

Warialda Rotary

Monday 20th November, 2017



Issue 8/17

Meeting Dates

NOVEMBER

Monday 20 Rotary Board Meeting

Monday 27 Rotary

DECEMBER

Monday 4 Rotary - AGM

Saturday 9 7 pm Rotary Christmas Party at the Showground

Monday 11 NO Rotary Meeting - Rotary in recess until January 22nd, 2018

2018

JANUARY

Monday 22 Rotary resumes for 2018

Friday 26 Australia Day Celebration at the Showground

Monday 29 NO Rotary meeting

2017 Cluster Public Speaking Competition

Monday 13th November, 2017



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Important Reminder for Members

Please advise the Club Service Director (Paul Jones) when you are **UNABLE** to be present (at a Rotary meeting) for catering purposes.

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**Rotary
Christmas Party**

Saturday December 9



2017 Cluster Public Speaking Competition



Warialda High School Student wins Rotary Public Speaking Award

On Monday 13th November, Nicholas Waller took out the prestigious Rotary Public Speaking Award for 2017 against strong competition from students from Moree, Inverell and Warialda high schools.

The competition for students in Years 10 and 11 involves delivering a prepared speech on a topic of the student's choice but must relate to at least one of the principles of the Rotary "Four Way Test":

Is it the TRUTH ?

Is it FAIR to all concerned ?

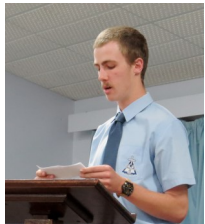
Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS ?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned ?

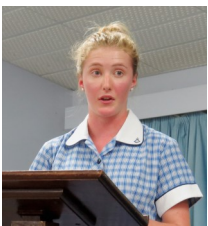
Each speaker has a maximum of five minutes to persuade the audience of their arguments and impress the adjudication panel of five judges representing the five Rotary Clubs of Moree, Inverell and Warialda.



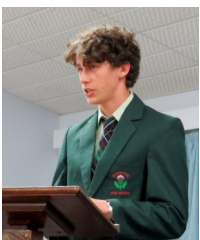
The first speaker was Jasmine Robinson, Moree Secondary College, whose topic was "Hero". Jasmine's hero was her grandmother, Mona Boyd, born and raised on "Poverty Flat", Warialda and later moving to Moree. Jasmine spoke very passionately of the achievements of her grandmother and the inspiration she has provided for her own life.



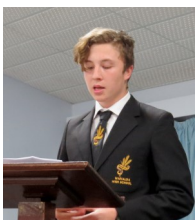
Harry Scoble, Holy Trinity High School, Inverell, spoke on "Setting and Achieving Goals". Harry emphasised the importance of relating each of the principles of the Four Way Test to the setting of our own personal goals in our attempt to strive to be better than who we were yesterday.



Hunter Hollis, also of Holy Trinity High School, set out to convince the audience of the importance of "Making the World a Better Place". Whilst the world can prove to be difficult and disappointing due to current issues such as pollution, drugs, corruption etc all change begins within each individual person. Our participation in the community, in clubs, sports, academic pursuits, business, volunteering etc can help to improve friendships, the development of goodwill and help to lessen the feeling of loneliness.



Ethan Bower, Macintyre High School, was sponsored by the Moree Rotary Club and spoke on "The Importance of Statues". Ethan's topic related to the current debate about whether longstanding statues which some may consider are no longer relevant or have inaccurate inscriptions (e.g. Captain James Cook clearly did not discover Australia) should be removed or adjusted to reflect current knowledge. Ethan argued strongly for maintaining such statues with appropriate adjustments.



The final speaker, Nicholas Waller, Warialda High School, spoke on "The Impact of Artificial Intelligence". Whilst presenting both the advantages and potential disadvantages of developments in artificial intelligence, Nicholas spoke enthusiastically about the benefits AI would bring in terms of safety, efficiency, health, convenience, economy and enhancement of our knowledge of the universe.

The adjudicators had a very difficult task in deciding between the presentations of the five students eventually acknowledging Nicholas as the winner with Hunter Hollis a close second.

Nicholas will now proceed to the Semi-Final of the competition to be held in Walcha on Saturday, February 17th, 2018, the winner of which will compete in the Grand Final at the Rotary District Conference in Armidale in March 2018. The prize for the overall winner is a trip to New Zealand.

1st Place:

Nicholas Waller

2nd Place:

Hunter Hollis



MC: Kate George ADG



Adjudication Panel: Yvonne Ledingham, Malou Deakin, Greg Moran, Mary Reiner, Barry Mason



Ethan Bower

Jasmine Robinson

Nicholas Waller

Hunter Hollis

Harry Scoble