



Last Week's Program:

Chairman Roger Playdon introduced presenter & Longwarry Historian Russell Ford to celebrate International Women's Day with a talk on Breaker Morant.



What was the link between 'Breaker' Morant and Longwarry?

When people know that you are involved with a history group, they often send you items that might be of interest and so it was when I was given this copy of the Weekly Times from February 2019. One word got me started on the research. **LONGWARRY.**

Russell revealed that through his research a variety of sources and documentary records he had shown that the third soldier convicted during the memorable Boer War incident, for which Harry Morant and Peter Hancock were executed, had almost certainly spent his teen years living in Longwarry.

Although George Ramsdale Witton (pictured) was born in Warrnambool he would almost certainly have been with his family when his younger brother Sydney was born in Longwarry ten years later. Documents found reveal:

- George's uncle owned the Longwarry Brickworks in 1884
- Sydney was born in Longwarry in 1884
- George's mother held title to a block of land in Longwarry in 1886
- George's father died in 1904 and is buried in Drouin cemetery

Thank to Tim Wills for this summary

John Tricarico was pleasantly surprised, but apparently not as much as President Gary, when given his 10th Anniversary Certificate, although the actual anniversary of his induction was 15th November. John said how grateful he was for his involvement with the club and how much the support of members during the time of family tragedy had been of great assistance.



Notes from the President

Notices:

- The Board resolved to donate \$2,000 to the Rotary Flood Relief fund and members are invited to contribute further donations personally which will be added to this amount
- All members would have received emails concerning a Mangrove Working Bee to our south on 24th March and also advice on the amalgamation of Districts 9810 & 9820 in July 2024 --- **check your emails for more**
- They will be a Student Mental Health seminar in Morwell on Sunday 29th May. **More details from President Gary for those interested**
- **Farm World Roster** still short on 2 for the Rodeo on Saturday evening from 6.30-9.30.
- Bull riding capabilities not required but directing patrons will Come & have some fun. (Roster will be Distributed next week)
- Terry Blundell is transferring to the Rotary Club of Mandurah District. He has already attended some meetings and has been made most welcome. One member has even lent him a car until his arrives from Victoria
- Special support for Ukraine refugees is coming from the RI Federation Fund and Treasurer Roger will accept any donations members wish to make and forward them onto the appropriate fund managers.
- Looking for person/persons to distribute Show & Shine flyers at the Leongatha swap meet on Sunday 20th March.



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Rotary Stand at Farmworld

There will be a stand in the Baw Baw Pavilion promoting Rotary and seeking to attract new members.

It is being managed by Di Carson of Warragul but is a District 9820 stand.

Volunteers will be sought for four-hour shifts on each day, once the club's main roster is completed.

Those driving the Tractor at Farmworld –

There will be an information session on what is required. – Those rostered are Gary Scanlon, Max Scott, Roger Playdon, Ian Bennett, Glynn Fankhauser, Rob Coustley, Don Kelly.

Market Saturday 19th March

Max will be seeking volunteers

Swap Meet 2022:

Swap Meet on Sunday 10th April will need involvement of all members who can be



Rotary Club of Drouin Inc.

2022 Swap Meet & Show'n Shine



at **Lardner Park Sunday 10th April 2022**

Details at <https://www.drouinrotary.com/>

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Upcoming meetings:

Partner's Movie Night Tues March 15th

Any late payments should be made to Tim Wills on the night. *Still tickets available if you would like to come!*

No meeting at the Hong Kong Inn as members will be attending the movies (The Duke) at Warragul Cinema.



22nd March – Chairman Paul Davine will introduce Elaine Darby who will speak on her life of nursing around the world.

29th March – Fifth Tuesday so a social night with dinner at 'The Drouin Carvery' with more details to come on 22nd

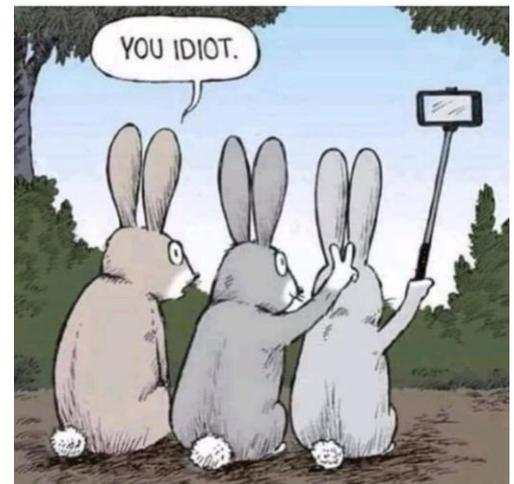
5th April – Swap Meet Organisation Briefing and Safety Talk.

Program Groups for the Next Few Months

Look for your name in the list below and organise with your colleagues for the dates assigned to you.

Group 3	Group 4	Group 5
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Apr 5 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th	May 3 rd 10 th , 17 th , 24 th	June 7 th , 14 th , 21 st
Jane Playdon	D Van Leeuwen	John Franklin
Pauline Maunder	Rob Stewart	Tim Wills
Anita Coonan	Clarrie Debnam	Graeme Watts
Ian Brooks	Jo McKechnie	Don Blackley
Ray Howe	Keith Pretty	John Kinrade
Ian Haughton	Gary Surman	Peter Konjevic
Tricia Jones	David Proposch	Max Hine
Bob Vogt	Rob Coustley	Keith Cook
John Tricarico	Judy Alexander	Max Hine



News from Russia

To get on the good side of the public, Vladimir Putin goes to visit a school in Moscow to have a chat with the kids. He talks to them about how Russia is a powerful nation and how he wants the best for the people.

At the end of the talk there is a section for questions. Little Sasha puts her hand up and says, "I have two questions. Why did the Russians take Crimea and why are we sending troops to the Ukraine?" Putin says, "Good questions".

But just as he is about to answer, the bell goes, and the kids go to lunch.

When they come back, they sit down and there is time for some more questions. Another girl, Anna, puts her hand up and says "I have four questions."

" Why did the Russians invade Crimea?

"Why are we sending troops to the Ukraine?

"Why did the lunch bell go 20 minutes early?

and

"Where the hell is Sasha?"