

BULLETIN – 31/2019/20
Meeting held February 24th February
Rotary Club of Coonabarabran
Club No 17922 Chartered 13 May 1949

RI President: Mark Maloney Governor D9650: Phil Hafey AG: Rod Browne

Club President: Ian Bell

President Elect/Vice President: Mal Unicomb

Immediate Past President: Jo Wilkin

Secretary: Lindsay Wilkin

Treasurer: John Sawyer

Public Officer: Bob Guichelaar

Directors

Club Service: Hugh Raadgever

Membership: Mal Unicomb

Public Relations: Aileen Bell

Youth Service: Jo Wilkin

Rotary Foundation: Bob Guichelaar

International Service: Rob Noakes

Vocational Service: Simon Tighe

Community Service: Rob Cox

Rotary meets each Monday 6 for 6.30 – Coonabarabran Bowling Club. Apologies and additional guests: Phone or Text by 9am Monday to Hugh Raadgever 0427 421 396.

Partners are welcome to attend our meetings at any time.

Changes to programs to accommodate requirements will be advised in advance of the changes.

The following program will be adhered to as much as possible:

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

Week 2: a Club Meeting – business only

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

Week 4: A 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.

Following the Week 2 Meeting there will be a **Board Meeting** and on the 3rd Month there will be a **Club Assembly** for the 2nd meeting preceding the board meeting. **Next Club Assembly is May 2020.**

A Duty Roster will be published each month with member duties for each week – if a member cannot do the task allocated - then they should take responsibility for finding a replacement - getting someone to do their task.



**IT IS NOT ESSENTIAL TO EAT AT ROTARY MEETINGS EACH WEEK, IF YOU CHOOSE TO DINE ELSEWHERE
PLEASE NOTE THERE IS AN \$8 MEETING FEE TO BE PAID
AND YOU MUST ADVISE CLUB SERVICE THAT YOU DO NOT REQUIRE A MEAL.**



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With 2 guest attending .. Natalie Bailey and Sue Raadgever, the Breakfast meeting was comfy but they tell me they missed members, including most directors. I was an apology because I have an early (like 8am) appointment on Mondays but our President has given me info for this bulletin.

Laurie was in attendance and reported on his Blazeaid Training Sessions at Adelong. He is home for a while but will return and thanked Rotary for assistance with his accommodation costs. He shared with us a little about the enthusiasm of the participants and the variations in skills and abilities. Thank goodness Laurie has found this as rewarding as the Blazeaid people.

Jo spoke about the Rotary Website and gave the following addresses for our members to become familiar with the content on the site .. the site is www.coonabarabranrotary.org and the password is **4 Way Test** and it outlines things we do and have done as well as info about our Drought Support Program. Thank you Jo for your work on this website and the purchase of the space on the web. A payment was made for the hosting of the sitw.

Now get ready for some nights out ...

On Friday 6th March the newly formed local Suicide Prevention Committee will host a **FREE MOVIE NIGHT** .. they will present a free movie at Neilson Park with the feature film **BACKTRACK BOYS**. A FREE DINNER will complement this amazing film.

Those of us who attended Conference in Armidale two years ago will recall seeing the coordinator, who has been named in the Australia Day Awards as a Local Hero, and some of the young people and their dogs .. “wild boys and the dogs that tame them”. The committee is suggesting we should bring a chair or rug as something to sit on. The evening will begin at 6.30 I think but will confirm it before hand.

Please take this opportunity to attend this film night .. hear kids tell their own perilous stories in the doco style film; it is a great way to hear how one man, Bernie Shakeshaft, with the backing of community, has shown these troubled kids who are so close to being incarcerated that there is another world awaiting them. It shows us the journey they take to strive to change their world and the dogs (and horses) that help them along the way. If you are wanting to check out this movie then the trailer is at <https://youtu.be/AlynTykYF-Y> - check it out .. but please come along!!!



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DARK SKY AWAKENS FESTIVAL .. a weekend of STARWARS TYPE FUN .. Friday 8th to Sunday 10th May .. the inaugural event will take place around Coonabarabran .. There's an Intergalactic Goose Chase, a Dark Sky Awakens Ball, a Breakfast and Funrun (and Rotary will work at the brekky) and no doubt more events will be thought about as we get closer .. I will keep you abreast of events as I get the Info. The Rotary Club of Cherrybrook West Pennant Hills will be here that weekend and attend the ball on Saturday night and they love to dress up so will be there with their Starwars Gear on .. le'ts not let them show us up. Please come along it will be fun .. ***we will take numbers for the Ball booking on Monday 2nd March!!!***

Now back to the meeting ..

Our Next Meeting which is 2nd March will be a dinner meeting with Chris Druce the Manager of Health Services as our guest speaker. Chris comes to us from Bathurst and chose to make the change to a small community.

