

Coonabarabran Rotary Bulletin

Mon 10 September 2018

Next Meeting

Mon 17 September - - Guest speaker Nicola Brookhouse to speak about GSE in Uganda. Induction of new members, and introduction of students who have applied for NZ Exchange.

Calendar

Mon 24 Sept - Toronto Trekkers (15-20 people) visiting to help farmers.
 Tues 25 Sept - Childrens Day - BBQ
 Sat 29 Sept - AAO Open Day
 Mon 15 Oct - Elizabeth Barkley to speak about Hospital Auxiliary
 Mon 22 Oct - Coona Race day
 Fri 3 Nov - St Lawrence Fete
 Mon 5 Nov - Cluster Public speaking
 Wed 14 Nov - Community Services Expo
 Mon 19 Nov - Guest speaker Dr Steven Cuneen
 Fri 14 Dec - 'Tree of Joy' project with Belrose Rotary Club (Fred Clancy)

Minutes of the Special Drought Discussion Meeting

Present: K Barrington, A Bell, I Bell, R Cox, B Guichelaar, M Humphrey, D Maher, P Mulally, R Pulbrook, J Pearson, J Sawyer, M Unicomb, C Welsh, J Wilkin, L Wilkin,

Apologies: L Dawson, R Dean, M Deep, A McWilliams, P Morris, H Raadgever.

Simon Tighe outlined a proposal by Roach's owners to help in the drought relief through their special celebration day, with some involvement by Rotary - more details to come.

Summary of situation:

So Far:

\$6,200 donated by 10 August (D Oakley, E Feneley).
 Distributed at the 'Drought Catch Up' to 62 families in \$100 Visa debit cards along with food hampers, etc

Money donated since 10 August:

Sunliner RV	\$2,500
Owen Davies	\$1,000
Whittlesea Rotary	\$5,000
Myrtleford Rotary	\$5,000
WPH Cherrybrook Rotary	\$7,000
E Feneley	\$950
J&B Cannon	\$1,000
D9650 RAWCS	\$5,000

Anonymous \$10,000 (dep in Narrabri RC RABS Acct)
TOTAL: \$38,130

Anticipated:

D9650 RAWCS \$10,000??
Bendigo Sandhurst \$5,000??
Gwandalan Bowling Club ??
Gosford North ??

Note:

1. D9650 RAWCS money paid into our acct. We need to provide name of recipient, what it is used for, and copies of receipts
2. RABS - Narrabri \$10,000 - Money stays in RABS acct. We need to provide invoices that will be paid directly to service provider or receipts for payment to farmer
3. The rest - money is in our account

Options discussed:

- Firstly, who should be eligible? Who will be on management committee?
1. Hold another 'Drought Catch Up'
 2. More Visa debit cards - how to distribute, how much (\$500?)
 3. Gift cards from Zenith Payments - cost \$2,50 each, no other costs
 4. Application form - Draft copy discussed - caters for RAWCS, RABS, etc.
 5. Local store vouchers
 6. Giving money to rural suppliers to reduce accounts.

Decisions:

1. Eligibility - farmers, small business owners, those in rural related occupations affected by the drought
 2. Committee -
Jo Wilkin (as President),
John Sawyer (as Treasurer),
Laurie Dawson, (BlazeAid experience)
- Others were invited to volunteer. No-one did.
Bob Guichelaar was recommended as Secretary
Paul Mulally was recommended, but he felt he did not have local knowledge.
3. Several changes to the Application form were suggested.
 4. Following extensive discussions, no strong preferences regarding distribution process emerged.
 5. It was decided that the committee should make a recommendation to the club next week regarding how the money distribution should be managed.

Committee meeting - Friday morning 10am at the Book Shop (if Laurie is available).

Meeting ended at 8.45pm.

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