

**BULLETIN 12/2020-2021**

**Meeting Monday 12 October**

Rotary Club of Coonabarabran

Club No 17922 ***Chartered 13 May 1949***

**RI President:** Holger Knaake **Governor D9650:** Debbie Loveday  **AG**: Rod Browne

**Club President: Mal Unicomb**

** President Elect/Vice President:**

 **Secretary: Kevin Barrington**

**Treasurer: John Sawyer**

**Public Officer: Bob Guichelaar**

**Exec Secretary: Jo Wilkin**

**Immediate Past President: Ian Bell**

 **Directors**

Club Service: Hugh Raadgever Membership: Lynda Brain

Public Relations: Aileen Bell Youth Service: Jo Wilkin

Rotary Foundation: Bob Guichelaar Community Service: Rob Cox International Service: Laurie Dawson Vocational Service: Simon Tighe Rotary meets each Monday 6 for 6.30 – Apologies and additional guests can be texted or voice mailed

to Rtn Hugh on 0427 421 396 by Saturday evenings unless otherwise advised.

COVID 19 has impacted on the planning of meetings. We continue to meet at the RSL Rooms until review. Please refer to the roster and/or **What’s on in Rotary** for details of catering.

The Roster will be reviewed after October

From time to time there will be changes to programs to accommodate requirements – we will

advise in advance of changes:

The following program will be adhered to to comply with the COVID 19 period:

Week 1. **An informal Cheese and Biscuit evening** at the RSL Rooms – good night for prospective members .. Cost $5 per person

Week 2 **A Board meeting – open to ALL members – a Zoom Meeting** in your own home .. NO COST.

Week 3 **A Social Evening at the RSL Rooms** with a simple meal - a good night for prospective members .. Cost $5 per person

Week 4: **Dinner Meeting .. catered at RSL Rooms**. good night for prospective members .. Cost $10.00/person

Where there are **5 meeting Mondays** in a **month, A Breakfast Meeting** will be held at various venues – moving around town at various venues .. costs depend on overall charge of the establishment.

NUMBERS for all meetings **ARE ALWAYS ESSENTIAL**.

Partners are welcome to attend our meetings at any time

**NEXT CLUB ASSEMBLY WILL BE THE AGM MON 2nd NOVEMBER .. no guests please**

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**NEXT MEETING IS A vocational night at Prugger’s Bus sheds in Gardener street, please be there by 6pm .. bring your own cheese and bikkies .. NO COST TONIGHT**

* With a number of apologies we still had more than 15 attend our meeting at the RSL rooms on Monday evening. Guests included intending members Peter and Julie Shinton and :Lyn and Geoff Limmer observed our meeting via Zoom.
* Thank you Rob Noakes for the Cheese and Bikkies catering.
* I am still struggling with my new email programme so hope this goes through.
* THE Coolah RAWC Drought Project BBQ is on 22 October.. debit cards and flyers/posters under control.
* Rob Cox pointed out we need to be sure we have COVID safe facilities - gloves. Masks, sanitiser .. will be at 50 Binnia Street There will be driveway access for trailer.
* Attending Coolah will be Lynda, Hugh, Mal, Rob Cox, John Sawyer, Jo.
* John reported on a Foundation Project to tree plant along railway bridge. WSC will ensure watering system and assist with planting in autumn ..
* Funding request is for $1000 from Foundation and $1000 from our club. Agreed
* Discussion on Skate Park – Dr Anderson (an ex RYLARIAN and member from Tennant Creek) has a draft plan to include landscaping and renovation of the skate park Discussion on Australian Flag and appropriate wording of the plaques. Agreed to have 4 way test printed on wall. John circulated a draft layout. Agreed to have her speak at 26th October meeting
* CHS BBQ is on this Friday 15 Oct – 35 students .. assisting Mal, Rob, John, Jo, Ian, Hugh.
* Race Meeting will also require names and 2 shifts rostered because of allowable numbers etc.
* 24 October is the Dog Training Day at Berrumbuckle .. Marie and Aileen will do morning and afternoon tea, Rotary cater lunch – burgers please .Limited numbers. numbers of workers required.
* Discussion on Drought Support Team – meeting and decisions made.
* Jo and John are walking for the Foundation Polio Day on 24th October .. if people wish to support them they can do so by messaging them direct. Jo has already raised in excess of $500. President Mal will also walk for polio eradication.
* Rob Cox agreed to ensure the re placement of signs at Bakery Park Jo had signs completed .. only need affixing.
* To address bulletin issues suggested the website link may be best option.
* Linda circulated an options discussion paper at the meeting for consideration and further discussion. This paper included ways to grow and profile (to the broader community) the club.

