

## Bulletin 20 from 12th of November

### HMRI Awards Night via Zoom



### HMRI theme in 2020 of Celebrate, Inspire and Recognise.

(photo in a clinic  
managing COVID cases)

The club was able to join the HMRI awards night via Zoom, to recognise great scientific researchers, but also to view some of the work which has been done during last 12 months. Prof Brett McMahon explained the concern that when COVID hit there would be an evaporation of funding support for programs, and there was uncertainty about how 2020 would finish. The reality was that the donor community remained strong. This in turn boosted the moral of the various research teams, and allowed great results during the year.

Various programs were mentioned including the Mark & Kerra-Lee Hughes brain research program which has had amazing success and has raised \$2.55mil so far.

Jill Emberson an ABC radio personality, and great supported of HMRI, died from ovarian cancer during the year. In her honour a 3 year Phd scholarship into Ovarian cancer has been established. Various Volunteers talked about their experiences with HMRI and how they may have decided to become involved. Often this might be the result of a family member needing treatment. The comments were that the doctors and researchers inspired them to be come involved on some way. The information presented makes our members pleased to be associated with HMRI through Dr Kelvin Kong who is working to improve ear health in indigenous and Torres Straight Islander Children.

Meeting is at the Bowling Club, 1st Floor in the Bay rooms this week. The option to attend via Zoom is available. Phil Smith has attendees recorded unless a change is necessary, then please advise via Rotary Phone 0401 450239.

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### Birthdays

Narelle Melhuish Nov 20

### Partners

Nil this week

### Anniversaries

Ella & John Clarke Nov 18

### Winners this week

H& T: Spinner Doug  
cleared out the players  
after 3 tosses.

Raffle: John Cropley (last  
ticket was the lucky one)

### Next weeks Speaker

Darcy Geale

**Topic:**The Solar Case for  
portable power generation  
in remote health centres

### Club Duties

**Door Duty:** Phillip Smith &  
Richard Turner

**Grace:** John Stuhmcke  
**Introduce Speaker:** Don  
Whatham

**Thank Speaker:** Milton  
Williams

**Bulletin Dieter Grieter**

### Binoculars Roster

16/11 John Stuhmcke /  
Dieter Grieter

23/11 Richard Turner/  
Mike Jenkins

29/11 John Crump/ Val  
Morris.

## Board announcements.

The Board has agreed to donate \$500 to the efforts of the Rotary Club of Cobar. We have heard about this great project to help out farmers in the region by supplying new water tanks.

Centenary of Rotary next year. Discussion about how this might be marked by the clubs in the area. The combined efforts of Rotary clubs in the area is a substantial amount of years involved in helping our community. The idea to support the End Trachoma programs perhaps by a walk from Dutchies Beach to Fly Point is being considered. Tree planting program with local school children is another thought. Banners could be produced which then would be displayed in the area.

## Australian Rotary Health Hat Night

In past months donations made by members and the Hat night which we held in October raised a total of around \$500. The board agreed to increase this amount to a substantial \$1000 donation to ARH to fund work into Mental Health.



## Immortal Night Next year

The Foundation director advised the plan is to hold an Immortal night in early 2021. We have done this in the past with success. The money raised by the purchasing the pin at \$100, goes to a part of RI fund which is not spent, and the interest generates income to fund worthy projects.

Funeral for Terry Fitzsimmons PDG Helen attended the funeral service for Terry with 3 other club members. She mentioned feeling privileged to be able to attend as restrictions to numbers due to COVID stopped others who would have liked to attend from being there. The club membership sent their condolences to Noelene who will be leaving the area.

Varella Hobbs attended the meeting tonight as a guest.



## Bike Trip for Warwick Matheson

PP Warwick had an interesting trip on a postal bike with the aim of raising some funds and having fun on the way. He thanked all his supporters from the club. The trip finished in Tamworth having gone through various locations including Barrington tops where the bike is shown. There were 70 bikes in the race and the route travelled 1600km. A fabulous \$220 K was raised for the Variety Club to make donation to underprivileged children throughout N.S.W.





AM shift

Phil Smith, Doug Craike, Lesley Freeman, Judi Priestley, Arja Levonpera

PM Shift

Geoff Diemar, Richard Turner, John Stuhmcke, Don Whatham, Chris Bartlett.  
Supplies Doug Bairstow

Stop Press, Last Minute item:

Well yes, another Bunnings BBQ this morning. Saturday 14th November. A wonderful effort to organise 2 teams for morning and afternoon with minimal notice.

Chris Bartlett advises we have another date on December 6th for anyone who missed out this time. We are also being called upon quite regularly to fill in when groups pull out at short notice. This may result in other dates prior to Christmas.

Later: Photos from the day which again generated about an \$800 return



Upcoming events

10th of December - Club AGM  
Minutes will be circulated prior to the meeting

17th of December - Christmas party  
This will be held in NBBC in the Crow's Nest room.