



ROTARY CLUB of APPIN PARK WANGARATTA

President- Phil Bright



Welcome to our Club's Bulletin. Please take a moment to get to know us- there's plenty of information about our activities and members here.

If after reading about our Club we have piqued your interest in Rotary, please either contact us or attend one of our dinner meetings.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

6.00PM FOR 6.30PM START

New and prospective members always welcome.

CLUB BULLETIN

DATE: 15th APRIL

VENUE: ONLINE ONLY

2019-2020 CLUB EXECUTIVE

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Vocation- Clyde Hawkins

New Generations- Bev Maher

Program Director- Geoff Dinning



OUR PROJECTS

Wangaratta Community Raffle

National Youth Science Forum

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

TYPO Station

Community BBQ's

International Projects

Emergency Services Awards

- Community Policing
- Ambulance Champion

Youth Scholarships

- Eric Van Leeuwen
- Leadership Awards

Tonight's meeting was again via Zoom.

We are all getting quite familiar with this medium of communication and it is becoming easier each meeting.

For those that haven't given it a go please give it a go. If you need help please just Adrian, Phil, George or myself.

It is good to catch up with everyone and see their smiling faces.

Tonight we had a great roll up of members and were very thrilled to welcome Rebecca Weir from Northeast Health to speak with us about her career and her experiences with AUSTMAT and overseas medical aid programs.



Geoff introduced Rebecca and she detailed a bit about herself.

She is the Executive Director of Clinical Services, Nursing and Midwifery, Northeast Health Wangaratta and prior to this held positions as Clinical Nurse Consultant Education and Research and Acting Emergency Department Nurse Unit Manager at Northeast Health Wangaratta and Trauma Clinical Nurse Consultant at the Royal Darwin Hospital, National Critical Care and Trauma Response Centre (NCCTRC). Rebecca is a Registered Nurse and has completed a Master of Nursing, Post Graduate Certificate in Critical Care & Emergency and Bachelor of Science (Nursing).

Rebecca has extensive experience in Trauma, Emergency and Disaster Nursing. Rebecca was the Nursing Team Leader for Team Bravo deployed as part of the AUSMAT response to Typhoon Haiyan, Philippines 2013. Rebecca was actively involved in the Royal Darwin Hospital response to the 2002 and 2005 Bali Bombings as well as the Ashmore Reef incident 2009 and more recently the measles outbreak in Samoa.

She has worked with AUSMAT for 10-12 years. This is an Australian Government approved and supported program offering aid in disaster situations or humanitarian crisis events.

Tonight Rebecca spoke primarily about her experiences in Samoa and the tragedies which developed there with the measles outbreak of 2009.

Rebecca gave a summary of what Measles was, the symptoms, the prognosis and the prevention methods available today.

She detailed how in Samoa the population there are deeply religious and cultural. Many times the people seek treatment through traditional healing methods as first line management. They are often cautious about Western medicine. The population live in very close quarters with a strong communal and social functionality.

There was a strong degree of ant-vaccination campagns within Samoa which proved to be catostropic to the nation and its people.

The vaccination rate was below 30% when a Nursing miishap occurred and reconstited vaccination medication was reconstitued incorrectly leading to the deaht of some children. The prompted and increased lack of trust in vaccination and indeed Western medicine techniques.

As a result Measles developed and became widespread within the population . The most severley effected were young children and babies. In all 83 children under the age of 5 years perished, many under 1 year old.

Rebecca gave us some insight into the terrible disaster that unfolded, the trauma which effected all the medical staff- nurses and doctors, as the loss of such young children under such harrowing circumstances.

She spoke with admiration of the resilience of the people and the Samoan medical staff.

The Community subsequently lost all faith in the system and since, there has needed to be much work done to restore this.

Rebecaa told us about how these sort of aid centres are set up, the staff that man it from all over Australia who come together and are deployed overseas for these aid programs. AUSMAT is coordinated out of Darwin and was a project that developed after the Bali bombings. It has aided coutless Communities in South-East Asia and the pacific over the years.

AUSMAT is currently preparing to travel to Tasmania to assit with the ospitals which have needed to be closed down due to COVID-19 outbreaks within staff. They will set up temraery hospitals to treat the sick and injured until the Tasmanian medical system is able to reopen those faciities.



