



**ROTARY CLUB  
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**BULLETIN NO: 17.**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2020.**

**OCTOBER IS ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH**

Club meets at the WAGGA WAGGA COUNTRY CLUB, **6:00 PM for 6.30 PM** (unless stated below).

**Duty Officers' Roster: -**

Please arrange for a replacement if you cannot fulfil your rostered duty. Also inform the Bulletin Reporter.

DATE:	Thursday 29th Oct.	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
<b>PROGRAMME:</b>	Andrew Crakanthorp GM Riverina Water	<b>Sofi Seneme</b> Brazilian Exchange Student	Club BBQ At Book Depot Copland Street
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Karel Bijker Tony Hutchinson	Karel Bijker David Kennedy	Karel Bijker
<b>GREETER:</b>	Not Required (COVID)	Not Required (COVID)	Not Required
<b>SHORT &amp; SWEET:</b>	Brad Bland	Peter Murray	Not Required
<b>FINES-MASTER:</b>	Donoghue Vicky	Paul Galloway	Not Required
<b>INTRODUCE SPEAKER:</b>	Graeme Callander	Tony Hutchinson	Not Required
<b>VOTE OF THANKS:</b>	Mike Murray	Gary Roberts	Not Required
<b>BULLETIN REPORTER:</b>	Brasier, Ellen	John Heazlewood	Don Pembleton
<b>C'TTEE MEETINGS:</b>	Board Meeting 8pm	N/R	N/R

Invocation: *For good food, good fellowship and the opportunity to serve through Rotary, we give thanks.*

**UNABLE TO ATTEND A MEETING?** Please lodge an apology with THE COUNTRY CLUB OFFICE ☐ 6922 6444

by **2.30 pm Wednesday** (or pre-record it in the book provided at the meeting attendance table – IN BLOCK LETTERS).

*Also, for catering purposes, please advise if bringing a guest to a meeting*

## ***MEETING REPORT: -***

### **Attendance**

The meeting opened at 6.30 pm with 36 members in attendance – 82%, plus Peter Olson as guest of Peter Veerhuis with apologies from Alok Sharma, Rajinder Singh, Alf Barzen, Peter Smart, Allan Duffus, Neil Hilpern, Nepal Ghosh and Margaret Everett. President David Payne advised that our Guest Speaker tonight would be PDG John McKenzie of the Canberra Burley Griffin Club, via Zoom!

### **Administration Matters**

**Meeting of Rotary Presidents:-** President David also reported that the Presidents of Wagga's 6 Rotary Clubs have had a number of recent meetings to discuss closer co-operation, including conducting joint activities. It is proposed that a joint outdoor Rotary Expo be conducted on Sunday 10 April 2021 on the Civic Theatre side of the Memorial Gardens.

**Women in Rotary.** President David invited our female members to come to the front of the room (suitably distanced). He recounted the history of Women Membership in Rotary which began in the USA in 1989, and noted the contribution female members had already made to this club. At present, world-wide, female membership in Rotary stands at 23%. Our 9 female members represent 20%. They were presented with a brooch celebrating Women in Rotary by President David Payne, and the ladies expressed their appreciation of the gesture.



**Late News** Graeme Callander picked up Alf Barzen from Calvary Hospital Saturday morning and took him home after his new Hip operation. Graeme observed that Alf is amazingly mobile and doing very well. For a 90 year old, he is remarkable! **Best wishes Alf.**

### **Our Next Meeting**

**This Thursday** our speaker will be **Andrew Crakanthorp**, General Manager, Riverina Water. Water is an issue close to all of us, so it will be interesting to hear from Andrew as the head of our local water supply authority and a highly experienced local government identity.

### **Short & Sweet.**

Earlier in the day Elaine Almond had been the Guest Speaker at a Rotary Club in Canberra! She brought back a model of the Polio Virus that looked more like Dick Johnson's rock Bruce Heydon showed us a few weeks ago. Armed with that, Elaine introduced a special session of "Short and Sweet" marking World Polio Day – 24<sup>th</sup> October, assisted by David Kennedy who edited for our use, a lengthy video stressing why Rotary should continue to support the **"End Polio Now"** campaign – the virus has been contained into Pakistan and Afghanistan but is still capable of 'escaping' and spreading throughout the world.



## **Finesmaster**

Dave Wynne was forced to grow in stature (with the help of a milk crate) to reach the elevated microphone, fining many with his irrepressible wit, including the raffle winner, Bruce Heydon; before donning his auctioneer hat to raise \$105 for Polio Plus, via an hour of golf tuition donated by the Country Club professionals. The lucky buyer was David Friedlieb, not going to rest on his laurels, despite his recent hole-in-one.



## **Guest Speaker**



Introduced by David Friedlieb, our Guest Speaker was **PDG John McKenzie** who appeared via Zoom and explained the workings of the Rotary Foundation: Rotary's Areas of Focus, District and Global Grants, various Scholarships, Student Exchange



Programs, Paul Harris Society members and options of a becoming a Benefactor. He encouraged Clubs to apply for Grants supporting both local and International projects, as well as donating to the Rotary Foundation. He recommended the Centurion program that our members have actively supported for many years, with participation only \$ 100.00 per annum and tax deductible. (Note:- more on this very soon from Philip Cross).

