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Next E-Club Meeting

September 11th, 2018

7.30pm

Hi all,

This will be a short newsletter, as our meeting was small, short and very enjoyable.

Debbie, Monica and I were in attendance, Sharon and Cameron were working late and didn't finish it time. I understand that those responsibilities are a priority. Taboa was unable to log on but did send a message. Taboa you were with us in spirit.



The theme, birthday party, was because the 28th August was my birthday and I must congratulate Debbie, as usual, smart and efficient enough to figure it out. Thank you Debbie for the candle.

We exchanged contracts on the house on the 28th as well, so it was a big day. It wasn't only my birthday as I share my birthday with my twin brother, Milton.



This weekend, Milton is coming to Wagga Wagga for celebrations. We generally make sure we meet up to celebrate together.

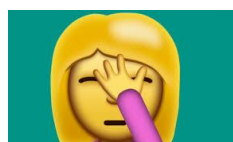


Due to Debbie's, research we had a discussion on Star Signs. We discussed the Virgo Star sign. Just thought that I would prepare you for the year ahead. Good Luck everyone. (Don't forget the word 'impeachment')

Smart, sophisticated, and kind, Virgo gets the job done without complaining. Virgos are amazing friends, always there to lend a hand and also lend advice. Practical Virgos are incredibly adept at big picture thinking, and planning out their life, their vacations, and what they're going to do today isn't a drag it makes them feel in control and secure. They strive for perfection.

(Still trying, haven't got their yet!)

(If as first you don't success, try, try,



try, try, try, try, again!)



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Just thought I would share the difference between a Virgo Women and Virgo Man, pretty accurate.

The Virgo Woman

The Virgo woman has discreet charm. She is intelligent, thoughtful, and careful about her grooming. Virgo women are efficient and hard-working. They are ethical and never put career achievements ahead of their moral code. They are outgoing and fun. They want to earn what they get and refuse to be manipulative or controlling. They are well-organized and do a good job of balancing personal and professional responsibilities. Most Virgo women are especially adept at handling the family budget. They need to learn to ease the stress that is brought on by their high standards.



The Virgo Man

The typical Virgo man has a quiet dignity. He has discriminating tastes and an appetite for learning. Many Virgo men are stylishly unassuming. They are concerned with their health and fitness and are careful about their diets. (Yes, he is thinner and fitter than me!) Cooking for the Virgo man can be trying; he has a tendency to be fussy. (About everything!)



He is a gentle soul with much charm.



Yes, I was the mischievous one! A born leader!



Clearly, we didn't have much to talk about!



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Guest Speaker, 11th September meeting.



Monica and Donna are now in charge of the programme and Monica has invited Jill Finnane, from Edmund Rice Centre y speak at our next meeting. 11th September. Jill will speak on Climate change advocacy on behalf of the Pacific Islands. Monica will send out the Bio shortly. Once the programme is finalised through to December, I will ask Monica to send it to you. Remember, the programme and

meeting dates are on the website.

Jill coordinates the Edmund Rice Centre's Eco Justice Campaign and the Pacific Calling Partnership.

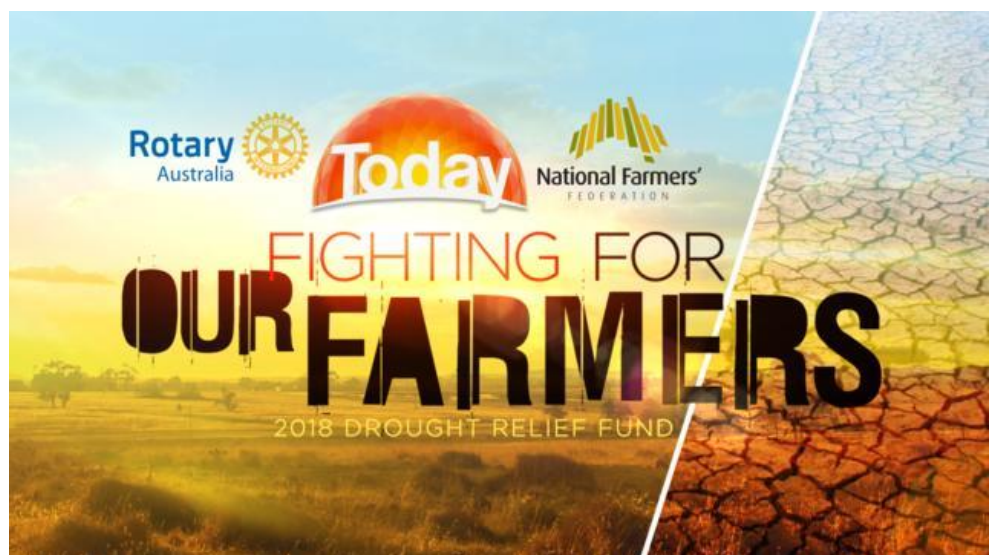
Please consider asking guests to attend. I am sure this will be an interesting subject.