**Geoff Limmer was guest speaker – on Operation Cleft** .. spoke on Zoom from Box Hill in Victoria.

* Chairperson of the Operation Cleft, a charity with DGR status.
* Operation Cleft operates in Bangladesh where children born with Cleft Palates are operated on by a group of volunteer medicos – Bangladeshi volunteer surgeons who are trained in London.
* The cost of an operation is $350 and completed treatment is 9 months!!
* For the patient it is not just about the visual improvement but we also know that if left unattended they will experience speech and feeding difficulties, anxiety, shame and an unhappy marital life, in fact many will die without surgery.
* Bangladesh is a small country with a huge population explosion and no funding to provide a repair program for Cleft Palate care.
* The surgical team is 7 Bangladeshis but new doctors are required No deaths have been recorded … there is no funding to a middle man.
* Each year a Free Surgical Camp is held where 30 to 40 children with cleft palate care requirements are classified into serious, moderate and average!!! Between 30 and 40 kids can be operated on from this program.
* There are 1485 free surgeries each year where the funds provided by Rotary are given to the doctor who then pays for the theatre and health care of the patient; the doctor receives very little himself.
* The Scar subsides quickly and post operatively children do not appear effected or traumatised.

After Geoff left our meeting we agreed to **contribute $700 to Operation Cleft for 2 surgical repairs**; there was a suggestion of a cluster project to fund a Surgical Camp session… Mal is to make suggestion to the Cluster Governor.

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**Roster of tasks for Rotarians**

If you are unable to do the task please exchange with another Rotarian so the President knows in advance that tasks will be ok .. perhaps your exchangee might let the Pres know on arrival and maybe when you when you confirm your inattendance with Dir of Club Service (Hugh).

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| **Date of** **Welcome** **to Rotary** | **TABLE SET UP** .. together we all set up the room  | **TABLE SERVICE****CATERER 1** |  | **TRHANKS TO GUEST SPEAKER ..** | **Cost to attend** |
| **19.10.20****Dave Maher/Marie Knight**  | Vocational Visit to Pruggers Bus and Coach Hire, Gardener Street offices Meet there at 6.00 pm | Catering – bring your own cheese and biscuits, drinks too please – we will have use of the kitchen | Simon Tighe to introduce Mark Prugger | IAN BELL | No charge |
| **26.10.20****Russ James**  | Dinner Meeting ..  | Catering .. Kay and Kim  | Rob Cox to welcome Dr Anderson  | Kev Barrington  | $10.00 |

**What’s On in Rotary..please NOTE CHANGES and ADDITIONS and pin on your ‘fridge for later reference**

* **Monday 19th October**  **Week 2 in 4** **Vocational Night at Prugger Bus Depot**  set originally as a free night .. we will meet at Pruggers Offices in Gardener Street .. bring your own cheese and biscuits along .. we will meet at 6.00 and have access to the kitchen in the complex.
* **Thursday 22nd October Coolah RAWCS distribution and BBQ lunch ... catering**
* **Saturday 24th October Dog Training Day at Berrumbuckle** catering for 20+
* **Sunday 25 October Coona Cup –** catering

**Monday 26th October Dr Marg Anderson** as guest speaker **Kim Parker and Kay Fredericks catering ..** Cost $10 per person ?? Induction of new members ??

**Monday 2nd November AGM and CLUB ASSEMBLY** ?? Induction of new members ??

* **Monday 9th November Week 2 of 4 Child Protection Updates for all Rotarians**
* **Monday 16th November Week 3 of 4 Board Meeting - Zoom**
* **Monday 30 November Brekkie meeting**

Note there are changes in the program for October.

 **Our first meeting in November is the 2nd and our Club Assembly AND AGM at which we will need to elect a President Elect to take over from Mal in June 2021; ALSO OFFICE BEARERS .. please give some thought to this**