There will be **no meeting on the 9th March, instead we will meet on Wednesday 11th March** at 6 for 6.30 at Feathers with our guests being 2 couples from the Bavarian Friendship Team. Feathers will provide a 2 course meal with a roast dinner and sweet. We will pay corkage for the evening. Again this is a partners evening so please bring families but let Hugh know your numbers.

A letter of request for support was received from Ian Whittel; Jo is looking into this and will report to next meeting. Ian has been part of Rotary as a Public Speaking Candidate, and attended MUNA twice so is not new to Rotary

Lindsay Wilkin gave his profile .. he's a South Australian who came over here in the exodus in the 1960's. Lindsay's family landed in Adelaide in 1835 and settled near Port Pirie at a little place called Crystal Brook; he can proudly boast he is a 5th Generation Wilkin in that area. The family established as wheat and sheep farmers there so when they came to this area in 1962 they continued with this pursuit. After attending school here for only 3 years, Lindsay was elected as School Captain of Coona High School for 1965 – was that the last year of the Leaving Certificate? And he married a young teacher who followed him from Port Pirie. Jo and Lindsay married in 1970, Jo having accepted a teaching position at Coona High. Together they have 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren.

In Rotary Lindsay has attended many District Conferences and RI Conventions. He has led GSE Teams to the USA. With Jo he has been a strong advocate for Rotary Friendship Exchange Tours having participated in many. Lindsay supported Jo throughout her year as

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District Governor in 2010/11 . In 1979 he and Jo attended a Family Reunion and have travelled back to SA with Bill (who is in his 90's) to check out the "old place", connecting with aged aunts and uncles.

2nd March .. ordinary Dinner Meeting at Bowlo – Hugh away but please message numbers in to him ASAP .. speaker will be CHRIS DRUCE

6th March .. film night **BACKTRACK BOYS**

WED 11 MARCH from 9th March .. **MEETING CHANGE** .. a Friendship Team night .. at Feathers .. our guests will be 2 couples from the Bavarian Friendship Team who will give a brief presentation on their part of Germany!! . Feathers will provide a 2 course meal with a roast dinner and sweet. Cost is \$25 each. Rotary will pay corkage for the evening. This will be a partners' night. Bring your wives, bring your friends, bring prospective members and let Hugh know your extras for dinner!!!!

ROTARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS .. at 24.2.2020

2 March Dinner Meeting .. Board and Directors Meeting to follow

11 March Note this is a changed date from Monday 9 March to Wednesday evening to accommodate the Bavarian Friendship Team presentation to our club.

15 and 16 March Coona Show ..catering stand

16 March Dinner meeting with Rural Financial Counsellor and member from RC Belrose

20-22 March District Conference at South West Rocks – please ensure you are registered early.

23rd March Dinner Meeting at Bowlo

30th March a family night with Janine Pout from RMS speaking about Walking Safely.

6 April Dinner meeting .. program TBA

13 April Business Meeting .. followed by a Board and Directors Meeting

This weeks duty roster Monday 2 March, Bowlo ,, 6 for 6.40 **Guest Chris Druce**

Welcome to Rotary	Dinner Service	Profile	Intro G Speaker	Thank G Speaker
Col Welsh	Hugh & Michael	Mal Unicom	Aileen Bell	Lindsay

if you can't do your duty for any reason, ask someone to fill in for you please so that the President is not left "holding the baby" on the night!!!

March/April Roster .. please read and if you can't do your duty ask someone to fill in for you please .. swap if possible ask them to advise the President and Bulletin Editor

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Changed to Wednesday 11th March .. at Feathers .. Bavarian Friendship Team

Russell	Simon & Rob D	Col Welsh	John Sawyer	Simon
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16 March .. vocational meeting –?? Rural FC attending .. also having RC of Belrose member attend

Michael Deep	Linda & Jim	Russ James	Procter	Linda
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23rd March .. post conference meeting .. 6 for 6.30 at the Bowlo

Rob Dean	Ian McLean & Roger	Rob Noakes	jo	John Sawyer
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30 March .. family night .. RMS Speaker

Laurie	Col and Russ	Marie Knight	Hugh	Jo Wilkin
7 th April	Rob C & R Dean	Ian Bell	Linda	Rob C
Jo				
14 April	M Deep & Marie	TELL US MORE	Bob G	Rob Noakes
Rob C		Kev B		
21 April	Bob G & Ian McL	R Bailey	Jim P	Procter
Rob Noakes				
28 April	Simon & Mal	Aileen	Roger	Col W
Procter				
Col	Procter & Hugh	Linda B	Lindsay	Mal
Mal	Jo & John S	Michael	Lindsay	Jo
Jo `	Laurie	Rob Cox	Rob Dean	Rob Cox

New member profiles will be added in as and when they happen TELL US MORE is another opportunity for members to share there interests etc .. and builds on the Profiles given