Bon Voyage.

Mal Dunnett and his team will be leaving on the 19th September for the Solomon Island, and will be continuing their project. Hopefully Mal will be in attendance to update us on the project and so we can wish him a Bon Voyage.

Drought Relief

Recently, Rotary, National Farmers and the Today Show joined together to administer the Fighting for our Farmers, Drought Relief. I believe that the Today Show chose Rotary and the National Farmers organisation as they believed that this was the best way to ensure proper distribution of funds to those in most need.





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We are to be proud of that reputation. This Telethon which was held last week, and the Today Show based the programme in Dubbo, raised over \$8,000,000 on the day. So far a staggering \$9,207,162 has been raised to support drought-stricken farmers since the Appeal launched on August 2.

Here is the initial information on how the money will be distributed. All money received will be distributed along similar lines.

Recipient	Amount	How will funds be used?	
CWA of NSW	\$250,000	Financial assistance for household expenses, up to \$3,000 per farm.	In addition to the \$250k provided in the first round.
Queensland CWA	\$250,000	Financial assistance for household expenses, up to \$5,000 per farm.	In addition to the \$250k provided in the first round.
Salvation Army/NSW Farmers Drought Relief	\$250,000	Financial and pastoral support for farm households, including gift cards for use in local shops.	
Drought Angels	\$250,000	Wide ranging support for farmers in QLD – from fodder and water, to household expenses, mental health services and more.	
Rotary Clubs of Longreach, Moranbah and Pioneer Valley	\$250,000	Volunteer visits, mental health support, bill relief and education expenses.	
Rotary District 9630 (Southern QLD)	\$250,000	Financial assistance for food and other household necessities for farming families in drought affected areas of Southern QLD.	

Congratulations to Cameron and John.

John Roberson and Cameron McKern, who are on the RAWCS (Rotary Australia World Community Service) were major players in the creation and success of the telethon. John was given 24 hours to attend to all the legal paperwork to have these donations tax deductible and in accordance with the fundraising governance. To achieve this in 24 hours is outstanding.

Cameron's has managed (may have created) the RAWCS webpage and its ability to accept donations to RAWCS projects. Cameron managed the programme that controlled the Rotary donations on that day though this telethon. In Cameron's words, "the programme wasn't designed to handle that amount of traffic", and I know he had a few sleepless night.

All went through without a hitch, and Cameron breathed a sigh of relief. Well done to you both. We are proud of you both.



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If you are interested in donating to this cause, or would like to encourage others to donate here is the information.

If you want to help – it's simple. All your donations will be fully tax deductible.

There are three ways to donate.

1. Online: [Click here to donate](#)
2. Call **1800 732 165**. Lines at the Optus call centre are open from **8am to 8pm AEST weekdays until Friday August 31st**.
3. In any Westpac branch nationwide until Friday August 31st.

Homework

I would like all members to add their profile on the webpage. For those who haven't done so, please give it a try. If you have any problems, we will discuss them at the next meeting.

Well, this is not a short newsletter as I suggested in the beginning.

Just thought of another aspect of Virgo, "Talk a lot person", sorry.



See you on the 11th September

Marilyn