



February 22, 2018
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Upcoming Program

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Date	Sunday, February 25	Thursday, March 1
	No meeting on Thursday, Feb 22	
Time	12:30 pm	6:00 for 6:30 Note time change!
Venue	Bamfords's home Belmont 172 Mansfield Road	Euroa Golf Club
Speaker	Lunch: Partners invited	TBA
Topic	Pleasant Sunday Avo	
Chair		
Bar		Dennis Rebbeck Res David Cerini
Stewards		Richard Long Eric Lund Gerard Maher
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 Eurota 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

The working bee at Telegraph Park has been confirmed by Richard Long. To be held this Friday morning at 7.00 am. Please bring along shovels, rakes and wheelbarrows.

We need to move along with the Paul Harris Fellowship Awards. If anyone would like to nominate a club or community member please let me know as soon as possible, for the PHF committee's consideration.

Thanks again to all our willing helpers on Farmers Market Saturday's.

Cheers Richie



Jess Kam, Ayla Armstrong and Riley Wilson, Numurkah Secondary College won the day



Natania Maddocks, Tess Manson, and Tamar Smith fought hard "that we can trust FaceBook"

Thursday Night's Meeting

Both schools debating teams, Euroa Secondary College and Numurkah delivered convincing arguments on the topic "that we can trust Facebook" Adjudicator Ross Davies congratulated all on a convincing debate. He suggested that both teams could have focussed more on 2 or 3 items, used statistics well, had good eye contact and convincing voices, used great quotes and were humourous. Adjudicators Ross, together with Greg George and David Geddes, called the debate for Numurkah this time.

March Birthdays

Val McLennan	9
Michael Tehan	26
Simon Edwards	29

March Anniversaries

Cravens	5
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Clay Target Shooting – Thursday 8th March

Venue – Violet Town Shooting Complex

Directions – Turn Right onto Harry's Creek Road from Hume Freeway then Bushy Lane is about 1km on right. Read the Sign!

Time – from 5pm until Dark

Shoot 15 Clay Targets

Cartridges supplied

Cost \$15

Catering by Gun Club

Cost \$15

You supply your own Refreshments

Note – If it's bucketing down rain or Total Fire Ban -Shoots Off!

Numbers needed by 1st March



Euroa Rotary Club International Service Project 2016-2019 February, 2018, Update

Euroa Rotary Club conducts activities in the five Rotary International avenues of service – Club service; Vocational service, Community service, Youth service and International service.

Throughout the Rotary years 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17, the Club priority was community service and it resulted in a \$40000 contribution to Euroa Health Inc and specifically the successful construction of GraniteHill Aged Care Centre.

Throughout 2016/17; 2017/18 and 2018/19 the Club is focussing on international service. Our objectives are:

1. Promote Rotary initiatives in at least one of its focus areas of
1.1 Promoting peace

- 1.2 Fighting disease
- 1.3 Provision of clean water, sanitation and hygiene
- 1.4 Saving mothers and children
- 1.5 Supporting education
- 1.6 Growing local economies
2. Provide an opportunity for the current peer group within the Rotary Club of Euroa to participate in an international service project.
3. Ensure that the outcome is sustainable and will benefit a multitude of people.
4. The outcome must be locally owned and managed. Euroa Rotary Club will have no further responsibilities in relation to the project upon completion of the proposed work.

Originally (2016/17 Rotary year) the proposal was for the construction of a school at Kavovo in the Central Highlands of PNG. Unfortunately, due diligence of the proposal throughout the past 12 month period has resulted in a lack of traction with necessary partners resulting in too great a risk to the sustainability of the venture.

The focus has moved to a Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) sanctioned project in Cambodia titled "CHOICE Project Cambodia". The acronym CHOICE refers to Charitable Humanitarian Organisation In Cambodia by Expats. Its emphasis is on education, transportation, safe drinking water, food and medicinal needs. It's a registered non-government organisation with entities in Cambodia, Australia, United Kingdom and Germany. Its head is Ross Wright from Geelong and his family reside in the Benalla area. The leader of the project in Cambodia is Don Rosenfeldt. Don runs a luxury tourism transport operation in Cromer in NSW. It was formerly an eco-tourism venture taking tours in the Blue Mountains. Don is working with the Rotary Club of Dee Why Warringal in NSW.