Medical staff arrive in Tasmania



After Rebecca's talk, a short question time followed including some topical ones regarding the current COVID-19 virus.

Geoff closed the talk with a sincere thank you to Rebecca for her time and interesting talk.

The Club then held a short meeting to relay to members the procedures for next week's meeting.

It will be the first of our Budget discussions.

Rotarian Damian will coordinate the evening.

He has decided to divide the night up into 4 sessions.

Each will have a Leader/ Chair and members are asked to join in with any group or groups they feel interested in.

The discussions will focus on ideas for the coming year in relation to that specific Avenue of Service.

All meetings will run for exactly ½ hour.

Members are asked to consider their ideas prior to the meeting so it can be as precise and relevant as possible.

These ideas and discussions will then all be collated.

Each Chairperson will set up their meeting and then send the invite to Secretary Adrain who will forward it on to all members. Members can then choose which meeting they will attend and log in to Zoom via the appropriate link.

The meetings are-

1. YOUTH- Chair will be Bev

Start- 5.50pm

2. INTERNATIONAL-Chair will be Damian
Start– 6.25pm
3. FOUNDATION- Chair will be Colin
Start - 7.00pm
4. COMMUNITY/VOCATIONAL – Chair will be Richard
Start – 7.35pm

Please consider your attendances and responses to this our first Budget meeting. Your ideas are important and with our combined strategies we will progress to formulating a significant way forward for the Club, supporting our President-Elect George in the 2020-2021 Rotary year.

REMINDERS-

District Training Arrangements in lieu of District Assembly:

- a. We will be conducting a series of online meetings by Zoom over the coming weeks. I have purchased a copy of the Pro version of Zoom and will work with the Committee Chairs and incoming District Secretary Chris Sutton, to set up invitation lists as appropriate when each “breakout” Zoom session is to be delivered. Attendees will need to have online access, and the Zoom app operating.
- b. I propose to hold the first Zoom session on the first Sunday after Easter (Sunday April 19th) at 9:00am. The first session will be a replacement for the Plenary Session normally held live before we divide into the various concurrent breakout sessions. In this instance, the breakout sessions will follow, probably weekly, possibly at the same time, and will be coordinated by the appropriate Committee Chair. The Plenary session on Sunday April 19th will be introduced by me, and will include inputs from the District Insurance Officer and the Youth Protection Officer. The voting to approve the Draft District Budget for next year, normally done by show of hands in the Plenary Session, will be undertaken separately, online, by Survey Monkey (details to be advised soon).
- c. Once the schedule of online breakouts is known the PEs will need to ensure that the appropriate members of their team participate in their respective sessions.
- d. It is my intention to space out the online sessions over several weeks leading up to the end of the current Rotary year rather than trying to cluster them into one or two weekends. With many clubs now meeting online and members getting practice, the Zoom sessions should run smoothly.
- e. The Theme banners for 2020-21 would normally be handed out at District Assembly. I have them on hand and propose to pass them on to the AGs in due course (once travel and meeting rules are relaxed) for them to distribute to their clubs.

- f. As advised in an email earlier this week from DG Brian it is unlikely we will have a “live” District Changeover this year. Typically we distribute the District Directories at Changeover – once again we will have to rely on the AGs to distribute the directories to members via their clubs when safe to do so.
- g. I would encourage PEs to try to coerce their team members to undertake some of the training modules available through RIs online Learning Centre. The link <https://learn.rotary.org/members/learn/catalog/view/19> will take you to a listing of courses available, including Club Admin Cttee Basics, Club Membership Cttee Basics, Club Secretary Basics, Club Treasurer Basics, etc. Given that many of us are entrenched at home through “social isolation” we have an excellent opportunity to while away some hours doing courses through the learning centre. It would be good if incoming club officers can do BOTH the online Learning Modules AND attend the appropriate Zoom breakout.

On the lighter side, here are the Birthdays and Anniversaries-

BIRTHDAYS- APRIL

Richard Lovett- 2nd

Robert Tate- 20th

Shirley Wohlers 17th



ANNIVERSARIES- APRIL

Geoff & Eileen Dinning 12th

David & Margaret Bennett 13th



Congratulation to all the above. I know your celebrations may not be the same as usual with family and friends but hope you never- the- less had great days.

