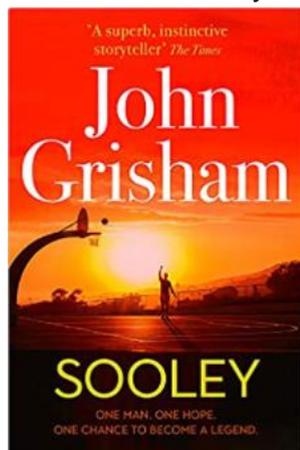
Peter Konjevic.

SOOLEY BY JOHN GRISHAM.

One of my favourite authors. Ex Lawyer turned story teller, always a twist, loosely based on personal experiences so he says.

“SOOLEY” is an insight into American College basketball. A different kind of court for John Grisham.

ONE MAN. Seventeen-year-old Samuel Sooleyman comes from a village in South Sudan, a war-torn country where a third of the population is a refugee. His love is basketball, his prodigious leap and lightning speed makes him an exceptional player. His big chance is when he is noticed by a coach taking a youth team to the United States.



ONE HOPE. He gets through the tournament. Samuel's life and his families will change beyond recognition. But it's the longest of long shots. His talent is raw and uncoached. There are hundreds of better-known players ahead of him. He must leave his family behind, at least at the beginning.

ONE CHANCE. As American success beckons, devastating news reaches him from home. Caught between his dream and the nightmare unfolding thousands of miles away. Sooley as he is nicknamed by his class mates, must make hard choices about his

future. His dedication must do what no other has achieved in the history of his chosen game. He becomes a legend in twelve short months.

Gripping until the end, a good read.

Paul Davine's book reviews have been held over for space reasons

Homework For Next Week: none

You can have a rest for a few weeks.

Drouin Rotary Club Leadership Team 2021/22

Has been omitted for this week .

Australia Day Planning:

We will need 25 volunteers to run this event.

Weds 26th January 2022

A list was circulated at the last meeting and there are vacancies for several tasks.