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BULLETIN NO: 27.

Thursday 21st January, 2021.

JANUARY IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE 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 28 th Jan.	Thursday 4 th Feb.	Thursday 11 th Feb.
PROGRAMME:	Peter Olson My Story	Dr Nitin Verma (East Timor Eye Project) Via Zoom	Julie Mecham Domestic Violence Issues
ATTENDANCE:	Karel Bijker Margaret Everett	Karel Bijker Peter Murray	Karel Bijker Marion Moran
GREETER:	Not Required (COVID)	Not Required (COVID)	Not Required (COVID)
SHORT & SWEET:	Gary Roberts	Vicky Donoghue	Bryan Short
FINES-MASTER:	Terry Mecham	Philip Cross	Ellen Brasier
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Graham Russell	Alok Sharma	Gordon Saggars
VOTE OF THANKS:	David Friedlieb	Bruce Heydon	Tony Hutchinson
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Bryan Short	Peter Veerhuis	John Heazlewood
C'TTEE MEETINGS:	Board Meeting 8pm	N/R	Book Fair Cttee. 8pm

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).

(If you signal known future absences early it helps with rostering.)

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

Our Next Meeting

This Thursday 28th January 2021 our returned member and Past President Peter Olson will enlighten us about his interesting life and career, before and since leaving the club, with “My Story”.

Coming up:- Following the Programs Committee meeting a number of firm and possible future programs were identified.: On **Thursday 4th February**, Alok has arranged for **Dr Nitin Verma** to address us via Zoom about the “East Timor Eye Project”. Dr Verma, a prominent Hobart Ophthalmologist leads the East Timor Eye Project, coordinating philanthropic, eye-care work in East Timor, by doctors, optometrists and nurses from almost all states of Australia. And on **11th February**, **Julie Mecham** from the Wagga Women’s Health Service, will focus on domestic violence issues. More to come!



Meeting Report 21st January –

Attendance

37 Members attended this week’s meeting, plus Honorary member Bill Prest. Apologies were received from 4 members. The club welcomed Shishir Bhengra a fellow Rotarian from Bingara, who was a guest of Elaine Almond, and John Barnes who was a guest of David Wynne. John kindly agreed to be a last minute guest speaker.

Reports

- **President David** opened the meeting with the usual toast to Rotary and Australia, adding Joe Biden in his good wishes as the newly Inaugurated President takes up office in the White House.
- **David Cannon** reminded the club that the programs committee was meeting at 8pm. In the past, 40% of our Guest Speakers are sourced from within the club, and David encouraged all the members to continue to look for interesting guest speakers for future meetings. If anyone springs to mind, talk to him or someone on the program committee.
- **Nepal Ghosh** won the raffle tonight.
- There will be a **Board Meeting** at the end of next week’s club meeting – 28th January.
- **Graham Russell** has had discussion with the Showground people and the **Book Fair date** will now be 15th & 16th May - back where we used to be some years ago. **Note your diaries.**

Finesmaster



David Friedlieb commenced the fine session by fining President David for the late start to the meeting, Phil Cross for his shirt-with-no-collar, David Cannon for wearing an old style Rotary shirt, the ‘Indian’ table who were paying for gloating?...(surely not), and of course the usual fines for winning the raffle, birthdays anniversaries etc. He then checked that the club members were knowledgeable about Rotary by asking who DID NOT know what Rotary month this was. Those who did not, had to pay for their ignorance.

And whilst on the subject of Vocation, David then asked the room in general who knew the modern term for traditional jobs. He started with a few general jobs like Bouncer (an eviction technician), and window cleaner (transparent wall maintenance engineer). Then he started on the member’s professions to help them empty their pockets. Engineer (Infrastructure Overseer), Ophthalmologist (Look at me Guy) and Pharmacist (Drug Dealer) to name but a few.

Vida noted that he didn’t bring up ‘Nurse’ as a profession, which was probably just as well !

Short & Sweet.

Mary Ann Kelly carefully took a very lovely antique book up to the podium for her Short and Sweet. She had purchased the book from the 'Specials' table at the end of one of the clubs Book Fairs a few years ago. The book has a hand written notation inside saying ' *Mary Gillies - from her Father and Mother Christmas 1915*'

The book, called THE GIRLS OWN PAPER, has been lovingly covered and is in wonderful condition. The contents contained information on serious careers for girls, advice on style, beauty and dress, and short stories. There are also more serious articles for the more mature woman, perhaps whose husband or son has gone to war, or who had problems with anxiety.

The Girls Own Paper, which first appeared in 1880, and went through several name changes, finally ceased to exist in 1956. Mary Ann passed the book around and those who were interested were able to VERY CAREFULLY peruse some of the articles. Thank you for sharing Mary Ann.



Our Visitor

John Barnes our guest speaker, was the guest of David Wynne. They share Grandfather duties for the child of David's daughter Kirra and John's son Andrew.

John is visiting Wagga Wagga from Queensland where he is an Archdeacon in the Rockhampton Anglican Diocese. He has been in Queensland for the past two years, and talked a little bit about the vast space he travels in Central Queensland, and how tough the folk in that area are. He described his work as a 'Frontline Ministry'.

His journey to the ministry in Queensland was not what you might expect.

He was ordained at the age of 50yrs, and prior to moving to his work in Rockhampton, and the Sunshine Coast where he lives, he was an Archdeacon at the Goulburn and Southern Tablelands Parish for 8 years.

John started life as an Accountant, a profession he worked in for 10 years. He then completed a Masters Degree in Organisational Behaviour, and for the following 10yrs he worked in education as a business manager for a couple of schools. It was at that point he was called to his ministry undertaking a degree in Theological Studies.

John very kindly shared his story with the club at very short notice, and we are all most appreciative of his generosity.



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

- **March - Date TBA**
- **19-21st March 2021**
- **15th & 16th May 2021**
- **12-16th June 2021**
- **Polio Plus Fundraiser Movie Night – "I am Woman"**
- **District Conference (Bathurst).**
- **Book Fair (New Date)**
- **Rotary International Convention (Taipei).**

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: - 25th Jan. to 31st Jan. 2021

Birthdays: Ian Gibson (26/1)

Rotary Anniversaries: Nil

Wedding Anniversaries: Gary & Marilyn Roberts (28/1)

The Happy Snaps



An amused David K.



and Mary Ann with her keepsake.



No, our visitor hasn't convened a prayer session – this is the very intense Programs Committee meeting



David wearing his historic Rotary shirt – valuable now that District 9700 no longer exists.

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