

## **GUESS WHO CAME TO DINNER**

### **REPORT FROM MEETING MONDAY 3RD JUNE**

**I was happy to represent President Mark Clemow during his absence last Monday 3rd June 2024 for meeting 2667.**

**Sargent At Arms, Chris called the meeting at 6.30 and invited Peter Baur to the stand to give the Invocation and Loyal Toast  
Chris then welcomed myself to the stand**

**I welcomed Judy Hawker , Andy Byrne, Michael Bagshaw, our guest speaker Jonothan Robran , Meghan Fender, Andy Saunders, Wendy O'Neil, and John Cook.**

**As per President Marks request i took a vote for the implementation of the new format of Club meetings for the Rotary club of Mt Barker for 2024-2025It was a show of hands for or against the recommendations of a new club format that has been circulated to the members via email.**

**12- for and 1 against- results was emailed to President Mark Clemow**

**I then welcomed James Hawker to the stand as Chair for the evening . James took on the role of Chair at the last minute - thank you James.**

**James welcomed Roz to the stand to give her Spotlight the Western District of Victoria and the town of Hamilton in the shire of the Southern Grampians .The Rotary club of Hamilton began in 1937 and grew steadily until 1974 when it was decided to form a second club, the Rotary club of Hamilton North.In recent years , due to a decrease in numbers the clubs have amalgamated to form Rotary Hamilton, and with Regionalisation ,District 9780 has been divided into 5 groups and Rotary Hamilton will become part of Community Group 2. The clubs President is Noel Howard and the club has 37 members**

**Some of fundraising they participate in is**

- 1- Sheepvention BBQ- 2 day event now one of the most prestigious rural events in Australia**
- 2- Dunkeld Races**
- 3- Rotary Art Show**

**Programmes**

- 1-Environmental -Brumley Park tree planting program with the council**
  - 2- Community- Standing Tall - mentoring - , Eisteddfod, Pride in Workmanship awards**
  - 3-International-Mosquito nets - Fiji, Toilets- Nepal, End Polio**
  - 4-Youth- NYSF, RYLA, Youth Exchange, Young artist award**
  - 5- Health- Bowel scan , mental health, DM**
- Let us raise our glasses and toast Rotary Hamilton.**

**Then we heard from Andrew giving us his Soapbox talk on Tips on Increasing club membership**

**Andrew discussed that he went onto Rotary. org and told us the interesting story of how from 2016-2017 Edina-Morningside from District 5950 added 31 members , of which 10 were under 40 to its club which increased its numbers to 94**

**How did they do this ???? A guy called Tom Gump from Minnesota created 15 tips on how to recruit members  
Some of these tips included**

**1-Create a list of all the great things about your club**

**2- Keep a list of potential members**

**3- Know your clubs strengths**

**4-make your club's priority membership**

**These are just 4 out of 15 - Please ask Andrew for a comprehensive list if you want to find out more**

**Jonathan Robran was our guest speaker and his topic was on Operation Flinders**

**Jon spoke about the history of Op Flinders and the program they have for the young people whom partake in the programs. He spoke warmly of how the Op Flinders experience has a profound effect on many of the young participants Jon also said that it wasn't always plain sailing with some participants hitting rock bottom before managing to find themselves . This was reinforced by Michael Bagshaw one of the Mentors who has taken several groups away and has faced challenges when one of participants just doesn't want to go any further or decides to run away With patience and wonderful communication skills these young people can see the the light at the end of the tunnel**

**Jon also spoke about some of the costs involved in running the programs - HUGE, and also about the money donated to Op Flinders from The Rotary club of Mt Barker , including the \$5000.00 donation that was pledged that night The water filtration tanks were discussed and how that has made a huge difference to the water available to everyone on camp**

**The night finished with Chris doing his quiz which as usual gave us a great laugh and some money to boot**

**Guests were thanked for attending our meeting  
Next week June 10th- committee week  
June 17th - special guest Sophie Thomson will be speaking  
about her life now- what she has planned for her next venture  
Karen reminded members that they **MUST** tell her if they plan  
to bring a partner and or guest so that she can update  
Michelle Berry**

**Thank you  
Karen Nolan**

**Karen Nolan IPP**

**Directors reports were then delivered**

**James then welcomed Andy Scott to the stand to give his  
Soapbox talk on ways to drive recruitment**

**Dinner and fellowship followed and at 7.20 Jonathan Robran  
took the stand and deliver a talk on Op Flinders,**