On Polio Plus, he noted how the fantastic financial support from Bill and Melinda Gates has contributed to Polio now remaining in only two countries, Pakistan and Afghanistan. With the Gates Foundation donating \$ 2.00 dollars for every dollar Rotary provides, we need to actively strive to get polio eradicated – and not let it get out of control.

Our own Past District Governor Bruce Barber gave what he thought was a first for our Club – a Zoom thank you to a Guest Speaker. Well done Bruce and to PDG John!

## ***OCTOBER IS ROTARY ECONOMIC & DEVELOPMENT MONTH: -***

Following on from the information provided in the Club Bulletin last week, here are actual details of situations demonstrating the power of Rotary in this Area of Focus: -

### **Case Study One – Skills Development & Microcredit Project (Ecuador).**

The Rotary Clubs of Quito Occidente (Ecuador), and Marin Evening (California, USA), along with 64 clubs from seven districts, together raised money, built partnerships, and mobilised local community members to invest in skills training in Esmeraldas, Ecuador. Using the Grameen Cooperative model of village microfinancing and partnering with FUDECE, an Ecuadorian microfinance institution, poor women receive small loans and vocational training so they can start or expand businesses. This project empowers women to create self sufficient families and reduce the cycle of poverty.

Community members awarded microcredits participated in a training needs survey to help identify the specific training needed by the Credit Group participants. A request to create a local training center was identified. Establishing the center became part of the solution to provide a variety of training opportunities that meet the multiple needs of the community.

The cooperating organizations are pivotal to the success of this project. FUDECE and the Grameen Cooperative helped organize the project, provide general supervision of the loan program, and monitor and produce progress reports. FUDECE also manages the training center that was established through this project, including organizing and contracting training organizations to provide classes at the center.

More than 250 microloans have been awarded. The training centre provides business management and vocational training, and more than 270 community members have been trained in sewing, baking, plumbing, microcredit, business management, and leadership.

### **Case Study Two – Microloans Empower Rural Women (Guatemala).**

Most of the women living in rural Guatemala do not have collateral to get loans from regulated financial institutions. To address this issue with the help of a Rotary grant, the Rotary Club of Guatemala de la Ermita partnered with the Instituto de Enseñanza para el Desarrollo Sostenible (School of Sustainable Development), or IEPADES, to empower local women through financial literacy courses and basic business classes. About 400 women, organized into 22 groups, received financial literacy training. They have become self-funders of their own microloans, with group members pooling their savings to distribute loans to one another, providing seed funding for profitable businesses.

Working with the Rotary Club of Oakland, California, USA, and IEPADES, the Guatemalan club used a Rotary grant to train some of the women to become financial trainers within their communities. They teach participants basic math and financial literacy, which creates a pool of money to invest in other women's businesses and empowers women to save money and become self-sufficient entrepreneurs by starting their own businesses. The program also creates a network for women, by women, to help break the cycles of poverty.

### **Case Study Treee – Improving Sustainable Cropping Practices (Cameroon).**

In west Cameroon, high soil erosion and loss of soil fertility have significantly reduced farmers' harvest and their annual incomes. With Rotary grant funding, the Rotary Club of Bafoussam and clubs in Rotary District 7080 (Canada), in partnership with the Sustainable Livestock Foundation, set a goal to increase the net returns of family peasant farmers, especially women and young men. The project took place in Koung-Khi, Menoua, and Mifi in the West Region of Cameroon and focused on improved organic farming practices including: -

- Increased soil fertility through the application of poultry manure
- Soil erosion control
- Increased crop yields through the use of improved seed varieties
- Increased earned income through improved marketing of farm produce

After paying a nominal training registration fee, interested farmer trainees were organized in groups of 25. With the help of an agricultural technician, each group learned strategies for improving their crop yield by 30%. Program participants agreed to pay 30% of the cost of farming materials used during the training.

During the second phase of the project, farmers will use peer-to-peer learning in their groups after receiving improved seeds.

### ***PLEASE BLOCK-OUT THE FOLLOWING DATES IN YOUR DIARY: -***

- **3rd-15th November 2020**                      **District AGM on Zoom.**
- **3rd December 2020**                      **District Governor's Visit on Zoom.**
- **17th December 2020**                      **Club Christmas Function (Details TBA).**
- **19-21st March 2021**                      **District Conference (Bathurst).**
- **12-16th June 2021**                      **Rotary International Convenion (Taipei).**

### ***BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -***

**Birthdays:**                      Ruth Barber (26/11)

**Rotary Anniversaries:**                      Nil

**Wedding Anniversaries:**                      Nil

(25<sup>th</sup> Oct.to 31<sup>th</sup> Oct)





**THE 'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM THIS WEEK:**



My word he has become tall



Watch out – It's the polio bug !



The Women in Rotary Brooch



The Polio Plus Team ready for action – kick that virus!

≈ *KOOKABURRA* ≈



**AS ALL OF AUSTRALIA NOW KNOWS, RICHMOND TIGERS DEFEATED GEELONG CATS 81/50 LAST NIGHT, MEANING RICHMOND ARE PREMIERS FOR THE 3RD TIME IN THE PAST 4 YEARS.**

**AND THEY DID IT WITHOUT HAVING DAVID FRIEDLIEB IN ATTENDANCE IN BRISBANE!**

