

## Coonabarabran Rotary - Mon 18 June 2018

### Calendar

- Sat 23 June - Club Changeover, 6.30pm, Bowling Club, \$35.00
- Mon 25 June - First meeting for the next Rotary Year - Club Assembly; Also Gunnedah Changeover
- Thurs 28 June - Gunnedah West Changeover
- Sat 30 June - District Changeover
- Wed 4 July - Boggabri Changeover
- Sat 14 July - Narrabri Changeover, Golf Club 6.00 for 6.30pm, \$30.00
- Sun 15 July - 'Pilliga Pottery Picnic for the Partner's Project' - details to come
- Mon 6 August - District Governor's visit

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### Meeting Notes

Good to welcome everyone to Rob's last meeting for 2017-18. We all enjoyed the traditional port at the end of the meal, and sincere thanks were expressed to Robert for his leadership and example of service to the community throughout the year. Robert & Rowanne are an amazing team, as demonstrated at the Horse Expo!



- Welcome to special guests - Gus Lambert, Harry Williams, Ian Whittall and their Counsellor from the High School, teacher Erin Dowse.
- Correspondence included the following:  
Thanks for donations from Australian Rotary Health, the Rotary Foundation (Polio Fund & Annual Programs Fund \$1,000 each), Careflight, Margaret Ryan for her partner's project; Newsletters from Careflight and Prostate Cancer Society.
- Lindsay expressed thanks to all who helped at the Horse Expo, virtually a whole club effort over the 5-6 days.
- Note with some relief, we will not be catering for the Limousin camp in July.
- Bob reported there has been some confusion about selections for the GSE team which Jo will follow up.
- Mal reported that with only two nominations for the Emergency Services Awards, we would not proceed with the Presentation Night. It was agreed that we send a certificate to the two nominees.
- John moved, Aileen seconded that we send \$500 to the Prostate Cancer Society. Agreed
- Subs invoices will be send by email soon - \$125 for the next 6 months.  
Treasurer John requests that we pay by 15 July.

I circulated a draft calendar demonstrating the proposal to have fortnightly meetings on trial for the next 6 months on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. In addition, we could hold a Club Assembly at a dinner meeting when there is a 5th Monday.

After some discussion, it was confirmed that we would hold our first meeting for the new Rotary year next Monday 25 June, and our Public Officer Bob indicated after the meeting ended that this should be a Club Assembly in order to comply with official requirements.

**Consequently, having circulated this calendar through the bulletin on 28 May, along with a page of activity and project ideas for the coming year and beyond, I would like to present this calendar as a proposal at that meeting for your approval and adoption. Both the calendar and the page of ideas are attached to this email.**(Note that having had a Club Assembly on 25 June, we will not need to have one on the 5th Monday in July - 30th, so let's plan to have a social evening on that night.)

Hugh, our Club Service Director for next year, and I would like to suggest '*something different*' each 2nd weekend/2nd Monday. It might be something simple like a coffee get-together, or a working B (that wishing well?), something to add to the fellowship element in our club. These won't always suit everyone but hopefully by varying them, we come up with something for everyone across the year. No obligations to attend!

First example! A '*Coffee and Cake*' get-together on the 2nd weekend in July in David Bell park to 'open' the new shelter .... Invite the Shire manager, the men who made or installed the construction, the lady who donated some of the money, Juelie Bell, whoever we like ..... Tie on some balloons .... Cut a ribbon ..... Take some photos for the paper .... Saturday morning or later in the afternoon on Monday might work .... Just an hour or so.

## Guests

The three MUNA boys (apologies from the 4th team member Jarrod Lambert who has bronchitis) enjoyed reliving some of their exploits at the Model United Nations in the lovely Gunnedah Town Hall last month. They succeeded in prosecuting several resolutions, being arrested and jailed several times, impersonating Prince Harry and his bride (representing the UK), presenting other MUNA participants and their billeting hosts with plastic commemorative plates from their wedding, and generally having a great time. Harry, who lives 20 kms the other side of Binnaway, especially appreciated the chance to meet and mix with young people from other places, something he has not had many opportunities to do. Special thanks to Erin Dowse (niece of Mary Wainwright incidentally) for her work with the students and her commitment to the weekend.

Exciting outcome - at the end of the meeting, Erin indicated she would like to be considered as a new member of our Club - Hurrah!!

Below are Erin (on the left) with Jarrod and Ian representing the UK; Gus and Harry representing South Africa; and on the right, the beautiful art deco Gunnedah Town Hall.



**WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS BULLETIN EMBEDDED INTO THE EMAIL INSTEAD OF AS AN ATTACHMENT?**

**WERE THERE ANY PROBLEMS FOR YOU OPENING IT?**

**COULD YOU OPEN THE LINKS NEAR THE TOP FOR THE 'DISTRICT ENEWS' & 'ROTARY ON THE MOVE'?**

**BRING YOUR COMMENTS TO THE CLUB ASSEMBLY NEXT MONDAY.**