



PRESIDENT-

George Dimopoulos



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**

WANGARATTA CLUB

New and prospective members always welcome.

ROTARY CLUB of APPIN PARK WANGARATTA

CLUB BULLETIN

DATE: JANUARY 13TH
2021

2020-2021 CLUB EXECUTIVE

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Vice President- Bev Maher

Secretary- Phil Bright

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Treasurer- Damien Bakker

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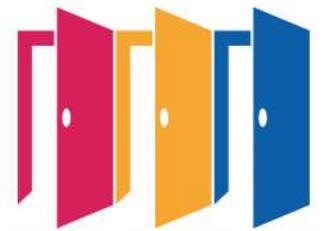
President Elect- Ryan-James Lister-Fitzpatrick

Club Administration- Ken Craig

The Rotary Foundation- Richard Lovett

Public Relations- Michelle Lister-Fitzpatrick

Service Projects- David Wohlers



Rotary Opens Opportunities

OUR PROJECTS

Wangaratta Community Raffle

Wine Auction

National Youth Science Forum

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

TYPO Station

Community BBQ's

International Projects

Emergency Services Awards

- Community Policing
- Ambulance Champion

Youth Awards

- Eric Van Leeuwen Scholarship
- Leadership Awards
- John Guilfoyle Community Youth Leadership Award

Well, here we are in 2021- we made it through 2020 but unfortunately we are yet to say good-bye totally to the COVID-19 situation and ongoing restrictions and guidelines remain in place and look to stay in our lives, in some form or other, for some time yet.

But with a positive attitude, our future looks a little brighter – we are able to gather as a group and share in the fun and fellowship for which Rotary is so proud to enjoy.

Our first meeting was a great get together of our Club with most members in attendance.

Once again great meals were provided by the Wangaratta Club and were enjoyed with plenty of banter and friendship.

It was certainly great to catch up with everyone after the Christmas/ New Year break.

After our Sergeant Michell opened meeting, acting President Bev welcomed all including our “holidaying President” George who dropped in for the meeting.

Reports-

Secretary Phil had a fair amount of Correspondence to convey to members- much of which he had already forwarded onto members via email.

Treasurer Damien is currently away but had conveyed to Secretary Phil the payment of 2 accounts. Money had also been coming in slowly from the Wangaratta Community Raffle sales.

Program- Richard has some plans for future speakers and these will be communicated shortly. Arrangements are in progress to have a social evening at TYPO Station. Matt and team from TYPO have welcomed the plans and a date will be confirmed in near future.

Reminder to all members to give consideration to any possible Guest speakers they may know of. Please communicate your ideas to Richard or Adrian and suitable nights can be arranged and coordinated.

Youth- Bev is still progressing the various Youth programs the Club supports and will communicate with Treasurer Damien in near future regarding financial payments to recipients.

John Guilfoyle Award- closing date for applications is on January 15th and we will move forward with this new project.

Community Raffle- David sent in a Report that members are needed to fold raffle tickets over next few weeks. Several members have already given of their time to assist in this area and several put hands up to attend Battin Electrical in Newman Street over coming days. Barrel all ready to go.

David has also been in discussion with RCOW Events organiser Kerry, and is awaiting final arrangements for draw to be held on January 26th- Australia Day.

He has also arranged for banners from KIA to be available on day.

Richard has the Club banners.

If anyone can spare some time to assist with the ticket folding it would be wonderful.

More information and final arrangements for the draw to follow as it becomes available. Notice will be paced in Chronicle.

Wine Auction- Adrian provided a summary of what the Committee have attended to up to this date. Many hours have been involved in trying to get this event up and running. There have been many issues the Committee has encountered, mostly related to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis and how it would affect the running and support we would gain from contributors of such an event.

The main issues we foresaw related to ongoing COVID-19 regulations, inability of many people to travel, restrictions on group numbers etc, the uncertainty which faced many of the possible contributors to the event.

Considering all this, we came to the conclusion it was highly unlikely the Wine Auction and Gala Dinner would be the significant event we all envisaged and hoped for.

As a result, the Committee have reluctantly decided to postpone the event for this year. The Committee has taken moves to formally notify all involved and will re-convene in early April for further updates.

Rotarian Ken gave another update on both the Family of Rotary and his Administration role.

Banner Talk-



Next, Rotarian Caroline gave a very interesting talk on the Rotary Club of Rhyl in Wales. She had put a lot of time into its preparation including communication with the Welsh Rotary Club's members and presentation of an accompanying slide show. She is also hoping to join the Club at an online meeting in near future. Thank you Caroline- well done.

Strategic Plan-

Rotarian Bev presented a proposed Draft of the 2020-2023 Strategic Plan. Due to the year that was 2020 and its many challenges and interruptions to our meeting schedules, the 2020-2021 part of the Strategic Plan is now ready to be signed off.

Bev advised members of the many hours and meetings which had been put into compiling this document. She sincerely thanked all who had contributed in any way.

Using a document projected onto a screen, Bev went through each section of the article, discussing with members and asking for comments etc.

As a result, we now have a document almost at finalisation stage. The updates and additions which came out of the meeting have now been made, circulated to all members and with the consent of our members, will be presented to the February Board meeting for adoption. If anyone has any last-minute comments please get them to our Executive asap.

Once again, thanks to everyone for all the work put into this project.

GROUP EVENING AT REMIL 185- WHOROULY-

The 2020 evening was cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. Appin Park Wangaratta were again on duty to arrange this event, and will look into possible arrangements for the 2021 catch up with other Rotary Clubs in our area on April 14th.

Secretary Phil will contact Remil and discuss what ability they have to conduct this event and a decision will be made in near future regarding this.

Meeting ended with "Story Box" and raffle.

NOTICES- DON'T FORGET-

Next Meeting- January 20th – Wangaratta Club
Guest speaker AR Digital re Website.

PLEASE NOTE WE WILL BE HAVING A **CLUB PHOTO** TAKEN AT THIS MEETING. PLEASE COME ALONG IF POSSIBLE, WEARING YOUR CLUB SHIRTS.

THE COMMUNITY RAFFLE TICKET FOLDING

Please present to David Battin Electrical in Newman Street, Wangaratta during business hours to assist if possible.