CHOICE currently employs 14 Kymer locals. No Western people are paid.

Due diligence is underway re this project. A subcommittee comprising Mandy, Des, Peter, Bob and Michael has met. Communication with Don has been ongoing for the past month. Peter and Michael will travel to Cambodia early June to inspect the site and learn greater detail about the CHOICE project. Don and Ross are returning to Australia in April and we may catch up with them at that time.

Already CHOICE has purchased a 1.2 acre parcel of land nearby its current school. The current school is in rented inadequate premises. CHOICE has built an amenities block, store room, kindergarten, the start of a vocational training area, 2 western accommodation blocks and a road the length of its new property. It plans to build a 7 classroom school, and a library. The money (\$US120000) to finance the current facilities came from a German source and 4 other sources. To us the money appears to have gone a long way and you would have to deem it well spent.

Our subcommittee is promising to contribute \$A60000 towards the construction of the classrooms and perhaps support for a waste management system. The Club contribution is \$A15000 (\$5000 from 2016/17 and \$10000 from 2017/18 Rotary years). Another source is contributing \$A45000. The money will most likely go to RAWCS and be used to pay wages for local builders and materials for the construction. We aim to contribute physically by sending over a team for a 10 day period to assist the builders. Our team will consist of physically capable volunteers who will pay their own way.

Our time line is July 2018 to June 2019. I think that our contribution influences plans and we are well placed to decide the timing in partnership with Don and Ross and his 10 person

board of management. We are checking out the CHOICE Board to ensure that it is independent and not linked to any other organisation.

Information received from Don indicates that the four villages served by the proposed school have a severe waste management issue. Everything is thrown in the Mekong River tributary (Bassac River). We are in the process of contacting Engineers Without Borders Australia to see if we can obtain expertise and support in regard to a solution to this issue. Heidi Michael is the acting CEO at Engineers Without Borders Australia.

I am of the belief that Ross, Don and the 10 person Board of CHOICE are fair dinkum in their venture to support the Kymer people residing in this area. The families are very poor. The idea to establish accommodation blocks is wise. Many tour groups offer residential home stays in the holiday package and the money earned from this exercise supports the business model to sustain the facilities at the school. The school delivers vocational training and the people trained in hospitality provide meals and entertainment for the guests taking up home stay opportunities. The accommodation blocks and school are separate areas.

Des is the spokesperson for our subcommittee and he will continue to keep you informed. Mandy, Peter and Bob are working on a District Grant application and that may well turn into a Global Grant application in partnership with the Dee Why Warringah Rotary Club. Peter has made initial contact with Chris Taylor who is the President of the Dee Why Warringah Rotary Club. I think that maximising effort co-partnering Dee Why Warringah for a global grant is sensible and responsible.

Michael Bell

Coming Events

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

Euroa Village Farmers' Market: March 17 (which will be held at the Memorial Oval in conjunction with the Euroa Giff), April 21, May 19, June 16

- February 22:** No Meeting
- February 25:** Pleasant Sunday Afternoon at Bamford's: Lunch
- March 5:** Breakfast Catering Fundraiser for 100 at the Showground
- March 8:** Shooting at Violet Town with John King
- March 15:** RFE Meeting with Benalla @ Benalla
- March 17:** Euroa Giff and Farmers' Market at Memorial Oval
- March 22:** No Meeting Conference
- March 22 -25:** District Conference Yarrowonga
- March 29:** Conference Follow up
- April 5:** Dennis Rebbeck and his philanthropy in Bali
- April 19:** Ride the Ranges Briefing, AG Sally to visit
- April 22:** Ride the Ranges
- May 3:** Bill Kelty - Business Breakfast
- May 4,5,6:** Point Lonsdale Weekend
- May 19:** Foundation Million Dollar Dinner at Graze on Clifton