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Club's Website and Club's Facebook

March is Rotary's Water and Sanitation Month

Tonight; 6:15 for 6:30pm. WATER FILTER PROJECT, Bohol, The Philippines, Rob 'Chilly' Chilman from the Rotary Club of Jerrabomberra in Canberra. Rob will join the meeting via Zoom at around 7:00pm.

Fellowship and QR code checker: John Goggins and Susan Hewitt.

If a member nominated for a duty is unable to fulfil this function, or DOES NOT WISH TO DO IT, PLEASE arrange a replacement and let the Bulletin editor know.

Future Programs:

April is Rotary's Maternal and Child Health Month

6 Apr; End Trachoma

Guest Speakers Sandi Fulcher and Michael Milston, **will join us via Zoom.**
Fellowship, QR code checker: John Hozack and Emile Jansen

13 Apr; TBA

Fellowship, QR code checker: Michael Mastronardi and Brian Morrison

20 Apr; TBA

Fellowship, QR code checker: Clare Nyholm and John Payne

Club's Calendar

10 Apr RCMU Anniversary

10 Apr Sat **Comedy Night**, at DLC
RSA holders needed, please

Sun Tennis Day Rotary + Lions

8 May Sat **Bunnings BBQ**

23 May Sun **Swap Meet**

26 June Sat District Changeover, Young

18-20 Mar 2022 **District Conference, Temora**

PLEASE NOTIFY apologies and guests to Ed Zonneveldt on 0407 958 516,

edzonneveldt1@optusnet.com.au by NOON on Monday.

If your attendance is in doubt, please apologise and if you turn up, the caterer will not mind extras.

Birthdays: 30 Mar; Jeni Wilkins, 31 Mar; Dale Wilford; 1 Apr; Evelyn Foreman, 2 Apr; Ross Wade, 4 Apr; Julie Porter. Anniversaries: None this week.

Please pay your dinner fees at the Centre, rather than online, for easier book keeping.

A volunteer is required to write the meeting's report on the following dates: 30/3, 13/4, 11/5 and 25/5 as Yvonne will be away, thank you.

23 March 2021 Meeting;

President Leonie welcomed members and Guest speaker Ron Rutter and his wife Kirsty, Guests Robert Baldwin from RC of Grenfell, Steve Elliot, Jeff & Liz Soo from Beachside Pharmacy.

Secretary PP Dale Wilford informed members of the invitation to the 50th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Belconnen in April 2021, if you are interested in attending see Dale for details.

Treasurer PP Ross Wade gave a report on the donations for Bushfires Recovery and the committee looking at the areas of priority.

Emile Jansen gave a reminder to members to purchase their tickets for a Comedy for a Cause to be held on **Saturday 10th April 2021** at the Dunn Lewis Centre.

President Elect Tony Fondacaro presented **Jeff and Lee Soo** from Beachside Pharmacy Certificate of Appreciation for raising money over the Christmas period from their chemist calendars. Certificates of Appreciation will also be given to Capital Chemists and Priceline Pharmacy.

President Elect Tony gave a short report on the District Conference held at Bathurst with nine members attended, we were the strongest club to attend the conference. PE Tony recommended for members to attend a District Conference. Tony then spoke on the conference and President Leonie then show members and guests a slide show from the District Conference.

Almoner Bill Harris; Brian Wilkins home and progressing well and Elaine Mathews home from hospital after an operation on her knee.



Guest Speaker Ron Rutter from National Parks and Wildlife Service spoke on the difference between Rural Fire Service and National Parks and how they work together on fires. National Parks have an Arial Fleet fire crew to conduct with remote firefighting and assist other agencies with firefighting.

Ron role with National parks has changed from working with the Arial Fleet to a moderate fire and to mentoring the younger members of National Parks including his son. Ron over the years has done interstate deployments. National Parks still conduct fire reduction in rain, spoke on lightning strikes starting the majority of fires and teams can be into remote areas to fight fire.

Ron spoke on how 11 team members including himself were deployed to the Armidale fire in September 2019 and how their role, changed from defending bush to protecting property, livestock and human life. Ron and his team were involved in rescuing a male from a property impacted by the Armidale fire, and assisting in the medical retrieval of the male after the male had received quite severe burns from the fire.

The male later died from his injuries the National Parks team receiving the news on 31st December 2019 – the day of Conjola, the team were stood down for the day. Ron stated to members that NSW had over 500 fires burning from August 2019 to early 2020. Ron then spoke on the Currawon fire and fire behaviour which had never been seen in previous fires.

Thank you, Yvonne Young, for the meeting's report.

End of Report



Members and partners in Bathurst, 2021 District 9705 Conference, fellowship, friendship and meeting new same minded people.