



# Rotary Club of Berri Bulletin



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Meetings held fortnightly at the Berri Resort Hotel,  
Riverview Drive, Berri. Mondays 6.15 for 6.45pm

District 9510 Governor – Jeff Neale

Area Governor – Craig Dowling



## 2021 – 2022 Board

**President : Peter Jarvis Secretary/Treasurer : Bruce Richardson OAM**  
**Directors : Tony Smith OAM, John Rix OAM, Past President: Mary Hansen**

## Last Rotary Meeting

The combined Service Clubs Dinner was Hosted by the Zonta Club of the Riverland and attended by members of Rotary, Lions and Z Club students from Glossop High School at the Berri Hotel  
We were privileged to hear from their guest speaker Peter Kennedy, Retired Operations Inspector for Murray Mallee local services area.



The theme for the evening was to highlight the Issue of Domestic Violence in our community and the approach that we all need to take in regards to how we respond and deal with the outcomes ,or potential outcomes. What our language permits, or encourages. Reference was made to the new “Television Campaign” to highlight his meaning. How do we respond? And How do we need to change our language.

Peter also shared some of his experience during his working life as a police officer where on occasions, he could have placed himself in compromising situations, but due to good training and intuition, he was able to preserve his life and the life of others, because of the decisions he made at the time to call for backup, disaster was averted. He also related an opportunity that he had, to work with Police officers from India. In India they have police forces of women just for women. Especially for these cases where the women cannot approach male officers regarding issues that women may have with their male partners. The Indian Police officers were particularly impressed with how women were treated in our country and there were some learnings that they were able to take back with them to implement in their home country work places.

Peter also explained how the Police force now, when they are issued with a domestic dispute situation, hand the “Urgent Response Cases” from hand to hand. This means that when the Sergeant from one shift has not been successful in resolving the case at hand he will personally hand the “Case” to the next Sergeant on duty

and this will continue until there is a resolution as soon as possible for Domestic Violence victims and perpetrators. This is done so that the paperwork is not left laying in a tray and forgotten.

We then heard from Zontian Arunika Hamden, her response to the presentation by Peter Kennedy was in total agreement and she then shared her vision for Zonta Club of the Riverland in that they wish to fund Banners' that will be displayed in each Riverland Town with this message...

**"The Riverland says "Expect Respect", say NO to violence Together we can make a Difference"**

These banners will be displayed every year during 16 days of Activism, from November 25<sup>th</sup> – December 10<sup>th</sup>. As you can imagine The Corona Virus pandemic has provided particular circumstances where couples have become more susceptible to increased domestic violence opportunities. Currently one in five women are impacted by Domestic Violence, one death occurs every week as a result of intimate partner violence. These devastating and confronting situations have long term repercussions on the well-being of women, their children, their families and on the community as a whole. Here in the Riverland women and children seek refuge and support from dedicated service providers. They include Headspace, SAPOL, Life without Barriers and our local Riverland Domestic Violence Action Group. With these organisations support, Zonta will be able to roll out an anti-violence education project, "Expect Respect" along with the assistance of two Riverland High Schools, Glossop and Renmark, who have agreed, to participate in their anti-violence education project. The students will be involved in advocacy and education within the community. The project will help to spread the "Expect Respect and say No to Violence" message. Participants will create an A4 piece of art which incorporates the anti-violence and "expect respect" message. Zonta will collate 12 images from each school to create a calendar for 2022. Their hope is that in the future all the High Schools in the Riverland will participate in the programme each year.

Zonta are calling upon local councils, businesses, sporting and service clubs to join in and support these initiatives by adding their voice through donations and sponsorship to cover the cost of the banners and the printing of the calendars. Together with your support we can all make a difference by shining a light on this issue and helping to bring about positive and far-reaching changes in our community.

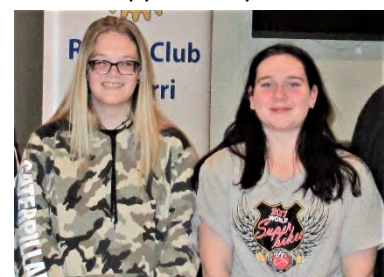
**During the evening we were able to hear reports from the President of each service club.**



Can you guess the President

**Lions President Bill Quirk** shared with us how busy the Lions have been during the past year, despite Covid 19 restrictions. Most importantly the Lions Club has been able to acquire a new location for their "Den" as the current shed has been condemned and only 2 people at a time are able to enter. Their new location will be in the Senior Citizens Hall, and with a new shed or two to be built out the back to accommodate their trailers and food vans, it will be a welcome relocation for the club. As Bill said, all their banners and emblems are just gathering dust as they remain in the current location, it will be a welcome relief to reclaim their club memorabilia

**Zonta President Dianna Schulz** reported on their club activities thus far and took this opportunity to launch their new project incorporating the previously mentioned plans. To produce banners for each Riverland town that can be displayed at various location during the year and in particular during the dates mentioned at the end of the year when there is a community focus on the eradication, or adjusted behaviours towards Domestic Violence. They were also proud to announce the organisation of a Z Club comprising of Glossop High School Students. Pictured are the President Moneika Parr in the T-Shirt and Vice President Savannah Lindsay the taller one.



Last but not least, **Rotary President Peter Jarvis** expressed a desire to work collectively with all the service clubs in Berri and hoped that we could devise a project where we could do that. For us all to be seen working

together in the community on a common goal will show the power of Local Service Clubs and what they can do together and individually. Hopefully to promote interest in the community of future participation by getting involved at club level.

In attendance were:-L-R Unmasked were  
 Lions President Bill Quirk  
 Zonta President Dianna Schulz  
 Guest Speaker Peter Kennedy  
 Rotary President Peter Jarvis



**Next Meeting 2757 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

Aug 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting at Hotel

**Future Meetings – (Two each Month)**

Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting at Hotel  
 Sep 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting at Hotel  
 Sep 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting at Hotel – DG Visit  
 Oct 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting at Hotel

**Dates for your Diary**

Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting – Bruce Richardson’s

**Dates to remember**

Sep 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Field Day  
 Sep 27<sup>th</sup> District Governors visit preceded by Board meeting

**Please take note of the roster below – Mark it on your calendar**

**Club Meeting Roster**

Date	Equipment	Plaques		
July	<b>August</b> All members	<b>August</b> All members	<b>Attendance:</b> Bruce to delegate	<b>Apologies to:</b> Bruce Richardson

***If you are unable to fill your rostered duties please contact Secretary Bruce***





*Pictured L-R*

*Lion Pres Bill Quirk, Zonta Pres Dianna Scholz Z Club leaders Moneika Parr and Savannah Lindsay. Guest speaker Peter Kennedy Rotary Pres Peter Jarvis*

*Special thanks goes to Zonta Club of the Riverland for hosting this years Combined Service Club Dinner*

*Thankyou Ladies and Gentlemen*

