

Coonabarabran Rotary Bulletin **Monday 19 August 2019**

Next Meeting
Mon 26 August 2019
Breakfast at Feathers
7.00am

No planned program enjoy fellowship, share ideas

Calendar

(W4) Mon 26 Aug	Breakfast Meeting - <i>Jo to chair</i>
(W1) Mon 2 Sept	Dinner Meeting - <i>Mal to chair</i>
(W2) Mon 9 Sept	Business Meeting – followed by Board meeting - <i>Mal to chair</i>
(W3) Mon 16 Sept	Vocational Meeting - <i>Jo to chair</i>
Thurs 19 Sept	Little People Event at Town Oval 11am – all goods provided
(W4) Mon 23rd Sept	Breakfast Meeting - <i>Jo to chair</i>
(W5) Mon 30 Sept	Family Meeting – Trivia etc
Sat 5 Oct	Open Day at Siding Spring Observatory – catering stand – fundraising activity.
(W1) Mon 7 Oct	TBC
(W2) Mon 14 Oct	Club Assembly - followed by Board Meeting
Sun 27 Oct	Coona Cup Carnival – catering as a fundraising activity.
Tues 19 Nov	DG's visit TBC
December 2019	VRA Meeting/Christmas Party/AGM .. dates to be confirmed

Notes from the Last Meeting

- Welcome once again to Kristy Sawtell, Trish and to our guest speaker Linda Brain who gave an excellent and enlightening talk about working at the Wellington Gaol.
- News in during the meeting that Rob C will be undergoing heart bypass surgery later this week rather than insertion of a stint as expected. Will pass on any further devts as they come to hand.
- Hugh is seeking suggestions for speakers - please pass on ideas.
- Correspondence included a certificate of thanks from the Horse Expo committee acknowledging our support..
- Special thanks to everyone who helped at the primary school sports on Friday, and at the Toowoomba Tagalong dinner Friday evening and breakfast on Saturday morning. The travellers were pleased with their meals and in fact paid us more than we had quoted. It finished up being a profitable exercise.
- Please follow up with your WWC process if it is due for renewal. Check with Jo if you are unsure about this.

- Unfortunately, Gunnedah Rotary will not be able to show the film 'Ride like a Girl' for the Polio campaign, but are looking for another film to run at a later date.
- News from Procter that they are really enjoying their explorations in central Australia, heading (I think) towards Kakadu at present.

ROSTER - DATE	CHAIR	DINNER SERVICE	WELCOME TO ROTARY	MEMBER PROFILE	INTRO GUEST SPEAKER	THANK GUEST SPEAKER
(W4 Breakfast): 26 August	JO		Rob N			
(W1 Business & Speaker): 2 September	MAL	Rob N & Jim	Jim	Hugh	Lindsay	Jo
(W2 Business & Board): 9 September	MAL	Hugh & Simon	Hugh	John		
(W3 Vocational): 16 September	JO	Mal & Colin	Roger		John	Ian McL
(W4 Breakfast): 23 September	JO		Simon			
(W5 Family night): 30 September		Kevin & Rob C	Colin	Colin		

Guest Speaker - Linda Brain

Linda was employed at the Wellington gaol for 3 years as a Services and Programs Officer, until 12 months ago when she returned to Coonabarabran to provide company for her father Tony.

'Services' meant she acted as a liaison between prisoners and the outside world, helping them when leaving, linking them to available services in the community, and solving problems for them while in prison.

'Programs' that she ran were designed to change attitudes and behaviour with the aim of reducing recidivism or repeat offending.



Others employed there included correction officers, education officers who provided literacy and numeracy classes, as well as guidance for those seeking tertiary study, trainers in industry skills (eg in the bakery), and those responsible for the health of inmates. There were also people able to teach Aboriginal languages, and provide mentoring, strategies that came out of the deaths in custody findings. Working in the prison, for example in the kitchen, laundry or in the grounds, is one way for inmates to earn money. Two transition houses are available in Wellington for people about to be released, However, although

Linda appreciated the fact that overall she was treated with respect, but it was dispiriting to observe how the absence of sufficient support after release means that it is very hard for people to avoid going straight back into old ways and behaviours. Thank you, Linda for enlightening us about some of the features, good and maybe not so good, of our corrective facilities system.

- ***Ian's Meeting Format:***

Week 1: *Business Meeting with a speaker – good night for prospective members*

Week 2: *Club Meeting – business only, followed by a Board meeting*

Week 3: *Vocational Meeting - speaker or visit - good night for prospective members*

Week 4: *Breakfast Meeting – moving around town - good for prospective members*

*When we have **5 Mondays in a month** we will have a family and guests' night – sometimes trivia, sometimes games, sometimes a Rotarian talking about a Rotary Project – bring your families and prospective members along.*

*On the 3rd Month there will be a **Club Assembly** for the 2nd meeting preceding the board meeting*

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