



September 28, 2017
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Upcoming Program

Date	Thursday, September 28	Monday, October 2 Thursday, October 5
Time	6:00 for 6:30	6:00 for 6:30 6:00 for 6:30
Venue	Euroa Golf Club	Visit to Rotary Club of Wangaratta Transport to be arranged Golf Club
Speaker	Ken King	Tommy Nyawir TBA
Topic	Spring Festival: following Ken, club discussions re new Park	Mirror of Hope TBA
Chair	Brian Bamford	Gillian Allen
Bar	Dennis Rebbeck Res John King	John King Res David Cerini
Stewards	Richard Long Eric Lund Ken McLennan	Peter Morley Rob Morphet Des Nicel
Sargent	Wayne Sullivan	Bernie O'Dea

Apologies and guests to Noel O'Meara on 5795 2783 by Thursday 11 am

Could any suggested changes to the Euroa roster & program please be emailed to the Editor. It is too difficult to take note of changes at the meeting on the hop.



Richie's Report

At Show & Shine this Sunday we are doing the BBQ and need to be set up by 7.30 am at Foy Street. Mandy will make up a roster and we will finalise details Thursday night. Would there be a few people who would like to help park cars? if so, please let me know ASAP so I can advise Ross Holt.

Last Wednesday about 10 members turned up for a working bee to move an elderly lady from Bury St and clear the batteries from McKernan's to Heal's place, well done all.

This Thursday we need to name our new park so please put some thought into this, amongst other things. Joy has moved into Granite Hills & happy birthday to Reg who turned 90 through the week.

Cheers Richie.



District Governor Bernie Bott is pictured with President Richard following the meeting.

Thursday Night's meeting

The Club was pleased to welcome DG Bernie Bott to hear about his plan for our District for the remainder of the coming year. He told us that Rotary is everywhere in this town, "you are serving your community well". RI President Ian Riseley has asked every Rotarian to plant a tree.

Bernie asked the club to get on board for the District Conference. His wife, Marg, has two projects she would like us to support, the issue of dementia in Australia (everyday 250 people in this country are diagnosed with dementia) and prostate cancer. He would like every club in the district to run a fundraiser for men's health.

How can we raise Rotary to the next level, he asked members? Rotary must be fun, clubs need to share with each other, new Rotarians must be welcomed and embraced. "If you were not a member of your Rotary Club, would you like to join it?" The district lost 111 members last year, so far only 23 have left the organisation, "its about creating a good environment".

October Birthdays

Richard Long	3
Trevor Smith	9
Barrie Craven	17
Joan Sargood	19
Jennifer McBurney	26
Rhyll Long	27

October Anniversaries

Longs	22
McLennans	24
Tehans	26

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Thank you to the club member who suggested this for publication in the Eurota



Can we remove the baggage?

"One of the biggest barriers to membership, especially among younger people, is the "baggage" offered at Rotary meetings.

Rotarians who have grown up with the traditions of club meetings that date back to the last century, feel comfortable with the routines and fellowship. However, younger business and community leaders are used to a much faster pace of life and find all those fusty traditions and attitudes a barrier to their genuine interest in *Doing Good in the World*. Innovations, toasts, presidential chains, top tables, sergeants, fines sessions, national anthems and uninspiring speakers are not part of the meeting culture these people are used to. They want meetings with purpose and agendas, where decisions are taken and

meeting finish on time. They see no point in meeting weekly unless the business to be discussed and decided demands this.

All this is confronting to long-serving Rotarians, especially those now retired, who inducted their business and work in an era of slower pace and more formalities. They enjoy the fellowship with other Rotarians each week. Unfortunately, if clubs continue along this path they will find it difficult to replace these members as they leave or die. Membership across both Australia and New Zealand is in a slow and steady decline and dozens of Clubs have handed back their charters over the past 10 years.

Try doing a make-up at some of these clubs that have taken the plunge to reduce their meeting frequency, abandoned the meeting baggage and decided they can get just as much fun and fellowship focusing on their Rotary projects. These clubs are growing their membership not in ones and twos, but in fives and tens. Give it a go at your club, it works."



Service above Self.

Coming Events

Walking Group meets every Wednesday at 7:30 am at the Rotary Barbecue, all members and friends are most welcome.

October 21, November 18, December 16, January 20, February 17, March 17, April 21, May 19, June 16: Euroa Village Farmers' Market

September 28: Ken King, Spring Festival & club discussion re Telstra Park

October 1: Man the Barbecue at Show & Shine

October 2: Visit to Wangaratta Rotary Club

October 5: Meeting

October 12: Investing after retirement, Richard Byrnes

October 19: School Debate at Euroa

October 24: Tuesday Visit to Children's First Foundation Farm, Kilmore with 3 other district clubs

October 26: No meeting

November 2: Club AGM & Travel Smorgasbord by members, 5 people, 5 minutes, 5 photos

November 5: Sunday Calcutta

November 9: Retirement village life, Shepparton, Judy Hanlon

November 23: Trots in Shepparton

December 16: Christmas Party at President's Richard & Yvonne's home

January 11: Breakfast in the Seven Creeks Park

January 25: Twilight Golf

February 1: Travel fest with Lauren from Lyn McNaught

March 5: Breakfast Catering Fundraiser for 100 at the Showgrounds

March 17: Euroa Gift