

# ROTARY CLUB of LISMORE WEST Inc

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## CLUB ASSEMBLY

President Barry Mason opened our Club Meeting at 6.00 pm.

**ATTENDANCE:** 25 members

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

President Barry advised members that tonight's Meeting is a **CLUB ASSEMBLY** with the main topic being the future of our Rotary Club, which will also be the main item on the Agenda for the next **Board** meeting of our Club on **Thurs 15 February**. The basis of this Club Assembly is for any member to express a view on the future of our Rotary Club which will help facilitate the discussion of this very important matter by Board members. The following are some of the main points arising out of the 45 minute Club Assembly discussion by members:

\* **Age** is our main problem. The age range of members is: 50 – 54 = 1; 55 – 59 = 0; 60 – 64 = 3; 65 – 69 = 4; 70 – 74 = 8; 75 – 79 = 6; over 80 = 8.

For the past 20 years or so, every President of our Club has made **membership** a priority. During the past 10 years we have only gained 6 members, five of whom are still members.

\* **Corporate membership** is a possible way of gaining members. Rod Fayle wants to know immediately if there is any member who has a close relationship with a corporation in Lismore and who would be prepared to liaise with this corporation. Please contact Rod directly.

\* **Family membership** is also a possible way of gaining members.

\* A **Satellite Club** is another possible way of gaining members. This would involve a huge commitment by a Club member.

\* **Merging** with another Club.

\* Stress to people that weekly attendance is **NOT** compulsory.

\* Make attendance at our Rotary Meetings more attractive.

\* Prepare and distribute in Lismore community, a booklet of coloured photos of our Club's activities.

\* Young people these days are **NOT** interested in *community service*.

\* Most people these days do **NOT** have the **time** or **desire** to be involved in a community organisation.

\* It could be inevitable that in about 5 years we will have to hand in our Club Charter. In the meantime we should just carry on and do the good things we have been doing, to the best of our ability. The **money** in both our **Club Account** and our **Community Service Account** should slowly be used up.

**Proposal to Merge District 9640, 9360 and 9600.** President Barry submitted the following Rotary District 9640 proposal to our Club Assembly. *"That the Rotary International Districts 9640, 9630 and 9600 merge, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021"*. This proposal was passed by our Club **25/25**.

### **SECRETARY's Report: Graeme Hargreaves**

\*15 Feb- Board meeting.

\*9-11 March District Conference. We have some members attending, but probably won't get the prize for best Club attendance.

\*17-18 Mar-Relay for Life at SCU. We will feed the hordes Sat afternoon/evening from about 3.00pm and Sun breakfast from daybreak (I try not to get up at daybreak, but it is probably about 6.00am??)

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until they are all fed, probably about 9.00am. Last year breakfast was very busy. Need a couple of lads to sleep overnight. Sheet for each day circulating next week. Please sign on. Some of the usual suspects will be swanning in Nambucca with the Probus mob.

\*22 Mar-Ladies' Night Wilson Park Special School.

\*Northern Rivers Aero Club Air Expo to aid Mates 4 Mates and Our Kids is now scheduled for Sat 28 & Sun 29 July.

**DIRECTOR's REPORTS:**

**CLUB SERVICE:** "Doc" Dorahy – updated Club Program **Jan – June 2018** distributed to all members.

**VOCATIONAL SERVICE:** Rod Fayle – Vocational Night at Lismore Westpac Life Saver Rescue Helicopter new base at 77 Krause Avenue, South Lismore on **Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> March.**

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Ian Mulligan – NSW Cancer Council Relay for Life on **Sat 17 & Sun 18 March** at Southern Cross University, Lismore – see Secretary's Report,

**INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:** John Egglestone – NIL

**YOUTH SERVICE:** Doug Ridley – having discussions with Relieving Principal of Lismore High regarding upcoming Rotary Youth Programs, e.g. MUNA, RYPEN, Achievement in Citizenship.

**INTERNATIONAL WHAT's IT:** Ticket No. 55 – Ross Hayes

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: NIL**

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:** 10 February – Bob & Helen Barnes

**INDUCTIONS THIS WEEK: NIL**

**MEMBERS on LEAVE:** Merv Bryant – indefinitely; Trevor Hopf - 8 February to 1 March.

**SERGEANT:** John Egglestone – Club Assembly took 45 minutes, so he just collected \$2 from all members present.

<b>ROSTER:</b>	<b>Thurs 15 February</b>	<b>Thurs 22 February</b>
	<b>Board Meeting</b>	
<b>WELCOMER:</b>	Grant Love	Bob Barnes
<b>INTRODUCER:</b>	NIL	Bob Barnes
<b>THANKER:</b>	NIL	Bob Barnes
<b>GEAR IN &amp; OUT:</b>	Elio Z. & John K.	Elio Z. & John K.
<b>3 MINUTER:</b>	Eric Hocking	Ian Mulligan
<b>SERGEANT:</b>	John Remyse	John Egglestone
<b>GUEST SPEAKER:</b>	NIL	Andrew Green
<b>THOUGHT:</b>	Norm Robinson	Elio Zambelli

**THOUGHT:** "Doc" Dorahy *"Some succeed because they are destined too. Most succeed because they are determined to".*

**Norm Robinson**  
**Bulletin Editor & Club Historian**

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