

# THE COMET

(A blast from the Past!!!)

Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Coonabarabran Inc

*Mon 21 June 2021*

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
J U N E	27	28 Narelle Pfeiffer speak	29	30	1  Colin Welsh	2	3
J U L Y	4	5 Board Meeting	6	7	8	9	10
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	18	19 No meeting	20 DGs visit Xmas in July at RSL	21	22	23	24  Aileen Bell
	25	26 Dinner at Cooinda	27	28	29	30 Primary Athletics BBQ	31 Coona races

## From the President

Welcome to the new Rotary year. The theme for 2021-22, 'SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES' gives us a framework within which to develop the work we do in the community. In spite of our numbers being down a little on Monday, it was a very busy meeting with many ideas discussed. Please read through the attached minutes of that meeting to discover all of the important decisions that were made to shape the coming year. Below you will find just a few of them.

Marie is up and running with an interesting program which will balance service with fellowship and fun. Please be on the lookout for potential speakers and activities to pass on to her for the program. In order to involve all members and to share the workload, I have allocated assistants to each of the Directors as outlined below. Hopefully this will help everyone to feel fully engaged in the club's activities. I would like to encourage the committees from Vocation, International and Foundation to present some short, interesting segments from around the world, (these only need to be a minute or two) particularly whilst some of these activities have been curtailed because of Covid.

## Last Meeting - 21 June 2021

- We watched some of the video of the incoming **Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta** from India announcing his theme for the year 'Serve to Change Lives'. He focused on the value of undertaking projects to 'empower girls', and asked us to hold Rotary Days of Service, a new idea.

- Each Director is to have an assistant to share the work:
  - Club - Director Marie, Asst Kevin
  - Membership - Director Mal, Asst Julie
  - Public Relations - Director Jo
  - Community - Director Robert C, Asst Peter
  - Vocational - Director Simon, Asst Roger
  - International - Director Aileen, Asst Lindsay
  - Foundation - Director Bob G, Asst Hugh
  - Youth - Director Russ, Asst Robert D.
- Laurie has agreed to be our **Sergeant at Arms**, so expect some fun.
- **Fees** for the year to be \$285. We agreed to continue **direct depositing** \$32 each month to cover our club 's support of the Rotary Foundation, Australian Rotary Health, etc.
- We agreed to support **Jen Cowley** in reprinting her book 'Grandpa's Hat' with \$1500.
- The application for a grant from the District Disaster Fund was ratified.
- The pattern of meetings will have this framework : 1<sup>st</sup> - club & board; 2<sup>nd</sup> - social with speaker; 3<sup>rd</sup> - members give a talk; 4<sup>th</sup> - guest by zoom; 5<sup>th</sup> - breakfast?
- Great effort everyone at the **Equestrian Expo** with very successful outcomes for the bank account. Congratulations team! Special thanks need to be sent also to the folk from WPH Cherrybrook for their help.
- **Changeover dinner** went very well with positive comments from many guests. Thanks are due to host Sally and Dick Perram, since they were most obliging as the numbers grew in the last week from 45 to 96!





## Rotary Matters - Rotary Days of Service

**Rotary Days of Service** is a new concept introduced by the incoming Int. President **Shekhar Mehta**. He says,

*'With Service Above Self at the heart of all we do, we are in a unique position to provide meaningful, participatory volunteer experiences for Rotary and Rotaract members while introducing prospective members to our clubs.'*

*I challenge every club to plan and host at least one practical and action-oriented **Rotary Day of Service** during the 2021-22 Rotary year.*

*The event should address a challenge facing your community that fits in one or more of Rotary's areas of focus and brings together volunteers from within and outside of Rotary.*

*This is a chance to create meaningful volunteer opportunities for families and partnering organizations in your area, regardless of their profession or affiliation with Rotary.*

*Remember to broadly promote your good work throughout your community. With your help, I look forward to doing more good in the world.'*

**Shekhar Mehta** 2021-22 President, Rotary International

### Next Meeting:

**Mon 28 June - Narelle Pfeiffer to speak, and maybe some of the students who attended a camp with her recently.**